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### APRIL LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Carol Sheldon (left), Jean Ivory's sister, spoke about the history of Women in Baseball. Carol has been a player, coach, teacher, MHSAA official and historian for the AGPBL. Carol has been inducted into both the Michigan and National Softball Hall of Fame.



**LAVISH LUNCH**  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**  
Wabeek Country Club  
4000 Clubgate Drive  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
10:30 am – 2:00 pm

#### MENU:

Chicken piccata, Mediterranean salad,  
Yukon potatoes, green beans.  
Bread basket, hot tea, iced tea, coffee and cash bar.  
Dessert: Chocolate mousse

#### PROGRAM:

Registration begins at 11:00 am. You can arrive early (10:30 am) to have plenty of time to shop.

Lunch will be served from 12 noon – 12:45 pm.

Speaker from Refuge for Nations.

Three Fashion Shows, 50-50 raffle and 9 vendors for shopping.

### Save The Date

- Fri. May 5      Cinco de Mayo
- Wed. May 10    Lavish Luncheon at Wabeek Country Club
- Sun. May 14    Mother's Day
- Sat. May 20    Armed Forces Day
- Mon. May 29    Memorial Day
- May 31-June 3    NCCWSL at University of Maryland, College Park
- Wed. Sept 13    Each One Bring One

### IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME MEMBER CORINNE OPITECK WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 8, 2023

THE HUSBAND OF MEMBER SUSAN STOLL PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20. THERE WILL BE A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE ON MAY 13 AT 2:00 PM AT BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH.

## AAUW Bulletin

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MAY 2023

April showers bring May flowers. Since it is snowing as I write this, I suspect that April snow showers don't have the same effect! But I do know what is coming in May – the Birmingham Branch Lavish Luncheon. Plans for the luncheon are coming together nicely! Come early to shop the vendors and place a bid on the baskets. JoAnne Brown and Colette Stager have been busy with table decorations which will also be raffled.

In an effort to continue our scholarship program and meet the needs of the recipients, the branch depends on the Lavish Luncheon as an integral part of our fundraising plans. The branch has increased the scholarship amounts to reflect the rising costs of higher education as well as offering the opportunity for scholarship recipients to renew their scholarships beyond the first year. School counselors have advised the scholarship committee that the initial scholarship is appreciated by the students, but in order to stay in school for the duration it is imperative for students to be able to apply for continued assistance if they meet the criteria established by the committee.

This summer I hope that you will keep in mind our pillowcase drive. You can make them by using the fabric kits that have been put together or you can shop the summer sales and pick up two or three (or more). When fall arrives we are hoping to have plenty of pillowcases to take to Big Family of Michigan when they start assembling holiday gifts for foster kids in every county of the state. You can drop them off at our meetings, pick up available kits at the meetings, or call to arrange for a pick-up.

Today, I received an email from Katrina Breese of the national AAUW informing me that my membership is ready for renewal. The Community Hub is ready to accept your online renewal and if done before your membership expires you will receive a subscription to Ms. Magazine. As an AAUW member - ***Your membership has been vital in making AAUW the only organization advancing gender equity for more than a century. Together, we're working with lawmakers to reshape unfair systems and investing in women who will go on to change the world.*** (Taken from the renewal email) This is just a reminder of what you already know – that your contributions to AAUW make a difference in the lives of women locally and globally.

This summer I am asking a couple of things from you. Think about who you could bring to Each One Bring One in September and make a decision to participate as much as you are able for the 2023-2024 year. I would like to welcome Kathy Connor as Directory Chairperson and Cathy Hurley as Education Equity chairperson. Thank you both for stepping up to take on a leadership role for the branch. You will continue to receive emails from the branch to keep you informed of what is happening and offer opportunities to become a little more involved. Our branch depends on you for participation and leadership in addition to the many ways you can contribute.

See you at the LAVISH LUNCHEON for a special afternoon at the beautiful Wabeek Country Club.

