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News & Views

The monthly newsletter for the
AAUW Wyandotte-Downriver
Branch



AAUW CEO Wants to 'Mobilize a Million'

Salary Negotiation

What exactly does this headline mean? AAUW (national) wants to train 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022, which will help women nationwide achieve pay equity by 2030.

What we need you to do is to simply take the FREE training yourself and then share it with your friends and family to take. Ask them to share it with their friends and family members.

This training is based on pay equity for all, not just women, so please share it with everyone you know via email or social media.

You can take the training by going to <https://salary.aauw.org/>. Please share this link on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and via email. To find help with sharing, please go to AAUW's [Resource](#) page. If you have any problems accessing this video, please call 1-800-326-2289.

Title IX

Another effort where your help is needed is related to Title IX. Recently, the US Dept. of Education proposed regulatory changes that would undermine students' civil rights protections and drastically reduce schools' obligations in responding to reports of sexual harassment and violence. The public comment period has started so please speak up and fight back against these attacks on Title IX. Please sign the AAUW [petition](#) to oppose these changes.

AAUW Public Policy

AAUW is currently revising its public policy priorities. You can comment on the proposed changes recommended by national's Public Policy Committee by clicking [here](#).

President's Column Much is Coming in 2019



Happy new year fellow members!

We have so many wonderful things to look forward to in 2019! Before we know it, our Woman of the Year event will be here, new branch elections and our Spring Banquet.

In light of all the pending activities, I am pleading for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Public Policy Committee Members
- Media Committee Members
- Woman of the Year Committee Members
- Fundraising Committee



Click on the picture above to watch a recent video message from Kim Churches.

AAUW CEO Kim Churches can be reached by [email](#), through [LinkedIn](#) and through [Twitter](#).

- Members
- Nominating Committee Members

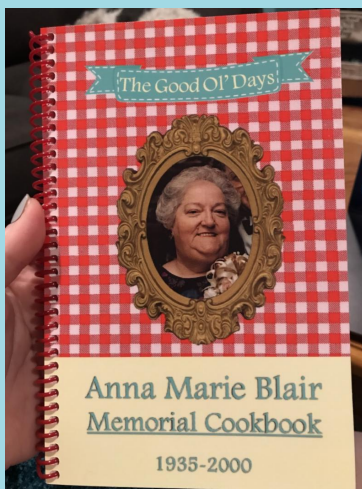
If you are considering joining one or more of these committees, please contact me. I am happy to continue to support these committees since more hands lighten the workload.

We have a lot of opportunities this coming year to recruit new members and raise funds for the branch. In addition, this is a good year to leverage the continuing women's movement to let the community know what we're about. This is the perfect time for our efforts to have the most impact and I hope you all will join me in promoting the work of our branch.

Thank you for your help!

Sheila

Branch Cookbook Fundraiser to Continue Throughout 2019



The cookbook sale will continue throughout 2019 or until we are sold out. These will make great Mother's Day or Birthday gifts as well. The branch will earn \$5 for every book sold. Please spread the word to your communities.

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

Just make your check out to AAUW Wyandotte-Dowriver and mail it to Sheila Blair, 12883 Plum Street, Southgate, MI 48195.



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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 Valentina 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.

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



Our February Program will be our Annual Fireside Chat (on the road). It will be held on Sat., Feb. 2. Participants will meet at the Bacon Library in Wyandotte at 10 AM to take the Ghost Tour and then walk across the street to Wyandotte's Historical Museum, which is the Ford-MacNichol House at 2610 Biddle. At noon, we will have lunch in Wyandotte at an agreed upon establishment.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Lee Ann Shade.

Nominations Needed for 28th Annual Event



Woman of the Year nominations are needed. Ideally, it would be great if each interest group submitted a nomination form, but all nominations are welcome.

The criteria for nominees is the following:

- Must be a Downriver resident.
- Must be active in promoting women through activism, mentoring, teaching, etc.
- Must have served the community in some civic or professional capacity.
- Must have demonstrated efforts to promote the empowerment of women.

Please complete this [form](#) and return by **Feb. 12, 2019**.

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.



Fisher Theater Playgoers

We have tickets for the following plays:

- 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.



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

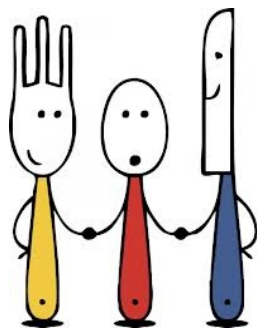


Evening Book Club

Our reading selections for the upcoming season are as follows:

- 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.



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).



Euchre Group New Players Welcome!

We 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.

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



Out and About Group

All AAUW members & guests are welcome to join our winter dining adventures!

Should area events be canceled, we will postpone that dining location to the following month. March is the exception as April 18 is American Harvest, Schoolcraft Culinary College.

- 6:00 PM, Thurs., Jan. 17, Atwater Street Tacos, 26425 Atwater St., Flat Rock
- 6:00 PM, Thurs., Feb. 21, Malek Al Kabob, 22371 Goddard, Taylor
- 6:00 PM, Thurs., Mar. 21, Black Pine Tree, 18700 Eureka, Southgate

Please let Deb Kennedy know by Tuesday of that week if you wish to reserve a seat.

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.

This interest group needs a new leader as Deb will be moving north in February.



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.

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

scheduled 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.



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.
- San Antonio & Big Bend National Park - March 24-31 with Road Scholar, Contact Jean Carnahan.

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.



Great Decisions

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



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? 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.

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe in Grosse Pointe on January 19 at 5:30 PM. \$15 cover charge. Hostess/Contact: Ethel Carver.

readings are as follows:

- Jan 22, 2019, "The Great War" (Introduction) & Chapter 8, "Global Health..." (from the 2018 book)

Jean should have the books by this meeting and the total cost is \$31.

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



A Special Thanks ...

A special thank you to Sharon Kemp, Sue Stoll, Grace Sietz, Charlotte Pascuzzi, Markay Chorney and Colleen Lough, for all their help to make Our Holiday Dinner at Promenade such a huge success! The food was fabulous and there was so much of it! The setting inside was magical and beautiful!

Thank you again,

Lee Ann Shade



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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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.

Executive Board

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Branch Goals

Community Outreach
Grow Membership
Raise Funds
Lifelong Learning

Important Upcoming Events

Mar. 12 - Woman of the Year Event
Apr. 9 - Board Elections
May 4 - AAUWMI Online Meeting for all
May 9 - Annual STEM Event
May 14 - Spring Banquet

Corresponding Secretary: Bea Cassidy
Historian: Pauline Bergeron
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Woman of the Year Chair: OPEN
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