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February Branch Meeting

Wednesday February 19, 6:30-8

Networking 8-8:30

**Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin
Meadows Community Rooms, First Floor**



“Immigration and Education: Opening the Doors of Opportunity”

It is a fact that the American Dream of economic and social mobility is largely dependent upon education. Learn from a panel of 7 speakers what the educational journey, from elementary school to postsecondary studies, may be like for our area's immigrants. Hear about the unique circumstances and barriers that these students face when pursuing their dreams. Meet representatives of area organizations that help students and adults find ways to open those doors. Listen to the story of a Bartlett High School student who is determined to continue to succeed in her education journey.

There will be an opportunity for presenting organizations and the public to share information and to network with one another following the formal presentation.

Simultaneous English to Spanish translation will be available throughout the presentations.

This program is developed and presented in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Gail Borden Public Library District (GBPLD),

the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Elgin Community College, U-46, Administer Justice, Centro de Información and the YWCA.

Fliers for the program may be picked up at the information desk on the second floor of Gail Borden.

Enrichment Suggestion: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor

Calendar

- Feb 5 **Movie Discussion Group** 4:30 PM
Colonial Café
August: Osage County
- Feb. 9 **Great Books** 7 PM
Gail Borden Library
Selection from *Walden*
Henry David Thoreau
- Feb 12 **Good Tastes Dining Group** 5:30 PM
3825 E. Main, St. Charles
(630) 443-8461
- Feb 13 **Morning Book Group** 10 AM
Hostess Nancy Burnidge and Chris Saletta
Defending Jacob
William Landay
- Feb 17 **Evening Crafters** 7 PM
Hostess Lee Engman
Crocheted Tunisian stitch dishcloth
- Feb 19 **Branch Meeting** 6:30 PM
Gail Borden Public Library

- Feb 20 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Feb 25 **Reel Women/Real Women 6 PM**
Gail Borden Library
Free Angela and All Political Prisoners
- Feb 26 **Evening Book Group 7 PM**
Hostess Margaret Keen
The Sandcastle Girls
Chris Bohjalian
- Feb 27 **Out and About 8:30 AM**
Trip to Field Museum
Hostess, Rachel Campbell
- March 15 **Women's History Month Brunch**
ECC 10 AM (deadline for registration
3/8/14)
- April 12 **AAUW Scholars Brunch**, Highland
Park (deadline for registration 4/1/14)

Presidents' Message

The Women's Issues Committee met January 14 at Mary Navin's house. Chaired by Marge Fox, this committee nominates branch members for state and branch awards. The committee had the pleasant problem of so many deserving members and not enough awards. Nominations will be made for the Susan B. Anthony Award, two Named Grants, Branch Pride, Spice Award, Agent of Change, International Affairs, and the YWCA Leadership Luncheon. Thank you to all those who agreed to write nominations for the various awards.

Seven members attended the Networking Luncheon on January 18 at the Deerfield Embassy Suites. Rachel Campbell and Margaret Keen were the intrepid drivers. Riders were Shirley May Byrnes, Jeanne Hebeisen, Fay Kitchin, Anne Marblestone, and Mary Navin. Lawyer and author Laura Caldwell talked about how small choices can lead to large changes. One of her examples was meeting a female criminal defense lawyer at a social event which ultimately led to meeting and defending Jovan Mosley, a young man who sat in jail for six years without being tried. This event is the subject of her book Long Way Home and led her to found Life After Innocence which assists wrongfully convicted individuals or other innocent persons to re-enter society and reclaim their lives. Ms. Caldwell was a dynamic and inspiring speaker.

We look forward to seeing you February 19 at Gail Borden Public Library for the program on immigration issues. The Susan B. Anthony Award will be given at the March meeting.

Mark your calendar for May 2-3, 2014. The annual convention of AAUW-IL will meet at Pheasant Run, St. Charles. Since we are so close, the state board has asked us to assist with convention. You have received an email from Cindy Graue listing the possibilities, including break-out session coordinator, centerpieces, and fundraising table coordinator. If interested, please contact cindy@equivoice.com (847 384-8136) by February 5. Please let Shirley May Byrnes know also fantasy.reader@hotmail.com. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to be involved at the state level.--

Shirley May Byrnes and Wilma Booth, Co-Presidents

Branch Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2013

Co-President Shirley May Byrnes called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM. The minutes from the September 18, 2013, meeting were accepted as printed in the October newsletter.

