

News from the Northwest

March, 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.***

FINDING VIVIAN MAIER

Saturday, March 19, 2016

10:30 A.M.

Des Plaines Public Library

1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines

By now, nearly everyone has heard of the reclusive North Shore nanny who took her young charges from their sheltered environment and showed them Chicago and its environs.

Celebrate Women's History Month with Northwest Suburban AAUW and the Des Plaines Library by viewing *Finding Vivian Maier*, the critically acclaimed documentary about that mysterious nanny, who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that were hidden in storage lockers and discovered decades later. Maier is now considered one of the 20th century's most accomplished street photographers. Her life and art are revealed through never before seen photographs, films, and interviews with dozens who thought they knew her.

The library is asking us to register for this event because they are providing refreshments and would like to have an idea of how many will be attending. 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 second time that our branch has partnered with the Des Plaines Library to present a special program that we could not afford on our own. This is a great documentary; 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 Vivian Maier and other things, too!!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

March 8th is International Women's Day and March is Women's History Month. I hope you do something fun to celebrate. Our program *Finding Vivian Maier* will be a great way to celebrate a woman whose talents were discovered after she left this earth. I hope to see you there.

April is a very busy month outside our branch:

- On Saturday, April 9, area AAUW branches will meet three AAUW Fellows studying in the Chicago area at the annual *Brunch with Fellows*. AAUW (National) gave over \$3.5 million in educational fellowships and grants to 241 recipients last year. These women are always remarkable, I still remember the presentations of the recipients from last year. I will be attending the event at Lamb's Farm and would love to give anyone a ride who wants to attend. (See the signup in the newsletter.)
- On Tuesday, April 12 at noon there will be an Equal Pay Day Rally at Daley Plaza in Chicago to bring awareness to pay inequity for women. It is a free event and there are always inspiring speakers. Wear a warm coat as it's usually outside!
- On April 16, Oakton will host AAUW's Tech Savvy for middle school girls. We are hoping to have 250 girls attend. We would love to have your help on the day of the event helping to register, guide girls to classes, help in classes, serve lunch, etc. Please email Harriet Lindstrom if you can help at: Hlindstrom@aol.com You can also spread the word to girls to sign up to attend.
- Lastly, the AAUW-IL convention will be held the 29-30th of April in Schaumburg. We have some excellent speakers on board and I'd love to see you there. The state newsletter is coming out via email and regular mail for those without email and it will have all the details. If you don't receive it let me know.

Lastly, welcome to Rhonda Kalkwarf, our new member from Mt. Prospect; she is a personal historian and will be helping us with our end of year meeting in May. We also welcome Lisa Rocco, who lives in Chicago.

I hope to see all of you in March or April!

Cindy

NEW MEMBERS

Our branch is delighted to welcome two new members who joined AAUW directly. They are:

Rhonda Kalkwarf	847-502-8050
112 S. Louis St.	rkalkwarf@gmail.com
Mt. Prospect IL 60056	

Lisa Rocco	773-544-5134
5134 N, Austin Ave.	lisacrocs@gmail.com
Chicago IL 60630	

Rhonda attended our February meeting, so some of us had the chance to meet her. We hope that we will soon meet Lisa, too.

REMEMBER! MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
LET'S BE SURE TO TELL HERSTORY WHENEVER WE CAN

Northwest Suburban Branch, 2015-2016

- Saturday, March 19
10:30 a.m. *Finding Vivian Maier*, a film about the reclusive photographer
Cosponsored with the Des Plaines Public Library
Des Plaines Public Library
- Saturday, April 9 Scholars' Brunch sponsored by District 5
Featuring recipients of grants and fellowships
Lambs Farm, Libertyville
- Saturday, April 16
9:00 a.m. *Tech Savvy* Conference
Cosponsored with Oakton Community College
Oakton College, 1600 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines
- April 29-30 AAUW, Illinois State Convention
Roosevelt University, Schaumburg Campus
- Thursday, May 12
6:00 p.m. Branch Annual Meeting and Dinner
Elks Club, 495 Lee St., Des Plaines

Plan to attend our meetings and invite others to join you. Even if those you invite are not eligible to be members of AAUW, they might be interested in the programs. We will be happy to have them with us.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Those who attended our meeting last month learned about a program bringing sex education to rural areas in Kenya to help prevent the spread of the HIV virus and other sexually transmitted diseases. Our speaker, Kathy Tate-Bradish, told about the development of the program and gave a graphic presentation of teaching methods and native teachers at work. The project, called *The ABCs of Sex Education*, has just been recognized by the Kenyan government as a non-governmental organization (NGO), which gives it much greater status in the country. Our president, Cindy Grau, who is Program Vice-president of AAUW-IL, has invited Kathy to make a presentation at the AAUW-IL convention at the end of April.

EQUAL PAY DAY, APRIL 12

Tuesday, April 12 is the symbolic day when women's wages "catch up" to men's wages from the year before. AAUW is one of the sponsors of the 6th Annual Equal Pay Day Rally to take place in Chicago on that day. The rally will be held at Daley Plaza, Clark and Washington, from noon until 1:00 p.m. There will be speakers and entertainment. Pay equity, or equal pay for equal work, is one of AAUW's goals, and one which all of us – whether or not we are still working – should support. It's been a long time since we won the vote, now we should win the battle for equal pay!

PRIMARY ELECTION – BE SURE TO VOTE!

As mentioned above, women have been able to vote for a long time now, so we hope that all of our members will exercise that right on March 15th (if you haven't already done early voting). It doesn't matter which party you choose to support now, as long as you look carefully at the candidates and select the ones that you believe will be best for our country and communities.



AAUW-IL District 5
Educational Opportunities Fund
Annual Brunch with Fellows



11:00 am, Saturday, April 9, 2016

at Lambs Farm
Rte. 176 & I-294/Illinois Tollway
Libertyville, IL 60048

Honorees:

- Genevieve Dempsey, Ph.D., Ethnomusicology, University of Chicago
- Ariel Schwartz, Ph.D., Religious Studies, Northwestern University
- Carmen Sebros, M.B.A., Strategy and Social Enterprise, Northwestern University

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!

Name of Attendee: _____

AAUW Branch/Organization: _____

Menu Choice: _____