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Thanks to your Support, We're Paying it Forward. . .



PONTIAC HIGH SCHOOL



Congratulations to the graduating high school seniors who were awarded scholarships from the AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation.

In May, we:

- § Awarded two new four-year \$3500 scholarships to graduating seniors at Bloomfield Hill High School.
 - o One student is supported by a single mother. She plans to study Clinical Psychology at Michigan State University
 - o One student is a Syrian refugee, whose family has significant medical bills for a disabled brother. She plans to study International Studies at the University of Michigan.
- § Awarded a new four-year scholarship to a graduating senior at Pontiac High School. She is the daughter of a single mom and plans to attend Oakland University majoring in Psychology with the goal of becoming a school psychologist. She is currently a dual enrolled student at OCC.
- § Awarded \$3500 in scholarships in the Birmingham District through the Birmingham SCHOLAR Fund.
 - o The young woman selected for the Birmingham Scholar AAUW scholarship is a graduate of Groves High School. She is one of 3 children. Dad recently lost his job, and her mother's business is closing. They are struggling to pay for food, medical bills and everyday necessities. She has applied for many scholarships as she can only attend college if she gets substantial scholarship help. She hopes to attend HBCU (Historically Black College University) and pursue an undergraduate degree in marketing, followed by a law degree. She has been an outstanding leader in high school.
 - o The 2023 recipient is receiving a second-year scholarship through Scholar. She had significant health issues in her freshman year and left school at the end of her first term, then enrolled at OCC to become certified as EMT. She is working as an EMT and attending OCC to complete required classes. She is a foster child and receives no assistance other than scholarships.

In addition, thanks to your support, we:

- § Continue to fund the scholarships at Lawrence Technological University, Oakland Community College, and Walsh College
- § Are sponsoring three deserving college students to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Bethesda Maryland.

STUDY GROUP CALENDAR JUNE 2024



International Relations 10:00 am, Mon., June 3
Topic: Agriculture and Culture of India
Planning Meeting
Hostess: Cheryl Van Zetten, cvanzetten@comcast.net

Public Policy 2:30 pm, Thurs., June 13
Topic: TBD
Contact: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

The Breakfast Bunch No Meeting Scheduled

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Modern Art 12:30 am, Thurs., June 27
Topic: Planning Meeting
Contact: Kathy Norton, kathleennorton@yahoo.com

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres 1:00 pm, Tues., June 18
Topic: *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah
Hostess: Lois Booth

Beyond Adelante 1:00 pm, Tues., June 4
Topic: Planning Meeting
Hostess: Christine Dagenais, cacmdm@gmail.com

Contemporary Books No Meeting Scheduled

Morning After Readers No Meeting Scheduled

Mystery Book Club 1:00 pm, Wed., June 26
Topic: *Girl Alone*, Blake Pierce
Contact: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com

Potpourri No Meeting Scheduled

Thurs. Morning Readers 10:00 am, Thurs., June 20
Topic: Planning Meeting
Hostess: Louise Juntunen, louise5041260@yahoo.com

Green Thumb 12:30 pm, Tues., June 18
Topic: *Organized Garden Tours*
presented by Nancy O'Connor
Hostess: Nancy O'Connor, nancyaoconnor1101@gmail.com

Let's Cook No Meeting Scheduled

Needleworks 11:00 am, Wed., June 19
Contact: Kathy Stasys, kstasys@hotmail.com

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas No Meeting Scheduled

Theater Goers No Program Planned

Two Thumbs Up No Meeting Scheduled

JUST FOR FUN

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

Mah Jongg 2:00 pm, Wed., June 5, 12, 19, 26
Bloomfield Township Library. Beginners are welcome.
Contact: Janet Brown, janet.brown@wayne.edu

Bridge
2nd Friday: 10:30 am, June 14, The Village Club
Hostess: Marge Thomas, 248-626-6098
4th Friday: 10:30 am, June 28, The Village Club
Hostess: Carol Cummings, 248-540-2178



Calendar changes are due by
the 17th of the month. Contact:
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Dates to Remember

June 12 (Wednesday) – Women Veteran's Day

June 18 (Tuesday) 3:00pm – Member Mingle at Katie Wiese's

June 19 (Wednesday) – Juneteenth Day

September 18 (Wednesday) – Each One Bring One



President's Message – June 2024

June is a month that kids often anticipate because it means school is out and summer activities can begin. We have just celebrated Memorial Day and Flag Day will be celebrated on June 14. Father's Day follows on June 16.

