



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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July 15th Zoom Happy Hour @ 7 pm

Join us from your home via Computer, Tablet or Phone for a little check-in on each other, update on Fall programming and hopefully a few toasts.

Happy Hour is scheduled to start at 7pm, but if you are new to using Zoom, please join as early as 6:45 pm and we'll get you all set up.

The Zoom link will be sent via email and if you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Miller at Kimberly@kcmanagement.biz Please see tips for using Zoom elsewhere in this newsletter.

Additionally, these members will be available to assist if you encounter issues connecting to Zoom during the Happy Hour:

- Connecting from your PC: Jennifer Jordan 630-328-3857
- Connecting from your iPad: Sally Schuster 630-826-3132
- Connecting from your Smart Phone:
Sarah Caltvedt 630-833-0381



Zoom Tips

SOUND:

- In the participant screen practice how to mute and un-mute yourself.
- Click the arrow to check or test your audio.
- Upon entering the meeting you should mute your microphone.

VIDEO:

- Practice how to turn your video on or off to avoid others seeing interruptions like seeing your pet on the screen.



BRANCH SCHEDULE

BRANCH ZOOM MEETING

Wednesday • July 15, 2020
7:00 pm

Zoom link will be sent via email prior to the meeting.

Sign-on available starting at 6:45 pm in case you need help with Zoom. See article at left for numbers to call, depending on the device you are using.

Welcome to our new members!

Please join me in welcoming three Elmhurst women who have joined our Branch in the past month:

- Margaret Lewis DeYoung •Elizabeth Neill •Kathryn Salzano

We'll be introducing them individually in upcoming newsletters and hope to greet them in person as soon as we're able to be together again. If you know of anyone else who might be interested in joining the Branch, please let me or Linda Fischer know.
--Sarah Caltvedt



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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

May 31, 2020

Moira Murray

Director of Finance

Book Sale Fund:	\$ 9,910.35
Conferences Fund	2,634.01
General Fund:	<u>6,870.53</u>
Total	\$19,414.89

2020-2021 Directory

Normally the 2020-2021 Directory would be distributed at the September Supper. Since we are not meeting in September due to COVID-19 concerns, we plan to have printed copies ready to hand out at the December Holiday Super Meeting where we hope to meet in person. If all goes well, by then we should know if the monthly meetings will be at the Elmhurst Public Library or on Zoom.

In the meanwhile, current roster information will be posted on our website (www.aauwelmhurst.org). The password for the member section is on the first page of the 2019-2020 Directory.

Member information, monthly meetings, the study group schedule, and officer information will all be online. The monthly newsletter will have information about the monthly meeting and the study groups.

We understand that there are a few members who do not have access to the Internet, but it is too expensive to mail the Directories to each member.

Contact information for a few current and all new members will only be available online, but last year's Directory has valid information for most members. If you cannot find a member's information, call Sally Schuster, 630-833-3132, and she will give you the most current phone numbers and addresses.

STEM STUFF – July

Triton College's JULY STEM Summer Programs for Girls Hands-On at Triton College, Main Campus East, River Grove, IL

•GADgET (Girls Adventuring in Design, Engineering & Technology) for girls ages 10–14. An introduction to manufacturing, this program includes “computer-aided design (CAD), entrepreneurship skills, academic requirements for 21st century manufacturing careers and development of teamwork skills.”

•GLoW (Girls Learning to Weld) for girls ages 12–16 This girls-only program covers “prototyping, layout on metal, entrepreneurship skills, academic requirements for 21st century manufacturing careers, as well as teamwork skills.”

Triton E-Learning Class

•GLAD. Girls can learn how to build their own smartphone applications to use on their own devices. E-Learning access instructions will be emailed near start of camp

•Follow this link to find class dates, times, pricing, and a second link to the SCE online registration form: <https://www.triton.edu/academics/continuing-education/youth-programs/youth-summer-camps/>.

ComEd Virtual Summer Camp: STEM and Energy Management

Principles. ComEd is offering some virtual learning short videos and activities, including downloadable activity sheets “about solar energy and why making electricity with solar energy is good for the planet.” These activities are designed for K-12 students, and are broken down in four grade groupings: K to 3; 4 to 6; 7 to 8, and High School.

This link will take you to the ComEd Stay-at-Home-Activities webpage: <https://www.comed.com/MyAccount/CustomSupport/Pages/StayAtHomeActivities.aspx>. - By Denise Dean



President's Message July 2020

I hope all of you are well. Like you, my husband Carl and I have been sheltering in our condo for over three months. We now look forward to our weekly trips to the grocery store! Long walks, reading, movies on the computer, news reports, knitting (not Carl, just me) and jigsaw puzzles have become our way of life.

With all of our AAUW Branch April-June 2020 programs and meetings cancelled, we won't let COVID-19 defeat us! ZOOM to the rescue! Our Elmhurst Area Branch remains active and in communication with Branch members virtually and by telephone. Our work as a Branch continues. On Wednesday, June 24, 16 members of the Elmhurst Area Branch Board met for its first virtual meeting via ZOOM. The Board is working on new tools for online meetings.

