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Our May 12th in-person Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Beverly Park Pavilion.



Above: Just a few of the many happy faces to be found at the May 12th annual membership meeting and luncheon.



### EACH ONE BRING ONE



Wednesday,  
September 8th  
10 am - Noon

Birmingham Unitarian Church  
38651 Woodward  
Bloomfield Hills, 48304

### September 8, 2021 - in Person

Bring your friends, reunite with long-lost pals, enjoy refreshments that are deemed safe and appropriate at the time, browse tables and sign up for study/interest groups and book clubs.



Please look around your home for eBay treasures this summer to bring to open house. Or you can arrange for convenient pickup with Roberta Russ, who will be there to welcome you. Remember, all eBay proceeds are tax-deductible and are used to support the educational scholarships mission of the AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation. (See pg. 6)

At 11 am: Attend a brief branch meeting, meet the new board, and learn about next year's planning and schedule.



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## AAUW Bulletin

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JUNE 2021



As I write this last bulletin message to you as president, I am reflecting on all the changes we have been through together during the last four years. My first article in September 2017 was primarily about the book sale and how important your participation was to fund our scholarships and other mission-based activities.

We no longer are hosting a book sale. This was determined by the Covid outbreak, but the prospect of continuing was not very enthusiastic even before the outbreak. As you know we did raise the necessary funds through our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration fund raiser last fall. We have had many changes this year – no luncheons, no in-person study groups or meetings. A lot of organizations have had significant difficulties continuing the last 14 months. I am happy to say that we not only came through this whole, but also, I believe, even better.

One thing about accepting a role as president of a group of over 200 women is to consider the vast amount of talent among our members. No one of us can do it all. We have people who are terrific writers, have technology skills to help us all, are especially good at arranging venues and luncheons and organizing work crews when necessary.

Consider our in-person luncheon that occurred on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Beverly Park Pavilion. One of our members researched and reserved the location, another researched and ordered the luncheons and covered the tables and brought centerpieces, others took reservations, another made certain that we had a sound system, and another made certain that we had flowers for our previous leaders. Many people helped set up and clean up. No one person was responsible for it all. Sixty plus members attended and I heard only praise and gratitude for this event. One person told me it was the first time she had been out with people in a long time and how appreciative she was that we had this opportunity. (See pictures on page 1.)

One other thing I would mention is our members' willingness to learn new skills when they are needed. Our members are lifelong learners. We support education and opportunities for women, and we model the behavior that we advocate for all. In other words, we are not done yet – we are still here, and we are still able to try to improve the lives of all women and girls including ourselves.

Another activity we have had this year was the "Virtual Happy Hours" organized by our Membership Vice President Katie Wiese. These were fun events and gave those members who participated a chance to catch up with other members and to show off their hats on national hat day, green outfits on Saint Patrick's Day, and you get the idea. It's always nice to learn something new about you.

I also want to give a special thanks to the branch board for their work during these years and for their very thoughtful gift of a \$600 donation to AAUW Funds in my honor. This has been a remarkable board – their unselfish efforts have helped us move our mission forward and strengthened the branch.

As I look forward, I am so pleased to be able to turn this office over to Jean Ivory. Under her leadership we will continue to evolve and expand our program to achieve our mission.

My last message is a big Thank You to all of you – whether you served on a board, attended virtual meetings, checked up on other members, supported us financially – all of these things are valued. I thank you once more.



Sally Doty

## Annual Meeting Highlights

**May 12, 2021  
at Beverly Park**

## Branch Board Meeting Highlights

**May 12, 2021**



The annual meeting of the Birmingham Branch of AAUW was called to order by President Sally Doty.

Sally Doty announced the following slate of officers for 2021/2022 which was published in the monthly bulletin.

- President: Jean Ivory
- Vice President-Programs: Kathy Stasys
- Corresponding Secretary: Rita Dates

No additional names were submitted, and the slate was unanimously elected as presented.

