



# **CURRENTS**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

## **President's Message**

**Joanne Johnson**

AAUWGP's 2018-2019 has gotten off to a great start! Congratulations go to our team of Vice Presidents/Presidents-elect, Marge Alff and Mary Ellen Burke, for their great programming which began on September 11 with our meet your Board night at the Weir house. They are following this up with a chance to meet our Defer Dynamic Girlz on November 12. The Girlz are getting ready for their competition in the First Lego League, which is scheduled for November 17. These ladies have put together a real treat for our annual Christmas get together on December 3. Check out the information and flyers in this issue of CURRENTS. I hope to see you at both or at least one of these events.

I also want to thank Carolyn Barth and the Funds Committee for their creative and successful fund raising efforts thus far this year. We are nearly a 1/3 of the way to our goal of raising \$7,000 for our STEM and scholarship programs this year. A very special thank you and hats off to Barb Tecos for her movie nights and her great sense of presentation for our first bake sale at Defer Elementary. We could not have carried either event off without you and we certainly would not have been as successful without your sense of presentation. That bake sale table was so inviting that we sold every item we had.

Our November and December are filled with events and opportunities to assist with fund raising. We have our meeting at Defer on Nov. 12, the play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," on Nov. 29, the next bake sale at Defer on Dec. 1, our annual Christmas get together on Dec. 3, and a wonderful social gathering at Kathy Conlon's followed by a tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House on December 8. Please consider attending one or all of these events. If you can't attend, please consider adding a bit extra to your holiday baking and donate to the bake sale for December 1.

Thanks you to Vicki Granger who has agreed to serve as our parliamentarian for the 2018-2019 year.

Let's keep up the great work we are doing everyone. This is a year of transition for our fund raising. Please help us meet our goal.

# AAUW OF MICHIGAN Grosse Pointe Branch FY 2019 Budget

INCOME	
Contributions to Branch	\$200
General Program Income	\$675
Membership Dues:	
Branch	\$1,200
Branch Life Members	\$75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,150</b>
EXPENSES	
Branch operating	\$250
Insurance	\$350
General Program	\$900
Conference Expense	\$300
Membership recruitment, etc.	\$200
Yearbook/Directory	\$150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,150</b>

## DEFER BAKE SALE





AAUW OF MICHIGAN, GROSSE POINTE BRANCH

**BAKE SALE to benefit the Defer Elementary STEM Project**

**December 1, 2018, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Defer Elementary**

Please consider baking for this event. Because this is the students' arts and crafts event, we'd like to focus on things kids like to eat. If you are doing your own holiday baking, please consider adding an extra batch for the bake sale. We invite you to bake some of the following for the sale:

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| _____ Holiday decorated cookies           | _____ Breads such as banana /pumpkin/lemon |
| _____ Cookies of any sort                 | _____ Cinnamon rolls                       |
| _____ Chex mix                            | _____ Mini pies                            |
| _____ Rice krispies treats                | _____ Brownies                             |
| _____ Candies (fudge/peanut brittle/etc.) | _____ Other: Please specify_____           |

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate a gallon or two of apple cider.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate packaging items: clear plastic bags, plastic containers, holiday ribbon, holiday decorations for the packages.

Baked goods and cider are to be delivered to Barb Tecos by Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. for final packaging and prep for the event. We will also need workers for the actual sale. This is a great opportunity to meet the Defer students and their parents, and to meet and greet some of your neighbors.

