

DECEMBER LUNCHEON
 Donations are going to Big Family of Michigan.

Twelve members of our branch volunteered at Big Family of Michigan on November 15th, wrapping holiday gifts for foster children and children being raised by grandparents.
 (See page 5)

Items of greatest need:

Toys, books for children birth to age 3, stuffed animals, "adult/teen" coloring books, gel pens, teen grooming and bathing items, older kids games and puzzle sets, winter clothing boys, girls size 5 & up, dolls, and Legos.



Dates to Remember:

Sun., Dec. 9: 2 pm, Theater Goers at Stagecrafters, Royal Oak.

March 20, 2019: Explorathon

April 2: Equal Pay Day

April 10: Annual Meeting and luncheon.

May 3: Study/Interest Group Reception: Doyle Center.



An update of the Birmingham Branch Directory of Recommended Services is now available on our website:
birmingham-mi.aauw.net

Irene Sharpe

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018
 General Meeting and Luncheon

Meet and Greet - 11:30 am
 Luncheon - Noon



Bloomfield Hills Open Hunt Club
 405 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills

Cash bar, valet parking.

Entertainment: The MercyAires.

Join us for delightful program of light favorites to put you in the holiday mood. The MercyAires will perform their entertaining and cheerful program of Broadway standards, pop favorites and jazz.

Menu: House salad w/assorted toppings and dressings, chicken marsala, chef's vegetable and potato, rolls and butter. Dessert: chocolate mousse. Coffee/tea and soda. Vegetarian/lactose intolerant available with reservation.

PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS FOR RESERVATION
 Reservation Deadline, Wednesday, December 5th.

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

Study Group Hostesses: Art Matters

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

Shout Out to the 21 members who have a Kroger card and who signed up for Kroger Community Rewards. You raised \$43.20 for the AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation in the quarter ending October 31st. !!



MAYBE YOU SHOULD JOIN? ITS EASY.

Just go online and find the Kroger website. Create an account if you don't have one already. Then join Kroger Community Rewards and select our AAUW branch as the organization to support. Our organizational member number is WK668.

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PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

In the last month we have had an election, the first snow and a myriad of opportunities to get together with members from our own branch and with members of AAUW throughout the state. I attended the AAUW of Michigan Leadership Conference at Albion College.

This was Kimberly Churches, AAUW's new CEO, first trip to Michigan. Kimberly is a relatively young, dynamic person who is mission driven and has brought AAUW into alignment with our mission. She is often quoted by national news organizations and other organizations. Recently, she contributed a compelling op-ed in *Fortune* on "Why the Widest Pay Gap Persists in the Best-Paying Fields." She was also quoted by *Forbes* Columnist Tanya Tarr in her article, "How The 2018 Midterm Elections Could Help Women And Boost Equal Pay Laws."

Churches showed her style while talking about leadership, her new role at AAUW, and the pay gap in an online publication called the *M Dash* by MM.LaFleur. Kimberly is focusing on our mission of equality for women economically. As you may recall from attending Equal Pay Day events, if we continue presenting our bills and wait for the legislature, we may not attain equity for 100 years. For that reason we are being proactive. Kimberly's new mantra is Pay Equity by 2030. The Work Smart and Start Smart programs are designed to teach negotiating skills. You'll be hearing more about these two programs in the very near future.

I also attended the Southeastern Michigan AAUW Consortium. This group is a casual meeting of members from branches in the southeast part of the state. Any of you would be welcome to attend. We often find that we can help each other by sharing our experiences.

Later this month we are hosting a New Member Reception. Some of the new members have indicated that they would like to participate in certain study groups and activities of the branch, and we want to make all the new members welcome. I am sure that they have a great deal to offer from their life experiences and talents and I, for one, am looking forward to meeting as many of them as I can.

Many members of the branch are working on the activities for the rest of our AAUW year. Explorathon plans are going ahead. All the speakers have been recruited. We have a dynamic keynote speaker and are presenting a different program for the adult chaperones. If you are interested in working on Explorathon, contact me and I'll direct your information to the correct person.

Plans for our second largest fund raiser, Lavish Lunch are also moving along. This biannual event, which takes a lot of planning and just plain work, is the source of much of our scholarship money. If you are looking for a gift idea for someone in your life, consider purchasing them a Lavish Lunch ticket or a donation in their name to our foundation - AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc. Some of our children donate in our name at the holiday season. I certainly don't need any more dust catchers.

