



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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September Supper

Wednesday, September 10 • 6:30 pm

Good food...better conversation, our year begins with the September Supper. This supper is a casual way to catch up with members and meet new ones. Our president, Sarah Caltvedt, will say a few words, but the focus of the evening is enjoying a great meal and seeing everyone again.

This year we have a private room at Francesca's Amici, 174 North York Road, Elmhurst. Francesca's worked with us to give us a wonderful meal at a great price: \$28 per person including tax and gratuity. Dinner begins with **Insalata della Casa**, a fresh salad of romaine lettuce, carrot, cucumber, and tomato with balsamic vinaigrette. The main course follows: **Rigatoni con Mozzarella** (rigatoni pasta sauteed with tomato basil sauce and fresh mozzarella) and **Pollo alla Romano** (roasted chicken breast with garlic, shallots, rosemary, lemon, olive oil, and roasted potatoes). We will have **Profiteroles** for dessert. Coffee, hot or iced tea, and water are included. There will be a cash bar for all other beverages.

If you have special dietary needs, please let us know when you make your reservation.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 3. Make out checks for \$28 per person to AAUW, Elmhurst-Area Branch and send to AAUW, PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

You can certainly bring guests. If you need transportation to Francesca's, please contact Sally Schuster, 6360-833-3132, so she can make arrangements.

The 2014-2015 year for the Elmhurst Area Branch of AAUW begins.

Tech Savvy is Coming!

If you know a girl in 6th to 9th grade, tell her about the TechSavvy event that AAUW is sponsoring on Saturday, November 15th, at the IIT in Wheaton.

The all-day conference runs from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Featuring hands-on workshops in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), the conference will introduce students to the principles of STEM and give them a chance to meet potential role models. Sessions are also available for parents and other adults in the girls' lives to explain more about STEM education and how to finance a college education.

See the enclosed flyer for more information. The fee is \$5 per attendee which includes breakfast, lunch and a complimentary t-shirt. Online registration is required.



BRANCH CALENDAR

September 2 - 7:30 pm

Half the Sky

Perry Doubt's House

September 3 - 7 pm

Board Meeting

Elmhurst Public Library

September 10 - 6:30 pm

Next AAUW Meeting

September Supper

Francesca's Elmhurst

September 23 - 1:00 pm

Book Discussion Group

"Clara and Mr. Tiffany"

by Susan Vreeland

Hostess: Darlene Van Mier

Leader: Mary Hallman

October 6 - 1:00 pm

Noontime Potpourri

Discussion Group

100 South (York & Park)

Public Policy Update

AAUW Washington reports that 2014-15 will be the very first school year when white students will be the minority (48.9 percent) of the K-12 public school population. This analysis of the racial and ethnic composition of U.S. public schools was conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics.



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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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FINANCIAL REPORT

August 18, 2014

Sandra Burk
Director of Finance

Book Sale	\$14,484.47
Savings	2,814.88
General Fund	<u>4,427.25</u>
Total Account Balance:	\$ 21,726.60

Save the Date(s)!

Last fall several Branch members attended a performance of Shadow Town, a riveting play about sex trafficking in Chicago that was based on true stories.

Now there is Shadow Town II: The Johns, which will be performed October 16 – November 23 in Skokie. The following information, as well as ticket information, can be found at www.HerStoryTheater.org. Please contact Sarah Caltvedt if you are interested in attending on a Sunday afternoon with a group of AAUW members.

HER STORY THEATER's mission, through theater and the written word, is to shine bright lights in dark places on women and children in need of social justice and community support.

Her Story Theater's SHADOW TOWN II: THE JOHNS, written and directed by Mary Bonnett, is a 90 minute original stage play, based on Mary's dozens of interviews of people involved with sex trafficking in Chicago. Meet Baby Girl and The Family.

SHADOW TOWN II: THE JOHNS picks up where SHADOW TOWN left off...with the 'Demand' side of sex trafficking, the men who buy young girls for sex. The play explores how it impacts the men's lives, their families , the girls they use and the community.

The play is imaginative, amusing, powerful and must-see production. It is woven with song, a little dance, untraditional in style yet moving in presentation and important piece of theater.

Proceeds benefit The DREAMCATCHER FOUNDATION, a street rescue and recovery organization for Chicago sex trafficked girls and women. The DREAMCATCHER FOUNDATION is developing a crisis drop-in center in the Chicagoland area for sex trafficked girls and prostituted women.

Running Time 90 minutes no intermission.

Did You Know . . .

- 97% of the buyers are men
- The average age of a sex trafficked child is 11 years old.
- Sex trafficking is a \$32 billion dollar illegal business, the second largest in the world.
- Once a child is trafficked, their survival rate is 7 years.
- Did you know there are 16,000 children in our city, suburbs and collar counties sexually exploited in the commercial sex trade
- Sex trafficked children live in a nightmare, 365 days a year.
- Did you know, together we help end it.

President's Message

Even though most of us have left school behind, fall still feels like a time of new beginnings.

For our Branch, it's the start of our new program year. But that doesn't mean we haven't been busy since our celebratory 75th anniversary luncheon in May.