Sue Longstreet presented Sally with a donation of \$600 made in her name to AAUW Funds in appreciation of her service and dedication to the branch for the past four years.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Treasurer Sue Longstreet reported net assets of \$28,765.85 as of April 30, 2021.

Sally Doty reported 61 reservations for the May 12th general meeting at Beverly Park and 27 reservations for the Study/Interest Group meeting via Zoom on May 21st.

Sue Winowiecki will research a location for an in-person board meeting on June 9th.

Sharon McKenna reported 81 paid members so far for the 2021/2022 branch year. A reminder to renew memberships will be posted in the June bulletin. (See membership renewal form on pg. 8)

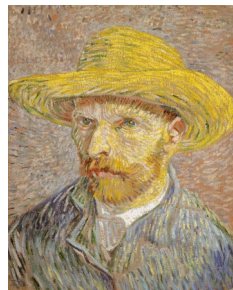
Foundation report: Rita Dates and Eileen Hitz attended the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce in May. Patty Orlowski reported that the upcoming foundation fund raiser will have a Back to School theme. (see pg.6)

Upcoming meeting locations have been reserved for October at the Heathers and for November at the Village Club.

Linda Kevorkian stressed the importance of all members bringing friends to the September 8th Each One Bring One open house at the Birmingham Unitarian Church (BUC) to boost our membership. We will not be able to do a pot luck buffet due to Covid-19 restrictions. She will investigate whether the foundation could supply a box lunch.

## FYI-- from Art Matters

The TCF Center in Detroit (formally Cobo Hall) will be showcasing the Vincent Van Gogh immersive artwork show with the latest and best technology starting June 25th.



*If interested*, you can sign up online for advanced tickets! This show has traveled throughout many cities in the USA-- Calif, Texas, Ohio, etc., and Paris, Toronto and more!

The next Daffodils4Detroit annual luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Lets hope to get another fun group together to attend this luncheon for this great cause.

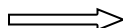
I joined the 2021 Zoom meeting for Daffodils4Detroit. It was wonderful to see the thousands of daffodils planted on Belle Isle and also in various parks throughout the city. Thank you to all who sent a donation this year.



"Art and Music have the power to bring Peace." Yoko Ono

Enjoy Summer 2021 and stay safe!

JoBeth Moskala, Art Matters  
JoBeth30@gmail.com

Thanks to our members who shopped at and used their shopper's card at 



from Feb. 1 to April 30, 2021.

Those 21 member households produced \$42.92 of revenue for AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc.



With sadness, we inform you of the death of branch member

**Mary Hannah**

STUDY / INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR - June 2021

**AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES**

**Community Outreach** No Program Scheduled

**International Relations** 10 am, Mon., June 7  
Topic: Planning for 2020-21, via Zoom. Please call Cheryl VanZetten, 248-332-7077, for info.

**Public Policy** 2:30 pm, Thurs., June 10  
Topic: Planning meeting . For info, contact Carol Pyke at cpyke@comcast.net.

**The Breakfast Bunch** No Program Scheduled

**ARTS & HUMANITIES**

**Art Matters** No Program Scheduled  
We plan to start art history/tours etc. late fall 2021. Details to follow in the fall. (see pg. 3)

**Artistic Endeavors** No Program Scheduled  
Meetings will resume. Stay tuned. Hope to see you then!  
Call or email Colette Stager for questions, or to share any art projects you've been working on.

**Modern Art** 1 pm, Thurs., June 3  
Program: Planning meeting, contact Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com, for info.

**BOOK CLUBS**

**Belles Lettres** 1:30 pm, Thurs., June 17  
Topic: *The Splendid and the Vile*, Erik Larson. We will meet via Zoom. For info, please call Elizabeth Snyder, 248-642-1475.

**Beyond Adelante!** 1 pm, Tues., June 1  
Topic: Planning meeting. We will meet via Zoom. For info, please call Linda Schnorbus, 248-723-5008.

