



143 names were in the drawing for the Hospitality Basket at the Fundraiser Kickoff on Wednesday, September 9th.

And the winner was:



Barbara Gash



And the beautiful basket she won!

Barb's response: "I was in shock when my name was called for that beautiful basket. Definitely need helpers to consume all the goodies. Thank you SO much, Barb Gash".



Patricia Hugulelet Andrews
Mary Louise Bujold



CELEBRATE
Our Branch's
100TH BIRTHDAY
Via Zoom



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2020

TIME: 7:30 PM

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

We are limited to the first 100 who respond to the link invitation. If more than that respond, we can make the recording of the meeting available for a short time.

"Make Sure Everyone's Vote Counts!"

The Legislature can improve the election process in Michigan by passing these bills:

- 1) **Senate Bill 756** - allows poll workers on Absentee Ballot Counting Board to work in shifts.
- 2) **Senate Bill 757** - allows election officials to begin processing Absentee Ballots before Election Day.
- 3) **House Bill 5987** - requires ballots be counted if they are postmarked by Election Day and received within the following 48 hours.
- 4) **House Bill 5991** - requires clerks to contact voters if their signature on their absentee ballot doesn't match the signature on file so voters can fix the problem.

Email your support for these changes to your members of the MI House of Representatives and the MI Senate.

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President's Letter - October 2020

As I write this article, I am thinking of all the work that has been done on our 100th birthday celebration. As you know, we are having this mail fundraiser because we could not have the book sale or other in-person activities. It has been a lot of work, but the response has been so generous, and so many of you have participated. There is still time for you to contribute. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of our members participated!

I thought you might like to know a bit more about the AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation. It is separate from the branch, but it was organized to support the branch. As a charitable foundation it is allowed to collect money which is tax deductible while the branch is not. It can conduct fundraising events to support the branch activities like scholarships, NCCWSL attendees, Explorathon and Level UP, leadership training, and other mission-based activities. The foundation officers are: Patty Orlowski, president; Sally Doty, treasurer; Karen Boyk, recording secretary; Eileen Hitz, corresponding secretary; and Rita Dates, Sue Longstreet and Diane Schriff, directors. The foundation has its own bylaws and meets regularly. If you would like more information and possibly be interested in becoming active with the foundation, call or email Patty Orlowski.

The present fundraising activity was initiated by one of our members, Joan Hanpeter, who has had experience in this area. She, Patty Orlowski and Rita Dates did most of the groundwork and presented the idea to the branch board and the foundation board. They were all enthusiastic, gave the go-ahead sign, and more importantly - all supported the effort with a donation. Since then we have had help with Zoom activities from Jean Ivory, Colette Stager, Joanne Brown, Cindy Guerrieri and Sharon McKenna. Carol Pyke and Sue Winowiecki provided information for our 100-Years of Giving Bookmark, which you will receive if you have donated. And we can't forget Karen Boyk and Patti Bannasch who managed all the kickoff campaign mailing.

The September 9th Kickoff Zoom meeting was attended by approximately 50 of our members, and it went well. We were all interested in who would win the raffle basket, and we enjoyed hearing from some of our scholarship and NCCWSL recipients.

Our final celebration will be on October 7th at 7:30 on Zoom. The invitation will be sent out on October 6th. A few of you did not see the zoom link in the September invitation, so this time we will make it clear that this is the invitation. To access, click on the URL (different colored spot) to connect five to ten minutes before 7:30, and Patty, as host, will enable your access. We are limited to the first 100 who respond. If we have more than that, we can make the recording of the meeting available for a short time. If you don't see an invitation, email Patty Orlowski (porlow@sbcglobal.net). She can send you an invite on the spot.

Two nonmembers sent donations in honor of their lost ones - Dave Cook, Ellen Cook's husband, and Bob Geiger, Jeanne Geiger's son. I asked Marion to publish the letter (see pg. 3) that accompanied Bob Geiger's check. His memories of growing up in an AAUW home remind us that, although we are a woman-driven organization to help other women, our activities affect whole families.

Once again, I want to thank all of you who have been so generous and hope that I will see you on the Zoom meeting.

Sally Doty

Community Outreach/ Diversity

BIG FAMILY OF MICHIGAN

23500 Pare Street,
St. Clair Shores, MI. 48080



Birmingham AAUW has supported Big Family of Michigan (BFOM) for the past two years. We have volunteered time "shopping" and wrapping and have been very generous in donating toys and crafts for their Christmas program. Big Family is the organization that supports foster children and grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the state of Michigan.

I am not comfortable organizing a wrapping event this year, but I will supply the information if individuals want to volunteer on their own. BFOM is requesting organizations and individuals sponsor toy drives this year. Like all other organizations, their fundraising and donations are down which limits their ability to supply gifts to children.

We are sponsoring a toy drive October 10th - 24th:



Toys, crafts, clothing, gift cards or monetary donations could be dropped off at my house (2644 Cheswick Dr, Troy) or Becky Valenti's (4126 Seminole Dr., Royal Oak.)

Members can also order on line from Amazon Target, Walmart, etc. and have the items delivered directly to Big Families warehouse. Note that you are sending on behalf of Birmingham Branch AAUW.



Toys, dolls, balls, stuffed animals, clothing, pj's, crafts, coloring books-both child and adult, educational workbooks and games, toiletries, cosmetics, and gift cards are all needed items. This organization serves children from infants to 18 year olds.



