

South Haven, Michigan AAUW

Newsletter: March 2025

Book Sale

Adult and Children's Sales on Friday, August 8, 2025, Early Bird at 8 a.m., doors open from 9-4p.m. and Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available to work at both sales (sorting, cashiers, baggers, packing/unpacking books and clean-up). Sorting will take place every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. in the First Congregational Church basement on the following Wednesdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

We were extremely pleased with the success of the May children's book sale (\$1,577.42) and hope to carry that momentum into our August sale (**August 8, 8 a.m. early bird, 9 a.m. doors open until 4 p.m.; August 9, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**).



We are currently distributing posters to local businesses to advertise the August sale.

- **On Monday, June 30**, we'll be placing collection bins at all four locations (Ace Hardware, Bronson Wellness Center, First Congregational Church and the Senior Center).
- When it comes to book collection, we continue to strive for quality over quantity. This means no travel books, textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, dictionaries, outdated medical/self-help books, and no moldy or smoky books.

Ways you can help:

- Book sorting takes place in the basement of the First Congregational Church every Wednesday from 9-11 am, starting **July 2 through July 30**.

- **On Thursday, August 7**, adult books will be moved upstairs at 8 a.m. (children's books will stay in the basement). We will need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** to help unpack and organize books at 9 a.m. until it's finished.

- We still need volunteers to help during the sale. If you can work Friday or Saturday, please contact Jean (jhbevevino@gmail.com 815-790-4054) or Edna (andel230@sbcglobal.net 269-267-3446) to sign up.

- We also need volunteers to take boxes of leftover books to various thrift stores after the sale on Saturday.

Co-Chairs: **Jean Bevevino and Edna Kent Merrily Brannigan, Teresa Gibbons, Rosalind Giulietti, Sharon Guiltinan, Renee Kaplan, Amy Kilbridge, Elaine Kitchen, Peggy Murnighan, Susan Shields, Liz Smith and Mary Tobin**

President's Message

Busy Busy Busy.

I'm sure that many of you are feeling that now. Between all the summer activities, hosting friends and family and maybe travel plans the time is flying by. We had an active couple of months with AAUW events: The Annual Meeting, Children's Book Sale, Fundraising at Cogdal, and the Scholarship Celebration. Upcoming are the Candidate Forum for the City of South Haven (July 15th) and, of course, our August Book Sale. (08/08-08/09).

With such a spectacular membership, our presence is being felt all around town. And more women are joining us. Just since January, we have welcomed **Cheri Stein, Mary O'Donnell, Linda Keefe, Noelle McDonough, Chris Flood, Jenny Bailey, Kay Brookey and Anne Walker**.

The Domestic Violence committee is working on a September fundraiser and September 25th we will be having our New Member event at Cogdal.

I'll keep you posted on those events and anything else happening that would be of interest to the membership.

In the meantime, stay cool and breathe!

~ **Judy Pollack**

Book Groups

Monday Afternoon Group

July 28 *How It All Began* by Penelope Lively

Hostess: **Ann Habicht**

August 25 *Hello, Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

Hostess: **Mary Pietenpol**

Wednesday Evening

The Wednesday Evening Book Group was treated to its annual walk through **Carol Tidwell's** beautiful garden when readers met for their final session to discuss *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. Members chose their title lineup for the next year before going into summer hiatus and then starting again on September 10. At that meeting, Sharon Guiltinan will host the discussion of *The Measure* by Nikki Erick.

Wednesday 2.0

Accepting new members now! Contact

Deb D'Adamo debradadamo@gmail.com

Thursday Night Book Club

Jul 17 *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

Hostess: **Kathy Metelman**

Aug 21 *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Hostess: **Edna Kent**

DEI Update

We are excited to announce that **Cheri Stein** has accepted the Chairperson position for the DEI Committee for the next fiscal year. Cheri is new to AAUW, but not new to South Haven. She was a teacher here for many years and has a passion for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion related topics. If you are not currently a member of the DEI Committee, but want to learn more about it or join, please contact her at cheri7stein@gmail.com.

Notice: The South Haven Pride Festival is in Stanley Johnson Park from 2-10 pm on Saturday, June 28th. There is also a shuttle service running from the high school to the park that day, so that people can park at the high school.

DEI Recommends:

June was Pride Month. To learn more about the LGBTQ community, you may want to read *Detransition, Baby*, a 2021 novel by American author Torrey Peters. The novel was met with critical success and praise for crafting a tender exploration of gender, parenthood, love and trans life.

