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JANUARY LUNCHEON DONATION

The Lavish Luncheon Committee



is asking for donations of warm, new women's winter hats at the January Luncheon.

As we plan our wonderful

fundraiser for May, It's All About the Hat!, we must remember that many women are less fortunate than the members of our organization. These hats will be distributed by the S.E. Michigan Assistance League to middle school age through adult women who are need of warmth this winter.

Dates to Remember:



March 20, 2019: Explorathon

April 2: Equal Pay Day

April 10: Annual Meeting and luncheon.

<u>May 3</u>: Study/Interest Group Reception: Dovle Center.

May 29 - June 1: NCCWSL, University of Maryland. (see pg. 5)

SAVE MAY 8, 2019 LAVISH LUNCHEON -





Lucky winner of the drawing for a free ticket to Lavish Luncheon:

CAROLYN PACKARD

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Cynthia Longhway's cell phone number is - 248-534-3252

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 General Meeting and Luncheon

The Iroquois Club 43248 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills 48302



Meet and Greet - 11:30 am Luncheon - Noon

Cash bar, no valet parking.

Program: Nichole Beverly, Domestic Abuse Survivor. Ms. Beverly will share her harrowing story, with the help of power point, to instruct us as to the warning signs of an unhealthy or unsafe relationship.

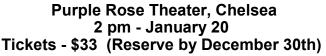
<u>Menu</u>: Squash praline soup, chicken salad croissant, rolls and butter, chocolate chip cookies, brownies or fruit cups. Coffee/tea and soda. Vegetarian/lactose intolerant available with reservation.

Reservation Deadline, Wednesday, January 2nd.

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

Study Group Hostesses: Green Thumb

THEATER GOERS TO SEE "NEVER NOT ONCE"





Eleanor, a Princeton biology major, brings her boyfriend home to meet her two moms, after having hired a private investigator to find her biological father. As a scientist Eleanor is curious about her genetics, but she also just wants to meet him. Her non-biological mom thinks it's a great idea. Her biological mom insists that her father, a one-night stand in college whose name she doesn't remember, never even knew Eleanor existed. Eleanor must find an unexpected and explosive answer to her question "Where do I come from?"

For tickets: make checks out to Susan Winowiecki, 2957 Courville Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48302 suewinow@gmail.com Home: 248-334-4611 Cell: 248-635-0462

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER JANUARY 2019

As we reflect on the past year, we have many things to celebrate.

First, I want to thank the Cooking Light Study and Interest Group for changing their usual December gift exchange to bringing donations for the National Conference of College Student

Women Leaders (NCCWSL) fund. This is a very appreciated and thoughtful gift. The young women who benefit are grooming to be our leaders of tomorrow. (see pg. 5)

I would also like to thank the members who spent a very cold evening outside the pediatric ward of Beaumont Hospital at the Moonbeams activity. (see pg. 8) I have heard from many hospital employees that the children really do look forward to this activity and that we have done something to enrich their lives when they are feeling down and disappointed at being in the hospital while all others are having a great time celebrating holidays.

We were able to connect with two of our college/university partners who brought us information about the young women who have received our scholarships. Daniel Jenuwine of OCC even brought an accounting of our relationship dating back to 1990 with a few "What did they study and where did they go stories" We also discussed possible collaborations with an eye to implementing START SMART at OCC and possible participation in the Women in Transition conference.

We have mailed the Explorathon materials and are beginning to receive registrations already. We have a really good program this year with a vibrant keynote speaker and new speakers for the adults being provided by Detroit Public TV that will give information to the teachers about using virtual reality in the classroom and how to pay for it.

Lavish Lunch planning is in high gear. Please, put May 8, 2019 at the Pine Lake Country Club on your calendar. This would be a good time to bring guests or offer them the opportunity to buy tickets. The funds raised at this event go to our scholarship fund. We need to be more and more creative with ways to raise scholarship money as electronic readers become more prevalent.

The new member brunch was very well attended. (see pg. 7) We have new members who are enthusiastic and talented. Please, do everything you can to include them. They bring new ideas and methods to our organization.

