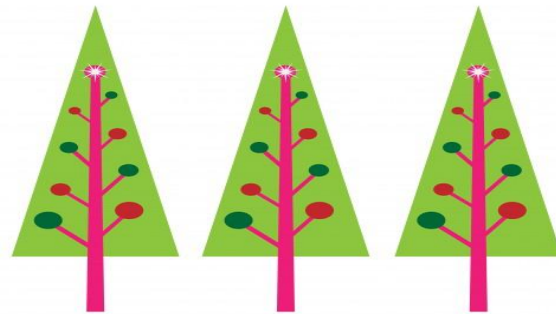


Meetings will be held at the Koppernick Tech Center, located just east of I-275 on Koppernick Rd.

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.

## *December Branch Meeting*



### **Board of Directors**

Helene Lusa, President	421-6408
Dawn Parker, Program VP	207-5596
Diana Wilcox, Co-Membership VP	591-2597
Shirley Zaetta, Co-Membership VP	455-6366
MaryBeth Chmielewski, Finance VP	673-0890
Gail Conte, Recording VP	674-2829
Marie Mack, Correspondence VP	427-3552

*Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.*

**Let's celebrate the holidays together.**

We're looking forward to an evening of friendship and fun, beginning at 6:30 PM. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert for the buffet table. Beverages and paper products will be provided.

A choral group from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, under the direction of Ms. Jennifer Neumann will provide entertainment, with songs of the season, beginning at 7:00 PM.

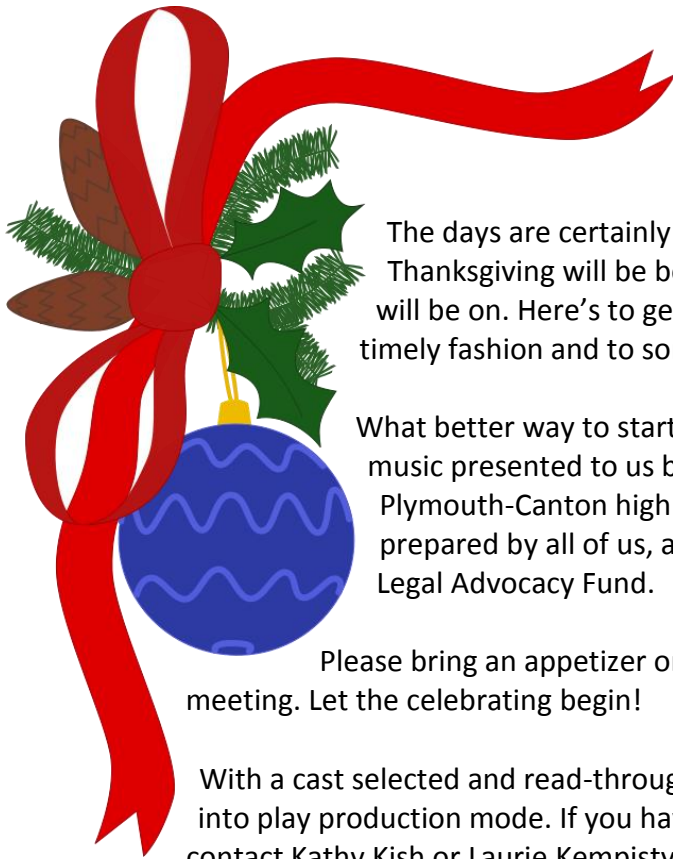


Following the entertainment, you will have the opportunity to join in the fun of buying raffle tickets to win some great items. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). After the raffle, there will be a short business meeting.

I hope you will be able to attend and join in the fun! Bring a friend or two. This would be a wonderful way to introduce friends to our AAUW group.

I hope to see all of you there!

Dawn Parker, Program V.P.



## *From the President:*

The days are certainly going by quickly. By the time we meet again, Thanksgiving will be behind us and the march toward the holiday season will be on. Here's to getting the shopping completed easily and in a timely fashion and to some wonderful days spent with those we love.

What better way to start the holiday season than with some beautiful music presented to us by members of the choral groups at the Plymouth-Canton high school, some yummy hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by all of us, and the infamous raffle with proceeds going to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Please bring an appetizer or a dessert and a friend to the December 1 meeting. Let the celebrating begin!

With a cast selected and read-throughs and rehearsals scheduled, our branch moves into play production mode. If you have not participated in the play before, please contact Kathy Kish or Laurie Kempisty to find out what you can do to help. Kay Paupore who handles publicity can always use some assistance and you can contact her also. The play is a major fundraiser for the branch and we truly need as many hands on deck as possible. Performance dates are February 2, 3 and 4.

