

**AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.**

### AUGUST

<b>WE DID IT!! 501(c)3 NON- PROFIT!!</b>	1 <b>AAUW FUNDS Committee Mtg.</b>	2	3	4	5 Adele VanThournout	6
7	8 <b>AAUW Board Mtg. 1:00 pm</b>	9 Mahjongg 2:00 pm	10 <b>AAUW Luncheon in Rochester 11:30 am</b> Dorothy Holcomb	11	12 	13 Diana Langlois
14	15	16	17 Fine Arts Group Belle Isle Outing	18	19	20
21	22 Darci McConnell	23 Mahjongg 2:00 pm	24	25	26	27 <b>AAUW at AFTER 6 on Kercheval</b> Ellen Chapin
28	29	30 Kathy Conlon	31 <b>RED=AAUW Business</b>	<b>BLUE=Holiday</b>	<b>GREEN= Birthday</b>	<b>BLACK=Interest Group</b>

### SEPTEMBER

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4	5	6	7 Elizabeth Stevens	8	9	10
11	12 <b>AAUW Board Mtg. 1:00 pm</b> Lynne Pierce Wyndotte 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	13 Mahjongg 2:00 pm	14	15 <b>AAUW Membership Mtg. 5:30 pm</b>	16	17
18	19 Fine Arts Group Klimt Immersion Event 5:00 pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mahjongg 2:00 pm Alana Conti	28 Jane O'Halloran	28	30	<b>Meet your BIRTHDAY BUDDIES!!</b>

# CONGRATULATIONS, AAUW GP!!

## AAUW GP NOW HAS A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT EDUCATION PROGRAM!!

Thanks to the diligence and perseverance of Finance Officer, Ann Nicholson, Past President, Mary Ellen Burke and Education Program Treasurer, Judy Florian, the IRS granted us non-profit status for our AAUW GP Education Program on July 13, 2022. The tax exempt status applies to all donations made from the time of application which was February 9, 2021. Excellent work, team!!!

Now let's move forward and raise funds  
in new ways for our STEM projects, for our STEAM project and for our  
SCHOLARSHIPS. Our Funds Committee is meeting on August 1, 2022 to set  
some new goals for the year. Call, text or email Funds Director, Carolyn Barth  
to find out all about them: M:313-320-0808, [Barth1030@aol.com](mailto:Barth1030@aol.com)



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Sandy Stanley

**GROWTH.** That is our goal for the 2022-23 year. Whether GROWTH be in our STEM program, in our Art Contest/Exhibit, in our membership or in the size of our budget so that we can continue to GROW all of our projects which advance gender equity – GROWTH is what we are looking forward to accomplishing this year.

**GROWTH** will be evident on August 27th when we participate in **AFTER 6 on KERCHEVAL** to become better known in the community so we can advance gender equity for women and girls. Come!! Join the fun!! Support the cause!!

**GROWTH** began our 2022-23 year with a Family and Friends July picnic in the Grosse Pointe Shores Park. We have not had a summer event before. It was a smashing success! Thank you, Eva for orchestrating and implementing the event!!

**GROWTH** affected our membership during 2021-22 when we added seven new members who are working hard to help accomplish gender equity goals.

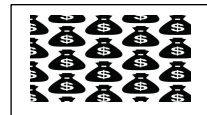
**GROWTH** affected our STEM project as we began working with Harper Woods Schools to add Lego *FIRST* Teams in their elementary schools.

**GROWTH** affected our projects when we added our first STEAM Art Contest/Exhibit, hoping to make it an annual event and it will have its second year as "Listen to Women," this October 24 – November 19.

**GROWTH** affected our Pierce Middle School **BOTMASTERZ** team when they started the year as a team of THREE and ended the year with a competition team of ELEVEN girls!!

**GROWTH** is what we need to continue in all areas including our budget in order to keep all of our gender equity projects and our STEM SCHOLARSHIPS funded. Join us for the many activities announced in this CURRENTS and throughout the year. We look forward to a BIG year and getting BIGGER!!

