



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Branch Meeting SPRING SUPPER

Join AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch as we welcome spring and salute our 2022 scholarship winners.

Wednesday - May 4th, 2022

**Francesca's Amici
174 N York St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126**

**6PM Cocktails and Conversation
6:30 PM Supper**

Advance reservations required. Questions? Contact Suzanne Stock or Moira Murray.



Branch Meeting

May 4, 2022
6 pm Cocktails * 6:30 pm Dinner
Francesca's Amici - Elmhurst

Memorial Day Parade

May 30

Board Meeting

No Meeting in May

Book Group

No meeting in May

Half the Sky Group

No meeting in May

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Book Group

June 2, 6:30 pm: Salad Supper
Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway. Discussion Leader: Darlene Van Meir. Location Carol Rounds' home.

Half the Sky

June 4, 1:00 pm
Year-end Luncheon
Kabob House • Bensenville

EDI Group

June 25, 2:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library

Membership Dues Renewal Update

Due to the upgrade of the AAUW national website (as detailed in the April newsletter), we are asking members to **hold off on renewing dues until you hear from us.** Several branches (not ours) are in the process of testing out the dues renewal process during the next few weeks. Once that is completed and the renewal process is ready for prime time, you'll hear back from us – in the newsletter and via email.

--Jennifer Jordan, Finance Director



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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

March 31, 2022

Jennifer Jordan

Director of Finance

Fundraiser Fund	\$13,212.08
Conferences Fund	1,933.84
General Fund	<u>7,934.98</u>
Total	\$23,080.90

Funds Committee Report

The AAUW Funds Committee met in person on Thursday, April 21, and selected three winners of the Returning Student Scholarships. They are:

Kiley McLean of Elmhurst who is nearing the end of her PhD Program in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin,

Madison Navarro, also of Elmhurst, who is starting her program toward her Doctor of Physical Therapy at Duke University, and

Michaela Rendon of Bensenville who is a first-year student in the Master’s Degree of Counseling Psychology Program at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

We are very pleased to be assisting these outstanding women in their academic pursuits. All three winners have accepted our invitation to join us at the Spring Supper as our guests on May 4. We are looking forward to meeting them in person and handing them their checks.

--Tsue Ostermann, Chair

Half the Sky Report

At our April meeting of Half the Sky members completed 158 feminine hygiene kits working in conjunction with the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.

The group voted to help fund an El Salvadore woman needing to relocate due to violence through Kiva loans.

Jennifer Jordan and Sarah Caltvedt gave reports on Afghan women and Guatemalan women’s challenges.

Here is an invitation for ALL AAUW members: You are invited to join Half the Sky on Saturday June 4, 2022, at 1pm. We will have our end of the year Half the Sky LUNCHEON meeting at the Kabob House, 229 W. Grand Ave. Bensenville.

Please contact Betty Laliberte if you want to be included in information about the luncheon.

While Half the Sky takes a summer hiatus, think about joining the EDI study group exploring Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. See page 6 in this newsletter for specifics.

--Betty Laliberte

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – May 2022

Happy Spring!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you next Wednesday at our Spring Supper. I am excited that we will be introducing our three scholarship winners at this event! Thanks to Tsue Ostermann who has chaired the Funds Committee for the past two years which sought out great candidates and made the selection.

Carolyn Heiney and Jennifer Jordan will be telling us about our upcoming book sale that will occur in early August. Tell your friends. Invite them to “the sort.” Save your books for us. I’ve got boxes in my basement ready to go.

I personally am looking forward to attending the Illinois Convention that is happening the first full weekend in May in nearby Lisle. I will finally meet the women face to face that I have been working with (virtually and through email) to promote AAUW’s goals and activities this past year. I hope to bring back great information that I can share with our branch.

Respectfully,

Moira Murray
President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

Walk with Elmhurst AAUW in the Memorial Day Parade

Join us! Walk with our branch in the Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, to advertise our August Used Book Sale. We will take turns carrying our big banner and passing out information about our sale.

All members will be notified by email from Moira Murray when our placement in the parade is finalized and where to meet. The parade starts at York and 3rd by The City Hall. Wear red, white, and blue or any combination that matches your wardrobe and your fashion sense. Just be patriotic. From past experience we know it’s fun. Don’t miss this opportunity to highlight Elmhurst Area AAUW and our 2022 sale.



