

# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## April 10 Branch Meeting

### **Voices Unveiled: Turkish Women Who Dare**

Please join us April 10th for a viewing of the documentary film "Voices Unveiled: Turkish Women Who Dare."

This film asks: Can Islamic values co-exist with full equality for women? Today's Turkey is a democratic secular nation; but, as in other areas of the Islamic world, religious fundamentalism has re-emerged as a political force.

"Voices Unveiled" examines this issue through the stories of three women living in present-day Turkey - an artist, a dancer and a rights activist. Each of these women defies the patriarchal social conventions of Turkish society. Through their lives and first person "voices," they give us insight into what modern life is like for women in today's Islamic world.

The movie is distributed by Women Make Movies. Women Make Movies began as a feminist filmmaker's collective and is now the largest distributor of films by independent women filmmakers in the world.

Their mission: to assist women filmmakers in bringing their vision to the screen; to showcase global women's perspectives to North American audiences; and to work with international cultural institutions

to feature feminist films in their programming.

Please consider attending other screenings and events this year as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of supporting women filmmakers.

Time permitting – we will follow the movie with a discussion of some of the issues brought out by this fascinating glimpse into the lives of Turkish women.

## **Membership Renewal**

It's dues time! This year you may renew your membership, either by filling out the form on the page six OR you may renew ONLINE!!

The directions for the online renewal are at the bottom of the form.

If possible, please renew online - it's easier for our Treasurer and for the AAUW Board. 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 Darlene Van Meir, Director - Finance.

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Van Meir, Director - Finance, Cindy Grau, Membership Chair, or Carolyn Heiney, President.



## **Branch Calendar**

April 1 - 1:00 pm  
**Noontime Potpourri**  
 100 South Chophouse & Grill  
 100 S. York Street

April 2 - 7:30 pm  
**Half the Sky Group**  
 Anne Klein's House

April 3 - 7:00 pm  
**Board of Directors**  
 Alice Smith's House

April 10 - 7:00 pm  
**Branch Meeting**  
 "Voices Unveiled: Turkish Women Who Dare"  
 Elmhurst Public Library

April 25 - 1:00 pm  
**Book Discussion Group**  
*Unbroken*  
 by Laura Hillenbrand  
 Discussion Leader:  
 Jeanne Bassindale  
 Hostess: Betty Burgener



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.

**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**

*Director of Finance  
Darlene Van Meir*

Savings Account	\$ 1,817.45
General Account	3,644.41
Book Sale Account	<u>3,369.30</u>
Total	\$ 8,831.16

**ELMHURST AREA BRANCH BUDGET 2013 - 2014**

**AAUW Used book Sale Account Proposed Budget FY 2013-2014**

**INCOME/RECEIPTS**

Estimated Carryover Fund from FY2013	\$ 2,500	
Book Sale Receipts	\$11,000	
<b>TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS</b>		\$13,500

**EXPENSES**

Rent (required by District 205)	\$ 800	
Book Sale Supplies	\$ 100	
Labor: 1. Manager/book collection	\$ 2,000	
Dare to Dream Scholarship	\$ 1,000	
Publicity	\$ 100	
Contribution-AAUW Educational Foundtn	\$ 6,000	
Contribution-AAUW Legal Advocacy fund	\$ 1,000	
Local Scholarship or NCCWSL Expenses	\$ 1,000	
Carryover Funding for Book Sale 2013	\$ 1,500	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$13,500

**AAUW Savings Account Proposed Budget FY 2013 - 2014**

**INCOME/RECEIPTS**

Estimated Carryover Funding from FY2013-2014	\$ 1,000	
Entrance Fees Book Sale 2013	\$ 800	
<b>TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS</b>		\$ 1,800

**EXPENSES**

Member Registration Fees for AAUW	\$ 500	
Conv./Conferences w/carryover	1,300	\$ 1,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$ 1,800

**AAUW General/Working Account Proposed Budget FY 2013-2014**

Estimated Carryover Balance from FY2012-2013	\$ 2,000	
Member Dues(75 less 5 Life)	\$ 5,460	
Events: 1. September Supper	\$ 1,000	
2. May Supper	\$ 1,000	
<b>TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS</b>		\$ 9,460

**EXPENSES**

National Dues - 70 members X \$49	\$ 3,430.00	
State Dues - 70 members X \$10	\$ 700.00	
Events: 1. September Supper	\$ 1,000.00	
Events: 2. May Supper	\$ 1,000.00	
Programs	\$ 750.00	
Newsletter Printing and Postage	\$ 250.00	
Yearbook Printing	\$ 250.00	
General Liability Insurance	\$ 160.00	
Dues Grant	\$ 100.00	
Promotion/Publicity	\$ 100.00	
75th Anniversary Celebration	\$ 250.00	
Audit (\$100 every 2 yrs Treasurer's Term)	\$ 100.00	
Carryover to FY 2014	\$ 920.00	
Gifts	\$ 50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	
Dare to Dream	\$ 300.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$ 9,460



# Spotlight on You

By Carolyn Heiney

Most of you have received the terrific news that our next branch president will be **Sarah Caltvedt**.