### FINANCIAL OFFICER Ann Nicholson



Thank you all for paying your dues so promptly. I am away during the summer and Mary Ellen Burke has stepped in to help with the summertime financial chores. Our branch is so lucky to benefit from her skills and energy!

## VP PROGRAM REPORT Eva Habib



"Thank you for your help, support, and enjoying the July 27th Dinner Picnic. It wouldn't have been a success without your participation."

On Saturday, August 27th, The AAUW Program is holding its second event for 2022-2023 at After 6, Grosse Pointe Park on Kercheval Ave between 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. With this event, we aim to gain more publicity, spread the word about our mission, and raise funds. We will have art products, face painting, and a lot more. Enjoy the fun and show support.



## PUBLIC POLICY Deborah Thompson, Chair

The former state information website VOTE SMART is now officially changed to MI VOTE COUNTS. This is a non-partisan, weekly web-series hosted by the Michigan Department of State. Sessions feature helpful voter "how-to", a deep-dive into how Michigan elections are run, as well as tips for preparing for the August and November elections.

As of July 19, and through 8 pm on Election Day August 2, voter registration or change in voting address must be done in person at the city or township clerk's office.

According to a 2021 study by the *Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence in Michigan*, one of every five homicides of women involves a current or former intimate partner with a gun. Some academics, lawmakers and other experts note the role of misogyny and its collision with white supremacy is not often discussed.

Redistricting shrank the number of Michigan's majority-minority districts. Before 2021, Michigan had 17 such districts—two in Congress, five in the Michigan Senate, and 10 in the Michigan House. Now there are only five majority-minority districts in Michigan, all of them in the Michigan House.

In 2018, AAUW of Michigan supported two successful petition drives to increase the minimum wage and require employers to provide paid sick leave. When the Republican controlled legislature enacted these initiative petitions into statute, they amended the petition language and essentially gutted it in an "adopt-and-amend" strategy. Recently Judge Douglas Shapiro of the Court of Claims held the "adopt-and-amend" strategy that the Republican-led Legislature and Republican Governor Rick Snyder used to subvert the two petitions violated the idea behind the constitutional provision allowing the legislature to enact initiative petitions into statute instead of letting them go to the ballot. Currently, lawyers in Michigan are seeking a stay in Judge Shapiro's decision.

The Status of Women in the States Initiative at the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) provides data on women's progress and well-being. Their reporting demonstrates the need to protect and expand access to reproductive health services, including abortion at the federal and state levels. In Michigan, the *Reproductive Freedom for All* petition drive submitted over 750,000 voter signatures to qualify for the November ballot. ***This is the most signatures submitted for any ballot effort in the history of the state of Michigan.*** Only 326,000 signatures are needed. The Board of State Canvassers meet again of August 19 after verification of signatures to determine if the initiative will go on the November ballot.

On July 21, Governor Whitmer vetoed two house bills. One would have banned stem cell research on fetal tissue. Governor Whitmer stated that the legislature was politicizing scientific lifesaving research on conditions such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, ALS, and leukemia. The other bill would have funded crisis pregnancy centers and created a gag rule preventing reproductive health-service providers from mentioning abortion, making it harder for women to get the overall health care that they need.

**HAYDEN BARRY**  
**2021 AAUW SCHOLARSHIP**  
**RECIPIENT**  
**Barbara Tecos, Reports**

Hayden Barry, Grosse Pointe South graduate and 2021 AAUW Scholarship recipient has been selected for an internship program with the U.S. Army Research and Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) in Hanover New Hampshire. Hayden, a freshman at Dartmouth College has been a tremendous asset to the research team, researching ice microstructures, which are environmental chambers capable of maintaining up to minus 40 degrees Celsius and used by laboratory researchers for numerous projects. Congratulations Hayden!

