

## **October Luncheon**

**October 16, 2024**

**Iroquois Club**  
**43248 Woodward Ave.**  
**Bloomfield Hills, MI. 48302**  
**Social Hour - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Lunch at 12:00 p.m.**

**Program: Mark Farlow, Principal of Design Hamilton Anderson Associates, is an architect involved with the revitalization of Detroit. He will tell the story of "Restorative Urbanization: Black Bottom and Paradise Valley."**

**Menu: Iroquois Club Salad, Quiche, Rolls & Butter, Brownies**

**Please send your check payable to AAUW Birmingham Branch for \$32, by Wednesday, October 9, to:**

**Christine Dagenais**  
**1668 Trading Post Lane**  
**Bloomfield Township, MI 48302**  
**Please indicate any dietary restrictions.**

### **October Community Outreach**

Big Family of Michigan is a non-profit organization helping to make life better for children waiting to be adopted.

Volunteers work with organizations to provide the love, care, and items foster children need to be successful adults.

Beginning in October, they wrap thousands of presents for Christmas. They start early because they serve children and teens in the Upper Peninsula as well as the lower

**Items Needed:** Footballs; Clothing for children and teens, boys and girls. Jackets, size 24 months especially. Toys and games that children and teens would enjoy.

**Please bring your donations to the October Luncheon.**

## President's Message October 2024



Now that October is here the Fall season has officially arrived. Over the summer, the Foundation Board established a fundraising calendar so members know what to anticipate. Katie Wiese, Foundation President, provided direction to so that we can continue to honor our commitment for awarding educational scholarships. Three high school women and three college women (Lawrence Tech, Oakland CC and Walsh College) receive our scholarships.

This year's Each One Bring One reminds us about our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Branch activities give our members the opportunity to explore their own interests through the many Study and Interest Groups. The Public Policy group is focusing on voting issues and school board concerns. More members are needed to monitor school board activities which can be done from home by tuning in to streamed online meetings. Please contact Linda Barclay and Cam Takach to participate.

We have developed relationships with organizations that are in need of time and resources. Bound Together, an after school tutoring program, is looking for tutors and members to assist with special activities. Fun Day Monday students enjoy enrichment activities. A group from our branch helps with the STEM Monday activity. Please ask how to volunteer. Bound Together hosts a student holiday store, where students choose gifts for their parents, grandparents, and/or caregivers. We can help provide items for the store. Bring items to the November luncheon and Michele Wogaman will take them to save for the holiday store.

A very popular volunteer opportunity is the gift wrapping for Big Family of Michigan. This organization collects gifts all year so that foster children in the state of Michigan will receive something special for the holidays. Nearly two thousand foster children across the state receive seven gifts including a jacket, hat and mittens, games and toys. The Birmingham Branch has committed to wrapping on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 9-11 AM. Don't wait to be asked - you can sign up right now. Sign up sheets will be at the luncheons or you can contact me.

There is no shortage of opportunities. We need you volunteer! Look at your calendars and find a date that you can devote to helping your branch meet our goal for making a difference.

I will be looking forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday, October 16th at the Iroquois Club. See the front page of the bulletin for more details.

Jean

### **FUNDAY MONDAY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Oct 7, 2024 4:30 – 5:30pm

Please join us at Bound Together along with Oakland County 4-H for a fun STEM experience.

RSVP – Jean Ivory 248-252-2581 or Michele Wogaman [director@boundtogetherpontiac.org](mailto:director@boundtogetherpontiac.org)

# News from the Branch

## Branch Board Highlights for the September 2024 Meeting

There are three open chapter positions to be filled for the 2024-25 year: Education Equity, E-Bay Liaison, and Diversity. Interested individuals should contact Jean Ivory. Two Board vacancies are expected for the 2025-26 year: President and VP of Programs. These have been referred to the Nominating committee.

