

News from the Northwest

August, 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.***

Summer Social/Hands on History!

Sunday, August 19, 2018

2:00 p.m., Irene Jinks' Home

834 Carolyn Lane, Park Ridge

A new program year is beginning, and what better way is there to begin than with a social? We will be getting together on Sunday afternoon, August 19, to chat, eat and have a chance to look at some of the many items that are a part of our branch history. For those who have been members for many years it will be a walk down Memory Lane; for newer members it will be a chance to learn a bit of our history and realize that past is truly prologue. We have, since the beginning of our branch, engaged in activities that would improve the lives of women and children, and we are still doing that. At this meeting, we will be asking you to contribute to purchase or bring backpacks for the girls who are sheltered at The Harbour. This agency provides comprehensive housing and case management for girls and young women between the ages of twelve and twenty who are homeless.

There will be no program, other than our socializing and the opportunity to peruse our history. Come and spend a quiet summer afternoon with your AAUW friends. If you will be able to attend, please let Irene Jinks know. Call her at 847-698-3113 or email her at wijinks@aol.com. However, if you find at the last minute that you are able to attend, please don't stay away because you have not reserved; we will find space for you!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Your board has been planning this summer for the upcoming program year and we hope that you will appreciate our efforts. By our first meeting on August 19, we hope to have most everything nailed down. Unfortunately, our Co-Vice President for Program, Suzanne Kowalski, found it necessary to resign from that office due to personal reasons, but Fran Kampwirth and the other board members are working on program.

We are working with the League of Women Voters on a Candidate Forum in September for the State Representative race in District 55. Later in the fall we will be hearing from The Harbour, a local nonprofit that works with at-risk girls, helping them get through school and set up to succeed independently when they graduate. They are headquartered in Park Ridge and serve girls all over the northwest suburbs.

At our August meeting we are asking each of our members to help by doing one of these things:

- Bring a sturdy, large backpack to the meeting. Target has some nice ones on sale for \$28 right now; TJMaxx has some under \$30 as well.
- Chip in with another member or friend to buy a backpack. We will have some backpacks at the meeting that will be available for sponsorship for \$29.

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- Ask a friend if they want to help! We will put this on our Facebook page to see if some of our “friends” can help us get 20 backpacks!
- If you can't make it and want to help, send your donation to Irene Jinks, 834 Carolyn Lane, Park Ridge 60068.

We will be hearing from the Executive Director of The Harbour at a program this fall.

Don't forget that your mum orders will be due at our August get-together. If you have a larger vehicle and could help us haul mums from Schaumburg on Friday morning, September 7, please let me know. Details of the mum sale are in the newsletter.

Please invite a friend to our meetings. I think they will be interesting and it is a good way to introduce people to AAUW.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Cindy

SUPER-SIZED MUMS!

As mentioned in our president's message, we will again be selling beautiful, HUGE mum plants this year. This will be our third year of working with the Schaumburg branch on this wonderful fundraising activity, which they have been doing for a number of years. Last year the plants were spectacular – large and well-shaped and in absolutely gorgeous colors! With some water as needed and some protection from early frost, if necessary, they will reward you with color in your yard or on your patio or balcony all fall.

An order form is found on the last page of this newsletter. Please place your orders by August 24, 2018 (you could bring them when you come to our summer social). Plants will be available for pickup on Friday, September 7th, in the afternoon and early evening.

Ask your neighbors and friends to help support this effort. The money raised will help fund the projects that our branch supports, including our Oakton Scholarship.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

It seems like quite a while ago, but it is less than three months since we held our annual meeting at the Elks Club in Des Plaines. We socialized over dinner, then had our meeting. Unfortunately, our president was not able to attend due to a conflict with a meeting of the Board of Directors of Blackburn College on which she serves. The meeting was conducted by Suzanne Kowalski, Vice President.

