

## *November Branch Meeting*

**Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm  
Plymouth Community Arts Council**



Welcome to November! This month's meal for our branch meeting will be a little different and we will need your help. We are planning a **HERITAGE POTLUCK** and hope you will bring a sample of a dish inspired by your family traditions. (Our daughter-in-law's parents were born in Hungary and we always enjoy a dish she prepares that she had while growing up.) It could be a family favorite, or a dish that reminds you of your childhood.

We'll have cards for you to write what your dish is, and you will be given the opportunity to talk about your selection. Please only prepare a dish to serve 6-8 as we will be sampling many. We will also be playing Diversity Bingo. Can't wait to see our diverse selections! – Becky Copenhaver



***But Wait – There's More. . . . .***

**LAURA CARTER CALLOW WILL BE THE SPEAKER FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING.**

Referred to as “the Susan B. Anthony” of Michigan, Laura has worked for over thirty-five years on the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) on both the state and national levels. Watching her mother as a young girl in Michigan, Laura saw firsthand the economic struggles women faced. Ever since, she has spent her life working for women's civil rights through letter writing, activism, advocacy, community organizing and speeches. She was elected president of the Livonia League of Women Voters in 1968 and served on the Women's Advisory Committee of Schoolcraft College from 1970 to 2009. Her activism in the Women's Rights Movement began in earnest in 1972 as a founding member of the Northwest Wayne Chapter of NOW. In 1976 Laura helped form the Michigan ERAmerica coalition which maintained support for Michigan's ratification of the ERA and raised money to support ratification efforts of other states. From 1976 to 1986 she recorded a monthly commentary of various aspects of the ERA on the “Point of View” radio program for WJR Detroit.



As a retired art teacher and mother of three, Laura has also been active in community affairs. She served as a member and chair of the Livonia Human Relations Commission and president of the AAUW of Livonia branch. Laura is the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her efforts, including the Susan B. Anthony Award from the University of Michigan Dearborn, the AAUW Liz Kummer and Martha Griffiths Equity Award. She has also been inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Note Extended Hours

## December Holiday Fun

December 7, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

**Food Treats** – featuring Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages provided by Board members.

**Musical Entertainment** – Holiday music for all to enjoy!

**Support the Branch.** ★ Buy some tickets. ★ Some members are providing gift items – maybe something to eat or drink, something handmade, something decorative. Email/text Shirley Zaetta if you have questions or would like to bring an item to be sold. 734-455-6366 or [szaetta@wowway.com](mailto:szaetta@wowway.com) Money raised will stay in our Branch to fund our expenses.



*Bring a Friend!*

## ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PLAY

Announcing the cast of "Cinderella"... Congratulations to all – we are excited to go on this adventure with you!

Saffron - Lisa G.  
Rosemary - Dianne H.  
Mother - Dawn P.  
Father and Earl - Marie M.  
Prime Minister - Kay P.  
Duke - Melissa U.  
Prince - Laurie K.  
Cinderella - Ari Ianucci/Finn  
Jaq (mouse) - Jenn B.  
Gus (mouse) - Gail C.  
Norm (mouse) - Kristen B.

Stepmother - Sue B.  
Paprika (stepsister) - Sandy I.  
Cayenne (stepsister) - Mickey E.  
Clove (stepsister) - Helene L.  
Fairy Godmother - Michelle C.  
GIT (Godmother-in-Training) - Becky C.  
DJ - Lisa G.  
Lords and Ladies - Marybeth C., Dawn P.,  
Dianne H., Jenn B., Gail C., Kristen B.,  
Coni G., others TBD...

New this year, we are handing out postcards to advertise the play. The first set of postcards were handed out Halloween and another set has been ordered for distribution in November and December. Please reach out to Monica or Meredith to get a stack to hand out to your family, friends, and neighbors!



Be among the first to get tickets to the play. Tickets are on sale now at <https://plymouthcanton-mi.aauw.net/play/>. We're looking forward to seeing you in February!

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Co-directors

## *From the Presidents ...*



The month of October seemed to fly by! The cooler weather is here and we are now in the midst of our Thanksgiving preparations, while the stores are already decorated for the holidays and the shelves are filled with gifts to purchase. We are all so busy, but we need to remember to slow down, take a breath and reflect on the past year. It can be a time of renewal and hope.

November and December are months filled with giving, helping, sharing and getting together with our AAUW friends for the remaining two branch meetings of the 2023 year. We'll meet on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> (International Tolerance Day) and also on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for our annual Holiday gathering. Read on in the Catalyst for information on both of these dates and remember to invite a friend to come along and join us for the fun!

We are so thankful to belong to this important women's organization. We so appreciate you sharing your talents, leadership skills, generosity, commitment, and friendship.

Happy Holidays!

*Dawn and Mickey*

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## **BOOK GROUP**

The Book Group will meet Thursday, November 30 at 5:30 pm at Esther's home to discuss Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. This is the fifth anniversary meeting of our group.

We are also planning to see The Marsh King's Daughter on Sunday, November 19. We hope to attend an afternoon show and then go to dinner. Let Helene or Mickey know if you would like to join us.



Helene and Mickey

Mark your Calendar:

Thursday, December 7 – Branch Meeting at 5:30 (early)

Thursday, Feb. 1, Friday, Feb 2, & Saturday, Feb. 3 - Cinderella

# PUBLIC POLICY POST

Mickey Edell

## Support the FAMILY Act and the Healthy Families Act!

Recently the U.S. Senate Finance Committee held a hearing to examine the benefits of paid leave for businesses and workers.

Women disproportionately bear the economic opportunity cost of providing care for the children or elderly family members or doing things like taking them to the doctor. This results in many women putting off seeking health care for themselves, because they cannot take time off, affecting their abilities as employees and primary care givers.

Congress can address these issues by passing a set of bills that would establish national standards for paid family and medical leave and paid sick days. Together the FAMILY Act and Healthy Families Act will provide access to both long- and- short term leaves for millions of workers.

## We must urge our senators to support the FAMILY Act and the Healthy Families Act!

Equity is still an issue!

Mickey

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### Moving ahead with new technology.

Canva.com is a free-to-use online graphic design tool, which can be used it to create social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos and more.

Sandy Ianucci and some of the other members working on the play posters, postcards and tickets have started using it. It is available for our members working on materials for one of our projects or fund-raisers. If you are interested in learning more about it, call or email Sandy Ianucci.