AAUW Foundation President Katie Wiese presented the Foundation's strategic plan. Beginning in 2025, the Scholarship fundraiser (local) will be held in the Fall and the national AAUW Funds fundraiser will be held in March. Members will be able to target their donations to specific efforts funded by the National AAUW Funds.

The Board discussed a proposal to hold a Spring concert in March of 2025 to celebrate the inauguration of our Endowment, to recognize major donors, and to showcase the activities of the Birmingham AAUW Branch. Details will be considered at the next Board meeting.

The Board began the discussion of member feedback on the EOBO general meeting; this discussion will be continued at the next Board meeting.



**Village Players, Birmingham**  
**Sunday, October 27, 2pm**  
**Tickets: \$25**

**Reservation Deadline:**  
**Sunday, October 20**

Enter the tumultuous world of *Next to Normal*, where the line between reality and illusion blurs, and the complexities of love, loss, and mental illness collide. In a suburban home, secrets simmer beneath the surface, threatening to unravel the fragile threads holding a family together. Join us on an emotional rollercoaster as we navigate the highs and lows of life, love, and the pursuit of normalcy in this gripping, Tony-winning musical that dares to ask: what does it mean to be truly 'normal'?

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

## *In loving memory*

A donation was made by Sally Doty in memory of Roberta Russ.

A donation was made by Jean Ivory in memory of Callie Schmidt and Roberta Russ.

An anonymous donation was made in memory of Callie Schmidt.



# News from the Foundation



## There is strength in numbers, and when women unite, we get things done!

Since 1881, AAUW has advocated for women. AAUW has published hundreds of research reports from an 1885 paper disproving a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman's fertility to a recent study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment. They have supported the academic achievements of many thousands of scholars from scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, to astronaut Judith Resnik, the second woman to travel in space.

AAUW advocacy efforts have propelled countless new laws, including the Equal Pay Act, first proposed in 1945 and finally passed in 1963; the Title IX amendment in 1972; the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993; the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009; and the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was passed by the U.S. Representatives in 2019 but is awaiting action in the Senate.

We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. When you contribute to AAUW Funds, you join with women across the world to improve the lives of women and girls. The AAUW Birmingham Branch has always been a big supporter of AAUW initiatives, and we plan to continue this tradition. AAUW Birmingham has designated March as the month that we focus on supporting AAUW Funds.

When you donate to AAUW Funds, you can designate where your funds go:

- 9110-AAUW Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly to critical issues affecting women as they emerge. It also funds research.
- 4450-Education & Training Fund addresses the barriers that prevent women from thriving in school and pursuing the careers of their dreams.
- 4452-Leadership Fund Supports AAUW's work to bolster the number of women in top roles across all industries by addressing systematic biases and giving women the skills and resources they need to lead.
- 4451-Governance & Sustainability Fund enables AAUW to function as efficiently as possible by incorporating state-of-the art technology into the member database and other systems.
- 2504-National Conference for College Women Students Leaders Scholarships provides financial aid for attendance at this leadership conference.

If you would like to include AAUW Funds in your end of the year donations, send a check made out to AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation. to Sally Doty, 17156 Wiltshire Blvd., Southfield, MI 48076 with a notation of which fund you prefer. Thanks in advance for your continued support of AAUW Funds!

# More Foundation News

## Our Branch Mission-Based Vision

### Provide **Hope** to Women and Girls Through Education and Empowerment

ü Educational opportunities given to women and girls are empowering events ü

Each opportunity offers the promise of uplifting others and triggering positive changes for all

ü The Ripple Effect continues for generations as individuals, families, and communities are transformed

There is no more important time than now to focus of the interests of women and girls in this country.

## Our Branch Mission Projects: Reaching out to our community

Bound Together



### Funday Mondays and Tutoring

Provide hands-on help with enrichment activities



### Pontiac Promise Zone

With OU, mentor students to make college accessible and ensure success

## STEM

Various opportunities throughout the year

## College Liaisons

Mentor our scholarship recipients and raise awareness of student AAUW opportunities and benefits

Watch your email inbox for your volunteer interest survey that will allow us to inform you about opportunities that fit your needs, as well as elicit feedback about what you would like to see.

