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AAUWNN ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.
 The Garage Restaurant

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ANNUAL MEETING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND MORE

We will be gathering at the Garage, 202 West Main Street, Northville on Tuesday, May 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. with visiting and cash bar. Plated dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Entree includes salad, coffee, tea, and soda along with a cookie and brownie tray.



The program for the evening following dinner:

- Our May business meeting
- Election of Officers. See the president’s comments on page 2
- Northville and Novi High Schools Scholarship Awards
- Presentation of Named Honoree for the year
- Presentation of Community Volunteer for the year
- President’s Annual Report



Northville–Novi (MI) Update



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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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WELCOME SPRING

One day it feels like spring and the next day winter. I'm getting a little weary of these ups and downs in the weather. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter spring will have finally established itself and we can put away our winter clothes.

As usual, AAUWNN is busy with many end-of-the-year activities. Our major fundraiser for the year is now past news. At this writing, I do not have the results from the event. Looking ahead, our Lunch and Mah Jong Tournament is coming up on May 8 at the Detroit Marriott in Livonia. Details were in the April Newsletter.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 12. At that time I should have more detailed information about our fundraising efforts. I hope you will be joining us at the Garage Restaurant. This will be your opportunity to meet the delightful young women who are our scholarship recipients this year. In addition, we will be introducing our Named Honoree for the year and our Community Volunteer of the Year.

Traditionally we elect new officers for the year at our annual meeting. Normally in the even numbered years we elect a president, secretary and membership vice-president. Nominations can be taken from the floor prior to voting. This year our nomination is Jackie Duggan as Membership VP. Jackie was our guest speaker at the March Membership Meeting and was highlighted in our April Newsletter.

As I am writing this newsletter article, we do not have a candidate for President or Secretary. The AAUWNN Board is looking at other leadership options to help us move forward. The bottom line is that we are required to fill three basic positions; president, secretary and treasurer to legally exist. We can take nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Hopefully, someone will be willing to step up and fill one of these positions.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting!

Karen



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MICHIGAN FASHION DESIGNER SHOWCASE LUNCHEON

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

Thank you to Susan Schanne for the great job of being our mistress of ceremony.

Six runway fashion designers showed their designs. Guests remarked on how they could wear the clothing being displayed.

Accessory designers stated that they had a busy morning with purchases from our guests.

We had 20 items donated for the raffle. Member Rose Dankis, and friend Lisa Kaberna sold \$1,355.00 worth of raffle tickets. Thank you.

Thank you to Becky Martin for being our photographer and John MacLaren for creating the video and playing it along with sound.

BIG thank you to the committee - Karen Kczynski, Mary Ann MacLaren, Carol Murchison, Karen Visger and Rhonda York. Plus to the other members that volunteered the day of the event.



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBER JACKIE DUGGAN



Jackie was in New York City on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in late April.

Jackie Duggan is a Certified Financial Planner and local business owner dedicated to helping individuals make confident financial decisions through every stage of life.

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Remember the Ladies
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REMEMBER THE LADIES



Our “Remember the Ladies” project is our no work fundraiser. A book about women put in a school library is a great and unusual Mother’s Day gift for a mom. Instead of another knickknack, a woman’s biography may inspire a daughter or granddaughter to become the person who discovers the cure for breast cancer. To donate a book call me at (313) 381-2350 or contact me at my e-mail address, jgmurdock12051942@wowway.com.

The purpose of our “Remember the Ladies” Program is to place women’s biographies in the Northville and Novi school libraries so there is a more equitable distribution of male and female biographies. The minimum contribution is only \$15, and an order form is on the next page of this newsletter.

The title of the program came from a quote that Abigail Adams wrote in a letter to her husband John Adams when he was drafting the code of laws for the fledgling nation. She wrote, “I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.”

THINKING OF YOU



Condolences to the family of Mary Ellen King. Mary Ellen King was a member of our branch since 2006 and the Volunteer and Intake Coordinator for Sanctum House

Mary Ellen passed away peacefully on April 17. She was surrounded by love, talking and texting with loved ones all day, with family by her side. We know she touched the lives of many, and very few people have had such a large impact.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Sanctum House in ME’s honor.

