



Elmhurst Area Branch News

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Next Branch Meeting
February 1 - 7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library (and Zoom)

Community Update: DuPagePads

Marlene Ceja, the Director of Corporate and Community Engagement at DuPagePads, is our guest speaker this month. A southside Chicago native, Marlene Ceja grew up in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood. That is where her love of service began at a very young age, coming from a family that believed in the power of community and giving back.

She will present updates from DuPagePads regarding programs and their new Interim Housing Center.

The solution to end homelessness is more complex than providing individuals with food and shelter. Founded in 1985, DuPagePads is the largest provider of interim and permanent housing, coupled with support services, in order to help individuals work toward a place to call home. DuPage Pads provides vital support services to enable the individuals it helps to receive case management and life and job coaching - as well as engagement with employers - to effectively stop the cycle of homelessness. Learn more by attending this informative meeting.

Instructions for Attending AAUW Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Computer/Mobile Device: <http://elmlib.org/videochat>

From this page, click on the link for "Virtual Meeting Rooms" or "Information Desk Video Chat"

If clicking one of those links does not automatically open the meeting, contact the Elmhurst Public Library at 630-279-9696.



February 2023

Branch Meeting

February 1, 2023

7:00 pm

Elmhurst Public Library & Zoom

DuPage Pads

Marlene Ceja

Book Discussion Group

February 23, 2023

1:00 pm

Three Girls from Bronzeville

by Dawn Turner

Discussion Leader: Jeanne Regan

Hostess: Jeanne Regan

Half the Sky

Watch for notice. We will attend a

Global Flicks film at COD.

Date to be announced.

Board of Directors

February 22, 2023

7:00 pm

Elmhurst Public Library



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

December 31, 2022

Jennifer Jordan

Director of Finance

Fundraiser Fund	\$13,212.53
Conferences Fund	1,411.75
General Fund:	<u>8,901.74</u>
Total	\$23,526.02



2023 AAUW-IL, 98th State Convention

Friday evening thru Saturday
May 5 - 6, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton
East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center

100 Conference Center Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611

Following on the heels of our very successful face to face AAUW-IL convention in 2022, plan to join AAUW friends and colleagues from around the state at the 2023 AAUW-IL Convention in East Peoria.

The rooms at the Embassy Suites are truly a suite with a separate bedroom, a foldout sofa in the front room, and a shared bath in between. Very conducive to bringing a friend to the conference! We are lucky enough to have secured 2022 prices which include access to meeting rooms and other support for the convention.

You can reserve your room today at the following link: Reserve Room Now Or you may call: 1-800-EMBASSY and use the code AUW (this is correct, 3-digit code).

Please reserve your room and watch for meeting registration and agenda details coming later in the Connection newsletter and on the AAUW-IL website. You won't want to miss this annual meeting where together we advance the AAUW mission.

Reach out to Becky Glimco or Peg Gallagher AAUW-IL Program, aauwilprograms@gmail.com for questions.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wanted to share part of an interesting article with you that relates to why I joined AAUW. The source of the article was Kiplinger. The title of the piece was "Ready for a Late Career Change? Consider Nonprofit Work." That got my attention. Even though I am retired from a long banking career, I might have seriously considered that option at one time....

Then I came to the part of the article which started..."Even volunteering is still a job" "Whatever you do, don't minimize the time and effort this pivot can represent. Some executives enter into a board membership or a leadership role with the attitude that it will be a major downshift, only to find that the work is just as challenging as their corporate careers ever were. Of course, the intangible rewards can be significant, as you find ways to bring all your skills to bear on a purposeful, rewarding second act."

That's ME. The year I retired from 40+ years in banking (I was an executive during many of those years). I was invited to attend an Elmhurst AAUW meeting by my friend Sally Schuster. I was "hooked" by the "Mission of AAUW" and the group of interesting women and was able to get a special reduced dues membership fee for the first year!

A couple of years later, someone from the "Nominating Committee" asked if I could consider the position of Director of Finance in the future...I could have a year of training from Denise Thompson, who was due to "step down" from the position. I was the person who wrote and presented the monthly Financial Reports to the Bank Board about the subsidiaries I ran, so I thought this would be interesting. Denise was wonderful, training me on the method AAUW, Elmhurst Area Branch did their books. I did an OK job for the next two years and was able to present accurate reports to our Board. Thank you Jennifer for taking over this task.

In my current position, I spend more time with many of our committees and have gotten to know many of you and your talents and enthusiasm for the AAUW Mission. Thank you who have volunteered to take an active part in our Board of Directors and those who have chaired our study groups - Book Discussion, Half the Sky, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Fund Raiser.