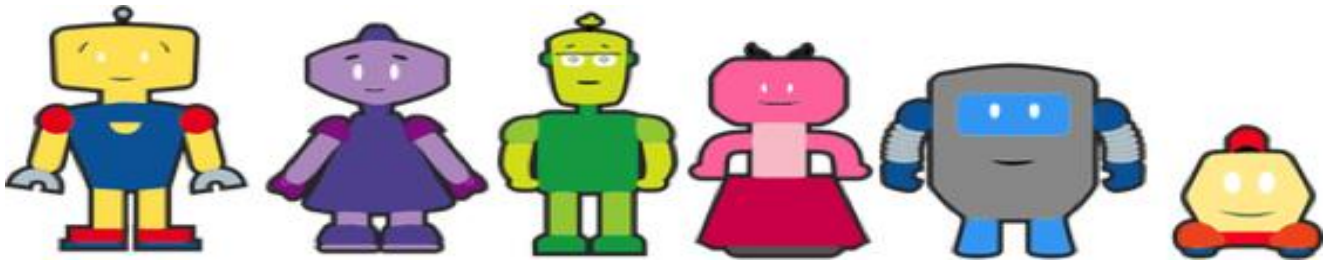
I am able to bake for the sale and will deliver to Barb Tecos 1237 Balfour Rd, Grosse Pointe Park; 313-882-1081.

Name\_\_\_\_\_ I will bake items identified above. Quantity\_\_\_\_\_

I can work the bake sale. Name\_\_\_\_\_ Time available\_\_\_\_\_

I will donate apple cider or packaging items. Name\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Barb Tecos by Monday, November 26,2018.**



## **DEFER ELEMENTARY**

### **STEM PROJECT**

**Sandy Stanley, Liaison for STEM Project**

Our Defer *Dynamic Girlz* are working every week to get ready for their First Lego League competition. They practice at Defer Elementary every Thursday evening and are happy to have guests in to see their work.

On Monday, November 12, 2018, they will be presenting their project to our membership at our branch meeting. One of the requirements for teams who compete in the First Lego League, is that they present their project information to an outside group before they engage in competition. We are very pleased to be the group they chose to which to present.

**Don't miss the presentation!! It's Monday, November 12, 2018, at 7 pm in the Defer Elementary School Library.**

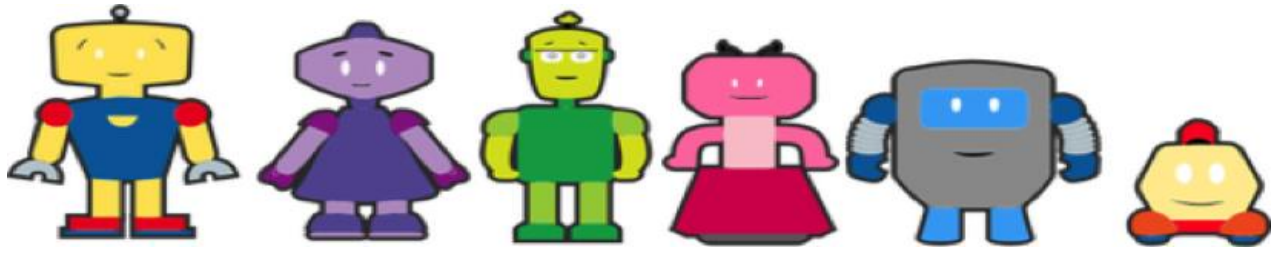
Just come in the front or back door at Defer. There will be someone in the main hallway to direct you to the library location.

We held our first fundraiser for the STEM Project at Defer on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We sold baked goods to parents and students as they attended the first quarter parent/teacher conferences. Our efforts were well rewarded with the \$871 that we earned. If we had had more baked goods, we could have earned more. We did sell out!!

**Our next bake sale at Defer will be on Saturday, December 1, 2018.** The event at which we will be selling is the students' annual holiday arts and crafts fair. We are looking for bakers and workers to help with the event. **Please see the bake sale flyer on Page 3 to volunteer your services.**

**Our final bake sale at Defer will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, during parent/teacher conferences.**

Thank you to the following members for their work on the October bake sale: Barb Tecos, Rhea Carey, Judy Florian, Mary Ellen Burke, Marge Alff, Maureen Anthony, Carolyn Barth, Mary Zahler, Nancy Patek, Mary Moreshead, Roberta Walden, Joanne Johnson, Eva Habib, Ellen Chapin, Mary Wright and Sandy Stanley.



# **AAUW NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

**DEFER GIRLS TEAM ROBOTIC PRESENTATION**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018 7:00 PM**

**DEFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LIBRARY**

**15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park**

Join us for a presentation by the GP Defer *DYNAMIC GIRLZ* Team. AAUW Grosse Pointe is sponsoring this team, and has for the past three years. They will demonstrate their robotics and explain their upcoming team competition. Don't forget you can bring your friends too.