A record number of members turned out to work on our very successful Used Book Sale (see separate report), and over the summer some members met to attend concerts in Millennium Park and an exhibit of the photography of Vivian Maier, the subject of our November program.

Plans are afoot to organize more outings in the coming year to help us get to know each other better and complement our mission-based programming.

Our program vice presidents, Sally Schuster and Jan Alexander, have planned a series of stimulating, varied presentations and performances for our monthly Branch meetings. Our study/interest groups add to the mix with a variety of topics, and we will have the opportunity to volunteer for the Tech Savvy workshop November 15 and the Dare to Dream conference for Latina girls in the spring. We have a great year ahead of us!

As some of you know, I became a grandmother for the first time this summer. As I held little Lily, I wondered what life would be like for her as a girl, and then a woman, in our society. Will the progress that women have made in the last 50 years hold, or will our rights be curtailed, as seems to be happening in some states? Will she have more opportunities or fewer? Will she be encouraged and enabled to pursue any course of study or employment that interests her? Will it be easier to balance work and home life when she grows up?

The answers to these questions are in our hands, and as members of AAUW we can take a stand and continue the fight to achieve equity for women. Let's make sure Lily and all of our daughters and granddaughters have the bright future they deserve.

Sarah Caltvedt, Branch President



Members of AAUW attend Vivian Meier exhibit at the Cleve Carney Gallery at College of DuPage.

Are You a Tech Savvy Girl?

You will be after a day of hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics!

Are you ready?

Who: 6th to 9th grade girls and parents/mentors/teachers

Where: Illinois Institute of Technology, Rice Campus
201 E Loop Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2014

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$5 for each attendee
(Includes breakfast & lunch. Each attending girl receives a t-shirt to wear at the conference.)

How: Online Registration **Required**
<http://janeaddams-il.aauw.net>
Opens September 1, 2014 (limited to first 150 registrants)

Questions: AAUWILTechsavvy@gmail.com

Tech Savvy for Girls. Hands-on workshops in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) are in the morning, so you can meet role models and learn about careers and STEM principles. Whether you like robots, candy, ice cream, music, or the weather, we have fun covered. The afternoon Savvy Skills workshop will help you build skills that will take you into college and through life.

Tech Savvy for Adults. Sessions are available for parents and other adults in the lives of girls! Information will be provided on the importance of STEM education and how to continue to support girls after Tech Savvy, as well as financing a college education.

Tech Savvy conference schedule and registration available at:
<http://janeaddams-il.aauw.net>

Online registration is required and opens September 1, 2014.
Organized by AAUW: American Association of University Women and sponsored by Praxair.



TechSavvy
Powered by AAUW

AAUW
empowering women since 1881

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY

Triton
COLLEGE

PRAXAIR
Making our planet more productive

Good job!

Our branch would like to thank you, our members, for your support of the AAUW book sale.

It is the primary philanthropic activity of our branch to support research, grants, and scholarships for women on the national and local level.

On the national level scholarships have supported such trailblazing women as Nobel prize winning scientist, Marie Curie, novelist, Susan Sontag, psychologist, Joyce Brothers, and astronaut, Judith Resnik.

On the local level, our branch has given scholarships to Laura Milkulski and Raquel Cuevas, giving them knowledge and power to improve their careers and inspire other women.

*Elaine Davison
AAUW Funds*



A mighty crew of sorters turned out on the Saturday before the book sale (left to right): Betty LaLiberte, Jan Caudy, Sandra Burk, Cindy Grau, Rita Andreuccetti and sister Carmela, Leslie Stipe, Sarah Caltvedt, Tsue Ostermann, Deb Markello, Maria Patt, Peggy Babyar, Lauren Pittelli, Anne Klein, Laurie Noffs, Judy Ekblad, Marilyn Thompson, Betsy Aldred, Jan Summers (and Pat O'Dwyer at the camera).

2014 Meetings - AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch

September 10, 6:30 pm, Francesca's Amici, 174 N. York Rd., Elmhurst, \$28 per person

September Supper

The first meeting of 2014-2015 begins with dinner at Francesca's Amici. Guests are welcome, but reservations must be made in advance. Contact Sally Schuster, 630-833-3132, for more information.

October 8, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7 pm

Public Policy 101

Illinois AAUW legislative consultant Paula Purdue and her team present information about accessing legislative and political information on the Internet. Learn how to become an AAUW 2 Minute Activist. If you have a smartphone, tablet, or laptop, you are encouraged to bring it to the program.

November 12, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7 pm

Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows

Join dramatic book reviewer Jenny Riddle as she brings to life the fascinating story of Vivian Maier, a North Shore nanny who was an amateur street photographer. The Elmhurst Public Library is cosponsoring this program.

December 10, Jan Alexander's home, 7 pm

Holiday Party at Jan Alexander's

Join us for a festive evening of holiday cheer at the home of Jan Alexander. Members bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

January 14, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7 pm

A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power : Book Study

President Jimmy Carter has published a groundbreaking book which touches on many issues that are so important to AAUW members. He focuses on the discrimination and abuse of women and girls in many countries. *A Call to Action* is a must read.

