



Women's History Month



March Luncheon

March 19, 2025

Iroquois Club

43248 Woodward Avenue

Bloomfield Hills, MI. 48302

Social Hour - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

**Menu: Caesar Salad, Chicken Piccata, Roasted Redskin Potatoes,
Mixed Vegetables, and Cookies**

Program: Professor Bruce Zellers, historian from Oakland University, will speak about Theodore Roosevelt, the Environmental President. President Roosevelt established national forests, parks, game reserves, and monuments covering over 230 million acres of public land.

Please send your check, payable to **AAUW Birmingham Branch,
for \$32, by Wednesday, March 12th to:**

Christine Dagenais

1668 Trading Post Lane

Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Please indicate any dietary restrictions.

March Community Outreach **Michigan Animal Rescue League**

MARL was established in 1953 and is still located at 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI. MARL cares for animals as if they are their own family pets. Every animal is given unconditional love in the form of physical care, socialization, and the affection that an animal would receive in a home.

Donations: wet dog and cat food (all brands); dry dog and puppy food (Purina One); dry cat and kitty food (Purina One); all types of cat and dog toys; clay clumping cat litter; paper towels; Clorox disinfecting wipes; gently used or new harnesses, leashes, and collars (all sizes); and fleece blankets.

Please bring your donations to the March Luncheon.



President's Message March 2025

Each month I look to see who (or what) will be recognized throughout the month. My personal favorite for this month occurs on March 14th, **World Sleep Day**, five days following Daylight Saving Time. There are many ways to remind us to be aware of other groups and important causes.

The AAUW supports Women during the month of March: Disability Awareness, and World Water Awareness Day

Our Branch treasurer, Dr. Susan Wheatley, is one of nine women from the state of Pennsylvania to be honored for her volunteer and leadership contributions in her community. Before returning to Michigan, Susan was continually active in AAUW and is the past AAUW-Indiana Affiliate President. Susan is a former professor of music education and has performed extensively on national and international stages during her career. Susan has organized a concert featuring women composers and performers. (See page 11 for more information.) Susan and another AAUW Birmingham Branch member, Lara Alami, will both be performing in the concert on Sunday, March 23rd.

Sally Doty will be reaching out to members this month as we spotlight the importance of supporting AAUW Funds. We ask that you watch for opportunities to donate to AAUW Funds.

I would like to share with you an article that caught my attention on the AAUW – Michigan website. **AAUW Public Policy Priorities** reinforces the mission of AAUW to advance gender equity for women and girls. This work relies on research and public participation to spread the message as well as meeting the needs of women and children through volunteer activities. As I was reading the article, one sentence stood out. It defines what we can do to make a difference.

Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

Please take a moment to read the following articles. They will help you to understand why it is important to be an active and supportive member of our branch.

[AAUW - Public - Policy - Priorities 2023 . pdf](https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities/)
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities/>

First Day of Spring is not too far away.

Jean

Woman's History Month

Join Your AAUW Sisters as We Celebrate Woman's History Month and Advance Equity

Woman's History Month was proclaimed first as a **Week** in March by President Carter in 1980 and then expanded into Women's History **Month** via a joint resolution of Congress in March of 1987 under President Reagan.

Lace Up Your Boots



Join your AAUW sisters as we march forward to celebrate and support the history, progress, and the contributions of women, as we continue to recognize that inequities still exist.

Open Your Pocketbooks to Advance the March



Did you know that there are five funds managed by AAUW that fuel the mission that we all support. You decide which of these five funds match your own reasons for belonging to the AAUW. All support the education and empowerment of women.

Are you on fire with educating women in supportive environments that are free from harassment and discrimination? Then direct your dollars to the **Education and Training Fund (4450)**.

Or

Is leadership development for women as they climb to the top of their companies or even break the glass ceiling vital to you? Then direct your dollars to the **Leadership Fund (4452)**.

Or

Do you support building leadership skills early in the career trajectory of young women? Then direct your dollars to fund scholarships for attendance at the national level leadership conference - known as the NCCWSL, National **Conference for College Women Student Leaders Fund (2504)**.

Or

Did you know that AAUW generates cutting edge knowledge to describe and explain why so few women sustain their studies in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and the arts which nurture imagination and innovation? Or do you want to enable AAUW to use your dollars to where they are most needed? Then direct your dollars to the **Greatest Needs Fund (9110)**.

