

Congratulations to our new Branch Officers

President - Cindi Hopkins

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The 2025 -2026 Branch Executive Board

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Vice President of Programs - Kathy Rice

Vice President of Membership - Camela Takach

Recording Secretary - Linda Barclay

Corresponding Secretary - Michele Wogaman

Treasurer - Susan Wheatley





President's Message June 2025



The 2024-2025 year for the Birmingham AAUW Branch may be ending, but the work we do is ongoing. Throughout the summer there will be meetings and opportunities to continue the work that has become the reason for our existence.

Serving as president for the last four years has provided me the opportunity to get to know more people on a different level. There are many reasons for belonging to an organization such as ours, but the one that stands out the most to me has been a desire to give back to our community.

If you have ever had someone do something for you and wondered how you could ever return the favor, there is one sentiment that comes to mind. The best way is to “pay it forward” and help someone else when they need it. We are an organization that looks for ways to make a difference in the lives of other women. We do that by contributing to the work of other organizations that help women and girls through our volunteer hours, our donations of needed items, and our scholarships to young women beginning their adult careers. I hope you know what it means to the people who have been helped through your generosity.

Our branch also gives us the opportunity to meet with other like-minded women to share what you have learned over the years and learn from others. In education, that is called life-long learning. I may not have participated in every study and interest group, but the messages you share with others show what a wealth of knowledge we have in our branch. Please continue to be involved with others by attending luncheons and the interest groups – that is your “payback” for all that you continue to do for others.

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At the annual meeting held in May, the new officers to the board were introduced. Kathy Rice has been involved in several ways in the operation of the branch activities. Kathy will be bringing you new programs for the luncheons that will help to expand your horizons with what is happening in our community. Michele Wogaman has agreed to stay as corresponding secretary for another term. If you have ever been the recipient of one of Michele's notes you are aware of her talent for saying the right things to help you to feel valued. Finally, Cindi Hopkins has agreed to serve you as president for the next two years. Cindi's work as a professional will be a true asset to our branch. She understands organizational development and finances, which will be important, but she also is a very personable individual who will represent us well. I would also like to thank Patty Orłowski and Kathy Stasys for presenting this bulletin every month. They have taken on this job and put considerable time in to get the bulletin out each month.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for the last four years. You have been incredibly supportive and patient with me throughout this time. When I introduced the past presidents at the May luncheon, it did not escape me that we have been fortunate to have several very dedicated women in our branch. I look forward to working with you in the coming years in other capacities and I encourage you to keep seeking the right place to share your talents to stay involved.

Jean

Branch News



The process to renew your membership online has been simplified a bit, and renewing online is quick and immediate.

- Follow this link to renew your membership online: <https://www.aauw.org/>
- Log in to your account and scroll to the bottom of your personal information
- Click on the RENEW button and follow the directions
- ** When you are choosing a local branch, be sure it is Birmingham, Michigan

Renewing online doesn't work for you?

- Write a check for \$106, payable to AAUW Birmingham Branch
- Send to: Sharon McKenna, PO Box 573, Farmington, MI 48332
- Include a note that indicates any changes to your contact information

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Hello from AAUW!

In the role of Corresponding Secretary for the Branch, I have the pleasure of communicating with our members: in hearing from those who let me know that we should be in touch with someone, as well as getting that gesture out with a stamp or a keystroke. All of us appreciate and treasure personal connection - that word of encouragement, congratulation, condolence or "thinking of you" - that brightens a day and reminds us that we are part of the circle of friends.

Always feel free to let me know if a note should be sent to someone in the Branch, either by contacting me at director@boundtogetherpontiac.org or calling/texting my cell at 248-875-5768. Including your name, full name of the proposed recipient and any information pertinent to an appropriate sentiment is very much appreciated.

In the last several weeks, notes have been sent out to:

Linda Kevorkian

Marion Muma

Cam Takach

Renee Zimmerman

A shout out to all who take that moment to reach out to friends and members every day - and I'll look forward to hearing from you whenever you have a suggestion about sending some cheer!

