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ZOOM for our Study and Interest groups and other committees.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc., has purchased a Zoom account for our use. Since this is a sponsored account, the meetings are not restricted to 40 minutes. If you have your own purchased account, then by all means feel free to use it.

JOIN US FOR THE
Fundraiser Kickoff

Wednesday, September 9, 2020
at 7:30 pm. *via zoom*

In going through some of the tutorials on the website, I find that we may be able to do quite a bit with this technology. In going through the schedule of our study and interest groups, I have found little or no conflict or overlap of time. It will be much easier to schedule meetings if they do not run concurrently. Of course, you may wish to meet at some other time than you have in the past.

- Gather virtually to announce the winner of the Hospitality Basket
- Hear testimonials from prior scholarship recipients
- And view scrolling names of contributors



If you wish to schedule a meeting and use our branch account, let me know and I will send you the information. You will sign into ZOOM by using the new email and the password. If you feel uncertain about this process, I will schedule the meeting for you, but it will be better for you to do it. We could probably do it during a phone call while you are on your computer. You will need the emails of your group in order to send out their invitations to the meeting.

CELEBRATE

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Time: To Be Announced. *via zoom*

- Gather virtually to reveal our scholarship gift total
- And find out - did we reach our goal?



RAFFLE DEADLINE

Friday, September 4, 2020
The names of all donors registered by September 4th will be used for the Hospitality Basket drawing on September 9th.

Sally Doty



From May 1 to July 31st this year, 19 of our members provided \$37.65 for our AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc. scholarship fund by simply shopping at Kroger.

If you shop at Kroger and have a Kroger card, please go online to Kroger.com, sign in, search for Kroger Community Rewards, and designate AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc. It will cost you nothing, you will keep on saving on purchases as usual, and you will send rewards to AAUW without effort as you shop.

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President's Letter - September 2020



Although we have been restricted in our activities, we are still finding ways of connecting and trying to move our mission forward. You probably have received your yellow envelope -- so beautifully addressed by Sharon McKenna -- with the outline of our fundraiser. This replaces our booksale and our May, 2020 Birthday Luncheon which had to be cancelled.

I am happy to say that we are receiving some generous contributions. It is our goal that all of our members will contribute whatever they can. To be able to say that all of our members have contributed to help provide our scholarships would be a wonderful accomplishment -- something to really institute pride in our group.

We will be convening by Zoom on September 9th at 7:30 to report on our progress and to hear from our past recipients of our scholarships and NCCWSL support. I know that not all of you are crazy about connecting by Zoom, but I believe that it is the best we can do right now. For those of you who are not familiar or comfortable with the program, I will be having a few practice meet-ups on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. If you will contact me at sallyaauw@gmail.com, I will be able to send you an invitation to one of those practice meetings. When you contact me, also let me know which of these times works best for you: 10 am, 2 pm or 4 pm. I think you'll find meeting this way can be fun, and it's certainly better than not seeing you at all. (See article on page 5 about the process of Zoom.)

I know that several of our study and interest groups are meeting -- some online and some in backyards with appropriate social distancing. The foundation has purchased a Zoom account, and it is available for the study groups to use. Just notify me and I will give you the information to sign in as the foundation. These meetings can last up to 24 hours -- heaven forbid- and have 100 participants. If you give Lynn or Linda your schedule to publish in the bulletin, you may have some interest from new members who would like to join you.

One other thing about the fundraising event. In the letter it asked you to send back your raffle ticket with your name on it. I have received several envelopes without it. I believe that you may have missed it in the small envelope, so we are going to print all the names of donors registered by Sept. 4th, and we will use them to draw for the Hospitality Basket on September 9th. If for any reason you don't want your name included in the drawing, let me know.

I also wonder what's keeping you busy. I had a nice note from one of our members who said her garden is looking wonderful. Are you spending your time reading, cleaning, gardening, writing, trying new recipes, whatever? I seem to spend a lot of time at the computer, and weeks still move by really rapidly even though it feels like I'm doing nothing.

I hope all of you are staying positive, finding ways to connect, and feeling like you will prevail.



Sally Doty



JUNE 3, 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 12, 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

No report was filed by the Treasurer this month.
 President Sally Doty announced:

- ◆ a laptop was donated by Christine Salley for the use of our branch.
- ◆ our bylaws need to be changed to allow for virtual meetings.
- ◆ study and interest groups are meeting both in person and virtually.
- ◆ we will vote by mail for officers for 2020-21.

