



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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**October 14 - 7:00 pm • Elmhurst College Library**

## Hairy Who?: Imagist Art Collection

Elmhurst College Library Art Curator and original Imagist artist **Suellen Rocca** will conduct a tour of Elmhurst College's acclaimed collection.

The highly creative and irreverent Imagist art movement which emerged in Chicago in the 1950's and 60's was one of the first major art movements to give women an equal role.

The critics ("Hairy Who" and there is a story there) were not overly fond of the works these artists were creating.

Today Imagist work can be found in art museums and important collections throughout the world.

"The (Elmhurst College) collection represents what art critic James Yood called 'the best single overview of art from 1966 to 1985 in any public institution.'"

Come to the AAUW Meeting on October 14th and find out about the "Hairy Who."

## Become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist

You can make your voice heard. Become a Two-Minute Activist by going to the link below and then entering your email address today!

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Coming to you straight from AAUW's national site, here are three hot issues in need of action right now:

- Did your Senators Vote to Defund Planned Parenthood? Planned Parenthood is the only source of many needed preventative services for many uninsured and under-insured women.

- Support Fair and Equal Judicial Confirmations. Federal courts are often the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination. With a growing number of judicial vacancies, we need your help to give the confirmation process needs a push.

- Tell Congress to Keep the Lights On. In recent years, education, housing, and public health services called nondefense discretionary (NDD) programs have been eliminated or reduced by Congress due to across-the-board cuts. However, millions of Americans count on these programs.

Entering your email address in the box at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> will allow you to receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox. If you have already signed up, please be sure to respond as soon as your emails arrive, and thanks!



## BRANCH CALENDAR

September 29- 7 pm  
**Illinois Power Woman,**  
**Hon. Christine Radogno**  
Downers Grove Park District  
Rec. Center  
4500 Belmont Rd.

October 5, 2015 - 1 pm  
**Noontime Potpourri**  
Cafe Amano

October 7 - 7 pm  
**Board of Directors**  
Elmhurst Public Library

October 10  
**AAUW Illinois Meeting**  
Schaumburg, IL

October 14 - 7:00 pm  
**AAUW Meeting**  
*"Hairy Who?: Imagist Art Collection"*  
Elmhurst College Library

October 22 - 1:00 pm  
**Book Discussion Group**  
*Germinal* by Emil Zola  
Hostess - Marcia Golterman  
Leader - Marilyn Thompson

October 28 - 7:30 pm  
**Half the Sky Group**  
Perry Doubt's Home



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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, 2015**

*Denise Thompson*  
*Director of Finance*

Book Sale Fund:	\$ 10,082.18
Conferences Fund	2,065.44
General Fund:	<u>4,306.80</u>
Total	\$16,454.42

# New Member Spotlight: Marisa Jannaman

Marisa Jannaman joined AAUW after attending the September Supper at Francesca's, as a guest of Raven Anne Quigley (another new member).

Marisa is currently working at Cottage Hill Diamonds, a family owned and operated jewelry store in Elmhurst. She gets to wear many hats and work on everything from marketing to sales. Marisa has a BFA degree from Moore College of Arts and Design. Her background is fashion design and she gets to use those design skills every day at work. She organizes jewelry in the cases, helps clients with custom ring design, and lays out ads.

Marisa lives in LaGrange with her boyfriend, Brent, and their pets – a dog (Jack) and a cat (Ferris). She has a brother, Francis, who is four years older than she is, and she feels blessed to still have her parents around.

In her free time, Marisa enjoys working with her hands, which has recently evolved into embroidering. She does quilt/embroidery hybrid pieces, as well as handkerchiefs and smaller framed images. She finds this very soothing and it feeds her creative soul perfectly by incorporating drawing, fabric, and working with her hands.

Marisa has done pet therapy with her dog in the past. They visited RUSH hospital in Oak Park's rehab floor. She isn't volunteering currently, but it's been on her heart lately and she is looking for a new opportunity.

Marisa is excited to be a part of our group. Please welcome Marisa to AAUW when you see her!

