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News & Views

The monthly newsletter for the
AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver
Branch



AAUW turns 137 years old!

On November 28, 2018, AAUW turned a whopping 137 years old. We still have a long way to go in the realm of equity, but, with AAUW's efforts, we have already come so far.



**There's still time to register for the AAUW
Holiday Dinner!**

Click [HERE](#) to view and download the registration form. The completed form and payment must be received by **December 3, 2018** to reserve your spot at our annual Holiday Dinner.

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Promenade Restaurant
2627 West Jefferson Ave.
Trenton, Michigan 48183

Cost is \$32 per person
(See the registration [form](#) for menu selections)

We will have FREE door prizes and a silent auction. An additional fundraiser for the branch will be selling cookbooks (see info below) as holiday gifts and stocking stuffers for \$15, so please bring your checkbooks or cash!

Members will also have the opportunity to donate to Mimi's Mission at the Holiday Dinner (see the article below for details.)

Please Note - Members may park in The Grand's parking lot on the south side of the Promenade.

If you would like to donate a raffle item or basket, or if you need a ride in order to attend the Holiday Dinner, please contact Sheila Blair. Even if you have already contacted Sheila about donating an item, please do so again so she can arrange a pick up. **Thank you!**



Donation Opportunity at the Holiday Dinner



At our holiday dinner, we will be collecting personal hygiene items for Mimi's Mission.

Mimi's Mission is a local non-profit organization that helps Downriver families in need and brings awareness of child safety on the Internet and in everyday life.

Mimi's Mission extends programs and assistance to residents of the following Downriver communities: Allen Park, Brownstown Charter Township, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Township, Huron Charter Township, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Woodhaven, and Wyandotte.



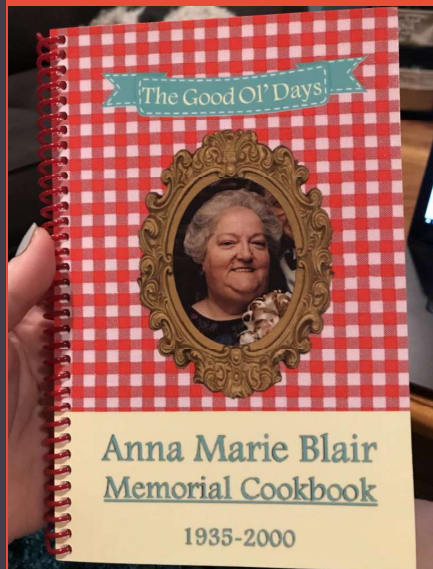
Branch Cookbook Fundraiser

We are selling cookbooks as gifts and stocking stuffers. This is a memorial cookbook for a woman well known in Southeast Michigan as being a force of support for those in need. She was most well-known for her cooking, thus, a cookbook in her honor.

While she wasn't a college graduate, or member of AAUW, she was certainly an inspiration to many women. She was a pioneer in her own right and stood up for equity and justice for all parties, and raised her children to do the same.



The cookbook has more than 150 recipes, plus room to write in your own recipes. It also has special pages helpful for the beginner, like abbreviations, conversions, substitutions, common cooking terms and definitions, and other helpful cooking and baking tips. The book is divided into appetizers; soups, salads and condiments; breads and rolls; vegetables; main dishes; desserts.



The cookbook is chock full of personal stories and photos.

This is good ol' fashioned home cookin'. In fact, the cookbook is called "The Good Ol' Days: Anna Marie Blair Memorial Cookbook".

The cost is \$15 each for you to pick up at the home of Sheila Blair or at the Holiday Dinner, or \$18 if you would like it mailed to you (\$3 additional for shipping).

Just make your check out to AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver and mail it to Sheila Blair, 12883 Plum Street, Southgate, MI 48195, or present it at the Holiday Dinner.

The book was custom designed by branch member Sheila Blair as a tribute to her mother after her passing in 2000. This labor of love took a whopping 13 years to complete, working on and off.

ACTION ALERT: URGENT ACTION NEEDED

The Michigan Legislature is attempting to roll back Michigan's new voter-initiated minimum wage and earned paid sick leave laws.

Both laws were approved by legislature on Sept. 5, 2018, after AAUW endorsed both laws and signatures were gathered. Your help is needed so that these recent laws are preserved, leading us in the right direction.

Your message to legislators and the Governor is simple!

Please call or email your legislators with this message:

"I am your constituent from _____(city)_____. Michigan needs to keep its recently adopted minimum wage and earned paid sick leave laws without weakening amendments.

