



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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May Supper

Wednesday, May 13, 6 pm

Good food...better conversation, our year ends with the May Supper. This supper is a casual way to catch up with members. Our president, Sarah Caltvedt, will say a few words, and we will meet this year's scholarship winner. However, the focus of the evening is enjoying a great meal and seeing everyone.

This year we have a private room at Angelo's Ristorante, 247 North York Road, Elmhurst. Angelo's worked with us to give us a wonderful meal at a great price: \$25 per person including tax and gratuity.

The family-style dinner includes Minestrone Soup, Mixed Green Salad, Ziti Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Chicken Vesuvio with Green Beans, and Vanilla Ice Cream. Coffee, hot tea, and water are included. There will be a cash bar for all other beverages.

If you have special dietary needs, please let us know when you make your reservation.

The deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, May 6**. Make out checks for \$25 per person to AAUW, Elmhurst-Area Branch and send to Sally Schuster, 253 Ridgeland, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

You can certainly bring guests. If you need transportation to Angelo's, please contact Sally Schuster, 6360-833-3132, so she can make arrangements.

McCormick Museum

Branch Outing to McCormick Museum

We are organizing an outing to visit McCormick Museum in Wheaton on **Saturday, June 6th at 11:00 am**.

The mansion was once the home of Chicago Tribune editor and publisher Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). McCormick's grandfather, Joseph Medill, built the house in 1896 for McCormick's mother Katherine. McCormick acquired the house around 1910. Upon his death, McCormick's will established the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust, known today as the McCormick Foundation.

The guided tour will explore how Colonel McCormick lived here and McCormick's legacy of journalism, history, architecture, politics, First Amendment issues, patriotism and philanthropy.

Contact Perry Doubt for reservations and further information.



BRANCH CALENDAR

May 1-2
AAUW-IL State Convention
Bloomington, IL

May 5 - 7:30 pm
Half the Sky Group
Perry Doubt's Home

May 13 - 7:00 pm
Next AAUW Meeting
"May Supper"
Angelo's Ristorante
247 North York Road

June 18-21
AAUW National Convention
San Diego





AAUW Hotline 1-800-326-2289
Email: info@aauwelmhurst.org

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

April 15, 2015

Sandra J. Burk
Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund:	\$ 4,062.43
Conferences Fund	2,774.88
General Fund:	<u>3,669.16</u>
Total	\$10,506.47

AAUW National Elections

We urge all members to review information on the candidates who have been nominated for the 2015-2017 national AAUW Board of Directors as well as the 12 proposals for AAUW's Public Policy Platform and five proposed amendments to the AAUW by-laws.

Members who have not already voted can cast their ballots at our May Supper.

Bring the latest issue of Outlook with your voter ID and PIN to the meeting.

Members with cell-equipped tablets or laptops can help by bringing them to facilitate voting.

Where O Where?

We have lost track of the AAUW Banner that is displayed at various Branch functions. Contact Cindy Grau if you know where it might be located.

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Book Sale In May

The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale will be held on **May 6-9, 2015**, at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center Located at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn.

Enter through the gym west entrance. It is elevator accessible.

The sale begins Wednesday, May 6th, from 6pm to 9pm. Entry is \$10 per adult. There is no scanner fee.

Thursday and Friday, May 7th and 8th, the sale is open from 9am to 9pm. Admission is free.

On Saturday, May 9th, the sale is open 9am to 2 pm. Admission is free and features Books by the Bag for \$10 per bag.

Proceeds are used to fund fellowships and local scholarships.

Dues Reminder

It's dues time! This year you may renew your membership, either by filling out the form included in this newsletter OR you may renew ONLINE!

If possible, please renew online – it's easier for our Director of Finance and the AAUW Board. The directions for the online renewal are at the bottom of the form. Be GREEN, save paper, save a stamp, save time!

If you wish to contribute extra funds to the branch, please give a separate check to Sandy Burk, Director of Finance.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Burk, Anne Klein or Sarah Caltvedt.

Public Policy Update

AAUW research notes that women make up only 12% of engineers and 26% of computing professionals.

Girls have just as much aptitude for these fields as boys, yet they don't pursue the courses in college.

As a parent, grandparent, employer or professional you can help:

1.Remember that engineers are made, not born.

