

Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Happy 75th! Elmhurst Branch Celebrates Diamond Anniversary

“A good time was had by all.” To us this is a rather out-dated expression (perhaps about 75 years old), yet it couldn’t be truer. As we heard the responses of our members and guests, who attended our 75th anniversary celebration at Butterfield Country Club on Saturday, May 3, the committee knew that all enjoyed a time to celebrate our branch accomplishments and to share a great time of fellowship with friends old and new.

On that beautiful Saturday, 64 members and guests gathered for a terrific afternoon. This was such a popular event that two former members and one current member flew from out of state just to share in the fun. Both Connie Baker and Jean Cameron came from Arizona, and Jane Messimer arrived from Florida. They received tons of hugs! Needless to say, it was wonderful to see them again.

It wouldn’t be a special day without a proclamation from Mayor Steve Morley. May 3, 2014, was declared AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch Day in Elmhurst. The proclamation listed numerous branch accomplishments over the years that have added to the betterment of the community.



It was a treat to reconnect with members we haven’t seen in a long time, including this group: Mary Sichz, Pat Kreibich, Sue Winton, Carole Zimmer and Judy Boyer



BRANCH CALENDAR

June 3

Half the Sky

Time & Place TBA

June 5 - 6:00 pm

Book Discussion Group

Potluck Supper

“Vivaldi’s Virgins” (Barbara Quick)

Hostess: Carol Rounds

Leader: Mary Hallman

June 25

Sorting begins

AAUW Used Book Sale

September 10

Next AAUW Meeting

September Supper

Francesca’s Elmhurst



Sarah Caltvedt and Betsy Aldred display the Mayor’s proclamation.



AAUW Hotline 1-800-326-2289

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

Membership

The American Association of University Women is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

AAUWFUNDS

The AAUW Funds support educational fellowships and grants, legal advocacy, public policy, leadership programs and research reports.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
May 25, 2014**

*Sandra Burk
Director of Finance*

Book Sale Account:	\$ 3,545.56
Savings Account:	\$ 2,014.88
General Account:	<u>\$ 4,064.15</u>
Total All Accounts:	\$ 9,624.59

It's Time to Renew!!!

Don't forget – our membership year ends June 30. Please help your Branch officers by renewing before then. Otherwise, Anne and Sarah will be sending out emails and making calls, and Carolyn will be walking all over town with renewal forms.

There are two options: use the paper form and send a check for \$78 payable to AAUW-Elmhurst Area Branch to P.O. Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126 or pay by credit card on the AAUW web site, www.aauw.org.

You'll need to register on the site to renew. When you get to the site, look for **login** at the top of the screen. When you click on that, under the blanks for your login and password, there's a link to **Register**. They'll ask for your member number and a password of your choice. Once you have your registration set up, look for **Member Tools** at the bottom of the screen and from there choose **MSD** (member services database). There will be a frame on the left side of that screen. Look for **MPP**, and under that **Renew my membership**. That will take you to the screen where you can pay by credit card. Once you have your account set up, it's all a lot easier

It Takes a Village

A special thank you to the anniversary committee which worked for 18 months to make the event exceptional:

- Betsy Aldred
- Sarah Caltvedt
- Elaine Davison
- Judith Ekblad
- Marcia Goltermann
- Carolyn Heiney
- Janet Hodge
- Patricia O'Dwyer
- Tsue Ostermann
- Marilyn Thompson
- Eugenie Urlick
- Mary Eleanor Wall

Branch Outings

•SHADOWTOWN II

Last fall several of us attended a performance of Shadowtown by Herstory Theater and found it unforgettable. It portrays several young women and how they were lured or forced into sexual slavery in the City of Chicago. These are real cases; one of the girls was a teen from Naperville who fell for a pimp posing as a boy on Facebook. She did not survive.

Now Herstory Theater will be presenting Shadowtown II: The Johns, shedding more light on the men who provide the market for prostitution in our area. Performances will be in Skokie from October 16 – November 23.

Please let Sarah Caltvedt or Susan Szymanski know if you would be interested in going as a group to a Sunday matinee performance and which Sundays you have available. If we can get a group of 20, we can arrange to be seated together.

For more information, check out <http://www.herstorytheater.org/>.

•MILLENIUM PARK CONCERTS

Are you a classical music fan? Join a group of like-minded AAUW members on Wednesday outings to concerts in Millennium Park.

We take the 4:13 train from Elmhurst and walk or bus to the park, picking up a picnic supper on the way. Arriving early, it's easy to find seats with a good view of the stage. We eat and chat, then enjoy the wonderful free concerts.

There's plenty of company walking back to the 8:40 or 9:40 train. The concerts begin Wednesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. Let Pat O'Dwyer know if you're interested, and she'll put you on the email list for reminders, or just come to the Elmhurst Metra station in time for the 4:13 train and look for the AAUW group.

75th Anniversary Celebration

May 3, 2014
Butterfield Country Club



Mary Hallman and Theresa Klingelhoffer - good friends, great members.



Three cheers for the Co-Chairs, Sarah Caltvedt and Carolyn Heiney.



Janet Hodge and Marianne Wachholz are joined by Jane Messimer, a past president who came all the way from Florida.



Together again - Enid Baxter, Jean Regan and Mary Elearnor Wall.



Azra Haque and Connie Baker share a smile.



New member Debra Markello and Sandy Burk, having a good time.



