

**NOVEMBER
 LUNCHEON
 DONATION**



Pontiac Bound Together
 After-School Program
 Holiday Gift Shop.

Look around your home for new or gently-used items that the kids can wrap and give to the moms, dads, and grandparents in their lives for the holidays. Please bring them to the November 7th branch luncheon, or drop them off on Karen Linnell's front porch before Friday November 30th. 1025 Fairfax, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018
 (Note the early date.)

General Meeting and Luncheon
 at the Iroquois Cub
 43248 N. Woodward
 Bloomfield Hills, 48302



**Meet and Greet - 11:30 am
 Luncheon - Noon**

Cash bar. No valet parking

Speaker: Lois Keel, Presenter.

As the world marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the "War to End All Wars," our focus will be on women's role in this great conflict. Lois Keel is "adopting" the persona of Oleda Jones, who was a real person from Michigan who participated in WWI. Her presentation is about Michigan, World, and Women's history.

Menu: Warm grilled chicken salad with strawberries, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds, and raspberry vinaigrette dressing. Mixed vegetables. Rolls and butter. Dessert: Chocolate mousse. Coffee/tea. Vegetarian/lactose intolerant available with reservation.

***PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS FOR RESERVATION
 Reservation Deadline, Wednesday, October 31st.***

Please send \$27 per person, check payable to AAUW Birmingham Branch (and program-only reservations) to: Christine Dagenais, 1668 Trading Post Lane, Blmfd Twp, 48302. Cell: 248-755-4372 cadmdm@gmail.com. Sorry, no refunds.

Study Group Hostesses: Breakfast Bunch

Program-only reservation are available at all luncheons. Simply call the reservation phone number above with your request to attend the speaker portion of the luncheon, and seating will be made available for you.

Dates to Remember:



Tues., Nov. 6: National Election Day

Thurs., Nov. 8: 4 -7 pm, Ladies Night Out—FUNdraiser @ Leon & Lulu's.

Thurs., Nov. 15: 10:30 am, Community Outreach. Big Family of Michigan, See pg. 6.

Nov. 25: United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

March 20, 2019: Explorathon

April 2: Equal Pay Day

April 10: Annual Meeting and luncheon.

SAVE THIS DATE - MAY 8, 2019

LAVISH LUNCHEON

"It's ALL About the HAT"

Thursday, November 8, 4~7pm

Join Us @ Leon &Lulu's, 96 W. 14 Mile, Clawson



For a FUNdraising, Ladies Night Out
 10% of all sales go to AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation Scholarship Fund. Food, Friends and Shopping..... What could be better?

AAUW Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

At the October luncheon we introduced a new special placard at each table called "Did You Know?" which provided details about the 2018 Book Sale. I hope to follow up with more information each month. This month's "Did You Know?" is printed on page 7.

Lately I have been thinking about the letter M and our branch. Does M stand for Membership or Mission? Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO, says that M stands for Mission. I, also, have been known to stress mission over members, but I am now thinking that we can't accomplish our Mission, equity for women and girls, without valuing our members. We have a wonderful group of women in our branch. One of the things that strengthens our ability to move our mission forward is our diversity.

Vision
Mission

I know that many of you do not think we are a very diverse group, but I beg to differ. We certainly are diverse in our ages, our past lives (careers or stay at home mothers) (city or rural backgrounds), our educational backgrounds, [women with multiple degrees, and women who married upon completion of high school entering college at a later date). We have women who have changed careers assembling multiple skill sets as they moved on.

We are diverse in our interests. (Look at our many study/interest groups - would you be comfortable in all of them?). And we are also diverse in our political views.

We differ in many ways, but we agree on the basic mission of equity for women and girls, and we do what we can to help move that mission forward. I firmly believe that we can accomplish great things if we work together. When we look around and see an injustice, and say, "Somebody should do something about that," we should look in the mirror. I am somebody and you are somebody. Let's pick a cause and do something.

One area that we are looking at is "Women in Transition." (WIT)



You may remember that we sponsored WIT conferences several years ago. At those conferences women were given information on how to get a GED if they did not have a high school diploma, how to work with Michigan Works in looking for jobs, how to fill out an Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if they would like to go to a college (community or four year), and how to apply for apprentice programs with the various unions.

