



## Monthly Newsletter

### Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

### Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting lives of women and girls.

### Executive Board

**President:** Madeleine Jones

**Vice President of Programs:** Colleen Lough and LeeAnn Shade

**Vice President of Finance:** Sheila Blair

**Vice President of Membership:** Vacant

**Recording Secretary:** Abby Kurlfink

**Corresponding Secretary:** Bea Cassidy

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Wyandotte-Downriver Branch

## **Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Riverview Library at 6:00 pm**

14300 Sibley Road, Riverview, MI

The purpose of this Board of Directors meeting will be to discuss potential changes to the branch that will impact our bylaws. Please note that members interested in volunteering for a board position for the 2018-2019 fiscal year should plan to attend this meeting. All members are welcome at any board meeting.

# April General Meeting - April 10, 2018

At our next **General Meeting on April 10, 2018**, our speaker will be John Leon, an environmentalist and a member of the Nature and Land Conservancy on Grosse Ile. He will speak about coal tar and its effects on the environment in the Downriver area.

We will also accept payment for the Spring Dinner for anyone who would like to pay at the April meeting. (See information about the Spring Dinner below in the newsletter)

Hostesses providing snacks for the April General Meeting - Bebe Hartman, Pauline Bergeron, Maureen Harvey, Beverly Framalin, and Grace Beebe



The STEM committee members met on March 21 to continue planning the upcoming May 10, 2018 STEM workshop. They have worked hard to plan for 125 middle school girls who will take part in their choice of 6 different workshops. The speakers and presenters have been procured, the venue is set, the girls are selected, and the luncheon is planned. Word has it we may get TV coverage! All systems are go! Now it's all in the details.

**Final meeting before the workshop is  
Wednesday, April 18th**



Payment for the **Spring Dinner is due by May 6, 2018**. Click below for more information and the form to make your entree selection.

Payment may also be made at the April General Meeting on April 10, 2018.

## 2018 Spring Dinner

The Spring Dinner promises to be a great event featuring fun, food, and awards!

Cost is \$32 per person and includes hor d'oeuvres, your choice from two dinner entrees\*, dessert, and beverage.

A cash bar will be available.

Thursday, May 8, 2018

Grosse Ile Yacht Club  
29677 East River Road  
Grosse Ile, Michigan  
734-676-0211

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

## AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund



Each year we donate money to the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund in the name of one or two of our outstanding members.

This is called a Named Gift Award. Please submit nominations with the reasons you are nominating this person to:

ruthbriggs1@comcast.net

**Nominations will be accepted until the April General meeting.** Please do not nominate anyone who has received the award in the past 5 years; past recipients are listed in the Directory.

For information about what this donation is used for follow the link below to the AAUW website

[AAUW Educational Funding & Awards](#)

## Woman of the Year 2018 Awards Night March 13, 2018

What a wonderful awards night celebrating "Woman of the Year" and our chapter's College Scholarship recipients. Kudos to everyone who helped to make the evening special for the members, guests, and recipients. (And we were finished at 8:00 P.M.!) Well done!!!

We can be proud that our AAUW–Downriver chapter had three outstanding women recognized by the Woman of the Year Committee. Erika Geiss was the 2018 Award Recipient.

The Honorees were Annette May and Evelyn Kosowski. Each of the women were involved in the community and believes in motivating and empowering women to open the doors for others in traditional or non-traditional careers.





Special “thank you” to Deb Kennedy, Diana Mente, Jane Russ, Sharon Vollmar, Karen Ogden, for their work on the Woman of the Year Committee.

Special “thank you” to the Scholarship Committee; Andrea Witkowski, Carol Nankervis, Mary Sue Sickafus, Karen Ogden, and Jackie Hector. It was wonderful to see so many of the College Scholarship recipients present to receive their scholarships! (The most there ever!)

Diane Batch and the “Meet-N-Eat” group get special thanks for their delicious treats they provided for the evening!!

“Thank you” also to Abby Kurlfink who was busy taking pictures all evening.

And finally, Downriver Wayne County Community College gets a “thank you” for the use of their beautiful facility.



## Scholarship Awards

We have had a banner year at AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver! The stock market performed well in 2017 with the result being that the Kathleen Bain Trust Fund income allowed us to add another college to our list of participating institutions.

