



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Branch Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 7 pm

Gertrude Stein: Picasso, Picasso and Paris
Elmhurst Public Library

Experience Betsey Means as Gertrude Stein, American author and poet best known for her modernist writings, extensive art collection, and literary salon in 1920s Paris. For some 40 years, the Stein home at 27 rue de Fleurus on the Left Bank of Paris was a renowned Saturday gathering place for avant-garde artists and writers, most notably Pablo Picasso and Ernest Hemingway.

This program will be held at the Elmhurst Public Library. Live on Zoom. You must register to receive the information to join. A limited number of seats are available in-person at the library. To register for an in-person space, [click here](#). If you intend to attend the program using Zoom, use this same link to register. The library is cosponsoring the program.

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP will have our annual business meeting directly after the Betsey Means presentation in the Kossmann Room. We will be voting on our upcoming slate of officers along with other business. You can attend in person or via ZOOM.

If attending the program in person, please move to the Kossmann Room. To attend using Zoom, instructions will be emailed to each member of our branch. Please follow these directions to join the Business Meeting at 8 pm.

How to Join a Virtual Meeting Room

- Go to <http://elmlib.org/virtual>
- After a moment, you will be admitted into the Zoom meeting and greeted by a library staff person
- *Tell the staff member you are there for the AAUW meeting in the Kossman Room at 8 PM Staff will put you into the correct meeting and you're all set!

If you have any issues connecting, please contact the reference desk at 630-279-8696



Branch Meeting

April 6, 2022

7 pm

*Gertrude Stein: Picasso,
Picasso and Paris*
Zoom and live at
Elmhurst Public Library

Board Meeting

April 27, 2022 - 7 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Book Group

April 28

1 pm

The Fountains of Silence

by Ruta Sepetys

Elmhurst Public Library

Gathering Room

Discussion Leader: Adrienne Curiale

Half the Sky

April 26, 2022 - 7 pm

Elmhurst Public Library

and Zoom Meeting

*Zoom link will be sent prior to the
meeting*



AAUW Hotline 1-800-326-2289
Email: info@aauwelmhurst.org

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

February 28, 2022

Jennifer Jordan

Director of Finance

Fundraiser Fund	\$13,212.08
Conferences Fund	1,933.84
General Fund	<u>7,946.58</u>
Total	\$23,092.50

Funds Committee Report

The question of how much to donate to AAUW National was recently studied by the Ad Hoc Committee. Recommendations based on the study were made by the Funds Committee, and, finally, they were approved by the Branch Board at its February meeting.

Prior to the change, the second sentence of Section A-2 Branch and National AAUW Funds under Numeral X FINANCES stated, "A minimum of \$25 per member or 60% of the funds raised shall be contributed to the National AAUW fund to promote the Mission of AAUW".

The newly adopted amendment eliminated the phrase "A minimum of \$25 per member" and states "Fifty per cent (50%) of the funds raised shall be contributed to the National AAUW Fund to promote the Mission of AAUW."

This newsletter article serves to notify the members that the policy has been revised.

For background information, please refer to the February and March issues of the Branch Newsletter.

--Tsue Ostermann, Chair

2022 – 2024 Slate of Officers

The Branch Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of new officers (to be voted on at the Branch Annual Meeting on April 6, 2022) for two-year terms (unless otherwise designated) that will start July 1, 2022.

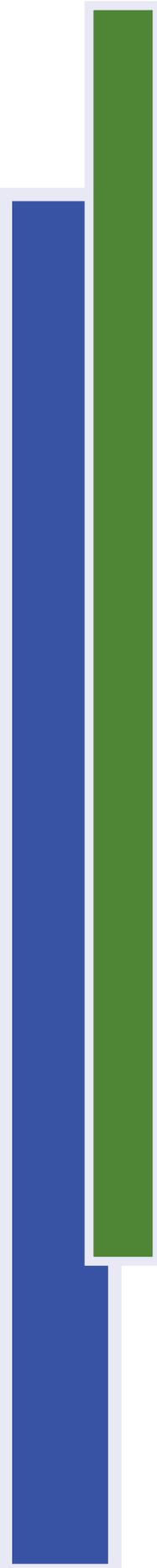
Program Co-Vice Presidents	Susan Boyd Suzanne Stock (1 year)
Membership Co-Vice President	Linda Fischer (1 year)
Director of Bylaws and Policies	Pat O'Dwyer
Director of AAUW Funds	Judy Ekblad
Director of Public Policy	Jane Jegerski

Nominations from the floor will be accepted subject to approval by the nominee. The Committee thanks these ladies for agreeing to serve on the Board.

