

# Update

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## AAUWNN MEETING Tuesday, February 11, 11 A.M. Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road

*Programs*  
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### “Challenges and Opportunities That Libraries Face Today”



Laura Mancini

On Tuesday, February 11, we will be returning to the Novi Public Library for our February program and lunch. Our meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and our program. A tour of the Novi Public library will be available afterwards.



Julie Farkas

Our program will feature Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas and Northville District Library Director Laura Mancini. The directors will provide an update on library services and the challenges and opportunities that libraries are facing today.

Box lunches will be available by pre-order by **February 3**. Box lunch includes a selection of sandwich, chips, cookie, and a bottle of water. **Ordering deadline is February 3**. Please text or call in your choice to **Carol Souchock at 248-245-5057**.

The cost of lunch is \$11.50 which can be paid at the meeting by cash or check. Checks are written to AAUWNN. Please reach out to Carol if you have any questions at 248-245-5057.

#### Menu options:

1. Club: Turkey, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Provolone, on ciabatta.
2. Chicken Salad: Lettuce, Tomato on a croissant.
3. Caprese: Fresh mozzarella, tomato, pesto, balsamic glaze on a ciabatta.



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**AAUW Mission**

The AAUW MISSION is to advance gender equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

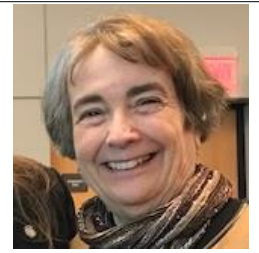
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President's Message

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*Biden Signed the ERA*

I want to thank Judy Sherman for planning and following through with our January Lunch Program, "Wayne State University Body Bequest Program" at the Novi Library. All three speakers gave a different perspective on the program, which I found very informative. My box lunch, I had the vegetable wrap, was delicious. Our February meeting will be at the same location with the same lunch options. You need to sign up in advance for lunch.

The Plymouth-Canton annual children's play, 'Beauty and the Beast' will be at Garden City High School on February 6-8. Thought some of you might be interested. Find detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter. The Plymouth-Canton AAUW Branch is always a big supporter of our fashion show. It would be nice if we could reciprocate.

In case you hadn't heard, President Biden signed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) into law as one of his final acts as President. Here is a little background information and what it might mean.

The ERA is a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would guarantee equal rights for women, stating that equal protection under the law shall not be denied on account of gender. Approximately half of the states have something written into their constitutions that prohibit discrimination based on gender, there is nothing specific in the U.S. Constitution.

After the ERA was passed by Congress in 1972, it needed to be ratified by three-fourths (38) of the states within seven years. The deadline was extended to ten years, but only 35 of the 38 states needed had ratified the ERA by the deadline. In January, 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA. However, Congress never removed or extended the deadline again. Even though President Biden signed it into law on Friday, it seems it still needs to go back to Congress to extend or remove the deadline before it actually becomes part of the U.S. Constitution. We will be watching!



*Karen*

Pictures from January Meeting



Barb Rosso-Norgan



Anne Karle



Darby Trapp Eland



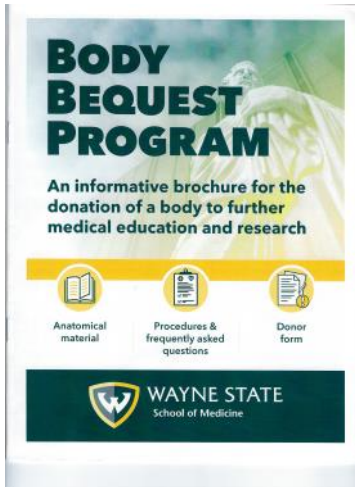
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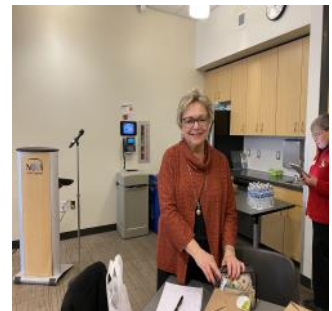
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L. to R., Judy Sherman, Barb Rosso-Norgan, Anne Karle, Darby Trapp Eland



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Judy Sherman

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## Public Policy News You Can Use

### In Michigan

Dec. 30, 2024

Governor Whitmer signed bills expanding protections for Michiganders testifying in the courtroom, and bills combating human trafficking.