**Contemporary Books** 11:30 am, Mon., June 7  
Topic: Planning meeting at Uma Bedi's home. Contact Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com, for info.

**Morning After Readers** No meeting planned

**Mystery Book Club** 1 pm, Wed., June 23  
Topic: *Whose Body*, Dorothy Sayers.

1 pm, Wed., July 28  
Topic: *The Reckoning*, Casey. At this point, we are not sure how we will meet. Please contact Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com for info.

**Northside Books** No meeting planned

**Political Inquiry** 10 am, Wed., June 16  
Topic: Planning for future of the group. We will meet via Zoom.

**Potpourri** No meeting planned

**Thurs. Morning Readers** 10.30 am, Thurs, June 17  
Topic: Planning meeting at Carolyn Hall's home.

**NEW GROUP REPLACING COOKING LIGHT:**

**Community Explorers** 11 am, Thursday, June 24

A new interest group is being introduced. We will meet bi-monthly at interesting places and events. The day will vary. Our first meeting on Thursday, June 24, will be at 11:00 at Cranbrook Gardens.

Please contact Kathy Fredrickson for more information at Kjfredrickson834@gmail.com.

**HOME & GARDEN**

**Green Thumb** 1 pm, Tues., June 15  
Program: Keeping garden records, OR visit to SOCWA gardens in Royal Oak. Please contact Cathy Connor, 248-858-9877, for info.

**Let's Cook** No Program Scheduled

**Needleworks** 10 am, Wed., June 16  
We will meet at Barb Gash's home, 248-338-3011. We plan to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month during the summer. Please contact Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481, for info.

**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 - 248-737-0648 and  
Bev Pintar - 248-626-4311 for bridge .  
Lynn Hipp for calendar changes - 248-420-4615.  
Information due by the 20th of the month.  
Study/Interest Group Membership – call Chair listed In the AAUW Directory, pages 8-10.



Lynn Hipp

Lynn Hipp is retiring as study/Interest group co-chair after many years. She has done a superb and tireless job of creating this study group calendar every month and making it accurate, informative, and helpful to us all. Lynn has made her home in Florida for the past few years, but she continued to do her magic with the calendar without a missing beat. Thank you, Lynn. We will miss you.



to study/interest group liaison  
Linda Kevorkian as she joins the branch bulletin cast in the role of group calendar reporter.

Marion Muma, Editor

## AAUW Scholarships and Grants – How It Began

# Opportunity

### AAUW has a proud heritage of helping women pursue higher education, tracing back to a time when few women had that opportunity.

It started after the U.S. Civil War. With a growing middle class and more women looking to go to university, AAUW founder Marion Talbot gave the call to support a fund for women's graduate education. She and Fellowships chair Christine Ladd Franklin asked all members to contribute \$1 per year. The goal was "to enable gifted women to use their intellectual powers for the good of humanity."



Ida Street

As a result, in 1888, the very first fellowship went to Ida Street, a pioneer in the field of early American Indian history, in the amount of **\$350**.

In 1920, AAUW identified a groundbreaking scientist they wanted to support: Madame Marie Curie. Members helped raise funds to purchase a gram of radium for Curie to use in her research at a cost of **\$100,000**.



Madam Curie

By the 1950s, AAUW had funded more than 1,100 women in over 40 countries. In 1963, AAUW expanded its fellowship and grant program. In collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, it developed the African Educators' Program, which brought African teachers from newly independent African nations to America to study in U.S. colleges.

In the 1970's, AAUW created research and project grants that allow women to return to school, to re-enter the workforce, and to give them the skills they need to be competitive in the workplace.

