

# The Advance

The Bulletin of the Greater Wayne Area Branch of the AAUW



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## AAUW GREATER WAYNE AREA BRANCH PURPOSE

The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This has been a great two months for the Greater Wayne Branch. Along with welcoming a new member, Maryann Davidson, we have met several times outdoors enjoying the freedom of being able to see and speak to one another. I think we have begun to make lemonade out of lemons. By the time this Advance is sent we will have participated in our October 21 meeting at which time we will discuss a Membership Task Force. I think this is a great time for all of us to look around at our friends who are pretty much sick and tired of being sick and tired. How about asking them to join us for an outing, a meeting, whatever appeals to them. As an organization I think we are more attractive than ever because we are--so far--staying ahead of the isolation this disease incurs. For instance Arline and I are discussing using heaters for the outdoor Current Events meeting.

I think the Greater Wayne Branch is more exciting than ever--Cooking, Current Events, outdoor walks, in addition to the two new wonderful fundraisers--the garageless garage sale and the memorial cards. Keep making suggestions as to how we can become bigger and better and spread the news to your friends. Stay safe over these next couple of months. Hopefully, we can begin to see light at the end of the tunnel.

*Ruth*

### CALENDAR

Nov 5	Van Vleck Garden Tour 1:30
Nov 19	Lit Group 3:30 Zoom
	<i>Coming up...</i>
Dec 4	Current Events 1:00 Ruth Liston
Dec 9	Holiday Social Zoom 4:00

### GWA SLATE of OFFICERS 2020-21

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Ruth Liston
<i>Treasurer/Finance</i>	Stella Hyman
<i>Secretary</i>	Dorothy Quinn
<i>Membership VP</i>	Ruth Liston
<i>Program VP (Chairs)</i>	Joan London, Ada Liggett, Esther Flower

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS

<i>Cultural Event</i>	Merrill Crowell
<i>Diversity &amp; Inclusion</i>	Beth Marmolejos
<i>Fundraising</i>	Lorraine LaShell
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Bea Kettlewood
<i>Media: Print</i>	Abby Schwartz
<i>Media: Online</i>	Ann Raynor
<i>Scholarship</i>	Lorraine LaShell, Marianne Ritter
<i>Social Concerns</i>	Diane Ricart, Ada Liggett
<i>Sunshine</i>	Ada Liggett, Donna Persh
<i>The Advance</i>	Peggy Gardner; Member Profiles Dorothy Quinn

## INTEREST GROUPS

The current events group will now be headed by Arline Lowe. The topic for October was China. The research done by the participants provided everyone with tremendous insight into China, past and present. Our next meeting is planned for Friday, Dec. 4 at 1 pm. Our topic will be "The Climate," and everything which that includes --weather, energy, etc.

Carolyn Noble is now chairing the cooking group. An outdoor meeting was held at the gazebo on October 21. Recipes, food specialities and Covid-friendly restaurants were shared. It was great to get together after such a long hiatus.

We are considering starting a Womens' Issues group. This group would discuss such topics as

- in what ways do you consider yourself creative
- how does music affect the human brain
- what qualities do you value most in a friend
- what impact has Ruth Bader Ginsburg had on you, the world

The topics would be decided by the group and the group will meet once per month. Day and time of the meetings will be decided by the participants. Zoom or in person will be determined by the weather. Joan will chair this group. If you are interested in joining, please email her.

## PROGRAM

In September, via zoom, Shaylah Brown described her experiences growing up black in a white town in Essex county. It was an intense and moving presentation. In October, Alice Moscowitz from The League of Women Voters spoke about the importance of voting, voting by mail/in person, the history of The League and how women have influenced elections. Many questions were asked by the participants. This was a very timely program.

Since an in-person holiday social is not possible, we are going to have some fun on zoom. The holiday program will be held on December 9 at 4pm. Everyone planning to attend is asked to forward, to Ada, a picture of themselves 40 years ago. At the meeting we will try to guess which picture belongs to which person. Make sure you put your name on the back of the picture. Drop the picture in Ada's mailbox, in her mail slot or send it to her email address. In addition, people will be asked to share a Christmas memory and/or a Christmas wish for this year.

