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### Dates to Remember

**Feb. 14** - Branch Board Meeting: date & place TBD

**Feb. 14** – Branch meeting on ZOOM at 12:00 noon

**March** – Women’s History Month

**March** – Spring Scholarship Fund Drive

**March 13** – Branch Board Meeting at Iroquois Club at 10:00 AM

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**Sat. April 13** – Fashion Designer Showcase & Luncheon from 9:15 am to 1:00 pm at Schoolcraft College sponsored by Northville-Novu AAUW Branch

**April 10** – Branch Board Meeting and Annual Branch Meeting at Plum Hollow Country Club

**May 10 & 11**- AAUW MI Annual Meeting and Convention at Detroit Marriot in Livonia

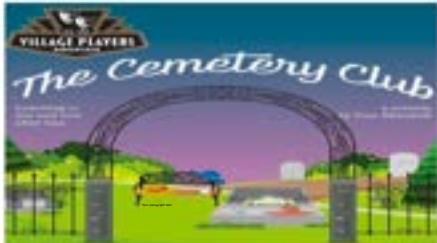


## February’s Branch Meeting via Zoom

**February 14, 2024  
12 p.m.**

**The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent by email a week prior to the presentation.**

**Program: Stephanie Spaniola, a physician assistant, from the Women’s Urology and Pelvic Health Center at Royal Oak Corewell Hospital, will be speaking about post-menopausal urologic problems.**

Village Players, Birmingham  
Sunday, March 24, 2pm  
Tickets: \$25  
**Reservation Deadline:  
Friday, March 1**

In this touching and humorous play, *The Cemetery Club* tells the story of three Jewish widows who accompany one another, once a month, to a local cemetery in Forest Hills, Queens, where their husbands are buried. When the ladies run into Sam, a butcher visiting his wife’s grave at the same cemetery, a romance seems to be in the making as Ida and Sam fall for each other. Exploring themes of love, loss, and renewal, this funny and sweet-tempered play will make audiences glad they came to the theatre.

Send checks, payable to Susan Winowiecki, to:  
2957 Courville Drive  
Bloomfield Hills 48302

# STUDY GROUP CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2024

**Community Outreach.** No Program Planned

**International Relations** 10:00 am, Mon., Feb. 5  
 Topic: Education in India  
 Hostess: Kathy Sherman, klsherman27000@gmail.com

**Public Policy** 2:30 pm, Thurs., Feb. 8  
 Topic: Artificial Intelligence and the November elections  
 Contact: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

**The Breakfast Bunch** 10:00 am, Tues., Feb. 27  
 Topic: Open Forum  
 Little Daddy's, 39500 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills  
 Contact: Patty Orlovski, porlow@sbcglobal.net

### ARTS & HUMANITIES

**Modern Art.** 11:30 am, Thurs., Feb. 22  
 Topic: "Women Artists in Paris 1850-1900"  
 Contact: Barb Gash, compusew@aol.com

### BOOK CLUBS

**Belles Lettres.** 1:00 pm, Tues., Feb. 20  
 Topic: *The Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela  
 Hostess: Carole Deyer, cadeyer@gmail.com

**Beyond Adelante** 1:00 pm, Tues., Feb. 6  
 Topic: *How the South Won the Civil War: Oligarchy, Democracy...*, Heather Cox Richardson  
 Hostess: Renee Zimmerman, razjazz2994@comcast.net

**Contemporary Books** 12:30 pm, Mon., Feb. 19  
 Topic: *Fever in the Heartland*, Timothy Egan  
 Hostess: Sandy Dickerson, sandradickerson@comcast.net

**Morning After Readers** 10:00 am, Mon., Feb. 12  
 Topic: *Killers of a Certain Age*, Deanna Raybourn  
 Hostess: Pat Bentley, bentzski@outlook.com

**Mystery Book Club** 1:00 pm, Wed., Feb. 28  
 Topic: *A Rip Through Time*, Kelley Armstrong  
 Contact: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com

**Potpourri** via Zoom 1:00 pm, Wed., Feb. 28  
 Topic: *Animal Farm*, George Orwell  
 Hostess: Charlotte Mahrt, cmahrt@aol.com

**Thurs. Morning Readers** 10:00 am, Thurs., Feb. 15  
 Topic: *Horse: A Novel*, Geraldine Brooks  
 Hostess: Louise Juntunen, louise5041260@yahoo.com

### HOME & GARDEN

**Green Thumb.** No Program Planned

**Let's Cook.** 12 noon, Tues., Feb. 27  
 Contact: Nancy Moses, nmoses1949@aol.com

**Needleworks.** 11:00 am, Wed., Feb. 21  
 Contact: Kathy Stasys, kstasys@hotmail.com

### ON THE TOWN

**Opera Divas.** No Program Planned

**Theater Goers** 2:00 pm, Sun., Mar. 24  
*The Cemetery Club*, Village Players, Birmingham, Tickets \$25  
 Contact: Sue Winowiecki, suewinow@gmail.com  
**Reservation Deadline: Friday, March 1**

**Two Thumbs Up** Time TBD, Thurs., Feb. 1 or 2  
 Hostess: Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com

### JUST FOR FUN

**Canasta** 1:00 pm, each Monday  
 Contact: Sue Winowiecki, suewinow@gmail.com

**Mah Jongg** 2:00 pm, Wed., Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28  
 Bloomfield Township Library. Beginners are welcome.  
 Contact: Janet Brown, janet.brown@wayne.edu

**Bridge**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: 10:30 am, Feb. 9, The Village Club  
 Hostess: Marge Thomas, 248-626-6098  
 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: 10:30 am, Feb. 23, The Village Club  
 Hostess: Carol Cummings, 248-540-2178



Calendar changes are due by the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. Contact:

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Linda Kevorkian 248.219.1915  
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## President's Message – February 2024

Greetings everyone –  
January certainly reminded us of what a Michigan winter looks like! (Of course, our snowbirds may have forgotten about snow and wind chills.) February has arrived and FYI – there are fewer than fifty days until Spring!

