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AAUW GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH PURPOSE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings from not-as-sunny-as-usual Florida. Trust all of you are surviving the not-as-cold-as-expected winter up north. As a member of AAUW it is amazing the circumstances in which the organization appears. As many of you know, I am an avid bridge player--not very good--just avid. I was playing with an Indian couple, and she mentioned that when she was raising their children, she had resigned from all of her organizations except for AAUW because she thought it was so important, and I had not even mentioned that I was a member. Amazing!! All of us, I think, sometimes need to be reminded of what a special group of women we are and what a significant impact we can make.

Many people have spent an incredible amount of time preparing for the upcoming meeting, so please plan to be there. The one way we can especially support the organization is to show up for meetings. Hope to see you all there.

And when the nominating committee calls your number, please answer and please volunteer. Our incoming president, Carol Brown, needs the support of all of you who have been active over the years, and she needs the new ideas of you who are newer to the group.

Ruth

CALENDAR

Mar 10	Art Group 2:00 Bea Kettlewood's
Mar 13	Lunch Bunch 12:15 Portabello's
Mar 18	Branch Meeting, guest speaker Wayne Library 7:00
Mar 20	Cooking Group 12:00 Lois Wickham's
Mar 26	Lit Group 7:30 Ada Ligget's
Mar 27	Current Events Group 1:00 Ruth Liston's
Apr 14	Art Group 2:00 Bea Kettlewood's
Apr 23	Lit Group 7:30 location TBD
Apr 24	Current Events Group 1:00 Donna Persh's

CURRENT EVENTS

The Current Events group meets on the fourth Friday of the month to discuss recent topics of interest. The leader will start the discussion with a summary of the topic and others attending will be prepared to discuss the topic based on their own research.

Friday, March 27, 1:30 pm

Topic: Epidemics, Pandemics and Healthcare in USA

Leader: Lorraine LaShell

Hostess: Ruth Liston

Friday, April 24, 1:30 pm

Topic: Will be selected at March meeting

Leader: Diane Ricart

Hostess: Donna Persh

Keep reading. Be informed. Let's discuss.

Lorraine LaShell

SCHOLARSHIP

Note from Kelly McGrath, 2019 Scholarship Winner

We received this note from Kelly McGrath one of our 2019 Scholarship Awardees. We can all be proud of the work we do to advance education for women.



Kelly McGrath

“Since I last saw you and all of the wonderful ladies at the AAUW, I finished my spring and fall 2019 semesters with two more 4.0 averages. This summer, I was afforded the opportunity to serve as an activity specialist at Harbor Haven Day Camp for

children with special needs which is located in West Orange. This fall I began an internship at the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities in a role assisting with the Partners in Policymaking program as well as other policy and educational opportunities. I am continuing my work directly with the two families I provide direct service to for their children with severe autism. I have just applied to the advanced standing MSW program at Rutgers which will allow me to complete my goal of completing my MSW by the age of forty. Thanks so much for all the support the AAUW has provided me and please let me know of more opportunities in the future. Hope all is well.
Thanks and have a wonderful day,
Kelly McGrath”

Lorraine LaShell

2019 Scholarship Winner, Janet Boetticher, Wins Jefferson Township's Citizen of the Year!

Janet Boetticher, one of our 2019 Scholarship Award winners has won the Jefferson Township Citizen of the Year. She has been a Sunday school teacher, Camp Aldersgate volunteer counselor, and youth group leader for Hurdstown United Methodist Church. She volunteers with Family Promise, a charity that helps homeless and low-income families, and Operation Christmas Child, which delivers toy-filled holiday shoeboxes to children around the world. In addition, Janet is a volunteer coordinator for NORWESCAP, a nonprofit organization serving low-income residents. She started a Girl Scout troop in conjunction with NORWESCAP's Pathways 2 Prosperity program and has volunteered as a troop leader for 20 years. Janet also serves with the Jefferson Township Municipal Alliance, JT Connect, high school parent-teacher-student association, and Jefferson Child Care and Education Center. Congratulations to Janet!



*Citizen of the Year winner Janet Boetticher
with Jefferson Township mayor Eric Wilsusen*

Diane Snyder Ricart

WE CAN!

Although a women's right to vote, namely the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, was finally ratified by three quarters of the states on August 21, 1920, the fight for women's rights had a long and persistent history that stretched for nearly eighty years prior. It started with Elizabeth Stanton who wrote the Declaration of Sentiments and presented it at the first Women's Rights Convention at Seneca Fall, NY in 1848. This became the official start of organized effort to equalize the rights of women with their male counterparts.

This battle for women's rights continues, taking on many issues during its long history including the right to bodily integrity and autonomy; to be free from sexual violence; to vote; to hold public office; to enter into legal contracts; to have equal rights in family law; to work; to fair wages or equal pay; to have reproductive rights; to own property; to education. Unfortunately, many of these hard fought rights are still being challenged today in courts.

One of the many issues that challenge women's rights, and its most recent fight, is women's freedom from sexual violence. As women rise in a competitive work environment, many have been bullied by male controllers who are able to pull the strings for success for them by assuming they can avail their bodies as repayment. Some men just assumed that their power was an incentive to cooperate sexually. Thanks to the Me Too Movement, many of these notorious male bullies have met exposure and some criminal consequences for their sexual abuses. Harvey Weinstein, Jeffrey Epstein, Bill Cosby, Bill Clinton, Charlie Rose, Bill O'Reilly, Al Franken, Matt Lauer are just a few of the 201 powerful men who have met downfall in the past three years thanks to the Me Too Movement.

