



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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April 9th Meeting

Social Media and the Internet

Have you ever had something happen that leaves you stunned? You look around and you say, "What just happened?" This is truly applicable as a reaction to the Internet. What just happened, the Internet, is personal and can be judged as possibly the greatest factor in the way we communicate with each other and the world around us.

This we know is true. Change happens! We can ignore it. We can accept it and leave it at that. Or, we can accept and embrace it as good.

Rita Perona, Computer Specialist, Elmhurst Public Library will take us by the hand and show us how to access social media and how to use it. She also will lead us through all that is related to AAUW on the internet, including how to pay our membership online. She will answer questions and show us how to "get-in" certain sites that make sense to us as AAUW members. This program will possibly leave you shaking your head not in disbelief but in awe of what the Internet can do. Invite someone who may benefit from the presentation and bring along your iPad or smart phone.

See you all at the library, April 9 at 7 PM

Elections, By-Laws & Policy Changes

Reminder: At the April meeting members will be asked to vote on proposed changes to our branch By-laws. A summary of changes was included in the March newsletter.

By-laws ad hoc committee members, Sarah Caltvedt, Carolyn Heiney and Cheri Richards, will all be at the meeting to talk about the changes and answer any questions.

We also will be electing new officers at the April meeting, including the following:

- Recording Secretary - Darlene Van Meir
- Program Co-Chair - Jan Alexander
- Publicity/Communications - Lauren Pittelli

Half the Sky - ChildrenUP

Attend the next meeting of Half the Sky Group and hear a report by Dorothy Valintis on Children Up, a not-for-profit organization she helped found to educate children in Uganda. The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 pm at Perry Doubt's house.



BRANCH CALENDAR

April 1 - 7:30 pm
Half the Sky Group
Perry Doubt's Home

April 2 - 7:00 pm
Board Meeting
Elmhurst Public Library

April 9 - 7:00 pm
Monthly Branch Meeting
Social Media and the Internet
Elmhurst Public Library

April 24 - 1:00 pm
Book Discussion Group
"The Shoemaker's Wife"
(Andrianna Trigiani)
Hostess: Janet Hodge
Leader: Sherall Carson

May 2 - 1:00 pm
Start Smart Workshop
Pheasant Run Resort

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

May 10 - 8:30am
Tech Savvy
STEM Conference
IIT Rice Campus - Wheaton



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.

ELMHURST AREA BRANCH

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Celebrate with Us!!!!

Friends, fun, fellowship, food, maybe a bit of frivolity too. Yes, the time finally has arrived for you to make your reservation for our wonderful 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Butterfield Country Club, on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 11:30 AM.

If you have friends with AAUW ties who might enjoy reconnecting with us, please call, write, or email any and all and encourage them to attend. Feel free to forward the invitation portion of this newsletter with a few personal words to let them know that we really want to share this time together with them.

The menu includes a choice of Chicken Picata or a vegetarian option. A cash bar will be available before and during dinner. Butterfield Country Club has recently decorated the room in which we will dine. It is beautiful!

All reservations with a \$40 check payable to AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch are due by April 20th. Please see the accompanying invitation for details. Call or email any questions to Carolyn Heiney 630-834-1426.

The anniversary committee has planned some entertaining and informative activities, but not a speaker. Instead there will be time to enjoy the ambiance and most importantly the wonderful women of our branch. Don't miss it! It should be a great event!!



Members of the Anniversary Committee have been working since last year to make sure everyone has a wonderful time at the celebration on May 3rd.: (l. to r.) Betsy Aldred, Judy Ekblad, Carolyn Heiney, Sarah Caltvedt, Tsue Ostermann, Genie Urick. Not in the photo (but at the meeting) — Janet Hodge and Pat O'Dwyer.

\$tart \$mart Workshop & Training

Elmhurst Branch members, let's take advantage of an opportunity to be trained as \$tart \$mart facilitators at the State Convention at Pheasant Run in Saint Charles Friday, May 2nd. The Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop equips a woman in the beginning of her career to play a more powerful role in the compensation negotiating process with a perspective employer.

The program kicks off on Friday afternoon at 1 pm with a \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation workshop followed by a Facilitator Training Session. For free, you can audit the three-hour workshop which is co-sponsored by Elgin Community College. Members with college age daughters, granddaughters and nieces will learn some valuable tips. After the workshop, there will be a training session for those interested in facilitating \$tart \$mart workshops. This costs is \$100 and is payable at the training. But listen up! After you conduct your first Workshop, facilitators will receive a \$50 refund! I plan to be first in line for facilitator training because the Gender Equity Fund is giving a \$25 grant to the first 25 people who attend. So, that's only \$75 for an investment that is comparable to none.