Including today’s legislation, Governor Whitmer has signed a record 1,431 bipartisan bills into law since taking office.

Senate Bills 515, 516, and 517, sponsored by state Senators Rosemary Bayer (D-West Bloomfield), Sue Shink (D-Northfield Township), and Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), will combat human trafficking in Michigan and help bring justice for survivors of sexual assault by updating the process to gather and use evidence in prosecuting perpetrators of these crimes. Specifically, the bills ease the rules for a victim’s testimony and allow a perpetrator’s prior criminal activities as pieces of evidence. Not only will these bills protect survivors of these horrific crimes, but they will also address human trafficking in our state, building a more secure Michigan where everyone can feel safe from sexual violence.

### In other News

Dec. 29, 2024

The nation mourns the longest and the oldest living past president. At peace, perhaps, but still political: Jimmie Carter vowed he wanted to cast a ballot for Vice President Kamala Harris in the 2024 presidential election.

After serving a single term in the White House, Jimmy Carter became one of the most durable figures in modern American politics. Evicted from the White House at age 56, he would hold the status of former president longer than anyone in U.S. history, and in 2019, he surpassed George H. W. Bush as the nation's oldest living ex-president.

As he approached his 90th birthday, Carter mused about his legacy in an interview with USA TODAY. "One is peace," he said. "I kept peace when I was president and I try to promote peace between other people and us, and between countries that were potentially at war, between Israel and Egypt for instance. And human rights. ... I think human rights and peace are the two things I'd like to be remembered for – as well as being a good grandfather."

As we mourn, it is refreshing to hear of the works of a good man.

### Looking Ahead

Wishing you a belated but a very Happy New Year. However, as we think about the values and priorities of AAUW, we need to be concerned about what the future brings.

We also will miss Mary Pollock who retired from her position as Government Relations Coordinator for AAUWMI, as of December 31, 2024. I for one will miss her greatly. The depth of her knowledge about Michigan politics is truly unmatched



### In Memoriam



Sadly one of our members, Judy Ann Kaye, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2025. She has been a member of our branch since 2011. Judy was active in the bridge group, the daytime book group, and participated in the Let's Read Math initiative when it was active.



This picture is from the 1962 Dearborn High School yearbook.

In addition to being active in our branch, she was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and was a member of the Canton Garden Club. She was also a proud supporter of Race for the Cure Detroit, often leading one of the largest community groups in the event.

She was the mother of two children Eric (Erika) Kaye and Heidi Roberts and the grandmother to Madelyn and Lydia Roberts. She is also survived by her sister, Emma Reardon, and her nephews, Mark and Scott Wooledge.

Born on February 27, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, Judy was raised in Dearborn where she discovered her love for ice skating and singing in the choir. She graduated from Dearborn High school in 1962 and went on to Wayne State University earning a degree in home economics. Judy also earned a master's degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University. She dedicated her professional life to teaching special education at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R Street, Detroit, MI 48201, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley, P.O. Box 7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

NOTE: AAUWNN was well represented at Judy's funeral. Eight members attended and one of those members brought along her husband.

### \$\$\$ PASSIVE FUNDRAISING \$\$\$

Shopping, it's what we all do well, several times a week. We visit Kroger for food and gasoline and browse AAUWNN spirit clothing from Big Frog. You can EASILY add to the coffers of AUWNN by signing up with these two companies. A portion of your purchase will go directly into our account. You do not have to do a thing but shop! **You know how to do that, don't you???** Sign up now!