The Nominating Committee is composed of directors Jennifer Jordan and Suzanne Stock and Branch President Moira Murray.

On March 23rd the nation lost former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, the first woman in this role, at the age of 84.

She said "My hope is that young women...will build on the progress we have made. But that will happen only if women help one another. And for those who do that, there will always be a special place of honor."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – April 2022

Happy Spring! Lately I have not wanted to watch news on TV, because it makes me sad and angry for the most part. This week, however, I have enjoyed watching the confirmation hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

As the U.S. Senate conducts hearings this week to consider her candidacy, we must make one thing clear: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation should be unanimous.

Judge Jackson has already made history as the first Black woman ever nominated to the Supreme Court of the United States. Her nomination is a long-overdue step towards a Supreme Court that better reflects and represents the America it serves. When judges and justices come from a diverse set of backgrounds, courts make better decisions that reflect a wider variety of perspectives. AAUW believes that Judge Jackson is the nominee that the American people need—exceptionally qualified with immense legal experience and a distinguished career.” (Gloria Blackwell, CEO AAUW)

One way I have limited my TV news viewing is to rely on a daily email that I get from Heather Cox Richardson (An American historian and professor of history at Boston College). Her letters are called “Letters from an American” and in her daily letter she uses her knowledge of American history to make sense of the day in news by discussing the people, ideas, and events that got us here today. I learn all I need to know about the day's news in a way I find interesting. Signing up for her emails is easy and free. Look her up on line.

We are meeting in person for our next Program in April (also available via ZOOM for those that need that method to attend). The program should be fun and should last one hour. At 8 PM we will meet in the Kossmann Room for our annual business meeting where you will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of officers that was described in last month's newsletter. This meeting will also be available via ZOOM. I will send out the links to signing up for the program as well as for the ZOOM connections. I hope to see you there!

Note: The April 6th Live Program and ZOOM Program require that you Register in advance. The information is on the aauwelmhurst.org web page.

Respectfully,

Moira Murray
President

HALF THE SKY UPDATE

Our April meeting will continue studying the challenges of women in the Northern Triangle of Central America as well as women in Afghanistan. Jennifer Jordan, Sarah Caltvedt and Chris White will share their findings.

MENSTRUAL KITS are needed for immigrants traveling through our area. ICDI Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants <https://www.icdichicago.org/> is collecting them. Women and children are now moving through the system. If you are interested in assisting, place 6 tampons and 4 sanitary pads in a quart sized plastic bag. Email bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com and Betty will collect them from you to give to ICDI or bring them to the April Half the Sky meeting.

Two years ago Half the Sky collected bras for FREE THE GIRLS <https://freethegirls.org>. In a wonderfully delightful way this project is continuing by word of mouth. Again this month, members sent another 100 bras to the organization thanks to donations from the friends and families who remembered our project. If you have bras you bought but only used once or twice please consider giving them as a donation. Treasure House, on Pennsylvania Ave in Glen Ellyn is the drop off point or email bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com and Betty will collect them from you.

Thank you to everyone who is reaching out to help others.

--Betty Laliberte



From: Five Star Program

<fivestar@aauw.org>

Date: March 23, 2022 at 12:59:32 PM CDT

To: mmurr5@aol.com

Subject: Congratulations from the AAUW Five Star Program

Reply-To: fivestar@aauw.org

Congratulations! We're pleased to share that your branch IL4027-Elmhurst Area Branch, NFP has earned a star for the Advancement Focus Area of the Five Star National Recognition Program. In addition to this notification, your branch will be recognized on the AAUW National Website. Thank you for your participation and all you do on behalf of women and girls. We look forward to your continued Five Star success. Five Star National Recognition Program Advancement & Partnerships AAUW 1310 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4113

AAUW Community Hub

The new AAUW Community Hub is every member's personal portal into AAUW. It allows people to self-manage their membership, donations, contact details and personal preferences. President/administrators, membership VPs and finance officers all have the same rights in Community Hub, giving volunteers the flexibility to share in dues and donation processing, updating contact information for members, updating officers, and requesting AAUW to file with the IRS.