We will meet again as a branch on Thursday, March 16, 2017, when our speaker will be Dr. Karyn Wells from Oakland University. She has recently published a book on mindfulness and will discuss that topic with us.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a season of joy and peace. May your time spent with loved ones be enjoyable and memorable. *Happy Holidays - Helene Lusa*



## *National Conference for College Women Student Leaders*

Our Plymouth Canton Branch has been sending a college student to the NCCWSL conference since 2009. The leadership conference is a two-and-a half day conference focused on important and contemporary leadership issues. The conference is held at the University of Maryland. Dates have not been selected for the 2017 conference. The conference is typically held the last week-end in May. We need your help finding a candidate for the 2017 NCCWSL conference. If you know a young woman who would be interested in attending the conference please ask her to contact Diana Wilcox. When dates are determined they will be published in a future Catalyst.



Diana Wilcox [Diana\\_Wilcox@att.net](mailto:Diana_Wilcox@att.net)



## PUBLIC POLICY

After months of contentious and vituperative statements and interactions, the election is finally over. Most of us breathed a sigh of relief, and most of us are probably still ruminating about the outcome. Regardless of our political persuasions, AAUW members must continue our work with the AAUW mission in mind. AAUW promotes finding common ground with our leadership on issues that are important to women and their families.

As Lisa Maatz, AAUW vice president of government relations and advocacy has stated, "We still face congressional gridlock over the Paycheck Fairness Act. Students are still waiting on action on college affordability and high student debt. They expect a continued commitment to combating sexual assault on campus. Working families are still looking for good jobs, medical leave, and other workplace equity policies." So we must forge ahead.

On another note: There will be twenty-one women serving in the Senate in 2017, which the highest number in history. The chamber will also feature a record number of women of color. This is something to celebrate!

However, our future holds multiple challenges for women and their families. Let us wield our hammers and finally shatter the glass ceiling that seems to elude us. Our ongoing fervor and commitment must be increased to finally reach our goals of equity. Together we can!!

Mickey, Public Policy Director



### HELP SUPPORT LAF

At the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of AAUW we will be having a wonderful evening of great hors d'oeuvres and desserts. During the social hour we will be selling tickets for a drawing that will be held that evening. The proceeds of that event will be donated to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. That fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. AAUW's resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases. Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. We hope you will come -- - have a joyous Holiday time with friends and colleagues and buy lots of tickets.

Sharon Belobraidich, LAF Chair

# CINDERELLA

We are excited to announce our cast for our upcoming play! Also, we will be having a "Read Through" and costumes on Thurs., Nov. 17 at 6:30 at Mickey's

## CINDERELLA CAST!

Esther Nelson	Earl		
Erica Marcos	Prime Minister		
Lauren Stemberger	Duke		
Karen Stemberger	Prince		
Kaytee Bellows	Cinderella		
Shirley Zaetta	Jaclyn (mouse)		
Kay Paupore	Gus (mouse) (Cat? tba!)		
Marie Mack	Norma (mouse)		
Becky Copenhaver	Mouse		
Mary Anne Martin	Mouse		
Sharon Belobraidich	Stepmother	Helene Lusa	Frump
Michelle Churchill	Ugletta	Sue Bellows	Fairy Godmother
Mickey Edell	Gruesue	Lisa Gapa	GIT



## BALLROOM SCENE:

Lori Demski	Sandy Iannucci
Marianne Lambourne	Melissa Uhl
Amanda Noel	Dawn Parker
MaryBeth Chmielewski	

Thanks for all your enthusiasm!!!  
Co-Directors: Laurie and Kathy



We had this year's first dinner on October 1, 2016. The food was outstanding and the company excellent. Our group consists of 6 couples who enjoy food and conversation. We meet the 1st Saturday of the month at 6:30pm. Menus are provided. If interested contact Esther Nelson at [enelson1c@att.net](mailto:enelson1c@att.net) or [734-981-4938](tel:734-981-4938).

The highlight of the October meal was this rich chocolate cake. It can be made ahead and could be a superb ending for a Christmas dinner.

Salted Caramel Chocolate Cake:

<http://www.marthastewart.com/857647/salted-caramel-six-layer-chocolate-cake>

# REMEMBER JULY?

Our members rode in the Plymouth Fourth of July Parade – an opportunity to show off our local branch of AAUW.



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](mailto: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? What is your news?

Sue Sayers, Editor

By now you should have received your 2016-2017 Directory. Please let me know if your information needs updating.  
Thanks, Sue Sayers