

October 2018



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News & Views

The monthly newsletter for the
AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver
Branch



From the President:

Autumn has brought with it cooler temperatures, falling leaves, and the highly anticipated 'colors' in the a few weeks. With all the that activity, our branch is in high gear, too.

The Sept 11 Branch Meeting Minutes are available along with a copy of the Branch Policies. At our October meeting, we will vote on all of the proposed Policy changes so in the interest of time, please review the attached Policies before the meeting. Contact myself or any Board Member if any questions ahead of time so we can swiftly conduct the voting.

See you in October.

Jane Russ

Click [HERE](#) for September meeting minutes

Click [HERE](#) for AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Branch Policies



**General Membership
Meeting & Program
Tuesday, October 9, 2018**



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

Social Hour before meeting at 6:30 PM

Our October 9th meeting will feature Phil Barraco as our guest speaker presenting "WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED" at 7:00 p.m. A wildlife enthusiast, Phil is a dynamic speaker! Don't miss it!!

Thank you to everyone for the awesome potluck dishes you brought for our "Welcome Back from Summer" meeting in September. We had a wonderful turnout and Soltz's chicken!

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.



AAUW Michigan Fall Leadership Conference

**Financially Empowered
Women**

Click [HERE](#) for event schedule, hotel information, and registration for the conference.

Saturday, October 27
Albion College

With a Special Reception with AAUW
CEO Kim Churches
Friday, October 26

We Need YOU!

Our Branch is seeking volunteers to serve in several positions. Please consider how you might contribute in one of the following areas of service: Click [HERE](#) for committees in need of volunteers



Interest Groups & Activities

STEM SAVVY IS CALLING YOU!

Imagine the excitement and energy of 125 middle school girls as they enter the atrium at WCCCD in Taylor on May 9, 2019. They are about to experience a day focused on exploring careers in the STEM fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The day's activities and workshops will be spreading the message: "You Can Do This". The presenters will be young women already working in their chosen STEM career, perfect role models.

This STEM SAVVY event will be celebrating its sixth season in 2019. That means 6 years x 125 girls = 750 Downriver girls who will have received this special day of encouragement to pursue rewarding careers in STEM related occupations. Please consider becoming part of this inspirational event hosted by AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Branch.

The next STEM Savvy Committee meeting will take place at the Riverview Library on Wednesday, October 17th. We will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the Conference Room. ALL are welcome. Volunteers to help on STEM SAVVY Symposium Day (May 9, 2019) are also needed. For more information contact Lea Schelke or Jackie Hector.



Daytime Book Club

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

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

Contact Janet Ingle at janingle40@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

If you'd like more information regarding upcoming Bridge Group meeting dates or to be included on our "sub" list, please contact Dianne Batch. 734-675-0181



Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the

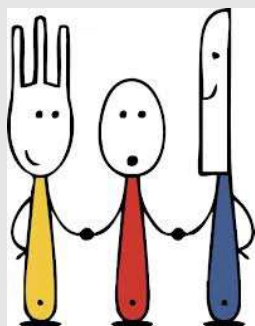


Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have tickets for the play, "Aladdin" for Sunday, December 16th at the Opera House.

We will meet at the Holiday Inn at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to Small Plates for brunch and then to the theater for the 1:00 p.m. 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 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.

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

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

All AAUW members & guests are welcome to join our fun & unique dining adventure group on the Third Thursday monthly!

Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm "Out & About" will visit the new **Jonesy Cakes Pub & Grub**, 3807 Fort Street in Wyandotte (old Eldorado building)
Mmmm....Banana caramel chocolate cheesecake, anyone want to share?!

Please let Deb know by Tuesday October 16th you'll be joining us.

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 pm we are tentatively meeting at American Harvest, Schoolcraft College culinary arts restaurant. Carpools to be arranged.

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



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.

When the Den closes on Mondays, because of poor golfing weather, then we begin meeting on Tuesday. Same time and same station.

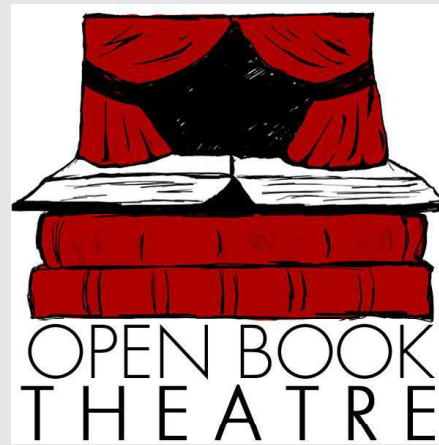
Bea Cassidy reminds players by text or phone each meeting week. You may call her at 734 552 9597 or email her at tbeatricecassidy@icloud.com



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.



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

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



Hilberry Theater

If you have questions or are interested in future plans for this group, contact Mae Axelrood at maeaxelrood@gmail.com or call 734-676-5970



Travel Group

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

- 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 p.m.

The readings are as follows:
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

Do you like to cook?

Do you like gourmet meals?

We are seeking new couples to join us in our dining adventures!

We meet in our homes or dine out about six times a year. For each home meal, two members plan and distribute recipes which we prepare at home. If you and your spouse would like to cook or dine with us, please email Janice Acker -janiceacker@yahoo.com

For more information you may also ask Dianne Batch, Ethel Carver, Bebe Hartman, or Mary Sue Sickafus.

This year we have some exciting dines around the area.

Cuisine of Hungary
The Polka Café
Dirty Dog Jazz Café
Lumen (followed by a drive by of the Detroit Christmas lights)
Cantoro's Italian Bistro
A Lebanese Night



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



Detroit Symphony

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

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

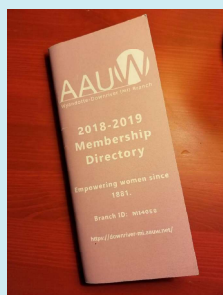


Our own AAUW member, Dr. E. Lea Schelke will be the newest inductee of the Trenton Education Foundation's Wall of Fame.

The award will be given at the TEF's 8th Annual Signature Event on November 6, 2018.

Congratulations Lea!

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of AAUW member Eve Russell who passed away on September 21, 2018.



Membership Directory

The 2018-2019 Membership Directory has been distributed to members. If you have not received yours please contact Sheila Blair at blair.s@live.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 tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com or leave

her a message at her home phone 734-287-8945 or iPhone at 734-552-9597.



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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 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.

Phone - 313-231-5712

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

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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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