RSVP by November 5, to either:

Marge Alff, 313-450-3963, [marjoe1971@comcast.net](mailto:marjoe1971@comcast.net) OR

Mary Ellen Burke, 313-399-8934, [meb650@aol.com](mailto:meb650@aol.com)

## **Harriet Kezia Hunt**

### **Physician (1805 – 1875)**

Later in her life, Harriet became one of the “emancipated ladies.” She was anti-tobacconist, anti-slavery, and active in the woman’s suffrage movement. Because she couldn’t vote, her tax payments to Boston authorities were accompanied by protests of taxation without representation!

When Harriet Kezia Hunt’s younger sister became ill, the physicians of the day only made her condition worse. Then the sisters sought the treatment of a doctor and his wife who espoused healthy food, rest, and daily exercise. It worked! Harriet wanted to help others as her sister had been helped, and studied medicine with the doctor’s wife. She opened her own homeopathic medicine practice in 1835, focusing on women and children. She was the first woman to practice medicine in the United States, albeit without a diploma. She was refused admittance to the Harvard Medical School twice because of her gender, but was granted an honorary degree from the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Harriet Kezia Hunt advanced the right of women to learn and practice medicine, and the general right to be educated and seek professions. At an event celebrating her 25 years practicing medicine, she gave this advice to women: “I have been so happy in my work; every moment occupied; how I long to whisper it in the ear of every listless woman, ‘do something if you would be happy.’”

## **Wangari Maathai**

### **Environmental Activist, Kenya (1940—2011)**

Wangari grew up in Kenya when only boys went to school. She was the oldest of five children, and one of her brothers questioned why his sister Wangari was not enrolled in school. Wangari’s mother decided to enroll 8 year old Wangari in the village school. By age eleven she attended a Catholic boarding school. She graduated at the top of her high school class and was one of 300 Kenyan students chosen by Senator John F. Kennedy to attend American colleges on a scholarship. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She returned to Kenya and attended the University of Nairobi where she was the first East African woman to earn a PhD.

Wangari started the Green Belt Movement, which was responsible for planting trees to restore the environment. More than 30 million trees were planted. About a million women were employed in the project. In 2003 she was appointed the minister of the Environment, Natural Resources, and Wildlife. In 2004, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize “for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy, and peace”. She was the first African woman to receive it.



# REPORTS

## MEMBERSHIP

**Vicki Granger, Chair**

### **New Member Welcome**

Welcome to new member Antoinette Gurney. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Elementary Education, and a master's in Educational Media and Technology from Eastern Michigan University. Antoinette makes her home in Northville (see our branch directory for address and contact info). Her birthday is June 11. She is working on our own AAUWGP website!

### **Recruit a Friend!**

Please consider inviting a friend to one of our programs, movie nights, or your study group. Over the years, my experience has been that very few women have decided to join our branch of AAUW on their own - they need a little encouragement to "take the plunge."

## FINANCES

**Judy Florian, Finance Officer**

The budget reflected on page 2 of this newsletter is for the AAUWGP Branch Account. This account is used for income and expenses related to conducting branch activities (dues, postage, directory printing, etc.). We also have an account called the Education Foundation Account, which is used for fundraising income and expenses related to scholarships and our STEM project.

The current balance in these two accounts, as of October 12, 2018 is as follows:

Branch Account	\$10,388.13
Education Foundation Account	\$10,631.46

The balance in each of these accounts also includes funds from a money-market savings account, which was closed due to the low amount of interest income it generated.

Although it may seem like we have sufficient funds, the balances in the branch account will be used as a contingency fund in the event we need funds for unexpected expenses. The balance in the Education Foundation Account is used strictly for scholarships and our STEM project. It is extremely important that we continue to raise money through our fundraising activities to ensure we have sufficient funds to continue our financial assistance to women and girls. Questions can be directed to Judy Florian at [jflo@comcast.net](mailto:jflo@comcast.net)

# PUBLIC POLICY

**Marie DeLuca, Chair**

Since I am a 2 minute activist, I will continue to support the recommendations of AAUW to insure that there is equity for women and girls. The retirement of Justice Kennedy and the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court should give us further motivation to continue our mission. Pay equity, in all states, continues to be a major goal. However, in light of the recent confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh, the issue of sexual harassment and sexual violence is very timely.

