

**ROCHESTER AAUW BRANCH HISTORY
2024-2025**

JULY, 2024

Annual Branch picnic at the home of Diane K. Speaker, Jean Ann M. from Oakland U. MSW
Office for Student Involvement with opportunities for Rochester
AAUW involvement

AUGUST, 2024

Participated in Kroger Reward Program to raise funds for "The Finish Line" Scholarships to
Oakland Community College, Oakland University, and Rochester Schools Woman Student
Rochester AAUW Board Meetings scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month on Zoom.

SEPTEMBER, 2024

General Meeting featured Kendra C, from the Rochester Hills Library who presented an
informative session on "AI Unleashed: Practical tips for Everyday Success"
Brown Bag Book Club resumed meeting on 3rd Tuesday at 11:30am
Evening Book Club, renamed Prose and Cons (3rd Monday night at 6:30 pm) in member's
homes except ZOOM during
January, February, and March
Encore Book Club (4th Wednesday at 2:00 pm) at RHPL Meeting Room or ZOOM
Page Turner's Book Club (1st Thursday at 11:30 am) at local restaurant
2024-2025 AAUW Rochester Membership Directory was published and distributed.

OCTOBER, 2024

Great Decisions (1st Tuesday at 9:30 am) on ZOOM
Great Decisions (2nd Wednesday at 9:30 am) at members' homes
AAUW Bridge (3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm)
Pinochle (2nd Monday at 1:00 pm)
Euchre (4th Friday at 1-4 pm) at the home of Diane K.
Will Rogers Elementary School Library began Book checkout program sponsored by AAUW
Rochester with Sharon K.
and Sharon P.
General Meeting at Rochester Community House with speaker, Princess Castleberry
"Unlock Your I.M.P.A.C.T."

NOVEMBER, 2024

Participated in the Used Shoes and Footwear (men, women, and children) Fundraiser sent
to developing countries
Phyllis R. sent Bylaws to Jan V.G. and began working on Policies and Procedures
Kaleidoscope members attended Rochester Symphony Guild Taste and Tunes at Great
Oaks Country Club with
NuClassica, Electro pop Band.

DECEMBER, 2024

Rochester Branch sent \$1320 (\$15 x 88 members) plus members contributed \$685 for a total
of \$1985) 2024-2025 to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund chaired by Pat G.
Kaleidoscope and Ways and Means Holiday Luncheon at Shelby Gardens with speaker
Michael H. presenting "Remembering J.L. Hudson's and Holiday Traditions"

JANUARY, 2025

Josetta W. contacted Neighborhood House to discuss the possibility of working with NH for
financial assistance, provide mentors to assist women clients, and develop
essential skills and resources
CORE (Community Organizations Resource Exchange) has been replaced by the Chamber
of Commerce peer group for non-profit organizations and Melinda R. is the representative.

FEBRUARY, 2025

Cathy V. contributed monthly to NEWSLINE by reviewing a book she had read and recommended.

Editor Kathleen H. published NEWSLINE and distributed by Constant Contact to AAUW Rochester members

No Board or General Meetings for the month of February

MARCH, 2025

In honor of Women's History Month, Sharon K. invited members to write an article for the March NEWSLINE about a woman who influenced her life.

Meadowbrook Theater Guild with Liz Goodall presented and modeled costumes from previous theater productions at the General Meeting at Rochester Community House.

Kaleidoscope attended Avon Players, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor"

APRIL 2025

Approved 2025-2026 budget prepared by the Board and voted on by members at General Meeting.

New Nametags was proposed and the Board will pay a portion of the cost.

General Meeting at the Rochester Community House featured a docent from Detroit Institute of Arts speaking on women photographers who used their creative craft to explore gender, politics, and culture.

AAUW-MI STEM Webinar encouraged branches to expose girls to science that is active, fun and has real applications.

Congratulations to Ahnika G. from Rochester Schools who was honored with the Branch's \$1,000 scholarship.

MAY, 2025

May Luncheon was held at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm with speaker, Dale C. sharing details about the life and work of Corrado Parducci, Detroit's most famous architectural sculptor

Program VP and Branch Treasurer were inducted and Pat. G, Melinda R., and Diane R, were honored for their exceptional work in the Branch during the past year.

JUNE, 2025

Annual Picnic at the home of Diane K. Speaker, Kim R. Director of Fund Development for Neighborhood House with opportunities for Rochester AAUW involvement

\$3,000 donation given to Neighborhood House for work with women and girls.