



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Read My Pins

Wednesday, November 13, 7 p.m.

Elmhurst Public Library

Madeleine Albright first entered politics in 1972. She took on many important positions and became the first female Secretary of State in 1996. Albright quickly lived up to her reputation as a strong-willed and outspoken problem-solver, engaging with a broad range of issues.



Based on Albright's memoir, *Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box*, our speaker, retired gemologist Marti Tracy, follows Albright's diplomatic life through her collection of brooches which ranged from dime-store pins to designer creations and family heirlooms. Beginning with her time on the UN Security Council, she wore brooches to express her moods and opinions; the pins were a way to deliver a visual message. Join us to learn more about this fascinating woman.

Used Book Sale Funds Distribution Proposal

Once again, our book sale reaped great rewards. After expenses, our net profit was \$15,514. At our October Board meeting, the board proposed to distribute the profit from the book sale as listed below. Our branch bylaws state that we send 60% of the net to the AAUW Funds at National to promote the mission of AAUW. The remaining 40% will be used for local scholarships.

The Board recommends that we divide the book sale profits as follows:

- AAUW Funds National donation at \$9,300
- 2 returning scholarships at \$2,500 each
- 1 Dare to Dream scholarship at \$1,000

Members will vote on this recommendation at the November meeting.

Carol Rounds, Funds Chair



NOVEMBER 2019 _____

November 6 - 7:00 pm
Board of Directors Meeting
Elmhurst Public Library

November 13 - 7:00 pm
Branch Meeting
"Read my Pins"
Speaker: Marti Tracy
Elmhurst Public Library

DECEMBER 2019 _____

December 3 - 7:30 pm
Half the Sky Meeting
Perry Doubt's Home

December 5 - 1:00 pm
AAUW Book Group
Carnegie's Maid
by Marie Benedict
Hostess: Joanne McCurdy
Discussion Leader:
Joanne McCurdy

December 11 - 6:30 pm
Annual Holiday Party
Sally Schuster's home



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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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FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2019

Moira Murray
Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund:	\$19,294.95
Conferences Fund	2,659.01
General Fund:	<u>6,669.53</u>
Total	\$28,623.49

Membership News: Meet Adrienne Curiale

New member Adrienne Curiale lived for a time in Lake San Marco, CA, just north of San Diego, before returning to the Chicago area in 2016. She had friends in California who were AAUW members and told her about the wonderful things that AAUW does, so when she was looking for a group to join, she naturally thought of our branch. Adrienne has already joined the Book Discussion Group and is even scheduled to host one of the meetings this year.

Adrienne is a retired Special Education teacher. She was widowed in 2017, shortly after she and her husband moved back. She has five children, four grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild, most of them in the area, to keep her busy.

Church activities - choir, bells, and the women's group - at First Presbyterian in LaGrange play a big part in Adrienne's life. She is also on the social committee of her condominium building. Adrienne's hobby is art. She's a member of the Addison Art League and paints in acrylics, watercolor and pastels. She has also worked with glass and clay.

Please join me in welcoming Adrienne to the AAUW-Elmhurst Area Branch!

Sarah Caltvedt
Membership Vice President

AT THIS RATE, YOUR



**GREAT, GREAT, GREAT,
GRANDDAUGHTERS**

MIGHT HAVE FAIR PAY.

Progress is slowing down in the fight for fair pay.

Learn more at FightForFairPay.org



President's Message

If you were among the many members who attended the October 9 branch meeting, you know what a great success it was! Many thanks to Scott Austgen, VP, Programs at DuPage Pads, for his discussion of the various programs offered by DuPage Pads. Pads serves families as well as individuals and veterans. At some 29 county sites, overnight housing is provided. The homeless not only get immediate shelter where they will be both safe and warm, but they will have access to comprehensive resources to help escape homelessness and move on to stable housing. Thanks to all those who contributed in kind donations.

