



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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DECEMBER BRANCH MEETING

On Wed. December 12th Marcia Goltermann has graciously invited us to Celebrate the Season at her home, 295 Prospect Avenue, at 7 pm.

This year, members with last names A - L are asked to bring appetizers / members M - Z bring desserts. (We each contribute \$10 that evening.)

Please carpool if convenient. We can park in Marcia's driveway. Parking is also available across the street on either Winthrop or Claremont. Ample parking is also available courtesy of the First Church of Christ Scientist in their parking lot just two doors north of Marcia. No parking on Prospect.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening with good friends and entertainment. Join us if you can at our annual Holiday Party!!

PLANNING AHEAD FOR JANUARY 2019

Half the Sky had focused on the Syrian crisis last year. One of the books we read was *We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled*. The author, Wendy Pearlman will speak at this AAUW luncheon. Cost \$40.

Half the Sky invites all members of the Elmhurst Branch to join us. If you are interested, there is a registration form to complete and possible carpooling. Contact Betty Laliberte by January 4, 2019.

AAUW-ILLINOIS - District #5
36th Annual Networking Luncheon
Saturday - January 26, 2019
Embassy Suites - Deerfield, IL (1445 Lake Cook Road)

Networking at 11:30 am - Lunch at 12:15 PM - Speaker - 1:15 pm

Guest Speaker - Wendy Pearlman

Scholar: Associated Professor of Political Science - Northwestern University

Author: *We crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria*

The topic of Wendy's talk is - of: "Comparative Politics of the Middle East". Of: Arab - Israeli - Syrian - Refugees - Political Violence/Non-Violence - Migration.



DECEMBER 2018 _____

December 6 - 1:00 pm
Book Group

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan
Discussion Leader: Sherall Carson
Hostess: Joanne McCurdy

December 12 - 7:00 pm
Branch Holiday Party

Marcia Goltermann's Home
\$10 + Appetizers (names A-L) or
Dessert (names M-Z)

JANUARY 2019 _____

January 9 - 7:00 pm
Elmhurst Branch Meeting

STEM Careers
Elmhurst Public Library

January 19 - 1:00 pm
AAUW Northwest Chapter
Naked Scavenger Hunt
Art Institute of Chicago

January 24
AAUW Book Group

January 26, 2018 - 11:30 am
AAUW-Illinois District #5
Networking Luncheon
Embassy Suites Deerfield



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Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Values

Nonpartisan. Fact-based Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Vision

Equity for all.

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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Websites to Help Determine If Information is Biased or False

General Tips

Consider the source and read beyond the inflammatory headline. Check the author’s credibility and consider the credibility of the sources he or she cites. Check how recent the article is and whether the website is satire (such as The Onion or Clickhole). Consider whether you are believing an article too easily because it confirms your own biases (tips Adapted from FactCheck.org).

Media Bias/Fact Check

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/catalogs> the bias and veracity of different news sources. It also catalogs satirical news sites so that you can easily check if an article that seems unlikely is true.

Allsides.com

Allsides.com provides articles all in one place from center-, right-, and left-biased news media to give a balanced perspective on news events.

Snopes.com

Founded in 1994 to investigate rumors and urban legends, Snopes.com has broadened its focus and become the most well-known fact-checking site on the internet.

Procon.org

Procon.org lays out the dominant arguments on both sides of controversial issues in a straightforward way to allow people to draw their own conclusions.

Politifact.com

Politifact.com started as a project of the Tampa Bay Times and has evolved into an independent and non-partisan fact-checking resource. You can track a candidate’s record of truth-telling and whether campaign promises are kept.

Thanks to the Elmhurst Public Library for this helpful guide.

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 23, 2018

Denise Thompson
Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund:	\$18,068.92
Travel	1,969.01
General Fund:	<u>4,746.41</u>
Total	\$24,784.34

In Memoriam

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of long time member Jean Bassindale. Jean was a dedicated special education teacher in Chicago Public Schools. After retirement Jean continued her commitment to education as a tutor of many students. She is survived by her children, grand and great-grandchildren, as well as her extended family and loving friends. Rest In Peace.



CELEBRATING OUR PAST

In celebration of our Branch's 80 years (1938-2018) this monthly column will feature highlights of our AAUW members who made countless contributions to the Elmhurst Community. Their completed biographies can be read in the book First Ladies of Elmhurst: Prominent Women of the 20th Century by Ruth Strand and Genie Urick.