#### KROGER

Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program to help AAUWNN achieve its financial goals! Go online to <https://www.kroger.com/o/store-services/community-rewards>. Sign in using your email address and designate American Association of University Women Northville/Novi as the recipient of your rewards. If you do not already have a Kroger Plus Card, you will be issued one.

#### BIG FROG

Sign up from the homepage of our website: <https://aauwnn.org/>. Scroll down to Spirit Wear and click to be linked to Big Frog, Novi.

Membership

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Lynne  
Balman

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Welcome Lynne Balman to membership, please. Lynne recently relocated to Novi, Michigan after many years as an educator in Middlebury, VT. A Farmington High School graduate, she holds BS, Masters and EdD degrees from Wayne State University. Lynne is eager to become involved.



Carol  
Danly

Carol Danly, Northville is AAUW-NN's newest member. She holds three degrees – Delta College AA Fine Arts, MSU BA Elementary Education and Northwestern MI College AS Culinary Arts. She has already joined the High School Scholarship Committee. Welcome Carol.

Two AAUW Affiliates are being reorganized in the Capitol Area and Adrian/Irish Hills Area. If you have potential member friends or colleagues in those areas, please direct them to the AAUWMI website, Membership Chair Eva Habib.

Don't forget your Elevator Speech for people you talk with any time, any place! Most direct words - AAUW Northville-Novi Empowers Women and Girls. Officially, the newly revised bylaws say that we are an Affiliate of AAUW. The Association purpose is to advance equity for women and girls. After your opening few words, quickly name a few of the lasting impacts we DO annually right here - High School, College, Career building, Leadership Development Scholarships, Career Path Day, Remember the Ladies.

Don't forget the financial support our affiliate has given (\$67,000) since 1988 thru 2024 to National AAUW for post graduate study and legal advocacy. AAUW CEO Gloria Blackman recently announced that 260 new Fellows and Grants have been awarded for the 2024-25 academic year.

AAUW Northville-Novi does a lot for which to be proud.... worth sharing with someone who may be its next new member!





**PLYMOUTH-CANTON AAUW PRESENTS...**

# BEAUTY & THE BEAST

**Thurs. Feb. 6 @ 7pm**  
**Fri. Feb. 7 @ 7pm**  
**Sat. Feb. 8 @ 11am and 2pm**  
**at Garden City High School**

**TICKETS: \$7 ONLINE**  
**\$10 AT DOOR**



**PROFITS TO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**      [HTTPS://PLYMOUTH-CANTON-MI.AAUW.NET/PLAY](https://plymouthcanton-mi.aauw.net/play)

To purchase tickets go to: [PLYMOUTH-CANTON-MI.AAUW.NET/PLAY](https://plymouthcanton-mi.aauw.net/play)

### Performances

Thursday Feb. 6 @ 7 p.m.  
Friday Feb. 7 @ 7 p.m.  
Saturday Feb. 8 @ 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

### Tickets

\$7 Online  
\$10 At the Door  
\$6 for Groups of 8+ (email [PymouthCanton-mi@aauw.net](mailto:PymouthCanton-mi@aauw.net) for group ticket link)

**Questions:** [PlymouthCanton-mi@aauw.net](mailto:PlymouthCanton-mi@aauw.net) (highlight the link and click open link)

Directions:

- Select a performance and specify the number of tickets needed.
- To purchase multiple performances, complete each order separately.
- *YOUR NAME IS YOUR TICKET.* You do not need to print your tickets.
- Online ticket sales close one hour prior to each performance

**BOARD BRIEFS - JANUARY, 2025**



Your board met on January 29, 2025.

Karen Zyczynski, Carol Murchison and Corinne Vincent are making plans for our 50th anniversary celebration. They would love to hear from you.

Fundraising options being explored are with Panera, Rusty Bucket, and Revir.

There are many different opportunities for members to become involved. See any board member for information.

Thanks to all members for collecting 3642 pounds of shoes, giving us \$1628.90.