Friends and supporters of BFOM can now see the wish list for Christmas presents AND school supplies on Amazon Smile. Just insert this link in your browser!

**[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/
ls/4X7EZA71C30B?ref_wl_share](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/4X7EZA71C30B?ref_wl_share)**

Cathy Hurley,
Community Outreach/Diversity

UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

New addresses:

Joan Black, 111 Elm St. #411, Birmingham, 48009

Linda DiPalato, 180 Harrington, Troy, 48098

Judy Lewis, 4005 Normandy Road, Royal Oak, 48073

Rosalee Rishavy, 111 Elm St. #206, Birmingham 48009

Letter from Bob Geiger, son of Jeanne Geiger, in Memory of His Mom.

"Please accept this gift in remembrance of my mother, Jeanne Geiger. My mom passed away June 30 of this year and as we have put closure on her passing, wanted to make this gift to the organization she spent well over 50 years of her life involved with. AAUW, and the book sale in particular, were a huge part of her life and it cannot be stated emphatically enough in these few words.

As I reflect, I realize, all our family has indirectly been involved with AAUW during Mom's life. Whether it was helping Mom as kids to go around and empty the collection barrels, or helping move books from the various member homes to the sale site, or helping set up the sale, and even having her grandchildren work with and visit her at the sale, exposing a whole new generation to the power of volunteerism and education.

What a wonderful experience my whole family had. We will miss AAUW, as I know you will miss Mom. Please, then accept this gift and think of Mom with a smile on your face. I know you too, miss her as well."

Sincerely,
Bob Geiger



TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

In honor of Sally Kendrick's birthday -
from Pam Hoffman

In honor of Pam Hoffman's birthday -
from Sue Longstreet

In memory of
Marge Lazarou -
Potpourri Book Club

Cindy Clement,
Jane Conway
Charlotte Mahrt
Nancy O'Connor
Barbara Pobst
Erin Silverman

In memory of
Marge Lazarou -
Let's Cook Interest Group

Norma Darr
Betty Eliassen
Carol Hubbard
Sonia Just
Nancy Moses
Diane Schrift
Erin Silverman
Joan Atkinson

STUDY INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR - OCTOBER, 2020

AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES

Community Outreach **No Program Scheduled**

International Relations **10 am, Mon., Oct. 5**

Topic: Costa Rica. Hostess: Linda Schnorbus, 248-723-5008.
Meetings are small; we will try to meet in person but will use Zoom if necessary

Public Policy **2:30 pm, Thurs. Oct. 8**

Topic: Diane Rouse will review the book, *Rise of the Warrior Cop*; we will be properly distanced. Hostess: Karen Linnell, 248-594-9871

The Breakfast Bunch **No Program Scheduled**

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 **10 am, Wed., Oct. 7**

Topic: "Fall Art Project in the Garage", a painting project. For details and art supplies needed, RSVP hostess Joanne Brown, jabrown106@comcast.net or 248-229-7672.

Modern Art **12:30 pm, Thurs., Oct. 22**

Topic: Zoom presentation on Salvador Dali by Judy Allie. RSVP Judy: jallie2@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres **1:30 pm, Thurs., Oct. 15**

Topic: *The Matriarch*, Barbara Bush. Hostess: Annis. We will meet via Zoom. For info, please call Elizabeth Snyder, 248-642-1475.

Beyond Adelante **1 pm, Tues., Oct. 6**

Topic: *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, Lori Gottlieb. We will meet via Zoom. For info, please call Linda Schnorbus, 248-723-5008.

Contemporary Books **12:30 pm, Mon., Oct. 19**

Topic: *American Dirt*, Jeanine Cummins
Hostess: RSVP: Gennie Hunter, dalechunter@aol.com or Sharon Grisdale, ronadale@att.net; we are meeting outdoors.

Morning After Readers **9:30 am, Mon., Oct. 12**

Topic: *The Splendid and the Vile*, Eric Larson
Hostess: Linda Schnorbus. 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., Oct. 28**

Topic: *Fever Season*, Barbara Hambly
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., Oct. 12
Please note date change.

Topic: *Nomadland*, Jessica Bruder
Hostess: Sue Meneilly, 248-626-6167. We will meet outside September & October, then transition to Zoom.

Political Inquiry **10 am, Wed., Oct. 21**

Topic: *The Right Side of History*, Ben Shapiro
Hostess: Joan Black, 248-622-4153.

Potpourri **1 pm, Wed., Oct. 28**
Please note the time change.

Topic: *Educated*, Tara Westover
Hostess: Zoom.

Thurs. Morning Readers **10 am, Thurs., Oct. 15**

Topic: *The Dearly Beloved*, Cara Wall
Hostess: Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481. We will meet via Zoom. If weather permits, meetings will be held outdoors at Hostess' house. Decisions made on a month-to-month basis.

HOME & GARDEN

Cooking Light **10 am Thurs., Oct. 15**

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

Green Thumb **1 pm, Tues., Oct. 20**

Topic: Reading & discussion of *Tulip Fever*, Deborah Moggach.
Please call Kathy Conner, 248-858-9877, for info.

Let's Cook **No Program Scheduled**

Needleworks **10 am, Wed., Oct. 21**

We will meet in my backyard IF weather cooperates: 3711 Paddington, Troy. 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

