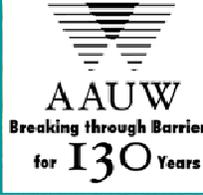




OCTOBER 2012 BULLETIN



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AAUW CELEBRATING 130 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Since 1902 AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

October 16 Branch Meeting

Programs run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM; 7:00 begins the social time and 7:30 the program begins. Please, note the time change for October and the date change for November

AAUW Multi-Branch Collaboration: Dr. Kay McGowan and Faye Givens will present a viewing of the film, INDIAN SCHOOL: A SURVIVOR'S STORY {produced by American Indian Services, Inc}. A very moving and emotional presentation, in collaboration with Wyandotte-Downriver, Dearborn, Detroit and Birmingham branches.

NOTE: Schedule Change; 6:30 - 7:00 PM Social time

7:00 - 7:50 PM Film Viewing

7:55 - 8:30 PM Q/A period NCCWSL Students & College Co-Ordinators: The future and how these NCCWSL college women view it; the stories, experiences and rewards of the NCCWSL program.

AAUW of Michigan Fall Conference

October 6

There is still time for members to register for the Fall Conference in Detroit .

Please try online registration:

aauwmi2012fallconf.eventbrite.com.

Janice Amin, Amy Seetoo, and Barbara Murray were part of the Sept 6 Girl Scouts Ann Arbor Region Volunteers Night introducing the Fall Conference to volunteers and Girl Scouts.

Displayed were names of all the female medalists at the Summer Olympics and the Medalists from Michigan.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Winter luncheon will be on Tuesday December 18

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

For new members and their mentors.

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to AAUW-AA at the New Member Reception held on **November 13** at 6:30 PM at Cleary.

This event takes place one hour BEFORE our regular November Branch Meeting and is an opportunity to learn about our new members and for them to learn about us.

Honoree Nominations

Do you know someone who has performed in some outstanding manner for the club or has demonstrated continued service through various activities?

It is time again to nominate women for the Named Gift Fellowships and Eleanor Roosevelt Award.

They will be honored at both the luncheons in December and the spring.

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Send interest Group Calendar info to

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The Joint Board Meeting will be at Cleary University, 3601 Plymouth Road, room 103 Ann Arbor, MI 48105

President's Column

Haven't we all heard that it's more blessed to give than to receive?

Now that our successful Sixtieth Book Sale has been completed, I've been puzzling over where our Ann Arbor Branch falls along that continuum. We're definitely the **receivers** of thousands of books from our generous Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti community. But we've also been **givers** of scores of extra boxes of books to AAUW Wyandotte, Friends groups for Clinton and Tecumseh public libraries, the Veterans Administration hospital, and the First Unitarian Universalist Church's Prison Book project. We've already been the **receiver** of grateful letters from the VA and UU.

In a few weeks, we'll be **givers** of thousands of dollars for various scholarships and fellowships. However, the Branch recently **received** three awards from AAUW National: Sixth Place for Branch Total Giving to the Educational Opportunities Fund; Eighth Place for Total Branch Giving to the AAUW Action Fund; and, Ninth Place for Total Branch Giving in Combined Support. These are awards based on donations from all thousand US branches!

So, you decide: Are we blessed for having given or are we blessed by having received?

I believe we are definitely blessed by having Mona Walz as an Honorary Life Member of AAUW. Mona received the Special Service Award from the Housing Bureau for Seniors at its annual meeting on September 13. We in AAUW know her for her recent work as our Public Policy chair and organizer of many voter registration events. And Eleanor Hoag has blessed us with her long service as well as being named an OLLI Pioneer.

Have you visited our new AAUW Ann Arbor website? Look for it at annarbor-mi.aauw.net. Elsewhere, the password is available for the "Members Only" section. That will be a great resource for us, including the current Interest Group calendar, the *Directory*, and the *Bulletin*. Blessings on Judy Steeh for constructing it!

Now that our Open House has passed, I encourage each of you to consider the BYOM effort for future Branch meetings at Cleary University. BYOM? Bring Your Own Mug! Barbara Duncan suggested to the Executive Board that we might be less wasteful by substituting our own mugs for the disposable drinkware supplied by Cleary and we all agreed. Let's experiment! I've put my AAUW mug in my Branch meeting tote, and you plan to bring whatever mug you want to show off! That's giving to our environment--a blessing!

