



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.

LEGACY

Dear Members –

Dearborn AAUW Affiliate members, please take a minute to read about changing the by-laws of National AAUW for eliminating the degree requirement for AAUW membership. Voting for the change will take place starting in early April, 2024.

I encourage all members to become more active in our Affiliate by becoming more active in one our many Study Groups including the newest: Crafty Creations, chaired by Mary Nameth, *details to follow*.

March is Women’s History Month. In theory, this is when we’re supposed to be flying kites with kids and grandchildren. Or by ourselves and with friends? The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum commemorate and encourage the observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

Why not investigate what these institutions actually do to commemorate this month, and take the time to visit one if you can? I’ve attached nine of many inspirational quotes of women that will make you feel ready to take on the world, so you can go find the rest

Write these positive quotes on a whiteboard for your daughters and granddaughters to see, or tuck them into cards you send to young family members.

- 1 Frida Kahlo “At end of day, we can endure much more than we think we can.”
- 2 Anne Frank “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
- 3 Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”
- 4 Julie Andrews "Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th."
- 5 Amelia Earhart “The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is merely tenacity.”
- 6 Mae West “You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.”
- 7 Madeleine Albright “It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent.”
- 8 Helen Keller "Security is mostly a superstition. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."

Our AAUW Dearborn Affiliate continuing strength is helping others, and we all reflect dedicated women who care about each other and want others to join. – Joan Reed

SAVE THE DATE

Board meeting
March 5 – 7 p.m.

General Meeting
March 20 – 7 p.m.

Celebrating Women's History Month

AAUW Michigan

2024
Statewide Convention

Saturday, May 11, 2024
9 AM – 4 PM
Livonia, Michigan

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AAUW Dearborn Affiliate Board Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2024

The February AAUW-D board meeting took place at 7:00 p.m. at the Dearborn Historical Museum.

In attendance were Janet Good, Carole Wells, Judy Buck, Deb McBain, Angie Amman, Rosa Scaramucci, Erin Curtiss, Wayne Whitney, Tara Gnau, Val Murphy-Goodrich, Julia LeBrell, Kathy Savatsky, and Judy Monroe. Joan Reed joined by phone.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Carole Wells, seconded by Tara Gnau. Carole Wells moved to donate \$50 to the Greatest Needs Fund in memory of Christel Sanecki. Judy Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The funds will be taken from the AAUW Fund Donation Distributions.

Carole Wells made a motion to have AAUW-Dearborn Affiliate become a Silver Sponsor (\$250.00) for the 2024 AAUW of Michigan Statewide Convention; \$200 to come from the Convention Fund and \$50 from the President's Discretionary Fund. Judy Buck seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

At 8:15 p.m., Carole Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb McBain seconded.

The next board meeting will be held on March 5th at the Dearborn Historical Museum.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Savatsky

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Marian Stokke

Marian has been aware of AAUW for many years and is acquainted with many of our members. As a psychologist, she worked with mentally ill and substance dependent adults. Now retired, she has more time and energy for her hobbies of quilting, hand embroidery and reading. She is fostering a tiny kitten, hoping she will make someone a wonderful pet. We welcome Marian and her compassion and empathy to AAUW-D.

NEW MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION - *Please update your directory*

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If you know of a member who is ill or needs support, please let us know!

March Financial Notes

Financial Accounts as of January 31, 2024

- The AAUW-Dearborn Business Checking Account Balance is \$22,128.28.
This includes \$9243.41 in the Marge Powell Leadership Fund.
- The AAUW-Dearborn Book Sale Accounts total \$13,541.42.
This includes \$9,602.55 at DFCU and \$3,938.87 at Dearborn Federal Savings.

Review of 2023-2024 Budget

- At the January Annual Meeting, the AAUW-Dearborn 2023-2024 Budget was reviewed/compared with its December 31st Actuals and found to be in good shape.
- Review of the budget confirms there is no need for an increase in branch dues. They will remain at \$17.

Donations to Association Funds

The Association Donation Report for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 indicates Dearborn members donated \$833.00 to Association Funds; \$333 was donated to the Greatest Needs Fund and \$500 to the Education and Training Fund.

