

News from the Northwest

August, 2016



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

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

It's Time for a Social!

*Summer's drawing to a close . . .
We hope that it's been great.
Now our branch starts in again -
The social's our first date.*



*Thursday, August twenty-fifth -
We hope that you will come
To chat and snack and just enjoy
It's always lots of fun!*

*Thursday, August 25th, 7:00 p.m.
At the home of Irene Jinks
834 Carolyn Lane, Park Ridge*

Contribution: \$10.00 per person for our projects

*Contact Irene at 847-698-3113 or wijinks@aol.com
by August 24th, please*

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Your board has mostly been working on programming this summer. Since our branch is small, we collaborate to come up with some great programming. These are programs of which we can be proud. I hope you will come and bring a friend. Here's a preview:

We are getting together this month at Irene's for our summer social which always has such a nice turnout. We will have a lot to talk about with the election – or if you're tired of politics we always find other interesting things to discuss.

We are collaborating with the League of Women Voters on a Candidates' Forum this October as we have a contested Illinois Senate seat in the 28th District. Senator Laura Murphy is being challenged by Mel Thillens, with whom I serve on the Park Ridge Park District Board.

We are also planning on hearing about WINGS in November. They are one of the largest domestic violence support services and housing providers in the state. We will follow up in December by collecting items from the WINGS wish list to bring to our Holiday Gathering. I am sure they have been hit hard by the Illinois budget impasse.

In January our branch will be assisting Oakton with a STEM conference for 8th Grade girls on Friday, January 13th. We hope that many of you can help on that day.

We will participate with the northern Chicago area branches in their annual Networking Luncheon in February and the AAUW Fellows Brunch on April 8th. Two of the AAUW Scholars studying in Chicago are partially supported by AAUW funds named for deceased Northwest Suburban Branch members Joan Shaw and JoAnn Horowitz.

We will also collaborate with the Des Plaines Library again with a March program celebrating Women's History Month. Jenny Riddle, a well-known book reviewer and dramatist, will portray the Capital Dames from Cokie Roberts' book of that name.

We will end our year in May with a dinner and our annual meeting at the Elks Club. This year's dinner was so special! Hopefully, we can meet our Oakton scholarship winner at this meeting.

Lastly, our newest member, Lisa Crocco, has agreed to be our Public Policy chair this year. She is very interested in this area of AAUW. You have already heard from her once this summer and you may be hearing from her more as the year goes on. Thank you for serving in this way, Lisa!

Cindy Grau

MUM FUNDRAISER (See attached order sheet)

Do you have some room on your porch for a mum this fall? Do you have neighbors who might want some fall color? We will be selling mums this year with the Schaumburg branch. They have done this before and guarantee them to be beautiful! This fundraiser will be to help fund branch activities such as our scholarship and programming. Thank you for participating!

Orders Due: Not later than August 25th. (You may bring them when you come to the social at Irene's.)

Orders Go To: Cindy Grau at cmgrau@att.net or 412 Lake Ave., Park Ridge 60068 or 847-384-8136.

Cost: \$12.00 each (\$11.00 each if you order three or more); pay at time of pickup

Pickup: Friday, September 9 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., 412 Lake Ave., Park Ridge
(This is Cindy's home, which is very close to Uptown Park Ridge. Take Prospect over the tracks going south and make a slight left turn at the Community Church onto Courtland Ave. Make a left turn onto Crescent, which is past the City Hall and parking lot. Make the first right onto Lake Ave and look for the big brown shingled house on the right hand side of the street.)

We can do a limited number of drop-offs, if needed. Please let Cindy know.)

MEETING SCHEDULE, 2016-2017

Thursday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.: Summer Social at the home of Irene Jinks

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. Location to be Announced

Candidates' Forum in conjunction with the League of Women Voters of Park Ridge. Candidates for the Illinois Senate, 28th District, Sen. Laura Murphy (D) and Mel Thillens (R)

Saturday, November 12, 10:30 a.m.: Des Plaines Library (tentative)

WINGS: What It Is and What It Does

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.: Holiday Gathering at the home of Irene Jinks

Friday, January 13 (8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.): Oakton Community College's *Futures Unlimited* STEM Camp for 8th Grade girls; we have been asked to help

Saturday, January 28: AAUW District 5 Networking Luncheon

Deerfield Embassy Suites

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

FROM AAUW OF ILLINOIS – WE DID IT!

Congratulations and Thank You!

Throughout the year, members and supporters of AAUW of Illinois sent countless messages to our legislators, urging their action to improve access to health care for women in Illinois. Once the legislature took action, we turned our attention to the governor's office to help ensure enactment of this crucial legislation.

Thanks to your advocacy, two important bills have now become law in Illinois!

On July 29, Governor Rauner signed into law SB 1564, an amendment to the Health Care Right of Conscience Act, and HB 5576, the Illinois Contraceptive Coverage Act. Both of these bills will make sure that women in our state will get the health care that they need without encountering unnecessary barriers.

These laws are a huge victory for women in Illinois – and on behalf of AAUW of Illinois, Congratulations and thanks for your advocacy!

DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

In past years, our branch has had several interest groups that met regularly but at the present time we have only one – our reading group. This group meets once a month, usually on the fourth Tuesday evening, to discuss a book that all the members have read. Book choices run the gamut – from contemporary fiction to the classics.

The August meeting will be on the 30th (the fifth Tuesday, this month) at the home of Alice Jenks. The book to be discussed is *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore. If you'd like to join us or would like more information, contact Irene Jinks (wijinks@aol.com or 847-698-3113).

Interested in some other kind of group? Movies? Dining? Games? Other? Ideas or suggestions: contact Cindy Grau (cmgrau@att.net or 847-384-8136).

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Remember to order your mum plants for fall!

Join your AAUW friends at our Summer Social!

Spectacular Super-Sized Mums

- Celebrate Fall in style...
- Buy mums for yourself...
- These make wonderful gifts...
- Add colorful Fall accents...

Pick up on Friday, September 9th
From 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at

Cindy Grau's Home
412 Lake Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068
847 384-8136



Plants from Joe Heidgen at Shady Acres come in 1.5 gallon pots, 18 inches in height and diameter. The cost is \$12.00 each, or if you buy 3 or more they are \$11.00 each. Orders are due to Cindy Grau by August 25th. Mums can be displayed in sun or part shade. The colors and sizes were spectacular last year!

Send your order form and check made out to Northwest Suburban AAUW to:
Cindy Grau at 412 Lake Ave., Park Ridge IL 60068

Plant Color	Number of Plants	Total Cost
Dark Red		
Yellow		
Bronze		
Purple		
White		
	Total	Total cost

Deliveries are available – Check here if you would like yours delivered.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Contact Cindy Grau at 847 384-8136 or cmgrau@att.net