I hope that all of you will have happy and safe holidays during this season – whichever holidays you celebrate.



Sally Doty



TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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200 Chester, Apt. 108
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Lana Kingensmith -
delete her land line



Highlights of the Nov.7th, Board Meeting:

Reports of Officers:

- ◆ Treasurer Sue Longstreet reported that the total assets as of October 31, 2018, were \$26,661.80. Net assets were \$27,212.30.
- ◆ President Sally Doty reported that the New Member brunch will be held on November 30th from 10 am to noon. Invitations have been sent.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Requests for names of charities to be selected for luncheon donations: Bound Together, Crossroads, Big Family, Save the Children, Children's House, Care House, and Redford Brightmoor Initiative.
- ◆ 10 percent of all sales at the November 8th, Leon & LuLu's fundraiser will go to AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation Scholarship Fund.
- ◆ The Lavish Lunch will be held on May 8, 2019. A presenter will discuss a History of Hats. Members are encouraged to invite friends and relatives.
- ◆ Study Group hosts for monthly luncheons will be invited to provide a written description of their group to attendees, including an opportunity for interested members to join.
- ◆ Information was provided by Jean Ivory regarding DECCA Associations in local high schools and the search for volunteers to judge a one-day competition in March. (see pg. 7)

SAVE THIS DATE - MAY 8, 2019

LAVISH LUNCHEON
"It's ALL About the HAT"



Martha Mullkoff
and
Dorothy Wright

A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA!

Are you having difficulty thinking of what to buy a friend this holiday season? How about treating her to the Lavish Luncheon - It's All About the Hat! - on May 8th? What woman wouldn't love to have a delicious lunch in a beautiful venue, Pine Lake CC, and see a show of the latest fashions?



Just send a check for \$60 (\$25 is tax deductible) to Sally Doty, made payable AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, 17156 Wiltshire, Southfield, MI 48076. A holiday card acknowledging your gift will be sent to you to give to your friend. Your gift will benefit our branch's Foundation Scholarship Program.

Patty Orlowski

STUDY INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2018

AAUW AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Community Outreach No event scheduled
Leader: Cathy Hurley

International Relations 10 am., Mon., Dec. 3
Topic: Puerto Rico
Hostess: Stacy Krainz, 248-850-8888

Public Policy 6 pm, Thurs., Dec. 13
(Please note time change)
Potluck dinner
Hostess: Karen Linnell, 248-594-9871

The Breakfast Bunch No event scheduled
Co-chairs: Callie Schmidt (248-877-7190) & Patty Orlowski (248-641-3892)

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Art Matters 12-6 pm, Dec. 1&2
Program: Epiphany Studios, open house; glass-blowing demos. Holiday Show – Pontiac. NO RSVP needed; for more info, contact JoBeth30@gmail.com

Artistic Endeavors No event scheduled

Modern Art No event scheduled

Music Appreciation 12:30 pm, Thurs., Dec. 20
Program: Holiday Concert (TBD)
Hostess: Stacy Krainz, 248-850-8888

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres No meeting planned

Beyond Adelante! 6:30 pm, Tues., Dec. 4
Topic: *Dawn of Detroit*, Tiya Miles
Hostess: Christine Dagenais, 248-755-4372

Contemporary Books No meeting planned

Morning After Readers 9:30 am, Mon., Dec. 10
Topic: *Farewell to Manzanar*, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston
Hostess: Sue McKinnon, 248-494-3808

Mystery Book Club 1 pm, Wed., Dec. 5
(Please note date change)
Topic: *Murder at Astor Place*, Victoria Thompson
Hostess: Kathy Rice, 248-642-4764

Northside Books 1 pm, Mon., Dec. 3
(Please note date change)
Topic: *Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping & a Mother's Quest*, Beth Macy
Hostess: Sue Longstreet, 248-332-2284

Political Inquiry 10 am, Wed., Dec. 19
Topic: *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger & Mourning on the American Right*, Arlie R. Hochschild
Hostess: Lana Klingensmith, 248-904-7114