From the Treasurer

Welcome to new members and hello all. The Post Office has requested that any mail coming to our PO Box (343) be first addressed to **AAUW**. If you're sending dues, your attention line will be: Dues Treasurer. Any other items including donations, check or reimbursement form with receipts will be: Attention Treasurer.

This will meet the Post Office request and direct mail to the right person.

Thanks, **Marge Lamp**

Open Door

Our last Open Door was a nod to summer barbecues. We prepared food for 100 guests. The menu consisted of hotdogs with the fixings, baked beans, tater tots, garden salad, fruit salad, brownies with ice cream and lemonade, milk, coffee and water.



What a crew! Thank you for all your efforts and gracious service. I appreciate you all so. **Peggy Murnighan**

The Breakfast Club

Another AAUW SH Social Option
The second Tuesday of each month
8:30 am

Dave's Landing (05110 Blue Star) South Haven
COMPLETELY CASUAL

Come if you can for conversation and camaraderie.

No invitations

No RSVP's

No name tags

If you had attended in April, you would

Hope to see you there and then

Membership

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Golf



The AAUW-SH Golf Group tees off on Wednesdays at HawksHead Golf Club. Cost to play is \$40 for nine holes. If you are not already a part of this group but would like to play and need more information, please email **Becky**

Vasko (ravasko@iu.edu) with "Wednesday Golf" in the subject line.

Scholarships

On June 9th at South Haven High School, AAUW SH celebrated not only this year's scholarship recipients, but also our members and guests who help to support women and girls. Many volunteers helped make this year's Scholarship Celebration a success. Special thanks go to **Darlene Buresh, Peggy Murnighan, Margaret Sleeper and Julie Molnar** for their weeks of work prior to the event.

Beginning in March, Scholarship Committee members **Stephanie Timmer, Elaine Kitchin, Amy Kilbridge, Sandy Olsen and Nadine Godin-Nassany** reviewed 27 applications and interviewed six finalists to select the 2025 scholarship recipients. This year's Pathfinder and Luminary Award recipients were well-spoken and gave thoughtful and candid answers when interviewed. The committee was also moved by the respect and gratitude these young women had for their parents and extended families. In addition, all of these young women have specific career goals and have taken classes at LMC or the Tech Center to prepare for their future.

AAUW SH Pathfinder Award - Stephany Sanchez, business major

Nancy Kayse Pathfinder Award - Brenda Calderon, health care major

Nancy Kayse Luminary Award - Madi Dotson, health care major

Stephany and Madi both plan to attend LMC. Brenda is taking a gap year so she can gain experience working in a physical therapy facility.

The Nancy Kayse Adult Education Award - InterCare Medical/Dental assistant apprenticeship program award will be used to cover travel expenses for the apprentices who must drive to various locations for the clinical part of their training. AAUW SH lost a beloved member when Nancy Kayse passed away last summer. After retiring from a career in nursing, Nancy continued caring for others as a volunteer. The 2025 Nancy Kayse Awards, funded by memorial donations, were presented to recipients who share Nancy's passion for helping others in need. We were fortunate to have Nancy's husband Phil and son Justin join us to present the Nancy Kayse Awards at the Celebration.

The Achievement Awards were the final scholarships presented on June 9. Three recipients

of this award attended the Celebration. Kaiden Thomas, Arianna DeHoyos, and Kelsey Hodgman, spoke briefly about their college experience so far. All nine previous Pathfinder and Luminary Award recipients qualified for a 2025 Achievement Award.

Since the inception of the Achievement Award in 2021, all of the AAUW SH Pathfinder and Luminary Award recipients have qualified for and received the Achievement Award each year of college. This Award has turned our initial \$1,500

scholarship into a \$6,000 scholarship! We could not have accomplished this without the generosity and hard work of our members and our community sponsor, realtor Amy O'Sullivan.



In The Community

The Parent Resource Center sends thanks to AAUW for the donations of diapers, lotions, soap, etc. When the last Open Door event in 2024 was canceled, the team decided to spend the funds helping this community partner. And member Annie Brown asked for donations of diapers to celebrate her birthday this year. She reported that the generous response was overwhelming, so the Diaper Bank will now be able to return to distributing diapers to young families monthly, instead of every other month.



