# ROCHESTER AAUW BRANCH HISTORY 2023-2024

#### **JULY, 2023**

Three advertisers purchased ads in NEWSLINE

Members of Evening and Encore Book Groups met for lunch and a discussion of banned books hosted by Regina L.

#### **AUGUST, 2023**

Rochester AAUW Board Meetings scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm on ZOOM except July and December when there are no Board meetings

Garden Party included self -tour of Piechnik's gardens and yard/home art gallery followed by Lunch at Greystone Golf and Banquet Center in Washington Twp. with Flower Bingo and Silent Auction arranged by the committee Chair, Sharon P., with Val D., Dody M., and Susan M.

## SEPTEMBER, 2023

General Meeting featured NCCWSL recipients and RHPL speaker, Juliane M. discussing "Current Censorship Challenges in Schools and Libraries"

Brown Bag Book Club (3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am) ZOOM meeting

Evening Book Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 pm) in Members' homes except ZOOM during January, February, and March

Encore Book Club (4th Wednesday at 2:00 pm) at RHPL Meeting Room

Page Turner's Book Club (1st Thursday at 11:30 am) at local restaurants

2023-2024 AAUW Rochester Directory was published and distributed

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Winner, Victoria S., was announced by Nancy M. Chair of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Committee

Galloping Gourmets sponsored a trip to St.John Armenian Church in Southfield OCTOBER, 2023

Great Decisions (1st Tuesday at 9:30 am) on ZOOM

Great Decisions (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9:30 am) at members' homes

AAUW Bridge (3rd Wednesday at 1:00 pm) at Conference Room B in RHPL

Pinochle (2nd Monday at 1:00 pm) at Red Ox Tavern

Kaleidoscope Halloween Tea 11;30-1:30 pm at Octagon House in Washington Twp.

Several Members attended BeWitched & BeDazzled for lunch and boutique shopping at Palazzo Grande

Rochester AAUW 2023-2024 Budget was approved

Michele F, Gloria S., Sharon P., and Cathy V. attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Dearborn AAUW (1933-2023)

Will Rogers Elementary School Library which is sponsored by AAUW Rochester began Book checkout

General Meeting, "Ukraine & Democracy," Natalie M. Wayne State University

# **NOVEMBER, 2023**

Phyllis R. served on AAUWMI Bylaws Committee, Sharon P. on the Treasurer's

Playbook Committee and Linda P. on the Program Committee Euchre (4<sup>th</sup> Friday 1-4 pm) at the home of Diane Kosuda

## December, 2023

"Good Fortune, Goodluck, "AAUW Holiday Game and Luncheon at Oceania Inn Winter Wonder Lights at Meadow Brook Hall

Several members volunteered to be docents for RHPL Holiday Home Tour Rochester Branch sent \$1500.00 to Greatest Needs Fund

#### JANUARY, 2024

Kaleidoscope, Michael Hauser, speaker, "Downtown Detroit's Magnificent Movie Palaces" at January Luncheon at Loccino"s Italian Grill

Linda P. was representative to CORE (Community Organization Resource Exchange) which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at RHPL

## FEBRUARY, 2024.

Cathy V. contributed monthly to NEWSLINE by reviewing a book she had read Editor Kathleen H. published NEWSLINE and distributed by email No Board or General Meetings

## **MARCH, 2024**

Officers elected were Dr. Beverly P. Membership VP and Diane R. Recording Secretary In honor of Women's History Month, Sharon K. asked members to write an article for the NEWSLINE about a woman who influenced her life.

Webinar to discuss open membership for AAUW

General Meeting, 'Eliza Seaman Liggett," speaker, Lori M. Oakland History Center APRIL, 2024

Voting for AAUW Open Membership. Vote failed by a small margin "Rosie, the Riveter", Claire Dahl, speaker, for General Meeting at the Rochester Community House

#### MAY, 2024

Five members attended AAUWMI Convention, "Shaping the Future Together" in Livonia at the Detroit Marriott

Branch Board voted to reimburse members attending convention with \$50.00 each "Gardens Near and Far", Judy Garrett, speaker, for the May Luncheon at the Rochester Hills Museum with Crank's Catering

Three OU undergraduate women attended NCCWSL at University of Maryland Named Gift Honorees, Sharon K., Val D., and Susan M. were honored for distinguished Leadership

### June, 2024

Membership totals 92 for 2023-2024

End of Year Picnic with box lunches from Whole Foods hosted by Diane K.