



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch, April Branch Meeting
Wednesday • April 11, 2018 • 7:00pm • Elmhurst Public Library

World Relief Services

Speaker: Maggie Boynton, MSW
Refugee Services Volunteer Manager
World Relief – DuPage/Aurora

World Relief is a national and international organization that partners with local churches and works to offer a comprehensive range of services to refugees and immigrants. The agency began offering services locally, in DuPage County, in 1979 and helps more than 5,000 clients per year, 90% of whom are low income.

The goal of World Relief is to empower local church communities to serve the most vulnerable, and to help refugees and immigrants become full-functioning, integrated participants in society.

World Relief works to assist refugee families as they build their new lives in the United States by providing:

- (1) Initial Resettlement Services,
- (2) Employment Services,
- (3) Youth Services, and
- (4) Counseling Services.

Our Speaker, Maggie Boynton, holds her Masters in Social Work and has worked for World Relief for five years. She will describe the agency's presence and services in DuPage County, along with discussing the current political process and how it is impacting the provision of those services.

Please join us at the April Branch Meeting for what promises to be a most interesting, informative and current presentation and discussion.

Get Ready: 2018 AAUW Used Book Sale

The first planning meeting for the 2018 Used Book Sale will be held on Monday, April 2nd at the Elmhurst Public Library - 7:00 pm. Contact Perry Doubt at 630-834-5415 (pdoubt@comcast.net) if you are interested in joining the committee. The Used Book Sale itself will run from August 2 to August 5th. Sort sessions begin in June.



BRANCH CALENDAR

Board of Directors
No meeting in April

**April 1 - Returning Scholar
Application Deadline**

**April 2 - 7:00 pm
Used Book Sale Committee
Elmhurst Public Library**

**April 11 - 7:00 pm
Branch Meeting
"World Relief Services" and
Annual Branch Meeting
Elmhurst Public Library**

**April 24 - 7:30 pm
Half the Sky Group
Perry Doubt's Home**

**April 26 - 1:00 pm
Book Group: "Elephant Com-
pany" by Vicki Croke. Hostess
& Leader: Anna Kinnan**

**April 27-28
AAIW-IL Convention
Hyatt Regency Lisle**



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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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FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 28, 2018

Denise Thompson
 Director of Finance

General Fund	\$ 3,921.63
Conf/Travel F	1,529.01
Book Sale Fund:	<u>10,690.61</u>
Total	\$16,141.25

**Nominations for
 AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch**

The Nominating Committee (Sarah Caltvedt, chair; Jan Summers, Carolyn Heiney) presents the following slate of officers for 2018-2019 to be voted upon at the April Branch business meeting:

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Heiney and Darlene Van Meir
 (one year term)

Program Co-Vice President: Sally Ott

Membership Co-Vice President: Suzanne Stock

Recording Secretary: Peggy Fox

Director of Public Policy: Jane Jegerski

Director of AAUW Funds: Carol Rounds

Director of Publicity/Communications: TBA

Director of Nominating Committee: Jan Summers

Nominations from the floor will be accepted, subject to the approval of the nominee.

Budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year will also be voted upon at the Branch meeting in April. Copies are attached for review prior to the meeting.

Half the Sky

**Mark your calendar for
 TUES APR 24 at Perry
 Doubt's home... 7:30 pm.**

We will talk about the book: ***A HOPE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SEA*** by Fleming

If you are having a challenge getting this book... try ***WE CROSSED A BRIDGE AND IT TREMBLED*** by Wendy Pearlman or ***A LAND OF PERMANENT GOODBYES*** by Atia ABawa.

-Betty LaLiberte

Annual Meeting

Reminder: we will be having our Annual Branch Business Meeting at the April Program Event on April 11th.

We also have a great program planned with the World Relief organization.

The key topics to be voted and/or supported at the Annual Meeting are:

- Slate of Officers for 2018-19
- Budget for 2018-19
- Revised Bylaws and Policies

The proposed revised Bylaws and Policies are attached.

Hope to see you on April 11th,

Jan Summers

JUST A THOUGHT

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP for 2017-2018 have been awarded by AAUW... check out the AAUW website for additional winners. Here is just one of the wonderful winners:



2017–18 International Fellow Marcela Cervini

Using Financial Engineering to Increase Opportunity

Marcela Cervini aspires to become an innovative leader and strengthen financial institutions in Mexico through the incorporation of mathematical models and computer science tools. She aspires to increase the participation of women in finance by generating better opportunities and spreading awareness of the importance of improving the work environment for women in the financial field.

<https://www.aauw.org/article/fellowships-and-grant-awardees/>

Student's Receive Federal Education Grants to Become Teachers, But Find Them Turned into Loans When They Weren't Looking

March 28, 2018

Today's Morning Edition on NPR delivered a report titled, "Dept. of Education Fail: Teachers Lose Grants, Forced to Repay Thousands in Loans."

We are all familiar with grant programs that forgive portions of student loans for those who take positions teaching in under-served schools for an agreed upon period of time. Apparently, the federal government is pulling back the forgiveness portion, and is doing so without notice., sometimes for minor errors in paperwork.

Please take a moment to read the following article, then let your representatives know where you stand on this issue. Thanks.

www.npr.org/sections/ed/2018/03/28/596162853/dept-of-education-fail-teachers-lose-grants-forced-to-repay-thousands-in-loans

Denise Dean, Public Policy

Annual May Supper Save the Date!!