Ruth Stickle (1906 -1996) & Nellie Stickle (1910 – 2003)

No look back at the members of our Branch would be complete without the mention of Ruth and Nellie Stickle. They were simply referred to as the Stickle Sisters. One was rarely mentioned without the other. Ruth always seemed to be the spokesperson for the pair. Perhaps because she was the eldest, or perhaps her personality was a bit more spirited. The Stickle sisters were important women in our Branch, and they contributed so much to the preservation of the history of Elmhurst.

Ruth was an English Teacher in various high schools and retired in 1975 when she was an English instructor at Triton College. Nellie was a Reference Librarian at various libraries and at Elmhurst College. Ruth was a life member of the National Education Association and Nellie a member of the American Library Association.

They were active in the Elmhurst League of Women Voters and very active in our Elmhurst AAUW Branch. Traditionally, after every AAUW September Potluck Supper, chairwomen would invite members to join their Study Groups for the year. Ruth's presentations were particularly persuasive and humorous! She always dressed conservatively in dresses or skirts, never in slacks. Her silver gray hair was pulled straight back in a bun, and she wore no makeup or jewelry except an occasional brooch. Her manner was authoritative but hilarious as she cajoled members to join her study group. She had spunk!

In 1976 Ruth was Chairperson of our AAUW Bicentennial Committee. In the interest of preserving Elmhurst history, our Branch printed the booklet, "Elmhurst: Origins of Names, Streets, Schools, Parks & Landmarks." Ruth, Nellie and fellow AAUW members did an incredible amount of research.

In addition, they produced 80 slides and a 70 page Teachers Guide to accompany the booklet to be used with Elmhurst school children. Ruth and Nellie were world travelers. Because they also were AAUW Resource Volunteers from our Branch, hundreds of Elmhurst school children got a first-hand look at exotic faraway places through the slides and talks of Ruth and Nellie Stickle.

Although they never married, Ruth and Nellie considered the Elmhurst community their extended family. They were loving promoters of worthwhile causes and nurtured them like their own children.

Ruth single-handedly organized the Elmhurst Genealogical Group. Together they established the Elmhurst Historical Society. In 1976 Mayor Abner Ganet appointed Ruth to serve on the Elmhurst Historical Commission. She and Ruth did tons of research and contributed to the book, *Elmhurst: Trails from Yesterday*, published in 1977. Together the Stickle Sisters were selected to receive the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1984. If you ever visit the Art Institute of Chicago be sure to browse in the "Ruth and Nellie Stickle Gallery".... Looking back, we are proud to have had Ruth and Nellie as members of our Branch.





Celebrate the 19th Amendment
Saturday, January 19 at 1pm
 with the Northwest Suburban AAUW Branch
A NAKED SCAVENGER HUNT at the
ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Take an unabashed look at nudity at the Art Institute Chicago. You'll look at bathing beauties, peeping Toms, sultry sirens, a muscleman who will ruin his birthday suit while wrestling a lion, a woman enjoying a golden shower from Zeus, cads and cuckolds, provocative Picassos,

dangerous natives, a mystic who has gone too far with the Slim-Fast, and much more. No previous experience with art or nudity is required. This is not a timed event or race.

- Event tickets cost \$35 plus museum entrance which will be \$20-22 for museum entrance depending on how many participants.
- Optional Brunch at 7 Lions across the street from Art Institute.
- Please RSVP by sending a check for \$35 per participant made out to Cindy Grau to 412 Lake Ave., Park Ridge, 60068. Please include your email address for further communication.

Diversity in AAUW

AAUW is supporting professional women in diverse fields of study. This year, Michelle Lee is one of five women awarded funding. For information on each of these women go to:

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

Medical student Michelle Lee has researched neurological diseases since her undergraduate years. Her current research looks at biomarkers of brain tumors and interventions for women with intractable brain disease. Her goal is to be an academic neurologist, patient advocate, and health journalist. She aims to be a leader in the medical field and is passionate about women's rights, reproductive rights, and services for domestic violence survivors.