We are lucky indeed! A graduate of Wellesley, Northwestern, and Dominican, Sarah has served our branch in numerous ways from a past co-president from 2000 – 2002 to her current positions as yearbook coordinator and Cool Cities representative.

For those of you who have spent time sorting books, you know Sarah as a librarian, a loyal worker who knows her books, and the person who is *the* great resource for identifying the correct category for those books we just can't discern where to place. Her service with our book sale has been invaluable!

If you don't know Sarah from our branch activities, you would certainly remember her as the former Assistant Director of the Elmhurst Public Library, a position she held before she retired last January. Sarah is intelligent, organized, and ready to serve. She will lead with distinction.

## 2013 Elections

*Pat O'Dwyer*  
Director-Nominating Committee

The 2013 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of nominations for election to a two-year term on the Branch Board of Directors.

We are grateful to these members who have agreed to serve the branch as elected officers.

This notification fulfills the requirement stated in the branch bylaws that the names of nominees for elected office be published and sent to all members.

Elections will be held at the annual meeting which will be our regular April Branch Meeting that will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Elmhurst Public Library.

Please plan on attending this meeting to be a part of electing and celebrating the branch officers who will provide leadership for the next term of office.

**President** - Sarah Caltvedt

**Co-Program V.P.** - Sally Schuster

**Membership V.P.** - Anne Klein

**Director- Finance** - Sandra Burk

**Director-Nominating Committee** -  
Carolyn Heiney

## Returning Scholarship Deadline

Our branch is again offering a \$1000 scholarship to a returning scholar. The deadline for the application is April 15th. Please pass on this information to anyone you may know who is a candidate. The application and qualifying information is on our website.

## Equal Work Deserves Equal Wages!



**TUESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**12:00 NOON - DALEY CENTER PLAZA**

AAUW Chicago; AAUW-Illinois; the Chicago Loop Branch of AAUW; American Bar Association; Chicago Commission on Human Relations; Chicago Foundation for Women; Chinese American Service League; Coalition of Labor Union Women; Cook County Department of Human Rights and Women's Issues; Chicago NOW; Chicago Women in Trades; Dominican University Domestic Abuse Stops Here; Enterprising and Professional Women – USA; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Illinois Department of Human Rights; Illinois Department of Labor; Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs; LULAC of Illinois; Mujeres Latinas en Accion; National Employment Lawyers Association-Illinois; National Organization for Women; North/Northwest Suburban NOW; Restaurant Opportunities Center Chicago; Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; UN Women Chicago Metropolitan Chapter; Wilson-Taylor Associates, Inc.; The Women's Center/DePaul University; Women's Bar Association of Illinois; Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor; Women Employed; Women's Leadership and Mentoring Alliance; YWCA Metropolitan Chicago.



In March AAUW celebrated Women's "Herstory" month with an interactive take-off on "American Idol" featuring famous women as contestants. The Panelist "Judges" were *Joe Calandea*, *Betsy Aldred*, and *Gail Brasie* who played TWO parts (she filled in last-minute with a wicked British accent for a cast member who became ill). *Diane Allen* was Pocahontas. *Marilyn Thompson* was Susan B. Anthony. *Marcia Lagerway* was Harriet Tubman. *Sarah Aldred-Fleege* was Anne Sullivan with *Cindy Grau* as Helen Keller. *Norma Barnhart* was Mary.M. Bethune. *Jan Summers* was Sally Ride. *Rita Andreuccetti* was Antonia Novello. *Mary Hallman* was Rosa Parks. *Pat O'Dwyer* was Shirley Chisolm. *Sandra Day O'Connor* was played by *Marge Breckenfelder* who also made up her own "rap" verse to announce O'Connor's upcoming May appearance at Elmhurst College. *Darlene Van Meir* was Clara Barton. *Sally Schuster* was C.J. Walker. *Rachel Kyle* was Emily Dickenson. *Anne Klein* was Edith Wharton. *Florence Beckman* was Eleanor Roosevelt. And *Mary Eleanor Wall* was the mother of panelist judge, Shimon Scowl. We filled our brains with new information; and, afterwards, our tummies with lemonade and cookies. *Alice Smith* challenged us with a fun exercise to learn something new about a fellow member and share it with the group. And a good time was had by all!

