



LEGACY

AAUW-Dearborn welcomes individuals to join us as we promote equity issues for women and girls through education, research, and advocacy.

Regular membership requires a college degree. We also support a membership category for anyone who does not have a college degree, also known as a Community Associate.

One may become a member regardless of age, gender, disability, gender identity, residence, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

SAVE THE DATE
Rescheduled
Annual Meeting
McFadden Ross House
January 27th
9:30 a.m.

Board meeting
February 6 – 7 p.m.

General Meeting
February 10 – 10 a.m.

Dear Members –

Hope it feels good for you as it does myself that we’re truly launched into the New Year. February is certainly a time for reflection. A month to be more aware of and monitor our worrying society and continuing global difficulties. It’s also a month to be more thankful of who we are as individuals and as a strong and growing women’s organization.

We will be electing new officers at our Annual Meeting on January 27, 2024. Nominations have been placed for Jan Frank, Mary Nameth and Kathy Savatsky as officers for the years 2024-2026. These three women have a lot to offer our Affiliate and I know they will do a terrific job.

Were you aware that on **February 16, 1945**, The Alaska Equal Rights Act was signed into law; the first state or territorial anti-discrimination law enacted in the United States in the 20th century. Elizabeth Peratrovich, a Tlingit woman who was Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, spearheaded the effort to end discrimination against Alaska Natives and other non-white residents. A few other historical notes:

February 1, 1978 – First postage stamp honoring a black woman, Harriet Tubman

February 4, 1987 – First “National Women in Sports Day” by Presidential Proclamation

February 11, 1989 – Rev. Barbara Harris 1st bishop in the American Episcopal Church.

February 15, 1921 – The Suffrage Monument dedicated at the U.S. Capitol

February 15, 1953 – Tenley Albright 1st American female World Figure Skating medal winner

February 17, 1870 – Esther Morris 1st American female Justice of the Peace (Wyoming)

February 24, 1967 – Jocelyn Burnell - first discoverer of a pulsar (neutron star)

February 27, 1922 – 19th Amendment guarantees women the right to vote

Please remember, each of us is still capable of such dramatic feats, and should continue working to help each other. Focusing on the term working, “a manner of functioning, operating”, may simply be helping another AAUW member and those around them.

Our AAUW Dearborn Affiliate’s continuing strength is helping others, and we are all “working” in that sense; dedicated women who care about each other and want others to join.

Joan Reed



Kimberly Ismail - LEGACY NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT -

Q: Why did you join AAUW- Dearborn? I have always been a girl's advocate. Any impactful work that relates to moving "girl" causes forward is a great way to spend your time. I respect all the work that the AAUW does with advocating for education and policies in regard to equity and discrimination. Rosa Scaramucci, our beloved AAUW member - is also a part of why I wanted to join - seeing her work centered around the AAUW inspired me.

Q: What is your education and profession? My educational background is Business Administration. Education continues to be a work in progress for me. Always. I have worked for the Dearborn Public Schools as an Administrative Assistant for over 20 years. I love what I do and appreciate the school district I work for. My favorite part is that we are always looking for ways to make sure STUDENTS come first.

Q: What are your interests and hobbies? I love being a mom. My son is 20 years old, and he is by far - my favorite travel buddy. I spend my time doing my charity drives on behalf of impoverished children and families. I also enjoy attending the Dearborn Symphony Concerts (of which I'm a board member) - I enjoy doing work on behalf of the city (I'm a board member of the Dearborn Community Fund and Dearborn Historical Museum). I'm also a proud member of the League of Women Voters. I also run a texting and driving campaign called - Arrive Alive. I'm currently finishing up my first children's book about "good virtues" and was recently asked to be on Mayor's Hunger Alliance team for Dearborn. I also have the cutest puppy named Miss Molly Bleu. My favorite pastime is visiting art museums. I love art. *We welcome Ms. Ismail and her talents, skills and passion for our cause and thank her for her membership.*

Directory Corrections

Please correct your 2023-24 directory

~ Geri Biggs attended Marygrove and *University of Michigan.*

AAUW - D BOARD MEETING - MINUTES – JANUARY 2, 2024

The AAUW Dearborn Affiliate board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Rosa Scaramucci, Carole Wells, Valerie Murphy-Goodrich, Mary Nameth, Judy Monroe, and Kathy Savatsky. Joan Reed and Julia LeBrell participated via iPhone.