Michele Wogaman

Corresponding Secretary



ATTENTION ALL FORMER BOARD MEMBERS!

We are missing **BLUE** Policy and Bylaws binders. If you have one please email Patty Orlowski @ porlow@sbcglobal.net and she will arrange to pick it up from you.



Congratulations to Patty Orlowski who won the 50/50 Raffle at the May luncheon.

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Branch Board Highlights

May 21, 2025

Branch Board Meeting

The Board considered two important issues: the 2025-26 budget and a review of Branch policies and procedures. Treasurer Susan Wheatley presented the 2025-26 budget as developed by the Budget committee. After review, discussion, and minor changes, the Board approved the budget. President Jean Ivory began the review of Branch policies. This will be continued at the June Board meeting. Jean is working to assure that incoming new and returning Board members have accurate, up-to-date materials.

Branch Annual Meeting

In a new arrangement, members enjoyed a wonderful buffet luncheon to begin the event. As members were completing their luncheons, President Jean Ivory opened the annual business meeting. She first presented the slate of nominees on behalf of the Nominating committee: Cindi Hopkins (President); Kathy Rice (Vice President for Programs); and Michele Wogaman (Corresponding Secretary). Each candidate was considered individually, and each candidate was unanimously elected to her position. Congratulations to our new Officers!

Jean also directed members' attention to copies of the 2025-26 budget for member review and questions. Following this, Jean turned to the annual review of the Branch and its members. She first recognized members who had died during the past year. She gave recognition to 58 Branch members who contributed to the AAUW Funds during the year. She also asked several members to stand for recognition of their service during the past year, and summarized the many Branch activities and projects of 2024-25.

Lastly, members recognized and thanked Jean Ivory for her four years of service as Branch President and presented her with a gift. Jean then adjourned the business meeting. Members ended the event by enjoying conversation and playing a round of bingo (with women leader icons) for prizes!



Foundation News

Too much “stuff”?



We all know the feeling-- I have too many things, but they are too good to just throw in the trash. My children don't want my stuff. What should I do?

The perfect answer: Donate to AAUW-Birmingham Foundation. You get a charitable donation and the satisfaction of giving to a mission you believe in - the education of women. AAUW will sell the items on E-Bay and the money will go to scholarships and other mission-based endeavors uplifting women and girls. Everyone wins!

What do I do next? Pack your giveaways in a box. Call Sally Doty 248-909-4583 or Cindi Hopkins 248-924-7008. They will arrange for a time to come to your home for a pickup and will take the items to the AAUW safe storage.

This is another way we can build our AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation.

Anna Kohl is the 2025 Bloomfield Hills High School Scholarship Recipient

Anna plans on attending the University of Michigan, She was awarded the scholarship by Foundation President Katie Wiese and Scholarship Chair Patty Beaujon. **CONGRATULATIONS ANNA!**



Katie, Anna, Patty

More Foundation News

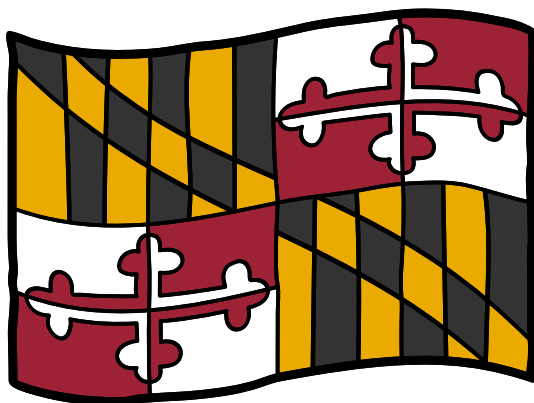
NCCWSL (National Conference for College Student Leaders) 2025



The three 2025 college freshman scholarship awardees from the Birmingham Branch, Aisys, Gabby and Joele, were introduced at the May luncheon. They have just returned from this year's NCCWSL conference. The event, held at the University of Maryland in College Park, was attended by hundreds of future women leaders.

