



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Spring Is Here.... AAUW Renewal Time!!

Spring is here - a time of renewal for all that nature has to offer. It is also a time of renewal for our branch. The fastest way (for those members who will owe dues) is to pay them by using the e-renewal invoice that AAUW will be sending to you again at the end of April.

The email you receive will contain a "secure" link for you to use to renew with a credit /debit card (preferred way). It is easy and does not involve logging into any website.

Please DO NOT USE the National website to renew your membership. If you do not want to pay by debit/credit card you can print the renewal form from the link that I will be sending and then send a check with the form to (AAUW Elmhurst Area, PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126).

Our dues remain \$88.00 for regular membership and \$29.00 for Life time members. Fifty year honorary life time members pay no dues.

We ask all members to let us know any changes in contact information. We also ask that if at all possible you please remit your payment in a timely fashion. This will enable our branch and National to financially plan for the coming year.

Thank you all for your continued support. You all are what makes our Branch great.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal process please call Sarah Caltvedt at 630-833-0381 --*Moira Murray*

May Supper

Due to the current state of things, the May Supper has been cancelled. We have rescheduled with Angelo's Ristorante, where the September Supper will be held. You will be able to pick from two entrees, which have yet to be selected. The meal will not be served family-style. We will also have a bartender so members will not have to go downstairs to the bar for drinks.

We hope this will be a great experience for all of us. We miss seeing everyone and look forward to things getting back to normal in September.

Kim Miller and Sally Schuster



BRANCH SCHEDULE

Sorry. All AAUW meetings scheduled for the months of April and May have been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. This includes the Book Group, Half the Sky, the Board of Directors and regular monthly branch meetings.

Work Smart Update

We postponed our Work Smart class at the library due to the stay at home order, but a March library email listed AAUW Work Smart as an online class option which linked directly to the AAUW course offering. We look forward to rescheduling the class at the library – possibly in the fall.

Parade

The Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled.



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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

March 31, 2020

Moira Murray

Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund:	\$ 9,910.35
Conferences Fund	2,634.01
General Fund:	<u>6,102.53</u>
Total	\$18,646.89

Vote Now for Our AAUW Slate of Officers

During these unusual times of stay at home directives and safe distancing recommendations, we can still vote for our new slate of AAUW branch officers... and we can do it from our homes, in our pajamas, and while we munch on the latest batch of cookies that just came out of the oven.

Here's what you do. Read the list of new officers for 2020-2022 below. Then send an email to Carolyn Heiney with your vote "Yes" or "No" for the proposed slate. **The deadline for your vote is May 15, 2020.** Vote now!

For members who do not have internet access, please call Carolyn at the number listed below.

2020-2022 New Officer Slate

The Elmhurst Area AAUW Branch Nominating Committee presents the following slate of new officers for two-year terms beginning July 1 2020:

- Membership Vice President – Linda Fischer
- Recording Secretary – Sheila Hope
- Director of AAUW Funds – Tsue Ostermann
- Director of Public Policy – Jane Jegerski

The committee is thrilled that these wonderful branch members have agreed to join the board and continue to move AAUW and our branch forward. We are grateful to all of you for your flexibility in using this new method to vote. When we next meet together, we can all offer the new board members our support and thanks. Call Carolyn Heiney at 630-834-1426 with questions.

Send Your "Yes" or "No" VOTE TO CAROLYN HEINEY
cheiney@att.net
(Phone: (630) 834-1426)

Branch Receives Awards for 2019 Giving

The results of the 2019 AAUW donations have been published. Once again our branch placed high on the list, and we were acknowledged by AAUW Illinois with certificates.

Our branch was 3rd in the state for overall giving with a total of \$11,562 – just behind the branches to the west, Lombard and Wheaton/ Glen Ellyn (in that order). Additionally, we ranked 5th in the state for per capita giving at \$139.30.

The majority of our donations to AAUW National are a direct result of our successful summer Used Book Sales; however, branch members contribute individually as well.

A special thank you to these branch members who also made donations during 2019:

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| Betsy Aldred | Elaine Davison | Tsue Ostermann |
| Connie Baker | Barbara Hunter | Frances Peshkin |
| Bonita Boerger | Jean Kane | Lynne Rauscher-Davoust |
| Janice Caudy | Anne Klein | Suzanne Stock |
| Adrienne Curiale | Jane Klenck | Marilyn Thompson |
| Virginia Curran | Betty Laliberte | Genie Urick |

Co-President's Report

Our usual end-of-the year activities normally held during April and May have all been cancelled due to Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-10 on March 20, 2020. This order indicated that all citizens of Illinois are to "shelter-in-place" effective at 5 PM on March 21, 2020. As a result of this order and the resulting "shelter-in-place" mandate, we have less than normal news to report in this Newsletter.

Hopefully, you are all well and are managing to cope with our current mandated physical separation. Take care.

Suzanne Stock, Co-President

2020 AAUW 13-State Regional Convention

The Regional Convention scheduled for June 18 – 20, 2020, in Moline, IL has been cancelled. The plan is to reschedule in summer 2021.

Appointed Officers and Special Committee Chairs

Two Appointed Officers are needed to serve on the 2020-21 Board: College/University Relations (handles allocation of funds and selection of scholarship recipients) and Newsletter Officer (an "understudy" is needed to work with Perry Doubt to learn the position and assist her).

Two Special Committee Chairs to serve on the Board are also needed: STEM (advances study in science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and Used Book Sale Chair (oversees the annual Book Sale).

