

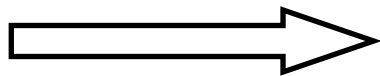


Brilliant Detroit is dedicated to building kid success families and neighborhoods where families with children 0-8 have what they need to be school ready.



This month we have chosen Brilliant Detroit for the non-profit group donation at the EOBO meeting.

Please bring a "back-to-school" Supply Drive item for Brilliant Detroit kids to:



**Before September 8th
please look around your home
for eBay treasures for
Each One Bring One....**

Remember, all eBay proceeds are tax-deductible and are used to support AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation local area high school and college educational scholarships.



FLASH!

For your convenience, donations can be delivered to Roberta Russ at the EOBO Open House, or you can arrange for a convenient pickup with Roberta who will be there to welcome you.



EACH ONE BRING ONE OPEN HOUSE
(EOBO)

When: September 8, 2021 10 am - noon
(masks will be required)

Where: Birmingham Unitarian Church
38651 Woodward (at Lone Pine Rd)
Bloomfield Hills, 48304

Theme: Back to School



- ◆ Bring friends, reunite with long-lost pals, browse study/interest group tables, and sign up with groups that appeal.
- ◆ Refreshments: a boxed breakfast roll and healthy breakfast bar. Bottled water will be available. Coffee will not be served.
- ◆ 11 am: Branch meeting. Meet the new board and learn about next year's branch planning and rescheduled events.
- ◆ Pick up a 2021-22 branch directory.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



AAUW Bulletin

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PRESIDENTS'S LETTER, SEPTEMBER, 2021



A new year for our branch is ready to begin. It is an honor to be serving you as president this year. Our branch has had some exceptional leadership since I joined eleven years ago, most recently Sally Doty – our outgoing president. In her last letter to us in June, Sally mentioned that we have many extremely talented and committed members, and I look forward to hearing from you and working with you. Sadly, we have lost some long-standing members who have made a lasting contribution to the organization. We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

By now you have received your “Back to School” letter for the August 31st kickoff to this year’s fundraiser. Last year’s 100th Birthday celebration fundraiser was very successful thanks to our membership and others who support our vision for the advancement of women in a variety of ways. We continue to learn how to live and carry on with our work during this historic and global pandemic. We have continued to contribute to the health and well-being of our members and the programs we have supported in the past. We have been zooming and social distancing, emailing, and meeting virtually. Through the creative endeavors of our members, fundraising efforts have continued and been successful. Book clubs and other special interest groups have continued to meet to provide the human connection we all need.

Be sure to watch your email for more information about the “Back to School” fundraiser so that we are ready to move into the 2021-2022 year. Activities such as Each One Bring One, monthly luncheons, special interest groups and, hopefully, the Lavish Luncheon will take place following the guidelines and practices that we receive to safely gather in large and small groups.

The branch foundation is leading the way with this year’s fundraising efforts. The foundation is separate from the branch while supporting the activities we hope to continue and resume in some cases. The foundation board is led by Patty Orlowski, President, along with Sally Doty, Rita Dates, Eileen Hitz, Karen Boyk, Sue Longstreet, Diane Schrift, Jean Ivory, and Joan Hanpeter. Let’s show them that they have our support by making a financial commitment to this effort.

The foundation has awarded a scholarship to a high school senior woman from both the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills School Districts. In keeping with an effort to reach out to those in need, the board decided to add a scholarship for a student from the Pontiac School District.

We know that we have work to do, work that requires commitment, focus, and collaboration, and we know that we will succeed. I am confident that with a united effort we will blaze a trail filled with success and accomplishments as we launch another great year for the Birmingham AAUW Branch.





Foundation Board Meeting Highlights

June 4 and August 6, 2021.

Branch Board Meeting Highlights

August 11, 2021



June 4th:

- Eileen Hitz and Rita Dates attended a Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Meeting on May 27th. They connected with other Chamber members that might provide resources for Explorathon, Scholarships, etc.
- The Birmingham Schools Scholarship recipient is Arianna Terrell from Seaholm High School.
- Eileen Hitz is still working to obtain a contact for a scholarship to a Pontiac High School student.
- The Annual Giving Campaign theme is *Back to School*.
- The new foundation pamphlet is printed.

August 6th:

- A motion was made and passed that a Pontiac School 2022 graduating student would be awarded a \$3500.00 scholarship.
- The financial development committee is planning a virtual kick-off on August 31st at 7 pm.
- Lavish Lunch is still scheduled for May, 2022.

AAUW BIRMINGHAM FOUNDATION BOARD:

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Jean Ivory 248-252-2581

Treasurer Sue Longstreet reported that, as of July 31, 2021, branch net assets were \$35,462.33, including national and state dues not yet debited from our account.

President Jean Ivory reported that:

- Katie Wiese will work together with her on communications and the website.
- Our branch needs a Diversity chair and a search is underway. (see pg. 5)
- The foundation fundraiser kickoff meeting will be August 31st. (see pg. 6)

Kathy Stasys, programs vp, reviewed the upcoming programs that have been lined up so far, with several being flexible regarding meeting in person.

