



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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September Supper 2017

Let's Get Started!

The September Supper is our opening event of the program year. We will gather and celebrate, learn and anticipate.

We invite all Elmhurst Area Branch members to gather at The Diplomat West Banquets at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 13, to begin our evening together with drinks and conversation.

Supper will be served at 6:30 pm.

As dessert is served we will begin our program with information about and celebration of our very successful Used Book Sale 2017.

Then our President, Jan Summers, will share her experiences and stories from the AAUW National Convention which she attended in Washington, D.C. this past June.

Following Jan, Program Vice-Presidents Pat O'Dwyer and Genie Urick will preview the programs that they have scheduled for our monthly meetings throughout the coming year.

And finally, the chairs of our interest / study groups, both current and anticipated, will describe their focus, meetings, schedules and activities and welcome additional interest and membership.

This has always been a most enjoyable and friendship-filled evening. We invite you to come join the party! Please print the reservation form printed in this newsletter, complete it with your entree choice and send it with your check to Pat O'Dwyer.

Half the Sky - September Meeting

HALF THE SKY will meet Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 7:30 pm in Perry Doubt's home. Please RSVP [bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com or 630 832 9010] if you are coming.

We will watch and discuss the TED talk about Doaa, the 19-year old Syrian refugee boat heroine who saved a child and stirred a continent. Presented by Melissa Fleming, the presentation is 22 minutes long

For the full complete story read *A Hope More Powerful than the Sea*.

Can't attend the meeting? Watch the talk yourself! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c00zfk4gdg>

Coming October 20th
AAUW-IL Districts 4 & 5 Conference
IIT-Rice Campus - Wheaton



BRANCH CALENDAR

Board of Directors

No meeting this month

September 13

September Supper

Diplomat West (Route 83 & North Avenue)

5:30 pm cocktails

6:30 pm dinner

September 19 - 7:30 pm

"Taming of the Shrew"

*Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Navy Pier*

September 19 - 7:30 pm

Half the Sky

Perry Doubt's Home

September 28 - 1:00 pm

Book Discussion Group

The Girl with 7 Names: A North Korean Defector's Story by Hyeonseo Lee

Hostess: Janet Hodge

Discussion Leader: Janet

Hodge



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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

August 31, 2017

*Denise Thompson
Director of Finance*

General Fund	\$ 4,556.74
Conferences Fund	939.01
Book Sale Fund:	<u>18,282.45</u>
Total	\$ 23,778.20

AAUW Statement on White House Decision on EEO-1 Pay Data Collection

By: Kimberly Churches
August 29, 2017

AAUW is disappointed to hear that the Office of Management and Budget is halting the implementation of the revised Employer Information Report (EEO-1) salary data collection. This collection of high-quality data would enable the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the federal government as a whole to ensure that all Americans enjoy the fair and level playing field that is the basis of universal economic security.

Transparency is key to demystifying the gender and racial pay gaps, and the EEO-1 is a necessary tool in that fight.

This is a loss for workers who rely on data to identify and address the gender pay gap in their workplaces and a loss for employers who are making every effort to preemptively correct pay imbalances internally without outside intervention. OMB's actions are especially disappointing given the extensive analysis and input the public, including businesses, provided on the revision of the EEO-1 over the past year. AAUW urges the EEOC to stand strong in its commitment to helping workers combat pay discrimination by shedding much-needed light on employer pay practices.

<http://www.aauw.org/article/white-house-decision-on-data-collection/>

STEM

A new interest group, "STEM for Girls" is being formed. Those with interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are invited to join. Besides supporting Tech Savvy, the group plans to work on smaller projects. Contact Suzanne Stock at (630) 833-5391 or stock@oakton.edu if you are interested. You can also sign up at the September dinner.

AAUW Launches Adelante!

AAUW recently formed the Adelante Book of the Month Club to spotlight engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds.

Utilizing a webinar format, the program also connects members to some of the featured authors through web discussions.

