



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Joint AAUW Meeting September 11 in Lombard

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. to be a part of something new for our Elmhurst Branch. Downers Grove, Lombard and Elmhurst are banding together to welcome and support **Daniele Hoffman**, a Legal Advocacy Fund plaintiff from Carmel, Indiana.

We will socialize over cookies and coffee, listen to our speaker, and then each Branch will have a business meeting. Because we can stay longer than 9:00 at the First Church of Lombard, we will have ample time to get everything done. See the flyer(s) for all the details and directions.

The Legal Advocacy Fund is a tax deductible arm of the AAUW. EF and LAF are like sisters. Legal experts within our organization select plaintiffs with extreme need for financial and emotional support and Daniele Hoffman is such a plaintiff. Daniele came from a medical family –her father was an emergency room physician and her mother an operating room nurse. Professional careers, hard work, and long hours were part of Daniele's view of life. Her father died when she was 11. Her mother relied on Daniele to help and at age 17, Daniele joined the Army National Guard to serve her country. Soon after, she was sexually assaulted and harassed by her recruiter. After several months she finally reported him. Can we even imagine what effect this had on a young woman who graduated from high school early so she could start her training? No prom, parties or formal graduation ceremony for Daniele. For over four years, grand juries, depositions and interrogations prevented her from moving forward. Hear the rest of her story at the September meeting and learn how the Legal Advocacy Fund helped Daniele get moving again.

Car pooling is the best way to get to the meeting. Please let me know that you are looking for a ride and I will connect you with a member who is willing to drive. The sooner, the better. (See p.6 for directions to the church.)

Who feels like baking? The Branch will also supply cookies. Thanks in advance for letting me know that you will bring some cookies to the meeting.

The Elmhurst Branch will "pass the hat" to collect donations for the Legal Advocacy Fund. Your donation is strictly optional. Please make the check payable to "AAUW-LAF" and note Elmhurst Branch in the memo box. We will have receipts for cash donations. Keep the cancelled check or cash receipt for your tax records. We are a very generous group, yet we repeat that a gift to LAF at the September meeting is optional!

We need a head count by September 7. Please complete the enclosed form or contact Alice Smith at ahs339@yahoo.com or 630-666-8706.



Branch Calendar

September 3 - 7:30 pm

Half the Sky Group

Perry Doubt's House

Discussing: Paradise Beneath Her Feet by Isobel Coleman

September 11 - 7:00 pm

Joint Meeting:

Elmhurst, Downers Grove and Lombard Branches

Sexual Harassment in the Military (Daniele Hoffman)
1st Church of Lombard

September 26 - 1:00 pm

Book Discussion Group

"Charms for the Easy Life"

by Kaye Gibbons

Hostess: Betty Burgener

Discussion Leader:

Jeanne Regan

October 7 - 1:00 pm

Noontime Potpourri

100 South, Elmhurst

Details to follow



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.

AAUW FUNDS

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

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Sandra Burk

Bank Balances as of 6/30/2013:

Book Sale Account:	\$1,645.81
Savings Account:	1,324.38
General Account:	<u>3,539.70</u>
Total All Accounts:	\$6,509.89

Book Sale Report

Receipts totaled	\$13,201.04
Expenses*	<u>\$ 1,828.85</u>
Net Sales	\$11,372.19

*Gym rental, assistant wages for book pick up, misc supplies.

President’s Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to our Branch’s 75th anniversary year! With another successful Used Book Sale behind us, we are looking forward to a series of thought-provoking programs and social gatherings, culminating in a festive anniversary luncheon next May.

I hope you have had a chance to watch Elmhurst Our Kind of Town/Elmhurst Time Travelers on community access tv on Sunday and Tuesday evenings in August, since it featured four members of our Branch talking about our history in Elmhurst as well as the wider impact of AAUW as a whole.

This past June I had the privilege of attending AAUW’s National Convention in New Orleans. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our national organization and to meet and share ideas with many Illinois state and branch leaders who were also there.

I attended workshops on fundraising, member recruitment, archiving, and college and university relations as well as the plenary sessions where we learned about AAUW’s current research and legislative initiatives.

