

News from the Northwest

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**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 Holiday Time! Time for Our Annual Brunch!

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Irene Jinks' Home

834 Carolyn Lane

Park Ridge

9:30 a.m.

**We'll begin with our brunch,
then have a short meeting;
but most of the time we will socialize
and enjoy each other's company!**

\$10.00 per person to defray food expenses

Please bring non-perishable food or paper goods

for

The Des Plaines Self Help Pantry

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a lovely turnout at October's meeting at Oakton, "Engaging Girls in STEM". Oakton was a great partner, the discussion, led by Gerry Oberman, was lively, and we certainly received a lot of name recognition from the event. We also had some visitors from the Glenview and Deerfield AAUW branches.

As I write this I see beautiful fall colors out my window. But leaves are falling and soon it will be winter. In less than a month we will be celebrating the holidays at Irene's home as the Northwest Suburban Branch has done for years. It is a part of our branch's culture or history to have this special gathering. I am happy to be joining you for the first time. I enjoy learning about the history of this branch from our members. I have heard stories about some of the remarkable women who have been a part of the branch and the ways which you and they have made our communities a better place.

It is my hope we can continue to do that for many years to come. Please invite a friend, neighbor or relative to one of our upcoming programs. Your board has worked on some great programs this year, so all you have to do is share them with someone you think belongs in AAUW! We need more hands to do the work of AAUW – working to empower women in order to make a difference in their lives and their families' lives.

See you soon!

Cindy

JOIN US IN DECEMBER

For many years our branch has had a special get-together in December, and this year is no different! We will gather on Saturday, December 7, at Irene Jinks' home to feast on our traditional strata and accompaniments while we relax and enjoy the company of our AAUW sisters. As we have done in the past, we will help support the Des Plaines Self Help Closet and Food Pantry by bringing items for distribution, or making monetary contributions. Food pantries throughout the area are in desperate need. They are in need because people are in need, even in our relatively affluent communities. We are so fortunate to have food, clothing and shelter, and we sometimes lose sight of the fact that there are others – our neighbors – who don't have those things. The pantry can use non-perishable food items, cleaning products and paper goods. Please bring something to contribute. Monetary gifts are also welcome; checks should be made payable to the Des Plaines Self Help Pantry.

We will also be having a brief meeting, particularly to review and take action to approve the attached branch bylaws. Our bylaws had not been reviewed for many years. Your board worked on these, using the model supplied by the Association, and presents them for your approval.

To help with our planning, please let Irene know if you plan to attend. Call her at 847-698-3113 or email her at wijinks@aol.com. (However, if you find at the last minute that you can attend, please don't stay home because you haven't called!) This is also a great opportunity to introduce your friends to AAUW, so please feel free to invite guests. We know that December is busy, but we will be finished early enough for you to do your shopping, visiting, or whatever else you need to do!

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website? Thanks to Cindy Grau for her work in getting it set up and started so that we have a web presence! If you are on the Internet, visit: <http://nwsuburban-il.aauw.net/>.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

In January, there is the 31st Annual Networking Luncheon of the branches of District 5. It will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at the Embassy Suites, 1445 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. This is a new location. Social time and networking will begin at 11:30 a.m., with luncheon served at noon. The speaker will be LAURA CALDWELL, formerly from Woodstock, IL. Laura is a former civil trial attorney, now Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Director of Life after Innocence, and published author of several novels and one nonfiction book. For a listing of books: www.lauracaldwell.com. Cost of the luncheon is \$40.00. Information is included with this newsletter. You may send your reservation and check to Irene Jinks, 834 Carolyn Lane, Park Ridge IL 60068 and she will submit all of our reservations together. Please send by Dec. 30.

Then, in February, we will be having a luncheon and program presented by Leslie Goddard. We have had her in the past, and know that she presents a wonderful program. We were fortunate enough to get a grant from the Illinois Council for the Humanities to help finance this program.

Programs, 2013-2014

Here are the programs planned for the remainder of this year. Be sure you have put the dates on your calendar.

