



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday • February 12, 2020

7:00 pm • Elmhurst Public Library

Solving Climate Change— A Solution We Can All Like

Climate Change has been called “NOT the BIGGEST challenge of OUR time, but the BIGGEST challenge of ALL time.” The topic can be confusing to many. Often, there is uncertainty of what Climate Change is, what its effects are, and what can be done about it.

Our February speaker, Mike Zaniello, will share a simple, comprehensive climate solution that is rapidly growing in public, bi-partisan support; endorsed by 27 Nobel economics laureates; viewed by many as the most effective climate policy; will speed a transition to renewable energy; considered as being a fair and just policy; and provides for economic growth and jobs.

Zaniello is the Illinois State Coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL). CCL is a non-partisan, advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. Specifically, CCL promotes legislation to support climate change solutions. CCL is made up of over 130,000 volunteers in 530 chapters across the U.S. Locally, the organization has 15 chapters with 4,000 volunteers in Illinois. Its volunteers play a critical role in building political will to call on government to take meaningful action on climate change.

To learn more about this timely subject, you will not want to miss the February program. Bring friends and family to learn more about a topic that affects all of us.



FEBRUARY 2020

February 5 - 7:00 pm
Board Meeting
Elmhurst Public Library

February 12 - 1:30 pm
Half the Sky Outing
“Sky & Ground” documentary
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage

February 12 - 7:00 pm
Branch Meeting:
**“Solving Climate Change --
A Solution We Can All Like”**
Elmhurst Public Library

February 26 - 7:30 pm
Half the Sky Meeting
Perry Doubt's Home
*Note change to Wednesday
meeting date*

February 27 - 1:00 pm
AAUW Book Group
No Ordinary Time by
Doris K. Goodwin
Discussion Leader:
Peggy Fox
Hostess: Marcia Goltermann



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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

December 31, 2019

Moira Murray
Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund:	\$ 9,910.35
Conferences Fund	2,634.01
General Fund:	<u>6,577.53</u>
Total	\$19,121.89

Half the Sky News

•We had a lively discussion this month on the plight of women from the Northern Triangle of Central America - Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. The next meeting of Half the Sky group will be on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 pm at Perry Doubt's home.

•All members are invited to join Half the Sky group at a free screening of the documentary movie **"Sky & Ground"** at the **College of DuPage on Wednesday, February 12th at 1:30 pm**. The movie is part of the Global Flicks series at COD that is being held from February 5 to March 11 at the McAninch Arts Center.

IMBd posted the following synopsis: "A compelling, ground-level immersion into the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time, Sky & Ground accompanies the Nabi clan, a large, extended Syrian-Kurdish family, as they painstakingly make their way from their home in Aleppo, bombed out by the war, to the Idomeni refugee camp on the border of Greece and Macedonia. Their goal is Berlin, where they will reunite with family members and seek asylum but first they must make the arduous and dangerous journey through Serbia, Hungary and Austria."

Call Betty Laliberte at 630-832-9010 if you want to carpool.

Funds Report

The returning scholarship program has been launched. Our neighboring communities and colleges have received information on applying for the AAUW scholarship.

Flyers will be placed in local businesses. Flyers also will be available at the February meeting for members to take and help distribute. In addition, we hope that you share this scholarship information with prospective applicants that you might know. The application can be found on our AAUW website.

The Branch is offering two grants of \$2,500 each in 2020 to local women who need financial assistance to continue their education at the undergraduate or graduate level. An applicant may be studying full or part time and must meet the following criteria:

- Resident of Elmhurst, Addison, Bensenville, Berkeley, Northlake, Oak Brook, or Villa Park.
- Continuing education after completing at least 12 credit hours at an accredited community or undergraduate college/university.
- Age 25 or older.

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 you'll be a part of the Tech Savvy team this year. Write to mjbwolsky7@gmail.com.

Denise Dean, STEM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last week, I had the opportunity to see Greta Gerwig's adaptation of the movie *Little Women*, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I reflected on how far women's rights have progressed since Louisa May Alcott originally penned her novel, when women had few prospects without a husband. However, for all the progress, we still have much further to go – equality is sorely lacking in many areas, even more so for women of color. The work of organizations like AAUW continues to be of critical importance.

