



Our Mission: To advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy Stanley Co-President



We are looking forward to beginning this 2024-25 year with you. First, let us celebrate our 80th Anniversary on September 29th from 4 – 6:30 pm at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with our 50+ year Golden Members and all our friends and family.

There will be cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, fun and memories to share.

Golden Members:	Jan Arndt	Carolyn Barth
	Lois Bertani	Ann Nicholson
	Jane O'Halloran	Phyllis Rabbideau
	Elizabeth Stevens	Marianne Shrader
	Gloria Weber	Bonnie Woods

Thank you for your lifetime of membership.

As we move into the 2024-25 schedule, we thank Lina Bowman for working with Ann Nicholson to prepare to assume the duties of finance director of the AAUW GP and treasurer of the Education Program. Thank you to Marla Nemanic for assuming the duties of Scholarship Chair and to Marie DeLuca for working with Carolyn Barth as co-chair of the Funds Committee. Thank you also to Roseanne Horne for agreeing to be the Program Chair and to Joanne Johnson for agreeing to be the Public Policy Chair.

Thank you to all Board members - Kathy Conlon, Ellen Chapin, Carolyn Barth, Bonnie Woods, Maureen Anthony – for continuing in your roles for another year. We welcome Carol Erickson to the Executive Board and to the Education Program Board in the position of secretary and thank Mary Ellen Burke for continuing in her role as president of the Education Board. It will be a busy year.

Thank you also to Roseanne Horne, Program Chair, for arranging for the Kercheval After Six event on August 24, 2024. She, Eva Habib, Marla Memanic, Mary Ellen Burke, Lina Bowman, Roberta Walden, Maureen Anthony, their children, grandchildren and I'm sure other members and friends made the event a fine success. There was face painting, the raffling of a lovely basket of goodies, the sale of water and much discussion with the guests who visited the booth about the mission and projects of AAUW GP. Thank you all who made the event a grand success.

Our membership meetings and program dates are being scheduled as follows:

October 15th at the Lindell Lodge – Kick off meeting to review the year's agenda

December 10th at the Village Grill – Holiday Party

March 10th or 11th at a Location to be Determined – Women's Month agenda

May 12th at a Location to be Determined – Annual Meeting

In addition to the membership meetings, we are offering to all interested members a four-part series of leadership training sessions. These meetings will coincide, date wise, with the membership meetings, and will focus on some of the materials developed by the state board of Michigan AAUW as well as general leadership skills. You know we are currently in need of a President Elect as well as other board positions and should always be planning for the future of the organization. Please consider taking a leadership role in AAUW GP. If you want to join us in the training sessions we're planning on a bit of fun along the way.

Eva and I will alternate writing the Presidents' Message. You will hear from Eva in the November/December Presidents' issue of CURRENTS and she will let you know what is happening from our perspectives at that time. So, for now, this is all the information I have to report. We'll have a good 2024-25. Come to the CELEBRATION!! I look forward to seeing you there.



Joanne Mualem

Our AAUW GP branch is celebrating 80 years of advancing equity for women and girls in the Grosse Pointe community!

The year was 1944 and World War II involved virtually every part of the world during the years 1939–45, dominating the lives of all. Franklin D. Roosevelt was president and in November 1944 won an unprecedented fourth term. The average cost of a new house was \$3,450.00. \$1 in 1944 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$17.87 today. Sunscreen was invented in the USA by Benjamin Green (he was trying to invent something to protect soldiers in the Second World War from sunburn). The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to *The International Committee of the Red Cross*. The most popular song in 1944 in the USA was “White Christmas” by Bing Crosby. Popular movies that year were “Going My Way,” “Meet Me in St. Louis” and “Double Indemnity.” Women wore dresses and skirts; slacks were not yet common. Women also commonly wore gloves, preferably matching their outfits. Working women wore khaki jackets, blue jeans, and wraparound dresses with fewer adornments. There was much more to women's work during World War II than 'Make Do and Mend'. They built tanks, worked in rescue teams, and operated behind enemy lines. There were hundreds of thousands of military women who worked in crucial non-combat roles such as codebreakers, ship plotters, radar operators and cartographers. Often overlooked, their contributions have come into sharper focus in the last couple of years.

It was during this historical time, a group of women, led by Mrs. John Pear, established the Grosse Pointe Branch of the American Association of University Women in 1944. The branch was founded with the purpose of uniting college and university women in the Grosse Pointe communities for the improvement of educational standards, for securing broader opportunities for women, to further proper legislation in local and national problems, and for cooperation with the work aims of the AAUW.

