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AAUWNN MEETING Tuesday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. Northville SportS Den

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This seminar will help you align charitable giving with your financial strategy in a way that reflects your values and life stage. We’ll explore key tax considerations, including deductions, limits, and multiyear planning, and discuss how charitable gifts can fit into your broader financial and estate plans.

You’ll learn practical ways to give—whether during your lifetime or at your passing—using tools like donor-advised funds, appreciated securities, IRA assets, and beneficiary designations. We’ll also provide a brief high-level look at advanced strategies such as charitable trusts, gift annuities, pooled income funds, and private foundations.

Whether you’re new to charitable giving or looking to refine a more sophisticated approach, this session will help you choose the path that best supports your goals and the impact you want to make.

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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

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ELECTION YEAR

This is an election year and we are a political organization!

“AAUW has always been political – we work to change policies and systems so women and girls can thrive. Over the decades, that’s meant advancing Title IX protections, pay equity laws, college affordability, and support for student parents.

Being political, however, is not the same as being partisan. Partisanship means supporting or opposing candidates or political parties. Our strength comes from an issues-first approach that welcomes people across the political spectrum.

Bottom line: “Keep the focus on issues, facts, and civic access. That’s how we build power and make change.” (Taken from the AAUW website.)

In case you have forgotten, there was a time when women could not get into medical school or law school. Women could not own a credit card, or purchase a home or a car in their own name. Once your pregnancy began to show you were forced to quit your job. There was no such thing as maternity leave or sick leave. No women served in state legislatures, the U. S. Congress or on the U. S. Supreme Court. It was either considered unseemly or we were considered incapable. It is women who forged ahead to bring about the changes we enjoy today.

So what does AAUW stand for?

- Education - Public Education, Inclusive Curriculum, STEM Opportunities, Strong Civil Rights Protections, Equitable Access to Higher Education



- Economic Security - Pay Equity, Mitigation of Caregiving Issues, Retirement Safety Nets, Reproductive Freedom
- Social Justice and Civil Rights - Constitutional Rights, Expanding Voting Rights, Freedom from Harassment and Violence, International and Civil Rights

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Our AAUW-NN President, Karen Zyczynski, often reminds us that we need to work smarter, not harder.

Now that I have had a chance to get my feet wet as VP of Membership, I see some great opportunities for each of you to help us work smarter, not harder. ***When you receive your annual dues notice email from AAUW National, if you would just click the link in the email, select MI and MI4077 - Northville Novi Branch and pay your dues right then and there online***, it would be a great help to our branch. It will save us from calling and emailing you with reminders. It will save you writing a check, locating an envelope and stamp and taking the letter to the mailbox. It will save us a trip to the Northville post office and then a trip to the bank to deposit your check.

Our AAUWNN Trifolds have also been distributed to Novi.....

Go to aauwnn.org to print your copy. This is handy for that “elevator speech” talked about at our meetings.



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So what can we do?

Some of us are more politically inclined than others. However, most decisions that directly impact our daily lives: education, healthcare, childcare, the condition of our roads, public libraries, social security, taxes and on and on; are political decisions.

As you reach out to candidates on behalf of AAUW, remember we are an issues based organization and we need to make our issues known.

If you choose to support a particular political candidate, that is a personal decision and your right. Just not in the name of AAUW. It could cause us to lose our 501(c)(3) status.

One last thing, have you purchased your Fashion Show Tickets yet?

Karen

MICHIGAN FASHION DESIGNER SHOWCASE LUNCHEON

Our biennial major fundraising event is Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at the VistaTech Center, DiPonio Room, Schoolcraft College.

Ticket sales are brisk, purchase yours before they are gone. **March 30** is the last day to purchase tickets. The form with detailed information is in this newsletter on the next page.

Flyers need to be placed anywhere you can. Flyers have been posted in downtown Northville and Plymouth.

More sponsors and ads are needed. Forms to leave with places you do business can be picked up at the February member's meeting or emailed to you by contacting Mary Ann MacLaren or email info@aauwnn.org



Northville Library Display March Women's History Month

Thank you to Karen Kuczynski and Carol Murchison for creating the display.

Stop by to view this.

\$\$\$ 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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INFO ON FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 10 meeting is facilitated by Mary Ann MacLaren at the Northville Sports Den at 11:30. Charitable Gifting Options discussion. Lunch choices are Quesadilla (\$16), Chicken Caesar Wrap (\$16), Greek Salad (\$13), or the soup of the day (\$7) plus beverage. Tip will be added to your bill.

April 14 is the return to evening meetings and it is at Genitti's. Presentation is "How to Stay Fit As You Age."