2.Let girls in your life tinker with things, break toys, get dirty, and fail.

3.Know that Title IX is about more than athletics.

4.Spread the word that engineering and computing fields have enormous social impact.

5.If you're a woman already in these fields, seek out opportunities to serve as a role model for girls and young women.

Genie Urick

May Dinner
Wednesday
May 13, 2015
6 pm



Angelo's Ristorante
247 N. York Road, Elmhurst
\$25 per person (tax and gratuity included)

Menu

Minestrone Soup
Mixed Green Salad
Ziti Pasta with Marinara Sauce
Chicken Vesuvio with Green Beans
Vanilla Ice Cream
Water, Coffee, and Hot Tea Included

Soft Drinks and Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased.

Please send the portion below the dashes to Sally with your reservation.

I will attend the May dinner and am inclosing a check for \$25 made payable to AAUW Elmhurst Branch.

Name _____

If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know what they are so Angelo's can accommodate you.

Send your reservation with your check to

Sally Schuster
253 Ridgeland
Elmhurst, Il 60126
630-833-3132

Reservations are due no later than Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

President's Message

This is my last official message as your Branch president, and I want to tell you what a privilege it has been to serve in that capacity these past two years. Yes, it can be hard work, but there's a lot of pleasure and a lot of learning that come with this job, too.

My term started with attending the AAUW national convention in New Orleans. I must admit I went reluctantly, but I came back energized and inspired by all that AAUW is doing to promote equity, break down those barriers, for women and girls. Truly we belong to a powerful organization that is changing lives!

As I look back at the past two years, I see that we have continued to thrive as a Branch, building on the work done by our previous presidents and boards. Our current membership stands at 95! On the administrative side, we've set up a post office box so we have a permanent address, consolidated our bank accounts and thoroughly revised our Branch bylaws and policies.

More importantly, we've welcomed many new and returning members, had a lot of thought-provoking programs, awarded scholarships to two adult women and a Dare to Dream alumna, and built supportive friendships through social events and outings. Our Half the Sky study group members pitched in to fund a life-changing fistula operation for a woman in Africa and are now looking at the issue of sex trafficking. Several of our members represent AAUW in planning and carrying out the annual Dare to Dream conference for Latina girls and its scholarship program, an initiative that began right here in our Elmhurst Area Branch, while others have worked on Tech Savvy programs to interest girls in STEM careers.

Please join me in thanking the Board members who served with me during my term. They've worked hard to keep our Branch running smoothly and successfully. We'll be in good hands with our incoming president, Jan Summers, and her new and continuing board members. Please contact them if you have ideas for programs or projects or if you'd just like to help with membership recruitment and retention, publicity, or other activities.

Although our May supper marks the end of our program year, we have a big job ahead of us this summer with our annual Used Book Sale. As you may have heard, we were not able to reserve a school gym for the entire 5-week sorting period. The current plan is to sort books in the (air-conditioned!) multipurpose room at Lincoln School and then move them to the gym for the sale July 30. We will probably have to shorten the sale and begin on Friday afternoon instead of Thursday night. Needless to say, it's going to require a lot of womanpower to plan and manage this whole operation. Younger arms and backs will also be needed, and we hope to hire some young people to assist with housekeeping tasks during the sort and with the move itself.

The book sale is our only fundraising event of the year, and it not only funds our local scholarship, but also the important work of AAUW. In today's climate, that work of defending women's rights and advancing equity is more vital than ever. Please do whatever you can this summer to help with the sale. It's going to be a challenge, but we can do it!

Sarah Caltvedt
Branch President

2015-2016 AAUW Membership Form – New and Renewing Members

Please complete all information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

**Please send check (payable to
AAUW-Elmhurst) and this form to:
AAUW Finance Director
PO Box 243
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Please submit by *June 15, 2015***

Please check one:

Regular Member \$78

Student Affiliate \$25

Life Member \$29 (branch + state fees only)

Fifty-Year Honor: Fifty-year members are exempt from association, state and branch dues.

Membership Dues: \$ _____

Elmhurst AAUW Donation: \$ _____

Total Check: Amount \$ _____

Note: Of the \$49 that we pay to the Association, \$3 goes to support the AAUW Lobby corps and is not tax deductible. \$46 is payable to AAUW, our 501(c) (3) charitable organization, and is tax deductible.

