

Welcome Back
September Branch Meeting

Thursday, September 17
6:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Rose Richards, who attended the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington DC, June 4-6. Rose is a graduate of the University of Michigan Dearborn, who plans to continue her work in Neuro-Cognitive Psychology and scientific research in Germany. Please come to meet Rose and hear about her experience at this leadership conference that supports our AAUW message.

Your AAUW Board members will provide some light refreshments (hors d'oeuvres and desserts) for all to enjoy.

Invite a friend or two to join us and get the word out about our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. I hope you see you soon!

~~ Dawn Parker ~~



President's "Post"

Welcome back to another year in AAUW! I hope that all of you had summer months filled with relaxation, fun, travel, barbecues, and interaction with family and friends. And as I always say: "that we are all now invigorated and ready to commit to AAUW activities and our mission."

On Saturday, October 31st AAUW of Michigan presents Innovative Leadership III at the Detroit Novi Sheraton in Novi from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. This conference is geared to current and future leaders. AAUW members are the foundation for everything AAUW does to empower women. The AAUW of Michigan Leadership Conference offers formal training, tools, and resources to assist members in becoming the best leaders they can be. Leadership is the foundation of our organization and imperative for our survival and growth. You may register online: aauwmi.org/conference.

A continuing goal for us this year is to increase our membership. AAUW Plymouth-Canton has been a viable and active branch for years, but our membership numbers have been gradually decreasing. Building a strong membership is also critical for our survival. Although our Co-Membership Vice-presidents, Diana Wilcox and Shirley Zaetta, are formulating a plan to address this, they need assistance from all of us to improve our visibility and outreach to potential members.


Recruiting and retaining members is definitely tied to our program development. Thanks to Program Vice-president, Dawn Parker and several of our board members, for formulating excellent presentations for our 2015-16 year. There is something for everyone!

Please plan to attend our first meeting on Thursday, September 17th!! Our meetings are always entertaining and educational. Enjoy delicious cuisine, libations, and reconnecting with AAUW friends.
Mickey



A message from Program Chair, Dawn Parker:

Many thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers who met with me in August (Thank you Sharon Belobraidich for hosting the group) to brainstorm program ideas for our upcoming AAUW year! Through their efforts and contacts, we came up with some interesting, informative and entertaining guest speakers. The calendar for the year will be in our new directory.



Over the past century AAUW has provided \$100 million to more than 12,000 women and projects from all 50 states and more than 140 countries.



Hello everyone,

The play this year is Alice in Wonderland. We will be having tryouts at Mickey's place on Sept. 24th at 6:30 pm. If you can't make it you can tryout over the phone by calling Lisa Noel or Kay Paupore.

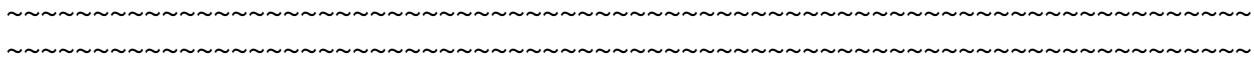
There will be a few things different this year, one of which is that I will be sending a reminder email about tryouts with an attached copy of the script so you can get a good idea of which part you would like to try out for. I added 2 new characters! This year our play will also have an anti-bullying theme.

Play practices will be on Monday and Wednesday nights and the performances will be the first week of February. There will be parts of all sizes so you can invest as much time as you need or want :) There will also be plenty of ways to help with the play without acting.



Hope to see or hear from you soon!

Lisa Noel



Let's get this AAUW year started!

**We are looking forward to a great year in the
Plymouth-Canton AAUW branch. Come join us!**



**Thank-you to all who have renewed their
membership!**

**If you have not yet renewed, do it today!
Our first meeting is September 17, 2015. Mark
your calendar and join us!**

Bring a friend find out what's planned for the year!

**Membership Chairpersons
Diana Wilcox & Shirley Zaetta**

Purpose/Mission

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Global Sex Trafficking

By Dorothy Grant, International chair

This profitable business flourishes globally without much successful policing. Several references listed below depict the extent of this trade. The young women from Eastern Europe and the Middle East caught up in these sex rings are often referred to as “Natashas”. In the award winning book by author Anthony Marra, “A Constellation of Vital Phenomena”, he illuminates this problem through the trials of one his characters aptly named Natasha. He writes about her journey thru the Breaking Grounds into Western Europe. It is not a pretty one. This novel has been said to be the only one written in English about life in Chechnya, Russia.

Two enlightening books on the subject of sex trafficking are: “The Natasha’s: Inside the New Global Sex Trade” by Victor Malarek and “Sex Trafficking: The Global Market in Women and Children” by Kathryn Fare.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS



Our branch has been very successful at finding wonderful candidates to the Leadership conference. Rose Richards was our candidate for 2015. She had a wonderful experience. Rose is coming to our September branch meeting to share some of her experiences with us. I hope you will be able to come and hear her speak. She is off to Germany to continue her studies this fall. I think you will enjoy meeting her. It is never too early to start looking for our 2016 candidate. If you know a college student who would benefit from attending the National leadership conference please ask her to contact me and I will forward the application. Diana Wilcox

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MEETING LOCATION

BeckRidge Productions Suite at the Koppernick Tech Center in Canton. The address is 40525 Koppernick Road, which is 2 blocks east of Haggerty Road. When you see the bike path sign with the arrow, turn right and go to the back. Turn left at the back on the second building and go to the last suite on the left (southeast corner of the southern-most building). Look for the entrance to BeckRidge Productions. We'll also post an AAUW sign. This meeting location is accessible to all members.