



# The Twig

## AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

November  
2024

## November General Meeting by Chris Ferrando

**The Future of the Midland Mall**  
**November 21, 2024 Thursday Morning**  
**Grace A. Dow Memorial Library – Community Room**  
**10:00 am - 11:30 am (handicap accessible)**

Our November speaker will be Jordan Dice, a technology driven entrepreneur and local businessman. Dice is the sole owner of the Midland Mall. He purchased the mall for more than 5 million dollars in an online auction. The Midland Mall was built in 1991 and has been the home base for our AAUW Book Sales for over 10 years.

AAUW General Meetings are open to the public. The Program Committee encourages you to bring friends or new acquaintances to join AAUW Branch members for what promises to be an interesting presentation.



Jordan Dice

In the spirit of thankfulness, sharing and happy fellowship, the Program Committee wishes branch members a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Branch Program Committee: Chris Ferrando, Barb Galloway, and Liz Kapla

## President's Message by Carol Arnosky

Happy November!

I am sure all of us will be glad after November 5 (or whenever the election is officially done). I know I am preaching to the choir of dedicated and informed AAUW members - but please be sure to vote! Take two or three your friends also!

# VOTE

Our branch recently became a 501(c)(3) organization, which means that individuals who donate to AAUW- Midland branch may qualify for certain tax deductions that can help them lower their taxable income. The total amount of donations to a tax-exempt public charity that an individual can claim is generally limited to 60% of their [adjusted gross income \(AGI\)](#) of 2024 but there is no limitation on donations.

Enjoy your November, (unusual Michigan weather included 😊) and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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## Matinees and More Interest Group by Deb Kaiser



Thanks go to Paula Jonas for taking over as the new chair for this interest group. This group enjoys quality films and meets in the afternoon. Members gather based on interest and availability of movies. A discussion may follow the movie over coffee. New members and guests are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, contact Paula Jonas at 989-245-8313 or [52Jimpaula40@gmail.com](mailto:52Jimpaula40@gmail.com).

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## Seeking NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients

by Carol Hoerneman-Plaush

This is a reminder to be on the lookout for two college-aged girls and encourage them to apply for the \$1,500 scholarship to the 2025 National College Woman’s Leadership Conference (NCCWSL). The 4-day conference dates are May 28, 2025 to May 31, 2025 at the University of Maryland, College Park. **Deadline to apply is January 31, 2025.**

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## Check Out AAUW Midland Branch’s QR Code

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### Mark Your Calendar

November 21, 2024 – November General Meeting

May 2-4, 2025 – Used Book Sale at the Midland Mall

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