The next session features the book "Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice" by Joan Biskupic.

September 6 - 7:30 pm

Registration required; free of charge. Go to the AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/adelantes-breaking-in/>

How did Sonia Sotomayor become the first Latina justice on the Supreme Court of the United States? Veteran journalist Joan Biskupic follows the story behind that question.

Biskupic takes readers inside the Supreme Court nomination process, revealing how Sotomayor's connections and skills enabled her to achieve great success.

Breaking In is the story of how two forces — the determination of a gifted Puerto Rican girl from the Bronx housing projects and the increasing political power of Latinos across the United States — came together to yield a historic appointment.

Even if you don't have time to read the book, you are invited to join AAUW for a great discussion.

President's Message

Our annual Used Book Sale was an awesome success! Special thanks to Perry Doubt for taking the leadership responsibility AND to the Book Sale team for doing a fantastic job! Thanks to all who donated, picked up books, sorted and worked at the sale. And to those who bought books as well! Financial details forthcoming!

Our Program VPs, Pat O'Dwyer and Genie Urick, have done an excellent job lining up speakers and topics for our monthly Programs for 2017-18. You'll learn more about the schedule and about our other planned activities at the September Supper on Sept. 13th at a new venue. Make sure your reservation is in!

In addition to our great program schedule, we're continuing our Study Groups / Interest Groups of Half the Sky (focusing on International Issues) and the monthly, afternoon Book Group. In addition, we're looking to expand our activities to engage with the community. We hope to expand our efforts in **STEM** programs or projects. If you have background in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math, and are interested in being a part of this Interest Group, contact me or Suzanne Stock. And we're planning an Interest Group called **Elect Her!** This group will focus on efforts to enable more women's voices to be heard in our political world.

We'll be starting a new Interest Group / Study Group called **Adelante!** It's a book club focused on women authors, coordinated by AAUW National. Check out the planned reading list at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>. The September book is **Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice** by Joan Biskupic. The AAUW webinar, for discussion with the author herself, is scheduled for Sept. 6th

Also, we're joining other AAUW-IL branches in celebrating the 19th amendment by planning joint activities on the 19th of each month. If you have an idea for an activity that Elmhurst can host or sponsor on the 19th of any month ahead, let me know. Meanwhile on Sept. 19th several AAUW members are going to see an all-female cast version of **The Taming of the Shrew** at Navy Pier.

Like the **Start Smart** program we sponsored at Elmhurst College in past years, which is focused on college age women entering the workforce, AAUW's **Work Smart** program is focused on working women and how to negotiate for better salaries and benefits. I'll be getting facilitator training and we hope to sponsor one of these events for our community soon. Meanwhile there is a **free** session at the Metropolitan Chicago YWCA on Sept. 23rd if you are interested in registering.

I will be giving more updates at the September Supper about what I learned at the AAUW National Convention. Meanwhile keep up to date with the issues via the Two Minute Activist and postings at AAUW and our AAUW Elmhurst Facebook page. We will continue to strive to succeed in our mission of impacting gender equity, making a difference for women and girls. We have a great year ahead of us.

Jan Summers
Branch President

JUST ONE THOUGHT..... FROM OUR AAUW NATIONAL WEBSITE

Read about this remarkable young woman who is a recent AAUW international Fellow and is a role model for women in STEM.

SOFIA ESPINOZA SANCHEZ

October 16, 2015



“I’ve never discussed science with women,” a male student told biophysicist Sofia Espinoza Sanchez after she interviewed him for a position at the Research Experience for Peruvian Undergraduates program, which trains Peru’s most promising undergraduate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Her interviewee’s comment is disheartening, but it doesn’t surprise her: “Can you imagine the illusion [that women scientists don’t exist] because everything is so male-dominated, especially in Peru, in [STEM] careers?” she points out.