And best of all - We finished the funding for the \$75,000 Jean Ivison Walker Research and Projects Grant. Thank you all for taking part in this project. A special thanks goes to Jean Ivory's mother who gave a generous donation at our luncheon. Sometimes, it may be perilous to accept a luncheon invitation. I've been wondering how we would celebrate our 100th year as a branch next year. Well, now I hope that we can celebrate with our first recipient of this grant. Hopefully, Jean will be able to attend whatever we end up planning.

Sally Doty



Final Report on Book Sale 2018

By Susan Mundy, Book sale Co-chair

As you have undoubtedly heard and read here already, Book Sale 2018 was another resounding success. This year we do, however, have some additional data that we have not been able to share before. Because we were able to count all of our books and media items both before and after the sale, we have a better idea of which categories sold well and which ones did not. This will allow us to make more educated choices about which areas to focus on next sale and which to possibly omit. The full report of each category is too long to share here, but if you are interested, I can send it to you personally if you wish. Here are some example:

Category	Percentage Sold
Attic Treasure	
Audio Visuals	85%
Biography	74%
Children's	81%
21 Century Fig	ction 81%
American Hist	tory 60%
World History	38%
Mysteries	78%
Reference	33%
Paperbacks	70%

Overall we began with 16,673 books and audio visual items and sold or gave to teachers 11,965 for a total of 72%. As a former English teacher who still loves books (and music and film), my heart is warmed by these numbers. Although the book sale is primarily a fundraiser for our scholarship programs, it also plays an important role in the cultural life of our community.

Two final notes: Special thanks to Sue and John Longstreet and Mary Samulski for their extraordinary help this year. And although we have a few leads, we still need ideas for new locations for sorting and the sale itself for next year. If you have ideas, please call Joanne Brown, at 248-642-2118.



Highlights of the Dec.12, 2018 Board Meeting:

Reports of Officers:

- Treasurer Sue Longstreet reported that the total assets as of November 30, 2018 were \$26,661.30 and the net assets were \$26,631.80.
- President Sally Doty announced that the Patron Donor Fund is doing very well, and the Jean Ivison Walker grant is close to its goal of \$75,500.

Committee Reports:

- Joanne Brown reported that she has been visiting possible venues for a book sale sorting site and sales center, but no decisions have been made to date. The committee continues its search and needs more ideas for locations.
- Susan Mundy explained the single item inventory that was done at the book sale this year. (see opposite side of this page.) She also thanked Sue and John Longstreet and Mary Samulski for their extraordinary help at the book sale this year.
- Cathy Hurley reported that Community Outreach participated in two events in December: 18 members worked at Big Family of Michigan wrapping gifts for foster children, and 20 members participated in Moonbeams at Beaumont Hospital. (see pg. 8)
- Bulletin editor Marion Muma suggested that charities be selected for upcoming luncheon donations, and a list was formed for the balance of this year.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
The Dream: How Do We Live It? How Can
We Work Together to Move It Forward?
Jan 21, 2019, 8:30 - 10:00 am
Birmingham Community House
Tickets \$40.00



Program: Opening reflections from Matthew Schmitt, co-founder of Table Setters, Activist, Musician, Writer. Followed by facilitated discussion and guided activities with Elizabeth Whittaker-Walker, Principal, Raymond Whittaker Design.

The MLK, Jr Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. Dr. King taught and modeled the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service to others. Dr. King is recognized as the greatest American champion of racial justice and equality for all. He dreamed of a color blind society. Dr. King preached that non-violent actions were the most powerful revolutionary force for social change. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis.

STUDY INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 2019

AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES

Community Outreach No Program Scheduled

Leader: Cathy Hurley

International Relations No Meeting Scheduled

Public Policy 2:30 pm, Thurs., Jan. 10

Hostess: Karen Linnell, 248-594-9871

The Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am, Tues., Jan. 22

Topic: The New Tax Law, presented by Jody Kuhn. Location: Kerby's Koney Island, Woodward/Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills. Co-chairs: Callie Schmidt (248-877-7190) & Patty Orlowski (248-641-3892)

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Art Matters No Program Scheduled

Artistic Endeavors No Program Scheduled

Modern Art 12:30 pm, Thurs., Jan 24

Topic: Artist Presentation by Judy Allie & Michelle

Waskowski.

