

Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Next Branch Meeting

March 11, 2015 • 7 pm

Elmhurst Public Library

Few actresses in the history of film rival Bette Davis's longevity and appeal. She created a new kind of film heroine, portraying strong woman grappling with power, romance, luxury, and even violence. In a career stretching from 1930 to 1988, she appeared in such classics as *Jezebel*, *Dark Victory*, *Now, Voyager*, *The Letter* and *All About Eve*.

By 1942, she was the highest paid woman in America and had two Academy Awards. She also earned a reputation for being difficult to work with, and her personal life was as tempestuous as her life onscreen. Studio mogul Jack Warner called her "an explosive little broad with a sharp left."

Leslie Goddard's witty, sharp portrayal reveals Davis not only as a riveting personality, but as the ultimate star in the golden age of Hollywood.

The Elmhurst Public Library is co-sponsoring this program. Registration is not required. Immediately following the presentation, the branch will conduct a brief business meeting.



BRANCH CALENDAR

March 3 - 7:30 pm
Half the Sky Group
Perry Doubt's Home

March 4 - 7:00 pm
Board of Directors
Elmhurst Public Library

March 11 - 7 pm
Next AAUW Meeting
"Bette Davis"
Elmhurst Public Library

March 26 - 1:00 pm
Book Discussion Group
"David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants"
by Malcolm Gladwell
Leader: Marilyn Thompson
Hostess: Marilyn Thompson

Returning Scholar Award: \$2,500

Our branch is very pleased to have had a very successful book sale enabling us not only donate funds to support our national organization's goals, but to offer a substantial increase in our local, returning student scholarship.

This year we are offering a \$2,500 scholarship to a woman who is a resident of Elmhurst or adjacent communities, is 25 or older, and needs financial assistance to continue her education at an accredited community or undergraduate college/university.

You, our branch members, are important link in finding a qualified woman. Do encourage friends or acquaintances, whom you believe follow the requirements, to apply. The application form with an April 1, 2015 deadline is on our website, www.aauwelmhurst.org.



AAUW Hotline 1-800-326-2289
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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

February 28, 2014

Sandra J. Burk
Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund	\$ 4,062.43
Conferences Fund	2,774.88
General Fund:	<u>3,041.30</u>
Total	\$ 9,878.61

Welcome New Members

Peggy Fox has lived in Elmhurst for 34 years and recently joined our Branch after having heard about AAUW for many years. Now that she is enjoying retirement, she is looking forward to her involvement with our AAUW Branch.

Peggy received a B.A. in History and a M.A. in Library Science from Dominican University (Rosary College). After graduating with her MALS degree, Peggy worked for 8 years as a school librarian at a middle school in Glendale Heights. She then worked for 27 years as a school librarian at Fenton High School in Bensenville before retiring in 2013. For the last year, Peggy has worked part-time as a reference librarian at Elmhurst College.

In her spare time, Peggy enjoys reading, quilting, swimming, and volunteering. She volunteers at the Elmhurst Historical Museum where she has been busy digitizing photos and documents, answering questions from visitors, and helping with the new permanent Elmhurst exhibit at the museum. She is also an outreach volunteer at the Elmhurst Public Library where she delivers library materials to patrons who cannot get to the library.

Peggy and her husband raised two daughters in Elmhurst. Even though both daughters now live in Chicago, Peggy still sees them quite often, as they are both teachers in District 205 schools.

Susan Scully received a B.S. in Home Economics Teacher Education from Eastern Michigan University and a M.A. in Library Science from Dominican University. She first heard about AAUW from Sally Schuster. Susan attended the November program featuring the historical portrayal of Vivian Maier, and she then joined our Branch at this Shape the Future event.

Susan is a demonstrator for Stampin' Up, a company that features unique rubber stamps that are used to create handmade cards, scrapbook pages, and other crafts. Holding monthly card and shadow box classes is a way for Susan to keep her creative juices flowing. She also gives classes on stamping at the Elmhurst Public Library. In addition to stamping, Susan also enjoys knitting. This is a new hobby for her, and she just finished knitting a pair of mittens for her granddaughter. She also completed an eyelet scarf, and she's currently working on a cowl using 5 colors of yarn.

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch 2015-2017 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate for election as officers and members of the Board of Directors for the period 2015-2017.

President:	Jan Summers
Treasurer:	Denise Thompson
Membership:	Jennifer Jordan
Program:	Jane Jegerski
AAUW Funds	Marcia Lagerway
Bylaws & Policy:	Denise Dean
Nominating:	Sarah Caltvedt

Branch Bylaws require that the names of nominees for elected office be published and sent to all members at least one month prior to election which will take place at the annual meeting, the April Branch Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Procedure requires that we present the nominees in our newsletter before voting in the spring at our business meeting. As always, branch members will receive notice of the election and will be given the opportunity to nominate others from the floor.

