



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Half the Sky Group Hits 3-Year Mark

Over the past 3 years, our Half the Sky Interest Group has been meeting monthly. We've covered a variety of topics, read and discussed many books, had programs from various local organizations, and tried new foods at ethnic restaurants.

At each meeting, attendees have the option of donating \$5, and the group determines how these donations will be directed. In the past 3 years, our group has donated over \$2,700 to organizations focused on improving international women's issues. Many of these organizations were highlighted in the Half the Sky book. A significant donation the group made at the end of 2013 was to the Fistula Foundation for \$450, in order to fund a fistula repair surgery for a woman in need.

In December 2013, we increased our funds even more by wrapping books at Barnes and Noble during the holidays. Donations from a few hours of work totaled more than \$300. The group donated the proceeds from this effort to the AAUW **Carolyn Joslin Donovan International Projects Fund**.

Since the group was founded, we have also made 11 microfinance loans via kiva.org (usually in the amount of \$25) to female business owners in a variety of countries. 7 of these loans have been paid back in full (allowing us to loan the money to other women), and 4 of the loans are currently being paid back on schedule.

We're excited that we've been able to learn more about women's issues internationally, and been able to make a difference by donating to many worthy organizations along our journey. We'd love to see you at our next meeting! --Jan Summers

Congratulations, Raquel!

President Sarah Caltvedt presents the 2014 Dare to Dream scholarship award to Raquel Cuevas, a senior at York High School. Raquel will be attending Illinois State University to prepare for a career in Special Education working with the deaf and hard of hearing. Funded by proceeds from the Used Book Sale, this is the first year the scholarship has been awarded.



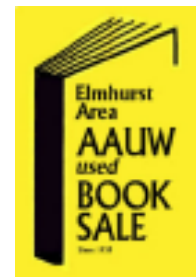
BRANCH CALENDAR

May 3 - 11:30 am
75th Anniv. Luncheon
Butterfield Country Club
Oak Brook

May 14 - 6:30 pm
Board Meeting
Sarah Caltvedt's Home

June 5 - 6:00 pm
Book Discussion Group
Potluck Supper
"Vivaldi's Virgins" (Barbara Quick)
Hostess: Carol Rounds
Leader: Mary Hallman

June 25
Sorting begins
AAUW Used Book Sale



July 31 - August 3
Lincoln Elementary School



AAUW Hotline 1-800-326-2289

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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Committee Notes

Programs

We received exciting, constructive comments concerning the monthly programs for 2013-2014. We are grateful for any input and welcome any suggestions for future programs. Thank you for attending, contributing and making our presenters feel comfortable.

--Alice Smith & Sally Schuster

Membership

Dues are due by June 15th. Please renew online or fill out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter. Thanks! *--Anne Klein*

Public Policy

In a move that AAUW has long supported, President Barack Obama signed two *Executive Orders* to increase pay protections for women:

1. Employers can't retaliate against workers who share salary information.
2. The U.S. Dept. of Labor will begin to collect wage data to identify patterns of discrimination. These *Executive Orders* are a huge victory in the fight for fair pay! *--Genie Urick*

Contribute to AAUW by Shopping!

Did you know that you can contribute to AAUW while you shop? If you are an Amazon customer, go to smile.amazon.com to start shopping. You will be asked to choose a charity to support. Just type in AAUW, and then choose the national organization from the list. Amazon will contribute .5% of your base purchase price on qualifying items to AAUW. Every little bit helps the cause!

Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library Donate Books

In thanks for allowing them to take leftovers from our sale last summer, the Friends of the Oak Brook PL invited us to help ourselves to books left at the end of their sale on April 26. The call for help went out, and an impressive number of Branch members appeared to scout for saleable titles. We came away with many boxes and bags of desirable books that will get us off to a good start on our sale. Thanks to all who turned out to help and agreed to store the books until we start sorting on June 25!

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 24, 2014

*Sandra Burk
Director of Finance*

Book Sale Account:	\$ 4,545.56
Savings Account:	2,014.88
General Account:	<u>3,758.00</u>
Total All Accounts:	\$10,318.44

AAUW Funds

Laura Mikulski has been selected as the winner of our branch's \$1,000 Returning Student Scholarship. She is currently a Junior at Elmhurst College, working towards a Bachelor's degree in Marketing with an emphasis on research.

Laura has served as a member of the American Marketing Association and participated in a mentoring program. She has also applied for a summer Leadership Course and internship. Laura will be accepting her award at our 75th Anniversary luncheon. *--Elaine Davison*



Sally Schuster helped mount the AAUW display that is featured this month at the Elmhurst Public Library. Check it out!

President's Message

What would Alice Selden say if she could see us now? 75 years after our Branch was founded, we are an active, vital force in our community and in the lives of women and girls across the country and around the world.

Certainly much has changed. We don't wear hats and gloves to meetings, and our newsletter goes out over the Internet instead of with a 1.5 cent stamp. We've moved from needlework and young grads interest groups to Half the Sky and current events, but the Literature/book group remains a constant.

