



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## May Dinner • Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Great food, poetry, and conversation – join us for the end-of-our-year Spring dinner on Wed., May 11 at Café Amano's, 116 E. Schiller in Elmhurst beginning at 6:30 pm. Donna Pucciani, previous AAUW grant recipient, will share some poems from her most recent book, *A Light Dusting of Breath*.

We will have a private room at Café Amano and our choice of three entrees for the great price of \$28 including tax and gratuity thanks to Chef Marco's willingness to support community groups. The choice of entrée will be made the night of the dinner: 1) Breast of Cherry Hazelnut Chicken/Fresh vegetable/Potato; 2) Pecan Encrusted Whitefish/Fresh vegetable/Potato; or 3) Spinach and Ricotta stuffed Potato Gnocchi with Rosemary Brown Butter. Also included: fresh Italian bread with pesto/olive oil and butter; fresh green salad with balsamic vinaigrette; assorted bite size pastries; and coffee/hot tea/soft drinks.

A reservation form is enclosed. Please make your reservation in advance so we can inform the restaurant. Also, please indicate any special dietary requests (other than the vegetarian entrée indicated above) with your reservation.

For more information on the dinner meeting contact Jane Jegerski at [janej@elmhurst.edu](mailto:janej@elmhurst.edu) or 630-530-4826.

## Returning Student Award

The winner of our branch's 2016 Returning Student Scholarship is Samantha Bauer, an Elmhurst resident.

After earning a Bachelors of Arts, cum laude, from Washington University in St. Louis, Samantha worked at various jobs, plus volunteering. She has been accepted into the Program in Occupational Therapy at the Washington University School of Medicine where she hopes to receive a Master of Science.

As an Occupational Therapist she must be an advocate for her patients to improve their quality of life. Samantha feels her background in Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and subsequent work in field of law will help her to serve as such an advocate.

Her undergraduate education and clinical rehab experience will assist her in the evaluation of differing perspectives to open the door to better communication and problem solving.

Samantha believes in a partnership between professionals and is committed to working collaboratively with others. Therefore, she believes her choice of a career in Occupational Therapy is the right one for her.



## BRANCH CALENDAR

May 4 - 6:30 pm  
**Board of Directors**  
*Jan Summers' Home*

May 11 - 6:30 pm  
**Spring Dinner**  
Cafe Amano  
116 E. Schiller

May 25 - 7:30 pm  
**Half the Sky Group**  
Topic: Syrian Refugee Situation  
*Perry Doubt's Home*

June 2 - 1:00 pm  
**Book Discussion Group**  
"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"  
by Maya Angelou  
Hostess: Anna Kinnan  
Leader: Anna Kinnan

## Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale May 4-7

Glen Ellyn Civic Center  
535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn

[Details:](http://wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net)  
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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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# How AAUW Is Pushing for Equal Pay

*Excerpted from AAUW/Nat'l, April 20, 2016*

On April 12, AAUW “celebrated” Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when the earnings for women working full time, year-round finally catch up to men’s earnings from the previous year.

The numbers are mostly worse when you break the gender pay gap down by race. This year, we’ll observe black women’s equal pay day in August, Native American women’s equal pay day in September, and Latina women’s equal pay day in November.

While AAUW works to close the gender pay gap year-round, Equal Pay Day remains a powerful moment for national action. Check out how AAUW members and supporters have taken action:

**1. Pushed for legislation**

AAUW members rallied for equal pay at the Pennsylvania State Capitol. So far in 2016, 34 states have equal pay bills introduced or pending.

**2. Empowered women to negotiate**

Jennifer Lawrence knows what’s up — negotiating a salary can make a real difference in women’s earnings. Check out this video!

<http://wtkr.com/2016/04/12/odu-holds-salary-negotiation-workshop-on-equal-pay-day/>

**3. Mobilized college students**

AAUW student organizations and college/university partner members rallied hard to help close the gender pay gap, an issue that affects women as soon as they enter the workforce.

**4. Put Equal Pay Day on the books**

AAUW members helped encourage their state and local officials to make Equal Pay Day official through proclamations.

**5. Got out the vote**

AAUW members incorporated voter registration efforts into their Equal Pay Day events and programming, including hosting pay equity issues forums that highlighted what’s at stake in the 2016 election.

**6. Got creative.**

This Equal Pay Day, AAUW members pulled out all the stops — and props — to spread awareness about the gender pay gap.

**7. Achieved ultimate equal pay #squadgoals**

Our research and advocacy on the gender pay gap was cited in hundreds of blogs, articles, and news segments, from CNN and Forbes to Cosmopolitan and Vogue. We got love from Sheryl Sandberg, Amy Poehler’s Smart Girls, GoldieBlox, and even Wonder Woman herself.