This June marks the end of another year where several successful endeavors are celebrated. As a group we continued to help wrap holiday gifts for kids in the foster care system through Big Family of Michigan. We donated items to various organizations that help others in need. The Public Policy study and Interest group organized its members to get information about local school board decisions. Our Pay It Forward fundraising endeavor successfully (once again) exceeded our goal. The foundation board followed the lead of Julie Blair and Katie Wiese to launch this yearly campaign. Who are the real winners? The recipients of the scholarships given out to a student from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac are grateful for the opportunities they have due to the scholarships. More scholarships were awarded to students from Oakland Community College, Lawrence Tech University and Walsh College. Thank you to all the members who contributed and to the foundation for their leadership in bringing this to you.

Be sure to look for information in this bulletin about the Member Mingle (for all members) at the home of Katie Wiese on Tuesday, June 18 at 3:00 PM. You will have the opportunity to find out what other members will be doing this summer and talk to someone you did not get the chance to meet at other meetings.

Some of our branch members were able to attend this year's AAUW State Convention in May at the Detroit Marriott in Livonia. Sally Doty and Linda Kevorkian are both members of the State Board that planned an informative meeting. Katie Wiese and Sharon McKenna will be joining Sally and Linda next year on the State Board. A big thank you to them for their continued commitment to AAUW. Birmingham Branch members Jane Conway and Marjetta Hamilton were acknowledged as fifty-year members! Thank you, Jane and Marjetta.

Before we meet again in September at Each One Bring One, think about bringing someone who might want to join. I hope you will also be thinking about what skills and talents you can bring to share with our branch. A few board members' terms will be up this year. Consider joining the board!

Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer!

Jean

Looking Forward to a Year of Interesting and Informative Programs



PROGRAMS ARE ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

September 18, 2024

Each One Bring One Open House

AAUW Birmingham Branch Meeting, Introduction to Study Groups, Light Refreshments. Reunite with fellow AAUW members and sign up for new interest groups. Bring a friend or neighbor and introduce her to the AAUW spirit and mission.

October 16, 2024

Mark Farlow

Principal of Design Hamilton, Anderson Associates

Mr. Farlow, an architect, has been involved in the revitalization of Detroit. He will tell the story of the "Restorative Urbanism: Black Bottom and Paradise Valley."

November 20, 2004

Mary Callahan Lynch

Artistic Director of the Motor City Lyric Opera

Mary Callahan Lynch is a professional opera singer, and former voice coach of Aretha Franklin. Brought up in a musical family, she will tell us how a hometown Birmingham, Michigan girl became the founder and director of the Motor City Lyric Opera.

December 18, 2024

Stuart Johnson

Speaker on Jazz and Pops

Stuart Johnson, a popular music historian, takes us back to the days after the first world war when a mass migration of African Americans fled north to escape the harsh realities they faced in the South. Many settled in new York's Harlem district where they flourished in the Arts, that included music and dance.

January 15, 2025

Barb Gash, Sue Winowiecki, Judy Allie, Pam Kiesel

These four ladies are AAUW members. They will discuss Women Artists in Paris, 1850-1900. We will see how young women, even then, were breaking barriers and showing the world what they could do

February 19, 2025

Armando Delicato

Mr. Delicato celebrates the history of Detroit's oldest neighborhood. From Irish immigrants in the 1840s to urban pioneers of the 21st century, this community today is the scene of increasing residential and commercial development.

March 19, 2025

Professor Bruce Zellers

Oakland University History Dept.