The Branch's stated mission at its founding was "to develop a program enabling college women to continue their own intellectual growth, to further the advancement of women, and to discharge the responsibilities to society of those who have enjoyed the advantages of higher education." That's not so far from where we are today, with our mission-based programming, public policy alerts and activities like Dare to Dream that allow us to be informed and have an impact on the status of women in society. With steadily rebounding membership – we're now 94 strong! – our Branch is well positioned to thrive and make a difference in the local and wider community for another 75 years.

As this year of commemoration and celebration comes to a close, I want especially to express my thanks to Carolyn Heiney, Pat O'Dwyer, Betsy Aldred, Elaine Davison, Janet Hodge, Judy Ekblad, Marcia Goltermann, Tsue Ostermann, Marilyn Thompson, Genie Urick and Mary Eleanor Wall, all members of the 75th Anniversary Committee.

Carolyn began the process of planning for our celebration, chaired the committee, and spent countless hours making arrangements with Butterfield Country Club, writing a press release, designing the invitation, preparing the program booklet, and no doubt doing dozens of other tasks I don't even know about. She also organized the "AAUW Stories" that were recorded in January.

Pat O'Dwyer set up our Branch meeting at the Elmhurst Historical Society, and with Janet Hodge and Genie Urick spent hours in the EHM library reviewing Branch scrapbooks and other materials we had donated in order to record the highlights of our history. Pat took the information gleaned and created several detailed documents that record the development of the Branch. One of them is posted on our web site under "About Us," and another will be at your places in the form of a scroll at our luncheon on May 3. Pat's work has helped us appreciate the inspiring history of our Branch and the work of those who went before us.

Betsy Aldred arranged for a mayoral proclamation that will be read at our luncheon. Judy Ekblad is rolling and tying history scrolls as I write. Marcia Goltermann was our link to the beautiful Butterfield Country Club, which is not open to the general public. Genie Urick produced the two Branch appearances on cable television and DVDs that highlighted our history: the Elmhurst, Our Kind of Town program about the Branch with Mary Eleanor Wall, Marcia Goltermann, Susan Szymanski and me last summer, and the AAUW Stories mentioned above.

Everyone contributed to the many planning sessions, creation of guest lists, mailing of invitations, gathering of materials for our display case at the Library (special thanks to Sally Schuster for her display design skills!) and all the other little tasks that went into celebrating our history and sharing our story with the community.

Sarah Caltvedt
President

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

Last month's meeting on "Social Media and the Internet" turned out an enthusiastic crowd.

Our speaker, Rita Perona, Computer Specialist with the Elmhurst Public Library, made an informative presentation on the internet, including a close-up look at the National and Chapter websites.

Thanks for the great job, Rita (lower left picture)



The meeting began with a brief business session at which changes to the Branch by-laws were approved by the membership.





March 11, 2014

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch (IL4027)
Sarah Caltvedt, Branch President
376 River Glen Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126-2110

Dear AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch Members:

On behalf of AAUW, I am delighted to recognize the AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch on its 75th anniversary. Our records show that the Elmhurst Area Branch was established January 1939. We applaud your exceptional service and demonstrated commitment to education and equity for women and girls. Please accept this certificate of honor as a small token of our gratitude.

Because of your many efforts and hard work, AAUW continues to grow with more than 170,000 members and supporters nationwide. Our shared commitment to empowering women and girls translates into positive change at the local, state, national, and global levels.

Thanks to you, we've been able to make these advances for women and girls in 2012-13:

- AAUW has provided more than \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants for 278 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2012–13 academic year.
- Our Legal Advocacy Fund supported seven new lawsuits, including military sexual assault cases and a pay discrimination suit against Wal-Mart.
- Together we mobilized the It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard voter education and turnout campaign and challenged millennial women to make sure their voices were heard. And they were: Women were 53 percent of the electorate nationwide, and voters ages 18–29 made up 19 percent of the national turnout.
- AAUW's research report, *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, explored the salary disparity between women and men one year after college graduation. The report was featured by dozens of media outlets, including Reuters, *U.S. News and World Report*, and the *Washington Post*.

We are proud of these accomplishments that you helped make possible. These efforts remind us why we are passionate members of AAUW — but we will not stop here. As women gain access to educational and economic opportunities, we must keep up our efforts to further their progress. As an AAUW member, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Congratulations again on the AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch's 75th anniversary! We appreciate all the hard work and activism your branch has accomplished and look forward to your continued support in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Linda D. Hallman, CAE

2014-2015 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 Elmhurst Branch
PO Box 243
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Please submit by *June 15, 2014***

Please check one:

Regular Member \$78

Student Affiliate \$25

Life Member \$29 (branch + state fees only)

Fifty-Year Honor: Fifty-year members are exempt
from association, state and branch dues.

Membership Dues: \$ _____

Elmhurst AAUW Donation: \$ _____

Total Check: Amount \$ _____

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

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: **Visit here**. Click on: **Enter Member Service Data**. Then in the lower left hand corner 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.**