These are the awarded scholarships for 2018:

- NCCWSL Scholarships (registration and bus fare to Maryland) were given to Haleigh Cotton, Chelsea Gerring, and Jacqueline Helstowski. This leadership conference will provide them with inspiration and dedication to advancing equity for women of all ages.

- Scholarships for \$2500 were awarded to Alissa Drouillard at Baker College and Alyssa Kawalski at WCCC.
- Nutter and Hannah Foggs have split the \$2500 scholarship at Henry Ford College.
- Ashley Constanti was awarded the WCCC 2017 scholarship for \$2000. Last year's selected recipient had moved out of state so a new recipient was selected.
- In June, Roosevelt High School will announce its selection for the \$2000 AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Kathleen Bain Scholarship.
- Lawrence Tech has not yet announced its recipient.

These scholarships help us fulfill our mission at AAUW as we promote equity for young women with funds to advance their educations. Philanthropy helping to promote young women is a marvelous endeavor.

Jackie Hector

Chair of AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Foundation Board of Directors



AAUW of Michigan, Grosse Pointe Branch, is presenting its first ...

**E3 WOMEN'S SUMMIT**  
**Equity, Energy, & Empowerment**  
**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
**9:00 - 11:30 am**

**First English Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**800 Vernier**  
**Grosse Pointe Woods**

Additional information and tickets are available on the GP AAUW website:

<https://grossepointe-mi.aauw.net/>

Click [HERE](#) for  
**Association Dues & Fees Table**



# & Information On 2017 Tax Deductibility

## Newsletter Article Submissions

Please contact Lorna Hardin with information and articles by the 20th of each month for inclusion into the next month's newsletter. Email submissions are the easiest to work with but you may also mail articles or call Lorna with information. Contact information is below:

Email - [ljhardin@gmail.com](mailto:ljhardin@gmail.com)

Please put "AAUW Newsletter" in the Subject field of your email.

Phone - 313-231-5712

Address -  
23341 Edward Street  
Dearborn, MI 48128



### Detroit Symphony

Series of 6 or 12. Meet at Holiday Inn in Southgate at 9:30 am. Carpool to Friday Coffee Concerts and lunch out.

If you are interested, contact Mary Sue Sickafus at [mssickafus@u-sit.net](mailto:mssickafus@u-sit.net).



### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Hostesses for April are:

April 3 - Jan Mans

April 17 - Mary Sue Sickafus

The play begins at 12:30 PM and finishes before 4:00 PM.

Substitutes are always needed. Call Dianne Batch (734) 675-0181 if you are interested.



### Daytime Book Club

Spend time with great books and great friends. Daytime Book Club meets the first Friday of each month from



### Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:



September through June at 1:00 PM.  
Our 2017-2018 books will keep you  
coming back for more.

Check out all of the book selections  
and full schedule [here](#).

Contact Janet at [janingle40@gmail.com](mailto:janingle40@gmail.com)  
if you have any questions or are  
interested in attending.



### Mentoring Group

The new Mentoring Group is looking for  
members interested in helping young women  
starting out in their careers by offering  
guidance and support as they navigate  
through the murky and often unequal world of  
employment.

Please contact the leader if you are interested  
in helping to shape this new group and help  
shape the future of our young people on their  
career journey.

If you are interested or have any questions  
contact Sheila Blair at [blair.s@live.com](mailto:blair.s@live.com).



### Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have received tickets for the  
following plays:

- **April 15** "School of Rock"
- **May 6** "On Your Feet"

- **April 24** "A Gentleman  
in Moscow" by Amor Towles
- **June 26** "The Orphan's  
Tale" by Pam Jenoff

Discussions start at 7:30 pm at the  
Southgate Library (14680 Dix  
Toledo Road, Southgate, MI  
48195) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday except  
our annual holiday dinner Dec. 12.

Everyone is welcome to join us for  
one meeting or all. Call Jean  
Carnahan at 313-382-1914 for  
information.



### Out and About Group

April 19 - American Harvest Schodcraft  
culinary restaurant (may need to be April  
12 or 26 due to break)

May 17 - Savannah's in Trenton.

Our purpose is to try new locations  
for local cuisine always on the third  
Thursday of the month.

If you would like to be part of this  
interest group and receive email  
reminders please email Deb  
Kennedy, [aauwkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:aauwkennedy@gmail.com)

No email? call 734-479-1360.