Or

Would you like to fuel efforts to ensure that the organization is able to incorporate state-of-the-art technology into AAUW databases? Then direct your dollars to the **Governance and Sustainability Fund (4451)**.

I will celebrate Women's History Month by contributing to the following AAUW Fund:



Donate Any Amount to One Of Five AAUW National Funds

Education and Training Fund - 4450

Leadership Fund - 4452

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarships - 2504

AAUW Greatest Needs Fund - 9110

Governance & Sustainability Fund - 4451

Send your check with choice of funds in the memo line

Make check payable to AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation

Mail to Sally Doty at 17156 Wiltshire Blvd. Southfield, MI 48076

Thank you!

News from the Branch



Calling all coaches!



Share your time,
experience and support
with 1st-gen college
women!

The Pontiac Promise Zone Coaching Project

Join us for lunch and to learn as we develop our program to partner with young women navigating the challenges of college. Coco Moulder, Executive Director at Pontiac Promise Zone, will share insights and discussion about how AAUW women can support students, build confidence and skills, and play a role in creating success - one student at a time!

Monday, March 3

11:30 - 1:00 PM

All Saints Episcopal Church

171 W. Pike, Pontiac

For more info: 248-875-5768



Scan me to
register!



More Branch News

AAUW Birmingham Branch Board Highlights

February 19, 2025

Sally Doty reported that funds have already been received for donated items sold through eBay. Sally and Cindy Hopkins are coordinating the eBay program. They are planning two major collection drives; one in summer and one in fall. Katie Wiese will organize pick up of donated items. More will follow on this!

Sally reported on fall and spring fund-raising for the Foundation. March will be the focus month for Spring fund-raising for the AAUW Funds which support national programs and activities. The focus for fall fundraising will be on supporting our Birmingham Branch scholarships. Members can always designate where they want their donation dollars spent. Please contact Sally Doty (sallyaauw@gmail.com) for more specific guidance.

President Jean Ivory will work with designated Board members to review and update Branch guidelines on the use of AAUW logo in on-line and print communications, AAUW endorsements, use of AAUW funds etc. The purpose of this work will be to provide direction for members, and to ensure consistency and compliance with Branch policy, procedures and By-Laws, and with national AAUW policies and procedures.



A thank you goes out to Patty Beaujon and Susan Wheatley for volunteering to chair the Community Outreach program.

A thank you goes out to Sally Doty and Cindi Hopkins for volunteering to chair the EBay program. Please contact Sally @ sallyaauw@gmail.com or Cindi @ hopkins3190@gmail.com for pick up information

A thank you also goes out to Maureen Jenkins and Nancy O'Connor for helping Cindi Hopkins audit the Foundation books.



Linda Schnorbus won the February Luncheon 50/50 Raffle.
Congratulations Linda!

In loving memory



A donation was made by the Foundation Board in memory of Carol Sheldon.
A donation was made by the Foundation Board in memory of George Beaujon.
A donation was made by Thursday Morning Readers in memory of Carolyn Hall.
A donation was made by Patty Orlowski in memory of Carolyn Hall.
A donation was made by Julie Blair in memory of Carol Sheldon.
A donation was made by Julie Blair in memory of Wayne Pike.
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A donation was made by Patty Orlowski in memory of Wayne Pike.
A donation was made by Patty Orlowski in memory of Tom Schmidt.

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy, for the passing of my mother, Dorothy J. Sheldon. The plant sent by the branch is beautiful.



Jean



Dates to Remember

Mon. March 3 - Promise Zone Volunteer Training

Wed. March 5 - Ash Wednesday

Equal Pay Day

Sun. March 9 - Daylight Saving Time – Spring Forward

Fri. March 14 - World Sleep Day

Mon, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Thurs, March 20 - First Day of Spring

Sun, March 23 - *Nevertheless, She Persisted Concert*

3:00 PM Orchard Lake Community Church

Thurs, March 27 - World Theatre Day

Wed, April 16 - April Board Meeting and Branch Luncheon

Wed, May 21 - May Board Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting (**Note Correction: the annual meeting usually held in April will be held during the May luncheon this year.**)

March is...