And:

“Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 received on 4/23/2025 to support InterCare Community Health Network’s apprentice program. Support for this program will assist nearly 40,000 patients who access their medical, mental health and dental care at our clinics throughout Southwest Michigan. Your support of our mission will ensure that the Southwest Michigan community continues to have access to high quality and affordable healthcare services. All the best to you and your organization.”

Sincerely,
John H. McElwee
Chief Financial Officer

(And this year, the scholarship is called The Nancy Kayse Memorial Adult Education Scholarship ♡)

Public Policy Committee

On Tuesday, July 15, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. at LMC's South Haven Campus our PPC will present a forum featuring South Haven mayoral candidates as well as candidates for seats on the City Council from Wards 1, 2, and 3.

This is an opportunity for voters to become acquainted with candidates before the August 5 Primary. The office of Mayor and the seats on the City Council will be decided in the November election.

AAUW OF SOUTH HAVEN PRESENTS

CITY CANDIDATE FORUM

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025
7-9PM
AT LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE
SOUTH HAVEN

Mayoral Candidates Invited:
Annie Brown, Mary Hosley, Josh Lemmer
Ward #1 Candidates Invited:
Samantha Kellum, Lisa Krupiarz, Eddie Polk
Ward #2 Candidates Invited:
Kent Brindley, Tom Capps, Todd Heinrich
Ward #3 Candidate Invited:
Dave Flack

An illustration of a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing together and holding signs that say "GO VOTE!".

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Eunice Foote: Scientist

Climate change is a certainty in 2018, but not when Eunice Foote was researching what would later be known as the greenhouse effect in her paper "[Circumstances Affecting the Heat of the Sun's Rays](#)," which was presented at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in August 1856.

Smithsonian Magazine describes this particular meeting of the AAAS as failing "to deliver papers of quality"—with one notable exception—Foote's paper. In her two-page work, she describes an experiment she conducted to understand how the sun's rays interacted with different gases. She took two cylinders containing two thermometers each and used an air pump to remove the air from one while condensing it in the other.

After allowing both cylinders to reach the same temperature, Foote placed them both in the sun to monitor temperature changes. She repeated the process with hydrogen, common air, and CO₂, and found that all heated after being in the sun.

Foote noticed that the carbon dioxide trapped the most heat, leading her to argue in her AAAS paper that "an atmosphere of that gas would give our earth a high temperature... at one period of its history the air had mixed with it a larger proportion than at present, an increased temperature from its own action as well as from increased weight must have necessarily resulted."

Although women were allowed to join the AAAS as "science enthusiasts" at the time (Foote was the second woman member of the AAAS), they were not allowed to present their own works, so Foote's findings were shared by Professor Joseph Henry of the Smithsonian. Frustratingly, her work was later left out of the published proceeding of the event, aside from a reference in a section titled "Lady Science" in a *Scientific American* report on the meeting which appeared in the *American Journal of Science and the Arts*.

Foote's contributions went unacknowledged until 2016 when the *American Journal of Science and the Arts* was digitized, and climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe discovered Foote's work.

Today Irish physicist John Tyndall is credited with the foundation of what is known as climate science. Three years after Foote, Tyndall published similar results demonstrating the greenhouse effect of different gases, including carbonic acid.

While it is true that Tyndall's work has been integral to current climate science, Foote's findings were relevant but ultimately ignored because of her gender. Thank you, Eunice for showing us that "patience rejoices in adversity."

To Do List ✓

- ___ Donate your used books
- ___ Read with a group
- ___ Start a new book group
- ___ Invite friends to AAUW events.
- ___ Donate some Diapers.
- ___ Call a legislator. Call again.
- ___ Organize a Lunch Bunch opportunity
- ___ Breakfast out.
- ___ Play golf
- ___ Volunteer for Open Door
- ___ Volunteer to be Treasurer



On Your Calendar?

June 28 South Haven Pride Festival
July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Book Sorting
July 7 Diaper Bank
July 8 Breakfast 8:30 Dave's Landing
July 15 Candidate Forum 7:00 pm at LMC
July 17 Thursday Book Group
July 28 Afternoon Books
July 29 Open Door
Aug 4 Diaper Bank
Aug 7 Move Books – bring your friends.
Aug 8 & 9 Book Sale
Aug 12 Breakfast 8:30 Dave's Landing
Aug 21 Thursday Book Group
Aug 25 Afternoon Books