Access these features through your personal snapshot, under MY AFFILIATIONS > click the blue button next to the affiliate name > then select MANAGE ROSTER.

Because the Community Hub operates in real time, we ask that you please await directions on when and how to perform tasks. Community Hub Updates will be sent regularly. We also encourage you to review webinar trainings and videos.



Illinois Legislative Update

From Paula Perdue and Tracey Sherman-Falcon, our AAUW Illinois State Public Policy Co-Chairs (our AAUW lobbyists):

As we are nearing the projected end of Session on April 8th, we are sending out some of the bills that are still alive on our AAUW list of bills. Remember some of the bills were introduced last year. (Bills that are not killed can stay alive for 2 years.) There were many bills to add parental notice and repeal the reproductive health care act back into the statutes and bills that would limit or end abortions in Illinois. None of these bills made it out of committee. We are grateful that we have not had to work against any of these limitations or eliminations of abortion and our sexual health bills.

This is a list of some of the bills AAUW is supporting in the IL House and IL Senate:

HB 45 Changes Alderman and Congressman to Gender Neutral Alderperson and Congressperson.

HB 4215 Allows leave for parents of children from 26 and younger who commit suicide.

HB 5012 Requires Birth Licensing Centers to allow midwives to manage pregnancy, birth, and postpartum health of mothers.

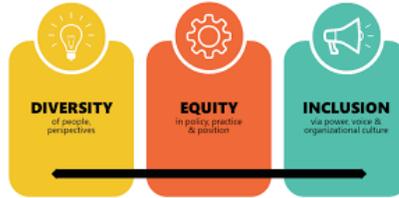
HB 5071 Funds a 2-year study in East St. Louis 650 women below the poverty line being paid \$850 a month.

SB 3120 Family Bereavement Act. Requires employers to allow a 2-week unpaid leave for miscarriage, unsuccessful reproductive procedure, failed adoption or stillbirth.

Our Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act (HB 5029 & SB 835) is not moving this year. We had 9 AAUW members participate in the Cancer Action Day to lobby for PFML and we each got to speak with several legislators about these bills and create a momentum that will continue our efforts in the upcoming session.

Jane Jegerski

Public Policy



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

At the March program on the meanings of the terms, “Equity,” “Diversity,” and “Inclusion,” we agreed that equity is fairness. Some of us talked about the cartoon many of us have seen of children of different heights using boxes of different sizes to permit them to see the game over the fence.

Equity, we agreed, is not treating everyone equally, but in a way that acknowledges their differences.

Diversity, we agreed, is the inclusion of people of differing race, religion, gender, sexuality, background, ability, and neurological diversity.

Inclusion is the practice of including those who have typically or historically been excluded. We talked about “inclusion vs. belonging,” that is, that inclusion is allowing membership or joining in. But giving those who are different in some way inclusion is something more.

Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to pick out the music. Creating the feeling of belonging is more than being friendly; it is respecting and including fresh perspectives from diverse members.

Diversity Study Group

We agreed that a possible next step is to form a study group to learn more about these issues. If you are interested in joining the study group, please email me at elizabethneill09@gmail.com. We may meet in June to discuss Stories of Race in Elmhurst. We’ll decide as a group what other activities to undertake at our first meeting.

Other terms that are good to know

Some other terms that are good to know as we work on diversity together (all taken from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary):

- Intersectionality: The complex, cumulative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, or intersect especially in the experiences of marginalized individuals or groups.
- Neurodiversity: The concept that differences in brain functioning within the human population are normal and that brain functioning that is not neurotypical should not be stigmatized.
- Microaggression: A comment or action that subtly and often unconsciously or unintentionally expresses a prejudiced attitude toward a member of a marginalized group (such as a racial minority).
- Allyship: The state of being an (powerful or privileged) ally: supportive association with another (marginalized) person or group.

