



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Branch Meeting: January 5, 2022

This meeting will be by zoom at 7:00 pm. You will be sent a link for the zoom meeting.

The AAUW book group will lead a discussion of the suffrage movement. Before the discussion, some interesting facts about the early leaders of the movement nationally and especially in Illinois will be shared.

To discuss the book, *The Women's March: A Novel of the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession* by Jennifer Chiaverini, we will break into groups. After a short time the groups will reconvene and share their thoughts. We will conclude with the status of the ERA today.

Some questions to think about as you read the book for the January 5 branch meeting:

1. Why did the author choose these 3 women?
2. Pick one of the 3 women and discuss how they influenced the women's rights movement.
3. Do you think that Alice Paul's march to the Capitol was important? Do you think the march down Pennsylvania Avenue was a game changer in getting the 19th Amendment passed?
4. Did you learn anything about the suffrage movement?
5. Some in the suffrage movement felt that the tactics used by the English Suffragettes, rock throwing, fires, etc. wouldn't work in America because it would turn people against the movement. Do you agree? Why or why not?



Branch Meeting

January 5, 2022

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

"The Women's March:
A Novel of the 1913 Woman's
Suffrage Procession"

Half the Sky

January 25, 2022

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Book Group

January 27, 2022 - 1 pm

*Jefferson's Daughter, Three Sisters,
White and Black in a Young America*

by Catherine Kerrish

Hostess & Leader -

Jeanne Regan

Board Meeting

No Board meeting in January



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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

November 30, 2021

Jennifer Jordan

Director of Finance

Fund Raiser Fund	\$ 11,326.91
Conferences Fund	3,564.01
General Fund:	<u>7,996.58</u>
Total	\$22,887.50

AAUW Funds Committee

Back in November, 2021, the AAUW Funds Committee invited 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, the circumstances have changed.

Carolyn Heiney, Sheila Hope, Deb Markello, Darlene Van Meir, and Judy Ekblad have agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee, and Carolyn has agreed to chair it.

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

-Tsue Ostermann, Director

2021 by the Numbers

- 170,000 AAUW members and supporters dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls.
- 188,675 people trained in salary negotiations since the Work Smart program started in 2018
- 68,271 letters from members and supporters sent to elected official to advocate for AAUW's public policy Priorities
- 260 fellows and grantees received \$5 million in funding to pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls
- 3.3 million impressions from AAUW's media communications, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn
- 600 teenagers participated in STEMEd for Girls, a pilot program designed to encourage high school girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math
- 4 research reports produced by AAUW in 2021 and 5 sexual discrimination lawsuits supported by the Legal Advocacy Fund.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – January 2022

2021 has come to a close. It didn't turn out the way we expected. Despite disappointing, challenging, sad and even scary events happening, there have been some good memories and successes, especially closer to home.

Looking through the past year, these are some of the successes our AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch has had:

Our new corporation, "AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch, NFP" applied for and was granted 501(c)(3) Not for Profit status. We thank Perry Doubt for leading that initiative which gives our branch the ability to accept contributions and donations from the donor among other benefits.

Half the Sky had several successful projects, led by Betty Laliberte. Working in co-operation with the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (ICDH) Half the Sky has helped Bethany House of Hospitality, given hundreds of snack bags for immigrants' bus travel, and over 44 wallets (most containing money) to refugees, The group also provided 58 monthly need bags, many heavy and light weight men's coats, etc. In the fall, working with World Relief, Half the Sky decided to support Afghan refugees and created three WELCOME KITS filled with household of goods.

We were able to meet in person for the first time in many months in June at Salt Creek Park for a fun picnic and were able to host and meet the two returning scholarship reward winners. We thank Sally Schuster for her work to bring this together.

In July, our branch had the most successful book sale ever, and we had fun doing it! Our loyal group of sorters worked 6 days a week, filled every table with books to sell, and along with a crew from York High School made quick work of clean up and recycling. We were able to keep thousands of books out of landfills and grossed over \$20,000! We thank Carolyn Heiney for her hard work to organize this endeavor.

Because of the success of the book sale, our branch was able to donate over \$10,000 to National and the Funds Committee, led by Tsue Ostermann, recommended to offer three \$3000 scholarships to returning students and one \$1000 scholarship to a Dare-to-Dream Scholarship student. This is an increase from the two \$2500 returning students and \$1000 Dare-to-Dream scholarships offered this past year!

During these uncertain times, it is good to see that our branch has done so much good. I wish you and yours a happy, healthy new year. I hope to see many of you at our branch meeting on January 5th for the book discussion on "The Women's March."

Moira Murray
President



Half the Sky

Last month Half the Sky gathered the supplies needed to make 75 snack bags for ICDI, the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.

In less than an hour five AAUW members assembled the bags, loaded them in the car and delivered them to Pat Motto of ICDI for distribution.

This activity is an important part of our Half the Sky! All are welcome to join us each month - 4th Tuesday at 7pm

Shown above (left to right): Amy Allen, Deb Markello and Suzanne Stock. Below: Deb Markello and Betty Laliberte. Photographs by Pat O'Dwyer, who also helped with the project.

From the AAUW Equal Means Equal Team:

An urgent Call-To-Action for women and our allies to pressure your Senators – especially those in the 38 RATIFIED STATES

We need women and our allies calling and writing to their U.S. Senators every day from now until January 27th, 2022 – ERA's two-year ratification anniversary and the date when the ERA takes effect.

Below is an excerpt from the letter we urge you to print out, mail AND cut and paste into a contact form on your Senator's website (linked here):

"The Archivist is refusing to publish the ERA even though he readily published the Twenty-Seventh Amendment in 1992 despite serious concerns about that Amendment's validity. The Twenty-Seventh Amendment was ratified some 203 years after it was proposed by Congress, yet the Archivist published it forthwith, in accordance with his duties under 106b. The Congress asked the Archivist to delay publication until after it had a chance to vote on whether the amendment was valid despite the passage of time, but the Archivist rightly did not cede to Congress' request.

The Archivist also declined to delay publication until after the OLC released its opinion on the issue. Simply put, the Archivist performed his task and published an amendment pertaining to congressional pay raises regardless of the fact that other government officials believed the Amendment was not constitutionally valid. Women's equality is entitled to the same respect."

-Wendy Murphy, Equal Means Equal Legal Counsel

As you know, there is an anti-woman juggernaut that is gaining steam everyday across our nation; we need all Senators in the 38 ratified states to stand up for the law and the women of their states, who overwhelmingly support the Equal Rights Amendment. Our Senators must tell President Biden to respect the will of the people and order the U.S. Archivist to publish the ERA immediately.

All Senators need to receive at least two phone calls and two letters daily until January 27th, 2022. Let's make that happen!

Please take a moment to call or write TODAY. Please share this link, that contains all the necessary information, to all your social media accounts ASAP: A sample phone script and letter is also posted on the site.

<http://equalmeansequal.org/blog/america-constitutional-crisis-call-senators-today-era>

Thank you for your dedication and support. We will not deviate or be distracted from our goal, equality for all Americans, regardless of sex.

--Jane Jegerski, Public Policy