Imagine my pride when our Branch was recognized as 3rd in the nation for giving to AAUW Funds and 5th for supporting the AAUW Action Fund! I returned from the convention more convinced than ever of the value of AAUW and our mission, and I plan to share some of what I learned with you in the newsletter over the coming months.

One especially memorable experience I had at convention was viewing the documentary “The Invisible War,” about the epidemic of sexual assault in the military which is so much in the news right now. No newspaper article can convey the pain expressed by the victims in this film; viewing it was a deeply moving experience.

We will all have the opportunity to learn more about this issue at our September meeting, when our speaker will be Danielle Hoffman, an assault victim whose lawsuit against the military is being supported by LAF. As a departure from our usual practice, this will be a joint meeting with the Lombard and Downers Grove branches, giving us an opportunity to network and share ideas with fellow AAUW members.

After the program we will hold a separate branch meeting to distribute our yearbook and conduct branch business. I hope to see you all there to kick off this exciting anniversary year!

Sarah

Wow What a Book Sale!

Once again our branch can be so very proud of our members for our successful used book sale. Many of our members helped with sorting and selling. Some of whom became regulars, serving often. Others gave treasured book collections, bittersweet moments almost like parting with friends. Still others worked hard planning for several months.

What a thanks we owe to our book sale committee! Each committee member gave of her talents with love and dedication to the task. **Perry Doubt** came through with wonderful publicity through internet and print sources. How do you get a big, color picture advertising the sale on the front page of *The Independent* on the first day of the sale? **Cynthia Smith-Jans** once again stored bins and book sale materials, delivered and picked up bins to the various sights, paid for and arranged for the sign hanging from the overpass, and along with **Pat O'Dwyer** placed and picked-up directional signs on the streets leading to Jackson School. Pat also saw that AAUW and our sale were well represented at the Elmhurst Garden Walk, again making bookmarks to distribute to further publicize the sale.

Elyse Willis lugged, carried, lifted, and delivered all those books to Jackson School, close to 20,000 of them! Thank you Elyse! **Kathy Willis** again helped to value our special books. **Lauren Pittelli** sorted nearly every day. She also delivered flyers to stores in our business districts. **Susan Szymanski**, another loyal sorter, assisted with committee tasks. **Sarah Caltvedt and Carolyn Heiney** teamed together to work with the school district and do many of those little tasks that kept popping up, like frequenting local liquor stores begging for more boxes. **Marcia Lagerwey** also rescued us at the end with a huge load of beer flats from Doti and Mariano's.

While not on the committee, **Judy Ekblad** worked tirelessly organizing all the children's books.

Thanks to all. Our goal was attained. Profits of over \$11,000 translate into financial assistance for women as they continue to pursue their educations. Our efforts have been rewarded thanks to you.



AAUW Public Policy

Since AAUW's founding our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

The AAUW Public Policy Program underscores our AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. "As the new Public Policy Chairman for our branch," says Genie Urick, "I will keep you informed of the latest policy news, resources for advocates, and any other pertinent updates."

Save the Date:

*Celebrate the 75th
Anniversary of
our Elmhurst Area
AAUW
with a luncheon on
May 4, 2014
at Butterfield
Country Club, Oak
Brook, IL.*

Meet the New Board

Elected Officers 2013-2014

President

- Sarah Caltvedt

Program VPs:

-Alice Smith

-Sally Schuster

Recording Secretary:

-Rita Andreuccetti

Director - Finance

-Sandra Burk

Director - Membership

-Anne Klein

Director - Publicity/Communications

-Susan Szymanski

Director - Nominating Committee

-Carolyn Heiney

Standing/Voting Board Members

AAUW Funds

-Elaine Davison

Public Policy

-Genie Urick

Newsletter

-Perry Doubt

College/University Relations

-Susan Schmitz

Diversity/International Affairs

--Jan Summers

Bylaws and Policies

-Cheri Richards

Special Committee Directors/

Non-Voting Members

Yearbook

-Denise Thompson

Cool Cities

-Marcia Lagerwey

Noontime Potpourri Study Group

-Florence Beckman

Book Discussion Study Group

-Jan Bassindale

-Elaine Davison

-Carol Rounds

Half the Sky Study Group

-Jan Summers

In the News

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch is on tv! As part of our 75th Anniversary celebration, AAUW member Genie Urick arranged to have our Branch featured on the Elmhurst Time Travelers series.