The budget for the branch, presented in the May newsletter, was approved. National dues for 2018-2019 were increased by \$10.00, but state and local dues remain the same for this year. Our dues are not sufficient to cover the contributions that we wish to make, so we must rely on our fundraising and transfer of funds from our small savings account. There was some discussion of possible fundraising activities; one was a sale of used children's books, something which other branches have found successful.

The following were elected as officers: President, Cindy Grau; Vice President for Membership, Lisa Crocco; Co-Vice President for Program, Fran Kampwirth; Secretary, Wendi Thourson. Co-Vice President for Program, Suzanne Kowalski and Treasurer, Irene Jinks, have one more year to serve on their terms.

Elaine Fisher, a dual member of our branch and Naperville Branch, gave a report of the AAUW-Illinois convention which was held in Lisle. Cindy Grau also attended the convention

DATES TO SAVE, 2018-2019

Although not all of the dates of branch activities for the coming year are firm, we do know quite a few and have others that are tentative, waiting to be confirmed. Here is a list of the activities that have been planned; put them on your calendars so that you can avoid conflicts.

Sunday, August 19, 2018 2:00 p.m.	<i>Hands on History.</i> Social at the home of Irene Jinks; bring backpacks for The Harbour
September	Open; tentative candidates' forum in conjunction with the League of Women Voters of Park Ridge
Saturday, October 13, 2018 11:00 a.m.	Oakton Community College Art Exhibit, <i>Women Who Persist</i> We will have lunch together after viewing the exhibit
Saturday, November 10, 2018 10:30 a.m.	Kris Salyards, LCSW, Executive Director of The Harbour will speak about the program (tentative) at the Des Plaines Public Library. We will have lunch together after the program.
Sunday, December 9, 2018	Holiday Social; time and place to be announced.
Wed. or Thurs., Dec. 19 or 20, 2018	Oakton Community College, <i>Futures Unlimited (STEM Program)</i> Details to be determined if grant becomes available.
Friday, January 18, 2019	Oakton Community College, <i>Futures Unlimited (STEM Program)</i>
Saturday, January 19, 2019 11:00 a.m.	Brunch and <i>Naked Scavenger Hunt</i> at the Art Institute; details to be arranged
Saturday, January, 2019	Networking Luncheon; date and place to be announced
Sunday, February 10, 2019 2:00 p.m.	Movie at the home of Fran Kampwirth
Saturday, March 9, 2019 10:30 a.m.	Women's History Month. Leslie Goddard portrays Eleanor Roosevelt Program in collaboration with the Des Plaines Public Library
April	<i>Work Smart: Negotiating Your Salary</i> ; workshop open to community women, sponsored in part by a grant from AAUW-IL. Details to be confirmed.
April	AAUW Fellows Luncheon at Lambs Farm (tentative)
May	Branch Annual Meeting; date and place to be determined

As soon as programs and dates are confirmed, you will be given all of the necessary information.

Spectacular Super-Sized Mums

Celebrate Fall in style...
 Buy mums for yourself. . .
 These make wonderful gifts...
 Add colorful Fall accents...



Pick up on Friday, September 7th
 From 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at
 Irene Jinks' House
 834 Carolyn Lane
 Park Ridge 847-698-3113

Plants from Joe Heidgen at Shady Acres come in a 1.5 gallon pot, 18-22 inches in height and diameter. The cost is \$12.00 each. Orders are due to Cindy Grau at 412 Lake Ave, Park Ridge or cgrau8@gmail.com August 24th. Mums can be displayed in sun or part shade. The mums are guaranteed to be healthy when you pick them up. They will then need your tender care, including periodic watering, when necessary. The colors and sizes were spectacular last year, and Joe has kept the price the same!

Send your order form and check made out to NW Suburban AAUW to Cindy.

Plant Color	Number of Plants	Total Cost
Dark Red		
Yellow		
Bronze		
Purple		
White		
	Total	Total cost

Deliveries are available – Check here if you would like yours delivered.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Thank you for your support.

Cindy Grau (Questions? Call 847-532-0212 or email Cindy at cgrau8@gmail.com)