



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## The ABCs of Sex Education: Making Informed Choices

Wednesday • April 13, 2016 • 7 pm  
Elmhurst Public Library

The **ABCs** (**A**bstain, **B**e faithful, & use **C**ondoms) is a knowledge and skills-based approach to reducing the incidence of HIV, other STDs, and unwanted pregnancies through behavior change.

The group works in Kenya training community educators to teach HIV prevention and sex education. Training includes anatomy, sexual and reproductive health, STD information, and resources.

Attendees discuss topics including serial monogamy versus concurrent relationships and its impact on disease transmission.

More than 70,000 Kenyans have been taught by ABCs' trained community educators since 2008. Increased HIV testing and condom purchasing has been reported in areas following ABCs training, as well as reductions in student pregnancies.

Please come to learn more about this challenging topic.

Our speaker is Kathy Tate-Bradish, Founder & Executive Director of The ABCs of Sex Education. Kathy holds a degree in German secondary education from the University of Illinois, and has taught middle school English in Austria and middle and high school German in Illinois and at the American School in London. She also holds a law degree from Northwestern University, and passed the bar in 1981.

Kathy has been volunteering in Kenya since 2004. In 2008 she started a multi-day training program based on the curriculum she developed that is now known as The ABCs of Sex Education.

*The Annual Business Meeting follows this program. Please attend to vote on the Bylaws changes and the incoming slate of officers.*

## AAUW Membership Renewal

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 Denise Thompson, Director of Finance.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Thompson, Jennifer Jordan or Jan Summers.



## BRANCH CALENDAR

**Board of Directors**  
*No meeting in April*

April 4 - 1:00 pm  
**Noontime Potpourri**  
Francesca Amici

April 12 - 12 noon  
**Equal Pay Rally**  
Daley Plaza - Chicago

April 13 - 7:00 pm  
**AAUW Meeting & Annual Business Meeting**  
"ABCs of Sex Education"  
Elmhurst Public Library

*April 16*  
**Tech Savvy Event**

April 25 - 7:30 pm  
**Half the Sky Group**  
*Perry Doubt's Home*

April 28 - 1:00 pm  
**Book Discussion Group**  
"Portrait of a Lady"  
by Henry James  
*Hostess: Anna Kinnan*  
*Leader: Anna Kinnan*

April 29-30  
**AAUW Illinois Convention**  
Schaumburg



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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.

**AAUW FUNDS**

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

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

July 1 - March 31, 2016

*Denise Thompson  
Director of Finance*

Book Sale Fund:	\$5,686.84
Conferences Fund	2,065.44
General Fund:	<u>3,112.67</u>
 Total	 \$10,864.95

**Miriam Potter - Latest 50 Year Member**

This year, Miriam Potter became our branch's newest 50 year member, which is the designation for persons who have been a member of an AAUW branch (or branches) for 50 years.

In March, Jennifer Jordan visited Miriam at home to present her with a 50 Year Member Certificate issued by AAUW National.

Miriam was pleased, though she said it made her 'feel old'. Although Miriam is seldom able to attend our AAUW meetings, she does enjoy going to the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra concerts with her son, who lives in the area.

If you would like to drop Miriam a note of congratulations, her address is: 219 S. Hawthorne, Elmhurst.

**HELP AAUW GROW**  
Bring a guest to the April Meeting!

**AAUW Tech Savvy Conference Slated for April 16**

AAUW Tech Savvy is a one-day career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

The Conference will be held at Oakton Community College from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Online registration is required and will begin in late February 2016. Cost is \$10 per person (girls and adults) and includes lunch.

For additional information go to: <http://janeaddams-il.aauw.net/tech-savvy/>

Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Contact Gloria Liu at [glorial@oakton.edu](mailto:glorial@oakton.edu).

**Half the Sky Group**

Half the Sky, our International Issues Study Group, has been exploring the Syrian refugee crisis.

In January, members shared articles about the situation and explored the information presented by the media.

In March, members shared information about organizations that were assisting the refugees abroad and here in the Chicagoland area.

Here are websites we share with interested members:

•**International Rescue Committee** [www.Rescue.org](http://www.Rescue.org) See the impact of working globally with many distressed people in so many world conflicts. Charity Navigator has given IRC a four star rating for nine consecutive years.

•**RefugeeOne** [www.refugeeone.org](http://www.refugeeone.org) Learn about this strong support group in our area. Read about companies who find it a smart business decision to hire refugees here in Chicago.

