# American Association of University Women

## Catalyst

Plymouth-Canton Branch November/December 2015

Volume LIII

Issue 9

## Happy Holidays!!! **December Branch Meeting**

#### **MEETING LOCATION**

Koppernick Tech Center located just east of I-275 on Koppernick 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.

#### **Board of Directors**

President – Mickey Edell	981-6770
Program VP – Dawn Parker	207-5596
Co-Membership VP – Diana Wilcox	591-2597
& Shirley Zaetta	455-6366
Finance VP MaryBeth Chmielewski	673-0890
Corresponding VP – Esther Nelson	981-4938
Recording VP – Kathy Kish	550-6808

## Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

It's time for our AAUW Holiday Party

The festivities begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided by our members. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert for the buffet table.

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Neumann, will provide entertainment with songs of the season beginning at 7:00 PM.

Following the entertainment, you will have the opportunity to join in the fun of buying raffle tickets to win some great items. Proceeds from the raffle will go to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. After the raffle there will be a short business meeting.

Plan to attend and join in the fun!! Bring a friend or two. This meeting would be a wonderful way to introduce friends to our AAUW group.

Hope to see all of you there!!

Dawn Parker



#### President's "Post"

Doesn't it seem as if the holidays arrive earlier every year? The anticipation of aromatic smells, glitzy decorations, mellifluous singing, and children's laughter pique my senses. Although our lives become entangled with preparations for celebrations with family and friends, it becomes a perfect time to reflect on the past year: a time of renewal and hope, of giving, helping, and sharing. It is also a time to interact with our AAUW friends at our next branch meeting on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come and share your holiday spirit, enjoy

libations, and delectable sweet and savory delights. We will all be merry and bright!

As I reflect about AAUW, I am so thankful to be a part of this premier women's organization that has been promoting equity for women and girls for the past 134 years. I am so grateful for our advocacy and philanthropy that has positively impacted the lives of so many. I am particularly thankful for all of you-your unique talents, leadership skills, commitment, generosity, and lively spirits.



May all of you keep warm hearts and spread the joy of the holiday season! Wishing you all peace and prosperity. Mickey



#### Plymouth Community Veterans' Memorial Park

We Honor Our Veterans

Branch and family members, once again, worked diligently this summer and fall to help maintain the beautiful flower beds in the Veterans' Memorial Park, The group weeded in the summer and removed the flowers in the fall. While weeding, people have stopped by to tell us how beautiful the Park is and to say "thank you." Our participation is one way to say thank you to all military personnel, active and retired. **Shirley Zaetta** 

#### THANK YOU

Cyndi and Bob Naumoff Becky and Gary Copenhaver Sharon Belobraidich Monica Nick Kay Paupore Diana Wilcox Kathy Sharpe Pat Lowes Helene Lusa Coni Gray

#### December 3rd Raffle -

Come and shop at the December 3rd raffle. Proceeds will be donated to the Legal Advocacy Fund. The LAF has a long history of helping women with legal issues. Many members have donated items for the raffle. Christmas is coming! You may find the perfect gift for someone on your list.

♣ We could use a few additional items for our Holiday Party raffle. If you would like to share one of your craft talents or donate a gift basket for the raffle, please contact Dawn Parker at DSP626@aol.com or call 734-560-6175. Thanks! ♣

#### **GOURMET GROUP**

Our November dinner featured a Tuscan meal. It was delicious. I thought you might like an idea for your Thanksgiving dinner.



Butter Lettuce with Lemon Crema, Olives and Gorgonzola

1/3 cup heavy cream (set on counter for 30 plus minutes)

2 1/2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

1 tsp finely grated lemon zest

1 1/2 tbsp minced shallots

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1 head butter lettuce leaves separated and thoroughly washed

1/2 cup pitted and coarsely chopped Kalamata olives

1/2 cup toasted and coarsely chopped hazelnuts

4 oz Gorgonzola cheese, chilled

In a small bowl, gently stir together the cream, lemon juice, zest, shallots, salt and pepper. In a large bowl, use your hands to toss together lettuce, olives and hazelnuts. Toss the greens with the lemon cream dressing using your hands (it's the best way to make sure everything is evenly coated. Adjust seasoning as needed keeping in mind the Gorgonzola will be salty.

Grate Gorgonzola on top of each serving. (Do not mix Gorgonzola in with other ingredients).

Enjoy and prepare yourself for compliments.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS



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

Student Leader Conference Opportunity

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

#### SUMMER WAS A BLAST!



#### **PLYMOUTH 4TH OF JULY PARADE 2015**

Branch and family members having fun!!! Thank you, Monica for organizing the group and providing the signs. Thank you, Laurie for providing the car. We hope more will join us next year!!!

### AND WE THOUGHT HALLOWEEN WAS SCARY! TEN STATS ON WOMEN'S EQUALITY THAT ARE EVEN SCARIER!

- 1. Hispanic/Latina women were paid 54% of what white men were in 2013.
- 2. Women make up just 14% of the engineering workforce.
- 3. Women represent only 18.5% of congress.
- 4. Twenty-four states have never elected a woman governor.
- 5. The United States ranks 60<sup>th</sup> globally in women's political empowerment.
- 6. Since 2009 60% of sexual assaults have gone unreported.
- 7. Women make up just 4.6 per cent of Fortune 500 CEOs.
- 8. More than 22 million women do not have paid sick days.
- 9. Half of working women say they often take unpaid time to care for a sick child.
- 10. In 2014 state legislatures introduced 468 restrictions on women's bodies and zero for men.

Mickey Edell -- Public Policy Director