But the pay gap won’t close without legislative action. Fortunately, real-life superheroes from Congress, including Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), and Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), have expressed their dedication to equal pay by giving nods to our work while also reaffirming their commitment to passing the Paycheck Fairness Act.

## BANK BALANCES

April 24, 2016

*Denise Thompson*  
*Director of Finance*

General:	\$ 3,081.67
Book Sale:	5,686.84
Conf/Conventions:	<u>2,065.44</u>
Total	\$10,833.95

## In the News

### U.S. Secretary of Treasury Announces New Changes to the \$5, \$10, and \$20 Bills

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew announced plans to keep Alexander Hamilton on the front of the \$10 bill, while putting leaders of the women's suffrage movement—Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul—on the back of the bill.

It was also announced that abolitionist Harriet Tubman will replace Andrew Jackson on the face of the \$20 bill in recognition of her notable contributions to American history.

Treasury's plans to move forward with Tubman on the \$20 bill may not happen until 2030, and will only happen if subsequent administrations agree to the change. After AAUW's participation in #TheNew10movement and promises of a woman being the face of the redesigned \$10 bill, once again, women are being told to wait their turn.

This process has shown that women still have a long way to go before being fully recognized for their contributions in American history.

### Pentagon Misled Congress on Sexual Assaults

The Pentagon inaccurately portrayed civilian law enforcement officials as less willing than military commanders to punish sex offenders. Internal government records claimed that local district attorneys and police forces failed to act against U.S. service members who were prosecuted in military courts for sex crimes.

In many of the cases, the records incorrectly described actions taken by civilian authorities, and even omitted critical details.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) introduced a bill to create an independent military justice system to handle sexual assault cases.

The bill failed to advance in the Senate, but the revelation about the Pentagon's misleading claims about military sexual assault could spark new support for the bill if legislators believe they were misinformed.

## President's Message

Wow, April was a busy month! At AAUW Elmhurst in April we had a fantastic program on the ABCs of Sex Education: Making Informed Choices. Our speaker, Kathy Tate-Bradish, was not only informative but VERY entertaining. To me, she was a great example of how we all can make a difference for other women and girls.

After the April program we had our Annual Business meeting, approving our newly amended Bylaws, as well as reviewing our amended Policies and our proposed budget. The key activity was approving our new slate of officers for 2016-17. I welcome Pat O'Dwyer back to the Board as one of our Program VPs! Also Mary Mallon has agreed to take on AAUW Funds and Carol Rounds will be the Branch Secretary. Maria Patt has already stepped up as the new Publicity Director to get the Used Book Sale Publicity kicked off! At the meeting, we also voted to elect Sally Schuster to a one year term as Program VP to fill an open slot. And Betsy Aldred volunteered to be appointed to the open College / University Relations position – because she said it sounded like fun! This group of women sounds like a fun and capable team, and I am so looking forward to working with them for the coming year!

The incoming and outgoing board members will meet for the last time of this season on May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss next year's program schedule, as well as anything we can do to improve our Branch. So if you have any program ideas, especially mission based topics, please contact Pat or Sally or me.

And don't forget to renew your membership as soon as possible, especially before June 30<sup>th</sup>. It's simple to renew online if you respond to the email or go online to AAUW.org. And of course, we'll take checks via mail or at the May dinner.

We've kicked 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. 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!

As I said, my April was busy. Besides the AAUW activities, including the AAUW IL Convention at the end of April, my personal life has been a whirlwind as well. I put my house up for sale and received an offer within days. I have a new grandson who brings more love and joy to our lives, more than I thought possible after my two-year old granddaughter who is so key to my "retired" life. It is these little ones who remind us of how important it is to make this world an even better place. That's what I hope we can do in AAUW.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, 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

# April Meeting Photos



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Wednesday  
May 11, 2016  
6:30 pm**



**Cafe Amano's  
116 E Schiller, Elmhurst  
\$28 per person including tax and gratuity**

**Menu**

*Choice of Entree*

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*Fresh green salad with basalmic vinaigrette*

*Italian bread with pesto/olive oil and butter*

*Assorted bite size pastries*

*Coffee/hot tea/softdrinks*

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Please reserve space for (Names) \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to "AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch" is enclosed for (\_\_\_\_ @ \$28 each) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this part of the form and your check to:**

**Jane Jegerski**  
147 Fellows Court  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630-530-4826)

If you have **dietary restrictions**, please let us know what they are so Cafe Amano's can accommodate you: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due no later than May 4, 2016.**