A motion was passed and adopted to purchase a \$120 Zoom subscription. Funds from the Study/Interest group budget will be used. Linda Kevorkian will be the “webmaster” for setting up Zoom meetings.

Dues treasurer Karen Boyk announced the winners of the drawing for three free AAUW memberships from AAUW: Allison Friedman, Ann Larkin, and Elizabeth Snyder.

It was decided that we will not publish a new directory this year, but we will publish a section with new members and member information updates.

It was decided that the membership will vote by email on bylaw changes and the slate of officers using a voting app.

Diversity interest group collected over \$1600 for support for first responders in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. (see pg. 6.)

Our August 12, 2020, board meeting will include the topic of fund raising.

On July 31, 2020, the total assets and the net assets of the branch were \$30,168.98.

President Sally Doty announced:

- ◆ A survey showed that a majority of members want to wait until Covid19 is under control before we have large group meetings.
- ◆ Election results were the unanimous approval of proposed bylaw changes and the slate of officers.
- ◆ The Foundation Zoom access will be set up this week.
- ◆ The recent eBay flyer reminder resulted in donations of 11 cameras and some figurines.

Programs Vice President Kathy Stasys will notify speakers that our luncheons are suspended for now.

Dues Treasurer Sharon McKenna reported that we currently have 217 members, with 3 more in process. She is preparing an email edition of directory updates.

Venues/Menus chair Colette Stager still plans that we will have April and May meetings in 2021.

Bulletin editor Marion Muma will include Zoom information in the next bulletin, as well as budget, eBay information, study/Interest group plans, and names/job descriptions of new officers.

Rita Dates reported that 100th birthday invitations were mailed and will also be in the September bulletin. Colette Stager described the raffle basket.

There will be a September board meeting only if issues arise, inasmuch as the “virtual” birthday party will be on the same date at 7:30 pm.



In Memoriam

Jeanne Geiger
Marge Lazarou
Joyce Turland

**Tributes and Memorials
 Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc.**



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

Sally Doty, 17156 Wiltshire,
 Southfield, MI 48076

**Summer 2020
 Memorials**

Penny Cambier
Bob Donohue
Jeanne Geiger
Marge Lazarou
Joyce Turland

STUDY INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR - September, 2020

AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES

Community Outreach **No Program Scheduled**

International Relations **No Program Scheduled**

Public Policy **2:30 pm, Thurs, Sept. 10**

Topic: TBD. Location - Karen Linnell's back yard. Contact
Please contact Diane Rouse, 248-539-3289, for information.

The Breakfast Bunch **10 am, Tues., Sept. 22**

Program: We will discuss the book, *A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, A Mysterious Past, and How He Found a Place Called Home*, Steve Pemberton, using Zoom. Hostesses: Patty Orlowski, 248-641-3892, and Callie Schmidt, 248-877-7190.

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Art Matters

No tours/events planned for Fall, 2020. We hope to have a private tour of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills-- Winter/Spring 2021. In the meantime there are many online sights, virtual tours and art chats to keep us engaged and informed. Detroit - websites for the DIA, MOCAD & Charles Wright Museum. Also, Many US museums: New York, LA, Washington, Chicago. And, museums in Italy, France, Spain, Greece. Africa, Asia, Australia, London.

Artistic Endeavors **No Program Scheduled**

Modern Art **12:30 pm, Thurs., Sept. 24**

Program: Zoom meeting. Pam Craig will make a presentation on artists Artemisia Gentileschi and Frida Kahlo. Please RSVP Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com, if you are interested.

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres **1:30 pm, Thurs., Sept. 3**

Program: TBD. We will meet via Zoom. For info, please call Elizabeth Snyder, 248-642-1475.

Beyond Adelante **6:30 pm, Tues., Sept. 1**

Program: *The Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott. We will meet via Zoom. For info, please call Linda Schnorbus, 248-723-5008.

Contemporary Books **12:30 pm, Mon., Sept 21**

Topic: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, Gail Honeyman.
Hostess: RSVP Uma Bedi, umabedi@2vindustries.com or 248-855-1796. We are meeting on her deck outside.

Morning After Readers **9:30 am, Mon., Sept. 14**

Topic: *The Rent Collector*, Camron Wright
Hostess: At this point, we are not sure how we will meet. Please contact Cheryl VanZetten, 248-332-7077, for info.

Mystery Book Club **1 p.m., Wed., Sept. 23**

Topic: *Moonstone*, Sujate Massey
Hostess: At this point, we are not sure how we will meet. Please contact Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com for info.