By Elizabeth Neill

Revisions to Branch Bylaws and Policies—March 28, 2022

Pat O'Dwyer, Director of Bylaws and Policies

The following Branch Policies revisions were submitted to the Board of Directors by the Bylaws & Policies Committee at the March 28, 2022, Board Meeting. The Board approved the revisions. Policy Revisions need the approval of the Board to take effect and then they need to be published “for the membership in the newsletter immediately following that approval.”

Re: The Board of Directors

[A.] The Board of Directors List of Appointed Officers and Special Committee Chairs will be reconfigured to accurately reflect where they belong. This list is included below as it will appear on Page 2 of the Yearbook/Directory.

[B.] Members of the Board of Directors will be listed in the Yearbook/Directory with their full given names, not their nicknames.

[C.] The Position of “Director--STEM Advocacy” will be eliminated from the list of Appointed Officers.

[D.] A Special Committee / Interest Group, titled “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion,” will be added, requiring the appointment of a Chair of the committee, who will be Elizabeth Neill.

[E.] All members of the Board of Directors will have a vote. There will no longer be “Voting and Non-Voting” Board Members. Those distinctions will be deleted from Branch Policies.

NOTE: These revisions will be reflected in the listing of the Board of Directors on Page 2 of the current Elmhurst Area Branch 2021-2022 Yearbook and Membership Directory as follows, and will be reflected in the Branch Policies on the pages noted in each section below.

Revision #1 to Board of Directors

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**AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch, NFP
Board of Directors -- 2021-2022**

Elected Officers / Executive Board

President:	Moira Murray
Program Vice Presidents:	Kimberly Miller Christine White
Membership Vice Presidents:	Rosemarie Eck Linda Fischer
Recording Secretary:	Debra Markello
Director of Finance:	Jennifer Jordan
Director of Publicity/Communications:	Jane Klenck
Director of Bylaw and Policies:	Patricia O'Dwyer
Director of AAUW Funds:	Tsue Ostermann
Director of Public Policy:	Jane Jegerski
Directors of Nominating Committee:	Jennifer Jordan Suzanne Stock

Appointed Officers (~~Voting Board Members~~)

Director--College/University Relations:	To Be Appointed
Director--Diversity/International Affairs:	Elizabeth Neill
Director--STEM Advocacy:	Judy Ekblad (NOTE: Position to be eliminated.)
Editor--Newsletter:	Perry Doubt
Editor--Facebook Page:	To Be Appointed
Editor--Website:	Sally Schuster
Editor--Yearbook/Directory:	Sally Schuster

Special Committee Chairs / Study Groups (~~Non-Voting Board Members~~)

Chairs--Book Discussion:	Elaine Davison
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Chair—Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	Carol Rounds
Chair--Fundraiser(s):	Darlene Van Meir
Chair--Half-the-Sky:	Elizabeth Neill (NOTE: Position to be added.)
	Carolyn Heiney
	Betty Laliberte

Revision #2 to Board of Directors

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VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. Appointed Officers (~~Voting Members~~)

Appointed Officers shall be: Director--College/University Relations, Director--Diversity/International Affairs, ~~Director--STEM Advocacy~~, Editor--Newsletter, Editor--Facebook Page, Editor—Website, Editor—Yearbook/Directory.

~~Branch Appointed Officers are voting members of the Board.~~

Revision #3 – This new Policy will be added.

(Pages 22-23)

VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

D. Number of Votes Per Office or Position

If a Branch Member fills more than one office or position on the Board of Directors, that person will have only one vote.

Revision #4 to Board of Directors

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VIII. BRANCH SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS / STUDY GROUPS

Branch Special Committee Chairs may include: Chair(s)--Book Discussion, Chair--Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Chair--Fundraiser(s), Chair--Half-the-Sky.