I hope to see many of you at the State Conference in Detroit on October 6!

Earline Hefferlin, President 2012-2013

BOARD BRIEFS

Many of our Board members reported on their busy summer activities during the September 4 meeting, and several have undertaken to report on various projects in October.

We agreed that the issue of a new library building is one that our members should be informed about, and have offered the proponents and opponents space at our October meeting to display their materials.

Amy Seetoo will pursue options and exhibits for a table at next September's Kerrytown Book Fest.

We discussed the policy of Interest Group guests paying local branch dues and Candy Friedman will investigate and report on possibilities. [This does not refer to an occasional visitor, but to a woman who becomes a regular member of an Interest Group.]

Mary Rea volunteered to organize carpools for the [October 6 State Fall Conference](#) in Detroit.

Jane Wilson suggested that members might have dinners before meetings, while patronizing restaurants advertised in the new *Directory*.

And, Mary Cowmeadow took the official Board picture for use on our new web site.

Earline Hefferlin, President 2012-13

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

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Ruth holds a BS degree from Kent State University and an MA from Univ. of Michigan and was referred by Nancy Harter.

The following individuals joined AAUW-AA over the summer:

Kate Kirkpatrick

Patricia Cream

Cheryl (Cherie) Rush

Marilyn Finkbeiner

If you are able to be a mentor for any of these new members, please contact Membership VP, Candace Friedman, [\(734\) 662-6733](tel:(734)662-6733) or email: candacef@comcast.net



CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF BARBARA ODDY

Many of you will remember Barbara, Mindy Brummet's mother, who passed away on Wednesday. Her funeral will be at Muehlig Funeral Chapel next Saturday, September 29, at 1:00. You'll find a complete obituary at [Sept. 22 Ann Arbor.com](http://Sept.22Ann Arbor.com).

AAUW Vision Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Diversity Statement

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-AA 60th Annual Book Sale - Final Report

Here's what *Michigan Daily* readers are learning about our book sale:
<http://michigandaily.com/arts/aauw-book-sale-article>

Thank you all for making our book sale a success! We took in approximately \$38,085 from our 3-day sale plus members' purchases during book-sorting. There are many people to thank:

Our donation and sorting site was provided rent-free by Anthony Pinto, former Senior Property Manager of Brixmor Properties for the fifth year. Free utilities were also included in this generous donation of space.

Sue Schooner and her Girls Group sent high school girls with their leader, Alissa Little, came to help at sorting and at Sunday clean-up as their monthly service project.

Members of the Concordia basketball team coordinated by their coach, Matt Distelrath, helped move over 700 boxes of books into the sale site.

The staff at Washtenaw Community College set up the sale site and managed various issues during the sale.

Recycling worn and damaged books is a major service AAUW provides to the community. We also generate mounds of cardboard during the collection period. We would like to recognize Jeannette Carr who worked with Recycle Ann Arbor and Susan Rasmussen, our box wrangler, for their extraordinary efforts to keep our collection and sale as "green" as possible.

With the demise of Borders, it has become imperative for us to save our cardboard book boxes. Jeannette and Sue made sure our boxes were gathered, flattened and returned to Candy Friedman's barn for storage until the 2013 sorting season.

Overflow and leftover books were taken by various non-profit groups from both the sorting and sale sites. We estimate approximately 100 boxes of books were distributed to the Downriver AAUW branch and other non-profit groups this year during our sorting period. Many more boxes were collected from our sale by the non-profits after 1 PM on Sunday. Once the sale closed, remaining books were left for WCC students, faculty and staff.

Starting in March, members of our organization met to plan, clean, greet, sort, box, lift, count, and recycle. Members, husbands, and other volunteers, helped load and unload books as well as do a myriad of other tasks to make our sale such a success.

We have been proud to work with such a wonderful group of volunteers for this worthy cause. Our book sale truly is a team effort!