•**Girl Forward** [www.girlforward.org](http://www.girlforward.org) At our September 2015 dinner meeting we had a representative explain their work. Mentoring and developing young women's confidence and leadership skills are at the heart of this program. Young immigrant girls aged 12-21 face many challenges that are addressed by this group.

•**Syrian Community Network** [www.syriancommunitynetwork.org](http://www.syriancommunitynetwork.org) Who better than Syrian-Americans to help the families coming into Chicago. This group taps into all the Chicago area support systems already in place to serve the needs of the refugees, including the services of *Refugee One and -- Girl Forward*. Suzanne Akras, director, has said that three new families are coming to Chicago this Spring.

## President's Message

Finally, spring! Spring to me is a signal for getting active and renewing my focus on my passions! Which is good timing for me, as there is a lot happening in my personal world, as well as with AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch.

It's already been a busy time for the administration of the branch, doing the biannual review and revision of our Bylaws and Policies to conform to AAUW National changes, as well as the continuous improvement of our organization. The Bylaws Committee completed the revision of the bylaws and they will be voted upon by our membership at the April Annual Business Meeting. A summary of the changes up for the vote are included in this newsletter.

We have a new slate of volunteers to fill positions on our board for next year and we've drafted a new budget for the coming year. We'll vote on those topics as well at our Annual Meeting in April; so please plan to attend on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, we will have a program focused on an International topic, the ABCs of Sex Education: Making Informed Choices. This program in Kenya is focused on reducing diseases and unwanted pregnancies, thereby empowering women. I look forward to hearing more about it.

There are two upcoming events this month at AAUW-IL level; one is Tech Savvy, an event for girls to learn more about STEM topics and careers. It's April 16<sup>th</sup> at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. If you know a middle school girl who might be interested in attending, or if you would like to volunteer for that day or donate money to support it, contact me, Leslie Stipe or Suzanne Stock.

The second event is the AAUW-IL Conference April 30<sup>th</sup> in Schaumburg and any member can attend. I would love to have lots of our members attend with me and Denise Dean, our Public Policy Director. Your costs will be covered by the branch or by state, so let me know if you're interested. The agenda looks great with inspiring topics that support our AAUW Mission.

We're ready to kick off our Used Book Sale Committee to plan our big fundraising event for this summer. Put the date on your calendar for August 4-7<sup>th</sup> for the sale. Start collecting your used books and plan to sign up to work at the sorting on Wednesday or Saturday mornings. And of course, please attend the sale as a volunteer and as a buyer. If you want to be on the planning committee, please contact me. This is our major fund raising event of the year, and its success is dependent on our volunteers as well as getting the word out about the sale. Pass the word!

We're also looking for a volunteer to be our **College / University Liaison**, working with the local colleges to ensure connection with our AAUW Mission, trying to get young women involved.

It's also time to begin renewing for next year, renewals due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. It's also the ideal time to invite a friend to join as anyone who joins between March 15<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> is covered as a member until June 2017.

So after a little winter hibernation, we're ramping up again with lots of activities over the next few weeks. Please put our programs and events on your calendar; and invite a like-minded friend. And if you have an idea for a program in the future, please advise me or one of our Program VPs, as we're planning next year's program schedule right now. We're working to strengthen our AAUW community with programs which interest our existing members and potential new members.

Let's enjoy our community while supporting our mission of impacting gender equity, and make a difference for women and girls in 2016!

Jan Summers  
Branch President

## Member Profile - Jeanette Flaningam

During the discussion/question time after our March meeting speaker completed her presentation about her mother's experiences as a member of the WACs (Women's Army Corps) during World War II, our branch member, Jeanette Flaningam, shared that she had been a member of the WAVES at that same time. Here is her story.

Jeanette grew up in Champaign-Urbana where her father was Dean of Men at the University of Illinois. In 1942, when she was 19 years old and a sophomore student at the university she chose to work towards a Bachelor of Science in Law. As a student in this program, she began courses in the law school beginning in her junior year. Because a great majority of male students had been drafted and were serving in the WWII military at that time, there were only 12 students in her law school class, half of which were female. Jeanette completed her undergraduate studies and earned her Bachelor's Degree in 1944.

Following graduation and responding to a desire to "serve her country" and to the posters that said, "Uncle Sam Wants YOU!" — Jeanette enlisted in the Navy in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

Jeanette did her basic training in officer training school at Smith College in Massachusetts entering the Navy as a Midshipman, being promoted to Ensign after training and reaching the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. Her first post was at the Dept. of the Navy in Washington, D.C. where she worked in Communications Security. Then she was transferred to the U.S. Naval Base in Key West, Florida, where she was assigned as the Assistant Welfare and Recreation Officer until the war ended on VJ Day (Victory in Japan) and she received her discharge orders.