Please list all degrees: List additional degrees on back.

Undergraduate College/University _____

Degree _____ Field of Study _____ Year received _____

Graduate School _____

Degree _____ Field of Study _____ Year received _____

STEPS TO: RENEW ONLINE You will need your member number (upper right hand corner of your yearbook) and password. If you do not have one, you will need to create one.

Go to www.aauw.org

Scroll to bottom of page and click on: **Member tools**. Scroll to bottom of page and click on: **Membership Services Database** (lower left hand corner) Click on: **Visit here**. Click on: **Enter Member Service Data**. Then in the lower left hand corner click on: **Renew my membership**. Fill out personal information. Click on: **next**. Check information for accuracy and click on: **submit**. Print confirm Payment Information if desired. **If you need help call 800-326-2289.**

New Member

Suzanne Stock joined our Branch during the Shape the Future event at the November program featuring the historical portrayal of Vivian Maier. Suzanne lives in Elmhurst with her husband, Carl. They have two adult daughters who reside in California, and each daughter has two children.

Suzanne received a Bachelors of Education from Wisconsin State University, Whitewater; a Masters of Science from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; and a Doctorate of Philosophy from The Ohio State University, Columbus.

While at Whitewater, she received three Legislative Scholarships, the Freshman Mathematics Award, The Senior Mathematics Award, and she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education. At Western Michigan University, she was both a Fellow and Graduate Assistant.

After teaching at The Ohio State University as an Associate Instructor of Mathematics, Suzanne spent 12 years as a Professor of Mathematics at George Williams College.

She then spent 22 ½ years as a Professor of Mathematics at Oakton Community College, retiring in 2006. While at Oakton, she participated in the Study-Visit International Exchange Program, and she received the National Institute Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Teaching Excellence Award.

For over 40 years, Suzanne has taught as an adjunct faculty member in mathematics at Elmhurst College.

In addition to teaching, Suzanne enjoys playing tennis regularly and working out daily. She attends monthly book club meetings and belongs to a knitting group called “Wooly Knitters” where all participants knit for charity.

She likes to bike, travel, play bridge, euchre, dominoes, and Mah Jongg. Whenever possible, Suzanne also enjoys attending plays, movies, and concerts.

Welcome, Suzanne!

Returning Student Award

Kathleen Ekeberg, an Elmhurst resident, has been chosen as the winner of our branch’s 2015 Returning Student \$2,500 Scholarship. Kathleen worked mainly in full-time clerical positions before enrolling in an accounting course at College of DuPage in 2013 that she felt changed her life. She found it very challenging but, with the assistance of a professor who valued and respected her and the college’s resources, she succeeded in earning an Accounting Certificate last year with a 4.0 G.P.A.

Kathleen was chosen by the math department professors to be a “math ambassador” for the college, speaking to students in different math courses about the challenges and benefits of being successful in math. She provided study strategies to students, as well as trying to motivate them and lessen their fear of math.

Pursuing a bachelor’s degree in accounting through COD’s “3+1” program in conjunction with Benedictine University, is Kathleen’s plan with a longer-range goal of working as a CPA by earning COD’s Advanced Accounting Certificate.

Thanks for a Great Year!

2014-2015 Branch Officers & Committee Chairs

Elected Officers

President	Sarah Caltvedt
Program Vice Presidents	Sally Schuster
.	Jan Alexander
Membership Vice President	Anne Klein
Recording Secretary	Darlene Van Meir
Director of Finance	Sandra Burk
Director of Communications/Publicity	Lauren Pittelli
Director of Nominating Committee	Carolyn Heiney

Standing Directors/Voting Board Members

AAUW Funds	Elaine Davison
Public Policy	Genie Urick
Newsletter	Perry Doubt
College/University Relations	Susanne Schmitz
Diversity/International Affairs	Jan Summers
Bylaws and Policies	Cheri Richards

Special Committee Directors/Non-Voting Members

Yearbook	Denise Thompson
Cool Cities	Marcia Lagerwey
Study Group – Book Discussion.	Jean Bassindale
Elaine Davison	
Carol Rounds	
Study Group – Noontime Potpourri	Florence Beckman
Study Group – Half the Sky	Jan Summers