## FINAL BOOK SALE REPORT 2015

7/1/2015 through 9/17/2015

### INCOME

Book Sale Cash Return	\$ 300.00
Book Sale Receipts	10,664.20
Recycled Book Receipts	<u>506.70</u>
	\$11,470.90

### EXPENSES

Book Sale Cash Withdrawal	\$ 300.00
Book Sale Labor	949.00
Building Rental	1,116.46
Bank Fees	2.04
Publicity & Promotion	<u>78.99</u>
	\$2,446.49

**NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES \$9,024.41**

## President's Message

Our September Supper at Francesca's kicked off our season very successfully, with almost half our members attending. The guest speaker, Blair Brettschneider, from Girl Forward, Inc. was very informative and inspiring, as her nonprofit focuses on educating and acclimating girl refugees locally. Such a timely topic, truly linked to our mission! And it was a great dinner to share with our AAUW community of friends.

Our Program VPs have lined up interesting programs for October and November, more details elsewhere in this newsletter. And we're developing more programs for 2016. If you have any ideas you'd like us to consider, let's talk!

We've wrapped up the financials from the book sale and are in the process of determining how to allocate the funds to AAUW National and local recipients. You'll learn more about this at the Branch meeting after the November program.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, **AAUW-IL** is holding a conference for the northern half of the state in Schaumburg. Some of our Board will be attending with me. Anyone from our Branch may attend; cost is \$15. If interested, please contact me.

I recently attended a Public Policy event sponsored by AAUW, this one by Cindy Grau, entitled "Why Redistricting Matters in Changing Illinois". I brought back some petitions to sign so that we can get this nonpartisan initiative on the ballot, to try to make Illinois electoral districts more logical and properly representative. We must have better redistricting to make our democracy work!

And our branch is co-sponsoring another Public Policy event on September 29<sup>th</sup>, "Illinois Power Woman", with **Illinois Senator Christine Radogno**, who will speak on women's issues in Illinois, including the ratification of the ERA. As I spend time with my little granddaughter, I sometimes think about how far we've come, yet how far we have to go. Still no real policy on maternity leave, no support for working parents with child care or other benefits, still a significant wage gap; and the list goes on...

Our branch's leadership team continues to grow, helping us focus on the mission. **Denise Dean** is our Public Policy Director, **Susan Szymaski** will be our advocate on International and Diversity issues, **Betty Laliberte** is facilitating our Half the Sky study group, **Leslie Stipe** will lend support on STEM issues and **Jennifer Aldred-Barry** will focus on Title IX issues. We are still in need of someone to help us with Policy and Bylaws, making sure we're aligned with national and state policy changes. If you'd like to nominate someone, please contact me.

We've had a great start to our year, and I'm anticipating a great year ahead of us; strengthening our community, enjoying our programs and making a difference for women and girls!

Jan Summers, Branch President

### ***Lombard Branch AAUW:***

## How Women Affect the Outcome of Elections - October 10, 2015

On Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, former Congresswoman Judy Biggert, Illinois State Representative Kathy Willis, and Ms. Sedy Soto, Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth's district director, will address the Lombard Area Branch of AAUW, informing us how we can engage more women in the electoral process, whether it's running a winning campaign, raising funds for women candidates, running for office yourself, or electing candidates who support issues that affect the lives of women and girls.

Our panel participants bring their years of experience in political party campaigns to our discussion of how women affect the outcome of elections. This is a unique opportunity to hear from women on both sides of the political aisle, and to see how the elective process works for women in national as well as statewide elections.

The program will begin at 9:30 am and be held in Hatfield Hall of the First Church of Lombard, 220 South Main (southwest corner of Main & Maple) in downtown Lombard. The entrance to Hatfield Hall is located on Maple Street. Guests are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Karla at [630.247.8758](tel:630.247.8758), or see the web site at <http://lombard-il.aauw.net/>

## September Supper 2015

AAUW Members turned out in force for the first meeting of the year, held September 9th at Francesca's Amici Restaurant in Elmhurst.

Guest speaker Blair Brettschneider discussed the work of Girl Forward, the organization she founded to provide adolescent refugee girls in our area with individual mentors, educational programs and leadership opportunities, serving as a resource to help girls become strong, confident and independent.