Jean

## STUDY GROUP CALENDER - MAY 2023

### AAUW & SOCIAL ISSUES

**Community Outreach**                      **No Program Planned**

**International Relations**                **10:00 am via Zoom,  
Mon., May 1**

Topic: Bulgaria  
Hostess: Joan Black, 248-792-7205

**Public Policy**                                **2:30 pm, Thurs., May 11**

Topic: "Dis-" and "Mis-information",  
presented by Marie Woloson  
Hostess: Carol Pyke, cpyke@comcast.net

**The Breakfast Bunch**                    **10:15 am, Tues., May 23**

Topic: 2023-2024 Planning Meeting  
Location: Little Daddy's, Bloomfield Hills  
Contact: Patty Orłowski, 248-641-3892  
Callie Schmidt, 248-877-7190

### ARTS & HUMANITIES

**Artistic Endeavors**                        **No Program Planned**

Contact: Colette Stager, 248-561-2775

**Modern Art**                                    **No Program Planned**

### BOOK CLUBS

**Belles Lettres**                                **1:00 pm, Tues., May 16**

Topic: Planning Meeting for 2023-24  
Contact: Leona Gates, lech2gates@gmail.com

**Beyond Adelante**                            **1:00 pm, Tues., May 2**

Topic: *Running with Sherman:*  
*The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero,*  
Christopher McDougall  
Hostess: Beverly Fogelson, 248-280-4975

**Contemporary Books**                      **12:30 pm, Mon., May 15**

Topic: Planning Meeting and Luncheon

**Morning After Readers**                    **10:00 am, Mon., May 8**

Topic: Planning for 2023-2024 Season  
Hostess: Pat Bentley, 248-258-0944

**Mystery Book Club**                        **1:00 pm, Wed., May 24**

Topic: *The Paris Apartment*, Lucy Foley  
Contact: Joan Birnie, jb03bps@gmail.com

**Potpourri**                                      **12:00 noon, Wed., May 24**

Topic: Planning Meeting  
Hostess: TBA

**Thurs. Morning Readers**                  **10:00 am, Thurs., May 18**

Topic: *The Sentence*, Louise Erdich  
Hostess: Carolyn Hall, cvcahall@comcast.net

### HOME & GARDEN

**Green Thumb**                                    **12:30 pm, Tues., May 16**

Topic: Visit the Ouloff Garden in  
Spring Bloom on Belle Island  
Hostess: Linda Kevorkian, 248-219-1915  
or kevorkianlk@gmail.com  
**RSVP required**

**Let's Cook**                                      **12 noon, Tues., May 23**

Contact: Nancy Moses, nmoses1949@aol.com

**Needleworks**                                    **11:00 am, Wed., May 17**

Contact: Kathy Stasys, kstasys@hotmail.com

### ON THE TOWN

**Opera Divas**                                    **various Saturdays at the Maple Theater**

Contact: Elizabeth Snyder, happystitcherliz@gmail.com

**Theater Goers**                                **2:00 pm, Sun., Jun 11**

SINGIN' in the Rain, Stagecrafters, Royal Oak, \$38  
**Reservation Deadline: Saturday, May 27** (see page 4)

**Two Thumbs Up Time**                        **TBD, Thurs., May 4**

Hostess: Uma Bedi, umabedi@2vindustries.com

### JUST FOR FUN

**Canasta**                                         **1:00 pm, each Monday**

Contact: Sue Winowiecki, 248-635-0462

**Mah Jongg**                                      **2:00 pm, Wed., May 3, 10, 17, 24**

Meet at the Bloomfield Township Library.  
Beginners are always welcome.  
Contact: Py Wolfe, 248-824-0076

**Bridge:**

2nd Friday:                                      **10:30 am, May 12, Village Club**

Hostess: Marge Thomas,  
248-626-6098

4th Friday:                                      **10:30 am, May 26, Village Club**

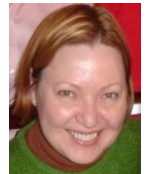
Hostess: Carol Cummings,  
248-540-2178



Linda Kevorkian

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Sharon McKenna



## Birmingham Branch Board Meeting - April Meeting Highlights

April Board Meeting Minutes, submitted by Karen Boyk

- The proposed budget for 2023-2024 was presented by Nancy O'Connor. The board accepted the proposed budget which was later approved by the membership at the luncheon.
- Twelve bulletins were mailed to members and a sympathy card sent to the family of member Corinne Opiteck.
- Webmaster Katie Wiese informed the board that a current membership directory will be posted on the website in a password protected tab.
- National AAUW will be sending out reminder emails for renewals. Dues for the 2023-2024 are \$101.00.
- Patty Orlowski reported that nine vendors have been secured for the Lavish Luncheon and 20 sponsorships of varying amounts.
- Jean asked for members to sign up to be a delegate for the state convention on Saturday, April 29.
- Cindy Clement announced that she will be retiring from the position of Education Equity at the end of the current year.
- Jean asked board members to review their job descriptions in the by-laws for the purpose of reorganization and defining board positions.

