

# News from the Northwest

March, 2017



**Newsletter of the Northwest Suburban Branch  
American Association of University Women**

***AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy,  
education, philanthropy, and research.***

## *Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington*

*Presented by Jenny Riddle*

*Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.*

*Des Plaines Public Library*

*1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines*

Once again this year we are partnering with the Des Plaines Public Library to present a program of outstanding quality. Jenny Riddle, book reviewer and dramatist, will present *Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington*, by Cokie Roberts. You will learn some remarkable things about the women behind the men who were leaders of both the Union and the Confederacy. These were not shy, retiring ladies who took tea in their parlors; they may not have been elected, but they wielded a great deal of power. While she is known as a “book reviewer,” Jenny Riddle does not *review* a book – she lives it as she personifies the characters in appropriate costume!

You don't want to miss this program! Plan to attend and invite others to join you. It is free and open to the public, but the library asks that we preregister if we plan to attend so that they will have an idea of numbers. Register online with this link: <http://dppl.org/calendar/category/adults> or, if you would prefer, call or email Cindy Grau and she will register you. However, please don't stay away if you have not registered – there will surely be space!

This is the third time that our branch has partnered with the Des Plaines Library to present a special program that we could not afford on our own. You'll enjoy it and you will enjoy spending some time with your AAUW sisters, so plan to attend. Since we'll be finished around noon, there is always the possibility of some of us getting together for lunch and conversation – about our program and other things, too!!

## **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

So much has occurred since our last newsletter!

In November group attended the “Half the Sky” Exhibit at the Holocaust Museum which spurred serious conversations about the struggles of women and girls in other countries and in the US. It also provided a venue to get to know each other better.

In December, our holiday gathering was cancelled due to snow (where is that snow now?). However, a large collection of items donated by our members was taken to WINGS by Lisa Crocco. Thank you to members for their generosity and to Lisa for getting it to WINGS. Here’s a picture of the many bags full of household and personal products that were given.



In January, several of us went to Deerfield to the Networking Luncheon to hear journalist Kerry Lester of the Daily Herald speak about the role of media in our political landscape. It was a great opportunity to hear other’s impressions of the political milieu we are in

right now. Then on January 13, at least 10 members and friends of our branch volunteered for *Futures Unlimited* at Oakton College. There was a lot of energy in the building as it filled with over 300 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Thank you to those who stuffed all the conference bags and volunteered the day of the event to register, guide, teach, and serve lunch. Each girl attended two STEM related hands-on classes and heard from high school guidance counselors about STEM classes to sign up for at their respective high schools.



Irene, Pili and Lisa helped serve pizza!

In March, we will celebrate Women’s History Month with a dramatic portrayal of “Capital Dames” by actress Jenny Riddle at the Des Plaines Library. The book, written by Cokie Roberts, is about the women who influenced Washington after the Civil War. One of them who has been recently elevated in pop culture is Eliza Hamilton. This is our third year working with the Des Plaines Library on a special program together. I hope to see you at this event.

Please plan to attend the April 8<sup>th</sup> Brunch with AAUW Fellows at Lambs Farm. You will meet four of AAUW’s fellows and hear about their remarkable accomplishments. **Reservations are due April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Let me know if you want to carpool.

I hope to see you soon,

Cindy

## **MEETING SCHEDULE, 2016-2017**

We have only a few meetings left in this program year. We hope you will attend!

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.: Des Plaines Library

Women’s History Month

Jenny Riddle presents *Capital Dames* by Cokie Roberts

Saturday, April 8: AAUW Fellows’ Brunch

Lambs Farm

Thursday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.: Annual Meeting, Des Plaines Elks Club

## **EQUAL PAY DAY**

Tuesday, April 4 is Equal Pay Day and once again there will be a gathering at Daley Center Plaza in Chicago. It will take place at noon. Although plans have not been fully announced, it has been confirmed that the two women who were instrumental in organizing the January 21<sup>st</sup> Chicago Women's March will speak at the event.

## **AAUW PROJECT NEEDS HELP**

Lisa Crocco, our Public Policy Chair, sends the following message:

I received an email from national asking for branches to help on a Title IX project. I would love to spearhead this project. Is anyone else interested?

National announced that they need our help to strengthen Title IX by meeting with local school officials! All we have to do is find/contact local K-12 or higher education Title IX coordinators using National's locator tool, schedule a meeting with them and deliver AAUW resources.

If anyone is interested in helping with this project or if you would like more information, please contact Lisa Crocco at 773-544-5134 or [LisaCrocs@gmail.com](mailto:LisaCrocs@gmail.com).

## **2017 TECH SAVVY CONFERENCE**

Last year several of our members volunteered at the Tech Savvy Conference at Oakton Community College. This year's conference will be held on March 25 at Triton College, 2000 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., River Grove, from 8:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. It will involve sixth to ninth grade girls and parents, mentors and teachers; about 200 girls are expected to attend. Just as was done last year, AAUW members will help with various tasks throughout the day; about eighty volunteers will be needed. If you would like to help in this way, send an email to [iltechsavvy.signup@gmail.com](mailto:iltechsavvy.signup@gmail.com) and indicate that you are interested in volunteering. You will be contacted if there is still a need for volunteers.

## **NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS**

We are sorry to hear that our member and good friend Carolyn Baker has been ill and has been hospitalized. At last report, she was back at Belmont Village, 2200 Golf Rd., Glenview 60025.



Our president, Cindy Grau, and her family were in Hawaii over the holidays and while they were there they had the opportunity to spend some time with Pili Richardson who, of course, was spending her holidays there with her family. Here are Cindy and Pili enjoying an outing at the Kauai Museum, with Pili having a wonderful time showing off her home!

# AAUW-IL District 5

## Educational Opportunities Fund

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Brunch with Fellows

11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 8, 2017

### at Lambs Farm

Rte. 176 & I-294/Illinois Tollway

Libertyville IL 60048

#### Honorees:

- Hayrunnisa Goksel, International Fellow, Ph.D, Northwestern Univ., Women and Gender Studies
- Eva Jimenez, M.S., De Paul Univ., School counseling
- Katrina Malone, M.B.A., Northwestern Univ., Finance and Real Estate
- Skyler Schrempp, Community Action Grant, The Viola Project, After-School Programs in Underserved Communities

MENU: Cup of Soup, Choice of Salad (Chicken Caesar/Chicken Cobb), Rolls & Butter,  
Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda

COST: \$22, includes tax & tip

DEADLINE: Reservations must be received by **April 1**

**Make your reservation by sending this form with a check for \$22** – payable to *Deerfield Area AAUW* -- to Kay Madden, 425 Village Green, #304, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 to arrive no later than Friday, April 1. Include your choice of salad on the memo line of your check.

Questions: Contact Kay at 847-955-1708 or kaymadden@outlook.com

Bring a guest!

Hope to see you at this outstanding annual event!

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Full Name of Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Branch/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_