

December Luncheon donation for CROSSROADS of Michigan

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Crossroads is an inner-city, non-profit social services agency that provides low income and homeless people with emergency food, clothing, hygiene and household items, a Sunday soup kitchen, and an employment research center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

General Meeting and Luncheon
 Bloomfield Open Hunt Club
 405 E. Long Lake Rd
 Bloomfield Hills, 48304

Cash bar, no valet parking

Meet and Greet - 11:30 am
Luncheon - Noon

Program: Diane Schoff, mezzo-soprano, Michigan Opera Theater. Among her many accomplishments, she was a national semifinalist in the Metropolitan Opera Competition. She will perform a variety of musical selections.

Menu: Turkey strudel: turkey, mushrooms, and spinach wrapped in filo with a turkey veloute sauce: julienned vegetables and rice. Dessert: Brownie and peppermint ice cream. Coffee, tea. Vegetarian and lactose intolerant available with reservation.



UPCOMING dates to remember:



- March 18, 2020:** Explorathon
- March 27:** Rescheduled Level Up: OCC Royal Oak..
- April 8:** Annual Meeting at Village Club
- May 13:** Branch Centennial Celebration, Forest Hills, Country Club.
- May 15-16:** AAUW Michigan State Convention - Midland.
- May 29:** Study Interest Group Leaders/ Board Reception, Doyle Center.

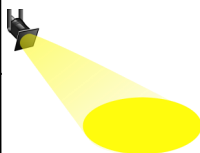
RESERVATION DEADLINE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Please send \$28 per person, with your check payable to "AAUW Birmingham Branch", as well as 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: Breakfast Bunch

CONTACT Irene Sharp for changes and additions to the Birmingham Branch Directory of Recommended Services on website: birmingham-mi.aauw.net
isharpe1@yahoo.com



Spotlight on new member - Patricia Scott

Patricia Scott rejoined AAUW in September, 2019. Formerly a member in the 1980's, she is delighted to become a member again!

Patricia graduated from the University of Michigan with an art degree. She then went to Wayne State University and became a retail buyer for Winkelman's. At this point with a family of 2 children, she decided to limit her activities to within a five-mile radius.

Her next venture began with taking classes at Kitchen Glamour, which blossomed into working at Kroger for the next 20 years as a cake decorator!! Following her heart, she has joined AAUW's "Cooking Light" and "Two Thumbs Up" Study/Interest Groups!

We welcome Patricia back into our membership!!



By Sandra Dickerson, Treasurer

JOIN THEATER GOERS!

BLITHE SPIRIT

at Meadowbrook
 Sunday, January 12th, 2 pm.

Tickets - \$41

Deadline for tickets: **December 11th**

Send checks payable to Sue Winowiecki to 2957 Courville Drive Bloomfield Hills 48302

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President's Message - December

As we prepare for the end-of-the-year events, we sometimes take the time to reflect on the last year. I keep trying to think as we begin celebrating our 100th anniversary what we have done and where we are going. I find that our progress has been steady.

Last month we had another new member reception. This event is one of my favorites, as I am able to talk to the new people and listen to them expressing their expectations. I know that many of them are interested in some of our study/interest groups. This interest should have been conveyed to the leaders of those groups, but if you as a new member have not heard from them, let me know. Sometimes, if a new member's interest is a bit different, the new member may start an additional group. Our groups span many interests and come in various sizes. Let Linda Kevorkian or Lynn Hipp know if you have any interest in starting a new group.

Last month Gerrie Barclay and Allison Friedman accompanied me to the AAUW Michigan Fall Leadership Conference. I thank both of them for attending and hope that we either spread ideas or picked up a few new ones. We all borrow from each other, and it's always a treat to hear what the other branches are doing.

As you know we had a Level Up conference scheduled for November 15th at OCC. Diane Bert, who always steps up and tries to get our news out, wrote a wonderful piece about it for the Eccentric. Unfortunately, we did not have enough lead time and it was postponed to March 27, 2020,, a date which is more closely aligned with Equal Pay Day.

Our plans for Explorathon are moving along – the speakers are all recruited. If you would like to work on this March 18, 2020 event, let me know and I will give your name to the proper person. We need classroom volunteers and perhaps a few at-large helpers.

The Book Sale Committee has been busy and will have news for us soon. The Branch Centennial Celebration Committee is preparing to start their plans in January. Please, remember to save that date, May 13, 2020, for our special luncheon where we will learn more about our past and enjoy a luncheon honoring our 100 years.

While we are thinking ahead, let me know if you would like to serve on the board, as next year there will be a few openings that I am now aware of. This is a group of congenial hard-working women who get the job done and have a good time doing it.

