



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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*May 10th*

## **Annual May Supper**

**6:00 pm • Cafe Amano • 116 E Schiller Street, Elmhurst**

As is our branch tradition, our final meeting of the year is our annual May Supper. It is a time to socialize and celebrate with each other, to meet and congratulate the recipient of our Returning Scholarship Award.

Of course, all members are invited and welcome. This year the event will again take place at Cafe Amano in downtown Elmhurst. The dinner menu is printed below, and, as you will see, Chef Marco is offering us a varied and delicious menu with choices of Starters and Entrees. The cost is \$30.00, including tax and tip. You do not need to make a choice from this wonderful menu until you are at the table, but if you have any special dietary needs, Chef Marco does need those ahead of time so that you too will have a wonderful dinner.

We need your RSVP with any special dietary needs by May 5 at the very latest. Please print a copy of the form that is at the end of this newsletter and send it with your check payable to AAUW Elmhurst Branch to Sally Schuster (253 N. Ridgeland, Elmhurst, IL 60126).

We hope to see lots of you there.



## ***Menu***

### Choice of Starter:

Amano House Salad with Baslamic Vinaigrette  
Cream and Cognac Onion Soup with Gruyere Cheese

### Choice of Entrée:

Cheese Ravioli with Palomino Sauce  
Breast of Chicken San Sebastian / Potatoes / Vegetable  
Salmon with Caper Dill Sauce / Potatoes / Vegetable

Amano Bite-size Pastries with Fresh Assorted Berries

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Soft Drinks  
Cash Bar for Alcoholic Beverages



## **Branch Calendar**

**May 3 - 6:30 pm**

***Board Meeting***

*Denise Thompson's Home*

**May 6**

**AAUW Illinois Convention**

*Champaign*

**May 10 - 6:00 pm**

**Branch Meeting/May Supper**

*Cafe Amano*

*116 E Schiller Street*

Advance reservations required!

**June 1 - 6:00 pm**

***Book Group***

*Dear Life by Alice Munro*

Potluck & Book Discussion

*Hostess: Carol Rounds*

*Leader: Elaine Davison*

**June 14-17**

**AAUW National Convention**

*Washington DC*

**June 21-August 2**

**Book Sale Sort**

*Wednesdays & Saturdays*

*9 am to 12 noon*



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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.

**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**

**March 22, 2017**

*Denise Thompson  
Director of Finance*

General Fund	\$ 3,571.14
Conferences Fund	2,450.44
Book Sale Fund	<u>8,130.01</u>
Total	\$14,151.59

**Meet New Member: Moira Murray**

Our newest branch member is Moira Murray, who joined AAUW after attending the March program at the Elmhurst History Museum. A big thank you to Sally Schuster for inviting Moira to that program. Moira is recently retired, after working as a bank compliance manager for over 40 years! She has been married to husband Mike for 45 years. They have a son, Matt, as well as a 17 month old grandson that she and Mike watch two days a week. In her free time, Moira enjoys traveling, she volunteers at the Elmhurst hospital library, and she sings in her church’s choir. Moira has a BA from Rosary College and an MBA from Dominican University. Moira indicates that since she has been retired, she has wanted to participate in interesting organizations, so she joined our branch. Please give Moira a warm welcome when you see her at a branch program in the future!

**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.

**So, you’ve marched, sent post cards and made phone calls.  
Are you ready to vie for a seat at the table?**

Thinking about running for office yourself, or want to support another woman candidate? If so, check out VoteRunLead.org’s three-part web series, “Run as You Are” on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VoteRunLead>.

The unexpected results of last November’s election piqued many women’s interest in holding public office. Across the country, some women jumped right in. Others possessed the talent and drive to run, but lacked confidence or direction – enter Erin Vilardi, founder of VRL, and her team. VRL provides non-partisan training intended to help get women ready for public office.

While not currently planning to run for office myself, I am interested in supporting a great female candidate, so I signed up for “Run as You Are,” and will be completing the web series this week. I don’t know when the series will run again, but you should visit [voterunlead.org](http://voterunlead.org).

Ladies, we need to get in the game!

--Denise Dean

## President's Message

Spring is definitely here and change is in the air. And although our 2016-17 program year is winding down, there's lots happening at AAUW National and state, as well at our branch to begin our 2017-2018 year.

In April, our AAUW Funds Committee selected the recipient of the Returning Scholar \$3,000 award. We also provided a \$1,000 scholarship to a Dare to Dream alumna. That completes the distribution of our proceeds from last summer's Used Book Sale, and it feels good.

So, it's time to start again. Perry Doubt is taking the lead on the Used Book Sale and kicked off the Book Sale committee for our August 2017 sale. More details to come.

Also in April, at our Annual Meeting, we elected our new slate of officers for 2017-2018. Minutes of the meeting are included in this newsletter. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to join our Board and a big thanks to those who've agreed to extend their terms for one or more years. We have a great team and we hope to encourage more members to become active in the branch.