Let Lori Switzer, State Convention Registrar, know you are planning to attend. Phone: 773-465-1148 or Email: switzer99@att.net. But take responsibility to register yourself by reading the LINK (page 6 and 15) or by visiting <http://aauw-il.aauw.net> I'll see you there.

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 26, 2014

Sandra Burk

Director of Finance

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| Book Sale Account: | \$ 4,545.56 |
| Savings Account: | 2,014.88 |
| General Account: | <u>2,987.40</u> |
| Total All Accounts: | \$ 9,543.84 |



AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch invites you to its
75th Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon

Butterfield Country Club
2800 Midwest Road
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

11:30 AM
Saturday, May 3, 2014

Please detach here and include with RSVP to:

Carolyn Heiney
545 Fern Avenue
Elmhurst, Illinois
60126

with choice of chicken or vegetarian entree (select one) and
payment of \$40 (checks payable to AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch)
by April 20, 2014

Name: _____

Membership Renewal

It's dues time! This year you may renew your membership, either by filling out the form on page 5 of 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 Sandy Burk, Director of Finance.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Burk, Anne Klein or Sarah Caltvedt.

AAUW-STEM Conference

Tech Savvy is coming! The all day AAUW-backed conference will be held on Saturday, May 10th at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Rice Campus.

All Elmhurst Branch members are welcome to help onsite with registration and other conference tasks. Contact Alice Smith to volunteer.

See the flyer with further details on page 7. Pass it along to any 7th or 8th grade girls who might be interested in attending. There is a link for registering at the bottom of the form.

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Used Book Sale

Book sale fans take note. The annual Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale will be held from Wednesday, May 7 through Saturday May 10 at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center (535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn).

Hours are 6 pm to 9 pm on May 7; 9 am to 9 pm on May 8 & 9; and 9 am to 2 pm on May 10.

In return for advertising their sale, the branch has offered to distribute bookmarks for the Elmhurst AAUW sale. What a great idea to help each other out!

President's Message

Equal Pay: We're still waiting!

As you've probably gathered by now, I've been doing some reading in women's history lately, especially in relation to AAUW.

In Adamless Eden, by Patricia Palmieri, is a fascinating study of the first 50 years of Wellesley College and, by extension, the other institutions that first offered a truly rigorous academic training to women. These were heady years when academic pioneers created a community of women scholars.

Most of the women professors saw their work as a calling and sacrificed all hope of marriage and family to the mission of education. Their reward? Substandard pay.

When they could get a position in a college or university, they were paid far less than their male counterparts, even when their qualifications were better. No wonder that these women banded together in 1881 to create the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, which later became AAUW.

And in 1896, ACA cooperated with the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor to produce a report entitled Compensation in Certain Occupations of Women Who Have Received College or Other Special Training.

Over the years, ACA/AAUW has returned to this topic many times: The Living Wage of College Women in 1906, a civil service job study of pay equity in 1913, the census of college women occupations, incomes and marital status of members of ACA in 1918, The Living Wage for College Women in 1938, and more recently, Behind the Pay Gap in 2007 and Graduating to a Pay Gap in 2012.

If you want to let it be known that you're tired of waiting, join the Equal Pay Day Rally at the Daley Center in Chicago at noon on Tuesday, April 8. That date symbolizes how far into 2014 women have to work to make as much as men made in 2013. AAUW and other women's groups in Chicago will be participating in this one hour rally with speakers.

Let me know if you're interested in getting a group together and going down to show our support for this important cause.

Need some motivation? According to AAUW research,

- The pay gap hasn't budged in a decade.**
- Women in every state experience the pay gap, but some states are worse than others. Illinois is #27, with a 79% earnings ratio.**
- The pay gap is worse for women of color.**
- Women face a pay gap in nearly every occupation.**

Sarah Caltvedt
Branch President

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.**

Someone Special in our Branch

By Alice Smith

Who is that lady we know as Cindy Grau? She will never brag about herself but I can. As a former State President I have certain inherited bragging rights and Cindy is one that makes me want to burst my buttons!

She is nominated to be the State Program Vice President for 2014-2016. She is a member of our Elmhurst Branch and Northwest Suburban Branch.

Cindy is completing her first two-year term as AAUW-IL, Inc. Program VP. She co-planned the joint convention in St. Louis last year with her counterpart in MO and planned this year's convention in St. Charles.

She also currently is serving as the President of the Northwest Suburban Branch and is an active member of our Elmhurst Branch. Cindy also served as AAUW-IL, Inc. Secretary for one year.

Cindy, her husband, and two teenage sons live in Park Ridge. She is active in her church and various other volunteer positions, including woodland restoration at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. She also enjoys reading, yoga and travel.

