



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## November 11, 2020 - 7:00 pm Branch Meeting via Zoom

### “Gender Pay Equity”

At our meeting on November 11, Sharmili Majmudar, the Executive Vice President of Policy and Organizational Impact at Women Employed, will discuss issues around pay equity in general and the implications of the November election in terms of federal policy and gender equity.

Women Employed (WE) mobilizes people and organizations to expand educational and employment opportunities for all women. Since 1973, WE has been opening doors, breaking barriers, and creating fairer workplaces for women. WE is widely recognized for its groundbreaking work to improve women’s economic status and remove barriers to economic equity in Chicago, in Illinois, and at a national level.



Join this virtual program to learn more about this powerful, nonprofit organization. A ZOOM invitation will be emailed to each member about a week before the program. If you are new to ZOOM and need assistance, log in around 6:45 pm. Someone will help you get started.



### **Board of Directors**

November 4 • 7:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting

### **Branch Meeting**

November 11 • 7:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting  
“Gender Pay Equity”  
Speaker: Sharmili Majmudar,  
Women Employed

November 24 • 7:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting  
Discuss Part II & III of *The Book of Rosy: A Mother’s Story of Separation at the Border* by Rosayra Pablo Cruz and Julie Schwletert Collazo

### **Book Group**

No meeting in November

**Note: Zoom links will be sent by chairmen prior to scheduled meetings**



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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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# Half the Sky Group

**BRA COLLECTION:**

As of Oct 22, 2020 we have collected 104 bras to deliver to FREE THE GIRLS.

We have made our goal of 100 bras to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. Our collection will continue through the end of November. Let’s see how many more bras we can gather!

Delivery will be during the week of Dec 1 -5, 2020.

Please contact Linda Fischer or Betty Laliberte if you have bras to donate.

THANK YOU to all who gathered bras, and asked friends and family to join us.

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**HALF THE SKY** will meet Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 7:00pm on Zoom to discuss THE BOOK OF ROSY: A Mother’s Story of Separation at the Border by Rosayra Pablo Cruz and Julie Schwieter Collazo: Parts II and III.

Note: if weather is mild, a Wilder Park meeting at 1pm is a possibility.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2020

Moira Murray

Director of Finance

Fund Raiser Fund	\$ 11,850.35
Conferences Fund	2,634.01
General Fund:	<u>7,728.15</u>
Total	\$22,212.51

## A Successful Easy No-Work Fundraiser

The results are in and you have done an amazing job raising money for our branch and the national organization.

Since July 1 we have raised a total of \$4,145. The total sent to National is \$1,661 and the branch received \$2,484. Of the money designated for the branch \$1,385 will go to scholarships and \$1,099 to branch expenses. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity!

Did you notice that our branch was highlighted in a recent Illinois Connection newsletter for our fundraising idea? It’s nice to have our success recognized.



## President's Message October 2020

As you read this, the election season will be concluding within mere days. I hope you have a plan to vote or have already voted. I cannot think of another election (since I've been voting) more critical to our country's future and women's rights. I voted by mail this election for the first time. I admit that I was a bit nervous, wondering if my signature had changed much since registering to vote in Illinois over 30 years ago! I was happy to learn that I could track the status of my mail in ballot at <https://dupage.ballottrax.net/voter/> - finding out when the ballot was mailed out to me, and checking again after I'd dropped off my ballot to make sure that it had been 'Accepted' for counting – my signature matched!

As you may be aware, our branch has been taking steps toward becoming a 501(c)3 organization. In October, we officially incorporated in the State of Illinois and are proceeding to apply to the federal government for 501(c)3 status next.. A big thank you to Perry Doubt for spearheading this effort! I know this must have ended up to be a much larger undertaking than she anticipated when she initially volunteered.

I also want to give a shout out to Carolyn Heiney for brainstorming, organizing, and executing our branch's 'Easy No Work' fundraiser. This initiative raised funds for both the National organization and our branch, in lieu of our normal summer used book sale. A thank you goes out as well to all branch members who donated. This fundraising idea was featured in the October issue of the AAUW IL Connection for other branches to consider as well.

Due to the pandemic, we've continued with the Zoom programming for our branch, and anticipate doing so at least through the spring, or until it is safe to gather again. Although it's difficult not to see each other in person, virtual programming has allowed us access to presentations that we wouldn't necessarily have had at a local level otherwise. Last month's program, presented by Marion Cook, "Creating a Positive Future after the Pandemic" was thought provoking on many levels - not just for businesses, but all organizations. How can our branch come out of this situation stronger? What are the positive things we're learning from working together virtually that we can carry forward, even once this isolating time is over?

I hope to see you for our next branch program on November 11 at 7 pm via Zoom. It looks to be another great program: "Gender Pay Equity" by Sharmili Majmudar of the Chicago-based organization Women Employed.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Jordan, Co-President