We had a wonderful program in January highlighting the majority of the presidential candidates and where they stand on issues important to AAUW. Thank you to our branch members who devoted their time to researching candidates' positions: Sarah Caltvedt, Moira Murray, and Chris White, in addition to Kim Miller and Sally Schuster who did research and also coordinated the program. It was clear that there was a great deal of work involved in putting the program together. While I still haven't made a decision about whom I'll vote for, I appreciated learning the information about each candidate. Because of programs like our January program as well as the January 26 League of Women Voters Candidate's Forum introducing those running for local offices, we are lucky to live in a community where we have easy access to such sessions that help us make more informed decisions as voters.

I hope you'll be able to join us for the February 12 branch meeting (7 pm at the library), for the program on 'Solving Climate Change'. I look forward to hearing the speaker's climate change solution. While it's important that we all do our part in small ways each day, one of the most important things we can do as citizens is to work to elect officials who will enact policy changes to curb climate change immediately. Please consider bringing a friend to the meeting who would enjoy the program.

Our branch will be hosting a 'Work Smart' program at the Elmhurst Library on March 21 at 2 pm. This is a great opportunity for anyone who may want some handholding as they take the on-line course and would prefer to learn in a communal setting. Registration for the program will begin in mid-February on the library's website. This program is open to all – registrants do not need to be library card holders or even Elmhurst residents in order to sign up.

March 21 is also the date of the next Tech Savvy program at Triton College – refer to details elsewhere in the newsletter if you'd like to volunteer to help with this important initiative.

AAUW will not be holding a national convention this year and has instead opted to hold several regional conventions. We're fortunate that one of the regional conventions will be held within driving distance – June 18-20 in East Moline, IL. – including branches from 12 other states. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find a flyer with more details. Please let Suzanne Stock or me know if you are planning to attend.

Jennifer Jordan, Co-President

Welcome Carol Carlson

By Sarah Caltvedt, Membership

Carol Carlson joined our Branch after attending the New and Prospective Members event at Carol Rounds' home this fall. She said she was looking for a philanthropic organization to devote time to, and we're glad she found it in AAUW!

Carol has lived in Elmhurst for 24 years, having previously lived on the North Side of Chicago. She and her husband have 3 adult daughters and 7 granddaughters, all of whom live within 5 miles. Lucky woman! Her granddaughters range in age from almost 4 to 13. One of Carol's daughters is among the original owners of the Prairie Food Co-op in Lombard, a group that is seeking to open a community grocery featuring local, organic, and sustainable products. She'd be happy to tell you more about it.

Before retiring, Carol was first a middle school language arts teacher and then a literacy staff developer. She worked at Mannheim Middle School in Melrose Park, then spent a year in Wood Dale, and retired from LaGrange District 102.

Carol is active in 3 book groups, one at the library and the other two in her former school districts. Needless to say, she loves to read! Cooking is her other particular interest, and she likes to make her own bread and jam, among other things. We talked about her InstantPot and AirFryer, and I learned from her that you can check them out from the Elmhurst Public Library's Culinary Cupboard to try before buying. In the summer, Carol likes to golf at Sugar Creek.

When I asked Carol if she has any topics or particular concerns she'd like to talk about with other AAUW members, she mentioned the issue of eliminating hunger in the U.S. If that's something you're interested in, too, be sure to look for her at an upcoming meeting. I know I'm going to be talking with her about cooking, too.

January AAUW Meeting "Overview of Presidential Candidates"



Program Presenters: Sarah Caltvedt, Chris White, Sally Schuster, Moira Murray and Kim Miller.



AAUW Members Marcia Lagerwey, Carolyn Heiney, Darlene Van Meir and Carol Rounds.

The Forgotten Suffragists

by Jacqueline Kirley

Test yourself: how many of these names do you recognize?

Susan B. Anthony
Maria L. Baldwin
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper
Adele Hunt Logan

Harriet Forten Purvis
Sarah Redmond
Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Mary B. Talbert

If you knew any names other than Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, congratulate yourself. You are likely one of the few who recognizes African American suffragists. If you didn't, don't feel too bad. They and their stories are hardly known.