We disbanded the WIT program because jobs and apprentice programs were not available at that time. The economy has changed now. Unions are looking for apprentices, and the government is trying to find ways to fill jobs and keep people living in our communities. We have applied for a grant from the Village Club Foundation to help fund this activity. We can also look for other partners to help us. In the fall of 2019, a restarted WIT conference will be a great way to kick off our branch's 100-year celebration.

Let me know what you think about this idea, and maybe you have some additional ones.



Sally Doty



TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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315-569-6385



Highlights of the Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Board Meeting

- Sue Longstreet submitted a financial report as of 9-30-18, at which time the total assets of the branch were \$27,835.99 and net assets were \$27,835.00.
- The following charities were suggested as possibilities for luncheon donation items: Bound Together, Crossroads of Michigan, and Big Family of Michigan.
- Dues treasurer Karen Boyk reported that we have 241 members and requested that study group leaders check to be sure that all people attending their meetings are members.
- A new member tea is planned for Friday morning, November 30th. New members, board members, study group leaders, book sale chairs and Explorathon chairs will be invited.
- Diversity chair Catherine Hurley announced that the November community outreach study group will meet at the Big Family of Michigan located in St. Clair Shores and wrap gifts for the holidays.
- A grant application has been submitted to support a Women in Transition Conference (WIT) in fall, 2019. WIT is designed for women who seek training and knowledge to further their career options. (see President's letter pg. 2)
- Education Equity representative Cindy Clement reported that schools in Detroit are experiencing enrollment instability due in part to children being moved too often within the district. Enrollment instability impacts student performance.
- Bylaws and Policy chair Christine Lapinski distributed an updated policy index sheet and a new table of contents for board member notebooks. All branch policies and procedures are now available on line.



Join Theater Goers to see *Peter and the Starcatcher*

Stagecrafters December 9, 2pm Tickets: \$25

Reservation deadline: 11/21

Peter and the Starcatcher is the fantastical adventure about how Peter Pan came to be. On a ship bound for the island of Rundoon, three orphan boys befriend Molly, daughter of Starcatcher Lord Aster, who is on a secret mission for the Queen of England. Their precious cargo is starstuff, powerful magical dust that must not fall into the wrong hands. When the villainous Black Stache and his band of pirates attack the ship, one orphan finds his courage and a legend is born.

Checks should be made out and sent to: Susan Winowiecki, 2957 Courville Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

If there is any possibility that your check will not reach Sue by the deadline, please call her (248-334-4611) and let her know that you have sent it.

AAUW AND SOCIAL ISSUES

International Relations 10 am., Mon., Nov. 5

Topic: Monroe Doctrine
Hostess: Joan Black, 248-622-4153

Public Policy 2:30 pm, Thurs., Nov. 8

Hostess: Karen Linnell, 248-594-9871

The Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am, Tues., Nov. 27

Topic: Open forum on election proposal results.
Location: Kerby's Koney Island, Square Lake/Woodward.
Co-chairs: Callie Schmidt (248-877-7190) and Patty Orlowski (248-641-3892, porlow@sbcglobal.net).

Community Outreach 10:30 am., Thurs. Nov. 15

Program: Wrapping holiday gifts for foster and abused children at Big Family of Michigan (BFOM), 23500 Pare Street, St. Clair Shores. (an elementary school)

For more information or to sign up, contact: Cathy Hurley, 248-867-3906, cathyhurley@gmail.com (see pg. 6)

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Art Matters Thurs., 11 am, Nov. 15

Program: Lecture "The Saarinsens-Cranbrook Architects" at Jewish Community Center (\$5)
RSVP by Nov 12 JoBeth30@gmail.com

Artistic Endeavors No event planned

Modern Art 12:30 pm, Thurs., Nov. 29

(Please note date change)

Program: 1. Thomas Kincaid presentation by Pam Craig.