In December's board meeting minutes, it was noted that the word "Agenda" should have read "Minutes", after which Judy Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes. Carole Wells seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Carole Wells made the following motion regarding the Higher Education Fund: One hundred percent of the donations made to the Dearborn Higher Education Fund are to be added to the Dearborn AAUW-D Education Fund. Currently the AAUW-D Education Fund is made up from 80% of the profits from the book sale. The Dearborn AAUW Education Fund Committee shall determine how the Education Funds are distributed with the understanding that the money from the Higher Education Fund must be used exclusively for higher education purposes. Kathy Savatsky seconded the motion. All members voted to pass the motion, with Julia LeBrell abstaining.

Carole Wells made a motion to amend the 2023-24 budget to include a new line item for revenue from the Higher Education Fund to supplement the AAUW Educational Fund. Kathy Savatsky seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Carole Wells made a motion to amend the 2023-24 budget to include a new line item for disbursement from the AAUW Educational Fund. Judy Monroe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Carole Wells made a correction to the 2023-24 budget by removing the disbursement amount from the Marge Powell line item under Expenditures.

The next board meeting is February 6, 2024. Carole Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting. Judy Monroe seconded, and the motion carried. Respectfully submitted by Kathy Savatsky

February Financial Notes**Financial Accounts as of December 31, 2023**

- The AAUW-Dearborn Business Checking Account Balance is \$19,546.28.
This includes \$6,743.41 in the Marge Powell Leadership Award Fund Account.
- The AAUW-Dearborn Book Sale Accounts total \$13,250.66.
This includes \$9,602.55 at DFCU and \$3,648.11 at Dearborn Federal Savings.

AAUW-D Higher Education Fund

Per Board action on January 2nd, line items for the AAUW-D Higher Education Fund were added to the 2023-2024 Approved Budget. It presently has over \$2,000 in 'free-will' donations.

Liability Insurance

The branch annual premium of \$200 for Liability insurance was paid December 18, 2023.

MYSTERIOUS WOMEN

Chair: Linda Ramsdell (313) 336-7829
 Meeting: February 26, 2024 – 3 p.m.
 Hostess: Laurine Griffin/Pat Johnson
 Moderator: Kathy Forester
 Book: *Magpie Murders* – by Anthony Horowitz

BOOK GROUP III

Chair: Ginny Grush – (248) 320-8860
 Meeting: February 22, 2024 - 1 p.m.
 Hostess: Carol Long (313) 336-0029
 Book: to be announced at the January Meeting

MYSTERIOUS WOMEN, TOO!

Chair: Corinne Asher (248) 259-1564
 Meeting: February 14, 2024– 7 p.m. via ZOOM
 Moderator Tara Gnau
 Book: *The White Lady* by Jacqueline Winspear
 New Members are always welcome.

GLOBAL STUDIES

Chair: Barb Brandenburg (313) 563-0240
 Meeting: February 19, 2024 – 1 p.m.
 Hostess: Carole Wells
 Country: Netherlands

BOOK SEMINAR 2

Chair: Janet Good (313) 278-5271
 or cell (313) 622-3997
 Meeting February 8, 2024 -2:30 p.m.
 Book: *Braiding Sweetgrass*
 By Robin Wall Kimmerer

BRIDGE GROUP

Chair: Peg Abbott (313) 467-7235
 Meeting February 20, 2024 – Lunch at 12:00
 Bridge at 1 p.m at.Leons’s

FILM CRITICS

Chair: Carol Long (313) 336-0029
 Date: February 2024 - 6:30 p.m.
 Hostess: contact Carol for information

EPICUREANS-MIDDAY

Chair: Pat Vom Steeg (734-984-6130)
 Meeting February 22, 2024 –11:30 a.m.
 Location: Himalayan Flames - 22266 Mich. Ave.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Board Meeting 7 p.m.		Book Seminar 2 2:30 p.m.		General Meeting 10 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Mysterious Women, Too! 7 p.m.	Daytime Epicureans 11:30 a.m.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Global Studies 1 p.m.	Bridge Group Lunch at 12:00 Bridge at Leon’s 1:00 p.m.		Book Seminar III 1 p.m.		
25	26	27	28	29		
	Mysterious Women 3 p.m.					