Do not miss it! Our November Branch meeting looks equally as informative and exciting. Focus will be on the book, *Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box* by Madeleine Albright. Gemologist Marti Tracy relates the story of Madeline Albright and her use of pins to deliver a message in a visual way and to make diplomatic history. This Branch meeting will include a short business meeting; the Funds Committee will offer a proposal for the distribution of the Used Book Sale proceeds for scholarships and will relate the Branch Donor Honoree recipient. Plan to attend and bring a guest.

Branch members will gather at Sally Schuster's home for its annual Holiday Party on December 11. Details can be found in the article below.

Just over a year ago, AAUW set a goal of reaching 100,000 women through Work Smart, an online negotiation tool. While this appeared to be very ambitious, by August 23 of this year, 102,656 women had been trained via Work Smart! Thanks to all of you who contributed to attaining this goal. To continue efforts to expose women to Work Smart, the Elmhurst AAUW Branch is currently working with Elmhurst Public Library personnel on setting up a Work Smart Workshop to be held at the Library. The tentative date for this is March 21, 2020.

On October 19, I attended the AAUW-IL Northern Conference in Wheaton. Kendra Davis, AAUW Senior Vice President Advancement and Partnerships, focused on a variety of AAUW programs and Elizabeth Hopwood, Ph. D., focused on the Girls Who Code chapter at Loyola University Chicago. Loyola was the recipient of a 2019 – 2020 Community Access Grant to help fund Girls Who Code.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Stock, Co-President

December 11 • 6:30 pm Annual Holiday Party

Sally Schuster's Home • 253 N. Ridgeland Avenue • Elmhurst

We've been graciously invited to gather and celebrate the season together at Sally's home! Members with last names M-Z bring an appetizer; members A-L bring a dessert. A \$10 fee collected that evening covers beverages and incidentals.

Set 10
October 2019 Meeting: Learning About DuPage Pads



STEM STUFF

Tech Savvy 2020

AAUW's 2020 Tech Savvy STEM Conference for 6th to 9th grade girls is just around the corner. Returning to Triton College, the event will be held on Saturday, March 21st.

AAUW-Downers Grove's Mary-Jo Wolsky has begun a volunteer outreach. Our branch has traditionally pitched in at this event, so please let Mary-Jo know (630-802-0652 or mjbwolsky7@gmail.com) you'll be a part of the Tech Savvy team this year.

Tech Savvy is a daylong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform mentoring adults about STEM education and careers and how they can support the girls' interest and success in STEM.

Who: 6th to 9th grade girls and parents/mentors/teachers

Cost: \$10 per person (girls and adults)
(includes lunch and a t-shirt for the attending girls to wear at the conference)

Where: Triton College
2000 Fifth Avenue
River Grove, IL 60171

How: Online Registration **Required** (*opens Feb 2020*)
(limited to first 200 registrants)

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Questions? Send an email to: info@TechSavvy-IL.org

Time: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Online registration will be required.
Workshop choices will be first come, first served.

<http://www.techsavvy-il.org/>

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Other STEM Events in the Area

Fermilab's November STEM Conferences for high school students and their parents/mentors will be held at the Fermi Laboratory in Batavia. Presenters will discuss matter, energy, space and time. Activity tracks include physics, computer science, engineering, and some parent/mentors sessions.

Wonderful Women in STEM: Saturday, November 2nd from 12:30 to 6:00 pm. Visit this page to register and for more info:

<https://diversity.fnal.gov/events/event/wonderful-women-in-stem-conference-2019/>

Superheroes in STEM: Saturday, November 16th from 12:30 to 6:00 pm. Visit this page to register and for more info: <https://diversity.fnal.gov/events/event/superheroes-in-stem-2019/>

Denise Dean



Half the Sky Project

Many thanks to Kim Miller and Betty Laliberte for organizing the hands-on workshop to support the work of DAYS FOR GIRLS. Five AAUW members donated fabric. Fifteen members and friends worked on the project October 23, 2019, at Creative Sewing Center in Geneva, Illinois. We ripped, measured, cut, sewed, serged, tied-off and knotted for the four hour work session and contributed the means by which girls can stay in school during the time of their menses each month.

Days for Girls aligns with our AAUW commitment to girl education. Days for Girls mission: "We are changing the status quo through quality menstrual care solutions, health education, and income-generating opportunities."