Program 2. TBD

Location: Bloomfield Twp. Senior Center

Hostess/RSVP: Judy Allie, 248-320-5666

Music Appreciation 12:30 pm, Thurs., Nov. 15

Program: From Prof. R. Greenberg's lectures, "Music as a Mirror of History"

Hostess: Julie Blair, 248-855-2535

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres 7 pm, Thurs., Nov. 1

Topic: *Ellen Browning Scripps*, Molly McClain
Hostess: Julie Reisig, 248-642-5742

Beyond Adelante! 6:30 pm, Tues., Nov. 6

Topic: *Marriage of Opposites*, Alice Hoffman
Hostess: Cindy Clement, 248-433-3629

Contemporary Books 12:30 pm, Mon., Nov. 19

Topic: *Need to Know*, Karen Cleveland
Hostess: Sandy Dickerson, 248-736-8811

Morning After Readers 9:30 am, Mon., Nov. 12

Topic: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders & the Birth of the FBI*, David Grann
Hostess: Pam Burke, 810-694-0456

Mystery Book Club No meeting planned

Northside Books No meeting planned

Political Inquiry 10 am, Wed., Nov. 28

Topic: *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies & Leadership*, James Comey

Hostess: Joan Black, 248-622-4153

Potpourri 12 noon, Wed., Nov. 28

Topic: *The Heart*, Maylis deKerangal

Hostess: Stephanie MacKenzie, 248-642-2252

Thursday Morning Readers 10 am, Thurs., Nov. 15

Topic: *The Professor & the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity & the Making of the Oxford Dictionary*, Simon Winchester
Hostess: Carol Pyke, 248-203-2952

HOME AND GARDEN

Cooking Light 11:30 am, Fri., Nov. 16

(Please note date change)

Hostess: Cindy Guerrieri, 248-289-6235

Green Thumb No meeting planned

Let's Cook ... No meeting planned

Theme this year: Cooking recipes from U.S. regional cuisine

Needleworks 10 am., Wed., Nov. 7

Featuring knitting, crocheting & needlework.

Hostess: Barbara Gash, 248-338-3011.

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas 10 am, Mon., Nov. 19

Location: B'field Twp Library. Discussion: Verdi's *La Traviata*.

Presenter: Julie Blair. Performance Date, Dec. 15, 12:55 pm
RSVP Lorraine Clay, 313-433-1459, for discussion

Theater Goers Sunday, Dec 9

Deadline for purchasing tickets (\$25) is 11/21.

Event: *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Stagecrafters, Royal Oak.
Additional details available in this newsletter, pg. 3.

Two Thumbs Up Thurs., Nov. 1

Time, location and movie determined by hostess.

Hostess: Lorraine Clay, 313-535-2787

JUST FOR FUN

Canasta Mondays, 1:30 pm

Join this fun and exciting new game on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Sue Winowiecki, 248-334-4611 or suewinow@gmail.com

Mah Jongg Wed., 1 pm, Nov. 7am & 28

Hostess: Cheryl Fox, 248-891-4077

Location: B'field Twp Library

Bridge

4th Monday no game for November

Chair: Sharon Gridale, 586-612-5940

1st Friday Nov. 2, 11:30 am, Village Club

(Please note time change – this is a permanent change)

Hostess: Beverly Pintar– 248-626-4311

3rd Wednesday Nov. 21, 11:30 am, Village Club

Chair: Mary Hines – 248-642-1881

4th Wednesday early Evening

Nov. 28, 3:30 pm, Heathers

Chair: Kay Norton –248-737-0648

2nd Friday Nov. 9, 11:30 am, Village Club

Chair: Mary Lou Harrison - 248-643-8983

3rd Friday Nov. 16, 11:30 am, Village Club

Chair: Carol Wiseman – 248-540-2178

4th Friday (Duplicate) no game for November

Chair: Kay Norton –248-737-0648

CONTACTS

Kay Norton for bridge - 248-737-0648

Lynn Hipp for calendar changes - 248-420-4615;

Information due by the 17th of the month.

Study/Interest Group Membership – call

Chair listed in the AAUW Directory, pages 8-10



The Forever 29 Birthday Club

Need a great way to say "Happy Birthday" to a friend or family member? Just send \$29 to foundation treasurer, Sally Doty, and your honoree will receive a birthday notice from the foundation.



**Karen Boyk
Sue Longstreet
Pam Hoffman
Pat Graf
Mary Lou Harrison
Ruth Hartman
Sally Kendrick
Patty Orlowski
Carol Pyke
Cay Smith**

Also, if you want to honor someone with a holiday gift or honor a friend or family member who has died, please do it by sending a monetary gift to the foundation on their behalf. Your donation will support women and girls, and you will make a difference in their lives.

Sally Doty, AAUW Foundation Treasurer,
17156 Wiltshire,
Southfield, 48076

Have you wondered what happened to some of the left-over children's books at the end of the 2018 used book sale?

Here is the answer.....