The environment in schools, and the work place should be free from bullying, sexual harassment, and assault. "Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature and can be verbal, non-verbal, or physical." Unfortunately and sadly, sexual harassment begins early in students' school experience. One half of students never report this harassment. Boys are also sexually harassed and negatively affected. Girls, however, more than boys, have trouble sleeping, don't want to attend school, and find a different route to go to school. How can students learn when these pressures are applied to them?

In higher education, sexual harassment, and especially sexual assault are prevalent on college campuses nationwide. How can students learn in an unsafe environment? Educational equity for women and girls requires fully developed sexual assault policies and well-informed administrators in order to end the sexual violence

The Title IX Education Amendment of 1972 is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. This law protects both female and male students from sexual harassment. Colleges and universities must define, provide, and publish a policy on sexual harassment - a policy that is not discriminatory, and makes sure that all students know the procedure when sexual harassment and sexual violence take place. Colleges and universities must also appoint a Title IX Coordinator and must let the students know the name of the coordinator.

According to the Cleary (Jeanne) Act, colleges and universities, who receive federal aid, must disclose the crimes, and report to local enforcement officials.

Since 1968, the Department of Education, under the Civil Rights Collection Data, collects data on education and civil rights issues. In the past several years, they now include data on sexual harassment in schools.

What are the next steps to ending sexual harassment and violence?

Since 2009, the office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education has increased technical assistance and given more guidance to schools which has resulted in safer climates for students. In addition, the Department of Education publishes the names of every Title IX coordinator nationwide so that parents and students can connect with the resources available to them.

AAUW will advocate for greater funding to the Department of Education to protect and educate students, faculty and staff. AAUW also advocates that Congress require states to develop policies that prevent sexual harassment and violence and "procedures to effectively respond to such behavior."

Food for thought: With so many policies in place, why do so many violent sexual attacks go unreported?

# INTEREST GROUPS

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### Bonnie Woods, Chair

**AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wed. 1PM

Chair: Anne Sticker 313-886-4497

Nov. 21 Book: JUST MERCY by Bryan Stevenson

Dec.: No Meeting

**BRIDGE** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. 7 pm

Chair: Bonnie Woods 313-886-3496

WANTED: New members welcomed who have played bridge before and want to learn modern ACBL methods.

Nov. 6, 20: Call Bonnie Woods for more information.

Dec. 4, 18: If you are interested in joining this group, call Bonnie

**LUNCH....JUST BECAUSE** – 4th Tues. 1 PM

Chair: Marcia Wilson 313-886-9786

Nov. 27: Steve's Backroom, 24317 Jefferson, SCS Reservations Necessary  
Call Lyn Rask 313-882-0424

Dec.: No meeting

**POETRY, PLAYS AND NEW POSSIBILITIES** - Wed. matinees at the Hillberry Theatre 2 PM

Chair: Anne Stricker 313-886-4497

Nov./Dec.: Call Anne for information

**MAH JJONG** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. 2 PM

Chair: Sandy Stanley 313-417-5839

Anyone interested in learning to play American or Chinese MahJongg is welcome. All levels are welcome.

Nov. 6 , 20: Hostess: Sandy Stanley

Dec. 4: Hostess; Sandy Stanley 313-417-5839

Please call hostess to notify of attendance.

