



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## AAUW Used Book Sale is Coming Soon

We Need You! As you all know, our branch book sale is scheduled for August 4, 5, 6, and 7 at Sandburg Middle School, but more importantly our sorting begins on Monday, July 11. (Yes, July not June. We have another month until the sorting begins.)

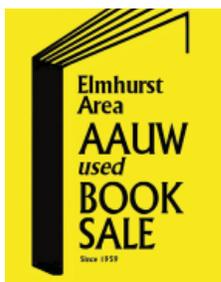
Every morning Mondays through Saturdays from 9 to noon you are welcomed, even encouraged, to help us sort the gift of books that we receive from the community. Just as in the past, come when you can and leave when you must. Whether you work for two hours or 20 minutes, we appreciate your gift of time.

Actually, it can be fun. If you have a friend who might want to join us, invite them too. Closer to the time of the sale we will be contacting members to sign up to work the sale in August.

The community can drop off books at Sandburg Middle School, the Elmhurst Public Library alcove or at Courts Plus beginning July 11. Encourage your friends and neighbors to part with their books too.

Last year we not only sent \$10,000 to our national AAUW but gave three \$3,000 scholarships to three deserving young women working on their degrees. Let's continue the good work of giving!!

If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Heiney 630-834-1426 or email Carolyn at [cheiney@att.net](mailto:cheiney@att.net).



**Sort Sessions July 11-Aug.3**

**Book Sale Dates: August 4-7**  
**Sandburg Middle School**



## **CALENDAR** **June 2022**

**Board of Directors**  
No meeting in June

**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  
Contact Betty Laliberte if you plan to attend

**EDI Group**  
June 25 - 2:00 pm  
Elmhurst Public Library

**Branch Meeting**  
No branch meetings until September



**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**

**April 30, 2022**

*Jennifer Jordan*

*Director of Finance*

Fund Raiser Fund	\$ 13,212.08
Conferences Fund	1,933.84
General Fund:	<u>7,328.98</u>
Total	\$22,474.90

**Funds Committee**

*By Tsue Ostermann - Director*

The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch was pleased to welcome this year's three Returning Student Scholarship winners to our Spring Supper on Wednesday, May 4 at Francesca's Amici Restaurant in downtown Elmhurst. The scholarship winners are:

**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;

**Kiley McLean** of Elmhurst who is completing her PhD Program in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin Madison; and

**Madison Navarro** also of Elmhurst who is starting her program toward a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Duke University School of Medicine.

Our successful Used Book Sale in 2021 enabled us to present a \$3,000 check to each scholarship recipient.

*See page 6 for additional information on the winners.*



*Returning Scholarship Winners (above left to right) Michaela Rendon, Kiley McLean, and Madison Navarro were honored at the May Supper.*



## President's Message – June 2022

Memorial Day Parade Invitation - Monday, May 30th, meeting time 9:00 am.

The Memorial Day Parade is back and we are in it! Please join us once again for a fun time marching together and promoting our Book Sale Fund Raiser while raising awareness of AAUW in our community. The weather looks great. We will be taking turns holding our distinctive banner.

Please wear patriotic colors. The beginning of the parade starts at 3rd and York. We are unit #35, which will meet near the corner of Third Street and Michigan. The parade steps off at 9:30 AM SHARP. They have asked us to "keep proper distance and pace." We will be passing out flyers to interested people only while we walk.

We will have a lovely convertible to accompany us, courtesy of our member Ellen O'Hara.

The parade ends at Wilder Park after marching south down York Street to Schiller and under the underpass at Palmer Drive then south on York to Church and west to Prospect and north past Wilder Mansion, where the parade ends.

You can park on nearby streets (other than a part of the assembly area) or in one of the parking garages or even at Elmhurst University which is near the end of the parade. Before the parade you are welcome to use the restrooms available on the first floor of the City Hall. After the parade, restrooms will be open to the public at the Wilder Mansion and at the park recreation building that is north of the tennis courts.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I hope to SEE you there!

Moira Murray  
President  
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

# May Supper Big Success



## Membership Renewal Update

AAUW national has completed additional work on the Community Hub website. Dues can now be renewed online. Within the next week or two, you should receive an email from AAUW and can follow the information in the notice to renew your dues.

With the new website, the renewal process will be different than in prior years. If you have not yet set up a new log in on the website, you'll need to do that as part of this process. For the renewal process itself, you'll need to go through screens to select and pay for national, branch, and state dues. On the branch screen, scroll down to the IL4027 - Elmhurst Area Branch, and then the state screen should default to Illinois.

If you would prefer to renew your dues and pay by check, please find a renewal form attached that can

## Programs for 2022 - 2023

The Program Co-Vice Presidents are currently working on ideas for programs for the upcoming year.

If you have any suggestions, please share them with the Co-Vice Presidents Susan Boyd, Suzanne Stock and Chris White.

Thank you.

be mailed to our PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

However you decide to renew your dues, please be aware that of the \$96 total, \$83 is tax-deductible (\$64 from National + \$19 from branch). Dues should be renewed by June 30, 2022.



## 2022 Returning Scholars Awards

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch awards Returning Student Scholarships annually to women aged 25 or older from the communities of Elmhurst, Addison, Bensenville, Berkeley, Northlake, Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, or Villa Park who need financial assistance to continue education at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Thanks to the success of the 2021 AAUW Used Book Sale, we were pleased to award three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to the following women. The awards were presented at the May 4th dinner at Francesca's Amici in Elmhurst.

