

## AAUW Northeast Metro (MN) Branch

**Itanyan** a Native American word meaning "To grow by reason"

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Open the following link to review the information on future meetings and gatherings in our branch internet **CALENDAR** - <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net/calendar/>

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### Message from Co-Administrators

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It probably was much different than our traditional holidays.

There are a few things we need to discuss at the business meeting on January 19. We need to think about what we want to do for gatherings in February and March. We need volunteers and/or ideas on something we could do or talk about. We doubt we will be able to physically be together.

We also need to think about going forward next year. We will need volunteers for open positions.

Our branch is doing ok during this difficult time by getting together on Zoom, which gives us a connection with each other. Hopefully next year we will be able to do things in person, especially our gathering sessions.

Stay healthy and wait for the vaccine.

*Submitted by Co-administrators - Joan and Christine*

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### Business Meeting

**Monday, November 23, 3:00 PM on Zoom**

The Zoom invitation will be sent to members a couple days prior to the meeting.

*Thank you LouAnn for teaching us how to continue Zoom meetings beyond the thirty-minute limit!*

*Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison*

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### In memory of Ann

Ann Kielsmeier Teskey supported our branch by being a member for over forty years. Talking with long-time friend and colleague, Clara Gray, Ann was active with our branch until her health started causing problems. Despite her health issues she did manage to attend Holiday Luncheon Auctions at times. Ann was the head nurse in the Fridley School District for many years and was active in the Minnesota school nurses professional organization holding many offices. Her support will be missed.

*Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison*

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### What do members want from our branch Zoom Gatherings?

We are continuing to meet on Zoom for a while. Are social gatherings, discussions, or webinars desired?

### Suggestions for Gatherings, use AAUW Webinars (repeated from November Itanyan)

Also, the AAUW-MN board forwarded this link for archived webinars at national with the suggestion members look them over and see if there is something to use for our branch.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/2020-convening/>

*Submitted by Joan*

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### **Suggestions for Gatherings, discussions on *articles* from AAUW**

(Examples below, select the link to see sample articles)

See the AAUW article on Gig <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/women-and-the-gig-economy/>

See the AAUW article on Title IX <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/title-ix-challenges/>

### **AAUW emails are suggesting discussion topics** (see emails from Nichia McFarlane)

These topics are found on YouTube AAUW interviews on current issues which are being suggested by AAUW through McFarlane's emails. See a sampling of what is offered by opening the links below or copying and pasting the topic in your browser if you use YouTube;

[Holding Space: How to Start and Continue Conversations on Race, Equity and Inclusion](#)

[Interview with Diane Rehm](#) by AAUW CEO Kim Churches

[Archeology of the Self: Sustaining Racial Literacy in the Movement for Change](#) by AAUW Fellow alumna Yolanda Sealy-Ruiz

Editor's note, the problem I see with this discussion source is I found the topics are on YouTube and some I found on the AAUW site. It was hard to get to them without McFarlane's link. I could open them on my iPad which has YouTube. I had trouble finding them on my laptop with no YouTube app. We would need to make sure members are comfortable with YouTube.

*Submitted by Doris*