Jeanette returned to Law School at the University of Illinois on the GI Bill in a post war class that had grown to 200 students and earned her J.D. Degree. She married her husband, Tom Flaningam, in 1953 after he returned from Army service in the south Pacific. They had met as young people at their church in Champaign. Jeanette and Tom moved to Elmhurst and raised a family of two daughters, Jill and Karen. Jeanette's primary work was at home with her children during their early years and she also taught Business Law and Accounting on a part-time basis at Elmhurst College. Then to enhance her credentials and prepare herself for full-time employment when her girls were in school all day, she attended Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and earned an MBA. She then worked at Continental Bank in the Estate Planning Department until her retirement. Her husband, Tom, died in 1998.

Jeanette has been a member of AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch since 1955 which makes her one of the Branch's Honorary Life Members. She chose AAUW because she appreciated the focus or the organization on intellectual stimulation and interesting program topics. And she's still an active member for those same reasons.



## Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Used Book Sales

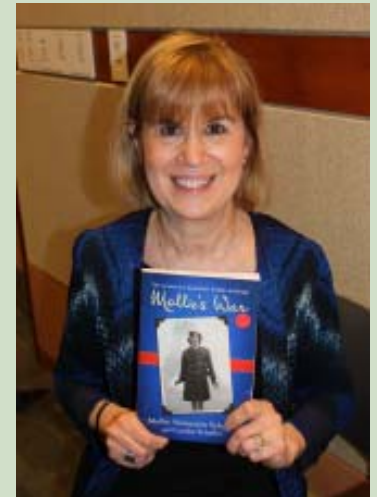
The 2016 Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale will be held May 4th through May 7th in the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn. Enter the Civic Center through the Gym West Entrance. There is elevator access.

On Wednesday, May 4th, the sale will be open from 6 pm to 9 pm. Entrance fee is \$10 per adult and there is no scanner fee. On May 5th and 6th, Thursday and Friday, the sale will be open from 9 am until 9 pm. Admission is free. On Saturday, May 7th, the sale will be open from 9 am until 2 pm. Admission is free and Books-by-the-Bag will be available for \$10 per bag.

Proceeds for the sale go to fellowships and local scholarships.



## ■ March Meeting Photos ■



## Equal Pay Day Rally - Chicago

Head on down to Chicago's Daley Plaza at **noon** on Tuesday, **April 12**, 2016 to help raise awareness of the wage gap experienced by minorities and women! Recognized world-wide, the mid-April date is representative of how far into a new year the average woman in the U.S. must work to earn as much as the average man did in the previous year.

This year's guests for Equal Pay Day/Chicago include FM Supreme, Women in Comedy, Awesomely Luvvie, Roberta Lynch (AFSCME), Melissa Josephs (Women Employed) and SallyLou Loveman.

If you arrive early, there will be an opportunity for a turn in the photo booth and to get your souvenir button. So, call a friend and hop in the car or grab a seat on the train, and show your support as an AAUW member at **Daley Plaza (Clark and Washington)**. Be there!



## Announcements from the Bylaws & Policy Committee

At the March 2nd Elmhurst Area Branch Board meeting, the Board voted to amend our branch's governing By-laws as recommended by the Bylaws and Policies Committee. Copies of the amended By-laws are being emailed to all members along with this April newsletter. These amendments fall into two categories:

### **Amendments that do not require the approval of our members because they were required by AAUW National.**

- Title – changed to Bylaws of the American Association of University Women Elmhurst Area Branch – the legal name per the IRS.
- Article I (Name and Governance) - clarified that our bylaws should not conflict with federal, state or local laws. Also added compliance to AAUW Policies.
- Article II (Purpose) - clarified that the branch purpose is to support the program and policies of AAUW in addition to the purposes.
- Article III (Use of Name) – added required wording on the Proper Use of Name and Logo.
- Article IV – (Membership and Dues) Added wording about branches and comparable AAUW-Affiliated entities. Clarified that partner members may belong to various AAUW entities. Added wording about how AAUW National determines the annual dues.
- Article VI – Changed title to Organization. Added term Noticed business meetings to signify our membership business meetings which have a notice sent out. Added phrase that elected and appointed officers shall facilitate and promote the purpose and mission of AAUW.
- Article XI (Meetings). Changed business meeting to Noticed Business Meetings
- Article XIII (Loss of recognition) rephrased to match AAUW National wording.
- Article XVII (State or Multi-State Organizations) and Article XVIII (Additional AAUW Entities) both added as mandated by AAUW National

### **Amendments recommended by the Bylaws & Policies Committee that must be approved by our branch members.**

•Amendments to Article VI (Officers) and VII (Board of Directors) based on recommendations from AAUW National to governance “best practices” standards.