**As we entered the new millennium, AAUW awarded \$4 million in fellowships and grants for the first time.**

*These facts are just a few excerpts about how AAUW began and grew their scholarship program.*

*To read the entire article, go to:*

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/funding-history/>

*Many of you mentioned that you enjoyed our salads at the May 12th branch meeting in Beverly Park and asked about the caterer. Tiffany prepares great food, and she also does fabulous decorations for food presentation. You can reach her for your next event, large or small, at:*

**Tiffani Wolf,**  
**Event Planning & Catering**  
**wolftiffani@yahoo.com, 269-599-3473**



# Jump on the Bus!

It's time for **Back to school**



Well...maybe not for us. However, it is time for our Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills High School seniors to be contemplating scholarship applications. OCC, Walsh College and Lawrence Technological University will be evaluating young women as potential recipients of AAUW funding. Hopefully, middle and high school girls will be discovering the wonders of STEM-related professions through Explorathon. And women of any age, in need of our support, will be assisted through Level Up.

As you know, prior to the pandemic we championed and funded all the above largely through our Annual Book Sale. Sadly for some, relievedly for others, we needed to discontinue the tradition. Last year we turned to you, our members, to fill the void and you rallied beautifully. For our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday recognition last fall we fully funded our promises to young women. With great optimism we will come to you again in a Back-to-School frame - of-mind as we assist those who are beginning their academic journey.

Watch your mail in August for the yellow school bus colored envelope which will outline our 2021-2022 fundraiser. As with all new beginnings to a new school year, there will be festivities and surprises. No first day jitters. Principal Jean Ivory will be contacting you with your assignments. Uniforms are not required!

AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc. Board



The Knitting Group (Needleworks) met for first time since last fall at Cathy Hurley's back deck. "It was great to see so many people attend. Almost felt normal again. We shared/bragged about pandemic projects, got help with problems, and just enjoyed each other's company. We'd love to have new members join us. Why not sign up at September 8th Each One Bring One open house? No advanced skill level needed."

Kathy Stasys, for Needleworks

11/06/2020  
Walsh College  
3838 Livernois Rd.  
Troy, MI 48083  
Dear Eileen Hitz,

*I would like to personally thank you and the American Association of University Women for funding my scholarship at Walsh College for the 2020-2021 year.*

*I am currently pursuing the Master of Science in Marketing degree, with an anticipated graduation date of Winter of 2022. I am employed full-time and have simultaneously worked an additional part-time job just to help pay for my education. This scholarship will alleviate some of the stress in paying for a graduate degree, which will push me further towards my career goals.*

*Thank you again for your generous donation. I hope to one day be able to contribute to the Walsh Scholarship program to help their future students' educational goals like you have helped mine.*

*Warm Regards,  
Taylor Prodin*



On May 21<sup>st</sup> we had our annual study and interest group leaders' luncheon. (see group leader attendees in the screen shot above). The main function of this annual event and luncheon is to thank the leaders for their work.

Twenty groups were represented at this virtual event and reported on their respective groups. Almost all of them have found ways to be active during this last year. They do have plans for next year, and some are planning on possible hybrid meetings for those who can attend and on Zoom for those who are not able to make the trip. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person starting in September, but we may want to incorporate some of the technology skills that were obtained from necessity.

Some groups have had increased member participation because the events were virtual. More than one group has had programs that have been of interest to other branch members. They extend invitations to all, and if your interests coincide with one of more of these study/interests groups, hopefully you will wish to enlarge your participation in the 2021 – 2022 AAUW year. One new group was introduced - Community Explorers. (see pg. 4) New groups are always encouraged.

The foundation also took this opportunity to introduce the work of the board. The leaders were asked to help explain the relationship of the foundation and the branch to their members.

I want to thank Lynn Hipp and Linda Kevorkian, study and interest group board liaisons, for their work these past years and to wish Lynn a bright future as she is concentrating on Florida activities in the future. She has served the branch well.

Sally Doty, Outgoing Branch President

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\*\*\$59.00 of the \$62.00 AAUW dues are deductible as a charitable contribution for IRS purposes.

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**Dual Member - \$17**

(State & national dues paid to another branch)

**Honorary Life Member - 0**

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