Speaking of February, Valentine's Day is just around the corner. In addition to celebrating matters of the heart, we are reminded that heart health is also important.

We know that some people have long forgotten their new year resolutions by now. In the next two months you may share your good fortune with others who have not been so blessed. Each Monday you will receive an email regarding our Annual Scholarship Fundraiser. As you may have heard, this year's fundraiser will be held in March, Women's History Month. What a perfect time to help some young women in our community achieve their goals with education. Please remember that all money raised for this fundraiser stays local. It funds our three high school scholarships and scholarships provided to women returning to school or just starting out.

The foundation board would like to mail out the yellow envelopes for the fundraiser by February 15. If you have time to stuff and stamp some envelopes, please contact Sally Doty or Julie Blair.

I hope that you will take time to think about why you joined the AAUW and how your values align with the mission of our branch to foster growth and encourage young women to take charge of their futures.

### **AAUW MISSION, VALUES, AND VISION**

**Mission** - AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

**Value Promise** – By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Did you know that your financial advisor may have creative ways for you to donate with favorable tax advantages while you plan how you want to be remembered.

We will once again be holding our monthly meeting on ZOOM. January's presentation on Human Trafficking was excellent. This month Stephanie Spaniola, a physician's assistant, will share important information about coping with common post-menopausal urologic problems. Hope to see you at the meeting.

*Jean*



# Membership

Thank you for telling your friends about the Birmingham AAUW Branch. Since September, we have welcomed thirteen new members and recently added our fourteenth, Diane Sullivan.

The most current copy of our roster may be accessed via our website at : <https://birmingham-mi.aauw.net/membership-directory/> You may also print out a copy of our directory from the website. Please note that this information is password protected.

(Hint: It has four letters, all capital letters, and is the name of our organization)

*in  
loving  
memory*

A Memorial Donation has been made by:

Jason and Mike Klingensmith in memory of their mother, Lana Klingensmith

Sonia Just in memory of Dorie Marshall

## Branch Board Positions Open for the 24-26 term

The offices of Vice-President of Membership and Treasurer will be voted on at the annual meeting in April. The nominating committee is looking for members who would like the opportunity to participate in our branch by serving on the board for the next term. Please consider this and keep in mind that board members have a two year term with a two term limit. We need members to bring their ideas and skills to the branch. Please call Sharon McKenna (313-570-2013) or Jean Ivory (248-252-2581) if you would like to contribute by being a branch board member.

## Officers that are Snowbirds!



Membership V.P. Katie Wiese enjoying the winter in Arizona.



Bulletin Co-editor, Kathy Stasys, editing the bulletin on the balcony of her Florida condo.

# AAUW Volunteers



Jean Ivory and Patty Orlowski work with Bound Together students on a STEM activity.



AAUW Board Members Kathy Norton, Linda Barclay, Jean Ivory, Sally Doty, Linda Kevorkian, Kathy Rice, Nancy O'Connor Linda Schnorbus and not pictured Patty sort through AAUW files and boxes that have been in storage.



# Educating and Empowering Women to Make History!



**Pay It Forward!** Did someone help you achieve your educational dreams? You, too, can help someone achieve their dreams.

AAUW Birmingham Branch is proud to **Pay It Forward** in March with our fundraiser for educational scholarships for local women and girls. Raising funds for educational scholarships is key to our AAUW mission. This year, **we hope our members will step forward to donate almost \$30,000 to help women and girls pursue better lives!**

**Is this effort important?** Our members' generosity funds scholarships that are considered life-changing for area women and girls demonstrating academic achievement and financial need. Many of these women and girls have struggled to enter or return to education due to circumstances of absent parents, domestic violence, divorce, single parenthood, no employment or underemployment, and other economic hardship situations.

**But I donated to AAUW Funds in December?** AAUW Funds support important National and State AAUW programs. Our Branch local scholarships used to be funded by our annual book sale. Going forward, our March Fundraiser is where your **Pay It Forward** scholarships impact the lives of deserving women and girls near you.

## **Our March scholarship fundraiser provides:**

- Valued multi-year scholarships for students at Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills, and Birmingham high schools,
- Scholarships for Oakland Community College, Lawrence Technological University, and Walsh College students enabling them to finish their major studies and start pursuing their professional careers, and
- Funds to attend leadership skills training - so important for college women preparing to enter the workforce.



## Pay It Forward article continued from previous page.

Each Monday Branch members have already started receiving an email with details about our scholarships, updates about our March Fundraiser, and quotes from school administrators and thankful scholarship recipients. Our efforts will help these scholars make history, so please be as generous as possible with your donations.

### Here's how to make a tax-deductible donation now:

- Go to our Branch website:  
<https://birmingham-mi.aauw.net/support-the-foundation/>
- Look in your mid-February paper mail for our bright yellow envelope with a donation form and instructions for mailing your check, and
- Bring your check to the in-person March 13<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting

We're all proud of our AAUW Branch mission and the difference we make. We're recognized as one of the most impactful and long-standing scholarship donors in the area. We need all our AAUW Branch members to join in and **Pay It Forward!**

AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization supporting the education of women and girls. Donations are tax-deductible. Donate at <https://birmingham-mi.aauw.net/support-the-foundation/> or address your check to: AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation. Mail to: Cindi Hopkins, 3190 Chestnut Run, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302