The Nominating Committee (that I am a part of) is currently looking over our membership list for members who would either be willing to continue their role on the Board of Directors as Elected Officers, Appointed Officers or Special Committee Chairs (our Study Groups), if those positions have openings as of July 2023. We appreciate those who are willing to continue in their roles but also would be grateful for any of you who think it might be rewarding to take on a position that they held in the past or for someone who hasn't been a part of the Board before. If not this coming fiscal year, maybe next? If you are interested in a new position, reach out to Jennifer Jordan, Suzanne Stock or myself.

Have a Great February! Hope to see you at our DuPage Pads Program on February 1st.

Moira Murray, President

NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2023 by Pat O'Dwyer, Director of Bylaws & Policies

Printed below is an email message from AAUW National informing members of the National Election 2023. I received the message on Jan. 19. I want to bring it to all branch members' attention. We are being asked to vote on Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Public Policy Priorities. Prior to that we are invited to Review and Comment on those proposed changes by this Friday, Jan. 27 at 5:00pm. There is a link in the message which takes you to the AAUW National website for expanded information including the election dates. Please take the time to read the information in preparation for casting your vote during the election period.

Dear AAUW Member,

It's your AAUW, and your voice counts. It's time to comment on and propose changes to the AAUW bylaws and Public Policy Priorities.

This spring AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee. In accordance with AAUW's bylaws, every AAUW member has the right to comment on proposed changes to the bylaws before they are put to the membership for a vote. Members may also propose changes to the Public Policy Priorities.

Here you'll find all the information you need to comment on the proposed bylaws changes and propose your own changes to the Public Policy Priorities. Comments can be submitted until Friday, January 27 at 5:00 pm ET.

Review and comment on the Proposed Bylaws Amendments (CLICK BELOW)

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2023-aauw-bylaws-proposed-changes/>

Review and comment on the Public Policy Priorities (CLICK BELOW)

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities-2/>

HALF THE SKY REPORT by Betty Laliberte

In late December 2022, members of our HALF THE SKY study group visited My HALF THE SKY CAFÉ in Wheaton . The Café provides support to women's groups around the world [in the spirit of the book Half the Sky by Sheryl WuDunn and Nicholas Kristoff]. The café also provides employment for local women who may find it difficult to get a job. The experience was so positive that we will plan another trip to the café when the weather allows us to sit outdoors.

Eight more bras were donated from our study group members to Free the Girls. This is an ongoing, quietly-continuing project. Members are free to donate gently used or new bras. We take the bras to Treasure House in Glen Ellyn where they are then shipped to Free the Girls. For the past three years we have been contributing to this effort.

It is SNACK BAG time again! ICDI [Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants] has noted an uptick in the number of families coming through the Greyhound station in Chicago. Our group has provided over 90 bags to the efforts in January 2023. The snack bags allow people some nourishment in their travels.

Thank you to all AAUW members for their contributions and support.



DARE TO DREAM: Get Educated!

OUR IMPACT

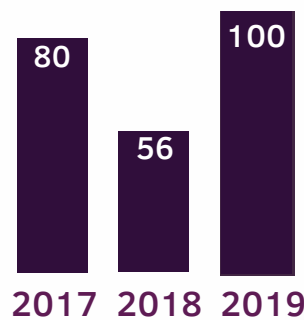


2000+

Latina Students registered in program from 2010 to 2020

GIRLS PARTICIPATING IN STEM CONFERENCE

Only 2% of Latinas held STEM jobs in 2015



Percentage of all U.S. adults with an associates degree or higher

24% of Latino adults have an associates degree or higher



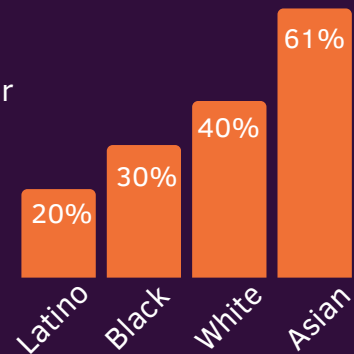
compared to

44% of all U.S. adults have an associates degree or higher



Percentage of labor force with a bachelor's degree

Latinos have lower levels of degree attainment compared to other groups



Source: Excelencia in Education's analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Force Characteristics by Race and Ethnicity 2017

20 COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

COOK & DUPAGE COUNTIES

Bensenville, Addison, Wood Dale, Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Elmhurst, Lombard, West Chicago, Villa Park, Woodridge, Carol Stream, Westmont, Villa Park, Wheaton, Elgin, Hanover Park, Streamwood, Mundelein, Melrose Park

22 scholarships awarded through 2022

\$24,000