President' Message

How does AAUW help us help each other?

At our February Branch meeting we had a wonderful opportunity to hear from Laura Van Prooyen about some of the far-reaching effects of our annual Used Book Sale. Laura is a poet. After working for some time as an English teacher, she had a family of three girls, but was totally overwhelmed when her middle daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 3. When she was finally able to think about returning to work and writing, she realized that she wanted to get an MFA in poetry. She was accepted into a low residency program at Warren Wilson College in NC, but was unable to afford the tuition.

Enter AAUW! Laura applied for and received an AAUW Professional Development grant to help pay her tuition, and she also became a member of AAUW at that point, joining our branch and helping with the book sale. During her MFA program, Laura wrote the manuscript of what ultimately became the book she read from at our meeting.

Some years later, after she had moved to San Antonio, she got a call from a former student whom she had mentored. When the young woman told Laura that she wanted to pursue a degree in writing, Laura immediately thought of AAUW and helped her apply – and receive! – a Professional Development grant. That woman is now working as a writer at the UN. Paying it forward. But beyond that, Laura talked about the support she has received from the members of her AAUW Branch in San Antonio, who have cheered her on at every step. And now Laura is using her poetry skills to teach underprivileged high school students and help veterans with PTSD recover through “trauma writing,” making a real difference in their lives. Paying it forward again.

Laura stressed repeatedly that our book sale is important in enabling AAUW to support women who need financial assistance to succeed in their careers. We have been so lucky to know Laura and see what a difference it has made to her. But our sale also supports a scholarship for an adult woman from our area who is returning to school to complete her education. We've met these women and heard how our scholarship has helped them. Please help us ensure that women who are in need of our help learn of this year's \$2500 scholarship. All the necessary information is on our website, aauwelmhurst.org, and applications are due by April 1.

Another way AAUW is helping us help each other is the \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop that we are co-sponsoring at Elmhurst College on March 15. Our financial support has helped make it possible to bring this powerful workshop to local students, who will get valuable training in negotiating their first professional salary. This training may make a difference of thousands of dollars in lifetime earnings for the students, and it will also give us a chance to make them aware of other benefits available to them if they become student e-members of AAUW.

And on a very personal level, how many times have you turned to another AAUW member to offer a helping hand or reached out for support in difficult times? I have witnessed this countless times in the years that I've been a member. AAUW members, helping each other, paying it forward.

SarahCaltvedt
Branch President

Public Policy Report

AAUW agrees with a recent Fortune magazine article that reminds us that *paid leave policies* help everyone - and *paternity leave* in particular needs to be part of the solution if we're going to help women climb career ladders and close the gender gap.

Genie Urick

Women May Be the Key to Ending Partisan Stalemate

Political scientists at the University of North Carolina and the University of Kansas have released a new study suggesting that partisan gridlock in Washington, D.C., may be due to the tendencies of male members of Congress to resist bipartisanship. Male respondents to a nationwide survey were less likely to engage in cross-party discussion and more likely to say they would support political opinions without considering others' reasoning. The survey asked these questions of voters, though, not elected officials. Still, the researchers said their findings suggest that more women in Congress might lead to more bipartisan communication and compromise and less political fighting and gridlock.



Maria Patt & Deb Markello



Amy Allen, Azra Haque, Darlene Van Meir & Carol Rounds



Cheryl Richards and Laura Van Prooyen



Mary Mallon & Genie Urick



Jennifer Jordan & Anne Klein



Sarah Calvedt and Laura Van Prooyen



Genie Urick and Laura Van Prooyen

February Meeting

We were very pleased to have Laura Van Prooyen as guest speaker last month. She was wonderful. A former member and poet, Laura read from her newly released book of poetry, *Our House Was on Fire*.