Over 500 books for 1st through 5th graders were taken to the Pontiac Bound Together after-school program.



Three grocery bags of pre-school to kindergarten age children's books were given to Crossroads of Michigan for mothers with limited access to books for their infants and toddlers.

Carol and AAUW,

Thank You

Sorry for the very late Thank You for the wonderful selection of children's books that were available for teachers this year. I was able to get many fabulous books for my class.

Thanks again, Alice Wojtylo,
Reading teacher, Hamtramck Schools

HOPE YOU VOTE YES ON TWO NON-PARTISAN PROPOSALS

Proposal 2: Voters not Politicians:

Politicians are elected in districts. Where you vote and who you vote for is determined by the district you live in. Every 10 years a national census is conducted, and the new population data is used to redraw district lines to accurately reflect populations changes. In a perfect democracy, this process ensures that each vote counts and that voters' voices are heard. Gerrymandering happens when politicians draw district lines to benefit their political party, by using voters' personal information and highly advanced computer algorithms to draw the district maps. This proposal aims to create an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to redraw district maps that allow voters the ability to choose their politicians. More information at votersnotpoliticians.com.

Proposal 3: Promote the Vote:

A proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution of 1963 by amending Article II, Section 4. The proposal would provide citizens qualified to vote in Michigan with the following rights: *to vote a secret ballot; for military and overseas voters to be sent a ballot 45 days before an election; to vote straight party on all partisan general election ballots; to be automatically registered to vote when obtaining a driver's license or personal identification card from the Secretary of State, unless the person declines; to register to vote by mail on or before the 15th day before an election; to register to vote in person at any time with proof of residency; to vote an absentee ballot, by mail or in person, without giving a reason; and to have election results audited to ensure the accuracy of elections.*

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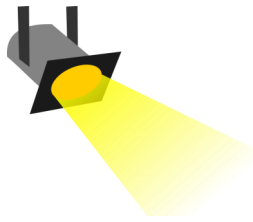
If you have Amazon and/or Amazon Prime, and if you have signed up for Amazon Smile and designated AAUW Birmingham Branch



Foundation, Inc., for your charity, we thank you. As of August, 2018, Amazon smile has awarded our branch **\$100.21**, all because of your shopping support!

**START THINKING ABOUT IT:
JULY 1, 2019, OUR BRANCH WILL
BEGIN THE CELEBRATION OF
OUR 100TH YEAR!**





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEWEST STUDY/INTEREST GROUP - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our second Community Outreach Program is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th at 10:30 am at Big Family of Michigan in St Clair Shores. (Our first program was providing a summer lunch for children at Crossroads of Michigan in August.) This time we will be wrapping presents for a holiday gift program. Gift bags are put together for each child which include a jacket, blanket, hat and mittens, book, toy, game, clothing and an item or two from their wish lists. The goal is to provide gifts for 1800 children across Michigan covering 43 counties including counties in the U.P. All of these gifts need to be wrapped Get your fingers ready to work!

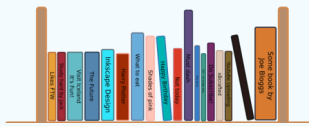
The center is located in an old elementary school. The address is 23500 Pare Street, St Clair Shores, Mi 48080. We can organize car pools so everyone doesn't need to drive a car there. If you want to donate a gift, you are welcome to bring something that day. We will be collecting for this organization at our December holiday luncheon meeting also.



Big Family of Michigan (BFOM) is an organization begun by Jeanne Fowler in 2002, working out of her garage to prepare Birthdays in a Bag for foster and abused children. Today it continues to serve abused, foster and institutionalized children, and recently they have added support to children being raised by grandparents. In Michigan alone there are 142,000. children being raised by grandparents, and 29% of those grandparents are living in poverty.

I hope we get a good turn out for this activity. It is a chance to help out a wonderful organization, bring joy to some needy children, and socialize with members as we work. Please contact me at 248-867-3906, or cathyghurley@gmail.com , if you are interested in attending this outreach opportunity. I will provide additional information as the date gets closer.

Cathy Hurley, Coordinator for Community Outreach



2018 USED BOOK SALE UPDATE

The Facts.....



