



## October General Meeting

**HUDSONS - A DETROIT LEDEND**  
with **MICHAEL HAUSER, Author & Historian**

**October 18, 2022 at 7:00pm**

Join us as Michael Haus walks us down the memory lane with the amazing Hudson's story as the Grand Dame of Detroit Retailing. He is currently Marketing Manager for the Detroit Opera House and is the co-author of six books, including *Hudson's-Detroit's Legendary Department Store*, *Remembering Hudson's-The Grand Dame of Detroit Retailing*, *20<sup>th</sup> Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit*, *Detroit's Downtown Movie Palaces*, *20<sup>th</sup> Century Retailing in Downtown Grand Rapids*, and *Detroit Opera House*.

See you there!

## Exercise your Right to Vote NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> Local Elections

Since 1878, a women's suffrage amendment had been proposed each year in Congress. On June 5, 1919, the suffrage movement had finally gained enough support, and Congress, grateful for women's help during WWII, passed the Nineteenth Amendment. With these words, Congress at last removed the legal bar to women's right to vote: "*The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.*"

The AAUW is a non-partisan organization that does not support or oppose candidates or parties but does take positions on political issues related to its national Public Policy Priorities statement which can be found at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Elections at all levels of our government are important!  
Remember to exercise your right to vote on  
November 8<sup>th</sup>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH BOARD

As we return to the 'new normal', we have some work to do. COVID, the ensuing pandemic and recovery and the current economic arena will continue to challenge most organizations, businesses and individuals as they adjust.

As a Branch, we face at least three significant challenges in the 'new normal' - leadership, membership and fundraising efforts (\$11 dues per member does not provide us the income we need to operate).

To meet these challenges, WE NEED YOUR HELP - volunteer to chair a committee or take on an officer position, join a committee to help plan fundraisers and recruiting events and/or help us build awareness of AAUW-Livonia- yes recruiting members.

Deb O'Neil, our Membership VP, has membership applications available; we have an 'introductory to our Branch' letter and a Branch Activity handout ready for use; now all we need is for you to take them and get them to potential members.

If you know someone who might be a candidate for membership - invite them to join you at a meeting. If you let Deb O'Neil know, she will put them on the list for any recruitment events we plan. Deb can send you an application to give them or she can send them an application.

Completed applications and checks go to the Treasurer who then notifies membership to send a welcome letter and Charlie to get new member in the communication loop.



## Livonia Michigan Branch

### Co-Presidents:

Lynn O'Neil 734-462-2452  
TBD

### Co-Membership Vice Presidents:

Deborah O'Neil 734-421-6819  
TBD

### Program Vice President:

Deborah O'Neil 734-421-6819

### Treasurer:

Carol Symanns 734 788-7121

### Secretary:

Sandy Ralston 734-464-6761

### Communiqué Editor:

Charlie Mahoney 248 474-0905

### Scholarship Chair:

Betty Coller 734-425-5312

### AAUW Mission:

Advancing Equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research.

### AAUW Funds:

Provide grants to advance education, research and self-development for women fostering equity and positive societal change; and work to serve the greatest need of the organization.

### Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF):

Works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

### Membership Requirements:

AAUW is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

### AAUW Livonia Branch Scholarship Fund:

Established at Schoolcraft Foundation in 2014 to provide scholarships to women attending SCC. Donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

### Branch Website: [Livonia-MI.AAUW.net](http://Livonia-MI.AAUW.net)

Password for Membership Section is  
Communiqué



## President's Corner

For our first meeting this year, Joe Grimm, our speaker about Faygo was entertaining and informative. It was a great way to begin our year. Our speaker this month, Michael Hauser is a local author and history buff and will talk about Hudson's; he is bringing lots of items for display. This iconic department store is sure to spark many fond memories from our pasts. Please mark your calendar for our October meeting on October 18 at 7:00 pm.

We have 72 members as of now. This is a year for us to recruit members, please encourage your friends to join. We have a delightful group of women that have much to offer in support of women and girls. I was able to welcome two guests at our September meeting by sending them the generic letter that was posted in the Communiqué. Hopefully, they will become members. If each of you emailed or called just one friend, our membership could increase.

Travel and Culture is in full swing and has some exciting trips planned. Kudos to that committee!

This upcoming election is very important. AAUW supports the Reproductive Rights proposal and the Voting Rights proposal. Please remember to vote now by Absentee ballot or on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Remember this meeting will be in-person at 7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

*Lynn O'Neil* - Co-President

**2022-2023 DIRECTORIES** - were compiled in August 2022 once renewal applications were complete and were mailed and emailed to members - if you have any updates in your directory entry, please get the new information to Charlie Mahoney- mahoneyc@prodigy.net.

**NOTE** - Ever mindful of costs, again this year the budget, our monthly written treasurer's report & general meeting minutes will not be handed out at the general meeting. They are presented to the Board monthly and are posted on our website. A few copies of each will be at the general meeting for your review. Any member wishing to have a copy of any of these reports should visit the website or contact the treasurer, Carol Symanns or Secretary, Sandy Ralston for a copy. Copies of the Branch Bylaws and Policies are on the website. If you would like a copy, contact Parliamentarian Fran Saenz.