I urge you to preserve these laws and reject SB 1171 and SB 1175 or their equivalent.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address

City

Email address and/or phone number"

To identify your legislators, click on these links: [Senator](#) and [Representative](#). Gov. Rick Snyder can be reached at (517) 373-3400.

Scholarship Season Is Upon Us!

Dear ladies of AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver,

As you celebrate this Christmas season please be on the lookout for college students who might be great candidates to the NCCWSL leadership conference in Maryland from May 29-June 1, 2019.



The Foundation has approved the funds to pay for the bus transportation and registration fees for three young women. Now we need you to locate young women who have an interest in being leaders; who have been involved in activities that benefit society in general and women in particular. Nieces, neighbors, church members, and friends of friends are all good choices.

Send your recommendations to me jahector@wyan.org with their name and email contact information. I will send them information about the scholarship application they need to complete.

Information about the conference is available on line at AAUW NCCWSL/updates. The registration process has already started, and the Scholarship Committee will be hoping to find three conscientious candidates.

Happy Holidays!

Jackie Hector AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver Board of Directors

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:

- Public Policy Committee Rep
- Programs Committee Members
- Fundraising Committee Rep & Members
- Woman of the Year Committee Rep & Members



General Membership Meeting & Program

Tuesday, January 8, 2018

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

Social Hour before meeting at 6:30 PM

Our guest speaker for the January 8th meeting will be Valentia Seeley, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Community Relations Officer. Since January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, she will highlight some interesting cases.

Our Hostesses for the January 8th meeting will be Grace Ann Beebe, Donna McLaughlin-Shuere, Joan Hemsworth, Kay Cozzi, and Cathy Stallman

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.

Interest Groups & Activities



The STEM Committee is busy preparing for the 6th Annual Building STEM Savvy in Middle School Girls Conference which will be held on May 9, 2019, at Wayne County Community College - Downriver.

Committee members are in the process of setting up meetings

with their school representatives to confirm participation in the 2019 STEM Conference Event. The Facilities Committee is looking into getting AAUW Logo Bags, as well as water bottles with the AAUW Logo, for the girls attending the conference. Contacts with Speakers have been made and suggestions for a Keynote Speaker, Workshop Presenters, and a Closing Speaker have been considered.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 1:15 at Riverview Library. AAUW Members are invited to attend and your input will be very much appreciated.

The Committee would like to thank you for your continued support of STEM.

Susan Ball
STEM Committee Member



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 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**



Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have tickets for the following plays:

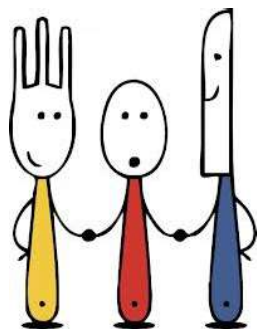
**Sunday, December 16 - Aladdin
(At the Opera House)**

For December 16th only we will meet at the Holiday Inn at 10:45 a.m. to carpool to Small Plates for brunch and then to the Opera House for the 1:00 p.m. performance.

February 17 - The Play

March 3 - The Lightning Thief

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.

**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 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!

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.



**Professional Local Theatre!
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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 **Friday** 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



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

Reasonable Prices!

Get a group together and come to any show!

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



Attention Food Enthusiasts! Couple's Gourmet

Do you like to cook?

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 overnight or weekend out-of-town 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:

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- Beluga Whale Adventure - Northern Canada in July or August 2019, proposed by Patty Smart
- China - Contact Grace Baclawski. China Odyssey Tours are booking March – November 2019 dates.
- Asia - Holland America, mid January - mid February 2019. Contact Georgia Stahl.
- San Antonio & Big Bend National Park - March 24-31 with Road Scholar, Contact Jean Carnahan.
- India trip with Overseas Adventure Travel in February has been POSTPONED.

Please email Diana Mente 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.

Do you like gourmet meals?
We are seeking new couples to join us in our dining adventures!

We will dine in Detroit on Saturday, December 1st. Following dinner we will view the beautiful Christmas lights along Woodward Ave. Contact Dianne Batch if you would like to dine with us this month.

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
Dirty Dog Jazz Café
Lumen
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.

If you are interested in helping to shape the future of our young people on their career journey, please contact Sheila Blair at blair.s@live.com.



Great Decisions

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

**The deadline for ordering
the 2019 books (\$30)
is Dec. 11, 2019**

The readings are as follows:
Jan 22, 2019, "The Great War"
(Introduction) & Chapter 8, "Global
Health..." (from the 2018 book)

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.

Member News

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
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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 - 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.

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