### Welcome New Board Members for 2023-2024

Please welcome Kathleen Norton as Program Chairperson and Michele Wogoman as Recording Secretary. Thank you Kathleen and Michele for joining the Board of Directors.

Their appointments were approved by the board and unanimously elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in April.

### THEATER GOERS

**Theater Goers invite you to see:**

Singin' in the Rain  
Stagecrafters in Royal Oak  
Sunday, June 11, 2:00 pm  
Tickets: \$38



Stagecrafters brings you the crowd-pleasing Singin' in the Rain from the golden age of movie musicals. In the limelight, silent screen stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont appear to be a hot item, but things are considerably cooler off camera. Added to that, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress working behind the scenes. Snappy dialogue, a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards, and the show-stopping title number, complete with an onstage rain shower, make this classic show a must-see.

**Deadline for reservations: Saturday, May 27**

Dinner after the show is optional.

Send checks, payable to Susan Winowiecki, to  
2957 Courville Drive  
Bloomfield Hills 48302

### NCCWSL 2023

**Engage, Learn and Lead: Step Into Your Power!**

May 31-June 3, 2023

University of Maryland, College Park

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/>

*"Do not follow where the path may lead.  
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."  
-Muriel Strode (Poet)*

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is where hundreds of young women come to turn a moment into a movement. Each year, we bring together hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking. Enter the conference as a passionate leader and leave it with the skills and confidence to pursue your goals.

NCCWSL has grown rapidly since its founding more than three decades ago, attracting over 10,000 student leaders. At our last in-person conference in 2019, the conference brought together 800 attendees representing 48 states and over 300 colleges and universities. The diversity of backgrounds and ideas at NCCWSL is part of what makes it such a transformative experience. The workshops, panels, speakers and activities provide endless opportunities to learn from experts, while peer networking allows you to learn from one another and make lifelong connections.

## LAVISH LUNCHEON



Recycle | Repurpose | Reinvent

The Lavish Luncheon Committee has finalized plans for the May 10th event. Currently, there are close to 200 guests attending and the committee is very pleased with the reservations. They are looking forward to giving you the opportunity to shop, socialize and listen to a speaker from Refuge for Nations.

You will be treated to three Fashion Shows, purchase raffle tickets for baskets and 50-50, and shop at more than ten vendor tables. Although, registration begins at 11:00 am, you can arrive early (10:30 am) to have plenty of time to shop.

The following vendors will be there to showcase their merchandise: Just Girls, Pink Girls Pink, Mindy's Unique Boutique, Jan Noel Designs, Passion 4 Fashion, Calendar Girls, Assistance League Resale Connections, Ashley Gold and Franklin Boutique.

Lunch will be served from 12 noon – 12:45 pm and the program will begin at 12:45 pm. Winners of the raffles and baskets will be announced at the conclusion of the fashion show at approximately 1:50 pm.

The Lavish Luncheon committee members are Patty Orlowski, Sandy Dickerson, Colette Stager, JoAnne Brown, Kathy Rice, Karen Boyk, Cindi Hopkins, Nancy O'Connor, Rita Dates and Jean Ivory.

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This is not a drill: the U.S. Senate has committed to voting this week on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) for the first time in 40 years! The vote would remove an arbitrary ratification deadline and recognize the ERA as part of the Constitution.

**[Tell your senators: equality in the Constitution is not up for debate, support the ERA now!](#)**

While the advancement of women's equality has continued, sex discrimination does not have the same legal protection as other constitutional classes, such as race, religion, or nationality. And as we have seen over the past year, how women's equality under law can be changed or even revoked at the whim of legislators and judges.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would provide, once and for all, the constitutional guarantee that all men and women are truly equal under the law and that these rights cannot easily be abridged.

**The ERA needs your support for its historic day in Congress — [tell your senators to vote in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 4!](#)**

**Take Action**