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		PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015-2016			
GENERAL FUND					(Projected)
Carry-Over from Previous Year		\$ 3,839.47	\$ 3,839.47		\$ 3,180.59
		1/1/2015	Projected	Budgeted	Projected Budget
		Actual to date	End of Year Bal	2014-2015	2015-2016
Income					
Member Dues	\$	1,605.00	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00
September 2014 Supper	\$	1,148.00	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
May 2015 Supper	\$	-	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Holiday 2014 Party	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Total Income & Carry-Over	\$	6,592.47	\$ 7,592.47	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 6,855.59
Expenses					
Dues/Fees/Services					
Newsletter Print and Postage	\$	(77.52)	\$ (177.52)	\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)
Yearbook Printing	\$	(198.00)	\$ (198.00)	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)
General Liability Insurance	\$	175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ (180.00)	\$ (180.00)
Audit Fee	\$	-	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
Post Office Box Rental Fee	\$	-	\$ (60.00)	\$ (60.00)	\$ (60.00)
Publicity/Promotion	\$	-	\$ (50.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies & Other	\$	(111.64)	\$ (131.64)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
Total Dues/Fees/Services Expense	\$	(212.16)	\$ (542.16)	\$ (990.00)	\$ (990.00)
Activities					
September Supper	\$	(1,119.72)	\$ (1,119.72)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
May Supper	\$	-	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
Holiday Party	\$	(250.00)	\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)
New Member Outreach	\$	-	\$ (100.00)	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)
Branch Programming	\$	(200.00)	\$ (700.00)	\$ (700.00)	\$ (700.00)
Total Activities Expense	\$	(1,569.72)	\$ (3,169.72)	\$ (3,150.00)	\$ (3,150.00)
Gifts					
AAUW Donation for Outgoing President	\$	-	\$ (50.00)	\$ (50.00)	\$ (50.00)
Memoriam - Deceased Members	\$	-	\$ (50.00)	\$ (50.00)	\$ (50.00)
Total Gifts Expense	\$	-	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
Contributions					
Dare to Dream/STEM Commitment	\$	(400.00)	\$ (400.00)	\$ (400.00)	\$ (400.00)
Start Smart or other AAUW project	\$	-	\$ (200.00)	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Total Contributions Expense	\$	(400.00)	\$ (600.00)	\$ (400.00)	\$ (600.00)
Total - All Expenses	\$	(2,181.88)	\$ (4,411.88)	\$ (4,640.00)	\$ (4,840.00)
Carry-Over for General Fund Balance at:		at 7/01/15	\$ 3,180.59	at 07/01/16	\$ 2,015.59

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	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015-2016			
BOOK SALE FUND				
Carry-Over from Previous Year	\$ 3,545.56	\$ 3,545.56	\$ 1,745.00	\$ 1,496.43
	1/1/2015	Projected	Budgeted	Projected Budget
	Actual to date	End of Year Bal	2014-2015	2015-2016
Income	\$ 13,300.11	\$ 13,300.11	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Book Sales Receipts	\$ 16,845.67	\$ 16,845.67	\$ 13,745.00	\$ 14,496.43
Total Income & Carry-Over				
Expenses				
Dues, Fees, Services				
Publicity/Promotion	\$ (60.74)	\$ (110.74)	\$ (200.00)	\$ (150.00)
Building Rental	\$ (1,039.50)	\$ (1,039.50)	\$ (900.00)	\$ (1,200.00)
Labor: Manager/Book Collection	\$ (1,299.00)	\$ (1,299.00)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies & Other	\$ (175.00)	\$ (200.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
Total Dues, Fees, Services	\$ (2,574.24)	\$ (2,649.24)	\$ (3,200.00)	\$ (3,450.00)
Contributions				
D2D Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
AAUW Funds	\$ (6,700.00)	\$ (6,700.00)	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (5,500.00)
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
Local Scholarship (or NCCWSL expenses)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (2,500.00)
Total Contributions Expense	\$ (10,200.00)	\$ (12,700.00)	\$ (8,500.00)	\$ (9,500.00)
Total - All Expenses	\$ (12,774.24)	\$ (15,349.24)	\$ (11,700.00)	\$ (12,950.00)
Carry-Over for Book Sales Fund Balance at:	at 7/01/15	\$ 1,496.43	at 07/01/16	\$ 1,546.43
CONFERENCE/CONVENTION FUND				(Projected)
Carry-Over from Previous Year	\$ 2,014.88	\$ 2,014.88	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 1,274.88
	1/1/2015	Projected	Budgeted	Projected Budget
	Actual to date	End of Year Bal	2014-2015	2015-2016
Income				
Book Sale Entrance Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Total Income & Carry-Over	\$ 2,814.88	\$ 2,814.88	\$ 2,515.00	\$ 2,074.88
Expenses				
Member Registration Fees	\$ (40.00)	\$ (40.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
National Conference Registration Fees	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00	
Total - All Expenses	\$ (40.00)	\$ (1,540.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (500.00)
Carry-Over for Conf/Conv Fund Balance at:	at 7/01/15	\$ 1,274.88	at 07/01/16	\$ 1,574.88