Another thought is for you snowbirds. Have you considered visiting the AAUW branch where you winter? I find that if you go online to find the branch and reach out to their leadership, you will be welcomed. They usually like having visitors. They learn from us, and we pick up ideas from them.

Once again, I appeal to you to ask your children to donate to the foundation in your honor for a holiday gift. Our scholarship fund is in need of funds and they would be doing us a service. Tax receipts are available and will be sent. See Tributes and Memorials donation (on page 7) for the address and proper way to write the check.

I hope all of you have safe, healthy and happy holidays - whatever they may be.



Sally Doty

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Rosemary Mazurek
1025 Audubon Dr, Waterford, MI 48328
rpmazurek@aol.com
(H) 248-738-8838 (C) 248-882-8636

A Membership Directory Update

Correct email address for:
new member Barbara Havens:
barbahavens@gmail.com

New address for Connie Jaroh:
350 Eckford Drive Troy, 48085

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Foundation (VGIF) Celebrates 50th Anniversary

It has funded nearly 700 grassroots women's organizations around the globe, following its core principal that local women and girls know the solutions to their communities most critical issues. They have provided small grants to these women's organizations addressing topics from girls' education and women's economic development to maternal health and legal rights. AAUW congratulates VGIF on its dedication to improving the lives of women and girls.

Submitted by Linda Schnorbus
International Relations



Nov. 13, 2019 Board Meeting Highlights

- Treasurer Sandy Dickerson reported that, as of October 31, 2019, total assets were \$27,150.28 and net assets were \$26,698.11.
- President Doty reported that a prior board decision to purchase a Square Reader for credit sales will be implemented soon, and the issue of how to handle a service charge will be discussed at the December meeting.
- Vice President of Membership Patty Orlowski announced that we have 14 new members so far this year.
- AAUW Funds chair Sue Longstreet stated that we are still collecting Funds donations,. (See list of current donors, pg.6)
- Venues/Menus co-chair Colette Stager suggested that we look for ideas for donations for baskets to be raffled off during our Centennial Celebration in May.
- Sandy Dickerson will write an article about new members for the bulletin and for display at meetings.

**MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND MONTHLY
BOARD MEETINGS.**

AAUW HOLIDAY ELVES AT COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

On Friday, November 15, sixteen AAUW holiday elves traveled to St. Clair Shores to “shop” and wrap gifts for foster children at Big Family of Michigan. Every child receives a blanket, a hat and gloves and a stuffed animal. Shoppers then select four more gifts for each child. And our luncheon donations helped fulfill the wishes of some of these children. Big Family anticipates sending gifts to 1,600 children throughout the state. Our group completed 45 bags during our shift.

Our member responses afterward were, “I had a great time.” “A most enjoyable event. Would do it again for sure.” “Great experience, so glad I volunteered.” We are proud of our generous donations and hard working volunteers, and we send them a big thank you.

Our next activity, another “feel good” experience, will be shining lights at Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams at Beaumont Hospital, followed by warm beverages at O’Mara’s. All it will require is a flashlight, warm coat, boots, mittens and smiles. Date and time will be shared in an email blast. Hope to see you there.

Cathy Hurley,
Community Outreach Chair



Above I to r: Patricia Scott and Becky Valenti



Above I to r: Kathy Conner and Kathy Rogers

STUDY GROUP CALENDAR - December, 2019

AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES

- Community Outreach** No Program Scheduled
- International Relations** 10 a.m., Mon., Dec. 2
Program: Guatemala & Belize. Hostess: Joan Black, 248-622-4153
- Public Policy** 6 pm, Thurs., Dec. 12
(Please note time change)
Program: Potluck holiday dinner. Hostess: Karen Linnell, 248-594-9871
- The Breakfast Bunch** No Program Scheduled

ARTS & HUMANITIES

- Art Matters** No Program Scheduled
- Artistic Endeavors** No Program Scheduled
- Modern Art** No Program Scheduled