Caryn Doehler, Secretary

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

*Program  
Corinne Vincent, Committee Facilitator*

**Wins for Gun Violence Prevention in Michigan**

Following up on the November, 2024 AAUW-NN all member program “Gun Violence Prevention - Researching What Works,” Michigan children and neighborhoods will be a little safer because its Senate members worked through the night before the December break to pass “Safe Homes, Safe Schools” or the school notification bill (HB 5450 & 5451), Medicaid funding for Community Violence Intervention (HB 6046) and the gun destruction bill that prohibits resale of weapons seized by law enforcement (HB 6144,5,6).

This is an impressive win. These bills will ensure that parents are informed on how to safely store their guns every year and will enable more sustainable funding for interrupting and healing cycles of violence. Banning bump stocks and banning ghost guns did not pass the House.





**NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE**



Dear AAUWNN,

If you just brought your family's shoes, or collected from a few friends, or set out a box at your dentist, hairdresser, insurance agent, church or library (and those required going back numerous times to collect and deliver the shoes), your efforts have been greatly appreciated. We started out with a goal of 2500 pairs of shoes but managed to collect 3,418 pairs! That has netted us \$1628.90.

They were bagged as they came into the garage into 139 opaque bags of 25 pairs each and loaded into a huge truck on January 9, 2025. It was a tremendous job to empty the garage and load them onto the truck – yes, we had to do that. The truck driver stacked them in the truck while our crew tagged and lifted them into the truck. Many thanks to those who performed that task – Evie and Frank Cadicamo, Julie Collins, Jim Kearns, non-member, but good friend, Phyllis Pheeney, Ruth Rickard, Karen Visger, Janice and Jerry Wargo, and Karen and Richard Zyczynski. We cannot imagine doing that without your support.

Jim Kearns was also our photographer, a job he often fulfils so capably,

This was a huge but worthwhile effort because it helps to fund the scholarships, we give to deserving young women in Northville and Novi High Schools and to endowment funds at Schoolcraft and Oakland Community Colleges.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Mary Jane Kearns  
Rhonda York



Rhonda York in front of bags of shoes in her garage.



L. to R., Frank Cadicamo, Phyllis Pheeney, Julie Collins, Richard and Karen Zyczynski, Karen Visger, Rhonda York, Janice and Jerry Wargo, Ruth Rickard, Evelyn Cadicamo. Not pictured Jim Kearns.



Rhonda York in front of the truck picking up the shoes.



## Galentines Soiree

Come join us for a fabulous night of fun, laughter, and friendship at **MOD Market!**

Our Galentines Soiree is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the amazing women in your life. Enjoy sweet treats, a Galentines specialty beverage, and great shopping! Whether you're single or taken, this event is all about spending time with your gal pals.

We have invited two vendors to make the night even more special! Check out the trendy jewelry of Uh Huh Huggie and cool clothing from Revamped Threads.

Just for our gals - Make a total purchase of \$50 or more and purchase a canvas Be Kind tote bag for just \$5. Don't miss out on this special evening filled with good vibes and girl power. Grab your besties and make some unforgettable memories together while supporting MOD Market! Your purchases will support MOD Market's employment training programs for teens and adults with disabilities. This event is open house style so come when you can and stay as long as you want!

Pre-register by going to this link:

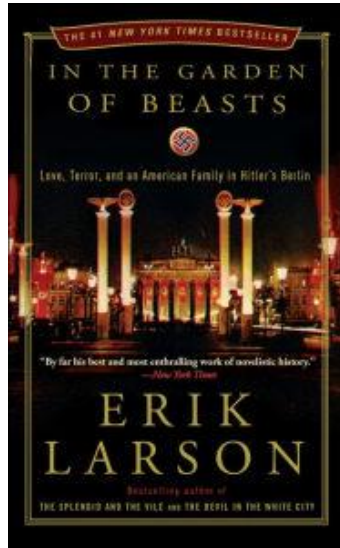
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/galentines-soiree-tickets-1206178806279?aff=oddtcreator>

