

**BRING FRIENDS!****MEET NEW PEOPLE!**

# Fall Kick-Off BRUNCH

**Saturday, September 14****MEETING TIME - 11:00 AM****LOCATION** – The Pavilion at Spoons Bistro & Bakery, 3090 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, GJ

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – Individuals will place their brunch order at the inside counter choosing from an extensive menu of delicious items, including, but not limited to: variations of Eggs Benedict, Biscuits & Gravy, Cinnamon Walnut French Toast, Belgian Waffles, Omelettes, Burgers, Sandwiches and Salads. The complete menu may be found at <https://spoonsbistroandbakery.com/brunch-menu/>. You may also order a mimosa or Bellini.

Join us for great food and conversation, an informative presentation on the State AAUW's recent Leadership Conference, and upcoming happenings with the Branch. The yearbooks are anticipated to be available for distribution. **This year's "the Mary's" scholarship winners have been invited to attend.**

## Bring Guests, Spouses, Family Members...Let's Have a Party

**RSVP Yes or No by September 12 to** – Becky Zlebnik at 970-242-0918

Be kind and remember that this is a courtesy to the restaurant to get an accurate count for set-up.

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## Campus Initiatives

Each year, AAUW's several campus leadership programs shape the lives of thousands of college women to be the next generation of leaders. One such program is the **AAUW Campus Action Project**. Students who belong to the AAUW college/university partners program will receive priority application preference for AAUW Campus Action Projects.

AAUW Campus Action Project (CAP) grants award 10–12 campus teams up to \$5,000 to implement initiatives that promote women's leadership. CAP teams of students, faculty, and staff join forces to combat the gender leadership gap.

### What is the gender leadership gap?

From Capitol Hill to corporate boardrooms, women are much less likely than men to hold leadership positions in their fields. Despite impressive gains for women in education and the workplace throughout the past 50 years, the gender leadership gap still leaves all women greatly outnumbered in top positions. Women of color, who are affected by both racial and gender discrimination, are especially underrepresented in these roles: Fewer than 3 percent of board directors at Fortune 500 companies, for example, are Asian, black, or Hispanic women. What can the campus teams do about it?

They can end the tired gender stereotypes that hold women back. They can show their community that gender parity is a step forward for everyone by applying for a \$5,000 grant to amplify their voice and empower women leaders in their community.

### All they need to do is pick a team, pick their project, and apply!

Previous CAP teams have implemented mentorship programs, created networking events, and brought inspirational guest speakers to campus to achieve their goals. Other teams have shown their creativity through artistic visual campaigns or spoken word performances.

For example: The 2017–18 University of Dar es Salaam CAP team created a program to support women leaders on their campus. The 2014–15 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, CAP team created a visual campaign and hosted an event that empowered women of color on their campus. The 2015–16 Trinity College CAP team partnered with their local Girl Scouts troop to promote science, technology, engineering, and math.

### **AAUW wants to help college students take action to empower women and girls**

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**Happy Birthday to You**

Your AAUW Branch wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you.

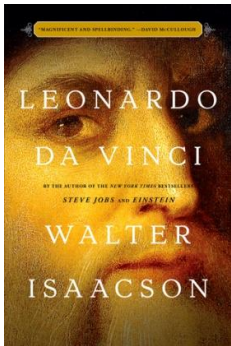
Therefore we wish a Happy Birthday to those with birthdays in September.

**Susan Swift on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jane Fitzgerald on the 8<sup>th</sup>, & Lois Jarre on the 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Special Interest Groups

### THE JANE QUIMBY BOOK GROUP

September's read is **Leonardo da Vinci...** by Walter Isaacson



Based on thousands of pages from Leonardo's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson weaves a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how Leonardo's genius was based on skills we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and an imagination so playful that it flirted with fantasy. He produced the two most famous paintings in history, The Last Supper and the Mona Lisa. But in his own mind, he was just as much a man of science and technology. With a passion that sometimes became obsessive, he pursued innovative studies of anatomy, fossils, birds, the heart, flying machines, botany, geology, and weaponry. His ability to stand at the crossroads of the humanities and the sciences, made iconic by his drawing of Vitruvian Man, made him history's most creative genius

Leonardo's delight at combining diverse passions remains the ultimate recipe for creativity. So, too, does his ease at being a bit of a misfit: illegitimate, gay, vegetarian, left-handed, easily distracted, and at times heretical. His life should remind us of the importance of instilling, both in ourselves and our children, not just received knowledge but a willingness to question it—to be imaginative and, like talented misfits and rebels in any era, to think differently.

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**  
**American Lutheran Church, 631 26<sup>1/2</sup> Road, GJ**

**Presenter: Peggy Rawlins**

## Coffee & Chat

This informal (fun) group normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through discussions. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

Join us on **September 28<sup>th</sup>** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12<sup>th</sup>, GJ.

We wish a speedy recovery to Betsy Zollner. Per her daughter Katie, "Mom fell & she has a broken right foot & shattered left wrist. She is home with me and I'm working on getting services here. The only things mom can do independently are eat out of a bowl, sit in a chair & sleep in bed." Also, a speedy recovery to Virginia Brown who had recent gallbladder surgery.



## Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform interested members about movies, music and other cultural events in the Grand Valley. It is also a way to find others to attend these events with. Note: Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- September 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 7:30 pm  
**Indies at the Avalon: The Public ....** Independent films
- September 5 @ 7:30 pm  
**Jaden Carlson Band Live ....** at the KAFM Radio Room
- September 6 @ 7:30 pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Graham Anduri, Baritone** – Love Recital Hall in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- September 6 @ 7:30 pm & September 7 @ 2:00 pm  
**CMU Theater** presents **God of Carnage** - Mesa Experimental Theater in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- September 7 @ 12:55 pm  
Fathom Events presentation of **Plácido Domingo Gala** shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)  
*(From the Arena di Verona comes an operatic gala concert event, captured live on August 4, 2019, marking the 50th anniversary of the debut of one of the greatest singers the world has ever known)*
- September 18 @ 7:30 pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Faculty Gala** - Love Recital Hall in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- September 19 @ 7:30 pm  
Community Concerts of the Grand Valley present **Sail On - Beach Boys Tribute** at Grand Junction High School Auditorium
- September 20 & 21 @ 7:30 pm and September 22 @ 2:00 pm  
September 26, 27, & 28 @ 7:30 pm and September 28 @ 2:00 pm  
**CMU Theater** presents **First Date** (musical) – Robinson Theater in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- September 24 @ 7:30 pm   
**An Evening with Herb Alpert** at the Avalon Theater
- September 26 @ 7:00 pm  
Comedian **Bill Engvall** at the Avalon Theater
- September 27 @ 7:30 pm  
**Sawyer Brown Live in Concert** at Los Colonias Park Amphitheater
- September 28 @ 7:30 pm  
**Get The Led Out** (Led Zeppelin Cover Band) concert at Los Colonias Park Amphitheater
- September 29 @ 7:00 pm  
**Three Dog Night** concert at the Avalon Theater

	2018-2019	2018-2019		2019-2020
BUDGET ITEMS	Budgeted	Actual		BUDGET
Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 299.24		\$ 868.77
Less prepaid dues		36.00		322.00
<b>INCOME</b>				
Member Dues	\$ 432.00	\$ 306.00	<u>20/\$26</u>	\$ 520.00
Life Member Dues	20.00	20.00		26.00
Honorary Life Member Dues	-	-		-
Meals	200.00	739.66		800.00
Donations	-	57.14		-
Scrip Sales	3,600.00	700.00		-
Fundraisers	-	147.00		50.00
Newsletter advertising	25.00	-		25.00
Meeting Sponsor	-	-		-
Miscellaneous	25.00	-		25.00
From Money Market Reserves	-	500.00		277.23
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,302.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,469.80</b>		<b>\$ 1,723.23</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Newsletter Postage/Mailing	100.00	86.68		100.00
Newsletter Printing	75.00	49.80		50.00
Yearbook Printing/Mail	65.00	14.35		50.00
President Expense	20.00	29.14		20.00
VP Program Expense	20.00	-		-
VP Membership Expense	20.00	-		20.00
Secretary Expense	-	-		20.00
Treasurer Expense	20.00	-		20.00
Audit	-	-		-
Miscellaneous	50.00	-		50.00
Scrip Expense	3,500.00	679.97		-
Insurance	190.00	185.00		190.00
Programs/Room Rent	-	-		-
Meals/Speaker Meals	400.00	792.50		850.00
Speaker Gift	125.00	20.00		80.00
Conventions	600.00	112.00		600.00
National Website	-	-		120.00
Community Outreach	100.00	100.00		100.00
Special Events	-	116.83		-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,186.27</b>		<b>\$ 2,270.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 546.77</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
Plus prepaid dues		322.00		
Ending Bank Balance		\$ 868.77		\$ -

## \$ Branch Financial News

The Branch maintains two accounts at Alpine Bank. One is the **General Fund** which is used for on-going income and expenses. The previous page shows in the first left-hand column what the Branch budgeted for income & expenses for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (runs from July 1 through June 30). The next column is what was actually taken-in/spent. Notice that many Board officers choose not to claim their full expenses. The column on the right represents what the Board approved as a budget for the coming year.

You will notice that last year, and again this coming year, that because of lower income we were forced to move money in from a reserve account to cover expenses. This year we hope to reverse this trend by significantly increasing branch membership. Therefore, **we NEED each of you** who attend the upcoming brunch or a general program meeting or a book group to bring along several prospective new members, or even just friends or relatives that we can expose to the idea of AAUW.

The other Branch account is a **Money-Market** account, which is separated into 3 sub-funds: General Fund Reserves, McClure Bequest (set-aside for activities to increase branch visibility and membership), and Miscellaneous. This year the Reserves account started with \$3,000, and ended with \$2,500 after monies were transferred to the General Fund. The McClure Bequest started with \$4,708.30 and ended with \$4,208.30, with \$500 used for the CMU Women Vet Scholarship. The Miscellaneous fund started with \$3.85 and grew to a whopping \$8.70 due to interest earned on the account.

Contact me, Jane Fitzgerald – Branch Treasurer, with any questions or concerns.

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Recently, President Virginia Brown, VP-Membership Kathy Singer, and CMU affiliate members Annessa Bryant & Samantha Singer attended the **Colorado AAUW Leadership Conference**....more to be reported at the Brunch on 9/14 ...but in the meantime Virginia sent photos.



Barb McDaniels  
State AAUW Funds



Annessa reporting on NCWSSL



Susan Cooley  
State Communications