



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## Getting Ready for the Used Book Sale

The books are pouring in and members are turning out in force for the sorting sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. As these ladies will attest, it's great fun and we hope to see you there.

The Sort Sessions are open to all members and will continue through Wednesday August 2. The Sale itself will be held from August 3-August 6, as follows. Watch for a signup sheet for volunteers that Pat O'Dwyer will send this week to all members.

Proceeds from the sale of books are used to benefit local and national AAUW scholarships, research, and programs for women.

Thursday • August 3 (6 pm - 9 pm)  
*Preview Sale - \$10 Entrance Fee*

Friday • August 4 (9 am - 8 pm)  
*Free Admission*

Saturday • August 5 (10 am - 3 pm)  
*Free Admission*

Sunday • August 6 (12 noon - 3 pm)  
*\$10 Bag Sale - Free Admission*




**BRANCH CALENDAR**

**Wednesdays and Saturdays through Aug. 2**  
**Used Book Sale Sort**  
*Lincoln Elementary School*

**Board of Directors**  
**August 2 - 7:00 pm**  
*Elmhurst Public Library*

**Thursday to Sunday**  
**August 3 - 6**  
**Used Book Sale**  
*Lincoln Elementary School*

**September 13**  
**September Supper**  
*Diplomat West (Route 83 & North Avenue)*  
*5:30 pm cocktails*  
*6:30 pm dinner*

Go, Book Sale! Volunteers for this week's Sort included (l to r) Perry Doubt, Deb Markello, Jan Summers, Judy Ekbladt, Betty Laliberte and Elaine Davidson.



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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.

**AAUW FUNDS**

The AAUW Funds support educational fellowships and grants, legal advocacy, public policy, leadership programs and research reports.

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# AAUW National Convention

Jan Summers and Cindy Grau were among the Illinois members on hand for the 2017 National Convention in Washington, D.C. earlier this summer. The program featured lobbying sessions on Capitol Hill and presentations by speakers like Justice Sonia Sotomayor. An awesome experience!



## Many Thanks!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Elmhurst branch members who have donated to AAUW National or Elmhurst Branch, during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Your contributions are very important and very much appreciated.

- Betsy Aldred
- Connie Baker
- Florence Beckman
- Suman Bhorade
- Bonita Boerger
- Janice Caudy
- Jeanette Flaningam
- Azra Haque
- Carolyn Heiney
- Jane Kiep
- Liesel Kossman
- Elizabeth LaLiberte
- Mary Mallon
- Tsue Ostermann
- Frances Peshkin
- Lynne Rauscher-Davoust
- Suzanne Stock
- Jeanne Stuart
- Eugenie Urick
- Susan Werle

### FINANCIAL REPORT

January 25, 2017

*Denise Thompson*  
Director of Finance

General Fund	\$ 3,809.18*
Conferences Fund	2,450.44
Book Sale Fund:	<u>8,150.51</u>
Total	\$14,410.13

\*Includes memorial contribution to AAUW National for Betty Rooney and Enid Baxter

## President's Message

July 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of our 2017-2018 year at AAUW. So, if you haven't renewed yet, this may be your last newsletter unless you renew soon. And we believe we have a great year ahead, with interesting mission-based programs, social events and other new activities planned to add value for our members. That's why I and several board members are staying on for an extra year or so beyond our original term, as we are excited about the coming year.

That's also why we're having a summer newsletter. Our mission doesn't stop, and there are so many activities that happen over the summer, we don't want to wait until fall to communicate what we've learned, what we're planning and what's happening.

For instance, I attended the AAUW-IL annual convention in Champaign in May. Like last year, our Branch was honored for being in the Top 10 Branches in Illinois, in Contributions (#6) and in Per Capita Contributions (#5). I learned more about STEM programs being organized by other IL branches, which we might try to copy. Also learned about social events and other trainings being held in Illinois. And I connected with the Chicago branch to arrange facilitator training in the **Work Smart** program, focused on working women and how to negotiate for better salaries and benefits. We hope to sponsor one of these events for our community soon.

I also attended the AAUW National Convention in Washington DC in June. This included Lobby Day at Capitol Hill with a focus on two issues: support for Title IX and the concern over student debt. The AAUW-IL delegation met with Sen. Dick Durbin's staff, who had read the AAUW Research, "Deeper in Debt", which shows that women have more student debt and take longer to pay it off than do men. (BTW, it also shows that for-profit schools drive higher debt, with less return. This info needs to be highlighted to anyone considering a for-profit school). And we met with Senator Duckworth personally, along with her staff. She was *totally aware* of the issues on which we were lobbying and had detailed responses about what can be done, and what she is trying to move forward. It was an inspirational day and awesome convention. Many wonderful speakers, including Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

I will be giving more updates at the September Supper about what I learned at the AAUW National Convention. Meanwhile keep up to date with the issues via the Two Minute Activist. BTW, you don't need to be an AAUW member to be a Two-Minute Activist. Feel free to forward it to your friends and family with like-minded views on equity for women and girls.

We ended our program year in May at Café Amano, where we met our Returning Scholar winner, Casandra Townsel, and were reminded of how important this scholarship is to those involved. **That's why we do our Used Book Sale.** We'll start our new program year at the September Supper and learn about the upcoming program year and other activities planned. For instance, we're joining other AAUW-IL branches in celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment by planning joint activities on the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have an idea for an activity that Elmhurst can host or sponsor on the 19<sup>th</sup> of any month ahead, let me know. Meanwhile there is an event being planned on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> to see an all-female cast version of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Details to follow.