**MORNING STITCHERY** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. 9:15 AM

Chair: Barbara Stillings 313-884-6726

Nov. 20: Home of Lynn Rask 313-882-0424

Dec.: No meeting

**MYSTERY READERS** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 1PM

Chair: Nancy Patek 313-881-5349

Nov. 6 : Author: Phil Rickman (Marilyn Watkins series)

Hostess: Bonnie Shefferly, 586-775-0788

Dec. 4: Author: Ann Holt (Hanna Wilhelmsen series)

Hostess: Joyce Fowler, 313-886-9976

# **SUMMARY OF BOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2018**

## **SANDY STANLEY, SECRETARY**

Judy Florian announced that she met with Antoinette Gurney who is our new website administrator. Antoinette has taken over the duties. Judy will remain as back-up for two months. Concerning charging our members who receive hard copy of the CURRENTS \$10 to pay for the postage: Since there are only 4 members who are affected by this, Sandy and Judy decided not to assess the fees.

We voted to make a \$100 donation to the *Sisters to Mistresses* presenters at our January meeting as well as the presenters at our April meeting. There will be no food or drink at our January meeting.

Financial Officer, Judy, is checking into whether or not we should continue the liability insurance policy that we have carried primarily for the used book sale. The question is whether or not we should continue the insurance for our other events.

Membership chairperson, Vicki Granger, reported that all AAUW directories have been distributed.

By-laws chairperson, Rhea Carey, announced that job descriptions have been sent to all chairpersons and the persons holding the positions are asked to revise the description to reflect what they are doing in the position. Board member positions are defined in our Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Rhea Carey's house.

## **UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

The following are notes taken by Mary Ellen Burke when she attended the talks from March 11—16, 2017, at the 62<sup>nd</sup> UN CSW Gender Equity Presentations at the United Nations, NYC, NY

### **Accountability for Accelerating Progress on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Rural Women**

#### **Australian organization, the Male Champions of Change**

Gender equality is the responsibility of everyone. Men and women should have the same opportunities for work, pay, promotion, leadership roles, parenting time off, and retirement benefits. Women hold 44.50% of government positions in Australia. 75% of new future jobs are STEM related.

**Male Champions of Change** was founded in Australia when a group of 160 men decided to step up beside women to promote change. Most of the members are CEOs of major corporations, banks or military organizations. The goal of the organization is to fix the system, to make gender equity the top priority. The members of the organization use their sphere of influence to create change – professionally and personally. They strive to change the story by taking action. Attracting women to STEM careers is a major focus. While they are making progress, there is still a need for more women in STEM careers. Since their work began, women in software businesses have increased from 38% to 41%. 18% of the computer science graduates are women, which is a higher percentage than in the rest of the world. Women now hold 38% of the leadership roles. The gender pay gap has been lowered to 8%. The work of the group is spreading to Pakistan and India with future plans to expand to Japan and Hong Kong.

In the United States, the Me Too Movement provides a voice for women to have the equity conversations. Keep speaking up. We need to be heard, understood and supported in our efforts to be equal participants in life.



This beloved comedy is set in 1941 Brooklyn in the Victorian home of two charming and guileless sisters who, with the help of their nephew, Teddy, who fancies himself to be Teddy Roosevelt, populate their cellar with the "fresh" remains of unsuspecting would-be borders. While visiting their house, Mortimer, their drama critic nephew, makes a startling discovery. Further chaos ensues when the malevolent nephew, Jonathan, appears.

Arsenic and Old Lace is directed and designed by our own AAUWGP member, Kathy Conlon. You are invited to join her at 7:15 p.m. prior to the show, for a talk back exclusively for AAUWGP ticket holders.

**Performance Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** University Liggett Auditorium, 1045 Cook Road, GPW

We have reserved a special block of tickets for AAUWGP members for the price of \$25.00. This is a fundraiser to support our scholarships and STEM project. We hope you will attend and bring family and/or friends.

Please use the form below to reserve your ticket(s). Include check, payable to AAUW Grosse Pointe and mail to: Judy Florian, 1025 Somerset Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. **The deadline to reserve tickets is Monday, November 19, 2018.** Questions: Contact Judy at 313-402-6786 or [jflo@comcast.net](mailto:jflo@comcast.net)

Name _____	# of tickets _____
Name of Guest(s) _____	
Amount Enclosed: _____	Phone# _____



## Join us for this year's AAUW GP Holiday Celebration!

Date: Monday, December 3, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Hellenic Room, 21800  
Marter Road, St. Clair Shores

Marchiori Catering will present a delicious buffet dinner for our holiday gathering. There will be a cash bar.