April's program was **The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap**, with speaker Lisa Cherry from AAUW's Gender Equity Fund. This topic was quite relevant as Equal Pay Day was April 4, 2017. I know I learned quite a bit from the presentation, and there's no doubt that gender pay inequality crosses every occupation, every race, every level of education, and all ages. We need to keep the focus on this issue.

In May, we have our May Supper at Café Amano, which will be as fabulous as it was last year. Our Returning Scholar winner, Casandra Townsel, will be there as well. Besides a great time to socialize with our new and old friends in the branch, it's also a good time to suggest programs for next year. Our Program VPs, Pat O'Dwyer and Genie Urick, are already working on it and would love input.

I'm planning to attend the AAUW IL Convention in Champaign on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone else wants to attend or if you have any topics for me to raise, please contact me before that date.

I'm also scheduled to attend the AAUW National Convention in D.C. from June 14-17. I'm quite excited about that, as the last convention I attended was so inspiring. And this year, being in Washington D.C., during this very political time that could impact us as women, it should be even more meaningful. I hope to learn more about how to increase our membership and to improve our branch's impact with the community.

Although our program year is ending, we will be working on our book sale and planning for next year in the coming months. We will continue all year to strive to succeed in our mission of impacting gender equity, making a difference for women and girls.

See you at the May Supper!

Jan Summers, Branch President

## April: Annual Meeting + Presentation on Gender Pay Gap



# MINUTES

## AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch Annual Meeting

April 12, 2017  
Elmhurst Public Library

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Summers at 7:02.

### Finance Report:

The 2017-18 budget, which had been approved by the Board was presented to the membership and open for discussion. There were no comments and the budget stands as approved by the Board.

### New Business:

The Slate of Officers for 2017-18 was presented by the nominating committee.

President: Jan Summers, 2017-18, one year extension.

Program Vice President: Genie Urick (Pat O'Dwyer Co-VP until 2018)

Membership Vice President: Deb Markello (Jennifer Jordan Co VP until 2018)

Finance Director: Denise Thompson (taking a second term)

Bylaws/Policies: Tsue Ostermann

Public Policy: Denise Dean, 2017-18, one year extension

Nomination Committee Chair: Sarah Caltvedt, 2017-18, one year extension

The motion to accept the 2017-18 slate of officers was approved by Marcia Lagerwey and seconded by Suzanne Stock.

### Announcements

- A reminder to renew membership by June 30, 2017.
- The book sale committee is chaired by Perry Doubt. Sorting will start on June 21, every Wednesday and Saturday 9-12. The book sale will be August 3-6.
- The Dare to Dream Scholarship which is in our AAUW branch name was given to Caroly Alvarado.
- Casandra Townsel was the recipient of the \$3000 returning scholarship.
- The May Supper will be at Cafe Amano on May 10th at 6:00. The \$30 check needs to be mailed to Sally Schuster by May 5.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved by Betsy Aldred and seconded by Suzanne Stock. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

# FUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

*By Mary Mallon, Chair*

## Elmhurst Branch's 2017 Returning Scholar Scholarship Winner

Casandra Townsel was chosen this year to receive our Elmhurst Branch's \$3,000 scholarship. With her B.A. in Psychology, she has been a case manager with 19 years of experience providing supportive services to individuals with special needs. Casandra is now working toward an MSW in Social Work at the University of North Dakota in order to be able to provide supportive services in a therapeutic setting. She is currently in the process of becoming a mentor and ultimately a therapist for victims of human trafficking.

When I called Casandra to tell her she was the winner of the scholarship, she was overwhelmed. She said, "In my job there is no money for education or bonuses for doing a good job, so this is so important to me."

Casandra will be our guest at the Spring Supper where many of you will have an opportunity to meet her.

## Dare to Dream's AAUW Scholarship Winner

As you know, our Elmhurst Branch gave Dare to Dream \$1,000 to award a scholarship to a Latina high school senior who wishes to attend college after graduation. The funds were available due to our Branch's very successful 2016 Book Sale.

This year's Scholarship winner, chosen by the Dare to Dream Scholarship Committee, is Carolay Alvarado. Carolay is a Northlake resident and attends West Leyden High School. She has not yet made a decision about the 4-year university she will attend. However, she intends to major in chemistry and, eventually, become an obstetrician/gynecologist.

Carolay has a 4.2 GPA and carries many AP and Honors classes. She is also involved in many volunteer activities. A native of Honduras, she admits that assimilating to a new culture has been difficult for her and her family. The Dare to Dream: Get Educated Conference, however, provided her with connections and support that helped her get through her first year of high school all the way to now and applying to colleges and universities. "Because of Dare to Dream, I will continue to follow a path of education that will, hopefully, make a significant difference in the world."



*Carolay Alvarado (left) is shown receiving a certificate from Dare to Dream: Get Educated board member, Diana???, at the Award Night ceremony at West Leyden High School.*

*Congratulations, Carolay! Her handwritten note to Dare to Dream reads, "I would like to thank you for the opportunity to keep pursuing my hopes and dreams of a higher education with such a generous contribution. I plan to put it to good use by helping me afford my freshman year tuition. Words cannot explain my gratitude. Siempre soñaré. Thanks again."*