Marcia Goltermann, Susan Szymanski, Mary Eleanor Wall and I sat down with Ken Bartels at the Churchville School House last month to discuss the history of our Branch and our contributions to the Elmhurst community.

For instance, did you know that an AAUW study group led to the founding of the Elmhurst Family YMCA?

Watch the program Sundays at 8 PM or Tuesdays at 5 PM during the month of August on Comcast Channel 6 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

Welcome to AAUW

Welcome to the newest members of AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch:

Lisa Fanelli

Jane Jegerski

Anna Kinnan

Josephine Mulvihill

Susanne Schmitz

Christine Smith

Ruth Zervas

Susanne joined our branch earlier this summer, and the others all joined during our Shape the Future event at the Used Book Sale. We look forward to seeing these new members at many of our wonderful programs scheduled this year.

Reminder: if you've been putting off sending in your membership renewal, now is the time!

Historical Tidbits – National AAUW

- In 1939 AAUW led efforts of provide federal aid for free tax-supported public education, including libraries.

- In 1971 AAUW supported the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution without amendments.

- In 1969 AAUW urged the appointment of women to the Supreme Court.

- AAUW published its first research study in 1885, just 4 years after its founding. This national survey debunked a prominent physician's assertion that higher education is injurious to women's health.

- At the 1935 AAUW national convention, members passed a resolution calling on Congress to decriminalize the dispensing of information on birth control devices by qualified physicians.

- Rachel Carson used the money given to her as the AAUW Achievement Awardee in 1956 to write Silent Spring.

- In 1942 AAUW issued a report showing how the poll tax disenfranchised people of color, women and the poor.

- Katharine Lee Bates, professor of literature at Wellesley College and author of the song "America the Beautiful" was an AAUW member.

National and Local Scholarships for Women

In achieving one of the main purposes of AAUW, supporting national and local scholarships for women, our branch has been exceptionally successful.

Last year we were 1st place in total giving, 4th place in per member giving in Illinois, 3rd place in total branch giving to AAUW Funds, and 5th place in total branch giving on a national level to the AAUW Action Fund.

A national gift to AAUW can be to the general charitable giving fund or to a specific fund. The AAUW Action Fund, a specific fund, recognized the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act on June 10, 2013 with a lobby day that brought 75 fair pay advocates and children to the Hill.

Following a press conference the fund advocates including several House members visited 46 congressional offices to ask members of Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. Further work is needed to insure passage.

Our branch would like to commend Mary Eleanor Wall who has joined the Legacy Circle. In order to join, she gave a planned gift to AAUW. This type of gift can be accomplished by an individual naming AAUW as a beneficiary in a will, trust, life insurance policy, IRA, or by a Charitable Gift Annuity.

AAUW Illinois Going Electronic

Make sure your "Profile" information on the AAUW website is current, especially your email address.

The AAUW IL, Inc. newsletter is coming electronically any day now. Look for it in your inbox or spam box. You can contact Cindy Grau for problems at cindy@equivoice.com

Recycling Events Coming Up

The Elmhurst area AAUW is a member of the Cool Cities Coalition which works to make the Elmhurst community a more environmentally friendly and sustainable place to live.

The group's mission is the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through education, outreach and community action, with a focus on these areas: Energy Efficiency; Conservation of Resources; Renewable Energy; Solid Waste Reduction; Pollution (air quality). Anyone interested in pursuing this mission is welcome to join the group. Contact Marcia Lagerwey, our representative, for more information.

Two member groups of the Cool Cities Coalition are sponsoring Recycling Events in the near future:

September 28

Electronics only

1st Congregation UUC Church
235 Kenilworth, Elmhurst

October 19

Elmhurst College

Recycling Extravaganza

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.



Garden Walk Volunteers. Thanks to all the members who helped our Branch greet local residents attending the Annual Garden Walk this summer. It was a great opportunity to spread the word about AAUW and generate interest in the Used Book Sale.

AAUW Awards \$3.7 Million for 2013–14 Academic Year

On August 1st, AAUW announced the 125th class of fellows and grantees who will receive funding for graduate work and educational projects thanks to an extraordinary program that started when women were discouraged from pursuing higher education.