*Joan London Ada Liggett Esther Flower*

## SCHOLARSHIP 2021

Branch members enjoyed meeting our two outstanding 2020 scholarship recipients, Ann Marie Fecanin and Jenika Scott, at our September general meeting on Zoom. The scholarship team has already begun to prepare for the 2021 scholarship awards. Serving on the 2021 scholarship team are Diane Ricart, Barbara Stomber, Linda Trongone, and co-chairs Lorraine LaShell and Marianne Ritter.

All members will be asked in early winter to contribute to our annual no fuss, no muss fundraiser. This year during the Covid pandemic, this fundraiser will be our major source for funding 2021 scholarships. We hope members will once again be as generous as they can be. A big thank you to everyone for supporting the Greater Wayne Area scholarship mission.

*Marianne Ritter*

Thank you for your kindness & generosity with your donation of Halloween Candy for Oasis.

*Ada Liggett & Diane Snyder Ricart  
Social Concerns Committee*

## Carol Brown: Success for a Long-Delayed Dream *by Dorothy Quinn*

It is not necessarily the exciting adventures, the culmination of interesting and unusual experiences that make someone notable, but rather the strength, courage and determination that one demonstrates as they carve a path of their life. Those characteristics are the ones that drew me to Carol Brown. In fact, I may add humility to that list! When I invited her to be *The Advance's* next subject, she hesitated, responding that she had quite an ordinary life, and rather boring. I felt differently and persuaded her to accept the invitation.



Carol did not have a straight and direct path to realize her dreams, but one that criss-crossed the nation and roles as mother, student, bread-winner and wife. Born in San Diego in a naval base hospital, she left the West Coast at the age of 4 with her mother and sister for a rural town

outside Detroit, Michigan. Then again at 16, her family made another move to Florida where she graduated high school with a dream to become a nurse.

Life and love had other plans and she married and gave birth to a daughter. She worked with a general practitioner and learned many nursing skills which helped in caring for her daughter. After a divorce, in an effort to make a new start, Carol and her daughter returned to Michigan where she once again married. Returning to work, she felt fortunate to work for a group of psychiatrists who were doing their residency at Michigan State and the University of Michigan.



*Carol with Brownie, her love*

This stirred her interest in psychiatry. It was at this time her desire to get an education stirred. It was also the 70s and women began asserting their right to equality. Carol started taking business courses. Unfortunately, motherhood and financial needs took priority and Carol needed to halt her goals, albeit temporarily.



*Carol and daughter LeeAnn*

in 1982 life forced her to make another turn.

Recently divorced, she returned to Florida with her daughter since it was there she felt most at home and a good place to put her life back together. She decided to enroll in school. Carol picked up where she left off in Michigan taking business courses. Returning to work, she found employment in a real estate division of a company which prompted her to obtain a real estate associate license and then worked for a realty company. It was impossible for her to continue her studies with motherhood, career and a new husband so course work came to a halt. Carol's life was interrupted once more by the death of her husband. Since her daughter had married and started her own family in New Jersey, she persuaded her mother to come and live with her. Realizing there was nothing left in Florida, Carol came North and resettled.

Since Carol was free to focus on herself and her delayed dreams, she returned to school. After so many years and so many twists and turns, she graduated in 2019 with honors and recognition from Phi Theta and the



*Carol graduates with honors 2019  
continued on next page*



**Studio Arts!**

It was a long and circuitous path for Carol but she beams with pride that she never abandoned her dream to get an education. Joining the AAUW reminded her of the struggle to

*Carol's oldest granddaughter's family and great grandchildren*

achieve and she supported our Scholarship Program and knew first-hand some of the hurdles women need to leap to realize their dreams. Her courage, determination and industry has made her goals possible and her humility leaves her grateful since she has been blessed with the love of



*Carol's granddaughter and great grandson*

**FUNDRAISING for SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Lorraine LaShell**

**Remembrance and Holiday Donation Cards**

The Donation Cards Fundraiser is off to a good start. Several members have donated to the scholarship fund in honor of or in memory of others. They also make excellent speedy-recovery cards. Thanks to Peggy Gardner for creating such beautiful cards from her original photos.