Hostess: Lana Klingensmith, 248-904-7114

Music Appreciation 12:30 pm, Thurs., Jan 17

Program: Music as a Mirror of History, Prof. Robert Greenberg lectures. Location: Bloomfield Twp.Library. For more information contact Stacy Krainz, 248-850-8888

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres 7 pm, Thurs, Jan. 3

Topic: *The Great Alone,* Kristin Hannah Hostess: Diane Bert, 248-642-4237

Beyond Adelante 6:30 pm, Tues., Jan. 8

(Please note date change)

Topic: Hidden Life of Trees, Peter Wohlleben

Hostess: Cathy Hurley, 248-644-8073

Contemporary Books 12:30 pm, Mon., Jan. 21

Topic: The Elegance of the Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery

Hostess: Kay Norton, 248-737-0648

Morning After Readers 9:30 am, Mon., Jan. 14

Topic: News of the World, Paulette Jiles Hostess: Mary Lou Harrison, 248-643-8983

Mystery Book Club 1 pm, Wed., Jan. 23

Topic: *Woman in Cabin 10,* Ruth Ware Hostess: Linda DiPilato, 248-879-0887

Northside Books 1 pm, Mon., Jan. 28

Topic: The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars, Dava Sobel

Hostess: Sue Meneilley, 248-626-6167

Political Inquiry 10 am, Wed., Jan. 16

Topic: War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy & the Decline

of the American Influence, Ronan Farrow Hostess: Sue Winowiecki, 248-334-4611

Potpourri Noon, Wed., Jan. 23

Topic: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood, Trevor Noah. Hostess: Marge Lazarou,

248-385-1132

Thurs. Morning Readers 10 am, Thurs., Jan 17

Topic: *The Other Einstein*, Marie Benedict Hostess: Sue Longstreet, 248-332-2284

HOME & GARDEN

Cooking Light No Program Scheduled
Green Thumb No Program Scheduled

Let's Cook Noon, Tues., Jan. 22

For information contact Erin Silverman, 248-325-9812 or cell 203-788-5213

Needleworks 10 am, Wed., Jan. 2

Hostess: Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas 10 am, Mon., Jan 21

Event: Bizet's *Carmen*. Location: Bloomfield Twp. Library. Presenter: Gloria Freeland. Performance Date: Feb. 2, 12:55. RSVP Lorraine Clay (313-433-1459) for

discussion

Theater Goers Sun., Jan. 20

Event: *Never Not Once*, Purple Rose Theater, Chelsea. Deadline for ticket purchase - Dec. 30.

Next event: Over the River and Through the Woods, Village Players, March 10, 2 pm. Tickets - \$21.

Deadline for reservations, February 26th. Contact Susan Winowiecki for more information. 248-334-4611.

Two Thumbs Up Thurs., Jan. 3

Time, location and movie determined by hostess.

Hostess: Joan Atkinson, 248-789-9378

JUST FOR FUN

Canasta Mondays, 1:30 pm

For more information, please contact Sue Winowiecki,

248-334-4611 or suewinow@gmail.com

Mah Jongg 1 pm, Wed., Jan. 2, 16, 23 & 30

Hostess: Cheryl Fox, 248-891-4077 Location: Bloomfield Twp. Library.

BRIDGE

4th Monday no game for January

Chair: Sharon Grisdale, 586-612-5940

1st Friday Jan. 4, 11:30 am, Village Club

Hostess: Beverly Pintar - 248-626-4311

3rd Wednesday Jan. 16, 11:30 am, Village Club

Chair: Mary Hines - 248-642-1881

4th Wed. early Evening Jan. 23, 3:30 pm, Heathers

Chair: Kay Norton -248-737-0648

2nd Friday Jan. 11, 11:30 am, Village Club

Chair: Mary Lou Harrison - 248-643-8983

3rd Friday Jan. 18, 11:30 am, Village Club

Chair: Carol Wiseman - 248-540-2178

4th Friday (Duplicate) Jan. 25, 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 her/his behalf. Your donation will support

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

women and girls, and you will make a difference in their lives.

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

WANTED: A FEW GOOD YOUNG WOMEN

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is the nation's premier leadership event to inspire empower students to invest in their futures and to change to world.



