

News from the Northwest

November/December,
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.***

Two Events Coming Up!

Sunday, November 27

1:30 p.m.

*Holocaust Museum
9603 Woods Drive
Skokie*

Sunday, December 11

2:00 p.m.

*Holiday Gathering
Irene Jinks' Home
834 Carolyn Ln., P.R.*

This is rather a "last minute" insertion into our program for the year, but it is certainly something that is worth attending! Based on the book by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn, the exhibit, *Women Hold Up Half the Sky*, features ordinary women who have accomplished extraordinary things around the world.

The Holocaust Museum is a gem in our own backyard; they have wonderful exhibits and special programs, and this is an example. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students. This would be a great way to finish up the Thanksgiving weekend! Invite your friends, too. If you would like to join us, let Cindy Grau know. Read Cindy's column for more information. The exhibit will be at the museum until January 22, 2017, so if you cannot join us now, perhaps you will be able to visit on your own.

We hope that you already have this on your calendar! Take a break to enjoy your AAUW sisters and friends as we chat, eat and just enjoy socializing.

This is the time when we bring something to help someone else, and this year we are asking that you bring articles for WINGS. At our November meeting, we heard from one of the WINGS social workers about the great services that the organization provides; it is one of the premier facilities assisting abused and homeless women and children in the Chicago area. The list of items that they need is found elsewhere in the newsletter.

In addition to your gift for WINGS, we will ask for a \$10 donation for our costs and to add to the funds for our own contributions. Let Irene know if you plan to attend (847-698-3113 or wijinks@aol.com)

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Women's empowerment is in the news – a whole new generation of feminists is rising out of the Clinton defeat this month. AAUW has been doing this work since 1881 and hopefully can leverage some of the desire for change that we are seeing around us.

If you need some inspiration I hope you will be able to join us on a last-minute field trip to the exhibit:

What: Women Hold Up Half the Sky Exhibit

When: Sunday, November 27 at 1:30pm

Where: Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

Cost: \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students

It is based on the book "Women Hold Up Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn and it features ordinary women who have accomplished extraordinary things around the world. Bring a friend! Let me know if you want to carpool, cmgrau@att.net or 847- 384-8136.

If you want to make a difference for women and girls with a yearend contribution, AAUW has several programs you can support. (Many of you already may know that \$46 of your dues is tax deductible for the work the association does on our behalf.) The options for giving are found on AAUW's webpage: <https://www.aauw.org/donate-gifts/>

Here are just a few:

- LAF – The Legal Advocacy Fund helps plaintiffs who file lawsuits against discrimination.
- AAUW Funds – helps fund the organization as a whole
- Fellowships – The Lois List fund, started in Illinois for post graduate study, is still not totally funded. It cannot give out awards until it is funded.
- Eleanor Roosevelt Fund – this fund helps fund AAUW's groundbreaking research.

I hope you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. I will miss the meeting in December, but I hope you all can attend and bring your donations for WINGS.

Keep the faith,
Cindy

A SAD NOTE

We have heard that former branch member Mary Carlson died on September 11. Mary was a long-time AAUW member. She served as president of this branch from 1963-1965 and became active in the state organization, where she also served as president. Before Mary's husband, Elmer, died, they funded the Mary Jordan Carlson Award on the national level; it is to assist a woman doing graduate work in the field of nutrition, the field in which Mary spent her working years. She was the author of several cookbooks, and was an early advocate of microwave cooking. We remember the many branch socials that Mary hosted in her home, and for which she prepared much of the food. After Elmer's death, Mary moved to Lawrence, Kansas, to be nearer to family and for several years enjoyed traveling with them and participating in the many activities at the retirement facility where she lived. Mary would have been ninety-one years old in December.

NOVEMBER RECAP

We had a great group at the Des Plaines Library for our November meeting when we heard about the WINGS program. Started in the northwest suburbs to help abused women, over the years it has grown and expanded and, in fact, now services abused men as well! Some of the statistics that our speaker presented were quite astonishing; we think of problems of abuse and homelessness in connection with the inner city, but it is to be found all around us.

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
Hairbrushes

Nail Polish Remover
New Pillows

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

FUTURES UNLIMITED CONFERENCE AT OAKTON COMM. COLLEGE

AAUW commitment is to support the education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities for youth. The conference, to be held on Friday, January 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., is aimed at 8th grade girls transitioning to 9th grade, and students come from the northwest suburban schools in our area. There will be approximately 350 girls participating. They will have hands-on experience to design, build and launch simple experiments suitable for their age. Other activities include designing a digital media website, using green screens and digital video for 21st century learning.

Our Northwest Suburban Branch will be stuffing envelopes for the students prior to the event, and the date for us to do that is Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. It will be done at Oakton, but we do not yet know the exact location. Pili Richardson Caproni is our representative on the planning committee. If you can help with the "stuffing" job, please contact Pili (847-827-1431 or piliialoha8@sbcglobal.net) or Cindy Grau (847-384-8136 or cmgrau@att.net). There will also be jobs for us to do on the day of the conference, so be sure to let Pili or Cindy know about your availability on that day, also.

MEETING SCHEDULE, 2016-2017

Sunday, November 27, 1:30 p.m.: Holocaust Museum, Skokie

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

Tuesday, January 10, 3:00 p.m.: Prepare packets for STEM Camp at Oakton C.C.

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

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 MEMBERS!

We have two new members who attended the WINGS meeting in November and then joined the branch:

Suzanne Kowalski
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We welcome these women into the branch and look forward to getting to know them at future meetings.

JANE ADDAMS DAY CELEBRATION

AAUW-Chicago and the Illinois Women's Press Association are sponsoring the 10th anniversary celebration of Jane Addams Day, *Women, Leadership and Election Politics: Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr*

Date: Saturday, December 10th, 2016

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Place: University of Illinois Chicago Student Center East, Room 603
750 S. Halsted St.

Parking: Halsted and Taylor St. Garage

Cost: \$12 (Buy tickets at www.aauwjad.eventbrite.com)

Participants will be historian and writer Louise Knight, Professor Annie Storr, and singer/song writer Kristin Lems. The event will conclude with coffee and snacks.

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

Pappadelle 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 form and check, payable to AAUW Networking Luncheon, to:

Lisa Davlin

53 Marion Lane

Streamwood IL 60207

(Reservations should be received no later than January 14th, 2017)