The Grosse Pointe South Choir will perform to get us into the holiday spirit!

Cost: \$35.00. Guests are welcome

Please RSVP by **November 28, 2018.**

Please send your check and reservation form to:

Marge Alff, 847 Lincoln Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

313-885-7642; marjoe1971@comcast.net

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Amount:\_\_\_\_\_Phone#\_\_\_\_\_

Name of guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Holiday Tour



**Saturday December 8, 2018**

**1:00 p.m.**

We'll start at member Kathy Conlon's house, where we'll enjoy savory bites, sweet treats, and cups of cheer while pianist, Kelly Smith, regales us with holiday tunes old and new. Kathy's address is 23273 S. Rosedale Court, St. Clair Shores (between Morningside and River Rd; (her street is the boundary between St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods, so the addresses at either end of the block are differently numbered).

**3:00 p.m.**

Edsel & Eleanor Ford Holiday House Tour of the sumptuous seasonal decor of this remarkable estate.

Cost: \$20.00 per person (this is a fundraiser to help raise money for scholarships and our STEM project).

What better way to welcome in the holidays than with your AAUWGP friends. You won't want to miss it!! We encourage you to bring a friend or family member.

Return the form below, with your check, payable to AAUW Grosse Pointe by **December 3, 2018**, to Mary Ellen Burke, at 2037 Shorepointe Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. If you have questions, call Mary Ellen at (313-399-8934) or email her at [meb650@aol.com](mailto:meb650@aol.com).

Name_____	Phone#_____
Amount Enclosed_____	# Attending_____
Name of Guest(s)_____	



# **AAUW GP JANUARY MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 2019**

**EWALD LIBRARY, GROSSE POINTE PARK**

**7:00 PM**

## ***From Sisters to Mistresses***

Catholic Sisters have a long tradition of caring for the sick, suffering and dying. Sisters built the first permanent hospital in the United States in St. Louis MO in 1890, and by 1915, an astounding fifty percent of hospitals in the United States were run by Catholic Sisters. The Sisters raised money, oversaw construction, staffed and administered hospitals without financial support from the Vatican or local diocese. The availability of health insurance and safer health care practices in the second half of the twentieth century led to increased demand for hospital care. The charitable model of the past was no longer viable. This research explored the experiences of Catholic Sisters as they transitioned leadership to lay administrators, who were predominantly men. Seventy Sisters who were the last religious administrator were interviewed.

Join us for a presentation by AAUW member, Maureen Anthony and Sister Mary Ellen Howard, RSM. Don't forget you can bring your friends too.

There will be additional information via e-blasts and the next CURRENTS issue concerning who to contact with your RSVP.

# NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			POETRY, PLAYS AND NEW POSSIBILITIES	1	2	3
4	5	6  PARTY  BRIDGE  MYSTERY  READERS	7	8	9 Beline Obeid's  Birthday	10
11 Phyllis Rabbideau's Birthday	12 AAUW Mtg. at Defer 7pm	13 Jan Arndt's Birthday  MAHJJONG	14 Joanne Mualem's Birthday	15	16	17
18	19	20  MORNING  STITCHERY  PARTY  BRIDGE	21  AFTERNOON  BOOK DISCUSSION	22 Mary Zahler's Birthday  Thanksgiving	23	24 Laurie Townsend's Birthday
25	26	27  MAHJJONG  LUNCH JUST BECAUSE	28	29 Arsenic & Old Lace  8 pm	30	1 Bake Sale at Defer  9 am - 12

# DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bake Sale at Defer  9 am - 12
2	3 Christmas Party	4	5	6	7	8  Edsel Ford House Tour
9	10	11	12 Linda Keenan's Birthday	13	14	15
16	17	18  Rhea Carey's Birthday	19	20  Eva Habib's Birthday	21 Marjorie Oakman's Birthday	22
23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE	25  CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve	RED = AAUW Program Event GREEN = AAUW Fundraiser BLUE = AAUW Interest Group TEAL: Members' Birthday				