A huge thanks to the Board members who have served this past year: Sally Schuster (Program and Yearbook), Kim Miller (Program), Sarah Caltvedt (Membership), Peggy Fox (Recording Secretary), Moira Murray (Finance), Pat O'Dwyer (Bylaws and Policy), Carol Rounds (Funds and Book Discussion), Jane Jegerski (Public Policy), Carolyn Heiney and Darlene Van Meir (Nominating), Maria Patt (College Relations and Website), Betty Laliberte (Diversity/International Affairs and Half the Sky), Perry Doubt (Newsletter and Book Sale) and Denise Dean (STEM).

Welcome to new members Tsue Ostermann, Sheila Hope and Linda Fischer who will be joining the Board as Director of Funds, Recording Secretary and Membership Vice-President, respectively. We invite you to join the Board as Director of College/University Relations, STEM Chair, Director of the Book Sale or Director of the Newsletter. Please contact Jennifer Jordan or Suzanne Stock if you are interested in any of these positions.

The AAUW Five-Star Recognition Program rewards branches for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives. Of five possible areas, the Elmhurst Area Branch achieved a star for Advancement and a star for Programs. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go to long-time AAUW member Betsy Aldred for being honored as a "First Lady of Elmhurst" by Elmhurst Jaycees. In addition to being a very active member of the Elmhurst community for years, Betsy served as the Elmhurst Area Branch President from 1995-1997.

Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair, announced the dissolution of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Committee as of July 1, 2020. In lieu of the Committee, significant changes were made in two grants: LAF Clinic Campus Outreach Grant and LAF Legal Case Support Grant.

This pandemic has definitely interfered with the communications and relationships normally practiced by AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch. Please reach out to those among us who would appreciate and benefit from an email or telephone call.

Respectfully,

Suzanne J. Stock, Co-President

2020 AAUW Elmhurst Branch Scholarship Winner

The Elmhurst Area AAUW Branch is happy to announce the recipient of its 2020 annual \$1,000 Dare to Dream Scholarship: Naybet Mendoza.

Dare to Dream: Get Educated! is a one-day conference for Latina middle school girls and their mothers on a college campus. The conference focuses on the personal, professional, and financial value of education, particularly higher education. Following the conference, there is follow up placement in a mentoring program. The goal is to provide an educational vision for the futures of these girls and then to start them on a path to making their vision a reality.

Dare to Dream was founded by the AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch ten years ago and AAUW members continue to provide financial and volunteer support.

Naybet Mendoza of Des Plaines has been awarded the \$1,000 AAUW Elmhurst Branch - Dare to Dream Scholarship. Naybet attended Maine West High School, where many of her classes were at the Honors or AP level. Her school activities included Water Polo, Swimming, Cosmetology Club, LatinX Club and Spanish Honor Society. Naybet also spent many hours volunteering in her church, public library and Lee Manor Nursing Home. She has worked at the Park District and La Michoacana.

Naybet attended the Dare to Dream Conference in 8th grade and was inspired by the stories and attitudes of the successful Hispanic women presenters. This experience helped to shape her perspective that “you control your own fate” and impacted how she lived her high school years. Naybet’s intended major is Education. She hopes to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Here is her memory about attending the Dare to Dream conference:

“I remember the speakers clearly, talking about how they came into the United States barely knowing any English. They had overcome barriers like the warriors they were and I wanted to be like them. I still do. I listened to how they had fewer options than I do but were able to succeed. They said there was no reason why I couldn’t succeed too. After the conference, my mother and I had many conversations together about the future and listening to my Mom’s insight about always working hard also inspired me.

“I was emboldened by the speakers at the conference, and here I am, a step closer to my goal: becoming a teacher. I want to be able to encourage young girls. I want them to know that they can do anything their hearts desire. All they have to do, and all I have to do, as the speaker said to us, ATRÉVETE A SOÑAR: !EDÚCATE!... Dare to Dream: Get Educated!”



Easy No-Work AAUW Fundraiser

It’s in the mail, or perhaps, you have already received your invitation to join your fellow branch members in our effort to contribute to the mission of AAUW. Without our used book sale, our major summer fundraiser, we thought long and hard for another way that we could contribute to the cause. Most of us don’t get excited about selling things, including raffle tickets, so we found a rather easy alternative. Yes, the board decided on the Easy No-Work AAUW Fundraiser. Your mailing should include everything you need to know. If you don’t receive one soon, please email Carolyn Heiney at cheiney@att.net or call 630-834-1426.

While most of us don’t have the opportunity to see first-hand the wonderful efforts of the national organization, AAUW’s work is impressive. They work ceaselessly to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Most recently, their Work Smart program has enabled women to advance their skills in the work place, especially with respect to negotiating their salaries. The work of AAUW continues even during a pandemic.

If you can, please consider making a monetary contribution. We realize that for some of us, circumstances are difficult during these last few months. We understand. There really is no pressure to give. Thanks to all of you for all of your gifts to AAUW, both past and present. Because of you we are a strong organization!