§ The recommended amendments focus on the composition of our branch's Board of Directors. Our board recommends adding the position of STEM Advocacy to the Board as an appointed position as this is a key focus of the National and State organizations.

§ AAUW National recommends that the Board consist of 2/3 (or more) of elected positions and 1/3 (or less) appointed positions. To maintain that ratio in Articles VI and VII with those recommendations, our branch's By-laws, if approved, will provide that the Director Public Policy, formerly an appointed position, will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

•Other changes were made to reflect our current practices, and/or to clarify terminology between our By-laws and the AAUW National Bylaws and/or to align terms between our Policies and Bylaws. Examples are:

§ Paid Life members shall still pay the state and branch dues as already specified in our polices

§ Clarified that the current President should be on the Nominating Committee.

§ Clarified that whenever possible, one program vice president and half of the elected officers shall be elected each year to ensure overlap and continuity.

§ Clarified that AAUW required contacts for administration and finance are the President and the Finance Director.

§ Clarified that the monthly programs are events and noticed membership meetings are business meetings.

§ Clarified the role of the Program committee as already discussed in the Policies.

• These recommended changes would meet the “best practices” recommendation of AAUW National and, if approved by our members and our state branch, would take effect next year.

Members who wish to review the AAUW National requirements and suggestions can access the information at: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/state-and-branch-model-bylaws/> and/or <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/bylaws/>

We will be asking our members to support the recommended changes to our branch By-laws at the April 13th Annual Business meeting. The By-laws and Policies Committee members, Sarah Caltvedt, Jan Summers and Marcia Lagerwey, will all be at the meeting to talk about the changes and answer any questions and address any concerns. Thank you all and we hope to see you in April!

## AAUW ELMHURST AREA BRANCH

### PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017

#### GENERAL FUND

	Budget 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member dues (80@\$19)	1,425	1,400
September Supper	1,000	1,125
May Supper	1,000	1,000
Holiday Party	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<b>3,675</b>	<b>3,775</b>
Carryover Funding	<u>3,180</u>	<u>4,205</u>
<b>Total Income &amp; Carryover</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>7,980</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Fees & Services		
Newsletter	250	150
Yearbook	200	235
Gen Liability Insurance	180	190
Audit Fee	100	150
PO Box	60	60
Pub/Promo	100	100
Misc.	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	<b>990</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
September Supper	1,000	1,125
May Event	1,000	1,000
Holiday Party	250	250
Programs	700	200
New Member Outreach	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,775</b>
<b>Contributions</b>		
Dare to Dream	400	400
Start/Smart	200	0
Donation for Outgoing Pres.	50	50
Memoriam	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
	<b>700</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Total Gen Fund Expenses</b>	<b>4,840</b>	<b>4,760</b>
Projected Carryover Funding	<u>2,015</u>	<u>3,220</u>
	<b>6,855</b>	<b>7,980</b>
<i>Projected Carryover at 7/1/17</i>	<b>3,220</b>	

#### BOOK SALE FUND

	Budget 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17
<b>Income</b>		
Book Sale Receipts	13,000	12,000
Carryover Funding	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,560</u>
	<b>14,500</b>	<b>13,560</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Labor	2,000	1,200
Rental	1,200	1,200
Pub/Promo	150	150
Misc./Other	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	<b>3,450</b>	<b>2,650</b>
<b>Contributions*</b>		
Dare to Dream Scholar	500	0
AAUW Funds	6,000	5,000
Legal Advocacy	1,000	0
Local Scholarship	2,500	2,500
STEM	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>
	<b>10,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Total Book Sale Expenses</b>	<b>13,450</b>	<b>10,650</b>
Carryover Funding	<u>1,050</u>	<u>2,910</u>
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Carryover Funding</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>13,560</b>
<i>Projected Carryover at 7/1/17</i>	<b>2,910</b>	

\*Contributions and scholarships are determined by the AAUW Funds Committee

# 2016-2017 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, 2016***

<b>Please check one:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member \$78	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Affiliate \$25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member \$29 (branch + state fees only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fifty-Year Honor: Fifty-year members are exempt from association, state and branch dues.	
Membership Dues:	\$ _____
Elmhurst AAUW Donation:	\$ _____
<b>Total Check: Amount</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**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](http://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: **Enter here**. Click on: **Enter Member Services Database**. Then on the lower left hand side 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.**