Well over one hundred members participated in the used book sale either sorting and picking up books from barrels at various sites during the summer, setting up for the sale, cashiering, helping in the kitchen, assisting customers, making boxes, tearing down boxes, donating dollars, helping with the packing of left over books, or any number of various activities necessary to make the sale happen. This is a huge undertaking, and the response of our members is necessary to bring it all together.

A profit of about \$10,000 was generated. Our scholarship obligations are around \$13,000 so we have to bring in some more funds to avoid reducing our educational support. Let's look forward to the Gala in May to help with the scholarships.

Seventy-five teachers selected 3,520 books totaling \$4,126.00 in free books given to area classroom teachers. Thank you to our members for donating to the Patron/Donor Fund to help support this philanthropy for educators.

A total of 11,965 books were sold or donated to charities. We began with 16,779 books that were collected and sorted during the summer. Books came from barrels at three ACE Hardware stores, three Hollywood Markets, the Bloomfield Township Senior Center, two Market Square Markets, a beauty salon, home pickups, and books dropped off at the sorting site.

William Stephenson was a very necessary help taking unwanted books to SOCCRA for recycling and helping every day of the sale. John Longstreet was invaluable with his assistant, Sue, loading, unloading and loading again and unloading again shelving, boxes, carts, etc., before, during and after the sale.

THANK YOU TO ALL!!

Carol Pyke, AAUW USED BOOK SALE co-chair

AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation Patron Donor Friend Contributor Fund Report - 2018

Donations to this fund helps to cover the loss of income to the annual used book sale when we give free books to local teachers and allow the branch to send contributions to AAUW's national funds. The **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** supports outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. Since 1981, the **Legal Advocacy Fund** has contributed more than \$2 million to women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination – most recently for sexual harassment in the military. The **AAUW Action Fund** advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization and the **Public Policy Fund** supports AAUW's advocacy for women and girls politically. The **AAUW Fund** is a general fund for unrestricted gifts. The **Jean Ivison Walker Fund** is a national research projects and research grant initiated by the Birmingham Branch.

Proceeds from the book sale stay in our community, providing scholarships to young women to attend college and the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, held at the University of Maryland – College Park.

Donors to the Patron Donor Friend Contributor Fund are listed below. Donations were received by 10-15-18. You may designate your tax-deductible donation to any of these funds or "where needed most." Please make your check payable to AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation and mail it to Debra DeBose, 16275 W 9 Mile Road, #201, Southfield, MI 48075, by December 1, 2018.

Judith Adelman	Anita Goor	Karen Linnell	Nancy Schermerhorn
Diane Anderson	Roberta Guerber	Suzanne Longstreet	Kathleen Schneider
Uma Bedi	Cynthia Guerrieri	Charlotte Mahrt	Linda Schnorbus
Diane Bert	Carolyn Hall	Susan McKinnon	Irene Sharpe
Julie Blair	Joan Hanpeter	Susan Meneilly	Coco Siewart
Karen Boyk	Geraldine Hansen	Susan Mitchell	Sandra Spencer
Joanne Brown	Carole Hardy	Eva Mitri	Colette Stager
Carolyn Burdi	Mary Lou Harrison	Marion Muma	Janet Stenger
Cindy Clement	Lynn Hipp	Vivian Norton	Dona Kay Trudell
Barbara Cochran	Pam Hoffman	Karen O'Connor	Carlene VanVoorhies
Jane Conway	Cathy Hurley	Patricia Orłowski	Jean Walker
Carol Cummings	Iacobelli Family Foundation	Glenna Paukstis	Sally Ann Wells
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Kathy Frederickson	Lois Kurta	Kathleen Rice	Renee Zimmerman
Carol Frietag	Marjorie Lebenbom	Mary Samulski	
Phebe Goldstein	Mary Letts	Millie Saylor	

DID YOU KNOW AAUW.....AAUW Birmingham Branch awarded \$13,000 in scholarships this fall to:

Bloomfield Hills Scholarship Joelle Hamilton attending Calvin College.

Birmingham scholar Skye Taylor attending Wayne State.

OCC student Shelby Steffes studying to be a registered nurse.

A Lawrence Tech University student and a Walsh student that we
continue to fund throughout their college careers.

And Cranbrook Horizons Upward Bound Program - giving a
Cranbrook education to students who are usually the first in their
families to go on to higher education.

AND, DID YOU KNOW.....OUR BOOK SALE IN ACTION.....

provided 72 teachers
from 20 districts
3,520 books
for their classrooms.

