



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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September 9th Supper Meeting

Our fall dinner will be on Wednesday, September 9, at Francesca's Restaurant, 174 N. York Rd. beginning at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$28 per person and guests are welcome.

The program will include our guest speaker, Blair Brettschneider from GirlForward, Inc. This organization is making a difference in the lives of young girls who are refugees living in the Chicago area. She won an AAUW Community Action Grant in 2012-2013.

A reservation form is enclosed. Please make your reservations in advance so we can inform the restaurant. Please note any special dietary requests with your reservation. Contact Jan Alexander for more information at doctorja7100@gmail.com.



The 2015 Used Book Sale was a great success. Thanks to everyone for your help. Shown above (left to right): Genie Ubrect, Sarah Calvedt, Carolyn Heiney, Jan Summers, Suzane Stock and Debra Markello. See more pictures and a financial report elsewhere in this newsletter.



BRANCH CALENDAR

September 9 - 6:30 pm
September Supper
Francesca's
171 York Rd., Elmhurst

September 16 - 7:00 pm
Why Redistricting Matters in Changing Illinois
Park Ridge Library
20 S. Prospectd, Park Ridge

September 26 - 7:00 pm
Board of Directors
Elmhurst Public Library

September 29- 7:00 pm
Illinois Power Woman, Hon. Christine Radogno
Downers Grove Park District Rec. Center
4500 Belmont Rd.

Meetings of Potpourri, Half the Sky and Book Groups will be announced later.



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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.

Join Us to Learn

Why Redistricting Matters in Changing Illinois

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Park Ridge Public Library
20 S. Prospect Avenue - Park Ridge**

**Speaker: Christopher Butler
Illinois Field Director, Independent Maps**

Northwest Suburban AAUW and the Park Ridge League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring this program on the Independent Maps initiative on September 16th at 7pm at the Park Ridge Library.

Independent Maps is collecting signatures to get a Constitutional Amendment on the November 2016 ballot to have Illinois' political maps redistricted by an independent body rather than the political party in power. Redistricting, which is done every ten years, has caused many races to go uncontested due to districts being drawn unfavorably towards the opposing party. Cities have been cut in half during this process and current legislators have even been drawn out of their district requiring them to move in order to run to retain their seat. The public is invited to attend.

Sponsored by:

Park Ridge League of Women Voters
Contact: Diane Edmundson 847-292-1867
Northwest Suburban Branch, AAUW
Contact: Cynthia Grau 847-384-8136

(This is not a Library-run event. Except for providing meeting space, the Park Ridge Public Library is not in any manner connected with this meeting, and neither the Library nor the Board of Trustees endorses the presenter nor any position expressed by the group.)



Congratulations and best wishes to Kathleen Ekeberg (left) recipient of our 2015 Returning Student Award (shown here with Elaine Davison, AAUW Funds.

Enjoying the Company of Our Community

The May Supper is always a great ending for our Branch year, a time for us to relax and share friendship and good food. The event, held at Angelo's this year, drew an enthusiastic crowd.



Meet the 2015-16 Board

President's Message

As the incoming AAUW – Elmhurst Area President, I'm quite excited about our upcoming year of events and activities, as well as the prospect of making new friends and strengthening existing friendships.

Thanks to our branch and AAUW Illinois, I was able to attend the biannual AAUW National Convention in San Diego in June. The speakers and break-out sessions were so inspiring; and I've brought back many ideas to enhance our chapter and to increase membership. In fact, I was a little "radicalized" and re-energized, as I was reminded of my strong feminist beliefs and activities throughout my life. One of the themes of the convention that resonated with me is that we are a **community** of people in support of the **mission to advance the equity for women and girls**. That's why I belong to AAUW, and it's why I'm motivated to increase our mission-based programs and events.

It's been a great start to the 2015-16 year. So many of our members, both old and new, volunteered at our successful Used Book Sale – see the separate report for the numbers. Several also volunteered as hostesses at the Elmhurst Garden Walk, promoting our organization and the Used Book Sale.

Our Program Vice Presidents, Jan Alexander and Jane Jegerski, have been working over the summer to develop a stimulating and varied program for the monthly Branch meetings. Any ideas or requests for program topics, especially mission based topics, are always welcome.

We will kick off the program year at our September supper, on September 9th at Francesca's, with a guest speaker, Blair Brettschneider, from Girl Forward, Inc. And I will provide some updates from the AAUW National convention. Our branch is also co-sponsoring a Public Policy event on September 29th, "Illinois Power Woman", with Illinois Senator Christine Radogno, who will speak on women's issues in Illinois, including the ratification of the ERA. It's hard for me to believe Illinois is one of the states who has still not ratified our equal rights!