We will continue to strive all year, even in the summer, to succeed in our mission of impacting gender equity, making a difference for women and girls. See you at the Used Book Sale!

Jan Summers  
Branch President

## AAUW and the Twitterverse

Visit AAUW on Twitter today! Set up an account, follow AAUW, and tweet if you feel the fire. It would be a blast to tweet out messages and “like” the posts you are into as another way to show your support for AAUW positions (by clicking on the heart under the post). But if you aren’t up for that, just following AAUW on Twitter can be fun and informative – check it out!

[https://twitter.com/AAUW?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthorv](https://twitter.com/AAUW?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthorv)



Some sample tweets:

AAUW (@AAUW) · Twitter

<https://twitter.com/AAUW>

THIS! “It makes me feel like I can do it, too.” — Jailyynn Lozano, 13 🍌🍌 #AddWomen #WomenInSTEM [twitter.com/PetalumaArg...](https://twitter.com/PetalumaArg...)

2 hours ago · Twitter

Ready to take your advocacy to the next level? Text "AAUW" to 21333 to join Two-Minute Activist Mobile: [bit.ly/2minmobile](https://bit.ly/2minmobile) [pic.twitter.com/WWumqxa...](https://pic.twitter.com/WWumqxa...)

3 hours ago · Twitter

Young women deserve an equal playing field. #TitleIX is helping ensure just that: [bit.ly/2tqiEr2](https://bit.ly/2tqiEr2) by @ChurchesK via @MediaplanetUSA [pic.twitter.com/GrtDAaR...](https://pic.twitter.com/GrtDAaR...)

5 hours ago · Twitter

**FYI:** On June 16, 2017, the U.S. Department of Education announced its decision to narrow investigations into civil rights violations at public schools and universities. The Department of Education is in charge of enforcing Title IX and its regulations and guidance. This includes investigating complaints about how schools handle instances of sex discrimination.

This scaling back means that the Department of Education will not fully protect students’ civil rights or address all the underlying issues that are a factor in complaints. Over the past eight years the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) increased technical assistance and enforcement and provided critical guidance to schools, which led to better outcomes and safer climates for students at every level. In fiscal year 2016 alone OCR resolved 1,346 Title IX complaints that ranged from schools’ handling of athletics to sexual harassment.

Under Title IX recipients of federal education funding (such as schools) must adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, implement grievance procedures for when incidents occur, and ensure a prompt and equitable resolution of discrimination complaints. Students must be reassured that their rights under Title IX are being upheld by their schools and through vigorous enforcement by OCR.



*Sally Schuster, Maria Patt, Tsue Ostermann, Mary Mallon, Jennifer Jordan.*



*Denise Thompson, Deb Markello, Carol Rounds, Suzanne Stock, Sarah Caltvedt, Betsy Aldred*



*Pat O'Dwyer, Perry Doubt, Genie Urick, Jan Summers, Denise Dean*

## Meet the 2017-2018 Board

Hats off to the members who have agreed to lead AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch in the coming year. We are grateful for the time they give to our organization and look forward to good things in the coming fiscal year.

### Elected Officers

President - Jan Summers

Program Vice Presidents -

Pat O'Dwyer & Genie Urick

Membership Vice Presidents -

Jennifer Jordan & Deb Markello

Recording Secretary - Carol Rounds

Director of Finance - Denise Thompson

Director of Communications/Publicity  
Maria Patt

Director of Nominating Committee

Sarah Caltvedt

AAUW Funds - Mary Mallon

Bylaws and Policies - Tsue Ostermann

Public Policy - Denise Dean

### Standing Directors (Voting)

Newsletter - Perry Doubt

College/University Relations -  
Betsy Aldred

Diversity/International Affairs -  
Betty Laliberte

STEM - Suzanne Stock

### Special Committee Directors (Non-Voting)

Used Book Sale - Perry Doubt

Yearbook - Sally Schuster

Book Discussion Study Group

Carol Rounds, Elaine Davison  
& Darlene VanMeir

Half the Sky Study Group

Betty Laliberte

## May Supper

The annual May Supper, held at Cafe Amano in downtown Elmhurst, was a great success. Highlight of the evening: presentation of Returning Scholar Award to Cassandra Townsel (on right in photo in lower right corner) who is working toward an MSW in Social work.





## Congratulations to AAUW's 2017–18 Fellowships and Grants Awardees!

AAUW's fellowships and grants have helped scholars and activists overcome barriers to their education and advancement for almost 130 years. Recipients have become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts, and the sciences.

For the 2017–18 academic year, 250 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.7 million from AAUW.

This level of funding for women's education and projects has a tremendous impact on women and their communities by expanding women's potential and supporting their future promise. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale help fund these efforts.

By easing the pressure of financing their academic and community work, AAUW's awards help women tackle the growing burden of student debt and focus their efforts on the task at hand: developing the skills and confidence they need to excel in their fields.

Who are these trailblazing fellows and grantees? See how just a few 2017–18 fellows and grantees are making a difference in their lives — and how they are bringing up others behind them at <http://www.aauw.org/article/fellowships-and-grant-awardees/>



*WHAT A PERFECT DAY!* Members helped spread the word about AAUW and the Used Book Sale at the Elmhurst Garden Walk and Faire on July 9 Shown in photos above: *LEFT* - Suzanne Stock, Deb Markello, Maria Patt and Jennifer Aldred; *RIGHT* Elaine Libovicz and Pat O'Dwyer/