■ **Individual Remembrance Cards**

Send a check made out to AAUW GWA with your donation (\$10 minimum; amount will not be disclosed) to Lorraine LaShell. Include the name and address of the party to receive the card and the reason for the donation (*In Honor Of, In Memory Of, Get Well*).

■ **Individual Holiday Cards**

CoVid or not, the end-of-year holidays are coming. We may not celebrate in the usual way but most of us will still want to express our love or friendship with a gift. A holiday card with a printed inside saying *In Celebration Of* will be filled out with the requested sentiment (*Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, etc.*) and your name then sent to the recipient as a notification of your gift.

■ **Remembrance and Holiday Card Packets**

Have cards on hand to send at your convenience by purchasing Remembrance or Holiday card packets. Each packet will contain five (5) cards and cost \$25 per packet. Lorraine does not need to be notified of

the recipients to which you send them.

■ **Order Form**

The Order Form in this issue can be used to purchase the packets or individual cards. As the form indicates, when an *individual card* is purchased, the appropriate information needs to be sent to Lorraine so that she can mail the individual card to the intended recipient.

Take advantage today of this new initiative as a way to support the scholarship fund while expressing your sympathy, get well wishes, congratulations or holiday wishes to family and friends.

GWA member, Joan London, sent this note after she received a Remembrance Donation Card:

*"I recently received a Remembrance Donation card from an AAUW member in honor of a family event. It felt really special to be recognized in this way. I will certainly use this means to recognize occasions in the lives of our membership and encourage others to do so as well".*



## Outback Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the Outback Fundraiser. Our profit was \$215.66. Watch for more delicious ways in the future to support our Scholarship Fund.

## Garage-less Garage Sale

The Garage-less Garage Sale has begun! So you've been cleaning out your closets and want to de-clutter. Turn your unwanted items into cash for the Scholarship Fund. If you have an item to sell, send a good, well-lit photo with a description of the item to Lorraine LaShell. Contactless pickup will be arranged.

We've already received these submissions which will be posted for sale on several online sites. If you have an inquiry about or would like to make an offer on one of these items before they sell online, contact Lorraine LaShell.

### JASMINE LAVENDAR HAND SOAP & LOTION -New -\$4 ▶



◀ **WINDOW BIRD FEEDER -**  
Window Bird Feeder with  
Strong Suction Cups,  
New From Amazon.  
\$18 or best offer.



▶ **BRONZE INDOOR/OUTDOOR  
CLOCK AND THERMOMETER -**  
Battery operated - Each piece is  
8" in diameter - \$20 or Best Offer



▶ **FROM DEER PARK IRONWORK**  
- Steel Handcrafted Garden post with  
flower pot holders.  
A combination of charm and function. A baked-on  
powder coated finish on heavier-gauge steel for  
greater strength, stability and lasting durability.  
New, never used. \$50 or best offer.



▶ **SLIDE, PHOTO AND NEGATIVE  
CONVERTER -** New, from Frontgate.  
Item Condition: Brand new, unused, with its  
original packaging.  
Type: Slide, Photo and negative Converter  
Brand: Frontgate \$50.00 or best offer.



## Acknowledgement of Remembrance Donations received in October

- Peggy Gardner in honor of the marriage of her son, Graham Gardner, to Michele.
- Lorraine LaShell in honor of the marriage of Graham and Michele Gardner.
- Lorraine LaShell in honor of Joan London's granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah.
- Ruth Liston in honor of the wedding of Alexandra & Francis Krivanka.
- Ruth Liston in memory of David Holberg.
- Ada Liggett in memory of Lucy Allen Separk.