**Note:** This was one of our vendors for our fashion show.

**NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE**

Daytime Book Group  
Marian Brockie, Contact

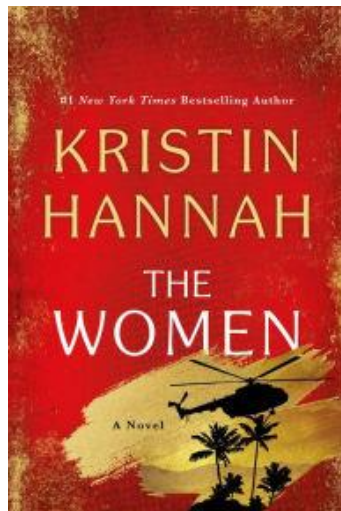
On Friday, February 14, we will be discussing “**In the Garden of Beasts**” by **Eric Larson**. We will meet at the Northville Library Study Room (lower level) with Zoom link availability from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This will be a group lead for the discussion.



For more information on joining this group please contact Marian Brockie at [mbrockie@umich.edu](mailto:mbrockie@umich.edu).

Evening Book Group  
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group will discuss “**The Women**” by **Kristin Hannah**, when Jan War-go will lead our discussion on February 24, at 7 p.m. This will be a ZOOM meeting.



A chart outlining our choices for 2024-25 can be found on our website. Interested in joining?

We’d love to have you. Contact Mary Jane at (248) 449-8693 or [mjkearns1@outlook.com](mailto:mjkearns1@outlook.com).

Mah Jongg  
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Mah Jongg group plays Friday afternoons at members’ homes. The February schedule follows:  
Feb. 7 Rhonda  
Feb. 14 Mary Ann  
Feb. 21 Carol  
Feb. 28 Jan



New members are welcome. Contact Mary Jane Kearns to join us. [mjkearns1@outlook.com](mailto:mjkearns1@outlook.com) or (248) 449-8693.

Bridge Group  
Marian Brockie, Contact

The Bridge Group currently is meeting at Laurel Park Food Court area every Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information on joining contact Marian Brockie at [mbrockie@umich.edu](mailto:mbrockie@umich.edu).



Restaurant Rovers  
Joyce Murdock, Contact

On February 19, the Restaurant Rovers will go to Nico & Vali, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, for lunch at 11:30 a.m.



If you would like to join this group, please contact Joyce Murdock at (313) 381-2350 or [jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com](mailto:jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com).

Movie Goers  
Rhonda York, Contact

Movie Goers are now meeting the first Tuesday of the month. Rhonda will send an email to those on the list.



To be added to the list or for information, contact Rhonda York at [ryork03@gmail.com](mailto:ryork03@gmail.com).

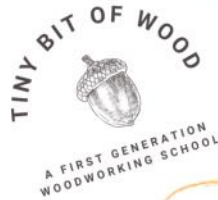
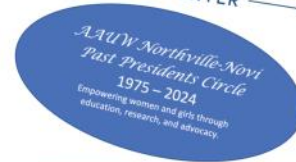
Great Decisions  
Mary Jane Kearns, Contact (Temporary)

We meet via ZOOM on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On February 18 we will be discussing **American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads** - **Author: G. John Ikenberry**. This chapter will explore the contours of the U.S. foreign policy debate as it plays out in a world of multiple and escalating crises and domestic polarization.



We encourage new members and guests. For more information or a ZOOM invitation contact Mary Jane Kearns at [mjkearns1@outlook.com](mailto:mjkearns1@outlook.com) or (248) 449-8693.

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**AAUW Northville-Nov (MI) Calendar of Events**  
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- Board Meeting .....Fourth Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.
- Bridge Group.....Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Day Book Group.....Second Friday 10 a.m.
- Evening Book Group..... Fourth Monday, 7 p.m.
- Great Decisions .....Third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
- Mah Jongg..... ..Fridays, 1 p.m.
- Restaurant Rovers.....Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