Northside Books **1 p.m., Mon., Sept. 28**

Topic: *Indianapolis*, Lynn Vincent & Sara Vladic
Hostess: We will meet outside September & October, then transition to Zoom. Please contact Sue Longstreet, 248-332-2284 for info.

Political Inquiry **10 am, Wed., Sept. 16**

Topic: *The Right Side of History*, Ben Shapiro
Hostess: Carol Pyke, 248-203-2952

Potpourri **1 pm, Wed., Sept. 23**

Please note that the time change is permanent for now.
Topic: *The Yellow House, a Memoir*, Sarah M. Broom
Hostess: Zoom

Thurs. Morning Readers **10 am, Thurs., Sept. 24**

Topic: Planning Meeting. Hostess: We will meet outside September & October, then transition to Zoom. Please contact Sue Longstreet, 248-332-2284, for info.

HOME & GARDEN

Cooking Light **11:30 am Thurs., Sept. 17**

We will hold a Zoom meeting each month to visit; members may share a recipe. Call Kathy Fredrickson, 248-930-1974, for info.

Green Thumb **12:30 pm, Tues., Sept. 15**

Get together, details to follow. Please call Kathy Conner, 248-858-9877, for info.

Let's Cook **No Program Scheduled**

Needleworks **10 am, Wed., Sept. 16**

We will meet in my backyard IF weather cooperates:
Hostess: Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481.

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas **No Program Scheduled**

Theater Goers

We will not be meeting until the theaters open.

Two Thumbs Up

We will not be meeting until the movie theaters open.

JUST FOR FUN

Canasta **No Program Scheduled**

Mah Jongg:

Games are temporarily suspended.

Bridge:

Games are temporarily suspended.

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





Zoom Instructions for 100th Birthday Launch Meeting Wednesday, September 9th

Before the meeting:

1. You will need a computer or tablet, that is connected to the internet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.
2. Over email you will receive an invitation for the meeting from a member (the Host). The notification will include a **link** to “**Join via computer**” as well as phone numbers for a conference call option. It will also include the 9-digit (usually) Meeting ID.

To join the meeting:

1. At the start time of your meeting, click on the link in your invitation in your email to **join via computer**. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on “Test Computer Audio.”
3. Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on “Join audio by computer.”

You may also join a meeting without clicking on the invitation link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided by your host.

If you are having trouble hearing the meeting, you can join via telephone while remaining on the video conference:

- ◆ On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided in your invitation.
- ◆ Enter the **Meeting ID number** (provided in your invitation) when prompted, using your touch-tone keypad.

Participant controls are in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen:

Using the icons in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen, you can:

- Mute/Unmute your microphone (far left)
- Turn on/off camera (“Start/Stop Video”)
- View Participant list – opens a pop-out screen that includes a “Raise Hand” icon that you may use to raise a virtual hand
- Somewhere on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between “speaker” and “gallery” view. “Speaker view” shows the active speaker. “Gallery view” tiles all of the meeting participants.

Additional Resources:

zoom.us and www.zdnet.com

Look for emails that will give dates and times for practice sessions before the 100th Birthday Launch!
Please save these instructions.

FIRST RESPONDERS' THANK YOU!

The response was overwhelming in support of the efforts of Colette Stager and Cathy Hurley as they arranged the "First Responders' Thank You" on behalf of our Branch. Your contributions made it possible to honor the work of the Police and Fire Department workers in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills and Troy. Pictured below is the lunch, which also included a bottle of water and the label that was affixed to it. Also shown below are snapshots of some of the first responders who enjoyed our efforts.

Thanks to the following people for contributing to this effort:

Joan Birnie
 Joan Black
 Joanne Brown
 Lorraine Clay
 Jane Conway
 Christine Dagenais
 Norma Darr
 Rita Dates
 Sandra Dickerson
 Linda DiPilato
 Sally Doty
 Joyce Enderle
 Joan Ferguson
 Kathy Fredrickson
 Cindy Geurrieri
 Carole Hardy
 Mary Lou Harrison
 Lynn Hipp
 Pam Hoffman
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 Susan MacKinnon
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 Florence Sapienze
 Linda Schnorbus
 Coco Stewart
 Colette Stager
 Kitty Stephenson
 Becky Valenti
 Carlene Van Voorhies
 Jackqueline Werner
 Py Wolfe
 Rose Zawislak



Various First Responders, Colette Stager and Joanne Brown.

