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AAUWNN ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. The Garage, 202 W. Main St., Northville

Programs

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You are cordially invited to the

AAWNN ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

**The Garage
202 W. Main Street
Northville, MI**

5:30 p.m. - Social Time 6:15 p.m. - Dinner

Business Meeting

**Scholarship and Awards Presentations
Election and Induction of Officers
President's Annual Report**

The meals include a main entrée, a non-alcoholic beverage,
salad and dessert.

The meals will be either:

1. Roasted Salmon
2. Chicken Alfredo
3. T-Bird Bowl (Cauliflower Steak with Mushroom Ratatouille)



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AAUW Mission

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

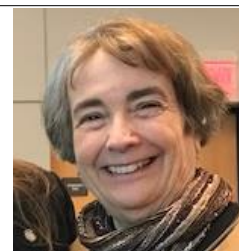
AAUW Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership teams and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic basis.

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President's Message

Karen Zyczynski
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Finally Spring

Hopefully, Mother Nature has finally decided it should officially be spring. I am tired of spring one day and winter the next. I have put away my cold weather clothes in the hope that I won't need them again until late next fall. On a brighter note, my hyacinths, daffodils and tulips are brightening my garden.

As usual, at this time of year, AAUWNN is busy with many end-of-year activities.

- Our **Lunch and Mah Jongg Tournament** is coming up on **May 2** at the Detroit Marriott in Livonia. Details were in the April Newsletter.
- Our **Annual Dinner Meeting** is scheduled for **May 13 at The Garage Restaurant** in Northville. You should have received a personal invitation in the U.S. mail. Deadline to register was May 1.
- And, we are doing an end-of-the-year fundraiser at the **Rusty Bucket Restaurant on Wednesday, May 21**. All you have to do is go out for lunch or dinner and then use the QR Code on page 12 of our April Newsletter or page 8 of this newsletter, or the flier you received at our April Meeting, and follow the instructions. We will receive 15% back from your purchase, excluding alcoholic beverages.

In addition to all of that, while we accept new members all year round, this is the traditional time of year we go all out in membership recruitment and when many of us renew our membership. So in case you forgot, you should find the membership form elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Karen

Passing of Douglas Whitaker

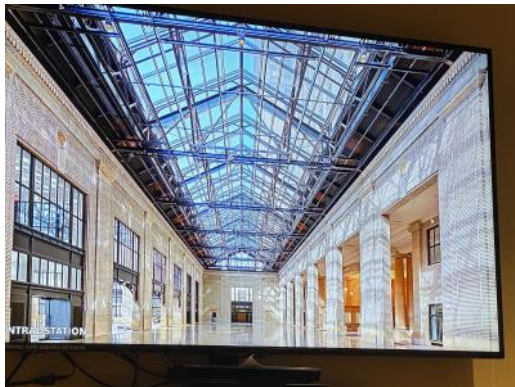
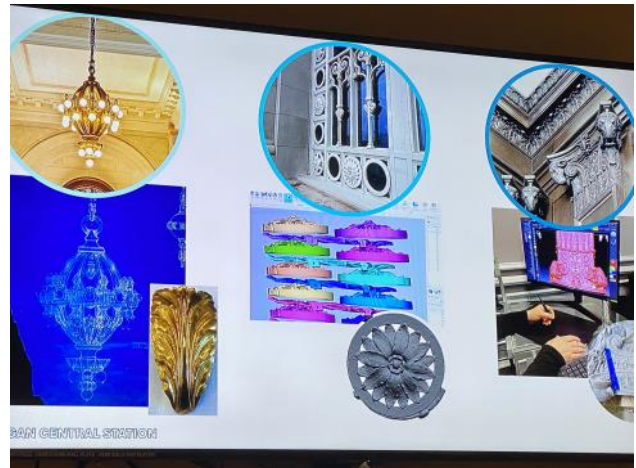
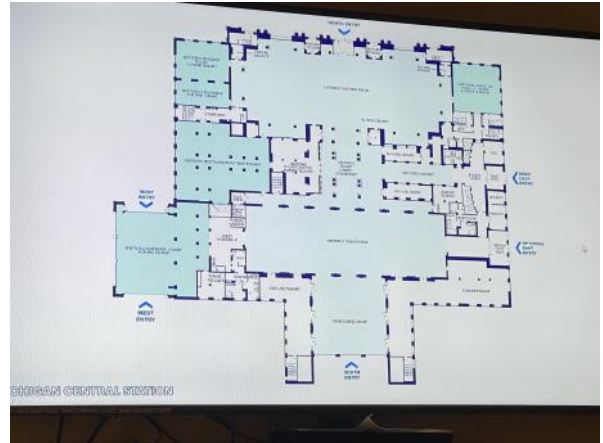
It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Douglas Whitaker. His wife Karel is the founder of our branch. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville on **Friday, May 23**, at 11 a.m. Visitation is at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be held following the service.



