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News & Views

The monthly newsletter for the
AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Branch



****Members are asked to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Chicken will be provided for the main course. Drinks are also provided.****

**General Membership Meeting &
Welcome Back Potluck Dinner**
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

7:00 PM at St. Thomas Church
2441 Nicols Street
Trenton, MI 48128

Social Hour before meeting at 6:30 PM

**Plans for the upcoming year will be
shared and opportunities for
involvement will be offered.**

Please note: General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month September through April. Check each month's newsletter for the focus of upcoming meetings.

Our Branch is seeking volunteers to serve in several positions. Please consider how you might contribute in one of the following areas of service:

- Vice President of Finance
- Public Policy Committee Rep
- Scholarship Officer
- Programs Committee Members

We Need YOU!

- Fundraising Committee Rep & Members
- Woman of the Year Committee Rep & Members



With Greatest Thanks!

Donna McLaughlin-Shuereb has done it again! A successful three day Yard Sale at Donna's house in Woodhaven survived without any rainy day problems. Bright, sunny, fair-sky days helped to make this a successful sale raising \$1443.25.

Thanks to all who offered their effort to set up and display the items for sale, supervise sales, and clean up and cart away the leftover items.

Thank you, Donna, for offering your time, effort, tables, tent and lawn for this event. It was a great way to meet friends, catch up on summer news, and get a tan.

Thanks also to all who donated goods for the sale.

Other Branch Fundraising Activities

President Jane Russ and President-Elect Sheila Blair hosted a Stella & Dot fundraiser over the summer, with our favorite stylist and branch member, Chris Mathews.

Many members of the branch placed their orders on-site or online.

The event raised \$450 for the branch!

Foundation News

The AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Foundation Kathleen Bain scholarship was presented to Makayla Coffee at the June Honors Night ceremony at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte. Makayla was the Senior Class President and emcee of the event. Her scholarship was not revealed until the moment her name was announced in the presentation speech given by Jackie Hector. It was a marvelous surprise!

Makayla served as Editor in Chief of the Wy Hi News at Roosevelt and proudly holds a 4.0751 GPA! She also spent two years volunteering at a physical therapy center in Garden City in her after school hours. She is headed to Central Michigan University to study Journalism.

Kathleen Bain would be very gratified to see such a smart, sympathetic, and dedicated young woman receiving this scholarship given to honor Kathleen's dedication to Wyandotte students.



AAUW National has announced a new forum for members to ask questions and get information about AAUW governance. Questions about bylaws, policies, voting, motions, and more can be submitted to aauwgovernance@aauw.org. Click [HERE](#) to view the Governance Question Forum page. Information for how to submit questions can be found on the page as well as questions and answers that have already been addressed.

We are very proud to have Elizabeth Haynes, a Wyandotte-Downriver AAUW member, serving as the AAUW National Governance Committee Chair.

Interest Groups & Activities



All of the meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at the Riverview Library at 1:30 pm on the following dates:

STEM Savvy Meeting Dates

September 19, 2018
October 17, 2018
November 14, 2018
December 19, 2018



Daytime Book Club

AAUW Daytime Book Club meets on the first Friday of each month, April through December.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00pm, Friday, September 7th at the home of Deb Kennedy. The book selection is Commonwealth by Ann Patchett.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of book selections and meeting locations for future meetings.

Contact Janet Ingle at



Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

The first meeting of the group will be on September 4th at the home of Dianne Batch (734) 675-0181, on Grosse Ile. We meet at 12:30 PM and play until about 3:30 PM. The hostess supplies beverages and a dessert. If you'd like to be on our "sub"list, let Dianne know!

Hostessing on September 18th is Barbara Denman (734) 675-1697.

janingle40@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in attending.

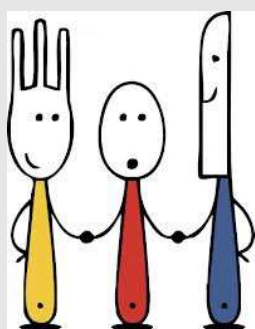


Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have tickets for the play, "Something Rotten" for Sunday, September 30th.

We will meet at the Holiday Inn at 11:30 am to carpool to Traffic Jam for brunch and then to the theater for the 2:00 pm performance.

Please RSVP to Jean Carnahan at 313-382-1914 or if you would like to sub for a season ticket holder who may not be able to attend.



Meet-N-Eat

After a very successful summer luncheon program (we had 20 at our Ford Yacht Club outing!), we are ready to begin a new season of preparing interesting foods - sometimes potluck, sometimes dinners out, and sometimes cooking dinner ourselves at a member's home! We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Our first meeting is Tuesday,



Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

- Oct. 23 "Chilbury Ladies Choir" by Jennifer Ryan
- Dec. 4 "My Italian Bulldozer" by Alexander McCall Smith
- Feb. 26 Any book of your choice by James Baldwin
- Apr. 23 "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- June 25 "Warlight" by Michael Ondaatje

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



Out and About Group

Out and About welcomes all AAUW members to another year of fun, adventurous dining on the (usually) Third Thursday monthly!

