



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Public Policy Report

Biggest July news: On July 17, the state of Mississippi formally asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse its landmark abortion decision, Roe v Wade (1972) and the court agreed to hear the case. Previously, in May 2021, Mississippi had merely asked the court to roll back some limits on abortion that had been cemented by Roe v Wade. The top court will hear the case (Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization) in its term beginning in October and a decision is likely to come by June of 2022.

This case will be the first major abortion dispute to test all three of former President Trump's appointees to the top court including its newest member, Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

August 3, 2021: Black Women's Equal Pay Day: It takes the typical Black woman 19 months to be paid what the average white man makes in 12 months, leading to an almost \$1 million wage gap loss for Black women.

Good News: After a three-year battle with Oregon State University, Anne Devan-Song, an AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund recipient, had her case settled in early summer. All disciplinary sanctions against Devon-Song were removed and she was reinstated as a PhD candidate in good standing. She had faced sexual and gender-based harassment from a fellow student and was disciplined and suspended when she tried to report it. She believes that speaking out about inequities and "non-punitive, iterative" examination of policies are the best methods for progress. Oregon State University has changed its Student Code of Conduct to make it more difficult for OSU to punish people for talking about their experiences of discrimination at OSU and advocating for equity, justice, and inclusion.

Jane Jegerski, Public Policy



Half the Sky

August 24 - 7 pm
Perry Doubt's Home

Board of Directors

August 25 - 7 pm
Elmhurst Public Library

Branch Meeting

Next meeting:
September 1, 2021
6:00 pm - Kickoff Dinner
Location: TBA

Book Group

Next meeting:
September 24 - 1 pm
1:00 pm



2021 Used Book Sale breaks all records. See inside for full report and photos.



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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

June 30, 2021

Moira Murray

Director of Finance

Fund Raiser Fund	\$ 5,248.35
Conferences Fund	2,634.01
General Fund:	<u>7,582.41</u>
Total	\$15,464.77

HALF THE SKY

Thank you to Perry Doubt for organizing a field trip to College of DuPage to view the Frida Kahlo exhibit. The entire McAninch Arts Center was devoted to her life, her work and her influence. It was so much more than a gallery of selected art works. It truly was an educational experience. Kahlo inspired all of us!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU Members have actively supported the needs of immigrants traveling through Chicago this summer.

Working in conjunction with Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, in 2021 we have made a total of 375 snack bags, 58 women’s monthly-need bags; provided 44 wallets; and written 8 letters to detainees. With 80 immigrants coming through the Greyhound bus station a week, we are helping to contribute to their well-being. [If you know of scout troops, church groups or clubs who might be interested in making the snack bags, please have them contact Patricia Motto: patricia_motto@yahoo.com.]

Our next meeting will be at Perry Doubt’s home: August 24 [4th Tuesday] 7pm in Perry Doubt’s living room. Perhaps we will be wearing masks, even if vaccinated... more info as it becomes available. We can plan our year’s activities and get an update on Claudia, a Guatemalan 2021 York graduate.

We are also linking with 6000+ Moms and Dare to Dream as we look for ways to support our young immigrant women in Elmhurst.--*Betty Laliberte, Chair*



The Frida Kahlo Exhibit at the College of DuPage received a five star rating from Half the Sky members and guests who attended the outing last month. Left to right: Perry Doubt, Rita Santana, Jane Jegerski, Deb Markello, Pat O’Dwyer, Sally Schuster, Carolyn Heiney and Betty Laliberte.

President's Message • August 2021

We have had a very busy June and beginning of July! I hope everyone has been able to or will take a break this summer. Our Book Sale was a great success thanks to all of you and the generous donations of our community. Carolyn is highlighting aspects of the sale in this issue.

One of my goals is to highlight aspects of our Mission Statement each month:

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

Some of AAUW's recent National Research (which can be found on the aauw.org website) includes:

- Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans
- The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap
- Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership
- Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing

How are members of our branch doing Research? I believe many of our activities, especially some of the Programs, Book Discussions and Half the Sky Study Group are doing Research for gender equity all the time! Let me know your thoughts next time we meet.

Respectfully,

Moira Murray, President

2021 Used Book Sale Report

By Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance

Shown here is information regarding the income and expenses for the 2021 Used Book Sale thru July. It was the most successful book sale (financially) that we have had in the history of our branch.

A HUGE thank you to Carolyn Heiney! Without her leadership, the book sale would not have happened.

Thank you as well to the Book Sale Committee and to all the branch members who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the sale.

2021 AAUW Used Book Sale

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income:	
Book Purchases*	\$ 19,221.25
Donations	290.25
Entry fees	<u>930.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 20,241.50

Expense	
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 45.00
Labor	1,296.00
Room Rental	1,830.00
Supplies	<u>27.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 3,198.00

Net Ordinary Income \$ 17,243.50*

**Does not include better book sales or book recycle income*

AAUW Used Book Sale 2021

Wow! We did it! Another successful used book sale! We had the books, and people came to buy them. So many of you made it happen. Our loyal group of sorters worked 6 days a week from 9-12, members filled every shift to sell, our clean-up crew of members and spouses made quick work of clean-up, and our teenage workers picked up books, carried books, cut down boxes, and transported our cardboard to recycle bins.

One of our members, Jane Kiep, donated her extensive library to the cause. There had to be more than 1,000 beautiful books! We so appreciate Jane's generosity!

While many individual members toiled tirelessly, we need to thank the committee. Their help with planning and decision making was so very important. Thanks to Perry Doubt, Moira Murray, Cynthia Smith-Jans, Jennifer Jordan, Suzanne Stock, Jan Caudy, Deb Markelo, Judy Ekblad, Jane Jegerski, Pat O'Dwyer and Darlene Van Meir.

Of course, we couldn't have done it without the community. If they had not donated their bags and boxes of books and media, we wouldn't have had a sale. The Elmhurst Public Library allowed us to place our collection bin in their alcove, and Courts Plus once again offered us collection space. The Sandburg custodial staff and principal were valuable partners, as was Pam Knighton at the District #205 office. Dee Longfellow at the Elmhurst Independent gave us tremendous coverage in our local newspaper. A former member, Denise Dean, guided us with pricing those special books, and Doti Liquors saved us tons of boxes to hold our treasures. The crowning jewel at the end was the York football team who made quick work of recycling the books, breaking down and recycling the boxes, and taking down tables. All accomplished in record time. It seems that it took more than a village. It took a whole city.

Thanks to all of you for your support! Our gross receipts totaled over \$20,000. That includes \$930 of entrance fees from the first night and \$261.25 of donations. We kept books out of the landfills. We found many, many books a new loving home, and insured that those not purchased were properly recycled! We did it! THANKS!

Carolyn Heiney





Thanks for photos: Jane Klenck, Deb Markello and Pat O'Dwyer.