

News from the Northwest

November, 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.***

With WINGS We Can Fly!

Saturday, November 12, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Des Plaines Public Library

1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines

In 1985, a program began in the northwest suburbs that has evolved into one of the largest domestic violence service and household providers in the state of Illinois – WINGS: Women in Need Growing Stronger. Single women with children are able to receive temporary safe shelter through WINGS housing. Staff provides one-on-one, individualized assistance that allows women to set personal goals that will enable them to work, continue their education, and care for themselves and their children.

On Saturday morning, November 12, we will have a speaker from WINGS at our branch meeting at the Des Plaines Library who will tell us about WINGS, what they do and how they accomplish all that they do. The program has expanded greatly since it began and is considered a model for others. Perhaps you are already familiar with the resale shops that the group operates, one in Niles and one in Palatine. The Niles shop, which is closer to us, is located on Golf Road just a couple of blocks east of Milwaukee Ave. It stocks everything from clothing, often new items, to household goods to furniture. All is clean and attractively displayed. If you have never been there, it is worth a visit! WINGS also has a “wish list” of items that they can use in their various programs; the list is included in this newsletter, and we will be asking you to bring contributions to our December social.

Plan to attend our meeting and invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Since this is a program helping so many women and children, we want to do all that we can to help publicize it. Since the meeting will be over at about noon, perhaps some of us can get together for lunch.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy November,

It is always a relief to be in the home stretch of Election Season. I hope you all got a chance to research your candidates and vote on the ballot initiatives.

If you missed the Candidates' Forum for Illinois' 28th Senatorial District, you can watch it at our web page at <http://nwsburban-il.aauw.net/> There were over 80 people who attended the forum. Thanks to Lisa Crocco and Irene Jinks for helping run the event. Our partnership with the Park Ridge League of Women Voters was very successful.

Women have played a prominent role in the political discussion this year, particularly as a voting bloc. Our foremothers would be proud. I like to think our country benefits from the votes of women.

Looking ahead, we will learn more about WINGS who have been serving women and children in our community for over 30 years. We hope you can come to hear this speaker as our group is small and we want to fill the seats! In December, we will take up a collection of items for WINGS at our holiday gathering. You will find a list of needs elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we need help on Friday, January 13 at Oakton's *Futures Unlimited* STEM program. Over 375 eighth-grade girls are expected to come to this event, which will last from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are being released from their regular school programs for this field-trip/special learning event. Please put it on your calendar.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Cindy

WINGS WISH LIST

Holiday List:

Twin Sized Comforters
Twin and XL Twin Sheets
Women's Underwear (sizes 8 and up)
Children's Underwear (sizes 2T – 16)
Men's Underwear – All sizes
Women's Slippers
Men's Slippers
Children's Slippers (Not toddler sizes, only youth sizes)
Children's Socks
Women's Pajamas (preferably Large – 3X)
Men's Pajamas (All sizes)
Children's Pajamas (preferably 6-16)
African American Relaxer Kits (adult and child)
African American Moisturizing Hair Oil
Bath Towels
Bathroom Hand Towels
New Pillows
Hairbrushes
Nail Polish Remover

Regular List:

Diapers – Sizes 5 and 6
Pull Ups- Sizes 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5
Mouthwash
Vaseline
Hair Conditioner
Tampons and Pads
Laundry Detergent
Women's Lotion and Body Wash
Bleach
Hand Soap
Large Pack Paper Towels
Dishwasher Detergent
Shave Cream
Razors
13 Gallon Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

In December we meet, eat and just enjoy the company of our friends! That will happen this year on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Irene Jinks. Details will come to you in our next newsletter, but we want you to be sure to save the date. That will also be when we will be collecting things for WINGS. Look at the wish list contained in this newsletter. Any items from the list would be appreciated, but cash contributions are also welcome and will be put to good use.

LOOKING FOR READERS!

We would be happy to add new members to our reading group! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29 at the home of Barbara Bowers. Note that this is the fifth Tuesday of the month because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be discussing *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Allen Bradley. If you'd like to join us, or for more information, contact Irene Jinks at 847-698-3113 or wijinks@aol.com.

MEETING SCHEDULE, 2016-2017

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

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

Speaker: Heidi Stevens, Syndicated Columnist

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

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We have a new member who joined the branch following the candidates' forum in October. We are pleased to welcome Linda Nagle, who joined as a part of the *Shape the Future* program:

Linda Nagle

170 N. Northwest Highway, #318

Park Ridge IL 60068

Her phone number is 847-692-2544 and email is nagle.linda@yahoo.com. Linda has a J.D. from Loyola University and MBA from Northwestern University.

Welcome, Linda. We look forward to getting to know you at our future meetings.

AAUW-IL District 5

34th Annual Networking Luncheon

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

Deerfield Embassy Suites

1445 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, Illinois

Networking at 11:30 ≈ Lunch at 12:15

Guest Speaker – Heidi Stevens

Cost: \$40

Entrée Choices:

Curry Rubbed Tilapia

Sliced Beef Sirloin

Chicken Parmesan

Parpadelle Alfredo



Celebrate the new year by coming together with other AAUW-Illinois, District 5 members and guests to NETWORK, to DINE – and to LEARN FROM & ENJOY first hand – the words of Heidi Stevens of the Chicago Tribune. Ms. Stevens is a columnist at the Chicago Tribune where she has worked as a writer and editor since 1998. Her daily column, *Balancing Act*, tackles parenting, relationships, education policy, body image and gender bias and explores the ways in which they intersect with current events. Prior to the Tribune, Stevens worked at The Times in Munster, IN. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1996, where she studied journalism and political science. Stevens lives in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood with her husband and three children.

NAME _____

BRANCH _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE _____

EMAIL _____

Please send your form and check made payable to AAUW Networking Luncheon to:

Lisa Davlin

53 Marion Lane

Streamwood, IL 60107—to arrive no later than January 14th. Questions? Contact Lisa at lisadavlin@hotmail.com