Secretary
Caryn Doepler
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BOARD BRIEFS

Your board met at Karen Z’s home on Tuesday, April 28

- Discussed Annual Meeting. All scholarship recipients along with at least one parental unit is attending
- Career Path Day chaired by Judy Sherman is all set
- Annual Report to AAUW National is due in June
- Discussion of speakers and field trips for next year
- Fashion Show Feedback- all positive. 152 tickets sold
- College/University Relations -Ruth Rickard
 - Caryn Doepler and Ruth Rickard attended OCC’s Donor Dinner March 27. Diverse scholarship recipients including deaf, use of sign language
- Creating a New Leadership Model is being developed since no one has been nominated for president

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Member dues are an important funding source for AAUW.

Your member dues help fund our work at the national, state and local level such as:

- **Education & Advocacy:** Member dues help support AAUW's public policy and member advocacy programs, which are now vitally important to defending higher education and rights for women on campus
- **Member Trainings:** Our regular virtual member gatherings and training programs provide education and engagement on several relevant topics
- **Member Engagement:** We organize member-led groups and committees like Archives Corps, Lobby Corps, and national committees, and coordinate AAUW's member advocacy through 2-Minute Activist
- **Real-Time Support:** Connect Team provides daily assistance to members
- **And more!**

Many of us have our annual dues come due in June. When you receive that email from AAUW, please open it and renew online so our work of advocating for women and girls can continue uninterrupted.

Please continue to talk about AAUW to others in your life. We need to continue to grow our organization so the impact of what we do can be felt by our community. For new members, and those returning after a two year absence, the discounted rate is just \$63. The latest application form is available on our AAUWNN.org website under Membership.

Thank you for all you do as an engaged member of AAUW! We have much to be proud of.

NOTE ABOUT DUES

Beginning April 1, 2026 AAUW annual dues will increase by \$2.00 for a total of \$101.00/year. Of that, \$76.00 goes to national, \$15 goes to the state and \$10 goes to our branch. We currently are 79 members strong with 10 lifetime members. That means that our branch dues generate a whopping \$690.00 annually. Clearly that is not nearly enough to support our local initiatives; high school scholarships, career days, NCCWSL support, etc. **This is why we fund raise.**

What can you do to help?

1. Support our upcoming fashion show. Buy a table. Sell a few tickets.
2. Help raise awareness about AAUW and our mission.
3. Help grow our branch membership. Use our trifold to share with others.
4. Share your ideas for future fund raisers.
5. Make "Remember the Ladies" book purchases for the Northville–Novi lower school media centers.
6. If able, make a tax deductible gift or qualified contribution to our AAUWNN Endowment Fund established with the Community Foundation of Michigan. This endowment generates ongoing revenue to support our initiatives.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

THE PAY GAP IS NOT IMPROVING!

As of 2024–2026, women working full-time in the U.S. typically earn about 81–83 cents for every dollar earned by men, a gap that has remained largely stagnant for over a decade. This disparity results in a median annual salary difference of approximately. The gap is worse for women of color and widens with age.

Key Takeaways on the U.S. Gender Pay Gap

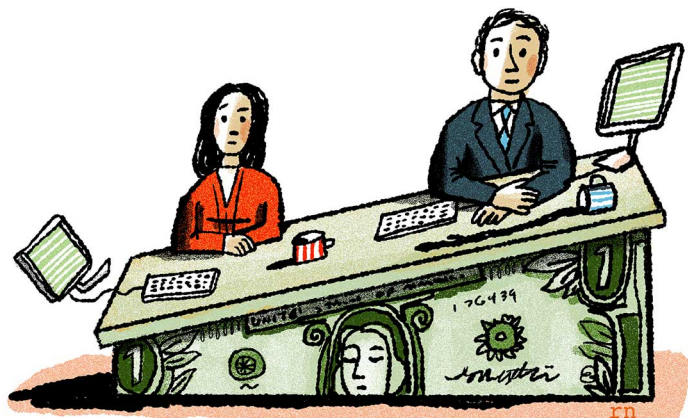
- Overall Earnings: According to data from early 2026, women’s median weekly earnings are \$1,098, or roughly 80.6% of the median for men.
- Persistent Disparity: The gender wage gap has hovered between 80% and 84% since 2004.
- Lifetime Losses: Women working full-time will lose, on average, \$542,000 over the course of their careers due to the pay gap.
- Impact of Age: The gap is smaller for younger women (ages 25–34 earn ~92% of men) but widens significantly for women ages 35–54, often coinciding with motherhood.
- Education and Job Level: The gap exists at all education levels. According to, women with college degrees earn roughly 75% of what men with college degrees earn, while those with advanced degrees earn about 76% of their male counterparts’ salaries.
- Racial and Ethnic Disparities: The gap is even wider for women of color; for example, Latinas and Black women earn significantly less than white men.