We also have study/interest groups, such as Half the Sky, Book Discussion Group and Noontime Potpourri, that all strengthen our **community**. If you have additional ideas for interest groups, let's talk!

Keep watching the newsletters and our social media for upcoming activities. "Like" our Facebook page and add our website to your Favorites.

I am looking forward to meeting you and/or getting to know you all better. We have a great year ahead of us!

Jan Summers, Branch President

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Jan Summers

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Jan Alexander and Jane Jegerski

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Perry Doubt

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Other appointments will be announced shortly for:

- Public Policy
- College/University Relations
- Diversity/ International Affairs
- STEM Coordinator and
- Title IX Lead

It takes many, many volunteers to keep this organization on track. Thanks for the time and energy you give to AAUW Elmhurst!

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM
Co-sponsored by Elmhurst Area AAUW

“ILLINOIS POWER WOMAN”

Hon. Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leader



Tuesday, September 29, 2015 • 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center
4500 Belmont Rd., Multi-Purpose Room

Senator Christine Radogno is the first female Caucus Leader in the history of the Illinois General Assembly. She began her third term as Senate Republican Leader in 2013, and has served in the Illinois Senate since 1997, representing the 41st District in DuPage, Will and Cook Counties.

Before running for Senate, Radogno served as Village of LaGrange Trustee (1989-1996), and worked as a social worker at Mercy Center for Health Care Services. She holds a master’s degree in social work from Loyola University.

Her human services background has reinforced her dedication to fostering responsible health care in Illinois, sponsoring Medicaid Reform legislation, and advocating common sense changes to Illinois’ public health system.

Key Sponsor: Hinsdale-Oak Brook AAUW; Co-sponsors: Downers Grove, Elmhurst Area, Jane Addams, and Salt Creek AAUW Branches Contact: Moe Headington, Public Policy Chair, Tel: 630-323-6891; moeteam@comcast.net

AAUW Accounts Summary 7/1/2015 – 8/16/2015

Book Sale:

Opening Balance: \$ 1562.43
Closing Balance: **\$10082.18**

<u>Comparison previous years:</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Book Receipts:	\$13205.40	\$13300.11	\$10599.20
Entry Scanners:	<u>690.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>555.00</u>
TOTALS	\$13895.40	\$14100.11	\$11149.20

Convention/Travel:

Opening Balance: 2774.88
Closing Balance: **2065.44**

General Fund:

Opening Balance: 4205.80
Closing Balance: **4306.80**

**Total Funds
Available (8/16/15): \$16454.42**

2015 AAUW Book Sale Report 6/29/15 - 8/15/15

INCOME

Book Sale Cash Return		\$ 300.00
Book Sale Receipts		<u>10,664.20</u>
TOTAL INCOME		\$10,964.20

EXPENSES

Book Sale Cash Withdrawal		\$ 300.00
Book Sale Labor		949.00
Building Rental		1,116.46
Publicity & Promotion		<u>78.99</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,444.45

NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES **\$8,519.75**



Used Book Sale 2015

Thousands of books and untold hours of volunteer labor, but it was worth the effort. Thanks to everyone for making it happen. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale will be used to fund scholarships at the local and national levels.

We were especially pleased to have some out-of-towners join us on sort days. Above left, is Sarah Caltvedt's granddaughter Emily and Sarah's daughter, Emily Schneider (posing with new member Suzanne Stock on the left). In the photo above, Perry Doubt recruited her sister Sandy Conlon who was visiting from Boise.

Last but not least, we want to acknowledge Gail Brazie (far right in picture at left) for all she did to make the Book Sale such a big success. Always smiling and enthusiastic she never stopped working and heaving all those cartons of books. Go, Gail!



Join us for the September Supper at Francesca's Amici

174 N. York Road, Elmhurst

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 pm

Registration deadline, Wednesday, September 2

\$28 per person, inclusive

Menu

SALAD: Insalata della Casa

Romaine, carrot, cucumber, and tomato with balsamic vinaigrette

MAIN COURSE: Rigatoni con Mozzarella

*Rigatoni pasta sauteed with tomato basil sauce and fresh
mozzarella*

Pollo alla Romano

*Roasted chicken breast with garlic, shallots, rosemary, lemon,
olive oil, and roasted potatoes*

DESSERT: Profiteroles

DRINKS: Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Water (Cash bar for all other beverages)

Registration

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

GUESTS: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT at \$28 per person: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

**Make out checks to AAUW, Elmhurst-Area Branch.
Send to AAUW, PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126, by September 2**