Please mark you calendars now for the Annual May Supper. This year it will take place on Wednesday, May 9, at Roberto's Ristorante on Spring Road in Elmhurst. You will find all the details on the reservation form included in this newsletter. The supper will take place at one of Elmhurst's best restaurants, the food will be outstanding and the company — the BEST!

NOTE: The location of the supper has been changed from what is listed in our current yearbook/directory — from Wilder Mansion to Roberto's.

*Genie Urick & Pat O'Dwyer
Program Vice Presidents*

Branch Scholarships

At this writing, the Scholarship deadline is fast-approaching. We've received six (6) applications, a transcript, but with no application to attach it and three calls asking if we would accept applications with a deadline postmark. Who knows what will be in the PO Box next Monday or Tuesday. The Funds Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 10 to choose the winners.

Mary Mallon, Chair, Funds Committee

President's Message

Spring at last! As the temperature warms, I look forward to more outdoor activities, maybe including protests and marches. And with Spring in bloom, our attitudes turn more optimistic to growth, hope and change.

I've been fascinated and inspired by those participating in the March for Our Lives, especially the teenage leaders. I'm hoping this is the beginning of a real shift in opinion and action to reduce gun violence in this country. Remember the Women's March, the first of which was only 14 months ago? It provided support and advocacy to many women's issues, including violence against women, and helped expand the #MeToo movement. This grass roots effort has not died – it continues. I hope this new movement, led by young people affected by gun violence, will also continue, and change the dynamic to get more people to vote, supporting these issues.

I love AAUW because it is an advocacy organization for women's issues. We as individuals can participate and support efforts to make changes, but I appreciate the leadership and efforts of our national organization. And, of course, I love associating with like-minded women. AAUW-IL is having the annual convention at the Hyatt Regency in Lisle on April 27-28th. It's a great group of women and the program on Saturday looks very interesting. If you would like to attend with me, let me know.

I also believe that mission-based programs are key to attracting and retaining new members to AAUW. We've had a great program year. In March, our own Jennifer Aldred, Ph.D. gave an excellent, informative presentation on a core topic of our mission, education. In April, we have World Relief of Dupage, presenting an update on refugee and immigrant issues, which affect women especially. Despite our challenges for equality in this country, there are others who are fleeing desperate situations and need our support. I hope you can attend.

At the April 11th meeting, we will also have our Annual Meeting which will include branch membership vote on the Slate of Officers and on the Budget, both for 2018-2019. More information on both are in this newsletter. We will also vote on the revised Bylaws and Policies as approved by our Board. Copies of those were sent by me via a separate email in late March. Please attend this meeting as your voice is important to our continuing success.

As I mentioned last month, our Branch faces challenges besides gender equity. We need to increase our membership, ideally with more diversity, with more "younger" women and women of color. We need these new members as a part of our community and to take on leadership roles. If you have some ideas on how to find and invite women who are passionate about change for their futures, talk with the Membership VPs or any of the Board members. And of course, please bring your friends, neighbors, and daughters to become members. If they join our community, they might be our leaders of the future.

As we can see in recent marches, when people understand the reality of gun violence or women's legal rights, they can be outraged, passionate and outspoken. Let's get some of these feminists into our AAUW community to show off their leadership skills.

Jan Summers, Branch President

AAUW Dues Information

Effective March 16, 2018 (Memberships valid through June 2019):

- National Dues will be raised to \$59.00 from \$49.00. The last increase was in 2008.
- Life memberships will be \$1180.00 (previously \$980.00). Life memberships are fully tax deductible.
- Half Year Dues will be eliminated.

This means the total dues for Elmhurst Branch members going forward will be \$88.00 per year, including National membership. NOTE: Please **DO NOT** renew your membership online until you receive the invoice, probably in mid-April.

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch Awards Dare to Dream Scholarship for 2018

Ariana Nava of Melrose Park is the winner of the \$1,000 Dare to Dream scholarship that our Branch funded with some of the income from last summer's Used Book Sale.

Ariana attends Proviso Math and Science Academy, where all the courses are at the honors level, and she has also taken several AP courses. Her activities include National Honor Society, math team, volleyball, and volunteering as an altar server at her church.

This past year she and a couple of friends started an organization called SOAP - Speaking Out Against Prejudice. The group encourages students to participate in gatherings where they can ask questions about immigration in a safe environment.

In addition to attending Dare to Dream as an eighth grader, Ariana later was a panelist at a D2D conference and shared her experiences and advice for navigating high school with younger girls. She credits D2D with encouraging her to continue her education beyond high school, and she plans to attend Northern Illinois University to major in hospitality and tourism management.

As in the past several years, Jennifer Jordan chaired the scholarship committee, and Sarah Caltvedt was a committee member. We were both glad that our Branch had funded an unrestricted scholarship because there were several deserving girls who didn't qualify for most of the scholarships due to residency or field of study requirements. If you or someone you know would be interested in funding or contributing to a Dare to Dream scholarship, please let Jennifer or Sarah know.

Sarah Caltvedt

Tech Savvy 2018

Cindy Grau (below left) was one of several Elmhurst Branch members who turned out to help at TechSavvy Illinois, an all-day event that was sponsored by AAUW on March 24th at Triton College. Other Elmhurst volunteers were Denise Dean, Perry Doubt, Maria Patt and Suzanne Stock. Presenters included professional women from a wide range of fields, including a pilot, CAD engineer, neuroscientist and architectural designer.





March Meeting

Jennifer Aldred (upper left photo) drew a great crowd for her presentation on Current Trends Shaping Education. It was a very informative evening with lots of facts and audience involvement.