Read more here:

<https://www.erdcs.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Stories/Article/3058121/dartmouth-interns-gain-research-experience-at-erdcs-cold-regions-research-and-e/fbclid/dartmouth-interns-gain-research-experience-at-erdcs-cold-regions-research-and-e/>



**INTEREST GROUPS**  
**Bonnie Woods, Chair**

**SUNDAY NIGHT ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION**

After a year's hiatus, the Sunday Night Zoom Book Discussion Group is returning! This is a Zoom group only. The Zoom link will be emailed about one week before the meeting. At the 9/7 meeting, we will be discussing how we want to proceed over the course of the year, what titles we want to discuss, etc. Plan to come with your ideas and suggestions.

Sunday, September 9, 2022 7:00 pm  
Joanne Johnson, Chair  
[jj71944@gmail.com](mailto:jj71944@gmail.com)

**MAHJONGG**

If you are interested in playing American or Chinese mahjongg, please come.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Sandy Stanley, Chair

[sandstanley@gmail.com](mailto:sandstanley@gmail.com)  
313-417-5839

8/ 9; 9/13: Bonnie Woods, Hostess  
[Bonnet7@comcast.net](mailto:Bonnet7@comcast.net)  
313-910-9124

August 23: Sandy Stanley, Hostess  
[sandstanley@gmail.com](mailto:sandstanley@gmail.com)  
313-417-5839

September 27: Hostess to be announced

**FINE ARTS**

Anyone wishing to join this group and its activities, contact Chair person, Kathy Conlon. Events have been planned through December and a second planning session will be held in August to complete planning for the second half of the year's events.

Kathy Conlon, Chair

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313-882-0479

August 17: Oudolf Gardens on Belle Isle  
10:00 am @ War Memorial to  
carpool

Centie Strong, Hostess  
[centie@comcast.net](mailto:centie@comcast.net)  
313-886-9495

September 19: Klimt Immersion, Harmony Bldg.  
4:00 pm, Dinner @ Downtown  
Louie's @ 6:30 pm  
Sandy Stanley, Hostess  
[sandstanley@gmail.com](mailto:sandstanley@gmail.com)  
313-417-5839

**MYSTERY READERS 1st Tues. 1:00 pm**

Chair: Nancy Patek 313-881-5349

**STITCHERY 3rd Tues. 9:15 am**

Chair: Barbara Stillings, 313-884-6726

**LUNCH...JUST BECAUSE 4th Thurs.**

Chair: Marcia Wilson, 313-886-9786



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Virginia DiGiuseppe,  
Chair

**Our kick-off MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Village Grille 16930 Kercheval Ave., GP**

**Keynote Speaker is FARRON McINTEE Director of BUILD at Wayne State University, an initiative to support diversity and student success in the biomedical sciences. To be followed by small group discussions concerning issues faced by women and girls working in STEM fields.**

**Dinner will be Buffet Style. Cost is \$30 plus wine bar. Please RSVP to Virginia DiGiuseppe by September 9, 2022, with the form below and payment. Thank you. We look forward to an excellent 2022-23.**

**The remaining membership meetings for the year will be held on the following dates:**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023  
Thursday, March 16, 2023  
Thursday, May 20, 2023**

**DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS THAT YOU WANT TO PROMOTE TO OUR MEMBERS?**

**HERE'S A SPACE WHERE YOU CAN DO THAT!!!**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT FEES AND LENGTH OF TIME.**

**GIVE US A CALL!!  
OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM INFORMATION IS LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. ANY ONE OF US WILL HAVE THE INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PLACE AN AD ON ANY ONE OF OUR LOCATIONS:  
CURRENTS  
WEBSITE  
FACEBOOK  
INSTAGRAM**

**AAUW GP VISION STATEMENT:**

**“DIVERSITY is our strength. EQUITY is our commitment. INCLUSION is our destination. Our result is EMPOWERMENT.”**

To attend our September 15, 2022 **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, please send RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 along with check made out to AAUW GP for \$30 per participant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Virginia DiGiuseppe, 28801 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 238., SCS, MI 48081

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