AAUW National & AAUW-Illinois State Elections – VOTING NOW OPEN

Pat O’Dwyer, Director of Bylaws & Policies

The voting periods for both the AAUW National and AAUW-Illinois State Elections are open now and all members are encouraged to participate and vote. Specific information on the issues to be decided and for casting your ballots in both elections are explained below.

AAUW National Election 2022

Voting Period : April 6-May 16, 2022

Issues :

- (1) Election of Members to the National Board of Directors
- (2) Bylaws Amendment on Nominations
- (3) Bylaws Amendment on Ballot Administration

Voting Information: All members received an email message on April 6, 2022, containing their Individual ID Number and Voting Pin with the ability to cast their votes online. If you cannot find this message, please send a message to connect@aauw.org and ask that it be sent to you again.

NOTE: Your Individual ID Number is your Membership Number which you can find on the label of your Branch Yearbook/Directory. Your Individual Voting Pin is assigned by the National Office. You will find all the National Election Information on the AAUW National Website as follows:

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

AAUW-Illinois State Election 2022

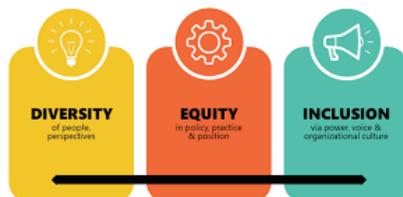
Voting Period : April 1-May 6, 2022

Issues :

- (1) Amendments to the AAUW-IL Bylaws
- (2) Election of Members to the State Board of Directors

Voting Information: You can access information and the ability to vote on the AAUW-Illinois website at aauw-il@aauw.net. On that Home Page, in the section titled, “AAUW-IL Members to Vote on Bylaws Changes April 1-May 6, 2022,” you will be able to:

- [1] Read an Explanation of the Proposed Changes.
- [2] Read the Bylaws showing the proposed changes.
- [3] Vote on the Bylaws and the Election of Members to the AAUW-IL Board of Directors by clicking on the link – “Vote on Bylaws.”



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The inaugural meeting of the (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) study group will be Saturday, June 25, at 2 p.m. on the Kids' Patio at Elmhurst Public Library. If there's rain, we'll meet in the Kossmann Room on the first floor, beyond the reception desk.

Do let me know if you are planning to come: all are welcome, but if you are planning to attend, please do drop me a line at elizabethneill09@gmail.com and let me know. Let me know even if you raised your hand at the DEI Workshop on March 2nd.

For our first meeting, I'd like to discuss *Stories of Race in Elmhurst*. There are plenty of copies available at the Elmhurst Public Library. And, if you'd like to purchase your own copy, you can buy the book at Cornerstone Books (22 S. Villa Avenue, Villa Park—across from the McDonald's on St. Charles Road, in the same shopping center as Mike's Meat Market and the BMO Bank; if you want to call ahead, their phone number is 630-832-1020). Themes in the book that I'd like to discuss are policing issues, housing discrimination, and the alienation experienced by African-American students and others.

I hope that Betty Laliberte will take on the second meeting this summer and that at our second meeting we'll decide if and how we want to continue (that is, how often we want to meet and what kind of activities we want to undertake). If we have an interest in continuing to meet, we might consider whether we just want to read books, have speakers come in, or undertake some other activities.

Again, I hope that we can create a safe space where we can speak candidly and with the knowledge that our remarks will be kept confidential by all who attend.

Resources:

Malcolm Gladwell's *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know* discusses many topics including what happened to Sandra Bland in Texas when she was arrested after having been pulled over for an improper lane change. That might be a good book to read after reading *Stories of Race in Elmhurst*.

Derald Wing Sue is a professor of Psychology at the Teachers' College at Columbia University. His work on racial differences began when he argued that ethnicity of patients should be considered when treating them in a clinical setting. He presents these very challenging ideas in a very nonthreatening way. I'd like to recommend this video in which Dr. Sue was interviewed by Charlayne Hunter-Gault for the PBS News Hour for just seven minutes. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgvjnrxr6OCE>.

--Elizabeth Neill