ABOUT THE MARCH MEETING

If you are hesitating about coming to the meeting on March 10 because you need a ride to the meeting or you feel you can't walk very far, send an email to info@aauwnn.org by March 7. The meeting is on the lower level and you can be dropped off right at the door at the back.

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BOARD BRIEFS



Your board met by Zoom on Tuesday, February 24

- Our CFSEM Endowment continues to grow (\$164,994.08 as of 10/30/2025)
- Career Path Day: Judy Sherman is in contact with the schools, waiting for a reply
- We are celebrating 77 members
- The showcase in the Northville District Library will display our 50 year highlights during March
- Programs: March: Jackie Duggan: Charitable gifting
- April: Staying Fit as We Age
- May: Annual Meeting
- Fashion Show: 100 tickets so sold so far and going fast. 5 or 6 clothing designers and 11 accessory designers
- NCCWSL: 22 students have applied to attend
- Ruth will attend the OCC scholarship luncheon in Royal Oak on 3/27
- Scholarship: the final 3 have been scored and will be interviewed and selected by 3/6.



**Clocks are set ahead one hour on March 8, 2026
Spring Equinox is Friday, March 20, 2026 at 10:46 AM EDT**

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Michigan Fashion Designer Showcase Luncheon 2026 Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:15 AM – 1:15 PM

VisTaTech Center, DiPonio Room, Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152 Tickets - \$75 each Table of 8 - \$600

RESERVE YOUR TABLE OF 8 OR ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SEATS.

Please complete and mail form with check by March 30, 2026.

Tables are guaranteed upon receipt of payment.

Go to https://aauwnn.org/mfds to purchase tickets online.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of tables _____ x \$600 = \$ _____

Number of tickets _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to AAUWNN

You will be emailed your table number reservation one week prior to the date of the event.

NO REFUNDS

The maximum number of persons per table is 8. Please list all names (including yourself) below. Note below if you would like to sit with someone who is purchasing their ticket separately.

Four sets of horizontal lines for listing names and seating preferences.

Payment by check payable to AAUWNN Mail form and payment to: AAUWNN Fashion Show P. O. Box 511 Northville, MI 48167

Questions? Email: info@aauwnn.org or call 734.306.3991

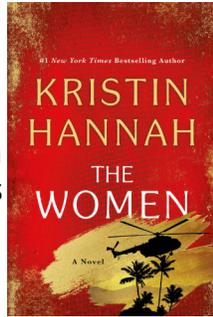
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Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Friday, March, 2026 we will discuss “The Women” by Hannah Kristen. Group discussion. This is a Zoom meeting from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.



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

Bridge Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

The Bridge Group **WILL NOT BE MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.** Play will resume in April.

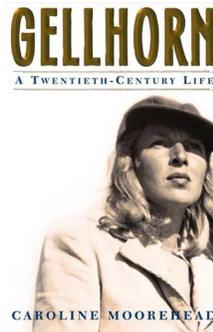


For more information on joining contact Marian Brockie at mbrockie@umich.edu.

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

On Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. we will discuss “Gellhorn: A Twentieth Century Life” by Carolyn Moorhead. Discussion leader is Rhonda. This is a Zoom meeting.



The complete list of books for 2025-2026 can be found on our website by [clicking here](#) or from our home page, click on About Us, then click on Interest Groups and Evening Book Club.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Mary Jane for details at: mjkearns1@outlook.com

Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

There is no March gathering.

We will meet at Granite City, 39603 Traditions Dr., Northville, at 6 p.m. on April 22. This is the fourth Wednesday of April instead of the third Wednesday, which is April 15, Tax Day.

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 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

Mah Jongg

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

The Mah Jongg group plays Friday afternoons at members' homes. The February schedule is as follows:

Feb. 27 Mary Ann
Mar. 6 Carol
Mar. 13 Pat
Mar. 20 Mary Jane

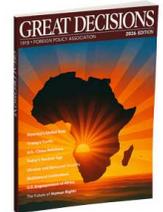


We enthusiastically welcome our recent new members. Interested in joining us? Contact Mary Jane Kearns to join us at: mjkearns1@outlook.com (248) 449-8693

Great Decisions

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact
(Temporary)

The Great Decisions group will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30 P.M. This will be a Zoom meeting.



We discuss chapter 3 from the 2026 Great Decisions discussion book. **“U. S.- China Relations.”**

We encourage new members and guests. For more information and a ZOOM invitation contact Mary Jane Kearns at mjkearns1@outlook.com or

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visit the website for more information at

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Bridge Group.....Wednesdays, 1:00 P.M.
Day Book Group...Second Thursday, 10:00 A.M.
Evening Book Group..... Fourth Monday, 7:00 P.M.
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Mah Jong.....Fridays, 1:00 P.M.
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