Sally Doty reported that the scholarship committee is working on outreach to Pontiac Schools. A related video will be shown at the August 31st kickoff meeting.

Foundation President Patty Orlowski reported that the August 31st foundation fundraiser kickoff theme will be "class reunion" as well as a raffle. (see pg. 6)

Foundation board member Rita Dates, who cannot attend the next Chamber of Commerce meeting on behalf of the foundation, asked for a volunteer who could attend in her place.

Colette Stager reported that the tentative luncheon locations that have been scheduled for October and November are dependent on community health status, and the location of the May 12 Lavish Luncheon is yet to be determined.

NEEDED! NEW BYLAWS/POLICIES CHAIR

Job Description:

Advise the president when the bylaws or policies need to be changed, coordinate with the president in an annual review of the policies, print any new policies and bylaws, and maintain a file of all documents and materials necessary for branch officers' and chairs' notebooks.

Bylaws and Policy Committee:

The chair of this committee shall be appointed by the president, and her committee shall include the parliamentarian and at least one other member.

Please contact President Jean Ivory if you are interested or for more information.

248-252-2581 jean_ivory@comcast.net

IN MEMORIAM

**Lorraine Clay
Roberta Guerber
Mary Lou Harrison
Nancy E. Smith**

STUDY / INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR - September 2021

AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES

Community Outreach **No Program Scheduled**

International Relations **No Program Scheduled**

Public Policy **3:30 pm, Thurs., Sept. 9**

Program: AAUW MI and AAUW priorities and programs, presented by Sally Doty.

Hostess: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

The Breakfast Bunch **4:00 pm, Tues., Sept. 28**

Topic: Book discussion of *Black Bottom Saints*, Alice Randall

Location: Rusty Bucket, 42874 Woodward, Bloomfield Twp.

Co-chairs: Callie Schmidt (248-877-7190) & Patty Orlowski (248-641-3892)

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Art Matters **No Program Scheduled**

No tours/events scheduled for 2021.

Artistic Endeavors **No Program Scheduled**

Meetings will return in the spring.

Modern Art **10:15 am, Thurs., Sept. 9**

Visit to Detroit Athletic Club.

Contact Kathy Norton kathleenorton45@yahoo.com, as carpools have already been arranged.

BOOK CLUBS

Belles Lettres **10:00 am, Tues., Sept. 21**

Topic: *Galway Bay*, Mary Pat Kelly.

Hostess: Leona Gates, 248-644-1446

Beyond Adelante **1:00 pm, Tues., Sept. 7**

Topic: *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent*, Isabel Wilkerson

Hostess: Christine Dagenais, 248-755-4372

Contemporary Books **12:30 pm, Mon., Sept. 20**

Topic: *Lady Clementine*, Marie Benedict

Hostess: Uma Bedi, 248-855-1796 or umabedi@2V1industries.com

Morning After Readers **No Program Scheduled**

Mystery Book Club **1 pm, Wed., Sept. 22**

Topic: *Death of Mrs. Westaway*, Ruth Ware

Hostess: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com

Potpourri **12:00 pm. Wed., Sept 22**

Topic: *His Truth Is Marching On*, Jon Meachum

Hostess: Charlotte Mahrt, cmart@aol.com

Thurs. Morning Readers **10 am, Thurs., Sept 16**

Topic: *A Woman Is No Man*, Etaf Rum

Hostess: Carolyn Hall, 248-930-0572

HOME & GARDEN

Community Explorers **No Program Scheduled**

NEW GROUP planning to meet at 11:00 am on Thursdays

Hostess: Kathy Fredrickson, 248-930-1974

Green Thumb **12:00 pm, Tues., Sept. 21**

Program: Herbs Inside and Out

Hostess: Linda Kevorkian, 248-219-1915

Let's Cook **12:00 pm, Tues., Sept 28**

Meeting at Norma Darr's, 31045 Pheasant Run, #3, Farmington Hills

Call 248-229-5430 to reserve a seat.

Needleworks **10 am, Wed., Sept 15**

Hostess: Kathy Stasys, 248-644-1481

ON THE TOWN

Opera Divas **No Program Scheduled**

Meetings will resume in October.

Contact Elizabeth Snyder, 248-642-1475 for information.

Theater Goers **No Program Scheduled**

Two Thumbs Up **Thurs., Sept 2.**

Contact Judy Allie for information. 248-320-5666.

JUST FOR FUN

Canasta **No Program Scheduled**

Mah Jongg **No Program Scheduled**

Bridge:

Games are temporarily suspended.

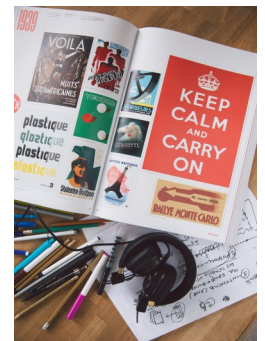
CONTACTS

Linda Kevorkian for calendar

changes - 248-219-1915.