Sponsors:

- 1021 - Buffalo (NY) Branch Centennial
- 4347 - AAUW of Buffalo (NY) Branch American Fellowship in honor of Hillary Rodham Clinton (January 2010)
- 1020 - Margaret M. Bryant

Name: Michelle Lee

Award Year: 2018-19

Award: Selected Professions Fellowship

Institution: Cornell University

Location: New York, New York

Discipline: Health and Medical Sciences

Degree and Specialization: M.D., Medicine



MICHELLE LEE

Keep 'em Coming

Our BRA DRIVE has collected 28 BRAS for Free the Girls in the last two months.

Let's reach 80 bras by the end of this program year to celebrate our 80th year as the Elmhurst Branch.

We are collecting new bras or gently used bras. Time to review your lingerie drawer. Ask your neighbors and friends to join in. Look for a great sale.

Any size, color and style is welcome! Bring them to our December holiday party or any monthly meeting... look for the Blue BRA Bag at our events.

With 28 bras already in hand we only need 52 more to go.

Half the Sky and the Book Sale Committee gathered 80 bras by the end of summer. We can do it again. It will be double the impact for these women!

For further information about Free the Girls check out: www.freethegirls.org



What Can You Do in Two Minutes That Will Support Women's Issues?

By: Carolyn Heiney

If you are like me, you are thrilled that the negative political ads have disappeared from the media landscape. Whether your candidates won or lost, many of us are hopeful that good change can come and that our newly elected representatives at all levels of government have heard our concerns. The wonders of living in a democracy!

Yet, the issues are still there. There will be controversy as Congress and the President and our State Legislators and Governor try to work out fair, good laws that make a difference and solve problems. As members of AAUW, we look to see positive change in areas of equal pay and opportunities for women. One easy way to stay involved and to continue to voice our opinions at both the national and state level is to take part in the Two Minute Activist.

While some of us have been receiving the email notices from AAUW for years, many of our new members might not know about it and some long-time members maybe have not participated for a while, so I'm thinking that it's time to encourage all of our members with access to the Internet to get on board.

Here is how it works. The first step is the hardest, and you basically only have to do it once. It's even easy to do. Go to www.aauw.org. Along the top of the home page, you will see the words, TAKE ACTION. Click on it, and you probably will find a current piece of legislation that AAUW feels worthy of us contacting one of our representatives or senators. At the beginning is a summary about the current bill or action needed. AAUW even provides you a brief letter that clearly states the talking points that are important to communicate to your elected official. You can use that one or write your own, if you prefer. If you don't agree with the position AAUW has chosen to support, you don't have to continue. If you want to support the issue, continue on through the process. Once you put in your name and address, the names of your elected officials pop up automatically. Once you participate, you will be asked if you want to have notices sent when issues arise that will help women. If you answer yes, you are set. They arrive automatically.

With our busy schedules, many of us don't have time to keep up with daily changes in the political arena, let alone know what bill is coming up for a vote. Allow AAUW to do the work and inform you about what is happening and why it is important to contact your elected official. Make a difference. Try it. You'll like it. It's so easy, and it really does only take two minutes.

FLASHBACK

2007--The AAUW Addison Area Branch disbanded and merged with our Elmhurst Branch. We revised our name to AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch to reflect the expansion of membership and geographic area.

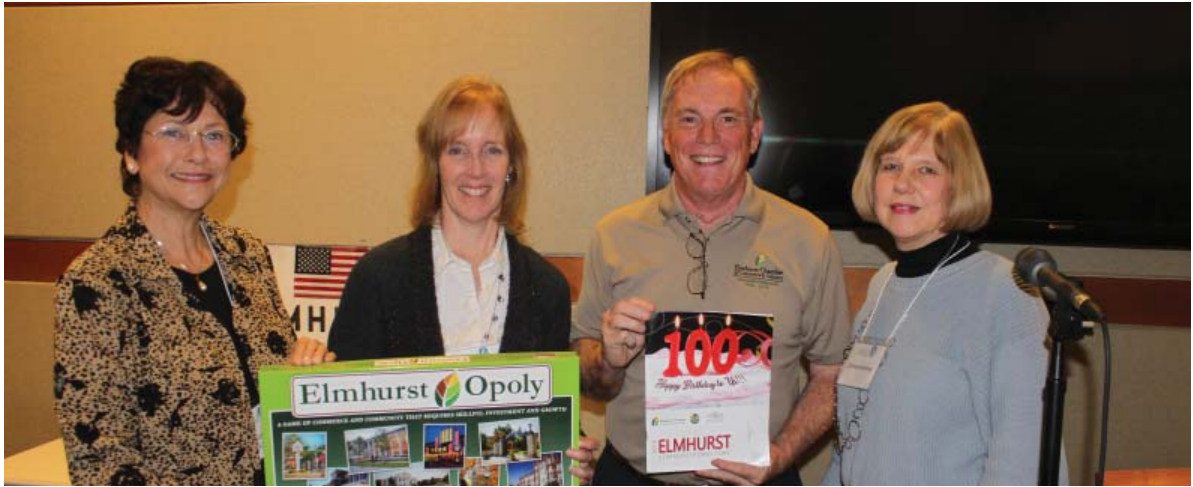
2009 – “Dare to Dream: Get Educated / Atrevete A Sonar: Educate!” - the first annual conference for Latina middle school girls and their mothers took place at Elmhurst College. The conference was sponsored and organized by 5 AAUW Branches = Elmhurst Area, Lombard, Glen Ellyn, Downers Grove and Naperville. It was partially funded by an AAUW Community Action Grant. More than 200 girls and their mothers attended!