### About the Winners

*(see additional photo on page 2)*

**Michaela Rendon** of Bensenville is a first-year student in the Master's in Counseling Psychology program at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. A mother of three who received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology this past year, Michaela hopes to use her knowledge, skills, and personal experiences to contribute to the mental health field. She chose The Chicago School because it emphasizes cultural awareness, competence, and understanding of diversity which she feels are imperative to her success in working with a vast array of individuals in the counseling field. Her ultimate goal of becoming a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor includes working with anxiety disorders. Michaela hopes to work with serious mental illness diagnoses, with a possible focus on helping those suffering from eating disorders. As a returning student, Michaela is pursuing her degree with passion and commitment.

**Kiley McLean** is profoundly grateful for the support she received growing up in Elmhurst to pursue her goal to be the first one in her family to pursue a Ph.D. She is in her fourth year as a doctoral candidate in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She will use the scholarship to support the completion of her dissertation and Ph.D. next year. Kiley received dual Master's Degrees in Special Education and Social Work from Columbia University. In various capacities, she has worked with Special Olympics, the Arc in Washington, D.C., Easter Seals, and Clearbrook. With over 15 years of experience working with children and adults with disabilities, Kiley is focusing her studies on autism. She hopes to pursue a career in academia, conducting research and influencing policy to help autistic adults lead long, healthy, and productive lives in their communities. Her goal is to promote inclusion of all people with disabilities through family-centered, interdisciplinary, and culturally responsive supports and policies.

**Madison Navarro** of Elmhurst is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the Duke University School of Medicine. Inspired by relatives with disabilities, Madison developed a passion for advocacy through her volunteer work for Special Olympics, Access Sports, and Misericordia. With an undergraduate degree in Neuroscience from the University of Chicago, she hopes to combine her neuroscience research experience with her passion for innovation to discover cutting edge rehabilitation technologies. Madison has her sights set on teaching, hoping not only to educate her patients on the importance of physical therapy and health maintenance, but to eventually teach the next generation of physical therapists. As a physical therapist herself, she will continue her staunch advocacy for people with disabilities and use her skills to help them live full and happy lives.

*Branch President Moira Murray (L) and Director of Funds Tsue Ostermann (R) presented scholarships to winners Michaela Rendon, Kiley McLean, and Madison Navarro.*



## **Equity, Diversity & InculSION Study Group Launches June 25**

Join us in June! The first meeting of the EDI Study Group will be Saturday, June 25th at 2 pm, on the Kids' Patio at the Elmhurst Public Library.

We'll discuss "Stories of Race in Elmhurst", just 100 pages and available from the Library for checkout and available for sale from Cornerstone Books on Villa Avenue in Villa Park. We'll also talk a little bit about next steps for the group. --Elizabeth Neill

## **Public Policy Report**

### **Primary Election Tuesday, June 28**

The upcoming IL primary election on June 28 has been dramatically shaped by the decennial redistricting process (which follows every new census). Illinois had to eliminate one district because of lower state population. Many of us are in the New IL-06 Congressional District created by the Illinois State Legislature. This new district is composed of geography from five old Congressional Districts, the old 1st, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 11th Districts. In Elmhurst, the New IL-06 is mainly west of York and stretches from the Garfield Ridge and Beverly neighborhoods of Chicago to Tinley Park in the south and north to Villa Park and Elmhurst through other suburbs like Oak Lawn, LaGrange, Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn, and Lombard.

An unfortunate consequence of this redistricting is that two impressive, and well-regarded current Democratic Congressional legislators from two formerly separate districts are now facing off to represent the New IL-06: Marie Newman and Sean Casten. Democrats will need to become familiar with these candidates to vote for the one that most represents their values and priorities.

Primary elections had been adopted in all but four states by 1917 but fewer than 20 states actually used primary elections until the 1970's. Primaries seem to be a uniquely American political process. In Illinois, our primaries are open (or non-partisan) because there is no advance registration of partisan affiliation prior to election day. The voter declares the partisanship of her/his ballot at the polling place on election day.

### **Planned Parenthood of Illinois is Offering Abortion Pills Through the Mail**

Illinois is uniquely positioned in the center of seven anti-abortion states. Initial predictions are that our medical services, particularly the far downstate with its proximity to Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri, will be overwhelmed with requests for abortions if Roe v. Wade no longer is the law of the land. I found the following article by H. Clauss for WBEZ Chicago on a new endeavor by Planned Parenthood to address the increased demand for abortion services.

"Planned Parenthood this week announced it has begun delivering the abortion pill Mifepristone by mail to qualifying Illinois residents, reports the Chicago Sun-Times. This program, which began last month, includes a series of telehealth screening questions to help determine a patient's eligibility.

The services are available to out-of-state patients, but they must be in Illinois for the telehealth screenings and pick up the medication from a state address. The news comes as the future of Roe v. Wade is far from certain after a leaked draft decision from the Supreme Court signaled there were enough votes to overturn the landmark decision."

Jane Jegerski  
Public Policy

# AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP Membership Form New and Renewing Members

**Please complete all information.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send check (payable to  
AAUW-Elmhurst) and this form to:  
AAUW Finance Director  
PO Box 243, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

**Please check one:**

Regular Member \$96

Life Member \$29 (branch + state fees only)

Fifty-Year Honorary: Fifty-year members are exempt  
from association, state and branch dues.

Membership Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Elmhurst AAUW Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Check Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Of the \$67 that we pay to National AAUW, \$3 goes to support the AAUW Lobby corps and is not tax deductible. \$64 is payable to AAUW, our 501(c) (3) charitable organization, and is tax deductible, as well as the \$19 for branch dues for a total of \$83 which is tax deductible.**

**Please list all degrees (for new members or members with new information): List additional degrees on back.**

Undergraduate College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_\_\_

**TO RENEW ONLINE**

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Log into your Personal Snapshot. Click the blue RENEW button at the bottom and follow the prompts. If you need help, email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or call 202-785-7782 weekdays 10 am – 5 pm ET.