Potpourri No meeting planned

Thursday Morning Readers No meeting planned

HOME AND GARDEN

Cooking Light 11:30 am, Thurs., Dec. 13
(Please note date change)
Hostess: Linda DiPilato, 248-879-0887

Green Thumb No event planned

Let's Cook ... Date TBD
Theme: Cooking recipes from U.S. regional cuisine
Hostess: Cindy Weber, 248-569-6385

Needleworks 10 am., Wed., Dec. 5
Featuring knitting, crocheting & needlework.
Hostess: Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas 11:30 am, Mon., Dec. 17
Location: Saffron Restaurant, W. Bloomfield. Discussion: Cilea's *Adriana Lecouvreur*. Presenter: TBD. Performance date, Jan. 12, 12:55 pm. RSVP Lorraine Clay, 313-433-1459, for discussion

Theater Goers Sunday, Dec. 9
Event: *Peter and the Starcatcher*, (ticket deadline has passed)
Stagecrafters, Royal Oak.

Event: *Never Not Once*, Purple Rose, Chelsea Sunday, Jan. 20
Deadline for purchasing tickets (\$40) is 12/30.

Two Thumbs Up Thurs., Dec. 6
Time, location and movie determined by hostess.
Hostess: Kathy Connor, 248-858-9877

JUST FOR FUN

Canasta Mondays, 1:30 pm
For more information, please contact Sue Winowiecki, 248-334-4611

Mah Jongg Wed., 1 pm, Dec. 5 and 19
Hostess: Cheryl Fox, 248-891-4077
Location: Bloomfield Twp Library

BRIDGE

4th Monday no game for December
Chair: Sharon Grisdale, 586-612-5940

1st Friday Dec. 7, 11:30 am, Village Club
(Please note time change – this is a permanent change)
Hostess: Beverly Pintar– 248-626-4311

3rd Wednesday Dec. 19, 11:30 am, Village Club
Chair: Mary Hines – 248-642-1881

4th Wednesday early Evening Dec. 26, 3:30 pm, Heathers
Chair: Kay Norton –248-737-0648

2nd Friday Dec. 14, 11:30 am, Village Club
Chair: Mary Lou Harrison - 248-643-8983

3rd Friday Dec. 21, 11:30 am, Village Club
Chair: Carol Wiseman – 248-540-2178

4th Friday (Duplicate) Dec. 28, 11:30 am, Village Club
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.



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.

Karen Boyk
Sue Longstreet
Pam Hoffman
Pat Graf
Mary Lou Harrison
Sally Kendrick
Carol Pyke
Cay Smith

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

We are invited to join

THE RACE RELATIONS & DIVERSITY
 TASK FORCE in partnership with
 Cranbrook and WISDOM to see



Nora Twomey's, *THE BREADWINNER*
 Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

From executive producer Angelina Jolie and the creators of the Academy Award-nominated *The Secret of Kells* and *Song of the Sea*, comes the highly anticipated new feature based on Deborah Ellis' best-selling novel which tells the story of Parvana, an 11-year-old girl growing up under the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001. When her father is wrongfully arrested, Parvana disguises herself as a boy in order to support her family. With dauntless perseverance, Parvana draws strength from the stories her father told her and ultimately risks her life to discover if he is still alive. The Breadwinner is a timely and inspiring tale about the transcendent power of stories and their potential to unite and heal us all.

All are welcome at deSalle Auditorium, Cranbrook,
 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 48304
 248-645-7754, or debose@cranbrook.edu



Florence Rosinski and Patty Orlowski



Karen Boyk

**Photos taken at
 November 15th
 Community
 Outreach Study Group
 event at
 Big Family of
 Michigan.**

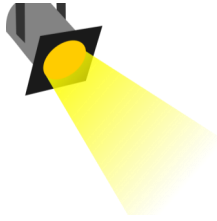
12 members attended.
 About half the group wrapped holiday presents for foster children and children being raised by their grandparents. The other half "shopped" for the children.



Kathleen Lorencz and Jane Davis



Becky Valenti and Cathy Hurley



The December Study Group Spotlight is on: **ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS**

Artistic Endeavors study group was designed for a fun group of ladies who wish to learn more about the art techniques and skills used to create an art project. Field trips and workshops are planned for our group to further learn about the history of various artists and their work in our local community, including watercolorist Julie Dawson. Architecture tours, Glass Sculptures at the Design Center as well as Jewelry Making and Reclaimed Glass garden sculpture by Dianne Bert are some of the interesting tours and hands on projects explored and made in our workshops.

