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## News & Views

The monthly newsletter for the  
AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver  
Branch



# VOTE!!

Tuesday  
November 6, 2018

Volunteer to bring a friend or neighbor  
who can't drive themselves.

## Special Invitation to Branch Members

**Women Celebrating Life-Downriver invites all  
branch members to a special FREE event!**

**When:** Thursday, November 8, 2018; 5:30-7:30 PM

**Where:** TV's Grand Event, 2651 W. Jefferson Ave., Trenton

**Please join us at this event!**

RSVP by calling Sheila Blair at (734) 674-2246 or by  
emailing your RSVP to Barbara Michael at  
blmichael@hengineers.com.

To learn more about Women Celebrating Life-Downriver,  
view <http://www.wcldownriver.com/>



This event is to discuss collaborative efforts to serve the needs of women in our local communities.  
A presentation is included. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other change makers with  
similar goals. **Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.**

## General Membership



## Meeting & Program Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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

Social Hour before meeting at 6:30 PM

The speaker for the November meeting will be Erin Shelton. She is a local CPA and will share helpful tax tips that we can all use!

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.



We will have FREE door prizes and fundraising raffles (50/50 and Chinese raffle).

If you would like to donate a raffle item or basket, please contact Sheila Blair.

If you would like to attend this event but don't have a ride, please contact Sheila Blair.

## AAUW Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Promenade Restaurant  
2627 West Jefferson Ave.  
Trenton, Michigan 48183

Cost will be \$32 per person  
Details to follow

You can register at the Nov. 13 program or by mail



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

## Revised Branch Policies

At the October Membership meeting, revisions to our branch policies were approved. A link is provided at the left for members to access and read the revised policies. **Of particular importance, those members in leadership positions can find the duties and guidelines for their office in the policies.**

**Summer Yard Sale Proceeds  
Still Climbing!**

The total revenue raised from the summer yard sale now stands at \$1,584.25 and isn't done yet!

Member efforts for this fundraiser have continued to add to the total. Thank you!



## Interest Groups & Activities



### You Can Be a S.T.E.M.INISTA!

The STEM SAVVY committee is still looking for AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver members willing to join our committee as we plan the sixth year of our symposium for Middle School Girls. We plan on hosting 125 young ladies and their chaperones on May 9, 2019, and your help is needed to make this year's event a spectacular celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math for this year's attendees. Our committee's work is progressing and the invitations have been sent to the superintendents and middle school principals of the seventeen Downriver school districts.

The committee is also searching for young women currently working in STEM fields to act as presenters in the six workshops to be offered that day. Please help us with this talent search. Forward your recommendations to Lea Schelke, Jackie Hector or Madeleine Jones.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14th,, at the Riverview Library. The meeting begins at 1:15. I hope to see you there.

Jackie Hector Co-chair STEM SAVVY Committee



### Daytime Book Club

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



### 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



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

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

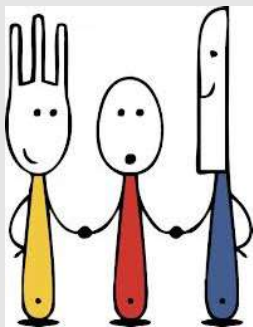


### Fisher Theater Playgoers

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



### Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

- Dec. 4 "My Italian Bulldozer" by Alexander McCall Smith

**For Dec. 4 only we will meet at Sibley gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and book discussion. PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT.**

- 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

All other discussions start at 7:30 p.m. at the Southgate Library (14680 Dix Toledo Road, Southgate, MI 48195) on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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).



### **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 [tobeatricecassidy@icloud.com](mailto:tobeatricecassidy@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

welcome to join our fun & unique dining adventure group on the Third Thursday monthly!

We weren't able to confirm our Schoolcraft event so contact Deb Kennedy 734-479-1360 or [aauwkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:aauwkennedy@gmail.com) (I will be emailing the members!) about November date/location!

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.



### **Open Book Theatre**

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come to any show!**

Six hundred forty three people attended Open Book's "Ada and the Engine" last month! Don't miss out on their second show, "Doubt". Attend with our AAUW group on November 3rd!

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/](http://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



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.



### Travel Group

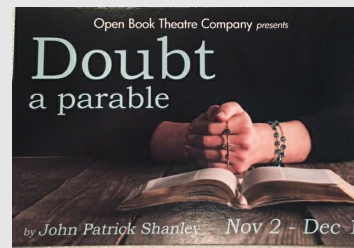
Do you have a place or city you would like to visit? Or an event you'd like to attend, but need companions? Please contact Diana Mente with your suggestions to post in the newsletter for all to consider.

Presently, there are a few trips in the planning stages:

- India in February 2019 through Overseas Adventure Travel, led by Madeleine Jones
- Beluga Whale Adventure in July or August 2019, proposed by Patty Smart
- If you're interested in China, contact Grace Baclawski. China Odyssey Tours are booking March – November 2019 dates, with early bird discounts available through the end of November

Please email Diana Mente [dmenteaauw@yahoo.com](mailto:dmenteaauw@yahoo.com) with your wish list and let's get exploring! Long-time Travel Chair Kay Cozzi can offer guidance to new leaders wishing to organize a trip.

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](mailto:maeaxelrood@gmail.com) or call 734-676-5970



### 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!

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will dine at The Polka Café in Troy. Please contact Jan Piana if you are interested in dining with us.**

We meet in our homes or dine out about six times a year. For each home meal, two members plan and



### Great Decisions

All meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Detroit Symphony

If you are interested in future plans for this group, contact Mary Sue Sickafus at [mssickafus@u-sit.net](mailto:mssickafus@u-sit.net).

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](mailto: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  
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 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).

## Member News

### AAUWMI 2018 Fall Leadership Conference

Branch President and AAUWMI  
VP of Finance Jane Russ; State  
Board President and Branch



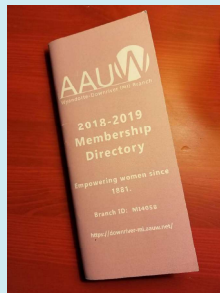
Member Deb Kennedy; Branch President-Elect Sheila Blair and AAUW (National) CEO Kim Churches. — at AAUWMI Fall Leadership Conference, Albion, MI, on Oct. 27.



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!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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### NOW HIRING—PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS TO TRAIN ADULTS

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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**(734) 674-2246**

**SMBsolutionsemail@gmail.com**

## 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 - [aauwljhardin@gmail.com](mailto:aauwljhardin@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.

### **Executive Board**

**President:** Jan Russ

**President Elect:** Sheila Blair

**Past President:** Madeleine Jones

**Foundation President/Chair (Ex-officio):**  
Jackie Hector

**Vice President of Finance:** Bev Framalin

**Recording Secretary:** Lea Schleke