Information due by the 17th of the month.

Study/Interest Group participation – Call the hostess listed in the AAUW Directory.



Thought for Today:

**Dreams heed no borders, the eyes need no visas.
With eyes shut I walk across the line in time. All the time.**

-Gulzar, poet, lyricist, and film director

Birmingham AAUW is seeking a Diversity Chairperson for the current year.

AAUW ADDRESSES DIVERSITY IN 2021-2022

Dealing with diversity can be daunting. It will help to keep in mind the Seven Underlying Principles of Diversity:

1. Diversity is an inside job, meaning that diversity is not about “them.” Rather, it is about each person coming to terms with his or her attitudes, beliefs and experiences about others and gaining comfort with difference.
2. Diversity goes beyond race and gender. The diversity tent is big enough to include everyone — young and old, homeless and affluent, immigrant and native, white and black, rural and urban, gang member and corporate professional.
3. No one is the target of blame for current or past inequities. All human beings have been socialized to behave in certain ways, and all of us are at times both perpetrators and victims of discrimination and stereotypes. The idea is to move forward in creating more opportunities.
4. Human beings are ethnocentric, seeing the world through their own narrow view and judging the world by their familiar yardstick. This is not bad in itself, but it can be a source of conflict if we do not accommodate and value other ways of being.
5. The human species resists change. This makes the constant adaptation required by diversity difficult for people already overwhelmed by staggering transitions in today’s communities and organizations.
6. Human beings find comfort in likeness. We have a tendency to seek the company of those most similar to us in a variety of ways... age, gender and ethnicity being just several of many.
7. It is difficult for people to share power. History shows that we rarely do it voluntarily. Understanding this past can help clarify why there is sometimes a backlash associated with diversity efforts from people who believe they will lose in this experience.



All of these truisms about the human species do not make people mean-spirited or cruel. It just makes us human. Nevertheless, these realities make dealing with diversity a challenge.

The beauty of diversity — and the thing that makes it so powerful — is learning to appreciate it and creating an environment where it can grow and thrive. Diversity can be a great source of strength. Our aim is to create an environment where we can explore our differences in a safe and respectful way that helps each person understand their value and celebrates what diversity brings to AAUW.

Our branch is seeking someone who would like to pursue these issues within our branch and the community that we represent. Please consider this opportunity and let me or another board member know of your interest. (see board members listed on pg. 2)

Thank you,
Jean Ivory, President



AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation received donations in honor of:

Sue Longstreet's birthday - from Pam Hoffman
Pam Hoffman's birthday - from Sue Longstreet

Over the summer the AAUW Birmingham Branch Foundation, Inc., received many donations in memory of the members who passed away. In the October bulletin those gifts will be accurately recorded and the donors appropriately honored. In the meantime, the foundation gratefully acknowledges the many gifts that it has received as well as the kindness and generosity of our members in supporting the mission to provide local educational scholarships.



NATIONAL AAUW AT WORK

I'm sure most of us are not even aware of the important work being done at the National AAUW level. When we donate to AAUW Funds, we are helping to provide these life-changing grants for women around the globe. The following is information from our National website.

AAUW works to advance equality for women across the globe. Barriers still keep education, security and economic vitality out of reach for millions. Support and access to resources, education, health care and job opportunities are essential to give women pathways to thrive. AAUW has awarded **fellowships** to more than 3,500 women in more than 150 countries.

Here are a few of the Grant Programs:

The American Fellowship Program began in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. It is AAUW's largest fellowship program and the oldest non-institutional source of graduate funding for women in the United States. AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks.

Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education, health and medical sciences, or social sciences.

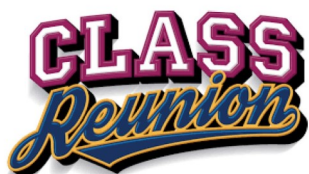
Community Action Grants provide funding to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofits for innovative programs that promote education and equity through projects focused on encouraging girls to select, before entering college, the physical sciences or engineering as a career.

Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science. Having a strong publication record is a key to receiving promotions and tenure in engineering, medicine and science. Yet persistent gender stereotypes and bias in these fields can make it difficult for women to find the time and institutional support needed to publish their research. These grants help women overcome these barriers by funding research projects that will culminate in scholarly publications.

To read more about these AAUW grants and others, go to:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/>.

Karen Boyk, Branch Foundation Recording Secretary



Tuesday, August 31st
7:30 - 8:30 pm Via Zoom

The end of WWII brought economic growth, but college offerings for women were mostly limited to training for "women's jobs" like teaching, nursing, or secretarial services.

Your dorm room would have had a record player featuring songs like Fats Domino's Blueberry Hill and Bobby Darin's Splish Splash, as the decade of Rock and Roll began. You might have met your friends at the local soda fountain.

Don your college sweatshirt and zoom with your AAUW friends at this Fall Foundation Fundraiser. Enjoy a raffle basket drawing, presentations by scholarship recipients, and a video with information about our new Pontiac High School scholarship.

Hop on the bus and support education for women!