

News from the Northwest

March, 2018



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

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

AAUW Celebrates Women's History Month



**Saturday, March 10, 2018
10:30 a.m., Des Plaines Public Library**

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018
6:30 p.m., Des Plaines Public Library**

This month we have TWO excellent programs that give us the opportunity to observe and celebrate Women's History Month. Both involve our collaboration with the Des Plaines Public Library, giving us the opportunity to provide special programming that should interest not only our members but also the greater community.

First, on Saturday, March 10, we will be privileged to meet the great activist for women's rights, Alice Paul, in the person of Leslie Goddard. Ms. Goddard, who has provided programs for us in the past, will portray the American suffragist, feminist and women's rights activist who was one of the main leaders and strategists of the campaign for the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote and who, afterwards, spent half a century as leader of the National Women's Party, where she continued to fight for equal rights for women. She was instrumental in including women as a group protected from discrimination under the Civil Rights act of 1964, and kept on fighting for women's rights until she died at age 92. Do come and learn more about this worker for our rights! The library asks that we preregister, if possible, at <http://calendar.dppl.org/events> so that they will have an approximation of how many will attend.

Then, on Wednesday, March 28, we will again have the opportunity to see the outstanding documentary film *Equal Means Equal*. This was shown earlier at Oakton College, but here we have it at a much more convenient location! If you think our rights are protected, and that we have rights equal to our male counterparts, you need to see this film! Following the showing, there will be a discussion period featuring Michelle Fadeley, president of Illinois NOW. The Equal Rights Amendment will be coming up in the Illinois legislature again this spring, so it is extremely important to learn why we can't give up on ERA. Once again, we are partnering with the Des Plaines Public Library to provide this opportunity for our members and interested members of the community to see this excellent documentary and learn of the continuing need for the ERA. Again, the library would appreciate your preregistration, if you can, at the email provided above or by a call to the library.

New AAUW members can join at a significant discount at our March events. Bring a friend and encourage him or her to join AAUW!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Women's History Month!

This month I challenge you to learn about a new woman from our past whom you've not heard of before. For example, I just read about Delores Huerta, a co-founder with Cesar Chavez, of the United Farm Workers Union. She will be presenting at Oakton College on Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ten Hoeve Center. Or perhaps you want to learn more about Alice Paul at our program on March 10?

How many history books covered the women that helped make our country what it is – often behind the spotlight? Not many women receive a lot of coverage in history books. Recently Irene Jinks and I went through the "archives" of our branch, which she has stored through the years, to see some of the women who helped make our communities what they are today. We hope to share some of that history with you next year.

The Park Ridge Historical Society now has a permanent home at Prospect Park. In the coming months it will be filling its spaces with exhibits both permanent and temporary. One of the exhibits it has planned is on the influential women of the area. Did you know Jane Addams was involved in setting up the Park Ridge Industrial School for Girls which took in "destitute and dependent" girls? The site of the school is Prospect Park and several of the buildings from that time have been saved as they are National Historic Landmarks. I look forward to a time where we can visit as a group!

I also want to make mention that Alice Paul's dream of the Equal Rights Amendment is still alive in Illinois. The Illinois Legislature is scheduled to take it up again this spring after the primaries. If you have a representative who is not on record as in favor of the amendment, please let them know how you feel. There will be postcard writing campaigns next month – let me know if you want to be involved!

I hope to see you soon!

Cindy

TECH SAVVY COMING UP!

This is a wonderful opportunity to work with the younger generation. Volunteers are needed to support the 5th Chicagoland Tech Savvy program. Over 200 students and 100 parents are expected to attend on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Triton College in River Grove. The time will be approximately 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are greatly needed on that day!

If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to iltechsavvy.signup@gmail.com. AAUW is one of the organizations that helps in this way. About 80 volunteers will be needed, and there will be training for these volunteers at Triton College on Monday evening, March 19.

Tasks that volunteers may be asked to perform can include:

- Pre-event bag stuffing and registration packets (done before the day of the event)
- Registration of students, parents and presenters
- T-shirt distribution
- Greeters and Girl Guides
- Presenter Guides
- College Corner
- Food set-up and cleanup
- Gift bag distribution and evaluation collection.

Feel good about participating in educating the future generation about STEM activities and careers!

AAUW DUES TO INCREASE

It has been ten years since national dues increased, and we know that costs have increased during that period, so a dues increase is now necessary. National dues will increase by \$10 for the 2018-2019 year, so our total dues for the year will be \$81.00. (Of national dues, \$56 will be tax deductible.) Currently, dues account for only 13% of the annual AAUW budget, so more revenue is clearly needed.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL . . .

Tuesday, April 10th is *Equal Pay Day*, which is observed as the day that women need to work to in order to catch up with what their male colleagues earned in the preceding year. AAUW-IL, Inc. has given our branch a LEG UP grant of \$500 as a co-sponsor of this event. We hope that many of our members will be able to add to the presence at Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago at noon on that day. Rain location is the Daley Center lobby. Women standing together at events like this help generate an awareness of unfair practices such as pay inequality!

Saturday, April 14th, is the annual AAUW Fellows Luncheon held at Lambs' Farm. Women who are studying in the area on AAUW grants and scholarships are invited to attend and speak and this is a great opportunity for AAUW members to see their money at work. There is a reservation form included with this newsletter. Wouldn't it be nice if several of our members attended?

The AAUW-IL convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Benedictine University in Lisle. On Friday evening, the keynote speaker will be Gloria L. Blackwell, who is senior vice president of fellowships and programs for AAUW. Her topic will be *Beyond Aspirations: AAUW's Future*. On Saturday, members will hear about lobbying efforts and about Title IX and the legal history of women's sports with respect to regulations of campus sexual misconduct today. After lunch and the business meeting, there will be several workshops from which to choose. Since the convention is nearby, perhaps some of our members will be able to attend.

NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

As we've said so many times, networking is important, so when we hear of other nearby branches having programs that might be of interest to our members we like to share the information.

The Deerfield Area Branch will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Patty Turner Senior Center to hear Ms. Emily Metz, Research Manager of the Poverty and Health Labs at the U. of Chicago Urban Labs. She will speak about research on how experiencing homelessness in Chicago impacts women and their families and will talk about the work that is being done.

On Thursday, March 22nd, the Chicago Branch presents *Media Literacy in the Age of Fake News* as a part of the Public Narrative Project. Suzy Schultz, the presenter, will conduct an interactive discussion about the state of journalism, news literacy in a democracy, social media, storytelling and the importance of communication in a climate where it seems no one is listening. This will be held at Columbia College, 33 E. Congress St., Chicago, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. There is a cost of \$12.00 per person.

ARE YOU A READER?

Our reading group continues to meet regularly and would welcome additional members. This month the group will meet on Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Alice Jenks. (This is a date change; usually the meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month.) This month we will be discussing *My Beloved World*, by Sonia Sotomayor. We are eclectic readers, with our choices from among fiction and non-fiction, contemporary and classic books. If you would like to join us this month, or would like more information, contact Irene Jinks at 847-698-3113 or wijinks@aol.com.

THERE'S A WHOLE LOT GOING ON IN AAUW!

BE A PART OF THE ACTION AND INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN YOU!



A Statement from the AAUW Board of Directors

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

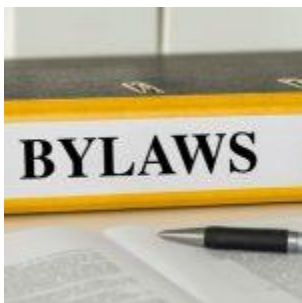
Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

Make your voice count and have a say in the future of AAUW.

In April 2018, AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the [AAUW Bylaws](#). Before voting begins you have the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments or propose your own amendments and resolutions on this site.

Here you'll find all the information you need to comment on proposed bylaws amendments or propose your own amendments and resolutions. Be on the lookout for your voter PIN in April and check back in June for the results.



Participation in respectful debate is the right of every AAUW member.

Propose or comment on bylaws amendments to make your voice heard in this debate.

AAUW-IL District 5

ANNUAL BRUNCH WITH FELLOWS

11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, 2018

Lambs Farm

Rte. 176 & I-294/Illinois Tollway
Libertyville, IL

Honorees

Erin Lipman, Selected Professions Fellowship, M.S. Statistics, U. of Chicago

Nadiah Mohafir, Community Action, HEART Women & Girls, Project Director

Tamandra Morgan, Selected Professions Fellowship, M.D. Medicine,
U. of Illinois, Chicago

MENU: Cup of Soup, Choice of Salad (Chicken Caesar/Chicken Cobb), Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda

COST: \$22.00 (includes tax & tip)

DEADLINE: Reservations must be received by **April 7**

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 Saturday, April 7.

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!

Full Name of Attendee: _____

AAUW Branch: _____

Menu Choice: _____