Fifty Plus: It was a delight to honor our amazing 50 year members, Marcia Goltermann, Vivian Michaelis, and Mary Eleanor Wall with a rose.



Rosemarie Dressander, Judy Ekblad, and Darlene Van Meir performed "AAUW: Elmhurst Branch Highlights," an informative Reader's Theater piece by Genie Urick which tied together the history of the Branch, AAUW national and the world.



Everyone got to meet Laura Mikulski (left) the recipient of the 2014 Returning Scholar Award. Above, Elaine Davison presents the award certificate.



Liesel Kossmann and Elaine Libovicz - good seeing you!



Perry Doubt, our name grant honoree, was touted for her work with the newsletter and other contributions.



Susan Szymanski and Jennifer Jordan catch up on the news.



T sue Ostermann and 17 other Past Presidents were on hand for the celebration. What a party!



Jean Cameron, a former President who now lives in Arizona, and Suman Bhorade.



Marcia Lagerway, Darlene Van Meir and Pat O'Dwyer, the talented photographer responsible for all our photos. Thanks, Pat!



Reunited - Dorothy Valintis, Connie Baker and Florence Beckman.

Get Ready for the Book Sale

Looking for a way to keep in touch with Branch friends and get to know others this summer?

Come help with the Book Sale and chat while you work! We have wonderful conversations about books, AAUW, and life in general as we go through all the donations. You may even find a special volume to buy before the sale.

Sorting starts Wednesday, June 25 at Lincoln School, 565 S. Fairfield (corner of Vallette).

We will be sorting every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 9 – noon. Since we have been collecting books in advance from several outside donations, there will be plenty to do even on the first morning.

The sale will start Thursday, July 31 and run through the weekend. You will be contacted later in the summer to sign up to work the sale.

Please remember that the book sale is our only fund raiser and supports both our significant contribution to all the good work that AAUW does and our local scholarships. We depend on everyone to help out.

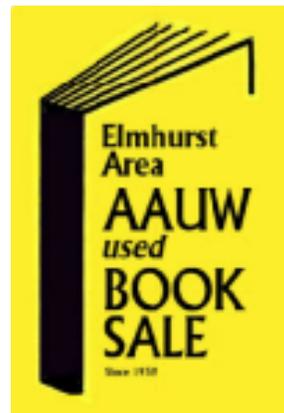
Public Policy Update

AAUW did it! The Illinois *Senate* passed a resolution to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S.

So what's next for ERA? Hopefully the Illinois *House* will do the same thing as the Senate resolution = allow for Illinois to become the 36th state to ratify the ERA, bringing us within 2 states of reaching the number of states required to fully ratify the amendment.

Watch your local news sources for the latest information. Enjoy the summer.....

Genie Urick



BOOK SORT

Wednesdays & Saturdays
June 25 - July 30
9am - 12 noon

BOOK SALE

July 31 - August 3

Lincoln Elementary School • 565 S. Fairfield

AAUW State Convention Recap

The 90th AAUW-IL convention was held at Pheasant Run in St. Charles on the weekend of May 2-3. We had 134 participants attend.

It was great to see our branch president Sarah Caltvedt at the \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop along with two students from Elmhurst College on Friday afternoon. After the workshop 14 AAUW members were trained to give the workshop at their College/University Partners campus.

On Friday night there was a dinner and a lively book talk by Nann Blaine Hilyard of the Waukegan area branch. Elmhurst members Perry Doubt and Alice Smith took part. Nann noted several books had a character named Alice in them! Afterwards there was an auction of books to raise money for an AAUW Fellowship. It was followed by my favorite part of the convention - a dessert reception.

Saturday morning started bright and early with a Traveler's Self Defense workshop taught by Belle Saurowsky who travels to India to train girls on how to avoid being victims of sex trafficking. One of our 73 year old members accidently punched Belle in the nose during the workshop!

The plenary session of the convention followed breakfast. Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategy Officer of AAUW Inc., gave a speech highlighting the many accomplishments of the association in its mission. This was followed by a presentation by AAUW member Marti Sladek about the ERA, and why it is still important to pass. Illinois is targeted as one of the 3 states needed to pass it.

During lunch there was a "show and tell" of toys for girls that weren't stereotypically feminine. The Agent of Change of award was awarded to Nancy Dietrich of the Champaign Urbana Branch for her many achievements in support of AAUW's mission. Breakouts in the afternoon included the new fundraising guidelines, a presentation about NCCWSL, an AAUW grant winner who started GirlForward, an interactive Public Policy session and a membership session.

The new board was installed in the last plenary session. I will be serving as Program VP for the next two years. Our next convention will be held in Bloomington on the first weekend in May. Mark your calendars!

--Cindy Grau



Cindy Grau and Alice Smith accept five awards on behalf of the Elmhurst Area Branch from former state president Andi Danis (center).

Elmhurst Branch Receives Awards

Alice Smith represented the Elmhurst Area Branch at the AAUW-IL convention in St. Charles the day of our 75th Anniversary Luncheon and accepted FIVE awards for our Branch:

- Branch Pride Recognition for our 75th Anniversary observance
- Communications Award – Platinum Level
- International Affairs Programming Award for the Half the Sky Study Group
- 4th Place in "Top Ten Branches in Per Member Giving" (\$123.70!)
- 2nd Place in "Top Ten Branches in Total Giving!"(\$11,381)