

# News from the Northwest

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

***Our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls  
through research, education and advocacy.***

***Our Vision: Equity for all.***

## **Election's Coming – Candidate Forum Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7:00 p.m., St. Luke's Lutheran Church 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge**

For those of you who are a part of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, this will be a “must” event! In conjunction with the League of Women Voters of Park Ridge, we will sponsor a forum featuring Rep. Martin Moylan (D) and Marilyn Smolenski (R) his opponent for the seat in the Illinois House of Representatives. Moderator for the event will be Kathy Tate Bradish, who has been with us before. This is your opportunity to hear from these candidates and to hear their responses to questions posed by members of the audience. As is always the case with LWV events, the questions will be written and then presented to the candidates, so come prepared to present any questions you might have.

Even if you do not live in this district, you will certainly be interested in what the candidates have to say as it will give you an idea of what the climate of the legislature may be. As you are aware, many seats are open because current legislators have chosen not to run for another term. Rep. Moylan has served for several terms, but his opponent is someone that we would like to get to know so that we know her positions on matters of importance to us. Plan to join us for this forum and invite others to join you as you participate in this opportunity to become a better informed voter.

### **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

This summer AAUW released the results of the strategic planning process it underwent recently. Our new mission statement is: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our Vision: Equity for all.

As a part of pay equity, AAUW set a goal to train 10 million women in salary negotiation by 2022. I am excited to announce that our branch will be contributing to that effort in April of 2019 with a salary negotiation workshop held at the Des Plaines Library. Women tend not to negotiate, and often when they do their efforts can backfire. AAUW has a program called *Work Smart* designed to help women overcome both of these problems. This program is being rolled out in cities around the country. I am very excited for our branch to sponsor this workshop. You will be hearing more about it in the coming months.

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Also, as a part of AAUW's work toward improving workplace culture, there is a survey about sexual harassment in the workplace that members are asked to complete. I encourage members to take a look at the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWHSurvey>

Now, switching subjects – thank you for your generosity in providing backpacks to The Harbour. When Fran and I delivered them, several girls came into the office and plucked up their new backpacks with joy!

Also thank you for ordering mums! They are beautiful.

I hope to see you at our Candidate Forum on Sept. 27. Bring a friend – we will be offering *Shape the Future* discounts to new members who join AAUW as a result of this meeting. The discount is half off national dues which makes the total \$51.50 – a bargain for new members.

Cindy

### **WEB IMPROVEMENTS:**

Our membership directory is online at our website: <https://nwsuburban-il.aauw.net/> Go to the Members Only tab and enter the Password: equitynw

Also our programs are always listed on the program page if you can't find your newsletter.

A link to our Facebook page is on the right side of the page if you use Facebook.

Thank you to board secretary Wendi Thourson for helping us to improve our website and communications.

### **OCTOBER PROGRAMS**

There will be two great options for AAUW NW Suburban members on Saturday, October 13:

**March to the Polls – Grant Park in Chicago.** The rally and subsequent march will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 9 a.m. and will honor first time voters, while firing up thousands more as they head to the polls. Early voting will be open in downtown Chicago where Chicago and Cook County voters can literally "March to the Polls" and cast their ballots on October 13.

If you are interested, members will meet at the Blue Line at Cumberland at 8 a.m. Let Cindy Grau know you are attending or if you want to carpool to the el. If members are interested in making signs, we can plan a time to do that before the march.

#### **Oakton Community College – Women and Gender Studies Art Exhibit:**

Saturday, October 13, we will gather at the Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton College in Des Plaines at 11:00 a.m. to view their new exhibit: *Nevertheless She Persisted: Women of Courage, Tenacity and Strength*. Those who are interested can have lunch at Panera in Des Plaines afterward to share impressions. Last year those who attended found this a very moving outing.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

Irene Jinks, a mainstay of our branch for many years, lost her husband Warren last month after a long illness. Services for Warren will be at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 205 N. Prospect on Sept. 29 at 11:00 a.m. Our sincerest condolences go out to Irene for her loss.

Megan Hildebrand was married last month to Ryan McGaughey (Sounds like McGoy). The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Congratulations and best wishes to Megan and Ryan.

## **DATES TO SAVE, 2018-2019**

We have added some dates to the tentative calendar that was published last month. Please add these to your calendars so that you will avoid conflicts.

Thursday, September 27, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Candidates' Forum in conjunction with the League of Women Voters of Park Ridge; St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge.
Saturday, October 6, 2018 9:00 a.m. to noon	AAUW-IL Northern Fall Conference, IIT Campus, Wheaton
Saturday, October 13, 2018 9:00 a.m.	<i>March to the Polls</i> Rally and March in Grant Park, Chicago. Members who plan to attend meet at Cumberland Blue Line Station at 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 13, 2018 11:00 a.m.	Oakton Community College Art Exhibit, <i>Nevertheless She Persisted: Women of Courage, Tenacity and Strength</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 at the Des Plaines Public Library. We will have lunch together after the program.
Sunday, December 9, 2018 2:00 p.m.	Holiday Social at Fran Kampwirth's home.
Friday, December 14, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Oakton Community College, <i>Futures Unlimited (STEM Program)</i>
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 26, 2019	Networking Luncheon; 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
Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:30 p.m.	<i>Work Smart: Negotiating Your Salary</i> ; workshop open to community women, Des Plaines Public Library, sponsored in part by a grant from AAUW-IL.
Saturday, April 13, 2019	AAUW Fellows Luncheon at Lambs Farm
Wednesday, May 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Branch Annual Meeting at the Des Plaines Elks Club

As soon as all is confirmed, you will be given the necessary information.