Cheryl Gibbs and Karen Bourdon 2012 AAUW Book Sale Co-chairs

HONORING AAUW MEMBERS

"Celebrating the Completion of
25 Years of Service"

presented by

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

at the University of Michigan

on September 6

at Clarion Hotel,

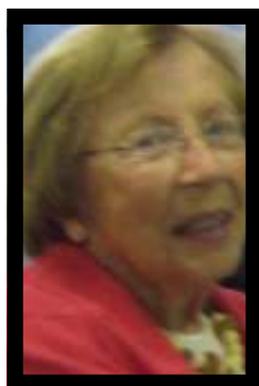
Eleanor Hoag

was honored with

11 other people

as

"OLLI Pioneers."



Special Service Award
from the Housing Bureau for
Seniors was bestowed upon



Mona Walz

on Thursday,

September 13,

at the annual meeting,

at Turner Senior Resource Center

Honoree Nominations

It is time again to select those from our membership to honor both the

(1) **Named Gift Honoree** and (2) **Eleanor Roosevelt Honoree** which recognizes those members whose efforts in study groups, the annual book sale, or other branch activities have been outstanding.

To nominate a current member for one of these honors contact Lynda Collins, EF Chair, (994-7929 or Lyndac19@comcast.net) by the end of October. Please consult the new directory for lists of previous honorees to avoid duplication.

MEMBERS AND PHOTOS

We have been using photos more frequently in our publications, posters, and web site. If you do not wish to have your picture published, please send an email to membership@aauwaa.org and ywernick@emich.edu

"It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard"



As we collaborate with other groups, organizations or AAUW branches on candidate forums in the next few weeks do note the following questions.

These questions below were formulated by AAUW and could be used to elicit pertinent information about candidates' positions on issues of importance to women and families.

1. Although the gender wage gap still stands at 77 cents on the dollar, with Congress' failure to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in 2010 and again in June 2012, our nation's fair pay laws remain weak and outdated.

What is your position on the Paycheck Fairness Act, and what do you intend to do when you return to Washington in September to help close the wage gap?

2. Access to quality, affordable higher education for Americans is critical for the long-term health of our economy. It is estimated that by 2018 we will have added over 16 million jobs that require at least some postsecondary education. Students have already made substantial sacrifices over the last two years, forgoing year-round Pell grants and bearing the burden of changes to the graduate student loan program.

Do you support maintaining funding for college affordability programs, student loan forgiveness programs, and Pell grants, and what will you do going forward to strengthen these programs that help provide access to higher education?

3. With 99 percent of sexually active American women reporting that they use birth control or some other form of contraception, birth control is a vital part of women's preventive health care. The cost, however, remains a burden for many American women—which is why the decision by the Department of Health and Human Services to require insurance coverage of birth control without co-pays is such a huge victory. Nonetheless, some religious groups and lawmakers continue to fight against this provision.

Do you support requiring coverage of birth control without co-pays in employee and student health insurance plans?

Take Action!

Find out when there's a town hall meeting in your neck of the woods, arm yourself with a good, incisive question, and go hold your elected officials accountable!

Tips for Being Successful



Notice the 3rd microphone →

That's for you—make your voice heard !



- Call the in-district office to confirm when and where the town hall meeting will be. You can look up your representative and the contact information for the in-district office on house.gov. Similar information for your senators can be found on senate.gov.
- Find out where the legislator stands ahead of time on your issue. The legislator's website is a great place to start; then move to nonpartisan voter education resources like votesmart.org and AAUW Action Fund's Congressional Voting Record.
- Write out your question in advance! Even if you're not reading off the card, it helps to be prepared.
- Go as a group, so you can support each other—and so someone can take pictures and video of you asking your question! If your whole branch goes to the town hall meeting, you could wear the same color shirt, pass out AAUW stickers, and try to ask the same question—or two questions if you're lucky.
- Arrive early and ask questions early—be confident and assertive in taking a place at the microphone for questions. Remember: Your question is important and deserves an answer!
- Always identify yourself as a constituent and AAUW member.
- If you aren't able to ask your question during the event, try to be along the legislator's exit path. Shake his or her hand and try to ask your question then. You can also provide the question to the media, or ask the lawmaker's staff for an in-district meeting during the August work period.

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