- **Saturday, December 7 at 9:30am**
Holiday Brunch and Meeting
The home of Irene Jinks
- **Saturday, January, 18 at 11:30am**
Networking Luncheon
Deerfield Embassy Suites, 1445 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield
- **Saturday, February 22 at 12:00pm**
Branch meeting and lunch
- Speaker: Leslie Goddard will portray Amelia Earhart
Elks Club
495 Lee Street, Des Plaines
- **Thursday, April 10 at 7:00pm**
"Tracing the Role of Women at the Chicago Tribune" presented by Laura Russell, docent at the Robert R. McCormick Museum.
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge
- **Friday and Saturday, MAY 2 – 3**
AAUW-IL, Inc. CONVENTION
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL
- **Saturday, May 17 at 12:00pm**
Branch Business Meeting and Lunch
Elks Club
495 Lee Street, Des Plaines

JANE ADDAMS DAY

On Saturday, December 14, 2013, there will be an AAUW celebration of Jane Addams Day at Hull House Museum, 800 S. Halsted St. in Chicago. There will be a historical reenactment of the Pullman Strike and Jane Addams "herself" will address the strikers and George Pullman. This will be followed by a history talk by Paul Durica. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Parking is available in the garage at Halsted and Taylor Streets. There is a cost of \$10.00. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Branch.

Reservations should be sent to Chicagoaauw@hotmail.com by December 11th.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

31st Annual Networking Luncheon

Please mark your calendar for District 5's 31st Annual Networking Luncheon to be held Saturday,
January 18, 2014,
at Deerfield's Embassy Suites, 1445 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015.

Please note this is a NEW location.

Networking will begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.



Laura Caldwell is a former civil trial attorney, now Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Loyola University Chicago School of Law; Director of *Life After Innocence*; published author of several novels and a non-fiction book. Caldwell founded Loyola's *Life After Innocence* program that assists wrongfully convicted individuals or other innocent persons affected by the criminal justice system in order to help them re-enter society and reclaim their lives.

The cost of the luncheon is \$40. Menu choices are:

- (1) Chicken Marsala-Herbed Chicken w/Fresh Mushrooms
- (2) Grilled Salmon w/Mango Salsa;
- (3) Elegant Puff Pastry Purse w/ Seasonal Vegetables

All menu choices include a garden salad, Chef's choice dessert, coffee & tea, warm rolls & butter.

Name of Attendee _____

Entrée Choice _____

Branch _____ Branch Position _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Please make your check payable to AAUW Networking Luncheon, indicating your entrée choice on the memo section, and send to Irene Jinks, 834 Carolyn Lane, Park Ridge IL 60068. Please send your reservation by December 30, 2013.

FROM ASSOCIATION:

If you are on the Internet, you may be receiving communications from the national organization. If you do not, you should be aware of the many ways AAUW works to advance equity for women and girls. The following information is shocking; women in the military *must* be protected. This is a way in which we, as AAUW members, can act.



26,000.

No, that's not what the Dow closed at yesterday. It's how many service members, male and female, that a recent Pentagon study estimated were sexually assaulted in 2012. That figure is up from 19,000 in 2010. Other surveys of female veterans have found that close to one-third were victims of rape or assault while they were serving, which is double the rate in the civilian population. This problem is even worse in conflict zones, with half of the women serving in Iraq or Afghanistan reporting sexual harassment and nearly one in four reporting sexual assault.

This is unacceptable. This is shameful. [And this MUST change.](#)

The Pentagon has been aware of this problem for decades, yet it persists. The military has had more than enough time to address this issue, yet they have fallen woefully short. Still, the Pentagon would allow commanders to mete out justice in these cases, despite the obvious problems. AAUW respectfully disagrees.

The Senate continues to debate an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (S. 1197), and one proposal would address this crisis. **[It's time for the Senate to act: It's time to remove the crime of military sexual assault from the chain of command and give this authority to an independent and impartial body.](#)**

[Contact your senators today and tell them to remove the crime of sexual assault from the chain of command.](#)

Please, [take two minutes](#) to urge your senators to protect our service members. The vote could happen at any time, so time is of the essence.

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