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# Catalyst

Plymouth-Canton Branch  
January 2016

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## MEETING LOCATION

Kopernick Tech Center located just east of I-275 on Kopernick Rd.

The Tech Center is comprised of 2 buildings. We will be located in the southeast corner of the southern-most building. Look for the entrance to BeckRidge Productions.

**Maps are on a separate pdf file. If you need assistance getting to the meeting, call someone on the Board for a ride.**

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Our First Branch Meeting of 2016 will be Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m.

## All are Welcome!

We will begin at 6:30 with a soup supper (donation for the meal of \$5.00 will be given to Freedom House).

Our program will begin after the meal. A representative from Freedom House will speak to us about their program. Freedom House is a temporary home in Detroit for indigent survivors of persecution from around the world who are seeking legal asylum in the United States. Freedom House also became a partner in the Northern Tier Anti-Trafficking Consortium in 2012, servicing victims of human trafficking. Their mission is to uphold a fundamental American principle, inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty, of providing safety for those "yearning to breathe free."

Please join us for this informative program.

Dawn Parker, Program V.P.

## *President's "Post"*

Happy New Year to all of you! A new year is about starting fresh and realizing your dreams. It is a time to ponder new joys, new challenges, and new adventures. In the past I felt compelled to make New Year's resolutions but was rarely successful, so now I prefer to think about the New Year as a time to move forward and relish the opportunities that each day brings.

In 2016 AAUW will continue to make strides to empower women and girls, just as we did in 2015.

- We awarded more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants.
- We tackled the gender pay gap on a bigger scale than ever before by launching the AAUW Work smart salary negotiation program in Boston, which will train more than 85,000 women by 2020.
- We fought to keep students safe from harassment and assault in classrooms and on campus by pushing for enforceable regulations for the campus SaVE Act.
- We continued to bring women and girls into the STEM fields through our AAUW National Tech Savvy Program.

However, as we all know, the fight for gender equity is ongoing. In 2016 let us all continue our efforts to achieve this goal.

May all of you experience much joy and prosperity in the coming year!

Mickey



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### **GIVE A HELPING HAND**

For those who wish to make a donation at the January meeting I have the following suggestions:

- Gift cards for Kroger or Meijer will be used toiletries and paper products
- Phone cards that will allow international calls to Africa. That capability is noted on the card. There are only a few stores that sell the cards. The store near Freedom House sells them so if you would like to put a few dollars in an envelope and write "Donation for Phone Card" on the front of the envelope that would be an easy way to give a phone card.
- Gas Cards donations will be used for gasoline for the Freedom House van.
- Freedom House will use any household supplies donated.



## Alice in Wonderland news.

Our first practice was Jan 4 at Garden City High School Auditorium. Anyone who wishes to be part of the cast and/or crew is still welcome to participate.

### **Help wanted for the play!**

**Ushers**-6 per performance sign up for 1 or all performances :)  
Feb 4-6

**Makeup organizer**- 2 people to pull together, organize, and pass out makeup

**Ticket Takers**-4 per performance sign up for 1 or all performances :) Feb 4-6

**Set Design**-4 people to assist with setting up and/or constructing set pieces

**Videographer**-1 person per performance to record the show Feb 4-6

**Prop Manager**- 2 people to assist with acquiring and organizing props

**Curtain puller**-1 person to pull the curtain for all performances Feb 4-6

We would appreciate any and all help for our play! Thank you for your time!  
Call Kay Paupore 734-276-0275 - cell or email - [kpaups@aol.com](mailto:kpaups@aol.com) if you can help.

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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS



### **Leadership for Today and Tomorrow**

#### Student Leader Conference Opportunity

NCCWSL 2016 conference will be hosted at the University of Maryland, June 2-4.

The Plymouth-Canton branch of AAUW is looking for candidates interested in attending a Leadership Conference in spring 2016. Our Plymouth branch has awarded scholarships to young women to attend the conference for seven consecutive years. The NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) conference is a fast-paced, two –and- a-half day conference that addresses the needs of current and aspiring women student leaders. Do you know a college student who may be interested in this opportunity? Please contact Diana Wilcox for an application. [Diana\\_Wilcox@att.net](mailto:Diana_Wilcox@att.net)

## Feedback on Scholarships

Jack and I were delighted to attend their "Deo Gratias" celebration at Madonna University.

It was a very joyful celebration of appreciation to the people and groups who gave scholarships this past year. Our AAUW Plymouth-Canton group was mentioned and we are now in the President's Cabinet Honor Roll of Donors--Lumen Group, Our donations over the years added up to put us in this circle. We met the new president a dynamic man from northern Ohio. Think he will be a good leader for the university. Keep up the good work ladies! One of the scholarship recipients spoke and she was most grateful.

Dorothy Grant



## The Light Shines On -- Sharon Belobraidich

Retired P-C educator honored by local DAR

Community Service

Cochrane Chapter, Plymouth. Energetic, dedicated, willing to step in leadership or supporting roles, and is everywhere lending a hand and her heart. That's why Sharon Belobraidich is this year's recipient of the DAR Community Service Award, presented recently by the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Plymouth.

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The award was established by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in April 1995 as an opportunity for the chapters and states to recognize worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding unpaid voluntary achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors.

See full article in the Plymouth Canton Observer from Dec. 17, 2015