Our September outing -
Bobcat Bonnie's
118 Sycamore Street, Wyandotte
Thursday, September 20, 2018
6:00 pm.

Please RSVP to Deb Kennedy by

September 25th starting at 6:00 pm.
We will be "Grilling for the Girls!" at the home of Kathy Levillier on Hickory Island (Grosse Ile). It will be a potluck affair outdoors (if the weather is fine) featuring grilled items. Carol Nankervis is assisting Kathy with planning the menu and calling members.

Any branch member is, of course, welcome to join us (if you bring food!) so give our group a try and call Carol at (734) 675-4349 or Kathy at (734) 671-1180).



Euchre Group New Players Welcome!

We continue to meet every other Monday at Sportsman Den off Sibley Road in Riverview at 1pm to start playing. If interested in enjoying lunch then come at noon.

Next euchre is September 10th and then the 24th and so on. When the Den closes on Mondays, because of poor golfing weather, then we begin meeting on Tuesday. Same time and same station.

Bea Cassidy reminds players by text or phone each meeting week. You may call her at 734 552 9597 or email her at tbeatricecassidy@icloud.com



Travel Group

Would you like to join in on the travel adventures? Here are some possible

Monday September 17th!

Our October excursion -
American Harvest
Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts
Restaurant, Livonia
6:30 pm
October date to be announced.

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

No email? call 734-479-1360.



Needle Arts

The members have changed their monthly schedule this year to run from September through December and then skip the three winter months and begin again from April and continue through the summer. We'll actually be meeting April through December from now on!

We still meet at member's homes on third Friday mornings at 9:30 AM to do needle and craft projects and will welcome any Branch member who is interested in handwork.

Our September 21st meeting will be at the home of Sharon Dmochowski - (734) 379-5705. She will not only provide us with a light brunch, but will also provide the program with instructions to make some large decorative "Yo-Yo" acorns for Fall.

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

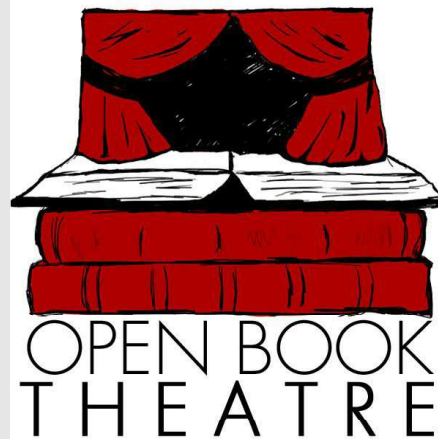
All meetings are on the 4th Tuesday at the Southgate Library at 7:00 pm.

The readings are as follows:
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.



Detroit Symphony



Open Book Theatre

The Open Book Theatre Interest Group meets at the theater on the first Saturday of each production. We congregate in the lobby before the show and generally sit together. Parking is free in the lot north of the building. Seating is not pre-assigned.

You can order your own tickets on-line (www.openbooktc.com/) or by calling 734 288 7753. Season tickets are available, too.

The Open Book Theatre is located at:
1621 West Road
Trenton, MI 48183

Our first show is "Ada and the Engine" on September 9 at 8 pm.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of the productions scheduled this season.



Hilberry Theater

The first play we will attend is "Avenue Q" on Saturday, September 29th, at 2:00 pm.

If you have questions or are interested in future plans for this group, contact Mae Axelrood at maeaxelrood@gmail.com or call

If you are interested in future plans for this group, contact Mary Sue Sickafus at mssickafus@u-sit.net.



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.



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



Mentoring Group

The 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.

Member News

Our condolences go out to our AAUW member Sharon Kemp and her family. Sharon's mother, Helen Wydek, passed away on August 23, 2018. Martenson Funeral Home in Trenton is handling funeral arrangements.

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Owner and fellow AAUW member, Sheila Blair, is in need of instructors to train working adults in a wide variety of subjects. Where better to find them than in a pool of highly talented and intelligent women such as our own AAUW branch. If you are interested in learning more, please call or email Sheila immediately.

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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 much preferred as content in digital format is the easiest to work with. You may also mail articles or call Lorna with information. Contact information is below:

****Email - aauwjhardin@gmail.com**

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

****Please note that this email address is NEW and should be used for all AAUW business directed to Lorna.**

Phone - 313-231-5712

Please leave a message if there is no answer. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Address -
23341 Edward Street
Dearborn, MI 48128

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.

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