The participants will have opportunities to meet other young women from throughout the country, to hone their networking skills, to listen to a variety of effective women, to participate in workshops and in a college graduate school exhibition among other things. All of our past participants have returned with positive feedback and ideas for shaping their futures.

The event takes place May 29 through June 1, 2019, at the University of Maryland. Our branch has always sponsored girls to this event. If you know some college women, who would like to participate, let me know as soon as possible, so that I can follow up. Early Bird Registration closes on February 15, 2019.

> Sally Doty sallyaauw@gmail.com or 248-909-4583

Art Matters enjoyed hosting our annual Holiday Lunch at the beautifully decorated Bloomfield Hunt Club. We all enjoyed the delicious luncheon and the entertainment by the MercyAires (right) - the talented high school vocal group from Mercy High School, who sang so beautifully in their festive red sequined dresses. Thank you to everyone who brought a gift to the table for the Big Family of Michigan. (lower right)



Above from left: Colette Stager, Nancy O'Connor, Christine Dagenais, Jo Miskala, Cindy Longhway, and Patti Bannasch.





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The January Study/Interest Group Spotlight is on: THURSDAY MORNING READERS



Above, clockwise from left: Diane Rouse, Sharon McKenna, Kathy Stasys, Marilyn Monan.

Right, clockwise from left: Diane Rouse, Kathy Stasys, Louise Juntunen, Marilyn Monan, Sue Longstreet, Carol Pyke, Sally Doty, Charlotte Mahrt.

We are eager to welcome new members to our group. For additional information on Thursday Morning Readers, please contact co-chair Sue Longstreet, 248-332-2284, or longtreet.sue@gmail.com. Please also feel free to visit our meeting for the opportunity to meet the members. Sue is the hostess for January, so you may RSVP to her if you are able to visit. We hope to see you there.

Thursday Morning Readers, the newest branch book group, was formed to offer additional opportunities for members to meet other branch members, to read interesting books and to share ideas through thought-provoking discussions. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am for coffee.

Our January meeting will be on Thursday, the 17th, when we will be discussing *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. This is a historical novel about Albert Einstein's first wife, Mileia. The author states that she "aims to tell the story of a brilliant woman whose light has been lost in Albert's enormous shadow." This promises to

lead to a fascinating discussion.

In the spring we choose our books for the coming year alternating fiction and nonfiction. Our selections for the remainder of this year are *Killers of the Flower Moon, Beer Money* (a Stroh family memoir), *The Marsh King's Daughter* and *The Nest.*



Did You Know

AAUW Birmingham has awarded \$13,000 in scholarships this fall.

A Bloomfield Hills scholar, Joelle Hamilton, attending Calvin College

A Birmingham scholar, Skye Taylor, attending Wayne State studying psychology and biology

An OCC student, Shelby Steffes, studying to be a registered nurse

Support for the 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

A Lawrence Technological University student that we continue to fund throughout her college career

A Walsh student that we continue to fund throughout her college career

The New Member Brunch on Friday, November 30th was well attended by many board members, study group chairs and several new members including Elizabeth Synder, Kathleen Lorencz, Phyllis Jarvis, Florence Rosinski, Katie Wiese, Barbara Rosner, and Judy Lewis. President Sally Doty and Patty Orlowski provided details about the culture of our branch - our history, our projects and goals, and the workings of our study and

interest groups.

Above: Presenters Sally Doty and Patty Orlowski during group sharing at the end of the short program.

A highlight of the event was the personal and spontaneous testimonials shared by board members and study group leaders about the groups they belong to. As a result new members felt encouraged to make contact and seek more information about the groups that might be of interest to them.



Above: Fireplace advertising. Below: The brunch table dishes prepared by board members and study group chairs.



Below: Sally Doty, program presentation.





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MOONBEAMS FOR SWEET DREAMS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On December 6th twenty AAUW members gathered outside the pediatric floor at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak to participate in the community celebration, Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams. At 8:00 pm bells rang and our flashlights were turned on and shined up to the hospitalized children. The children shined flashlights back at those gathered outside. (below left) Just as the flashlights were turned on, it began to snow. It made a beautiful sight. This was a moving experience for all who attended. We finished up the evening with a social gathering at O'Mara's. (below right) It was a great chance to get to know other members a little better. Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams happens every night in December. (*More information can be found at Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams website.*)



