

NEWSLETTER - May 2023 (Volume 84, Issue 11)



May Branch Luncheon

Our spring luncheon will be on Saturday, May 13, at the River Forest Country Club. Please join us at 11:30 AM for cocktails and conversation. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. At this event, our Returning Scholarship winners will be introduced. We look forward to hearing about their lives and seeing how our book sale efforts can make a difference. The Dare to Dream Scholarship recipient will also be introduced. See you Saturday!

--Suzanne Stock, Program Committee



BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting - May 13, 2023 - 11:30 am
River Forest Country Club
May Branch Luncheon
Advance Reservations Required

Half the Sky - May 23, 2023 - 7:00 pm
Assemble snack bags for the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (ICDI)
Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

Book Group - June 1, 5:30 pm
Potluck Supper
The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustain
Discussion Leader: Darlene Van Meir
Location: Home of Carol Rounds

Board of Directors - No meeting in May

AAUW Election 2023

This is a reminder that we all have the opportunity as members to vote in the national AAUW Election 2023.

Voting is in progress now and will end on May 15 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

There are three issues on the ballot:

- (1) Election of Members to the Board of Directors
- (2) Approval of Bylaws Revisions
- (3) Approval of Additions to Public Policy Priorities

On May 3, we all received an email message titled, "Reminder: AAUW Election 2023." This message includes links which will take you to the ballot so that you can cast your votes. Or, if you would like to read detailed information on the candidates and the ballot initiatives before casting your ballot, there is a link that takes you to that information on the AAUW national website. That link is:

(<https://www.aauw.org/election2023>).

Please explore this message and use the information to learn about the issues and the voting process and cast your ballot in the AAUW Election 2023.



Returning Student Scholarship Winners

The AAUW Funds Committee met in person on Wednesday, April 26, and selected three winners of the Returning Student Scholarships. They are:

Julissa Aquino of Addison, who will be working towards a Masters of Science in Nursing degree at Chamberlain University. Since this is a 2.5 year program, her anticipated graduation date is 2026.

Courtney Castilla of Berkeley, who is pursuing her Masters of Science in Computer Science from Northeastern University in Chicago. Currently employed by the City of Elmhurst as an IT Associate, she plans to graduate in May 2025.

Madison Navarro of Elmhurst, who is continuing her program towards earning her Doctor of Physical Therapy at Duke University will be graduating in the class of 2025.

We are pleased to be assisting these outstanding women in their academic pursuits. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of women and girls.

--Judy Ekblad, Chair, Funds Committee

Branch Honoree - Sally Schuster

In December, 50% of the earnings from the Used Book Sale was remitted to the national organization. This donation supported the Greatest Needs Fund, the Education and Training Fund, and the National Conference for College Women Students Leaders Scholarships.

At this time, the Funds Committee selected a branch member to be designated at the national level as a Branch Donation Honoree. Sally Schuster was unanimously approved by the Funds Committee to be this year's honoree. She will be recognized at our May 13 luncheon at the River Forest Country Club.

Sally began her time in AAUW as part of the Buttons and Bows Board, which was founded by our branch. She served as president of that board while her sons, John and Jeff, enjoyed the wonders of Buttons and Bows Nursery School.

Over the years, Sally could always be counted on to assist AAUW with wonderful program ideas. She had a knack for finding speakers who not only shared information but who entertained the audience too. Her experience as a staff member of the Addison Public Library allowed her to share her amazing knowledge of numerous timely and enjoyable programs.

Several times Sally even invited our branch members to her lovely home to celebrate the holidays. Who can forget all those beautifully decorated trees and the one-of-a-kind ornaments that adorned them? More than the trees and numerous Santas, was the warmth that all of us felt as Sally greeted us as we entered her home. Most of us never appreciated all the work that went into creating the inviting setting for us to gather and enjoy the company of our fellow branch members.

Currently, Sally continues keeping our branch website up-to-date and looking good! Her technology skills have helped the branch many, many times! Did you know she has an app that you can put on your phone that takes you right to our website? What a tech genius!!!

