



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## Branch Meeting

Wednesday • November 3, 2021 • 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

## “Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft, Scams and Elder Abuse”

Julianne Rizzo (RN, MBA, Certified Senior Advisor, Oasis Senior Advisors) discusses how to protect seniors against identity theft, scams, and care giver abuse.

The program covers identity theft from how it happens, to methods of prevention and actions to take if it happens. Learn about the types of scams, situations to avoid, at-risk activities, targets, perpetrator’s intentions, and signs to watch for.

Finally, learn prevention tips and victims resources.

AAUW Members, watch your email for a Zoom link to the November meeting. Guests are always welcome. Send an email to [info@aauwelmhurst.org](mailto:info@aauwelmhurst.org) to request the Zoom link.

## Annual Meeting - November 3, 2021

A business meeting of the Branch will occur immediately after the presentation at the November meeting and will primarily discuss and ask for approval of the recommendation by the Funds Committee on how to spend the Used Book Sale Income.

Members also will vote on the following resolution concerning transition of the Branch to a not-for-profit corporation: *“Resolved, that AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch be dissolved no later than June 30, 2022 and all remaining assets transferred to the newly formed AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch, NFP.”*



### **Board Meeting**

October 27, 2021

7:00 pm

Elmhurst Public Library or Zoom

### **AAUW-IL Fall Conference**

October 30, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Free Registration

### **Branch Meeting**

November 3, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

“Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft,  
Scams and Elder Abuse”

Julianne Rizzo, Oasis Senior Advisors

### **Book Group**

December 2, 2021- 1 pm

*A Woman of No Importance*

by Sonia Purnell

Discussion Leader: Carol Rounds

Meet via Zoom



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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**

**September 30, 2021**

*Jennifer Jordan*

*Director of Finance*

Fund Raiser Fund	\$ 20,610.50
Conferences Fund	3,564.01
General Fund:	<u>8,169.78</u>
Total	\$32,344.29

# Funds Committee Forms Ad Hoc Committee

By Tsue Ostermann, Director  
AAUW Funds Committee

In the Statement of Branch Policies, we specify that “a minimum of \$25 per member or 60% of the funds raised shall be contributed to the National AAUW Funds to promote the Mission of AAUW.”

The branch agreed on 60% many years ago as a compromise between members who wanted to send more to national and others who wanted to retain more locally. In 2021, for example, we will be sending \$10,109.49 to national as a result of a very successful book sale.

This year, the AAUW Funds Committee would like to invite volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee to review the question of what percentage of funds raised would be appropriate to send to national and what percentage we would want to retain for local scholarships.

As a branch, we have become a not-for-profit organization. The national office tells us that Fellowships and Grants for which we used to give are now well-funded, and we are being encouraged to give to the Greatest Needs Fund, which supports all communications, research, and some operational activities. In other words, circumstances have changed.

The ad hoc committee would meet during the year and report to the Funds Committee by the end of April, 2022. Any recommendation from the ad hoc committee would be considered by the Funds Committee, and the Funds Committee, in turn, would make a report to the board.

Anyone interested in serving on the ad hoc committee, please contact me at [tsue@ostermann.com](mailto:tsue@ostermann.com) or 630-258-0573 before the end of November, 2021. Thank you.

## Branch Non-Profit Status

Thanks to the hard work of Perry Doubt, our branch has been granted official non-profit status by both the IRS and the state of Illinois, retroactive to October 2020. As such, all donations made to our branch will be tax deductible.

At our last board meeting, it was determined that tax donation letters will be emailed (or mailed to those who prefer) each January to anyone who has given \$50 or greater in donations to our branch during the prior calendar year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this.

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## President's Message – November 2021

I am pleased to have been informed that Gloria L. Blackwell will be the new Chief Executive Officer of AAUW, effective October 18, 2021. She replaces Kimberly Churches who moved to a new position as the first female Chief Executive Officer of The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC).

Gloria currently serves as AAUW's Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer and has extensive experience leading within the organization. She's managed and expanded AAUW's esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and abroad. She's spearheaded innovative programs, including the award-winning salary negotiation workshops, which have reached more than 190,000 women nationwide.

Gloria initiated and built partnerships with major funders, local governments and institutes of higher education. And she has significantly expanded the organization's outreach to girls and women of color. But most of all, Gloria has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to AAUW's vision of achieving equity for all.

Before joining AAUW 17 years ago, Gloria worked at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in Washington D.C., leading and managing girls' education programs in Africa and mid-career fellowships for global professionals. She began her career as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon and was the Country Desk Officer at the D.C. headquarters for five Sub-Saharan countries.

Talented, thoughtful and passionate about AAUW's mission, Gloria is the right leader at the right time.

Respectfully,

Moira Murray

### Half the Sky

Meeting dates for November-December will be announced shortly via email from Betty Laliberte.

## Test Your Knowledge about Abortions in the U.S.

As we wait for the Mississippi abortion case to be heard by the US Supreme Court next month, Planned Parenthood presents us with a questionnaire on knowledge of U.S. abortion:

1. T or F: Roe v Wade ensures every American can get a safe, legal abortion.

False. Roe v Wade ensures every American has the RIGHT to an abortion, but it does not ensure ACCESS to abortion. Planned Parenthood is fighting hard to save Roe but even this landmark decision does not do enough to ensure everyone can make their own decisions about their bodies.

2. Since Roe was decided in 1973, how many state level abortion restrictions have been enacted?

100    252    874    1320

The answer is 1320. And 2021 is officially the WORST year on record for abortion rights in the U.S., with over 90 laws enacted in just the first half of the year.

3. Texas's six-week abortion ban recently took effect, giving anyone – anti-abortion activists and other private citizens – in any state the power to enforce the law. Who can be sued under this law?

- A doctor who performs an abortion after six weeks of pregnancy in Texas.
- A cab driver who drives a patient to get an abortion after six weeks of pregnancy in Texas.
- Someone who lends a friend money to help pay for an abortion after six weeks of pregnancy in Texas.
- All of the above.

It's all of the above. Texas's abortion ban essentially puts a bounty on the head of anyone who helps a person get an abortion.

4. T or F: Abortion restrictions are racist.

It's true. The data is clear: Abortion restrictions and bans disproportionately harm Black, Latino and other people of color, for whom systematic racism has long blocked access to quality health care. That's just one reason why the fight for reproductive health and rights is also a fight for racial justice.

5. This fall, the US Supreme Court will hear a case on the Mississippi abortion ban – a direct challenge to Roe v Wade. If Roe is weakened or overturned, how many states would likely ban abortion?

6    16    20    26

The answer is 26. More than half of the U.S. states would likely ban abortion if Roe fails. That means more than 25 million women of reproductive age could lose access to basic health care.

6. If Roe were overturned, 41% of women of childbearing age would need to travel how many miles to an abortion provider, up from 35 miles each way today.

55    70    121    279

The answer is 279. Essentially, that means abortion is really only for people with the means to take time off work, pay for transportation and lodging, secure child care, and pay for the procedure – let alone navigate any medically unnecessary abortion restrictions in different states.

7. What percentage of Americans support legal abortion?

40%    60%    80%    100%

The answer is 80%. It's hard to get Americans to agree on much these days, but that's how many Americans think abortion should be legal. Planned Parenthood: "We are powerful, and we will never back down."

*Jane Jegerski , Public Policy*