## Carolyn's Corner

### What's New with the 2013 Book Sale?

We all love our book sale and always are thrilled with the contributions that we make to help women pursue their educations through our dedication to the task. This year, however, there will be some changes.

The biggest modification will be a move to our new location at Jackson School. In a spirit of cooperation we agreed to the change so that the Elmhurst Park District could use the Conrad Fischer gym. Both our sorting times and the length of the time we collect books will change slightly. We will have fewer tables and be especially mindful of reducing costs to District 205 whenever we can. Some things will remain the same. The sale will once again be held the first weekend in August, and we will need all of you to help sort and sell again. Your work will make this sale a success.

Why the changes? If you read the local papers last spring, you know that the District 205 school board adopted a new facilities use document that substantially raised rental costs for community groups using their facilities. These increases were in fact necessary and fiscally responsible for the board to enact. While we supported the school board's action, the costs to AAUW for the summer use of the school building, its tables, its air conditioning, and the services of District 205 personnel, would have skyrocketed for the 2013 sale. (Imagine a daily cost of \$8 per table for 75 tables over a period of nearly two months.)

With the possibility of spending substantially more in facility costs, we created a plan that we felt would be fair and presented it to the District 205 financial team. The plan included reduced days of sorting per week and fewer weeks to sort. Our board felt that this was doable since last summer we often were finished sorting after only an hour, and on some days only a few members were present to sort. The good news is that because of our past history of being good stewards of the building and cooperating with the district in positive ways, our plan was accepted. In fact, the rental agreement that we received was even slightly under our request. The total amount is still substantially higher than we paid previously, but it is fair, fair to the students of District 205 and fair to AAUW.

It won't be long until you will hear a request for your assistance. We will need sorters and sellers and givers and tellers, (people who inform others to donate and buy books.) While we will have fewer times to be together to work, let's make each one a celebration. Come and work and talk and laugh and once again feel really good about what we can contribute.

## Half the Sky Study Group Women at the Well Project

Wendi Dwyer, Executive Director of the Lost Boys Rebuilding Southern Sudan, will speak about the Women at the Well project at the Tuesday, April 2, 2013, meeting of the Half the Sky Study group. The group will meet at the home of Anne Klein, 280 S. Cottage Hill, at 7:30 PM. Branch members and guests are invited.

While learning about the tragedy in Southern Sudan, Wendi Dwyer discovered that only 1 in 10 women were literate. Since women and girls were needed to work and to carry water from the wells, there was no time for them to attend school. Often the process of waiting in line for water can take hours, so the project to teach reading to women while they waited for water was born. Come to the meeting to hear what progress has been made for women and girls.

Wendi is a remarkable, enthusiastic woman. She takes no personal salary or speaking fees. Her vision is impaired, yet she continues to spread the story of life in Southern Sudan. Join the study group for an informative, amazing program. You won't want to miss her fascinating stories.

At Half the Sky study group meetings members voluntarily donate money to help women in need in third world countries. This month the money collected will be donated to the Women at the Well project. The LBRSS is a 501 (c) (3) so any gift you contribute will be tax deductible. Contributions always are voluntary!

## Good Idea!

Last month after a column from the Two Minute-Activist AAUW program asked members to contact their Senators and Representatives. A member suggested that when you send out a form letter email to a politician or to express your opinion about a cause, add a comment. It will ensure your email will be seen and will be counted.

## Coming Your Way

April 9, 2013 (12-6pm)

**6th Annual Global Activism Expo • UIC Forum • Chicago**

[www.WBEZ.org](http://www.WBEZ.org)

May 3 - May 5, 2013

**AAUW Illinois-Missouri Convention**

Hilton at the Ballpark • St. Louis

[www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)

# 2013-2014 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:  
DARLENE VAN MEIR  
131 W. Adelaide, Unit 201, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
by June 15, 2013**

## 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** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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](http://www.aauw.org). Click "Login" at the top of the page next to the "Join" Button
- Enter your **Member ID** and **Password**. You have successfully logged in when the Login button display charges to "Hello, Your Name". You can now access member only areas throughout the site
- Scroll to bottom of page and click on "Member Tools"
- Scroll down to the "Member Services Database" and click "Visit here"
- Click "Renew My Membership" in the left column to open the renewal form and renew your membership with a credit card. *If you need help call 800-326-2289, M-F (10am-5pm ET) or email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)*