BOOK CLUBS

- Belles Lettres** No Program Scheduled
- Beyond Adelante** 6:30 pm, Tues., Dec. 3
Topic: *Snow Falling on Cedars*, David Guterson
Hostess: Marianne Donohue, 248-647-4027
- Contemporary Books** No Program Scheduled
- Morning After Readers** 9:30 am, Mon., Dec. 9
Topic: *All Quiet on the Western Front*, Erich Maria Remarque
Hostess: Sue McKinnon, 248-494-3808
- Mystery Book Club** 1 p.m., Wed., Dec. 4
(Please note date change)
Topic: *Murder in the Marais*, Cara Black
Hostess: Kathy Rice, 248-642-4764
- Northside Books** 1 p.m., Mon., Dec. 9
(Please note date change)
Topic: *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities & the Remaking of the Civilized World*, Jeff Goodall
Hostess: Cindy Clement, 248-433-3629
- Political Inquiry** 10 am, Wed., Dec. 18
Topic: *People, Power & Profits: Progressive Capitalism for an Age of Discontent*, Joseph E. Stiglitz. Hostess: Carol Pyke, 248-203-2952
- Potpourri** Noon, Wed., Dec. 4
(Please note date change)
Topic: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens
Hostess: Sally Wisnieski, 248-737-2651
- Thurs. Morning Readers** 10 am, Thurs., Dec. 19
Topic: *The Library Book*, Susan Orlean
Hostess: Louise Juntunen, 734-904-9623

HOME & GARDEN

- Cooking Light** 11:30 am, Thurs, Dec. 5
(Please note date change). Hosts: Joanne Brown 248-642-2118 & Colette Stager 248-561-2775
- Green Thumb** No Program Scheduled

- Let's Cook** 5 pm, Sun., Dec. 8
(Please note date change)
Program: Holiday Party at Cindy Weber's 315-569-6385, starters & finishers. Please bring your own beverage.

- Needleworks** 10 am, Wed., Dec. 18
Hostess: Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481

ON THE TOWN

- Opera Divas** 10 a.m., Mon., Dec. 16
Program: Berg's *Wozzeck*. Presenter: Betty Greene. Performance Date, Jan. 11. Location: Julie Blair's home. RSVP Lorraine Clay 313-433-1459 for discussion

- Theater Goers** 2 pm, Sun., Dec. 15
Program: *Sherlock Holmes & the Adventure of the Fallen Soufflé*, Purple Rose, Chelsea. **(Deadline for tickets was Nov. 24)**

- pm, Sun., Jan. 12
Program: *Blithe Spirit*, Meadowbrook, Rochester. **Deadline for tickets (\$41) is Dec. 11.** RSVP Sue Winowiecki, 248-635-0462 or suewinow@gmail.com

- Two Thumbs Up** Thurs., Dec. 5
Time, location and movie determined by hostess.
Hostess: Barb Gash, 248-410-0012

JUST FOR FUN

- Canasta** Mondays, 1:30 pm
For more information, please contact Sue Winowiecki, 248-635-0462 or suewinow@gmail.com

- Mah Jongg:** 1 pm, Wed., Dec. 4 & 18
Hostess: Py Wolfe. Location: B'field Twp Library

- Bridge:**
3rd Wednesday Dec. 18, 11:30 am, Village Club
Chair: Mary Hines – 248-642-1881

- 4th Wed. early Evening,** Dec. 18, 2 pm, Heathers
(Please note date & time change)
Chair: Kay Norton –248-737-0648

- 4th Thursday** Dec. 26, 11:30 am, Heathers
Chair: Sharon Grisdale, 586-612-5940

- 1st Friday** Dec. 6, 11:30 am, Village Club
Hostess: Beverly Pintar– 248-626-4311

- 2nd Friday** Dec. 13, 11:30 am, Heathers
Chair: Mary Lou Harrison - 248-643-8983

- 3rd Friday** Dec. 20, 11:30 am, Village Club
Chair: Carol Wiseman – 248-540-2178

- 4th Friday (Duplicate)** Dec. 27, 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



Lynn Hipp



In an effort to correct the omission of a photograph of members of the Public Policy Study Group spotlighted in the November bulletin, we include on the left a photo of some members of that study group. (My apologies for the omission, and, in case you missed it, the photos mistakenly included in that article were actually members of the Political Inquiry study group, which is spotlighted in this issue, pg. 6)

Left: seated Public Policy members left to right: Gerrie Barclay, Karen Linnell, and Ruth Goulding and Cindy Clement.

Standing, left to right: Allison Friedman, Diane Rouse, and Sally Doty.

Right: Carol Pyke, photographer and member of both Political Inquiry and Public Policy study groups.



BOUND TOGETHER PROGRAM CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our October luncheon donation gifts were for the Bound Together after-school program in Pontiac. Every year in December kids in that program shop for, wrap and give gifts to their moms, dads, and grandparents from the Christmas gift donations we and others contribute.

Here are excerpts from the letter of thanks we recently received from Michele J. Wogaman, Executive Director of Bound Together:



“Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone at the AAUW for your very generous contributions of gifts for our upcoming Bound Together Shopping Day. Your consistent support is one of the things that make our program possible - and could not be more deeply appreciated.....