Carole Wells, Treasurer

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**Cabin Fever/Craft Event** - Photo credit Judy Monroe

1<sup>st</sup> row L to R - Oni Mitchell, Rosa Scaramucci, Laurine Griffin, Starr Sleiman, Mary Nameth, Marie Stanyar, Julia Lebrell, and Lupe Matta  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row-Sarah Lebrell, Sue Suchyta, Judy Buck, Carole Wells, Phyllis Whitney, and Erin Curtiss

Our Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Cabin Fever Craft Event was well attended and lots of fun! Organized by Mary Nameth, Membership VP-Elect and Chair of the now forming Crafty Creations Interest Group led us in the creation of a wonderful Valentine or Galentine card(as pictured above). All materials were supplied

Each person made a unique personalized heart that included a rose bud on a stem with a Hershey Kiss and a Hug, a tracing of our own hand forming "I love you" in sign language with options of nail color and jewelry, and a short poem.

Kudos to our refreshment hostesses Oni Mitchell and Mary Nameth who provided a grand array of delicious desserts, fruit, and coffee and to Marie Stanyar for her help with set up and clean-up. The lucky 50/50 winner was Sue Suchyta.

**MYSTERIOUS WOMEN**

Chair: Linda Ramsdell (313) 336-7829  
 Meeting: March 25, 2024 – 3 p.m.  
 Hostess Judy Monroe  
 Moderator: Kathy Forester  
 Book: *The First Rule* – by Robert Crais

**BOOK GROUP III**

Chair: Ginny Grush – (248) 320-8860  
 Meeting: March 28, 2024 - 1 p.m  
 Hostess: Carol Long (313) 336-5283  
 Book: *The Thursday MurderClub*  
 by Richard Osman

**MYSTERIOUS WOMEN, TOO!**

Chair: Corinne Asher (248) 259-1564  
 Meeting: March 13, 2024– 7 p.m. via ZOOM  
 Moderator: Valerie Murphy Goodrich  
 Book: *The Cloisters* by Katy Hays  
 New Members are always welcome.

**GLOBAL STUDIES**

Chair: Barb Brandenburg (313) 563-0240  
 Meeting: March 18, 2024 – 1 p.m.  
 Hostess: Judy Monroe  
 Country: Austria

**BOOK SEMINAR 2**

Chair: Janet Good (313) 278-5271  
 or cell (313) 622-3997  
 Meeting March 14, 2024 -2:30 p.m.  
 Book: *The Paris Library*  
 By: Janet Skeslien Charles

**BRIDGE GROUP**

Chair: Peg Abbott (313) 467-7235  
 Meeting March 19, 2024 – Lunch at 12:00  
 Bridge at 1 p.m at.Leons’s

**FILM CRITICS**

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

**EPICUREANS-MIDDAY**

Contact rsvp to Betty Gruntman -274-5218  
 Meeting: March 21, 2024 –11:30 a.m.  
 Location: Moro’s - Allen Park

| March  |                               |                         |                                     |                                     |        |          |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Sunday | Monday                        | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                           | Thursday                            | Friday | Saturday |
|        |                               |                         |                                     |                                     | 1      | 2        |
| 3      | 4                             | 5                       | 6                                   | 7                                   | 8      | 9        |
|        |                               | Board Meeting<br>7 p.m. |                                     |                                     |        |          |
| 10     | 11                            | 12                      | 13                                  | 14                                  | 15     | 16       |
|        |                               |                         | Mysterious<br>Women, Too!<br>7 p.m. | Book<br>Seminar II<br>2:30 p.m.     |        |          |
| 17     | 18                            | 19                      | 20                                  | 21                                  | 22     | 23       |
|        | Global<br>Studies<br>1 p.m.   | Bridge Group<br>12 noon | General<br>Meeting<br>7 p.m.        | Daytime<br>Epicureans<br>11:30 a.m. |        |          |
| 24/31  | 25                            | 26                      | 27                                  | 28                                  | 29     | 30       |
|        | Mysterious<br>Women<br>3 p.m. |                         |                                     | Book Group 3<br>1 p.m.              |        |          |