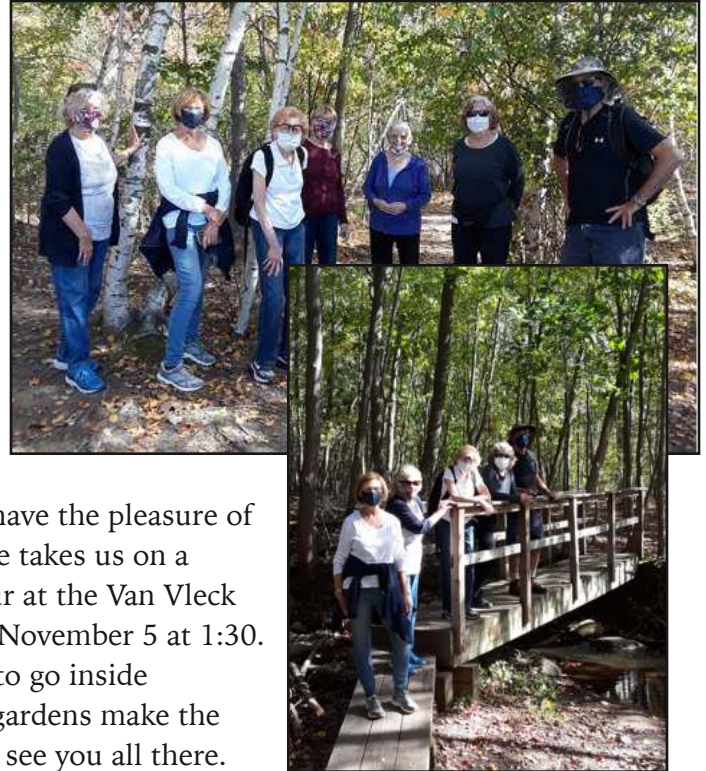
## CULTURAL ARTS

On October 15 Merrill Crowell organized a walk/hike for us at the Franklin Lakes Nature Preserve. It was held on a beautiful sunny day--we even were able to remove our jackets. And the experience was even made greater by a wonderful leader, John Crowell, Merrill's husband. I think had it not been for Covid, we perhaps would never have had the group experience of spending the afternoon together. I think we made lemonade out of lemons again.



And, once again we will have the pleasure of John's leadership when he takes us on a Cultural Arts Garden Tour at the Van Vleck Gardens in Montclair on November 5 at 1:30. While we will be unable to go inside the house, the beautiful gardens make the trip worthwhile. Hope to see you all there.

*A perfect day and a perfect view at Franklin Lakes Nature Preserve*



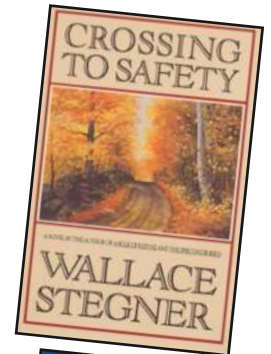
## LITERATURE GROUP

Our next Lit meeting is Nov. 19, 2020 at 3:30 pm

We will be discussing *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner”  
Leader will be Joan London.

If time permits we will also be discussing *Dear Edward: A novel* by Ann Napolitano.

As for January and beyond, no decision has been made.  
If any member wishes to be put on the Lit mailing list please contact Win Reinhardt



## LUNCH BUNCH

A big thank you to all who attended Lunch Bunch meetings at the Barbour Pond gazebo! Especially successful was October 5, when everyone ordered from the Outback, which supported one of our fundraising activities.

Lunch Bunch will continue when warmer weather returns, indoors or outdoors. See you then?

*Lois Wickham*

## MEMBERSHIP

Greater Wayne is in the process of forming a Membership Task Force Committee. Our first meeting is scheduled for October 28--in or out--depending on the weather. If you have some new ideas regarding recruiting, please give Ruth Liston a call. She is looking forward to hearing from you!!

*Ruth*

## BRIDGE



If you are interested in joining us for online bridge, please give Ruth Liston a call. Presently we have two groups playing. Lots of room for more.

*Ruth*

## AAUW GWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND CARD ORDER FORM

Please fill out this form and send it with your check made out to AAUW GWA  
to Lorraine LaShell.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Cards (\$10 Minimum donation per card)

Amount of donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the person to receive the card as an acknowledgment of your donation (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of person to receive the card (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Reason for the donation: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of (Holiday Card) \_\_\_\_\_

### Card Sets (\$25 Minimum donation for each set of five cards)

Here is my order for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of sets of five) *In Honor Of Cards*.

Here is my order for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of sets of five) *In Memory Of Cards*.

Here is my order for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of sets of five) *Holiday Cards*.

Amount enclosed:

Thank you for your support of the AAUW Greater Wayne Area Scholarship Fund!

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## **PURPOSE**

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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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## MEMBER TOWNS

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