~~Although welcome to attend any Branch Board Meeting, these Chairs are required to attend only those board Meetings at which Board consultation and action are sought, and/or their reports are presented. Special Committee Chairs shall not be counted in the number required to make a quorum for Board business and do not have a vote.~~

Revision #5 – This Policy will be amended to add a description of the Nominating Committee.

(Pages 23-24)

VII. BRANCH STANDING COMMITTEES

E. Nominating Committee

This Committee is composed of at least three members, including (1) the immediate Branch Past President(s) who are the Director(s) of the Committee, (2) the current Branch President(s), and (3) up to two additional appointed members. These additional members will be appointed by the current Branch President with the approval of the Board of Directors and should be active veteran Branch Members who have an understanding of the history, leadership, and administration of the Branch. The purpose of this Committee is to facilitate the recruitment and nomination of qualified candidates for election or appointment to the Board. The Committee begins meeting in January to determine what offices/positions on the Board will be open and need candidates. They contact potential candidates and ask them to agree to stand for election or appointment to serve the Branch for a two-year term, or a one-year term if replacements are needed.

The following Branch Policy revision was submitted to the Board of Directors by the AAUW Funds Committee Committee at the February 23, 2022, Board Meeting. The Board approved the revision.

Revision #6 – This Policy will be amended to revise the percentage of funds donated to the National AAUW Fund from money-making projects as follows:

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X. FINANCES

A. Bank Account and Funds

2. Branch and National AAUW Funds

Donations to the National AAUW Fund are to be financed by money-making projects (e.g., Annual Used Book Sale or other fundraisers) and individual gifts. ~~A minimum of \$25 per member or 60% of the funds~~ 50% of the funds raised shall be contributed to the National AAUW Fund to promote the Mission of AAUW. This contribution may be designated as a Named Gift in honor of a Branch Member. In all fundraisers, including the Used Book Sale, the public must be informed as to how the money earned shall be disbursed. After expenses are paid and a donation is made to the National AAUW Fund the net proceeds from fundraisers(s) shall be used for local scholarships or branch projects designed to advance the Mission of AAUW. The disbursement of funds recommended by the Branch AAUW Funds Committee shall be presented to the Board. If approved by the Board, the recommendation is then presented to the members at the November Business Meeting for their approval.

AAUW National Election 2022

Pat O’Dwyer, Director of Bylaws and Policies

Voting in this year’s AAUW National Election 2022 will take place from April 6 through May 16, 2022. Voting information will be emailed to members before voting begins. This email will contain your individual ID number and Voting Pin.

You will find all the Election Information on the AAUW National Website as follows:

- Go to the website at aauw.org.
- Click on “Membership” in the upper right hand corner.
- Click on “Governance & Tools” in the list on the right hand side of the screen.
- Scroll down to “AAUW National Election 2022” and click on it.

Spring Supper

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

6pm: Cocktails and Conversation/6:30 pm: Supper

Francesca's Amici

174 N York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126

\$50 per person



Menu

SALAD:

INSALATA CLASSICA: Traditional dinner salad

with romaine, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, and balsamico

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

RAVIOLI CON SPINACI: Spinach and ricotta filled ravioli sautéed with a four-cheese sauce, spinach, and a touch of tomato sauce

PESCE BIANCO DELLA CASA: Sautéed whitefish

with red onions, mushrooms, roasted peppers, garlic, and white wine

POLLO AL LIMONE: Roasted chicken breast with lemon, white wine, capers, and sautéed spinach

DESSERT:

TORTA DI FORMAGGIO: Mascarpone cheesecake, graham cracker crust, fresh mixed berries, raspberry sauce, and whipped cream

COFFEE , TEA, SOFT DRINKS included

CASH BAR for Alcoholic Beverages

Please send the portion below the dashes to Suzanne with your reservation.

I will attend the May dinner and am enclosing a check for \$50 made payable to AAUW Elmhurst Branch.

Name _____

Select One: Ravioli ___ Whitefish ___ Lemon Chicken ___

If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know what they are so they can be accommodated.

Send your reservation with your check to
Suzanne Stock
131 W. Adelaide, Unit 408
Elmhurst, IL 60126



Reservations are due no later than April 25, 2022.