Scholarship Update

The AAUW Funds committee has been conferring about choosing scholarship winners during these abnormal times. Because many applicants were unable to obtain records from their colleges and others didn't have access to printers, we decided to hold the scholarship money until next year. All applicants were encouraged to apply again. They will be notified when the scholarships become available, and they were encouraged to check on the AAUW web site. --Carol Rounds, AAUW Funds Chair

----- March Meeting Photos -----



Betsy Means portrayed Jane Addams, shown here with Sally Schuster.



Rosemarie Dressander and Jane Jegerski, getting ready for the program.

Branch Budget Approved

The following is the 2020-2021 Budget as approved by the Board on March 4th. We realize given this unprecedented time that the actual income and expenses are harder to predict and are likely to vary more widely than a typical year. --Moira Murray, Director of Finance

Elmhurst Area AAUW 2020-2021 General Fund Budget	
INCOME	Budget
Member Dues (based on 73 Paid Members)	1387
September Supper	1000
May Dinner Event	1000
Donations Received	250
501c3 Donations	<u>800</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME	4437
 EXPENSES	
Fees & Services	
Newsletter	0
Yearbook	100
Accounting Review	0
Costs for 501c3 Incorporation	800
General Liability Insurance	200
Publicity and Advertising	125
PO Box Rental	75
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>
Total	1400
 Activities	
September Supper	1000
May Dinner Event	1000
Programs	600
New Member Outreach	<u>100</u>
Total	2700
 Contributions	
Outgoing President(s) Named Gift to National	50
Memorials	<u>75</u>
Total	125
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	<u>4225</u>
NET PROFIT	212

Elmhurst Area AAUW 2020-2021 Book Sale (Lincoln) Budget	
INCOME	Budget
Receipts	16000
Recycled Books	820
Estimated Carryover	<u>0</u>
TOTAL INCOME	16820
 EXPENSES	
Labor	4000
Room Rental	1443
Publicity/Ads	150
Supplies	212
Misc. (gifts, thanks you's bank, etc.)	<u>200</u>
Total	6005
 Contributions*	
AAUW Funds	6490
Scholarships (Returning Scholar and/or Dare to Dream)	4325
Carryover	<u>0</u>
Total	10815
TOTAL EXPENSES	16820

**NOTE: Scholarships are determined by the Funds Committee. AAUW Funds are 60% of net profit; Scholarships are 40% of net profit.*

2020-2021 Conference Travel Fund Budget

INCOME	Budget
Book Sale Entries	500
Estimated Carryover (2019-2020)	<u>1600</u>
TOTAL INCOME	2100
 EXPENSES	
Registration Fees	100
Travel Costs	0
Carryover for 2020-2021	<u>2000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES AND CARRYOVER	2100

STEM Stuff

For all interested stay-at-homers with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends, here are some links to STEM activities I've hunted down and shared with my family. I have also included some other fun/educational sites. --Denise Dean

- James Dyson (the vacuum cleaner inventor) shares 44 FREE experiments that teach kids engineering, utilizing basic principles of science and physics, They are buildable with common household items. <https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/resources/challenge-cards.html>

- The Ultimate STEM Guide for Kids: 239 Cool Sites About Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is a huge guide to other cool STEM sites. It's table of Contents includes categories: Grades K-12, Elementary School Kids, Middle School Kids, High School Kids, and Girls. <https://www.mastersindatasience.org/blog/the-ultimate-stem-guide-for-kids-239-cool-sites-about-science-technology-engineering-and-math/>

- World Wildlife Fund's Wild Classroom includes downloadable primary and secondary toolkits including tigers, sea turtles, elephants, and six more; an interactive curriculum for Minecraft; and much more. https://www.worldwildlife.org/teaching-resources?utm_campaign=wild-classroom&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cons-update&utm_content=200326-ed

- WWF's online World Wildlife magazine archive is free to view. https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/world-wildlife-magazine-archive?utm_campaign=magazine&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cons-update&utm_content=200326-ed

- This Virtual Field Trips link will bring you to another set of links to virtual tours that include the San Diego Zoo, The Louvre, Yellowstone, and several more. (ignore the calendar dates – I tested some of the links today and they still work, just click on through). https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qpFAQz_QJt0ZTVTixAyuGRjsKGYI23CjlaO9eLBkThE/mobilebasic

Wishing Health to All!

This year, Half the Sky has been examining women's challenges in the Northern Triangle of Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. This study has taken us from reading about those countries and brought us back to Chicago where we are finding groups who are supporting immigrant women's struggles right here in our vicinity. There are two connections that we are pursuing.

1. Bethany House of Hospitality in Chicago <http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com/what-we-do/> is a sanctuary for young women immigrants. We cancelled a luncheon meeting with the house members in April. We will visit them in the future. The Half the Sky members have individually provided needed supplies to the group. Their Amazon Wishlist can be found at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/23OCPHCS8C5HX/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_3?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

2. Patricia Motto, an Elmhurst lawyer volunteers with the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in Chicago. She will be meeting with our group in the future. Check out <https://www.icdichicago.org/> to learn more about their work.

Please keep reading about the immigrants and detainees. There are articles each week from newspapers and magazines about women immigrants. --Betty Laliberte

2020 AAUW Used Book Sale

The Elmhurst Area AAUW Branch annual Used Book Sale is tentatively scheduled at Lincoln School from Thursday, July 30, through Sunday, August 2, 2020. Given the current situation with coronavirus, we will re-assess the situation in the near future and decide whether or not it is feasible to proceed with the sale.