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News & Views

The monthly newsletter for the
AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver
Branch



Payment for the **Spring Dinner is due by May 1, 2018**. Click below for more information and the form to make your entree selection.

*Dinner entree choices -
Greek Chicken or Salmon
Vegetarian Option - Eggplant
Parmesan

[Spring Dinner Info & Form](#)

2018 Spring Dinner & Business Meeting

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

There is also important branch business that will be conducted during this event so please plan to attend! (See the box below for information regarding the business portion of the meeting.)

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

A cash bar will be available.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Branch Business

At the Spring Dinner & Business Meeting we will deal with the following business items:

- Voting on new [branch bylaws](#)**
- Vote on new board members
- Vote on new branch dues
- Begin membership renewal process

**Please review the branch bylaws prior to the vote by clicking [HERE](#) and going to page 3. If you have questions about the bylaws, please email Sheila Blair at blair.s@live.com. If you are not planning to attend the Spring Banquet, we would still appreciate your vote on the bylaw changes. Please email your vote of "Approved" or "Not Approved" to blair.s@live.com. In the 'Subject' field of your email please put 'Branch Bylaws'.

Having problems getting the newsletter and other notices? Please bring your email address and password to the Spring Dinner & Business Meeting. We will try to figure out what the problems are and correct them on the spot! Know of a member who is not receiving email notices but would like to? Let them know to bring their information to the Banquet!

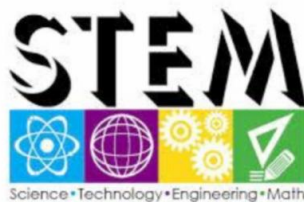


Watch Street Beat Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. for a look at our STEM Savvy program!

TV program Street Beat goes behind the headlines to focus on community issues and stories of interest to Metro Detroit presented in an upbeat mix of in-studio interviews and pre-produced packages by a crew of local people dedicated to improving our city.

Building STEM Savvy in Middle School Girls

Exploring horizons for girls in
science, technology, engineering
and mathematics



A project of the American Association of
University Women Wyandotte-Downriver Branch

Thursday, May 10, 2018
7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wayne County Community College
District - Downriver Campus
21000 Northline Rd.
Taylor, MI

Mid-term AAUW-National Election Information April 25 - June 9, 2018

Please review the important information detailed below
regarding the changes proposed for AAUW-National.

Three important amendments are proposed:

- **Creating three-year staggered board terms**
- **Opening board service to those outside of AAUW membership**
- **Eliminating the degree requirement for membership.**

Click [HERE](#) to view a PDF of the AAUW Outlook Spring Voter Guide which explains each amendment proposal.

Below is a copy of the email each of you should have received from AAUW-National. It outlines the process and procedures for voting online and by paper ballot. More information may be found by clicking at the [AAUW WEB SITE](#).

As a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), you have a voice in shaping our future plans to create a more equitable world for all women and girls. On behalf of your elected AAUW Board of Directors, we are pleased to present three important proposed amendments to our bylaws that we believe will help us expand our impact and ensure that AAUW will continue to help countless future generations of women and girls. We cannot move forward without support and engagement from our members, so we encourage you to vote! Here are the details:

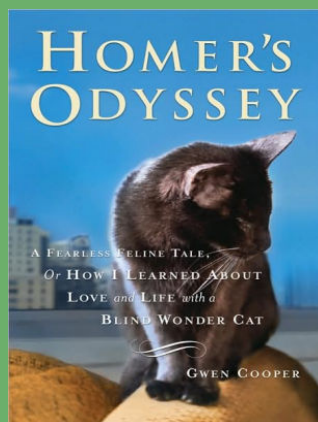
- *Voting opened on April 25, 2018 and you can cast your ballot online. In order to vote, you will need your PIN and your member ID. We encourage you to vote online, if possible, since it will ensure that your ballot will be received and counted immediately.*

- If you opted to receive Outlook magazine, which includes a voter guide in the spring issue, in print copy, you should receive it in your mailbox around April 25. If not, spring Outlook is available online now.
- If you have questions or challenges submitting your online ballot — or would like to vote via paper ballot — you may request one by contacting us at connect@aauw.org or calling 800.326.2289 Monday through Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ET. Requests for paper ballots must be received by May 7, and paper ballots must be postmarked by May 21.
- Voting closes on Saturday, June 9, at 9 p.m. ET. Results will be announced on Sunday, June 10, on AAUW's website.

The AAUW Board of Directors strongly endorses each of these amendments to increase AAUW's influence and empower millions of women and girls in the years ahead. We hope you will join us in this important effort and cast your vote TODAY.