Early branch activities included guest speakers on topics related to their stated purpose, sending boxes of supplies to veterans and communities in war-torn areas of Europe and Asia, and supporting local community efforts. The first fundraising activity, a used book sale, garnered much success and became an annual event. Proceeds went towards branch expenses and allowed the group to donate funds to local and international causes they deemed worthwhile as well as efforts spearheaded by AAUW National.



Over the years, our AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch has provided fellowship, programs, and opportunity to advance equity for women and girls in society. We can be proud of our 80 years of dedication and commitment to our mission. Let's celebrate together those 80 years on:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
4 – 6:30 PM

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
788 Lake Shore Road, GPF, MI. 48236
Tickets \$80

You should have received an invitation in the mail with a response card.

R.S.V.P. by September 18th
Let's have fun and celebrate.

<div data-bbox="516 890 755 987"></div> <div data-bbox="464 995 797 1026"><p>Please respond by September 18th</p></div> <div data-bbox="251 1045 980 1077"><p>Name(s) _____</p></div> <div data-bbox="339 1127 823 1184"><p><input type="radio"/> \$80 per person X _____ = \$ _____ Includes Hors d'oeuvres, a Cocktail, and a Silent Auction</p></div> <div data-bbox="339 1192 980 1226"><p><input type="radio"/> Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ _____</p></div> <div data-bbox="258 1226 1036 1268"><p>Please direct my donation to: <input type="radio"/> Scholarships <input type="radio"/> Robotics Teams <input type="radio"/> Art Contest <input type="radio"/> Where needed</p></div> <div data-bbox="258 1268 823 1299"><p>Please make checks payable to AAUW GP Education Program.</p></div> <div data-bbox="258 1299 823 1331"><p>Charge my credit card in the total amount of \$ _____</p></div> <div data-bbox="258 1331 716 1362"><p>Card Number _____</p></div> <div data-bbox="258 1362 716 1394"><p>Exp Date _____ Security Code _____</p></div> <div data-bbox="846 1268 1036 1394"><p><i>Thank you for your generous support!</i></p></div>	
<div data-bbox="724 1419 899 1488"></div> <div data-bbox="544 1541 1071 1596"><p>Proceeds from this celebration will support the AAUW GP Education Program which includes</p></div> <div data-bbox="672 1617 1036 1701"><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> our scholarships for girls<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> our all-girl robotics teams<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> our Listen to Women art contest</div> <div data-bbox="703 1740 920 1789"><p>Thank You!</p></div>	

AAUW GROSSE POINTE
80TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ELLEN CHAPIN
SANDY STANLEY

80TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMITTEE

CAROLYN BARTH
KATHLEEN CONLON
MARIE DELUCA
CAROL ERICKSON
EVA HABIB
ROSEANNE HORNE
JOANNE MUALEM
ANN NICHOLSON
SANDY SEES



*Join us as we celebrate
80 Years
of empowering women & girls
and
meet the dedicated members who have
devoted 50 years to our cause*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
4:00PM - 6:30PM

THE GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB
788 LAKE SHORE ROAD
GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI

50+ YEARS MEMBERS

JAN ARNDT
CAROLYN BARTH
LOIS BERTANI
ANN NICHOLSON
JANE O'HALLORAN
PHYLLIS RABBIDEAU
ELIZABETH STEVENS
MARIANNE SHRADER
GLORIA WEBER
BONNIE WOODS

COCKTAILS
&
HORS D'OEUVRES





GOLDEN MEMBERS
HONORED



SILENT
AUCTION



	<p>Programs</p> <p>Roseanne Horne</p>	
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Kick-Off Event for AAUW Grosse Pointe
Save the Date for Tuesday, October 15, 2024
6:00 pm Dinner and program
Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park, Grosse Pointe Park
Bring a dish, connect with fellow members, bring a friend!
Invitation with more details to follow.
Questions: Roseanne Horne 313-706-1801

AAUW - GP Auction
Roseanne Horne
Auction Chair and Past President - AAUWGP

As you know, the American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year with a celebratory cocktail party and fundraiser. We will be highlighting our achievements through the decades and honoring our 50+ year members. The celebration will be held Sunday, September 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI.

Please help make our celebration a success by donating a new item for our Auction. All donors will be acknowledged in our program book.