Women's National History Month

Gender Equality Month

National Reading Month



Photos from the February Luncheon



Jean Ivory and Presenter Jessica Marcetti



New Member Coco Moulder, Director of Pontiac Promise Zone



Karen Linnell, Bev Pintar and Ruth Goulding



Carlene Van Voorhies and Pat Bentley



**Rose Zawislak, Renee Zimmerman, Susan Wheatley, Patti Bannasch,
Patty Beaujon, and Jean Ivory**



Your donations to Vista Maria

Nevertheless, She Persisted

A Concert Presenting American Women Composers



Marian McPartland



Alberta Hunter



Anne Neikirk



Bessie Smith



Amy Beach



Adaline Shepherd



Florence Price



Libby Larsen



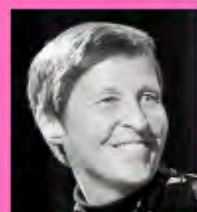
Jean Ritchie



Billie Holiday



Margaret Bonds



Gwyneth Walker



Undine Smith-Moore



Ruth Crawford

Sunday, March 23 • 3:00 PM • Orchard Lake Community Church
5171 Commerce Rd, Orchard Lake Township

Featuring the Windover Chamber Singers celebrating Women's History Month

- Lara Alami, Julianne Laird, Leslie Mason, Chantel Woodard, Dawn Giblin,
 & Susan Wheatley, piano • Open to the public at no charge.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18TRvkNqrs/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Study Group Calendar - March 2025

Community Outreach **No Program Planned**
Contact: Susan Wheatley, wheatleyse@gmail.com
Patty Beaujon, geobbeaujon@sbcglobal.net

International Relations **10:00am, Mon., Mar. 3**
Topic: Education in Indonesia
Contact: Linda Schnorbus, lfsrhs76@comcast.net

Public Policy **2:00pm, Thurs., Mar. 20**
Topic: Various discussion topics
Bloomfield Public Library
Contact: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

The Breakfast Bunch **10:00am, Tues., Mar. 25**
Topic: TBD
Little Daddy's, 39500 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: Patty Orlowski, porlow@sbcglobal.net

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Modern Art **10:45am, Thurs., Mar. 27**
Topic: Toledo Art Museum "Ancient to Contemporary Art" Exhibit. Lunch at Toledo Museum Café.
Contact: Jackie Werner, jwerner951@gmail.com

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres **1:00pm, Tues., Mar. 18**
Topic: *Goodnight, Irene*
Contact: Cathy Liller, lillercm@yahoo.com

Beyond Adelante **1:00pm, Tues., Mar. 4**
Topic: *The Ride of Her Life*..., Elizabeth Letts
James McBride
Hostess: Beverly Fogelson, bfodelson@gmail.com

Contemporary Books **12:30pm, Mon., Mar. 17**
Topic: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*,
James McBride
Hostess: Gennie Hunter, dalehunter@aol.com

Morning After Readers **10:00am, Mon., Mar. 10**
Topic: *James: A Novel*, Percival Everett
Hostess: Pat Bentley, bentzski@outlook.com

Mystery Book Club **1:00pm, Wed., Mar. 26**
Topic: *The Sirens Sang of Murder*, Sarah Caudwell
Contact: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com

Potpourri **1:00pm, Wed., Mar. 26**
Topic: *Ninety-Nine Glimpses of Princess Margaret*,
Craig Brown
Hostess: Joan Hanpeter, hanpeter@aol.com

Thurs. Morning Readers **10:00am, Thurs., Mar. 20**
Topic: *Canary Girls*, Jennifer Chiaverini
Hostess: Louise Juntunen, louise5041260@yahoo.com

HOME & GARDEN

Green Thumb. **12:20pm, Tues., Mar. 18**
Topic: Members will bring favorite gardening books to share books to share.
Bloomfield Township Public Library
Contact: Laura Schartman, lschartman@gmail.com

Let's Cook **12:30pm, Tues., Mar. 18**
Hostess: Sonia Just, just12@comcast.net

Needleworks **12 noon, Wed., Mar. 5**
Hostess: Patty Orlowski, porlow@sbcglobal.net

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas **1:00pm, Sat., Mar. 15**
MJR Theater, 100 East Maple Road, Troy
Fidelio, Ludwig van Beethoven
Brunch at 10:30, Maple Leaf Restaurant, 110 West Maple
Contact: Elizabeth Snyder, happystitcherliz@gmail.com

Theater Goers **2:00pm, Sun., Mar. 2**
Contact: Sue Winowiecki, suewinow@gmail.com

Two Thumbs Up **TBD, Fri., Mar. 6**
Contact: Judy Allie, jallie2@gmail.com

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



Please submit calendar changes by the 20th of the month.

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