Factors Contributing to the Pay Gap

- Occupational Segregation: Women are overrepresented in lower-paying sectors and underrepresented in higher-paying management positions.
- "Motherhood Penalty": Many women face decreased earnings after having children, while men often receive a "fatherhood premium".
- Systemic Factors: Experts suggest that systemic sexism, racism, and classism contribute to pay disparities.

Figures from The Pew Research Center.

Help our AAUW Branch in our fundraising efforts to support young women locally and at the national level to keep up the larger fight. That is our mission.



YOU HELPING TO SHAPE OUR BRANCH'S FUTURE

We want to hear from **ALL** members. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey now. You can follow the directions below using the QR code or [click here](#) to be taken to the survey site.



Your voice shapes
our *future*.

We want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete our **Membership Experience Survey**. Your feedback will directly shape our programs and activities for the year ahead.

□



Scan to take the survey

Point your phone camera at the QR code — no app needed. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

Why it matters: Every response helps us understand what programs and activities matter most to our members. The more we hear from you, the better we can serve our community.

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Daytime Book Group

Marian Brockie, Contact

On Thursday, May 14, 2026 we will discuss and select of books for 2026-2027 year. 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 currently is meeting at Laurel Park Food Court area every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.



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

Evening Book Group

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

On May 18 at 5:30 p.m. we will gather at Ruth Rickard's home for a Potluck dinner. You are free to bring whatever you wish from your own or a commercial kitchen! We will be making our choices for the 2026-27 year. If you have not yet e-mailed some choices to Mary Jane, please do so by May 11. As usual I will collect our choices, with descriptions onto a list and send it to you in advance of the meeting.



Interested in joining? We'd love to have you, and this is the perfect time, when you have a chance to participate in our selection. Contact Mary Jane at mjkearns1@outlook.com or 248 449-8693 (Please leave a message.)

Restaurant Rovers

Joyce Murdock, Contact

We will meet at the Wagon Wheel Lounge, 212 S. Main Street, Northville at 6 p.m. on May 20. This is the third Wednesday of May.



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 May schedule is as follows:

May 1	Carol
May 8	Tournament
May 15	Ruth
May 22	Rhonda
May 29	Emily



Interested in joining us? Contact Mary Jane Kearns to join us. mjkearns1@outlook.com or call and leave a message at 248 449-8693.

Great Decisions

Mary Jane Kearns, Contact

We will meet over ZOOM on the third Tuesday of the month. On May 19 at 1:30 p.m. we will discuss Chapter 4 from the 2026 Great Decisions discussion book "Ruptured Alliances & the Risk of Nuclear Proliferation" by Gideon Rose. It examines how U.S. alliance skepticism may prompt nations like Japan and South Korea to reconsider developing nuclear weapons.



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

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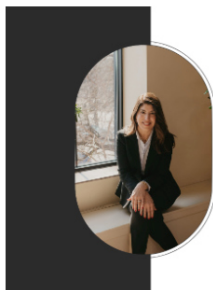
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- Board MeetingFourth Tuesday,, 6:45 P.M.
- Bridge Group.....Wednesdays, 1:00 P.M.
- Day Book Group...Second Thursday, 10:00 A.M.
- Evening Book Group..... Fourth Monday, 7:00 P.M.
- Great DecisionsThird Tuesday, 1:30 P.M.
- Mah Jong.....Fridays, 1:00 P.M.
- Restaurant Rovers.....Third Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.