Pictures from April Meeting



Angela Wyrembelski



BOARD BRIEFS - APRIL, 2025



Your board met by Zoom on April 22.

Emily Doubler was approved as Vice-President of Membership, to complete Corinne Vincent's term, which ends July, 2026.

Plans are being finalized for the Annual meeting and dinner. Fifty year AAUW members, Joyce Murdock and Karen Olson, will be honored and receive a certificate from Michigan AAUW. There will also be a "birthday surprise".

We are looking for a communications chair. Carol Souchock will take over Facebook and email.

Six Schoolcraft women and Schoolcraft adviser will attend NCCWSL.

Policy and Procedures revisions continue. Send feedback to Jane Hecker or Harriet Sawyer.

Plans continue for the 50th anniversary celebration. Send publicity ideas to Carol Murchison.

Caryn Doehler, Secretary

Finding Your Elected Officials



Google: State of Michigan Elected Officials
Scroll down to: 270towin.com
Enter your zip code

Also, there is a free app for your phone: 5 calls
Enter you zip code and names and contact info will come up for elected officials.

\$\$\$ 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.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Recently one of our members, attending a local Northville event, mentioned AAUWNN to another attendee and was surprised to learn that this individual had been **waiting** for someone to ask her to join our group! Wow! How many other women in our community are just “waiting” for us to invite them to join our wonderful organization?

To continue to do the great things that our local chapter, state and national organization aspires to do, we require a vibrant, growing and involved membership. What can you do? Please take the time to mention AAUWNN to others in your circle. There is so much for you to talk about.

First of all, there is our extremely important mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. Could there be a more relevant time to discuss the importance of that? You can share the actions we take locally to provide scholarships to college bound girls in Northville and Novi High Schools, host career path days that expose middle school girls to a college campus and local women professionals. You can share the enthusiasm we have heard from the students we have supported in attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Hearing from these young women, we know we are making a difference!

There is so much more to share. You can talk about the fabulous speakers we have had at our monthly meetings that have enlightened us. You can talk about the comradery that we develop working and playing together with such a dynamic group of committed women. You can also share the various interest groups.

There is something for everyone! There is Bridge, Mah Jongg, day and evening book clubs, food groups, movie goers and Great Decisions that delves into current geopolitical events. Please share with other women the wonderful opportunities that come with being an AAUWNN member. Just a reminder that AAUW is open to all graduates who hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. For more details about our organization, you can encourage them check out our website at AAUWNN.org.

Reminder:

The AAUW Election 2025 is currently underway. Every AAUW member should have received at least one email from AAUW with the information regarding the candidates, the ballot initiatives and the information you need to vote. The election ends on [May 13](#) so please take a few minutes to make your voice heard.

VOTE!

