

# News from the Northwest

**December, 2018**



**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.***

## **It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like . . . the Holidays!**



**Holiday Social  
Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 P.M.  
Fran Kampwirth's Home  
731 S. Lincoln Ave., P.R.**

Join your AAUW sisters on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at our annual holiday social. This year we will gather at the home of Fran Kampwirth for an afternoon of talk and snacks and just plain fun!

Of course, because it's a party, we're going to ask you to bring a present. The present is not for any one of us – it's a gift to help fund our Oakton scholarship contribution. For many years, our branch has sponsored a scholarship at Oakton Community College to assist a woman who is returning to advance her education after she has been out of school for a while. Many of these women have families and have been working in jobs that pay them very little, so even the reasonable tuition at our community college is difficult for them. Books, too, are costly, so they need the help that they receive from the school. We have not set an amount but are just asking that you think about what your education has meant to you and consider what you could do to help another woman. Our branch is small, and we do very little fundraising, so we must depend on our members to help.

Fran's home is on the corner of Lincoln and Gillick Streets in Park Ridge. Her address is 731 S. Lincoln, but the front entrance of the house faces Gillick. It is one block north of Talcott, and Lincoln is between Western and Greenwood Aves.

Please let Fran know if you are planning to attend; contact her at [franstottkampwirth@gmail.com](mailto:franstottkampwirth@gmail.com) or call her at 773-710-1413. Since this is a purely social event, with great refreshments and good conversation, it's a great opportunity to invite your friends who might like to be a part of our AAUW group.

## **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Our last election was a remarkable one for women! Remarkable gains were made at all levels of government. But the gap in equal representation is still real. According to *Elect Her*, "Women make up only a small fraction of elected officials in America. And of that number, only a tiny fraction of them are in leadership positions in politics. The statistics are shocking – in 2015, only [19% of Congress](#) and [23% of state legislatures](#) are women. America is far below most peer countries in the world in terms of women's political representation. In fact, [we are 76th](#) out of 189 nations around the world with elected governments." We have made progress in this last election, but we still have a way to go.

The resurgence of the women's movement has directly contributed to the outcomes of the last election. More women were encouraged to run for office increasing that pipeline. Many women hit the pavement to help candidates of all stripes win. We learned that we cannot take gains for granted. We must stay engaged and active in all levels of government.

In Park Ridge there are more women planning to run for local office in April of 2019 than have in previous years. Many have noticed, since becoming engaged after the 2016 election, that the men representing them often have different priorities and views on issues they care about. Many women, such as Jan Schakowsky, my Congresswoman, start out at the local level in their political career.

Please watch for these women and help the ones you think are going to make a difference in the things you care about. Our world will be a better place when our governments are representative of all people.

So as the year ends I will be thankful for the many women out there who have been engaged to change our government. I hope you have a blessed holiday season and that I see you at one of our events coming up.

Cindy

## **FUTURES UNLIMITED – STEM WORKSHOPS FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS**

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.** We will be stuffing bags at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines for the workshop to be held the following day. Please contact Pili Richardson, [pilirichardson@yahoo.com](mailto:pilirichardson@yahoo.com) or 847-224-2026, if you are able to help with this. She will let you know where we will meet to stuff.

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers will be needed throughout the day at various times to assist with different tasks at the Futures Unlimited workshop at Oakton. Help if you can, and invite a friend to join you. Sign up at this link:

December 14, 2018 Volunteer Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/Za8X4JRkkuZoflmKU2>

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers will be needed throughout the day for various tasks; this workshop is similar to the one in December but will draw girls from a number of schools so it will be a larger group. There are a number of volunteer jobs. Sign up at the link below:

January 18, 2019 Volunteer Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/ald3QctOb9l1wQBA3ol>

## **WHAT'S COMING UP?**

We'll be having our very special outing to the Chicago Art Institute on Saturday, January 19, 2019, for our *Naked Scavenger Hunt!* There had been a question about whether it would take place since there was a Women's March tentatively scheduled for that date to celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. However, *Women's March Chicago*, the group planning the march, decided not to go forward with it at this time. We had been concerned about the large volume of people and traffic if there was a march, but since that is not happening it will be a normal Saturday in downtown Chicago and we'll be having our outing. See the attached flyer and be sure to contact Cindy Grau to let her know that you will be attending.

Then, the following Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the annual AAUW Networking Luncheon will be held at the Deerfield Embassy Suites Hotel. Information is found on the last page of the newsletter.

# Celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Saturday, January 19 at 1p.m.

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Northwest Suburban AAUW Branch

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## Naked Scavenger Hunt

Take an unabashed look at nudity at the Art Institute of Chicago. You'll look at bathing beauties, peeping Toms, sultry sirens, a muscleman who will ruin his birthday suit while wrestling a lion, a woman enjoying a golden shower from Zeus, cads and cuckolds, provocative Picassos, dangerous natives, a mystic who has gone too far with the Slim-Fast, and much more. No previous experience with art or nudity is required. This is not a timed event or race.

- Event tickets cost \$35 plus museum entrance which will be \$20-22 for museum entrance.
- An optional brunch will be held at 11a.m. across the street from the Art Institute. Details forthcoming.
- Please RSVP by sending a check for \$35 per participant made out to Cindy Grau to 412 Lake Ave., Park Ridge, 60068, or bring to the December meeting.

*AAUW-IL, District 5*  
*36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NETWORKING LUNCHEON*

*Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019*  
*Deerfield Embassy Suites*  
*1445 Lake-Cook Road, Deerfield*

*11:30 a.m., Registration/Mingling*

*12:15 p.m., Meal/Program*



*Guest Speaker, Wendy Pearlman*

*Wendy Pearlman is an associate professor  
of Political Science and an award-winning teacher  
at Northwestern University.*

*Her specialty is Middle East politics.  
Educated at Harvard, Georgetown and Brown,  
she speaks fluent Arabic and has spent more  
than twenty years studying and living  
in the Arab world.*

*She is the author of*  
*We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled,*  
*Voices from Syria.*

*Entrees*

*Salmon with Lemon Cream Sauce*

*Sliced Beef*

*Chicken Piccata*

*Mushroom Risotto*

*Cost: \$40*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check for \$40, payable to "AAUW Networking Luncheon"  
to Irene Jinks, 834 Carolyn Ln, Park Ridge IL 60068 by January 15, 2019.