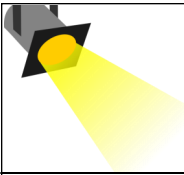
.....and thank you so very much for being a partner along with our tutor volunteers, our parents and other committed friends in helping us keep our doors open and our programs vital for elementary school students in Pontiac. We know that we couldn't do it without you, and hope that you know you are very much a part of changing the lives of our kids for the better every day.”

RECENT PUBLIC POLICY SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION IMPORTANT TO WOMEN AND GIRLS

Ever since AAUW’s founding, members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

To advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls, you can become a Two Minute Activist. Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox. Join the AAUW Action Network today! www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/





The November Study and Interest Group Spotlight is on: POLITICAL INQUIRY



Our study group was begun by a beloved and now deceased member, Anne Nagel, in 2011. The purpose was to read and discuss books about contemporary political issues stretching across the continuum of perspectives both progressive and conservative. Upon Anne's declining health she requested that Joan Black take over the leadership of this book club, which she continues to do.

We meet in the morning of the third Thursday of each month at members' homes and sometimes at NEXT, Birmingham's senior center. Each spring the members decide the books to be read the following year.

Shown here are members discussing the

topic, "How the Presidency Became Impossible," based on a recent *Atlantic Monthly* article, and led by Sue Stoll. Other selections include *The Shadow War*, *How the Right Side of History....Made the West Great*, and *48 Laws Of Power*. We welcome anyone who would like to enjoy lively conversation about politics.



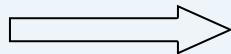
Above: Political Inquiry members: l to r, Becky Rank, Sue Winowiecki, Barbara Moorhouse. On the right: l to r, are Joan Black, Sue Stoll, and Allison Friedman.

AAUW FUNDS REPORT

Thank you to all who have donated to this year's Patron Donor Friend Contributor Fund.

We have not reached our goal as yet.....so.....

If your name is not on this list,



you still have a couple of weeks to send me a check.



To all who have given so far:

Sue Longstreet
2761 Bridle Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, 48304

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Friday, October 25th New Member Reception



Left: The Birmingham Branch Board welcoming new members and explaining the make up of the board, the benefits and optional events and projects of our branch. Participants enjoyed brunch.

Left to right: new members Kimberly McBean and Rosemary Mazurek; Cindy Clement, Education Equity; Sally Doty, President; Patty Orłowski, VP Membership; Linda Kevorkian, Study/Interest Groups; and Eileen Hitz, Scholarships Representative.



TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

A tribute to
Invie Jessup
for her donation to AAUW
foundation scholarship/
booksale fund.

A tribute to
Diane Bert
for her donation of money she
received as tour guide at
Turkel House for the Artistic
Endeavors study group

A TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS donation is an opportunity to honor members, friends and relatives and to support the AAUW foundation.

Suggestions and ideas for a type of tribute include:

- ◆ A welcome to...
- ◆ A friend's birthday.
- ◆ Congratulations on a milestone event.
- ◆ Cheers for a "job well done"
- ◆ In memory of...
- ◆ "Thinking of you" in time of need.

Your contribution of *any amount* will be used to further the AAUW mission. The honoree name(s) will be published in the bulletin, and they will receive a notification from the foundation. If you wish to participate in this opportunity, please send your message and a check to:

Sally Doty,
17156 Wiltshire,
Southfield, MI 48076

Did you know?

This month's trip back into history.....

The dedicated, dynamic women who founded the AAUW Birmingham Branch set out to organize a group for service and study. From its inception it had vision far beyond the limits of little Birmingham Village. The first program chair, Mary Hall James, organized programs speaking on topics such as:

The value of a college education "whatever the hardships or obstacles,"
Problems of Divorce Laws, and
The Effect of Science on Civilization.

Within our branch the International Relations Class began in 1922. Ruth Shain, the first branch president, stepped in "temporarily" for 43 years. Her world travels and extensive reading qualified her well for this position.

Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters (another group that Ruth helped to found), it was attended by 823 women during these years. Ruth became a delegate to the International Federation of University Women conference in Paris in 1922.

The International Relations Class continues as a study group today.



Sue Winowiecki, Historian

COMPUTER SOFTWARE - AN INVENTION CREATED BY A WOMAN



Dr. Grace Murray Hopper (left) was a computer scientist that invented COBOL, which is the first user-friendly business computer software system in the 1940's.

She was also a rear admiral in the U.S. navy and the first person to use the term "bug" in reference to a glitch in a computer system, when she literally found a bug (moth) causing problems with her computer!