Need to get in touch with a Board Member? Meet your 2020 – 2021 AAUW Birmingham Branch Board.

As we start this unusual year, I thought you might like information on the roles of board members that you might want to contact.

President: I remain in this office until June 30, 2021. I am always available to answer questions and help in anyway that I can. Phone 248-909-4583 or email at sallyaauw@gmail.com.

Program VP: Kathy Stasys remains in this position. She usually arranges for speakers at the monthly luncheons. If you have ideas for future programs, contact her at 248-703-2834 or kstasys@hotmail.com.

Membership VP: Katie Wiese is just starting in this position. She is the person to call if you know of someone that might benefit from membership. Remember, just because our luncheons are cancelled, doesn't mean that we aren't getting together electronically or in our backyards. Newly retired persons are usually in need of a book group or two to help them keep busy and moving forward. Contact Katie at 248-842-8684 or katie.wiese@att.net.

Recording Secretary: Janet Stenger is our new secretary. She takes minutes of our meetings and keeps track of our paperwork. Contact her at 248-797-7504 or jstenger1950@gmail.com.

Treasurer: Sue Longstreet is returning to this position. She keeps our bank account balanced, pays the bills and deposits any funds coming our way. Contact her at 248-390-7700 or longstreet.sue@gmail.com.

Other standing committee chairs that you might want to contact:

AAUW Funds – Karen Boyk: She will be asking you to help support our national mission before the end of the year. 248-321-6026 or karenbyk@aol.com.

Bulletin Editor: Marion Muma always enjoys getting ideas for this publication. 248-819-6851 or marionmuma@gmail.com.

Diversity Representative: Cathy Hurley – Have ideas for a project? Contact Cathy at 248-867-906 or cathyghurley@gmail.com.

Dues Treasurer and Electronic Communicator: Sharon McKenna. Dues should be sent to Sharon as of July this year, and any changes in your information should also be sent to her at 313-570-2013 or sharonmck.aauw@gmail.com.

eBay representative: Roberta Russ takes donations all year long – contact her at 313-909-8315 or russroberta2009@comcast.net The proceeds from these sales help us move our mission.

This is not the entire board. The rest will be published in our directory, which will probably be available online or emailed to you.

FREE MEMBERSHIPS:

Because we had many new members join at our events last year, we were given three free memberships from the AAUW for this year as part of the Shape the Future program.

A drawing of those who had already sent in their dues resulted in the following winners: Allison Friedman, Ann Larkin, and Elizabeth Snyder. Congratulations to them. They will be receiving checks in the mail.

YA GOTTA LAUGH!!!

PONDER THIS. So let me get this straight, there is no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap? The spread of COVID-19 is based on two factors: (1) How dense the population is and (2) How dense the population is. Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the trash goes out more than me. If these last months have taught us anything, its that stupidity travels faster than any virus. If our chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others, we're doomed.



OUR 2020 DESIGNATED HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE:

**Chelsea Ahmet, a Seaholm High School graduate
Kaitlyn Keele, a Bloomfield Hills High School graduate**

LATEST WORD FROM OUR AAUW BIRMINGHAM BRANCH DUES TREASURER:

253 MEMBERS HAVE SENT IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

30-35 MEMBERS HAVE STILL NOT RESPONDED,

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - PLEASE SEND
a check for \$88, payable to AAUW Birmingham Branch, to our new dues treasurer:

Sharon McKenna, P.O. Box 573, Farmington, MI 48332

WHO INVENTED THE Caller ID and call-waiting?

Inventor: Shirley Ann Jackson

Year / period: 1970's

Shirley Ann Jackson was an award-winning theoretical physicist. Her contributions to the field of telecommunications led to the invention of numerous technologies, including caller ID and call-waiting, as well as solar cells and fiber optic cables.

1. She is (as of 2017) the president of the prestigious Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She's also the highest paid president of a private college.
2. She is a theoretical physicist and held senior leadership positions in academia, government, industry, and research.
3. She has a B.S. in Physics and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics, both from MIT.
4. She is the first African American woman to receive a doctorate from MIT, and the first African American woman to serve as president at a top-ranked research university.
5. Her invention of the technology responsible for Caller ID and Call Waiting stems from days at AT&T Bell Labs where she conducted research in theoretical physics, solid state and quantum physics, and optical physics.
6. She has been awarded 53 honorary doctoral degrees.
7. She was awarded the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest honor for contributions in science and engineering by President Obama in 2015.