February 11, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7 pm

GirlForward

Blair Brettschneider tells us about GirlForward, an organization that is making a difference in the lives of young girls who are refugees living in the Chicago area.

March 11, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7 pm

Bette Davis

Leslie Goddard's witty, sharp portrayal reveals actress Bette Davis not only as a riveting personality but as the creator of a new kind of film heroine, portraying strong women grappling with power, romance, luxury, and even violence. The Elmhurst Public Library is cosponsoring this program.

April 8, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7 pm

Girl Reporter: Tracing the Role of Women at the Chicago Tribune

Speaker Laurie Russell traces the history of the fascinating female journalists who worked for the *Chicago Tribune*. These women were the first to report from battlefields, cover sensational crimes, work behind the scenes in Nazi Germany, and more.

May 13 , location and time to be announced

The year ends with a dinner. The details are still being worked out.

Mark your calendar!

Used Book Sale 2014

We've done it again! Our 55th annual Used Book Sale was a resounding success. For five weeks an incredible group of dedicated sorters turned out to sort and organize the thousands of books that were donated by the community. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work."

New members Denise Dean, Betty LaLiberte, Deb Markello, and Maria Patt got a chance to meet other Branch members as they joined in the sorting and sale. Our helpers Elyse Willis and Matthew Niewiara retrieved books from our collection barrels and private homes, and many people just showed up at Lincoln School with carloads of books. Many times we arrived in the morning thinking that we'd never get through all the boxes and bags that had accumulated, but we almost always did.

Lauren Pittelli did an amazing job of getting our smiling faces (and sale information) in the newspaper throughout the summer. Marga Breckenfelder hand delivered flyers to promote the Book Sale to over 70 Elmhurst establishments. Cynthia Smith-Jans, Perry Doubt and Pat O'Dwyer handled signage and numerous other details. Sandy Burk managed the finances and bank deposits. Carolyn Heiney assisted in managing the sale and stepped in when a funeral and grandmother duties called me away.

The weather gods cooperated by giving us unseasonably cool weather that compensated for the lack of air conditioning. And in the end, all the hard work paid off. Our gross income was \$12,727.90 from book sales, \$420 from Discover Books for the items they picked up after the sale, and \$800 from admissions and scanners Thursday night. The \$800 will go into our Convention Fund to help defray the cost of AAUW convention and conference attendance, and the remainder, minus expenses, will be available for AAUW contributions and local scholarships as determined by our AAUW Funds Committee and ratified by the Branch membership in November.

The annual Used Book Sale is our signature event in the Elmhurst community. It gives us priceless visibility, but also provides an important service. Residents can donate their books knowing that they will be put to good use; people can buy books at very affordable prices; anything left over is donated to local charities like the VA Hospital and the Yorkfield Food Pantry or picked up by Discover Books to be donated elsewhere, sold to cover expenses, or recycled properly; the money raised funds AAUW's important work as well as local scholarships; we get an opportunity to promote membership. Best of all, working on the sale gives us a chance to talk, share books, get to know each other better, and that, in turn, leads to a stronger Branch. This year we feel very strong indeed!

Sarah Caltvedt, Branch President

If you bought books during the sorting period that you haven't paid for yet, please send a check to Finance Director Sandra Burk as soon as possible so that we will have a full accounting of our earnings.

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome six new members into Elmhurst Area Branch. We'll have biographical information next month.

Susan Harrison

Elizabeth Laliberte

Elaine Libovitz

Deb Markello

Charlotte Mushow

Maria Patt

Speak Out About Sexual Violence on U.S. Campuses

In the next few weeks, thousands of students are returning to college – you can help make sure that preventing campus sexual violence is part of the back-to-school conversation. Use AAUW's online "Two-Minute Activist Tool" to submit a letter to the editor (LTE) to your local paper.

Your letter can tell students and others about the epidemic of campus sexual violence and steps we all can take to reduce it.

Around 1 in 5 women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are college students, as well as about 1 in 16 college men. At least one report found that college-aged women are four times more likely than any other age group to face sexual assault.

These numbers tell us one thing: What's happening on our campuses is unacceptable.

**REMINDER
Dues are due!**

Please mail your check to Sandra Burk or pay online at the AAUW website.



Join us for the September Supper at Francesca's Amici

174 N. York Road, Elmhurst

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 pm

Registration deadline, Wednesday, September 3

\$28 per person, inclusive

Menu

SALAD: Insalata della Casa

Romaine, carrot, cucumber, and tomato with balsamic vinaigrette

MAIN COURSE: Rigatoni con Mozzarella

Rigatoni pasta sauteed with tomato basil sauce and fresh mozzarella

Pollo alla Romano

Roasted chicken breast with garlic, shallots, rosemary, lemon, olive oil, and roasted potatoes

DESSERT: Profiteroles

DRINKS: Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Water (Cash bar for all other beverages)

Registration

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

GUESTS: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT at \$28 per person: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Make out checks to AAUW, Elmhurst-Area Branch.
Send to AAUW, PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126, by September 3