# STUDY GROUP CALENDAR OCTOBER 2024

**International Relations** 10:00am, Mon., Oct. 7  
Topic: Indonesia – basic information and introduction  
Contact: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

**Public Policy** 2:00pm, Thurs., Oct. 17  
Topic: TBD  
Contact: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

**The Breakfast Bunch** 10:00am, Tues., Oct. 22  
Topic: TBD  
Little Daddy's, 39500 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills  
Contact: Patty Orlowski, porlow@sbcglobal.net

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

**Modern Art** 12:30pm, Thurs., Oct. 24  
Topic: Tour of art at Bev Dinsmore's home  
Contact: Karen Brant, kbrant626@gmail.com

## BOOK CLUBS

**Belles Lettres** 1:00pm, Tues., Oct. 15  
Topic: *The Book of Longings*, Sue Monk Kidd  
Hostess: Annis Pratt, avpratt@aol.com

**Beyond Adelante** 1:00pm, Tues., Oct. 1  
Topic: *North Woods*, Daniel Mason  
Hostess: Nancy O'Connor,  
nancyaoconnor1101@gmail.com

**Contemporary Books** 12:30pm, Mon., Oct. 21  
Topic: *The Frozen River*, Ariel Lawhon  
Hostess: Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com

**Morning After Readers** 10:00 m, Mon., Oct. 14  
Topic: *West with Giraffes*, Lynda Rutledge  
Hostess: Cheryl Van Zetten, cvanzetten@comcast.net

**Mystery Book Club** 1:00pm, Wed., Oct. 23  
Topic: *Distant Echo*, Val McDermid  
Contact: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com

**Potpourri** 1:00pm, Wed., Oct. 23  
Topic: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, Agatha Christie  
Hostess: Eugenie Beall, eugenie.beall@gmail.com

**Thurs. Morning Readers** 10:00am, Thurs., Oct. 17  
Topic: *The Frozen River*, Ariel Lawhon  
Hostess: Louise Juntunen, louise5041260@yahoo.com

**Green Thumb.** 11:00am, Tues., Oct. 15  
Topic: *The Overstory*, Richard Powers  
Hostess: Kathy Conner, katconn@hotmail.com

**Let's Cook** 12 noon, Tues., Oct. 15  
Contact: Betty Eliasson, reliasson@mi.rr.com

**Needleworks** 12 noon, Wed., Oct. 2  
Hostess: Kathy Stasys, kstasys@hotmail.com

## ON THE TOWN

**Opera Divas** 1:00pm various Saturdays  
Oct. 5: *Les Contes D'Hoffman*, Jacques Offenbach  
Oct. 19: *Grounded*, Jeanine Tesori/George Brant  
Brunch at 10:30, Maple Leaf Restaurant, 110 West Maple  
Contact: Elizabeth Snyder, happystitcherliz@gmail.com

**Theater Goers** 2:00 pm, Sun., Oct. 27  
*Next to Normal*, Village Players, Birmingham, Tickets \$25  
**Reservation Deadline: Sunday, October 20**  
Contact: Sue Winowiecki, suewinow@gmail.com

**Two Thumbs Up** Time TBD, Fri., Oct. 4  
Hostess: Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com

## JUST FOR FUN

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

**Mah Jongg** 2:00pm, every Wednesday  
Bloomfield Township Library. Beginners are welcome.  
Contact: Janet Brown, janet.brown@wayne.edu

**Bridge**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: 10:30am, Oct. 11, The Village Club  
Hostess: Marge Thomas, 248-626-6098  
4<sup>th</sup> Friday: 10:30am, Oct. 25, The Village Club  
Hostess: Carol Cummings, 248-540-2178



Please submit calendar changes  
by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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