### Meet-N-Eat

The Meet-N-Eat group will be dining

On April 15 we will meet at the Holiday Inn at 10:30 am to carpool to Traffic Jam for brunch and then to the theatre for the 1:00 pm performance. Please RSVP to Patty Smart at [734-676-9074](tel:734-676-9074) .

Please contact Jean Carnahan at [frankandjean@outlook.com](mailto:frankandjean@outlook.com) for information or if you are interested in subbing for a season ticket holder that may be unable to attend.



### Euchre Group New Players Welcome!

Join us on alternate Mondays at noon for lunch at Sportsman's Den, Riverview and euchre beginning at 1 PM.

Join us for lots of laughter and a great time sharing lunch together!

Cost \$2.00 to play and 10 cents if you are euchred.

If you have any questions, contact Beatrice Cassidy at [tobatricecassidy@icloud.com](mailto:tobatricecassidy@icloud.com).



### Travel Group

Travel Group members Kay Cozzi, Patricia Smart, Madeleine Jones and Betty Leon just returned from a wonderful Costa Rica National Parks trip.

out as a prelude to Cinco de Mayo!

We will meet at:

Mexican Gardens Restaurant  
15950 Eureka  
(Between Dix and Allen Road)  
6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 24

Ethel Carver is in charge of reservations and arrangements, so call her at [\(734\) 675-5008](tel:734-675-5008). We have to save room for the Fried Ice Cream!

All Branch members are welcome to attend any of our cooking sessions or evenings out.



### Needle Arts

Cathy Stallman will be our hostess for the next meeting on Friday, April 20 at 9:30 in the morning.

Cathy will also lead the project which is a "20 Minute Pillowcase" lesson. Members have the supplies and instructions for this project.

Any member of the Branch is welcome if you are interested in making this project.

Please call Cathy Stallman at [\(734\)767-2763](tel:734-767-2763) if you have questions and/or plan to attend.





Would you like to join in on the travel adventures? Here are some possible upcoming trips being planned:

- Albuquerque Balloon Festival - October 2018 ([Patty Smart](#) - please call ASAP if you are interested)
- Overseas Adventure Travel: India - February 2019 ([Madeleine Jones](#) or Kay Cozzi)
- Beluga Whale Adventure ([Patty Smart](#))
- Possible short trips to be added.

Do you have a place/city you would like to visit? Email [Kay Cozzi](#) with ideas especially if you will organize the trip. We would love to have you join us!



### Great Decisions

All meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the Southgate Library at 7:00 pm.

Our next reading for May TBA

For information call Jean Carnahan at 313-382-1914.



### Attention Food Enthusiasts! Couple's Gourmet

If you and your spouse like to cook, please consider joining our group. For questions about the group, contact Janice Acker at

### Open Book Theater

Spend Saturday afternoons with great AAUW friends at the female run Trenton Theatre. The 2017-2018 Season will be directed by talented women. Check out the Season Schedule here:

[Open Book Theatre  
2017-2018 Season](#)

Contact Madeleine if you are interested by phone or at [mizmadlin@yahoo.com](mailto:mizmadlin@yahoo.com).



### Hilberry Theater

Upcoming play -

Sunday, April 22 - Sister Act 3:00 PM

We will meet at the Holiday Inn in Southgate at 1:00 PM to carpool to lunch and the play.

If you are interested, contact the leader at [maeaxelrood@gmail.com](mailto:maeaxelrood@gmail.com).



### Correspondence

Please let Bea Cassidy know of any surgeries, illnesses, accidents, etc. or any passings that would warrant a note or card of caring from us, as a community of concerned women.

You can reach her by e-mail at

[janiceaacker@yahoo.com](mailto:janiceaacker@yahoo.com)

[tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com](mailto:tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com) or leave her a message at her home phone 734-287-8945 or iPhone at 734-552-9597.

## Yearbook Revisions/Additions

There were a number of members who notified the Branch of revisions/additions needed in the Yearbook. Unfortunately, we cannot change them all in the printed version, but we can list them here so that you can make the necessary changes on your home copy.

If we have missed any additions/revisions that need to be corrected, we apologize. Please don't hesitate to let us know by contacting Sheila Blair at 734-674-2246, [blair.s@live.com](mailto:blair.s@live.com).



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