

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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## *October Branch Meeting*

*Thursday, October 19*

*at 6:30 p.m.*



We are excited to welcome Nancy Kaffer as our guest speaker at our next AAUW Branch meeting on Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm.

Anyone studying or simply interested in journalism is strongly encouraged to attend!

Nancy Kaffer is an award winning columnist and member of the editorial board at the Detroit Free Press. Kaffer has been with the Free Press since 2012. She writes about politics, policy, and the complicated relationship between the two, and is a regular guest on news shows like NBC/WDET's Detroit Today, Michigan Radio's Stateside and DPTV's MiWeek.



She's also a contributor to the Daily Beast, writing about state and national politics, policy and culture. Previously a staff writer for Crain's Detroit Business, Kaffer covered small business, retail, city government, and Michigan's second-stage economy. Kaffer has also written for Metro Times, Dearborn Press and Guide, Model D, Metro Mode and the Hattiesburg (Miss) American where she covered post-Katrina recovery.

**Please come and bring a guest!**



*Mickey will prepare supper for us. It will be an Italian theme meal, as she is currently touring Tuscany. Please join us and also, plan to pay \$8.00.*

## *From the President:*

During my term as president, I have tried to attend all of the AAUW local meetings and state conferences/conventions that are held. While I don't make them all, I am happy to say that every one that I attended has been more than worth my time. When I attend Consortium, which our own Sharon Belobraidich chairs, I always pick up an idea or two. At the state conferences and conventions, I meet many new folks and am informed and enlightened by the speakers and what other branches share.

On September 30, the Fall Conference was held at Wayne County Community College in Taylor. One of the presentations was by the Student Advisory Council that is funded by donations from AAUW members. The students attend various universities throughout the state and do research and share that with conference attendees. This year four members of the SAC presented in person and one contributed online from Michigan Tech. The focus of their work was research on women and their college majors. They presented statistics on the majors chosen by women and men and the different career paths that follow. It was fascinating. What impressed me the most was the commitment of these young women to equity and how we might encourage young women to expand their ideas about what to study in college. Did you know that more women than men are attracted to public relations because communication is considered a strong skill for women?



Another impressive part of their presentation was their passion about equity for women and girls. I had often believed that the younger women were not appreciative of some of the fights our foremothers fought and took some of the equity they experience for granted. This was definitely not the case for these five female students, and I spoke to one of them to tell her that I was glad that they were keeping up the fight! You will have a chance to attend the Spring Convention that our branch will host on April 28, 2018 at the Summit in Canton. I encourage you to give it strong consideration. I'm already looking forward to it.

See you at the branch meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> where the branch will host Nancy Kaffer, Detroit Free Press columnist!

*Helene*

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### **Cornbread Salad** --- serves 6 (Gail Conte brought this to our pot-luck last month)



4 plum tomatoes, chopped	¼ t chili powder
1 green bell pepper, chopped	2 cups crumbled cornbread
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro	2 15-ounce cans black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
Kosher salt	1 cup frozen corn, thawed
1 cup sour cream	1 cup shredded cheddar or Mexican-blend cheese
¼ cup mayonnaise	
2 scallions, minced	
Juice of ½ lime	

1. Toss the tomatoes, bell pepper, cilantro, and ½ t salt in a medium bowl. Whisk the sour cream, mayonnaise, scallions, lime juice, chili powder and ½ t salt in a small bowl.
2. Assemble the salad: Sprinkle half of the cornbread in a glass bowl or trifle dish. Top with half each of the black-eyed peas, corn, and the tomato-pepper mixture, then half each of the sour cream mixture and cheese. Repeat the layers with the remaining ingredients, ending with cheese. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS



### Leadership for Today and Tomorrow

Plymouth-Canton branch of AAUW is looking for candidates interested in attending this remarkable Leadership Conference. The branch has awarded scholarships to young women to attend the conference for eight consecutive years. NCCWSL is a fast paced two and one-half day conference that addresses the needs of current and aspiring women student leaders. It is held the end of May or beginning of June. Do you know a college student

who may be interested in this opportunity? Please contact Shirley Zaetta.

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## Purpose/Mission

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

## PLANNING OUR BRANCH FUTURE - FUNDRAISING



One of the things for which I am extremely grateful is input from the Board on various topics. At the October Board meeting, we discussed a topic that came to me from the branch's most recent past president, Mickey Edell – Fundraising. This is not the first time we have discussed it nor will it be the last. The main concern is raising enough money to fund the scholarships that the Plymouth-Canton Branch sponsors at local educational institutions.

Member dues supply very little revenue for the branch. Of the \$71 members pay annually, \$49 goes to the national association; \$12 goes to the state association; and, \$10 remains with the branch. Last year the branch had 59 members which brought \$590 back to the branch. Most of this money is used to pay a modest honorarium (\$100) to speakers for the branch meetings. Money is also set aside for some activities for Board members to attend and for NCCWSL. Right now, most Board members who attend state meetings, etc. pay their own way. Most of the money that goes to the Scholarship Fund is raised by the children's play and donations by members, enabling the branch to maintain the \$3,500 Fund. Scholarship monies are donated to a female Garden City High School Student, female graduates of the Plymouth-Canton Alternative High School, and female students at Schoolcraft College and Madonna University.

The children's play does not raise the money that it once did, and many other fundraising activities sponsored by the branch were very labor intensive for the members involved. Hence, the discussion about fundraising. Does the Board continue to ask members for personal donations to keep the scholarship fund at its current level like it has done the past two years, or look for another option?

The Board has decided to ask members for their input and ideas. Mickey Edell has graciously agreed to chair a fundraising committee but she needs members and ideas. If you are willing to help with this work, please contact Mickey or me. Our email addresses and phone numbers are below. Thank you for whatever you can contribute to the discussion and ultimate decision about this important aspect of the branch's work.

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