Professor Zellers, an historian, will speak about Theodore Roosevelt, the Environmentalist President. After becoming president In 1901, he established national forests, national bird reserves, national game preserves, national parks and national monuments. Over 230 million acres of public land. Today, his legacy can be seen across the country.

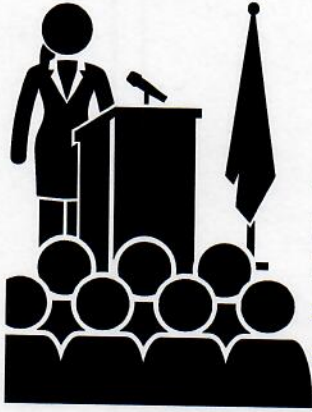
April 16, 2025

Pamela Craig

Ms. Craig, a popular speaker in the Detroit area, will speak about Hollywood Blondes and the Golden Girls of the Silver Screen.

May 21, 2025

General Meeting of the Birmingham Branch AAUW



Vice President of Programs

As the Vice President of Programs for the Birmingham Branch of the AAUW, I am the person responsible for arranging speakers for our monthly luncheon meetings. I try to make the subjects diverse, educational, and entertaining. This year we had programs that spotlighted community problems like hunger, human trafficking and immigration. We also showcased wonderful things our community is doing, like our beautiful Detroit Riverfront, to make the quality of life better for its citizens. We talked about women's health. We learned the history in respect to how women participated as both rescuers and aggressors during the Holocaust. A couple of programs were strictly for fun like Professor Henry Feinberg's presentation on the History of Rock and Roll and Pam Craig's program on the Gilded Age and the Crime of the Century.

It is important to me that we feature topics that are important and of interest to you. I would like all of you to be on the lookout. If you hear a dynamic and interesting speaker, please ask them for their card or contact information. I will explore them as a possible speaker. If you personally have topics that you would like to present, let me know. Also, if there were programs this year that you could have done without, I want to know about those.

I would like to thank you all for your wonderful participation at the meetings. You treated all of the speakers with grace and respect. They all commented on you being a receptive and attentive audience. As Henry Feinberg said, "Wow! They were really into it!"

See you in September!

Kathy Norton



Maria Daniel, an Immigration Attorney, spoke at the May luncheon.

AAUW Birmingham Branch May Board Meeting Highlights



Luncheon Program Speakers

Kathy Norton reported that the luncheon speakers have been confirmed for October and November and she is finalizing the December program. She is also working with prospective speakers to complete the calendar.

Membership

Sharon McKenna reported that AAUW Michigan will be raising state dues for 2024-25 by \$ 3 after July. Members can save that amount by either renewing on-line at AAUW.org, or by sending a check (for \$101 payable to AAUW) to her before the end of July.

Monthly Donation Items

Michele Wogaman reported that she has identified several additional organizations that accept donated items. The Board will finalize a monthly Donation schedule at the June meeting.

Volunteer Activities

Jean Ivory reported that she began canvassing middle schools' needs for volunteers and has identified a need for help with speakers and programs for after school programs. Following discussion, the Board decided to organize a process and a Volunteer Activities Coordinator to address these needs at the June meeting. The goal will be to establish an uncomplicated process with "doable" volunteer jobs.

Linda Barclay - Recording Secretary



Women First International Fund

Women First International Fund (womenfirstfund.org) works with many other grassroots organizations. They celebrated International Women's Day by hosting a side-event during the United Nation's Commission on Status of Women. They collaborated with Women of Influence (WOI), a partner organization in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania that was formed by a group of lawyers who support women from disadvantaged backgrounds to cultivate business skills. In collaboration with the local government, they help women who are small business owners to form groups and register themselves on the government portal, to be eligible for low or no interest loans. A majority of the WOI teams are entrepreneurs who have a registered business and are enjoying the opportunities for themselves and hence, are passionate about replicating these strategies for other women.