You bring pride to the Branch, Cindy! Congratulations on all you do and know that your energy, initiative, intelligence and leadership is just what AAUW needs.



Free National Memberships

Do you or someone you know need some financial help with dues this year? Do you have a friend who would be interested in joining AAUW at a substantial discount?

If so, you'll be happy to hear that three free national memberships (valued at \$49 each) are available to a renewing member or a new member prospect.

Because of the success of this year's Shape the Future Membership Campaigns, our branch has earned three free memberships that must be used by June 30.

If you are interested in receiving one of these memberships, please contact Anne Klein as soon as possible. A deal this good will not last long!

Public Policy Update

The 2014 edition of The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap is now out! It has brand new data.

Did you know that the pay gap affects women in every state, is worse for women of color, occurs in nearly every occupation, plus the pay gap grows with age!

It's easy to check out the full report on line: www.aauw.org.

Genie Urick

Dorothy Valintis: "2014 Woman of Distinction"

Congratulations, Dorothy! Our branch is so proud to learn that you were selected by the Women's Studies Committee of the College of Dupage for the 2014 Woman of Distinction Award.

A past president of AAUW Elmhurst Branch, Dorothy was cited for her contributions to the personal and professional advancement of women through education, advocacy and mentoring.

The award was presented at a ceremony at COD that was attended by many AAUW members. Dorothy's work with Dare to Dream and ChildrenUP received particular attention.



**Reserve NOW for the Anniversary Lunch.
Sign-up deadline is April 20. See form on page 3.**

Are You a Tech Savvy Girl?

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

Tech Savvy prepares you to be a scientist, engineer, or technology expert. Special sessions for your parents and teachers show them how to help you on your path to college and a STEM career, even if you are the first in your family to go to college.

Are you ready?

Who: 7th & 8th grade girls and their mothers/mentors

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

Date: Saturday May 10, 2014

Time: 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Cost: \$5 for each girl or accompanying adult.
Includes breakfast & lunch for each attendee
& T-shirts for girls to wear during the conference.

Email: AAUWILtechsavvy@gmail.com

Tech Savvy for Girls. Hands-on workshops in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in the morning at 10, 11 & 12 noon, 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, while your afternoon Savvy Skills workshops will help you build skills that will take you into college and through life.

Tech Savvy for Adults. A full session of activities is scheduled for parents and other adults in the lives of girls! Information will be provided on financing a college education, as well as the importance of STEM education and how to continue to support girls after Tech Savvy. A Spanish speaking interpreter will be available for parents if needed.



Questions? Want to register? Visit us at: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-savvy/>

Online registration is required and opens March 24.

Organized by AAUW: American Association of University Women and sponsored by Praxair.



Hello, Mother Jones
Shown here with Sally Schuster, Mother Jones (a.k.a. Betsey Means) drew an enthusiastic crowd to the March AAUW meeting. Co-sponsored by the Elmhurst Public Library, the presentation featured "The March of the Mill Children" and Mother Jones' campaign against the exploitation of children and the need to reform child labor laws.

**EQUAL PAY DAY
RALLY
April 8**



**Tuesday • April 8, 2014
12:00 noon - Daley Plaza
Clark & Washington
Chicago**

Raquel Cuevas Wins Dare to Dream Scholarship

The Dare to Dream Scholarship Committee has selected Raquel Cuevas, a senior at York High School, as the winner of our Branch's first Dare to Dream scholarship.

Raquel is a remarkable young woman who has overcome the challenge of cerebral palsy to become an outstanding student and prepare for a career in Special Education.

In her application essay, Raquel said she had always assumed that she would not achieve much in life because of her disability. But then, "all of that changed the day I went to the Dare to Dream conference. I still remember to this day all of those inspiring Latina women, who told their stories about where they came from and how they got to where they are today. All these obstacles they faced. I thought to myself, I want to be like them. That maybe there is a light at the end of the tunnel and now it was my turn to do everything I could to get myself there. After that day I felt as though I was reborn, changed forever."

Not only is Raquel an honors student, she also participates in Sign Language Club, the Autism Society and Circle of Friends. In addition to tutoring in the York Test Makeup Center, she participates in three leadership classes in which she acts as an aide to students in PE, art and cooking classes.

As she wrote, "My CP is a blessing in disguise that has brought me a unique sensitivity for children with disabilities and helps me see beyond their impairments." Raquel will be attending Illinois State University to prepare for a career in Special Education working with the deaf and hard of hearing.

As we begin planning for our next Used Book Sale, it is inspiring to realize how much the money we raise can help a young woman like Raquel and all the students who have attended the Dare to Dream program. AAUW truly has an impact.