Sally is also responsible for our directory EVERY year. Do we often take her work for our branch for granted? Well, maybe just a bit. What would we do without the directory?

Most of all, Sally has shared our AAUW mission and worked to make the world better for women and girls. As a mother of two sons and a grandmother of two grandsons, Sally recognizes the important role that women play in our world. After all, who provided the strong and caring foundation to make those boys and men the best they could be.

Thanks, Sally, for all that you have given to our branch. You are so deserving of this award.

--Judy Ekblad and Carolyn Heiney - Funds Committee



Dare to Dream: Get Educated!

AAUW Elmhurst Chapter Scholarship Recipient 2023

Ms. Andrea Abarca is an accomplished young lady dreaming of becoming an Architectural Engineer. She attended our 2018 STEM conference held at Fermilab in Batavia. Her high school curricula consisted of many Honors and Advanced Placement courses while working part time during the school year and full time in the summers. She plans on attending Milwaukee School of Engineering in the fall of 2023.

Here are excerpts from her essay:

“The Dare to Dream conference has inspired me to continue my education in many ways. As a 7th grader I didn’t know much about what I wanted to do with my life. But deep down I did know that I would love to go into a STEM focused career. I wanted to be an engineer.

I had many inspirations that led to my career goals, one of those being my grandfather. He may be an immigrant with no education, but through my eyes he’s an engineer. He opened the door to the creative, hardworking, and curious side of me.”

“I felt almost embarrassed that I wanted to go into the engineering field since, I knew that it was a male dominant career. I didn’t believe that I would be able to do it and started to think of “feminine” career paths I could take. I started to do my research but nothing really called out to me. I started to lose hope.”

“It wasn’t too long after when my mom had informed me of the Dare to Dream conference. At first I did not think too much of it, until I got there. The experience I had at this conference was an eye opener to my inner self. It gave me hope and confidence. “We WANT to see more Latinas in the STEM fields,” “We want to see YOU in STEM,” “You CAN do it,” were all phrases that I remember hearing during my experience. Listening to all the Latina speakers had a huge influence on my final career decision. Not only did it push me to pursue an education in Engineering, but it also gave me the power to want to change the world. I want my name to be heard, my culture to be seen, my intelligence to be put to work.”

The \$1,000 AAUW Elmhurst Scholarship will be paid directly to the Milwaukee School of Engineering to help with tuition costs. The Dare to Dream: Get Educated! Board members are very thankful for the continued support of AAUW Elmhurst Branch..

--Susan Boyd, Vice President, Dare to Dream: Get Educated!

Financial Report

April 30, 2023

Jennifer Jordan
Director of Finance

Fundraiser Fund.	\$13,530.16
Conferences Fund.	1,411.75
General Fund	<u>8,399.76</u>
TOTAL	\$23,341.67



Membership Dues Renewal

The new format for membership renewal is up and running. If your membership expires on June 30th (this will be the majority of members), you should have received an email in the past week to renew with instructions. I have also included the instructions here. Online renewal is encouraged.

To pay online: Visit the [AAUW Login page](#). If you have visited the Community Hub before and have already established an account you can log into your Personal Snapshot. If you have not, click, Forgot Your Password located below the blue login button at the bottom of the page. Enter your email address that we used to send you this message, then click Reset Your Password to receive a login email from infosf@aauw.org. If you don't receive it in 5-10 minutes, email emailconnect@aauw.org. PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. After you receive the login email, enter your email address and "Create and Confirm your Password" to access your Personal Snapshot.

Once you are in your Personal Snapshot, click RENEW at the bottom of the screen to renew your national, branch and state memberships! Dual members should self-renew ALL memberships at once.

To pay by check: As always, you have the option of making a check in the amount of \$101 payable to Elmhurst AAUW branch and mailing it to P.O. Box 243; Elmhurst, IL 60126 (see following form).

--Linda Fischer, Membership Chair

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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 Membe \$101

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 \$72 that we pay to National AAUW, \$3 goes to support the AAUW Lobby corps and is not tax deductible. \$69 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 \$88 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 _____

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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 or call 202-785-7782 weekdays 10 am – 5 pm ET.