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AAUW is an international organization founded 143 years ago to encourage women to achieve a higher education and to support women in their chosen career fields. In recent years, AAUW GP has awarded scholarships to senior girls from Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School who are pursuing careers in STEM fields. We initiated an all-girls robotics program at Defer Elementary School in 2016 which has now expanded to Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School. As part of our STEAM commitment which includes the arts, we have held an art contest for the past three years for 14-18-year-old students called "Listen to Women".

If you can make a donation to our auction, please fill out the form on the next page or contact me at rosewa33@aol.com or 313-706-1801.

We appreciate your support to help advance gender equity for women and girls!

Silent Auction Request

Please help make our celebration a success by donating a new item for our Silent Auction. All donors will be acknowledged in our program book.

To date we have a wonderful selection of items donated by area restaurants, shops, members, and friends. These include a stay at a Villa in Italy, an autographed Red Wings hockey puck, a skincare basket including botox, restaurant gift certificates and much more. However, we can always use additional items. More items mean more money for our scholarships, robotics team and art show. Consider asking your favorite restaurant, hair or nail salon, friend with a boat

or cottage, etc. to donate! The donation request letter and donor form are included in this newsletter.

Thanks for your support of AAUW – GP and this exciting Silent Auction!

AUCTION ITEM DONATION FORM

American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe (AAUWGP)

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80th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 29, 2024

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Grosse Ponte Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

Thank you for contributing to our silent auction. Please complete this form and email to:
Roseanne Horne, Auction Chair at rosewa33@aol.com or call 313-706-1801

Donor Name: _____

Business/Organization name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please provide a brief description of the new item you are donating:

Please provide an approximate retail value: \$ _____

Deadline for donations: September 20, 2024

**Please contact Roseanne Horne at 313-706-1801 to arrange for drop off or pick up of item.
We appreciate your Support! Thank you!**



INTEREST GROUPS by Bonnie Woods



<p>Fine Arts, Music, & Humanities Chair: Kathy Conlon 882-0479 conlon_kathy@yahoo.com</p> <p>September 8 12:00 - Planning Meeting/Brunch at Kathy Conlon's</p> <p>October 10 - Masonic Temple Hostess Kathy Conlon Details to come</p>	<p>Lunch - Just Because 4th Thursday 1PM Chair Marcia Wilson 886-9786 mkwmew@aol.com</p> <p>Sep. 26 – Brunch With Me 25801 Jefferson SCS Hostess Eva Habib (evahabib@comcast.net)</p> <p>October 24 - Waves 24223 Jefferson SCS Hostess Gail Guaresimo gailguaresimo@sbcglobal.net</p>
<p>Mystery Readers 1st. Tues. 1 pm Chair: Nancy Patek - 881-5349 artpatek@icloud.com</p> <p>Sep 3 No meeting</p> <p>Oct. 8 Joyce Fowler Author TBD</p>	<p>Morning Stitchery 3rd Tuesday 9:15 Chair Barb Stillings 884-6726 basgp259@msn.com</p> <p>Sep 24 – Dottie Holcomb</p> <p>Oct. 15 – Barbara Stillings</p>
<p>Mahjongg 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2:00 PM Chair: Bonnie Woods 313-886-3496 Bonnet7@comas.net</p> <p>Sep. 10 Bonnie Woods Sep. 24 Centie Strong Oct. 8 Bonnie Woods Oct. 22 Centie Strong</p>	<p>Zoom Book Club 2nd Sunday 7PM Chair: Joanne Johnson 313-642-1130 jj71944@gmail.com</p> <p>September 8 – <i>My Antonia</i> by Wilma Cather Discussion Leader Joanne Johnson October 13 – <i>Small Things Like These</i> by Clare Keegan Discussion Leader Mary Zahler</p>

Kercheval After 6

Kercheval after Six was a great success! Thank you to those members and their families who volunteered to help man the AAUW GP Booth at Kercheval after Six event on Saturday, August 24th in Grosse Pointe Park. We had four face painters who helped draw in the crowd! While the children were getting their faces painted, AAUW GP members passed out our brochure and got prospective members to give us their names and email addresses. Marla Nemanic, one of our newest members, came up with the idea to raffle off a basket to those who gave us their contact information (see photo below). Thank you to Eva Habib, Marla Nemanic, Roberta Walden, Maureen Anthony, Mary Ellen Burke, and Lina Bowman for volunteering. It was a fun night, and we were able to get the word out about AAUW to the community and explain our mission to potential members. We also made \$237 from selling water bottles, light up wands, framed quotes, and face painting. Smiles all around!

Roseanne Horne – AAUW Program Chair

