



Catalyst

Plymouth-Canton Branch
September 2018

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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September Branch Meeting

Thursday, September 20

6:30 p.m.

Welcome back to another exciting, productive year with the Plymouth-Canton AAUW!

We would love to have you join us at our first meeting on Thursday, September 20 when we will view and have a lively discussion on the video "Equal Means Equal" about the Equal Rights Amendment.

Feel free to bring a guest!

Kathy Kish/Laurie Kempisty, Program V.P.s

Pot Luck

The good news is that the Board members will provide all the food, and you can just **enjoy!**



From the President:

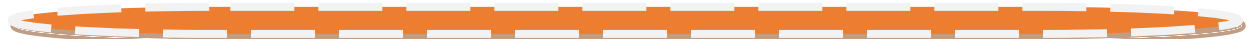
Welcome back to a new season of AAUW. We can proudly look back to a successful year under the leadership of Helene Lusa and the support of a membership always willing to roll up their sleeves and take on a task. Our accomplishments include: providing a live theater experience for children for the 58th consecutive year with our production of *Beauty and the Beast*; raising enough funds to award \$2,500 in scholarships to young women in our community; providing branch programming that featured local women who are exemplary leaders; sending a local university student to the NCCWSL conference in Washington; contributing to the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW; and hosting the Michigan AAUW annual convention.



As we look forward to this year's activities and anticipated accomplishments, my mind goes back to the fact that, as members of AAUW, we are much more than just a "branch." We are all members of a great national organization that is relentlessly working to advance the mission so important to all of us – gender equity for women and girls. AAUW is a national voice in "research, education, and advocacy," a voice that brings recognition, programming and connection to the community we strive to serve.

One of my goals as co-president is to learn more about the work being done by AAUW at the national level and inform the branch as to how we can both contribute to and benefit from that work. \$59 of your \$81 annual membership goes to national dues. We have the right and the responsibility to be connected. Look for News from National in future issues of the *Catalyst*.

Gail Conte



Member News: from Sharon Belobraidich

I sent a card to Anne Schlick, a former member who is suffering from a broken leg and other serious issues. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Anne Schlick, 17301 S E 82nd Pecan Tree, The Villages FL 32162

Where did the
Republican Party begin?

Play Dates



The following are important dates to have on your calendar as we begin to prepare for the branch's production of our children's play.

- September 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Anyone interested in helping to "modernize" the script of *Snow White*, this year's play, is welcome to attend a read through of the script. We will meet at Kay Paupore's home – 47746 Vista Circle Drive S, Canton. Please let Kay know if you plan on attending.
- October 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Play try-outs
Place to be announced
- January 2
Play practices begin
- January 31, February 1 and 2
Showtime!

To folks interested in going through play costumes and props and downsizing:

Please let me know which date works best for you. I have Wednesday, September 12, and Thursday, September 13 set aside. We will begin at 1 pm at my house as the containers are in my garage! We probably only need 3 - 4 folks and only one day so please let me know if you are interested in helping and which day works for you. Thanks -- Helene

After New Hampshire Iowa and Wisconsin claimed that it started in their states the first official party meeting, a statewide convention, that created a party platform and nominated candidates for office took place in Jackson Michigan on July 6, 1854

News from National

National's website, aauw.org, provides members with the opportunity to let their legislators know their position on important issues. By clicking on Take Action, you will be brought to a page, or series of pages, called **Two Minute Activist**. Each page presents a national issue and AAUW's position on that issue and explains the rationale behind that position. By inserting your address or phone number, a message will automatically be sent to your senator or representative voicing your support or opposition. You can send a message written by AAUW or one of your own. You can also sign up for automatic alerts when advocacy is needed.

Current issues posted are: Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation; the Dream Act; Title IX; the Higher Education Act reauthorization; and public funds for public schools.

Make your voice heard!

19th Amendment	women guaranteed the right to vote
23rd Amendment	residents of the District of Columbia (Washington, D. C.) may vote for president of US
24th Amendment	poll taxes abolished; no poll tax stopping citizens from exercising right to vote
26th Amendment	all citizens over the age of eighteen years old may register and cast their vote



BOOK CLUB

Thanks to the 20 members who expressed interest in a book club interest group. The Board has given us the OK to go ahead and we will be contacting you regarding a first book to read and a date and place to meet. So please keep an eye on your email. At that first session we will collectively determine the how we plan to proceed. Bring your ideas! Thanks, again, for your interest. We are excited to restart this new interest group.



Mickey and Helene