



**AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

JACKSON BRANCH

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September 2023

Calendar:

Branch Meeting Thurs. September 21th at the Cascades Manor House, 5:30 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$20. Reservations required. You will be emailed or called.

Next Bulletin: Articles and Interest Group information to **Peggy Younglove**, pcyounglove@comcast.net by Sept. 22.

Board meeting Sept. 7th at 10 a.m. at Christoff's Community Room.

President's Corner

Here comes fall, right around the corner! Interesting conversations have developed with our Program Coordinator and the volunteers who signed up to plan the monthly programs for the coming year. Our Executive Board met a couple times for future planning sessions. And the Board Policies and Branch Job Descriptions are being updated to match our newly adopted Bylaws. So, the Hazy, Lazy, Days of summer haven't been so lazy.

We will have details to share with you at our first Branch meeting in September about an exciting project to be undertaken this year! The Board has now approved sponsoring two speakers from the Detroit area, to come next spring. We think the Jackson community will be very interested to hear what they have to say. I'll leave the detailed explanation about the speakers, for the first Branch meeting, so be sure to join us and hear all about it.

Do you all remember that we decided last spring to let Interest Groups be self-directed?

Well, this would be the time to give your activities some thought and future planning. Let's be ready in Sept. to recruit new Interest Group members and enjoy your time and experiences together. Be sure to let **Peggy**, our Bulletin Editor, know what might be happening so she can give you some publicity to create interest in your 2023-24 plans. So, this is the time to "get in gear for this year".

We're looking forward to our first Branch Meeting.

Your Co-Presidents, **Zoe and Margaret**

Meeting Reservations

If you accidentally have a late dinner/luncheon meeting reservation or need to cancel your reservation after the Sunday before the meeting, please contact me.

Nancy Watson

September Branch Program

Jordan Gretzner will be giving a presentation at our Sept. 21st meeting. She is the author of "The Island of Danger" which she independently published. She is from Jackson County and a student at Eastern Michigan University. She is a sophomore with hobbies including tennis, traveling, hiking, and of course, writing!

Liz Breed, Program committee

Women's Equality Day

I attended the annual Women's Equality Day event in Livonia. This event was hosted by the AAUW in partnership with BPW and several other groups.

Women and male allies gathered to celebrate the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution on August 26, 1920. As noted by the emcee, this gave white women the right to vote, but still left minority women out in the cold.

There were many AAUW members from other clubs at the luncheon, but I believe I was the only person from the Jackson branch. I picked up some AAUW swag to help me stay organized.

AAUW President Sheila Blair gave a nice summary to get us warmed up to the topic of the day—advocating for women and girls.

Laura Callow, nicknamed the “Susan B. Anthony of Michigan,” said there is a lot of momentum behind equity issues due to recent events. She is hopeful that this means we can get the 28th Amendment over these final hurdles in Congress.

Meghan Kissell, AAUW's Senior Director of Public Policy and Member Advocacy, brought us up to speed on the work of the DC Lobby Corps. They are working on getting more signatures on the discharge petition to release the joint resolution for a vote by the US House of Representatives. HJ Res 25 will remove the deadline on the ERA.

State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia), Speaker Pro Tempore of the Michigan House of Representatives, shared what is happening to support the ERA in Lansing. The Michigan House approved Concurrent Resolution 4 back in March. Now it's sitting in the Michigan Senate in committee awaiting the legislators to return from summer recess.

The resolution says the Michigan Legislature calls on the Archivist of the United States to certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution and calling on the United States Congress to declare the Equal Rights Amendment ratified.

Be sure to check the Jackson's AAUW Facebook page for more updates and calls to action.

Patricia Rayl, Public Policy Chair

INTEREST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 2023

Bridge – 4th Monday

Meets: Monday, Sept. 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Marlene Cunningham**.

CHAIR: **Margaret Tietjen**, 784-9523, tietjenmargaret@gmail.com

Bridge – 2nd Tuesday

Meets: 11:30 a.m. at Knight's on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. Hostess is **Dorothy Lowe**.

CHAIR: **Nancy Watson**, 782-4199, nancywatson@comcast.net.

Evening Book Group

Meets: Sept. 18th at 10 a.m. at the home of Jean Renando. Carole Briggs will review “The “Desert Star” by Michael Connelly.

CHAIR: **Diane Cranston**, 945-3863, dicranston@comcast.net

Fine Arts Appreciation (to include Music and Art)

Fine Arts is meeting on Wed., Sept. 27th at Vista Grande Villa at 1 p.m. The speaker is Cheri Good. If interested in attending, please contact **Cecily**.

CHAIR: **Cecily Savick**, 740-5719, cecilysavick@hotmail.com

Great Decisions

Great Decisions has concluded its study for 2023. Watch for news about the 2024 season and a possible new start time!

CHAIR: **Chris Prokos**, (517)395-6813, christine.prokos@outlook.com

Non-Fiction Book Group

Meets the second Friday of the month, Sept. 8th, at 1 p.m. in the Christoff Community Room. The book for discussion is “Things That Matter”, by Charles Krauthammer, led by Margaret York-Ickes. Book lists and schedule are as follows: Oct. 13th,” River of the Gods”, led by Marcia Whitehead. Nov. 10th Artificial Intelligence with Nancy Connell leading. Dec. 8th, “Spare” led by Judy Barry. Jan. 12,” Just Mercy” led by Mary Carey. Feb. 9th “Death and Life of the Great Lakes” led by Peggy Younglove. Mar. 8th “Untold Power” led by Mary Lee Clark. April 12th, “The Lost German Slave Girl”, discussion by Rosemary Peters. May 10th, Planning Meeting..

CHAIR: **Nancy Connell**, 962-5087, neconnell20@gmail.com

Card Making Group

Chair: **Johncie Turner**, 734-972-7186. Call Johncie for more information,

Card making Class starts on Wed. Sept. 13th at 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Jackson Calvary United Methodist, 925 Backus St. All are welcome, new and experienced card makers.

Quote of the Month:

And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

C.S. Lewis