Remember the Ladies and Mother's Day

How many of your mothers say don't buy me anything? They don't want something else to clean or to clutter up their living space. A book donated through our Remember the Ladies Program is just the perfect Mother's Day gift. You could, of course, still take your mom out for dinner. Or you could be the mother the donation is honoring. Are you the mother saying don't buy me anything? Tell your children about Remember the Ladies.

To donate a book call me at (313) 381-2350 or contact me at my e-mail address, jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com. The minimum contribution is only \$15, and an order form is on the next page of this newsletter. The donation could even be just in honor of you, made by you.



ATTENDEES

AT EVENTS

AROUND TOWN



Karen Zyczynski at rally in Novi



Mary Ann MacLaren (L.) and Emily Doubler at the Hands Off Protest in Canton

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BRANCH

“Remember the Ladies” Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

School District (Please check one) Northville _____ Novi _____

Preferred school library – Please enter the school’s name

In honor _____ In memory _____

Of _____

Would you like a certificate sent to the person or family of the person listed above?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, to whom and where would you like the certificate sent?

Send this form along with a check (minimum \$15) made payable to the proper school district with
“Remember the Ladies” on the memo line to:

Remember the Ladies Committee, 12338 Woodlands Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170

Office use only

Order form # _____ Date _____

Receipt # _____ Check Amount _____

Book plate completed _____ sent _____
(date) (date)

Certificate completed _____ sent _____
(date) (date)

Thank You completed _____
(date)

the AAUWNN REVIEW

Special Edition I

May 1, 2025

50 YEARS AGO IN 1975

AAUWNN Becomes a Reality

With assistance from State leadership, Karel Whitaker took the initiative and led the effort to charter a new AAUW Branch. On September 24, 1975, fifty-five area women signed a piece of parchment paper and became charter members of Northville AAUW. (Novi was added to the title in 1991 when the State allowed the joining of two communities to form a branch.)

Their first speaker in October 1975 was L. Brooks Patterson speaking on Michigan's probation and parole practices. They sponsored candidate nights with the League of Women Voters, held educational luncheons, collaborated with Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center on a workshop for foreign newcomers and much more.

In Government

38th President - Gerald Ford
Vice-President - Nelson Rockefeller

There were 16 women in the U.S. House
No women in the U.S. Senate

What Things Cost

Average Home	\$39,300
Gallon of Gas	\$0.44
Loaf of Bread	\$0.32
Gallon of Milk	\$1.57
One Dozen Eggs	\$0.59
Postage Stamp	\$0.13

Average Annual Income \$14,100

On the National Scene

U.S. Population	215,973,199
Unemployment Rate	5.6%
Women in Workforce	39.6%
Vietnam War Ended	

Entertainment News

Movies

Jaws
Dog Day Afternoon
Funny Lady
Shampoo

TV Shows

All In the Family
The Bionic Woman
Maude
Saturday Night Live

Fashion Trends

Pant Suits
Leisure Suits
Bell Bottoms
Wrap Dresses
Sneakers
Headbands

In Sports

NBA Championship - The Golden State Warriors
Baseball World Series - Cincinnati Reds
NFL Champions - Pittsburgh Steelers
Stanley Cup - Philadelphia Flyers

Music

Fame
Rhinestone Cowboy
Love Will Keep Us
Together
Philadelphia Freedom



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY
WOMEN NORTHVILLE NOVI**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

RUSTY BUCKET RESTAURANT AND TAVERN - NORTHVILLE
15400 SHELDON RD, NORTHVILLE, MI 48168
5 MILE AND SHELDON

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- 3. SUBMIT FOR DONATION!**



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QUESTIONS?



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On this day, 15% of your bill* will be donated back to the organization.