2012 – The “Half-the-Sky” Interest Group in its two years of existence made over \$1,000.00 in personal donations to international women's organizations!

2013 – Our Elmhurst Area Branch gave \$1,000.00 from the Used Book Sale proceeds to fund a college scholarship for a “Dare to Dream” attendee.

And our Branch is still going strong with many current interests. Happy New Year everyone!

Scenes from November Meeting



Genie Urick (Program Vice-President), Jennifer Jordan (speaker and our member), John Quigley (speaker, President of Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce), Carolyn Heiney (Co-President)



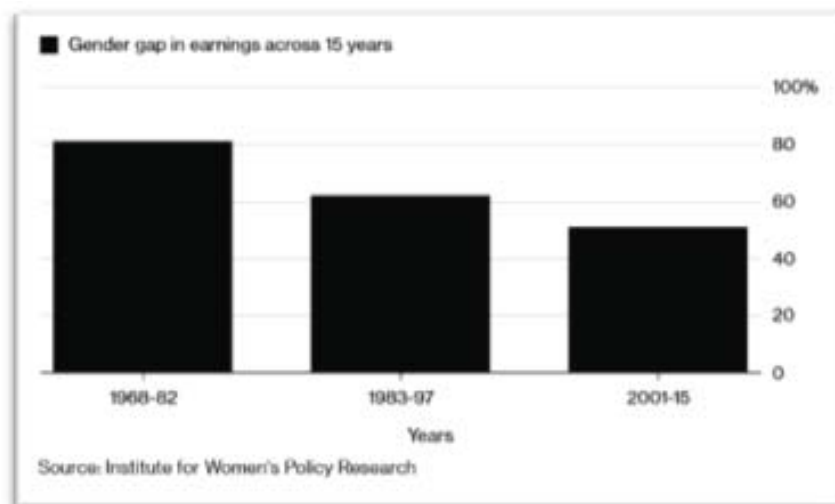
The Real Numbers: Women's Actual Earnings Come in Around Half of Men's

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) released a report on November 28, 2018, co-authored by economists Heidi Hartmann (IWPR president) and Stephen J. Rose.

Covering three 15-year time periods, this new earnings and labor force participation study considers the gender earnings gap between men and women, noting that the advancements we have seen over the years are positive, but do not tell the whole story.

On the positive side, women are experiencing a narrower wage gap, as we have made substantial progress since 1968, earn better wages than ever, and have entered and remained in the workforce for greater periods of time.

When considering overall earnings for 2001-2015 for all persons working a minimum of one year, however, the women's wage gap sits at 51% of the wages earned by men. Just 51%! Additionally, although the long-term earnings gap has narrowed (as previously mentioned), the rate of improvement has slowed during this recent time frame.



This significant study reveals several additional elements of concern to all women, and IMHO to the society as a whole, addressing: financial penalties for taking time off, the importance of paid leave, and Title IX enforcement. Looks like we have some work to do in the new year!

I personally recommend all members set aside time to review the full report for yourselves, and then share it liberally. The PDF download, "Still a Man's Labor Market: The Slowly Narrowing Gender Wage Gap" is available at:

http://iwpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/C474_IWPR-Still-a-Mans-Labor-Market-update-2018-1.pdf

Warmest regards

Denise Dean