



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.

Attendance at our monthly meetings is much appreciated! Your participation is the key to our success!

SAVE THE DATE

**Board Meeting in May
McFadden - Ross House
May 7 – 7 P.M.**

**Installation of Officers
Marge Powell Leadership
Honorees Presentation
McFadden - Ross House
May 8, 7 p.m.**

DEAR MEMBERS

The AAUW Michigan State Convention will be held May 11, in Livonia where the Martha Griffiths Equality Award will be presented to Anne Gautreau. Anne has been a member of our Affiliate for over 45 years, holding many positions including two terms as President. She was a Dearborn educator for over three decades, from the Library to the Arts Council, and remains a strong force in the Dearborn Community

May is a busy month for our Affiliate, since we will install new Officers in three positions and present the Marge Powell Leadership Award to four Dearborn high school seniors during an Evening of Celebration following the State Convention.

This is Women’s Health Month, observed annually in May. Per the journal National Today, “It was the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (N.C.C.C.) that first recognized May as Women’s Health Month.” The observation officially kicks off every year with National Women’s Health Week, even noted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women’s Health.

“The goal of the holiday is to empower women in such a way that they can make health a priority. It also equips women with the knowledge to help other women on their journeys to improve their health. With the efforts of individuals and healthcare workers, every woman can live a healthy and happy life.”

As a reminder, it’s also American Stroke Month, Lupus Awareness Month, National Arthritis Awareness Month, National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month, National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, and Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

We all need to remain informed about our personal health needs, helping each other with simple reminders and cautions. If we don’t help each other, who do we think will?

In addition to 5/12 – 5/15 National Women’s Health Week, 5/13 is National Women’s Check-Up Day, 5/12 is Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, 5/28 is Menstrual Hygiene Day, and 5/31 is World No Tobacco Day. Are you up-to-date with all your check-up’s?

Our AAUW Dearborn Affiliate’s continuing strength is helping each other, since we are all dedicated women who care about each other and want others to join us in our efforts.

Joan Reed

AAUW BOARD MINUTES

The April AAUW-D board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Rosa Scaramucci.

In attendance at the Dearborn Historical Museum were Rosa Scaramucci, Angie Amman, Judy Buck, Val Murphy-Goodrich, Kathy Savatsky, Carole Wells, Mary Nameth, Deb McBain, Janet Good, Julia LeBrell, and Joan Reed (by phone).

The AAUW-Michigan convention takes place in Livonia on May 11th. Carole Wells made a motion to use money from the AAUW-D Branch and Community Fund to pay the AAUW of Michigan convention registration fees for Joan Reed and Anne Gautreau. Janet Good seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deb McBain announced that on May 11th, the Dearborn Historical Museum will host an herb sale. Come out to support the museum!

Future discussion items include AAUW-D member signup for the Kroger Rebate program, Crafty Creations interest group sales at various AAUW events, Marge Powell Award ceremony dates, options and costs for sales by charge card, Laurine Griffin July appointment as book sale treasurer, and AAUW-D participation in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade. At 8:11 p.m., Carole Wells made a motion to adjourn; Deb McBain seconded.

Respectively submitted, Kathy Savatsky

MAY FINANCIAL NOTES

Financial Account Balances as of March 31, 2024

- The AAUW-Dearborn Business Checking Account Balance is \$21,406.54.
This includes \$9,343.41 in the Marge Powell Leadership Fund.
- The AAUW-Dearborn Book Sale Accounts total \$19,869.66.
This includes \$15,388.29 at DFCU and \$4,481.37 at Dearborn Federal Savings.

Dues News

April 1st was the "kick off" for the 2024-2025 dues collection. Branch member dues remain the same at \$101.00 (National \$72, State \$12, Branch \$17).

Members who did not join on the traditional membership year cycle (April-June) will have renewal dates based on their date of joining AAUW.

Branch students attending an accredited educational institution pay \$47.81 (National \$18.81, State \$12, Branch \$17).

New members or members lapsed for two or more years qualify for the Shape the Future Campaign and get 50% off national dues the first year (National \$36, State \$12, Branch \$17).

If you are interested in becoming a national Lifetime member, make a one-time payment of \$1,440 and never pay national dues again. (You still pay state and branch dues.)

As of January 2024, all national dues are fully tax deductible!! 😊

AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES



Thanks to our membership who donated to the “Drive by Baby Shower” at Henry Ford Hospital. As you can see we collected a car full of much needed baby items and delivered then on April 4, 2024. Kudos to all!



Tara Gnau Laurine Griffin
Fellowship Luncheon & Educational Foundation Honorees



Our latest additions to the 50 Year Club – Pat VomSteege, Betty Gruntman, Ginny Grush



Henry Ford College – Luncheon and Book Sale Funds Distribution – Stacy Bazman and Rosa Scaramucci

Michael Berry Center and STEM presentation



Speaking to students about their personal career paths are Shawn Parker, member Angie Amman , and Ali Berry all from Village Ford. Members Carole Wells and Rosa Scaramucci also attended. Each student received a pen with an inspirational quote printed. Photo by Rosa Scaramucci

HELP WANTED - LEGACY Editor

We are in need of an editor for our monthly newsletter, The LEGACY. Please contact Joan Reed if you are willing to take this on!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
5	6	7 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	8 General Meeting 7 p.m.	9 Book Seminar II	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Crafty Creations Daytime Epicureans	17	18
19	20 Global Studies	21 Bridge Group	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mysterious Women	29	30 Book Group III	31	

STUDY & INTEREST GROUPS 2023-24
WE WELCOME ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ANY OF THE STUDY & INTEREST GROUPS

MYSTERIOUS WOMEN

Chair: Linda Ramsdell (313) 336-7829
 Meeting: May 28, 2024 3p.m
 Hostess: Jane Stockton .
 Moderator: Linda Ramsdell
Iron Lake by William Kent Kruger

BOOK GROUP III

Chair: Ginny Grush – (248) 320-8860
 Meeting: Last Thursday of the month
 Hostess:
 Book: No meeting planned this month

MYSTERIOUS WOMEN, TOO!

Chair: Corinne Asher (248) 259-1564
 Meeting: Cancelled for May
 Moderator:
 Has room for new members!
 Book:

GLOBAL STUDIES

Chair: Barb Brandenburg (313) 563-0240
 Meeting: May 20 - 1 P.M.
 Luncheon Appropriate European Restaurant
 Location TBD

BOOK SEMINAR II (313) 622-3997

Chair: Janet Good 710 N. Waverly
 Meeting: May 9–2:30 P.M
 Book: *The Plague* by Albert Camus

BRIDGE GROUP

Chair: Pat Abbott (313)-467-7235
 Meeting: May 21 – Substitutes welcome!
 Leon’s Restaurant - 12:00-eat/1pm-play

FILM CRITICS:

Chair: Carol Long (313) 336-0029
 Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
 Hostess: Carol Long
 Preview a movie
 We welcome new members!

DAYTIME EPICUREANS

Chair: Joan Reed (313) 278-8759
 Meeting: May 16 - 12 Noon
 Location: Moro’s - 6535 Allen Rd

CRAFTY CREATIONS

Chair: Mary Nameth (313) 378-2132
 3313 Oak, Dearborn
 Meeting: May 16 – 10am