**While AAUW Livonia Branch does not share its member information beyond publication of the Directory which is provided to each member, National AAUW may share member contact information with like-minded organizations. To prevent the sharing of YOUR contact information, you need to notify National AAUW at 800 326-2289 or by an email to [records@AAUW.org](mailto:records@AAUW.org).**

**Use of the AAUW Livonia Branch Directory information, The Communiqué or member email distribution lists for other than AAUW Livonia Branch business must be pre-approved by the President and/or Board of Directors.**

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## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The Board is encouraging the chairs of our regular activity groups that were not meeting due to Covid to meet your group leaders to begin planning for 2022-23 events. If you need to set up a zoom meeting for your planning team let me know - we are excited to get back into our regular activities.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ACTIVITY GROUPS NOT MEETING YET IS BELOW.** If you are interested in learning more about them or joining one or more activity as they plan for post-COVID contact them.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP** - This group met on at 10:00am at Cassels. Contact: Pat Smith 248 859-4846

**STITCHING BEES** - Contact: Betty Collier 734 425-5312

**BRIDGE GROUPS** -

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - Sue LaBurn 734-261-8231

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Pat Smith 248 859-4846

**HOLYHOCKS/RADISHES** - Contact: Pat Smith 248 859-4846

**BASTING BELLES** - Contact: Mary Jo Plante 734-464-1577

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## MONDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

**Date: Monday October 17 - 2:00pm**

**Book:** "THE GIVER of STARS" by Jojo Moyes

**Moderator:** Barb Nagarah

**Hostess:** Ann Stando, 34785 Haldane, Livonia  
Phone: 248-474-9311

**Date: Monday November 19 - 2:00pm**

**Book:** "FOUR WINDS" By Kristin Hannah

**Moderator:** Barbara Fried

**Hostess:** Carol Irvine, 18376 Mayfield, Livonia  
Phone: 248-924-1677

**NOTE:** Will not meet again until March 2023



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## GREAT DECISIONS

This group is meeting via ZOOM Anyone interested can join. If you are not a current member of this group and want to join, please contact Louise Weller and she will add you to the ZOOM invite list.

All are welcome. Come and try us out.

**DATE:** Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM via ZOOM

Join us at 10AM for the DVD and discussion.

**TOPIC:** "No End in Sight: A Century of Drug Wars"

2022 Great Decisions Book

**MODERATOR:** Lynn O'Neil

**CONTACT:** Louise Weller 248-513-7280.



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## HONOREE NOMINATIONS NEEDED for AAUW SALUTE TO WOMEN

We need your nominations for our 2022 Salute. The criteria and nomination form was in the Sept newsletter and sent by email or you can call Charlie for a copy; **please submit your nomination** to us before the October 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

For more information contact Carol Strom 734-464-2733

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 Concert**

**"Autumn Reflections Beethoven's Back**

Clarenceville Schmidt Auditorium 4:00pm

Featuring

**Beethoven's Triple Concerto**

Performed by the

Leroy Fenstermaher Trio

Ania Sorokhtel, Piano;

Lillian Fenstermaher, Violin and Yawen Hsu, Cello

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*Note: LSO Concerts and Events are subject to CDC COVID Guidelines, State, Local and Venue protocols in place at the time - check livoniasymphony.org*

Contact: Carol Bonamici 734-522-1637

The LSO Board and Musicians wish to thank Anne Carrier and the members of the Livonia Branch of AAUW for their continued support as ushers, concert goers, special event attendees and donors.

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## Wayne County Family Shelter Collection

Reminder, we will be collecting items for the Family Shelter at the October meeting. They need twin sheets, towels, washcloths, Lysol wipes, dish towels, cooking utensils, gift cards (Meijer's, Walmart, etc.) used for special needs items.

Jean Norman will be at her car in the parking lot prior to that meeting so you can drop off your donations before going to the meeting. She said they don't have need for diapers as some group did a diaper drive.

Thank you in advance, Jean Norman

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## GOODFELLOWS-No Child without a Christmas

Annually we have donated unwrapped toys to the Livonia Goodfellows No Child without a Christmas and collected them at our October and November meetings; well, this year do to circumstances beyond their control Goodfellows had to make some significant changes in their program. They thank us and all donors for our past support and are asking for help to continue to provide Holiday support for their recipient families by making a monetary donation.

You may have received their letter which lets us know that because the loss the facility where they processed and stored the donations, they can only accept monetary donations. These donations will allow them to increase the value of the gift cards they provide to the recipients so they can purchase toys, clothing and/or food for their children at Christmas. They are a 501c3 non-profit organization and cash donations to them qualify for IRS charitable deductions you might make through your IRA Required Minimum Distribution.

To make a donation you can send a check or money order to Livonia Goodfellows P.O. Box 51982 Livonia 48151. They can also accept credit or debit card donations through PayPal.

**Goodfellows THANKS YOU for your continued support.**

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18633 Williams Ct.  
Livonia, MI 48152

**REMINDER**  
*October General Meeting  
begins at 7:00 PM  
and is IN-PERSON*

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS  
2022 - 2023**

October 18<sup>th</sup> -Michael Hauser - Hudson's Revisited  
November 15<sup>th</sup> - Mayor Brosnan - Livonia Update  
December 10<sup>th</sup> - Salute to Women - Luncheon  
This is a Saturday Holiday Celebration  
**No meeting in January 2023**  
February 21<sup>st</sup> - Living & Learning Center Northville  
March date - A tribute to Women's History Month  
April & May tbd - if you have ideas let us know

Contact Deb O'Neil, Program VP  
[doneil11@aol.com](mailto:doneil11@aol.com) or 248-346-5879

**TRAVEL/CULTURE PROGRAMS RETURN  
2022 - 2023**

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - Wonders of Wyandotte  
Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - DIA-Van Gogh Exhibit  
Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Arts Warehouse  
in Cherry Hill Village  
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January 2023 - program and date TBD  
March 26<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> - A Lansing visit with tours of  
Michigan State Capital Building & Broad Art Museum  
May 18<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> - Living and Learning Enrichment  
Center in Northville  
June - date & performance TBD Purple Rose Theatre  
& Common Grill Restaurant  
Look for details for each in upcoming Communiqués  
and via email. Mary Jo Plante 734-464-1577