Despite the stride the Movement has made, there have been a few notorious public figures who have managed to prevail despite their sexual advances and indiscriminate behavior. The Clarence Thomas trial comes to mind, as well as our latest Supreme Court appointee, Brett Kavanaugh. Both men excused their 'male' behavior and were supported by a political machine that gave a wink and a nod of approval and dismissal of their female accusers. Anita Hill and Dr. Christine Blasey Ford who had gone public with their complaints were threatened, intimidated and insulted for their accounts of the assaults. President Trump has also had numerous complaints of sexual misconduct. These women have been trivialized and passed off as hysterical. Their accusations were never given a fair trial and Lady Justice, who in many cases is represented by male chauvinists, have swept these accusations under the carpet in the name of political power. The Me Too Movement has many more battles to fight, especially in Washington, DC!

As branch members of the AAUW, our responsibility to carry forth the torch of our founding sisters falls directly on us. By promoting the rights we have to our bodily integrity, autonomy and freedom from sexual assault, and sharing these rights with not only our daughters, granddaughters and sisters in our cause, but also with our husbands, sons, grandsons and men in our lives, we fulfill that responsibility. As branch members and individuals, 'we too' can model our equal rights through our actions and intolerance for any comments, suggestions, or actions that may demean our human nature. Individuals can change a society one by one, shoulder to shoulder, as the Women Suffragettes did 100 years ago.

Dorothy Quin

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 AT 7PM

WAYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Lucia McMahon

We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. On Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm at the Wayne Public Library we will be hosting Lucia McMahon whose topic is "The Movement Is a Sort of Mosaic": A History of the Women's Suffrage Movement. We are partnering with N. J. Council of Humanities' Public Scholars Project.

Lucia McMahon is Professor and Chair of the History Department at WPU where she teaches courses in women's history and early national U.S. history. Her talk will show that the women's suffrage movement was a long effort by many women. Bring your friends and neighbors.

For more information visit
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ART INTEREST GROUP

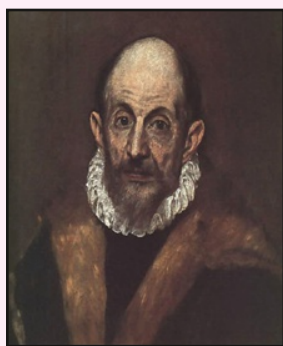
Bea Kettlewood



Painting by Rubens

The last two meetings of 2019-2020 will be on the second Tuesdays of March and April. March 10th, we will observe the development from Renaissance into Baroque in the northern European countries emerging

from Rubens, April 14th, we will view the reaction to Northern Baroque by southern artists, mainly in Spain. They developed a style in opposition to north and are labeled Southern Baroque. The major artist in this movement is El Greco. As usual meeting will be at 2PM at #45. Please let Bea know if you will attend.



El Greco self portrait

LITERATURE GROUP

Date: March 26, 2020

Time: 7:30 pm

Hostess/Location: Ada Liggett
Book: *Hidden Path* (A Bodhi King Novel #3)

by Melissa F. Miller

All Bodhi King wants is a little peace and quiet. Okay, a lot of peace and quiet. After all, that is why he traveled to a Buddhist monastery in rural Illinois in the first place: to attend a silent retreat. But...read the book find out.



Date: April 23, 2020

Time: 7:30 pm

Hostess/Location: TBD

Book: *American Dirt*

by Jeanine Cummins

Forced to flee Acapulco Mexico,

Lydia and son find themselves

instantly transformed into

migrants, making their way north to the US. Lydia

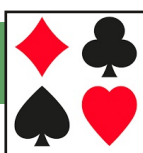
soon sees that everyone is running from something.

But what exactly are they running to.



Refreshments are served so please let hostess know two days in advance if you plan on attending.

BRIDGE



Marlys Huss

On Mondays, the first two bridge dates of each month will be at 1 pm--different from the past--the balance of the dates for the month will be held at 7:15 pm.



LUNCH BUNCH

Judy Shivy

Lunch bunch for March will be at Portobellos in Oakland, 175 Ramapo Valley Road, at 12:15 on March 13th. This has always been one of our favorite places to eat and I hope to see many of you there. Please call or text Judith Shivy if you plan on attending.

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DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and 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.

VALUE PROMISE

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



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ELECTED OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Ruth Liston
<i>Vice President</i>	Carol Brown
<i>Treasurer</i>	Stella Hyman
<i>Membership</i>	Donna Persh
<i>Program</i>	Joan London, Ada Liggett, Esther Flower

APPOINTED OFFICERS

<i>Cultural Event</i>	Merrill Crowell
<i>Diversity & Inclusion</i>	Beth Marmolejos
<i>Fundraising</i>	Lorraine LaShell
<i>Historian</i>	Carol Brown
<i>Hospitality</i>	Judy Shivy
<i>Lunch Bunch</i>	Judy Shivy
<i>Public Policy</i>	Dorothy Quinn
<i>Publicity</i>	Abby Schwartz
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Bea Kettlewood
<i>Scholarship</i>	Lorraine LaShell, Marianne Ritter
<i>Social Concerns</i>	Diane Ricart, Ada Liggett
<i>The Advance</i>	Peggy Gardner
<i>Web Master</i>	Ann Raynor

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