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Meetings will be held at the 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.

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Welcome Back September Branch Meeting September 15, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to our first branch meeting of the new year! Our guest speaker will be Laura Mortier. Laura is the program coordinator of "Lead Like A Girl," a program for young women offered by Canton Leisure Services at The B.L.O.C.K. youth and teen center. This program, now in its second year, is for young women ages 11-15, who struggle with challenges related to sexism, bias and self confidence. The discussion groups and activities offered are designed to help change the way that the participants and the community at-large think about what it means to "Lead Like A Girl." Laura is looking forward to speaking to our group about this program, which encourages friendship and camaraderie and about the bright and talented young women that she worked with during the past year. Dawn Parker, Program V.P.



Dinner will be provided by Mickey Edell. We ask for a contribution of \$8.00 per person which will be donated to an AAUW Fund of the branch's choice.

Antipasto Bake Italian Fresh Vegetable Salad Four Cheese and Meat Rigatoni Roasted Vegetables Garlic Bread Italian Lemon Cream Cake Beverages



Please join us to hear our speaker's message, for dinner and chat with friends.

## From the President:

Do women lead differently than men? How are female leaders perceived? What can we, as women who are interested in women's issues, do to promote women in leadership? These questions and others will be the focus of 2016 -2017 AAUW year. The national group has designated "Women in Leadership" as one of four themes for the upcoming year, and the Plymouth-Canton branch will focus on this topic as well.



At the Women's Equality Day luncheon, former state legislator Maxine Berman quoted former Michigan governor you cannot be what you cannot see (a quote from former governor Jennifer Granholm, "If you cannot see it, you cannot be it." As women break one more glass ceiling with a presidential nominee this year, it is time to look at women and their leadership.



Please join us on September 15<sup>th</sup> at BeckRidge Productions (See Dawn Parker's notes for directions.) at 6:30 pm. We will have an Italian dinner prepared by Chef Mickey and have as our guest, Lisa Mortier from the Lead Like a Girl Program in Canton. Ms. Mortier will tell us about this local program that promotes leadership in girls. One of the graduates of the program will also join us. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to the various Board Members who helped plan the program for this year and to Laurie Kempisty and Kathy Kish who have volunteered to direct the play. I look forward to serving as your president for the next two years and working with this talented group of women. Helene Lusa

## From the Editor:

Please take note about the delivery of the Catalyst and other possible messages. I am now using my home email which is:

suesayers357@gmail.com Use this email to contact me, as my old Madonna University email is no longer valid.

Any time I send something to the branch membership, the Subject Line will start with aauw. You will always know that the email is from me and that it communicates something about our Plymouth-Canton Branch.

What are you doing now? I retired in June and find that I am enjoying laziness much more than I anticipated. My To-Do List is growing, not shrinking. I encourage members to send information to me which I can share with others via the Catalyst. What is your news?