

# AAUW Youngstown Newsletter

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AAUW Youngstown recently had an auction to raise money for educational endeavors to support and encourage advances in education, and to ensure increased support for and protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, including strong promotion of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

Pictured above are (front row) Vilma Kolacz-Belanger, Janet Haladay, Mary Ann Allgood, Linda Mohn, Jorine Stone, Melissa T. Smith, Beverly Gibson, and Jeanne Watson-Antol. In the back row are Kathie Nalepa, Nina Stourman, Sharon Stringer, Barbara Brothers, Linda Kurta, Kathie Gaige, Jeanne Vild, Betty Jo Licata, Suzanne Barbati and Denise Walters-Dobson.

**American Association for University Women (AAUW)** is the largest and oldest national organization working for the advancement of women. AAUW was established in 1881 for the purpose of maintaining high standards in education. The Youngstown branch has been in existence since 1889, led by innovative and creative women working for equality and equity.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 1st from 10 am to 12 noon at Park Vista North Building with parking in the rear of the building. Our speaker will be **Dr. Nicolette Powe**, associate professor at YSU, presenting “**Bridging Health and Education: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls Through Community Engagement.**” This event will explore how the strategic alignment of public education and health initiatives can drive meaningful change in student well-being and academic success, especially for women and girls. This presentation will highlight how collaborative policies and evidence-based practices can transform public education and create inclusive, health-centered learning environments. Dr. Nicolette Powe will emphasize the importance of active engagement from educators, health professionals, families, and communities to break down silos and build cohesive support systems for every child.

AAUW’s specific purpose is to advance equity for women and girls by promoting equity, education, and development of opportunities for women and girls that enable them to realize their full potential, by promoting fellowships and grants to women and girls, and by cooperating with other organizations having mutual interests. For more information on AAUW and the program, write to; [youngstownaauw@gmail.com](mailto:youngstownaauw@gmail.com) or visit our webpage at [AAUW Youngstown](#).