Notices & Miscellany

Personal Notices & Information



Someone loaned Dianne Batch a copy of "Homer's Odyssey" about a blind cat and did not put in her name. Would the owner please call her if she wishes to have it returned? Otherwise it will be making the rounds of other interested readers forever!



Business of a new AAUW-Downriver member -

Bronni Vision Boutique Celebrates Twenty Years in Business with New Location in Taylor

Click [HERE](#) to read the article

Good news! Audrey Lyden continues to get stronger each day. She is in a rehab facility and is accepting phone calls at 203-319-5623. Cards may be sent to her directly:

Carolton Rehab Center
400 Mill Plain Road
Fairfield, CT 06824



Click [HERE](#) for
**Association Dues & Fees Table
& Information On Tax Deductibility**

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

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.



Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Hostesses for May are:

May 1 - Jan Mans

May 15 - Sylvia Pollack

The play begins at 12:30 PM and finishes before 4:00 PM on the first and third Tuesday each month.

Substitutes are always welcome! 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 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 if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

- **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 4th Tuesday except in December.

Everyone is welcome to join us for



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.



Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have received tickets for the following plays:

- **May 6 "On Your Feet"**

On May 6 we will meet at the Holiday Inn at 11:30 am to carpool to Traffic Jam for brunch and then to the theatre for the 2:00 pm performance.

Please RSVP to Jean Carnahan at 313-382-1914

one meeting or all. Call Jean Carnahan at 313-382-1914 for information.



Out and About Group

Meeting the third Thursdays monthly (except for July, December & inclement weather) Do join our dining adventurers!

Thursday, May 17, 6:00 pm - Savannah's (2156 W. Jefferson, Trenton)

Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm* - Royal Eagle Fine Dining at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery. **Reservations needed ASAP** for this experience of elegant Eastern European cuisine plus touring the gardens and church. *Carpools will be leaving Downriver at 7:00 pm for 8:30 pm dinner.

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

No email? call 734-479-1360.



Meet-N-Eat

Following a wonderful celebration at Mexican Gardens Restaurant preceding Cinco de Mayo, we are ready to plan our summer luncheon outings and our program for the fall at one last get-together.

We will meet on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the home of Sylvia Pollack on

Please contact Jean Carnahan at 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 tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com.



Travel Group

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.

West River Road at 6:00 PM. (734-771-1620). We will bring a dish for a potluck sampling of some of the delicious recipes in the two AAUW Branch Cookbooks!

Leaders for the planning and recipe selection are Barbara Denman and Kathy Pugh, who is back from her idyllic winter in The Villages.

Members of the Branch interested in joining us this summer on the 4th Tuesday of June-July and/or August should contact Dianne Batch at (734) 675-0181. Those who have previously been on "the list" need not call- you are already on it!

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



Needle Arts

We will be meeting on Friday, May 18th at 9:30 AM, at the home of Carol Sniderman for a light brunch and to do some scheduling rearrangements for next year, so every member is urged to be present to make your wishes known!

We usually have lunch afterwards at Henry Ford Village. "Show and Tell" is always a part of our interest in needlework and crafting!

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

Please call Cathy Stallman at [\(734\)767-2763](tel:7347672763) if you have questions and/or plan to attend.

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 4th Tuesday at the Southgate Library at 7:00 pm.

The readings are as follows:

May 22, Chapter 2, "Russia's Foreign Policy & Chapter 6, U. S. Global Engagement..."
Sept. 25, Chapter. 4, "Media & Foreign Policy" & Chapter 5, "Turkey..."
Nov. 27, Chapter 1 "The Waning of Pax America?" & Chapter 7. "South Africa..."
Jan 22, 2019, "The Great War" & Chapter 8, "Global Health..."

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 and the upcoming outings, contact Janice Acker at janiceaacker@yahoo.com

We have two more outings planned for this year.

- Our next dinner will be held 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.



Hilberry Theater

Upcoming play -

Saturday, May 5, 2018 - "King Lear"

We will meet at the Holiday Inn in Southgate at 12:00 noon to carpool to lunch and the play.

If you are interested, contact Mae Axelrood at maeaxelrood@gmail.com.
734-676-5970

Joe Muer's in Detroit
on Saturday, May 5th.

- On July 24 we will travel to
Evan Street Station in
Tecumseh.

Planning for next year will be in
August.



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
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.



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

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Lough and LeeAnn Shade

Vice President of Finance: Sheila Blair

Vice President of Membership: Vacant

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