WWHP is coordinating with the Chicago branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and with the Vivian G. Harsh Society (<http://harshsociety.org/>) to bring a program to Chicago to address this gap in our knowledge.



“Recognition Delayed: The Contributions of African American Suffragists and Why Their Stories Matter” will take place on **Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 1:00 - 3:30pm** at the **Daley Library, UIC**, 1st floor, 801 S. Morgan Street in Chicago.

The event is wheelchair accessible, free, but with limited seating. Registration is required:
<https://recognitiondelayed.eventbrite.com>.

The program will include a lecture on African American suffragists by historian Marcia Walker-McWilliams, author of *Reverend Addie Wyatt: Faith and the Fight for Labor, Gender, and Racial Equality*. The lecture will be followed by a panel that explores connections between our suffrage history, the women's movement, and social activism. Historian Elizabeth Todd-Breland, Associate Professor of History at UIC, who wrote *A Political Education: Black Politics and Education Reform in Chicago since the 1960s*, will moderate the panel.

We are fortunate to have veteran activist, Betty Magness, Illinois Political Director for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition as a panelist, along with three younger activists: Asiaha Butler, co-founder and president of the Resident Association of Greater Englewood (R.A.G.E); Ibie Hart, Woman's Business Development Manager, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and Anne Jamieson, President, League of Women Voters of Chicago.

Attendees will enjoy refreshments at the beginning and end of the program as they visit staffed tables of Chicago organizations devoted to voter registration and civic engagement.

More information on the above-mentioned African American suffragists is included in Roslyn Terborg-Penn's book, *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920* (1998)





2020

Regional Convention

June 18-20, 2020

Hyatt House Hotel

East Moline, IL

Registration Opens Soon!

Confirmed plenary speakers—

- ♦ Kim Churches, Chief Executive Officer, AAUW;
- ♦ Kendra Davis, Senior Vice President Advancement & Partnerships, AAUW;
- ♦ Lisa Maatz, Former VP Government Relations, AAUW;
- ♦ Denise Lieberman, Director, Advancement Project's Power and Democracy Program;
- ♦ Dr. Angie Maxwell, Director of the Diane Blair Center of Southern Politics and Society, University of Arkansas;
- ♦ Michelle Duster, author and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells.

Early Bird Registration (before May 15) \$175

Regular Registration (after May 15) \$225

Includes lunch on Thursday & Friday, dinner on Thursday

Optional Riverboat Cruise Dinner \$50.95

Friday evening aboard the Celebration Belle

Register at <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

Convention Hotel

Hyatt House

111 Bend Blvd, E. Moline, IL 61244

Register at

<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

Double or King rooms are \$149, tax included and include a full breakfast.

Interesting Programming:

- ♦ Economic Security Panel
- ♦ ERA Passage in Illinois
- ♦ Celebration of 19th Amendment
- ♦ WorkSmart--bring your own device for the online workshop
- ♦ Town Hall with Kendra Davis
- ♦ Branch Program Sharing--bring your best ideas and take some home!
- ♦ Breakout sessions on Cyber Security, Running for Office, Title IX, Diversity & Inclusion, and more!

Catch up with old friends and meet new friends from 13 states—Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin!



Be a 2020 Tech Savvy Volunteer!

AAUW needs volunteers for the 7th Chicagoland Tech Savvy program. Tech Savvy is a daylong career conference that introduces 6th-9th grade girls to a variety of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) careers in order to attract them to STEM fields and to inform mentoring adults about STEM education and careers. We expect 200 students and 100 adults to attend.

**Please join us Saturday, March 21
At Triton College
2000 5th Ave, River Grove IL 60171**

Approximately 80 volunteers will be needed.
Volunteers are women like you who want to nurture and empower girls.

Please Visit Volunteer Sign-up at <http://eepurl.com/gbckp5>

Tasks may include: assembling materials, registration of girls, adults, or presenters, greeter and girl guides, food set-up, gift bag distribution

**Help stimulate new interest and fuel the passion in Gen Z girls
for STEM activities and careers!**



Questions?

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



Triton College