Since 1888, the AAUW fellowships and grants program, which has distinguished the organization as one of the world's leading supporters of graduate women's education, has awarded nearly \$100 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to more than 12,000 women from 130 countries.

AAUW is giving \$3.7 million collectively to the 2013–14 fellows and grantees — which include 245 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls. Details about the awardees can be found on the newly updated online directory.

"Our members and supporters have given generously to the AAUW fellowships and grants program for the past 125 years because they understand the importance of investing in women," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "AAUW has played a role in educating some of the world's leading minds. Our goal is to support women in any way they need to make a positive impact around the globe."

AAUW's program is unique because, unlike most educational funding, some AAUW awards can be used toward costs like child care, transportation, and other living expenses.

AAUW fellowships and grants have supported many trailblazing women throughout the years. Notable alumnae include Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie, novelist Susan Sontag, psychologist Joyce Brothers, and astronaut Judith Resnik. Contemporary alumnae include youth expert and author Rosalind Wiseman, economist Heather Boushey, and social entrepreneur Jane Chen.

Elmhurst Chapter Scores at Illinois-Missouri Joint Convention

We're proud to report that AAUW Elmhurst Branch received the following awards during the Regional convention in St. Louis earlier this summer:

- Top IL Branch in Total Giving to All AAUW Funds - \$11,218.00
- Fourth Place in Per Capita Giving to all AAUW Funds - \$120.62
- Electronic Media – Platinum Level (with extra credit for having our new logo on our website and Facebook page)
- Newsletter Award – for coverage of our mission based programming
- Spice Award – awarded to Sarah Aldred-Fleege for her interest in the Hamlin Fistula Hospital
- Named Gift Honoree – Susan Szymanski for her work on Dare to Dream and her positions on the branch board as Program VP and Communications Director



Our own Cindy Grau was co-chair for the two day meeting in St. Louis. Good job, Cindy!



Dr. Cathy Pieronek of Notre Dame University (right) was a luncheon speaker who spoke about the true scope of Title IX and how it applies to all areas of education – not just sport.



Alice Smith and Mary Eleanor Wall.



Past State Presidents, including Alice Smith and Mary Eleanor Wall, led the audience in singing the national anthem at the Joint State Convention.

Directions for September 11th Meeting: First Church, Main & Maple, Lombard

Northern route: Take St Charles Road to Main Street, Lombard; turn south on Main Street and proceed to Ash, which is one block south of Maple. Turn west (right) on Ash and park in the first parking lot on the right. Signs will be posted within the building directing you to the correct room.

Southern route: Take Roosevelt Road to Main Street, Lombard; turn north on Main Street and proceed to Ash, which is the second street north of the light at Hickory (Mr Z's). Turn west (left) on Ash and park in the first parking lot on the right. Signs will be posted within the building directing you to the correct room

Note: If the lot at First Church is full, take Ash west (left out of the lot) to the St John's parking lot and park in the area closest to Ash Street.

Sexual Harassment in the Military

Weds, September 11

7 pm

This issue can no longer be swept under the rug.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) plaintiff Daniele Hoffman will present her riveting and poignant message about her sexual harassment lawsuit against the Indiana National Guard.

Three AAUW branches are sponsoring this program so a larger audience can hear Daniele's story.

Donations to LAF will be welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Held at the First Church of Lombard
220 S. Main Street

(southwest corner of Main and Maple Streets)

Parking is available in the church lot off Ash St., along Ash St., the Maple Street commuter lot west of the church, and at St. John's on Ash St.



Daniele Hoffman



Sponsored by Lombard Area, Downers Grove, and Elmhurst AAUW branches.

MEETING RESERVATION *(please respond by September 7, 2013)*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Yes I am attending (plus guests _____)

I will bring cookies to the meeting (2 dozen is plenty) Contact me about carpooling

My donation to "LAF-AAUW" is enclosed (there is no charge for attending the meeting)

Mail this form (and your check) to: Alice Smith, 1051 Jamey Lane, Addison, IL 60101 OR email this information to Alice Smith at ahs339@yahoo.com (phone 630-666-8706).