Aisys, Gabby and Joele were able to participate in many workshops and meet AAUW leaders. They also had an opportunity, new this year, to spend an afternoon touring Washington, D.C. by trolley. Many thanks to Sally Doty's nephew, David Herring, for picking them up after the conference, taking them to the trolley, and then driving them to the airport!

Thanks to Cindi Hopkins for driving them to and from Detroit Metro airport and making their travel arrangements. It takes a village! If you like planning travel, booking tickets, etc. let Cindi know as she is looking for someone to take over managing the NCCWSL event next year. Meantime, a follow up article with their feedback will be in September's bulletin.



Even More Foundation News

Thank Our AAUW FUNDS Donors

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Kathryn Wiese
Susan Winowiecki
Michelle Wogaman

thank you

BOUND TOGETHER: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS WITH THE BT BENEFIT BASH!

Bound Together is incredibly grateful to friends at AAUW who, throughout the year, have graciously donated to our annual Shopping Day, volunteered with our children, and have also crowd-sourced a silent auction basket to support our after-school tutoring, nutrition and enrichment work at the upcoming Bound Together Benefit on June 8 - we hope to see you there!

Join us for



Michele Wogaman, vocalist
Lois Kaarre, piano
Michael McGuinness, emcee

Tickets available now!



SCAN THE QR CODE!

THE BOUND TOGETHER BENEFIT

Wogaman and Kaarre

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK



FOOD - DRINK - MUSIC

08 JUNE **THE CROFOOT**
1 SO. SAGINAW, PONTIAC
3 PM - 5 PM

<https://ticketstripe.com/TheBTBenefitBash>
director@boundtogetherpontiac.org
248-334-3827

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS

Study Group Calendar - June 2025

SOCIAL ISSUES

- Community Outreach** No Program Planned
- International Relations** 10:00am, Mon, June 2
Topic: Planning Meeting
Hostess: Cheryl Van Zetten, cvanzetten@comcast.net
- Public Policy** No Meeting Planned
- The Breakfast Bunch** 10:00am, Tues., June 24
Topic: TBD
Kerby's, 43061 Woodward (north of Square Lake)
Contact: Patty Orlowski, porlow@sbcglobal.net

ARTS & HUMANITIES

- Modern Art** 12:30pm, Thurs, June 26
Topic: Planning Meeting
Contact: Kathleen Norton, kathleennorton45@yahoo.com

BOOK CLUBS

- Belles Lettres** 1:00pm, Tues, June 17
Topic: Plain Truth
Contact: Cathy Liller, lillercm@yahoo.com
- Beyond Adelante** 1:00pm, Tues, June 3
Topic: Planning Meeting
Hostess: Christine Dagenais, cacmdm@gmail.com
- Contemporary Books** No Meeting Planned
- Morning After Readers** No Meeting Planned
- Mystery Book Club** 1:00pm, Wed, June 25
Topic: Slow Horses, Mick Herron
Contact: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com
- Potpourri** No Meeting Planned
- Thurs. Morning Readers** 10:00am, Thurs, June 19
Topic: Planning Meeting
Hostess: Patty Orlowski, porlow@sbcglobal.net

HOME & GARDEN

- Green Thumb.** 12:30pm, Tues, June 17
Topic: Visit to the home of botanical/photographic artist Laurie Tennent. Lunch following at Bill's.
RSVP is REQUIRED
Contact: Anita Goor, athenawisdom2@gmail.com
- Let's Cook** No Meeting Planned
- Needleworks** 12 noon, Wed, June 4
Hostess: Elizabeth Snyder, happystitcherliz@gmail.com

ON THE TOWN

- Opera Divas** No Meeting Planned
- Theater Goers** No Meeting Planned
- Two Thumbs Up** No Meeting Planned
- 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, June 13, The Village Club
Hostess: Marge Thomas, 248-626-6098
4th Friday: 10:30am, June 27, The Village Club
Hostess: Carol Cummings, 248-540-2178



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

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