Linda Schnorbus

Member Mingle



Celebrate Summer with Your AAUW Friends

Enjoy Food, Fun and Friendship

On Tuesday, June 18 beginning at 3:00 pm

At the Home of Katie Wiese

4184 Wendell Road, West Bloomfield

Bring a beverage, if you like

we'll provide the fun

RSVP to Katie at katie.wiese@att.net

or (248) 842-8684

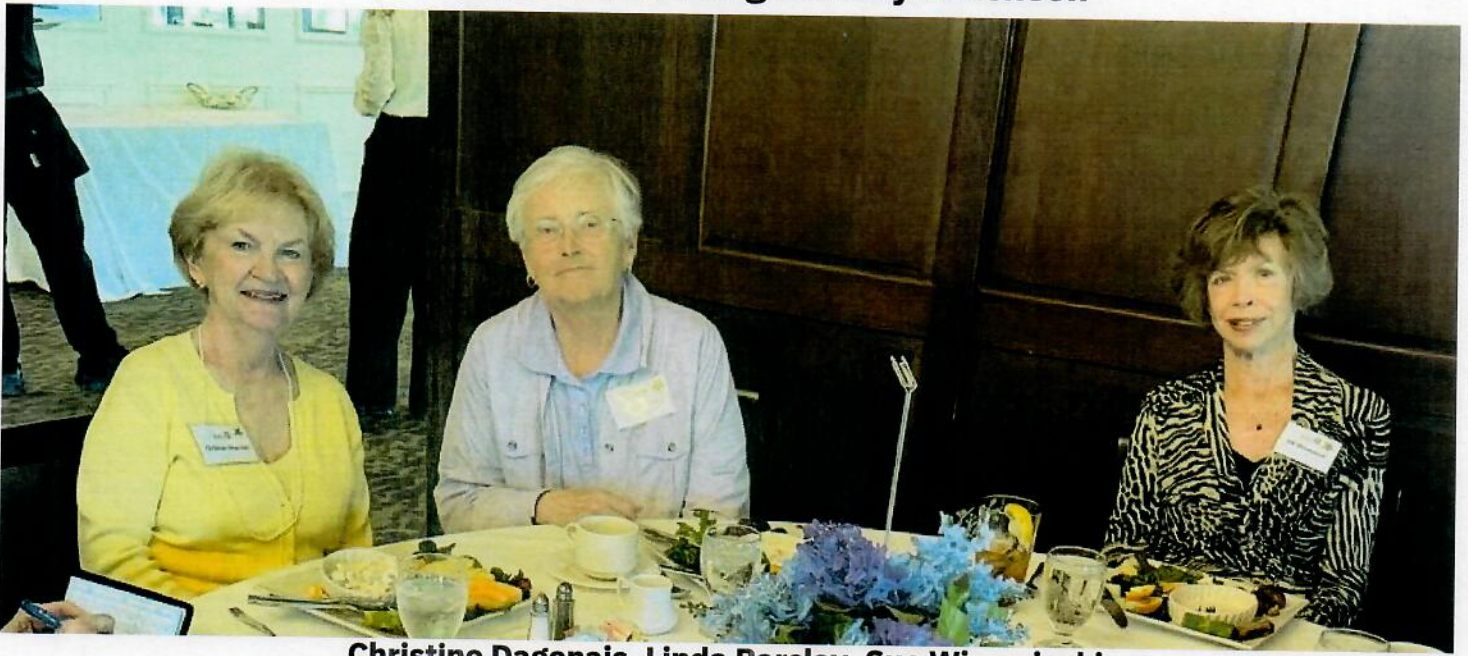
Membership



Welcome to our newest member, Candace Veon- Nyiri. Thanks to members inviting their friends, our branch continues to grow.

Up to date member information is available at our website:
<https://birmingham-mi.aauw.net/membership-directory/>

Members attending the May Luncheon



Christine Dagenais, Linda Barclay, Sue Winowiecki



Caroline Packard, Sandy Spencer, Joan Birnie, Karen Brant



Eileen Hitz and Rita Dates



Barbara Gash, Vivian Norton, Uma Bedi

