



## Branch President's Message

### *Season's Greetings, Members and Friends:*

As we enter the December holiday season, I look around and see more cheer and goodwill toward others than I have seen for a while. I know there are still struggles around the world; however, I do see that there is hope also. I have put up my Christmas tree and my house just seemed to come alive with positive vibes. Although my family celebrates Christmas, I like to remember that around the world, cultural holidays are celebrated in December..... Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi, Pancha Ganapati, Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Yule – just to name a few.

The celebration of light and giving are common themes to many of these holidays, and being able to recognize that we share values of generosity with so many others gives me a dose of happiness. In a world still divided, it is wonderful to know that there is still a sense of togetherness even if unintentionally. Not to mention all the different food and beverages served during these festivities that can act as an icebreaker to help further bring people together!

On that note, we have a special treat (pun intended!) for our December gathering! Please consider joining us for a **wine tasting and holiday cheer at the Talon Winery** in Palisade on December 11, 2021. For more details, please read on in this newsletter. I hope to see you all there!



*Happy Holidays from Kathy Singer*

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## Last Month's Meeting

The brunch held at The Venue at Fisher's on November 13 featured great food and interesting conversation. Three of this year's recipients of the Mary Rait/Mary Jewel Willsea Endowed Grant were able to attend: Felicia Torres, Emmy Maddalone, and Sherri Buxton.

Felicia is an Education major, and brought her boyfriend as a guest; Sherri is a Geology major and brought her mother who is a nurse; Emmy is a Nursing major and brought her husband. We very much enjoyed getting to know all of them.

They seemed to benefit from our personal stories about difficulties in obtaining degrees, changes in life's direction from what we initially studied, and discrimination in workplaces.



Felicia

Sherri

Emmy



# Holiday Social

## Talon Winery in Palisade

(go east on I-70 and take the Palisade exit, Talon is right off the exit)

**Saturday, December 11.....11:30am – 1:00pm**

Our AAUW group will be in the gazebo (which has heaters), or inside if bad weather.

Talon Winery is actually 3 wineries in one:

1. **Talon** – which specialized in traditional grape wines (Cabernet Sauvignons, Pinot Grigios)
2. **St. Kathryn's Cellars** – dies fruit & botanical wine (famous for its peach, strawberry rhubarb, lavender wines)
3. **Meadery of the Rockies** – specialize in honey fermented wines.

**There are over 20 wines to taste.** Below are the tasting packages:

One 5 oz glass of wine - \$6

Three 1 oz. samples - \$5

Six 1 oz. samples - \$10

Nine 1 oz. samples - \$12

German style mulled wine – one glass - \$6

**Each attendee needs to pick a package above at the time of RSVP.**

Or not, if they just want to hang out with us and not drink. Guests are welcome.

Plan to pay Treasurer Virginia for your choice at the meeting.

Also, note that 6 oz. is roughly a glass of wine, so we will not be over imbibing. 😊

Charcuterie Board will be served based on the number of RSVPs and has been donated.

**RSVP by December 9th**

to Kathy Singer at [ksinger321@msn.com](mailto:ksinger321@msn.com) or at (970)261-2112

Contact Jane Fitzgerald at (970) 241-9684 if you would like to car pool.



## Special Interest Groups

### Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform 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. Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- December 7 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Holiday Choral Concert**- Moss Performing Arts Center – Love Recital Hall
- December 8 @ 1:00pm & 6:30pm  
 Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met**: Matthew Aucoin's **Eurydice** (2021 Encore) at the Regal Theater 3 hours
- December 9 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Best Of The West Guest Artist: Robert Harrover, Trombone** - Moss Performing Arts Center – Love Recital Hall
- December 10 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Best of the West Prism Concert**- Moss Performing Arts Center – Robinson Theater
- December 11 @ 3:00pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Best of the West Free Final Concert** - Moss Performing Arts Center – Robinson Theater
- December 11 @ 12:55pm  
 Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met**: Mozart's **Magic Flute** (Encore) – at the Regal Theater 2 hours
- December 19 @ 12:55pm and December 20 @ 7:00pm  
 Fathom Events presents **Bolshoi Ballet**: Tchaikovsky's **The Nutcracker** (2021 Encore) Regal Theater 135 minutes
- December 31 @ 7:00pm and January 1 @ 1:00pm & 7:00pm and January 2 @ 2:00pm  
**High Desert Opera** presents **Mamma Mia** - Moss Performing Arts Center – Robinson Theater
- January 1 @ 10:55pm (Encore January 5 @ 1:00pm & 6:30pm)  
 Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met**: Massenet's **Cinderella** – at the Regal Theater 110 minutes

## Coffee & Chat Group



### **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND PLACE FOR THIS MONTH.**

This informal (fun) group will meet on **December 18 at 9:30 am....at Traders Coffee & Tea, 2648 Patterson Road, to try to solve world/local problems through discussion.** There is no set agenda. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

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## Happy Birthday to You

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

Members celebrating a Birthday in December are:

**Katie Zollner** on the 7<sup>th</sup> and **Anita Pisciotte** 12<sup>th</sup>

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Over the past 140 years, AAUW has evolved to become the leading voice in advancing gender equity in education and workplaces everywhere. Through **research, education** and **advocacy**, we're committed to ensuring that *everyone* gets the same opportunity to learn, earn and lead. Our programs aim at moving women forward—and we fight for policies that support our goals.



AAUW marked its anniversary with a special award ceremony and celebration on November 17. The AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession. Our 2021 awardee is **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director-General of the World Trade Organization and one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people of 2021.