Espinoza Sanchez, a 2013–14 AAUW International Fellow, is used to pushing against stereotypes and assumptions about women in STEM. She says though she has been fortunate to have an inclusive experience as a doctoral candidate at the Pollard Lab at Yale University (where

she returned after working in the Peru program over the summer), female colleagues outside her lab are still subject to gender stereotypes. She says that subtle, unconscious gender bias, such as portraying women in a more lighthearted manner, reinforces gender stereotypes. “The adjectives used to describe people are important. When you describe a woman as ‘easygoing’ and a man as ‘intelligent,’ it makes a difference.”

The difference means female scientists often fall prey to imposter syndrome, in which they doubt their qualifications or work longer hours than male counterparts in order to prove their abilities. Espinoza Sanchez questions the value of women making such sacrifices when studies show that the problem of women’s falloff in STEM fields lies in part with employers, who systematically underestimate women job candidates.

Read the complete article: <http://www.aauw.org/article/ifrana-espinoza-sanchez/>

Brought to you by Diversity/International Affairs [Betty Laliberte] and isn’t it fun how this is also STEM !

Plan Ahead: Join Half the Sky to see “Unveiled” at COD

[Unveiled: A One Woman Play by Rohina Malik](#) Sunday, October 15, 3 pm at the College of DuPage Playhouse Theatre. Tickets are \$35 (\$45 if you want to sit on the stage at a cabaret table.)

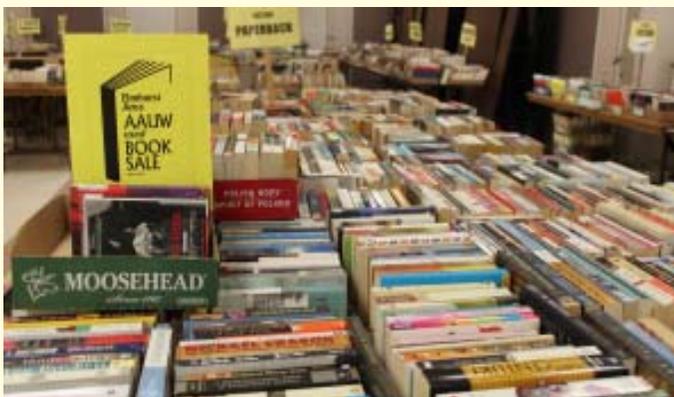
“Racism. Hate crimes. Love. Islam. Culture. Language. Life. Muslim women in a post 9/11 world serve tea and uncover what lies beneath the veil in this critically acclaimed one-woman show. “Rohina Malik, the hugely talented writer-actress...is a remarkable new theatrical voice in Chicago. In her rich, upbeat and very enjoyable 70-minute collection, Malik gives voice to characters from whom we hear far too little in the theater.” -Chris Jones, *Chicago Tribune*.”

Above information from <http://www.atthemac.org/events/unveiled-one-woman-play-rohina-malik/>



Bye, Bye, BookSale

Members of the 2017 Used Book Sale Committee got together one last time at the end of August for a final wrap-up meeting. Great job, ladies! See you next year.





September Supper

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:30 pm

The Diplomat West Banquets

681 W. North Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126 (North Ave. & Route 83)

\$25 per person (tax and gratuity included)

FREE Parking

Menu

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Salad of Spring Greens with Raspberry-Honey Vinaigrette, Toasted Walnuts, and Dried Cranberries

Choice of Chicken Kiev or Vegetable Lasagna

Strawberry Sundae

Regular and Decaf Coffee and Tea

Soft Drinks and Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased.

Drinks/Cash Bar and Conversation begin at 5:30pm.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.



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

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

Name _____

Please check your choice of entree: Chicken Kiev Vegetable Lasagna

If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know what they are so The Diplomat West can accommodate you.

Send your reservation with your check to
Pat O'Dwyer
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Oak Brook, IL 60523
630-279-1318 (home) or 630-414-1746 (cell)

Reservations are due no later than
Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

