



AAUW LIVONIA BRANCH
2019-2020 ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS
As of September 2019

**AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY
WOMEN**

**Great Lakes Region
Michigan Division
District 8**

LIVONIA BRANCH

MI 4065
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MISSION

Advancing equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

The Association - with more than 100,000 members, 1,300 branches, and 550 college/university institutions as partners nationwide - advocates for education and equity. Since its founding in 1881, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day - educational, social economic, and political. National Website: www.aauw.org.

MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Livonia Branch are held **at 7:00 pm** in the Social Hall - **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia on the **3rd Tuesday of the month from September through May**, except for the months of January, February and March when the meetings are at 1:00PM. Our November meeting is our Auction Fundraiser and the December meeting is a Salute to Women Luncheon.

MEMBERS

The Livonia Branch has 123 members and multiple activities and interest groups for the members to enjoy.

Membership contacts: Deborah O'Neil (734) 421-6869 doneil11@aol.com
Sue Coleman (734) 259-9959 sjc48154@aol.com

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INTEREST GROUPS

GREAT DECISIONS (International Relations)

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month (Sept. thru June)

9:30 a.m. for conversation

10:00 a.m. DVD and discussion

Topics are built around current issues; some recent topics are:

- ♦ Refugees & Global Migration ♦ Middle East Regional Disorder
- ♦ Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future ♦ The Rise of Populism in Europe
- ♦ Declining US-China Trade ♦ Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- ♦ US & Mexico: Partnership Tested? ♦ State of the State Dept & Diplomacy

Contact: Nancy Frye (734) 464-2613

BOOK GROUPS

Morning-1st Wednesday of month - Eleanor Locke (734) 425-8278

Afternoon-3rd Monday of month - Sandy Ralston (734) 464-6761

And the AAUW Adelante on-line book club - www.aauw.org

BRIDGE

Bridge groups meet once a month.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact</u>
3 rd Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Sue LaBurn (734) 261-8231 At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
4 th Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Pat Smith (248) 859-4846

STITCHING BEES 4th Mon. 1:00 p.m. -- Knitting, crocheting or other stitching projects for fun and friendship.

Contact: Betty Collier (734) 425-5312

BASTING BELLE's

This group meets monthly in someone's home to try new recipes and enjoy lunch or dinner with their fellow AAUW members.

Contact: Maureen Ladasz 248 407-9839

TRAVEL and CULTURE

This group plans day or overnight trips to unique and interesting places; and arranges for attendance at plays and musical events.

Contact: Lynn O'Neil (734) 462-2452

COMMUNITY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

Our AAUW members have ushered for all Livonia Symphony Orchestra concerts for the last twenty years; they also sell tickets for, and attend LSO fundraisers and special events.

Contact: Carol Bonamici (734) 522-1687 or Charlie Mahoney (248) 474-0905

Service Projects include collecting and donating toiletries and items of greatest need to support the Wayne County Family Shelter and collecting toys for the Livonia Goodfellows "No Child without A Christmas".

Contact: Jean Norman (734) 422-6944 or Carol Strom (734) 464-2733

We work with Schoolcraft College to sponsor young college women at the Annual AAUW National Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL). In 2014 we established a Scholarship for women at Schoolcraft College. The Branch supports this fund with an annual donation and; members can also make tax deductible donations to this fund. Since its inception we have provided scholarships for 9 young women at SCC -totaling over \$7,000.

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Many of our members volunteer hours at the Schoolcraft College Henkel Center in support of their activities for women returning to the workforce and/or facing divorce. Beginning in 2016 the Branch has partnered with SCC to co-sponsor an annual STEM program for middle school girls and their parents.

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PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW as a nonpartisan organization promotes equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. We stay informed and involved.

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FUNDRAISERS

We currently hold two major fundraisers annually, an Auction, and a Bouquet of the month project. The dollars raised support scholarship donations to our Schoolcraft College scholarship, to National AAUW education efforts, to the National AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, to our NCCWSL sponsorship and to sponsorships and local educational activities like SCC STEM programs for middle school as well as to subsidize our operating expenses such as program and the Communiqué. We are always looking at new ways to raise the dollars needed to support our mission.