

News from the Northwest

August, 2019



Newsletter of the Northwest Suburban Branch

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

Our Vision: Equity for all.

IT'S A SUMMER SOCIAL

Sunday, August 25, 2019

2:00 P.M.

Home of Irene Jinks

It's time for us to get together just to chat and nibble and have some fun. As the busy summer begins to wind down, join your AAUW friends for a social afternoon at the home of Irene Jinks, 834 Carolyn Lane, Park Ridge. Invite a friend to join you to get to know our group. It will be an informal gathering where we can just catch up with what others have been doing and look ahead to what's in store for this program year.

We are asking that you bring something, however. It's not something to eat, but something to share with some young girls. We will be bringing school supplies for The Harbour, the home in Des Plaines for girls who are in need of temporary shelter, transitional housing, and counseling. In our last newsletter we said that we would be bringing backpacks, as we did last year, but the need for other school supplies is greater this year. If you have already bought a backpack bring it, as it will certainly be put to good use, but otherwise pick up some of the things that kids need as they begin the school year or that they will need if they arrive at The Harbour without supplies. Pens, pencils, markers, folders, binders, paper, paper clips, glue sticks – just be creative as you shop!

Your board will provide the munchies, so just plan to come and enjoy. If you know you will be coming, please let Irene know (847-698-3113 or wijinks@aol.com) but please don't stay away if you haven't called and you find at the last minute that you can join us!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good News! Governor Pritzker signed the wage history bill on July 31 barring employers from asking potential employees how much they made in previous jobs. This is a great win for proponents of Equal Pay, as a person's pay history often follows them through their whole job history. If women start out at a lower pay, as AAUW's research shows, they could be locked in to lower salaries their whole life. This is the third time the bill was passed, but this time we had a governor who signed it!

The legislation is one piece of a multi-prong approach to achieving equal pay for women. AAUW has been advocating for this change, among many others, to strengthen women's economic security.

If you saw the Women's World Cup or read about it, the chant "Equal pay!" rocked through the stadium. A lawsuit winding its way through the courts is pitting the women's team against the US Soccer Federation. The issues are

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complex, but the exposure is energizing. Professional women's sports has been reported as benefiting from Title IX legislation, which was written not for sports originally but has become most known for opening up equal opportunity for women to participate in sports. Women in sports are helping break down pay barriers and calling attention to an issue that has been simmering below the surface for a long time.

Maybe we will finally start seeing some movement in pay equity!

Cindy

P.S.: I just received a text from AAUW who just met with the US Women's Soccer Team. They sent me a link to this *Two Minute Activist* which you can take to help pay the Paycheck Fairness Act:

https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=25795

OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

As a branch, we have not been involved in serious fundraising for a number of years, but for the past couple of years we have helped our treasury with our sale of fall mums. Once again, we will be selling mum plants, but the price is a bit higher than it was last year. We are getting the plants from a new supplier, but we have been told that the plants are large and healthy, and the supplier will deliver them to us in Park Ridge. (That is a real plus, because in past years a few people have done the hauling of plants from Schaumburg – a job which required several vehicles and multiple trips.) A flyer and order blank is included with this newsletter; please order and invite your friends to do so, also. Bring your order when you come to the August social or send it to Cindy. Any profit that we realize helps to fund our Oakton College scholarship.

DID YOU DO YOUR DUES?

Annual memberships expire on June 30 of each year, so it is now time to renew; our treasurer reports that there are a few members who have not yet sent their renewals. The total amount is \$81.00: \$59 for national (\$56.00 of this is deductible for tax purposes); \$10.00 for state; \$12.00 for local. If you are a paid national life member, the amount is \$22.00; honorary life members do not have to pay any dues, but contributions to the branch are appreciated. You may pay your dues online to AAUW, which will then remit the state and local dues appropriately or you may send your check to the treasurer, Megan McGaughey. Her address is 153 N. Babcock Drive, Palatine IL 60074. Checks should be payable to Northwest Suburban AAUW.

A LOOK AHEAD

Our directory is in progress, but we want you to have the dates that have been determined for the year.

Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m.: The Graduated Income Tax; joint meeting with Park Ridge League of Women Voters at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 11:00 a.m.: Oakton Community College Art Exhibit, *Fashioning the Self: You Are What You Wear*. Meet at Oakton; lunch together at Panera's after the exhibit.

Saturday, Oct. 19: AAUW Northern District Conference, IIT Rice Campus in Wheaton

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 5:00 p.m.: Drinks and Dialogue: Financial/Economic Security talk; Harp and Fiddle, Park Ridge

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2:00 p.m.: Holiday Social at Fran Kampwirth's home; contributions for Oakton Scholarship

December/January: Futures Unlimited at Oakton; date to be announced

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020: Join your AAUW sisters to see a current movie in a local theater; time and place TBA

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2:00 p.m.: Book discussion, *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict; Park Ridge Panera

Saturday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.: Film, *Iron Jawed Angels*, at the Des Plaines Public Library; informal lunch together afterwards

April (date and time TBA): Drinks and Dialogue: Equal Pay

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and Annual Meeting at the Des Plaines Elks Club

Mum Fundraiser – New Vendor

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

Pick up on Thursday or Friday,
September 19th – 20th
Location: TBD



Plants from Northwoods Wreaths come in a 12 in container. The cost is \$20.00 each. Orders are due to Cindy Grau at 159 Michael John, Park Ridge or cgrau8@gmail.com by Sept. 4. 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.

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

Plant Color	Number of Plants	Total Cost
Burgundy		
Yellow		
Orange		
Purple		
White		
	Total	Total cost

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Thank you for your support.

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