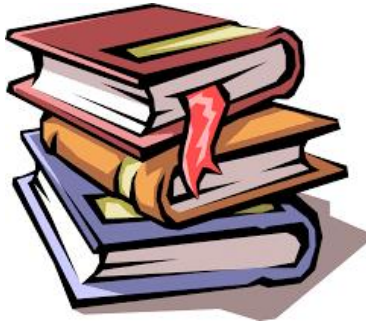
*Valid for food and soft beverage sales *only*, excludes alcohol. Not valid towards gift card purchases. Flyers are not permitted to be distributed inside or outside the restaurant. Payment in the form of Gift Cards is *not* accepted for the donation.

**Seating is not guaranteed. It is highly encouraged for guests to make a
reservation to ensure seating.**

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

Daytime Book Group Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, May 9, we will have a discussion and selection of books for 2025-26. We will meet at the Northville Library Study Room (lower level) with Zoom link availability from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



For more information on joining this group please contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.

Evening Book Group Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Evening Book Group will meet in person on May 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss and decide on the titles we will discuss in 2025-26. A list will be sent approximately a week before to current members, and those interested in joining us for the upcoming year. At this point I am still collecting suggested titles. Please e-mail them to me by May 9.



This is my favorite meeting of the year, as we combine books and food! Details as to the location of this meeting will be e-mailed to members after hearing from all members about their preference.

Interested in joining? We'd love to have you. Contact Mary Jane at mjkearns1@outlook.com or (248) 449-8693.

Mah Jongg Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Mah Jongg group plays Friday afternoons at members' homes. The May schedule follows:

May 2 Tournament
May 9 Ruth
May 16 Mary Jane
May 23 Mary Ann
May 30 Emily



New members are welcome. Contact Mary Jane Kearns to join us. 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.



Restaurant Rovers Joyce Murdock, Contact

On May 21, the Restaurant Rovers will go to The Rusty Bucket, 15400 Sheldon Road, Northville, at 6 p.m.



This is our fundraiser. Bring your flyer.

If you would like to join this group, please contact Joyce Murdock at (313) 381-2350 or 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 rlYork03@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 May 20, we will be discussing Chapter 4 in the Great Decisions Handbook: **India: Between China, the West, and the Global South**. This year we are reading the chapters in the handbook in order, as they have been set up to build on each other. We are encouraging you to join ASAP to get the full benefit of membership in this important and thought-provoking interest group.



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

NORTHVILLE-NOVI (MI) UPDATE

American Association of University Women Northville – Novi – a 501(c)(3)

An Affiliate of National AAUW, one of many local groups across the nation.
We are an association of dynamic local women committed to our Community with Action.
AAUW-NN works to break education and economic barriers so that women and girls have fair
and equal opportunity, while taking time to network and enjoy personal enrichment.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025-26

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/zip _____

Phone (c) _____ (h) _____ (w) _____

Email _____

Provide graduate associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution:

College/University/Equivalent _____ State _____ Highest Degree _____

College/University/Equivalent _____ State _____ Highest Degree _____

Grad Year/s _____ Major/s _____

Date of Birth (optional) _____

Ethnicity (optional): Hispanic (Y or N) _ White _ American Indian/Alaska Native _ Black/African American _
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander _ Asian _ Other _

ELIGIBILITY

I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution (). I am an undergraduate student ()

Signature _____

Date _____

MEMBER RECRUITER if applicable Name _____

Individual Annual Membership

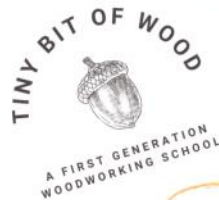
AAUW National membership fee	\$74
\$74 tax deductible	
State of Michigan fee – not tax deductible	15
AAUW-NN fee - \$10 tax deductible	10
TOTAL	\$99

Shape the Future-New Member

\$37
15
10
\$62

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AAUWNN – mail to AAUWNN Membership, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167 AAUW fiscal year extends from July 1 through June 30. AAUW membership extends for 12 months from enrollment

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AAUW Northville-Nov (MI) Calendar of Events
visit the website for more information at

<https://aauwnn.org/>

Board MeetingFourth 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.
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