For questions and information, call Colette Stager - 248/562-2775.

Come join us in a relaxing adventure! Hope to see you soon!!



Above: Members working on a hands-on print making project.



Artistic Endeavor members on a field trip to a Frank Lloyd Wright house.



Above: Members at a hands-on watercolor art project at Jean Lamphier's home in October.
Right: A water color finished product.



Lets hear it for the November 8th Leon and Lulu's Fun(d)raiser -

and thanks for everyone who attended and made it another big success.

We raised \$600 this year for the Birmingham Branch Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Christine Dagenais (left) and Christine Lapinski (right)

helped out by modeling some of the amazing merchandise that was available for purchase by our members.





OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

DECA is a student business organization that provides high school girls and boys with an opportunity to use the principles of business learned in their classes in various role-playing situations to demonstrate mastery of business theory. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance and hospitality and management.

Students who are involved in DECA are preparing for the competitive portion of their school year. Local qualifying students move on to the State Career and Development Conference (SCDC), and finalists at SCDC move on to the International Career and Development Conference (ICDC) which is held in Orlando in April 2019.


Michigan DECA hosts the state competition in Detroit every year. The dates for judging at SCDC for the 2018-2019 school year are March 8 and 9. Judges are needed every year for these competitions. The organizers for DECA and business educators expedite the judging process and make it a worthwhile experience for the students as well as the judges. The state competition is held in downtown Detroit and hosts several thousand high school students.



I have been judging for the regional and state competitions for the last eight years. My daughter, a high school business teacher for Heritage High School for Saginaw Township Community Schools, asked me to become involved when I retired. The judges come from the business community as well as the educational community. As a judge, I have been able to witness many of the positive learning activities that go on in the schools every day. I have spoken to other judges who also value this opportunity to interact with these enthusiastic students.

What qualifies a person to be a judge? As members of the AAUW, we are all educated women who are dedicated to the education and advancement of women in the workplace. While DECA involves young men as well as women, it's important for students to see women in these roles. A judge assumes the role of an employer or CEO and is given the same script and prompt that the students are given. During the orientation prior to the competition judges are given a rubric with three questions that the students must

respond to and suggestions for scoring. There are several "checks and balances"

Women
LEADERS  in place so that the judging is fair to all the students. Please consider this rewarding opportunity to be a part of the future for our young adults. It only requires one day (or two if you choose to judge the regional and state competition). Learn more about DECA at mideca.org

If you would like to serve as a judge, you may contact me (jean_ivory@comcast.net), and I will direct you to the proper contacts. You can also contact your local high school to inquire about their regional competition.

Jean Ivory, Birmingham Branch
Website Communications

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FOR DECEMBER



Moonbeams for Children at Beaumont Hospital

Every night in December pediatric patients will shine flashlights from the hospital windows and look for community members to shine lights back at them to brighten the holiday season and let them know they are not alone. For anyone who would like to participate in a “low commitment” community outreach, please plan to “shine” on December 6th. It is suggested community members arrive at 7:45 pm. It is best to enter from the Coolidge Hwy. entrance. You will be directed where to park. Groups meet in front of the East Tower. I’ll have a AAUW sign so look for that. Lights go on promptly at 8:00 and end at 8:05. Bring a flashlight and dress warmly. Then to warm up, everyone is invited to O’Mara’s at the corner of Coolidge and 12 Mile for a warm up drink- coffee, hot chocolate, or an “adult” coffee. More information can be found at Beaumont.org/moonbeams. Hope to see you there.

Cathy Hurley, Community Outreach Committee

Happy
Holidays!

Diverse Holidays in December

There are many holidays celebrated in December. Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday is celebrated around the world for eight days and nights from Dec. 2-10 this year.

Eid Milan Un Nabi, an Islamic holiday commemorating the birthday of Muhammad is celebrated Dec 12.

Christmas, a Christian holiday, is celebrated Dec 25.

Our Canadian neighbors celebrate Boxing Day on Dec 26.

Kwanzaa, an African American holiday to celebrate universal African-American heritage is celebrated from Dec 26 to Jan. 1.