Treasurer Linda Youngren reported we have \$10,464 in assets. Of this, \$3100 went to EO and \$1000 to LAF. Members were emailed attachments of the Treasurer's Report already.

Muriel Fenzel, 1st Vice President, said our December 10 holiday brunch will take place at Patty Harkin's house. At that time, there will be a charity collection taken this year for the Ecker Center.

Our January 4, 2014, Branch meeting will be a soup & salad luncheon featuring Patty Harkin moderating a panel to discuss/react to the book "Lean In."

Becky Olson, 2nd Vice President, reported our branch is continuing to grow. We have three 50-year members now. Two guests were introduced.

Karen Patterson, Corresponding Secretary, reminded the members to let her know if a card needs to be sent from the branch.

Shirley May Byrnes, Co-President, reported the nominating committee should get together to appoint a chairperson for their committee. She also reported four attending the District Meeting.

Committee Reports: Marge Fox, Women's Issues, needs volunteers to help her committee.

A Public Policy Chairperson is also needed.

Rachel Campbell is selling license plate covers for LAF for \$5.

Samantha Migatz spoke about the NCCWSL conference she attended in DC last May.

Announcements: The Dec. 4 current movie discussion group film has been changed to "12 Years a Slave."

Good Tastes group is still meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Patterson

Recording Secretary pro tem

Membership Matters

New Year 2014 embraces a new beginning but many AAUW branch goals remain the same. Our membership continues to grow as we Recruit, Retain, Renew memberships in our branch. We continue to encourage members to go to our local, state, and national websites for the most up-to-date information. We will advocate to promote our mission and support those who share our views to empower women.

The membership committee calls members based on their assignments for the columns in our yearbook. We call to update rosters, invite members to annual meeting, and for dues. There is NO official Calling Committee, so each interest group leader or facilitator is responsible for her own calls and distribution lists. Jeanne Hebeisen sends our newsletters and special notices as requested and deemed appropriate for our membership. Be sure you have all the editors of the newsletter in your contact list so that posts sent to you are not sent to trash bins and never read. It is important that each member keep her contact information up to date. We do want keep in touch on all events and changes in status.

Five members of our branch are eligible for 50-Year Honorary Membership status this year. Applications have been requested and forms will be sent to AAUW when all are returned to me. Certificates will be sent from AAUW. Branch plans to recognize these members are pending.

The membership committee will be meeting to decide how to proceed with placement of our Promotional Flyers, the Empowerment Survey, Special Events for promoting AAUW in our area and Roster Sheets. Sandra Schmulbach and I are working to convert information to a digital database that will be updated yearly. Our progress report will be given at a coming meeting. The information is helpful in nominating for awards, chairmanships, officers, etc. Hopefully, it will be fully accessible for such use.

Member bios and pictures are published as they come in. These articles are shared so that we can meet, greet and invite them to our activities. Photo gallery sheets were not distributed to all new members. If you need these pages to add to your yearbook, please let me know, as I will make a paper copy and bring it to a branch meeting with your name on it. Your assistance is needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

For a really good view of the closing ceremony of The Big Read, you will enjoy the following video made by students at the Elgin Academy for Gail Borden Library distribution.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onq1Py_HOa0--
Becky Olson, Membership Vice-President

[WELCOME these new members:](#)

[Patricia Piper Golden](#)

[Janette Burger](#)



Janette Burger graduated from Hanover College in Hanover, IN, with a degree in English. She received my master's in library science from Northern Illinois University. When North Central College had a branch campus in St.

Charles, she decided to get her MBA in marketing. Most recently, she finished a Digital Archives and Records Management certificate through San Jose State University in San Jose, CA--a new experience where her classes were online. Janette best liked the live lectures where she could interact in real time with her professor and fellow classmates.

Until recently, Janette was a solo librarian and General Education Chair at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Schaumburg, IL. She previously worked with Follett Software Company as their corporate librarian as well as worked in the sales and marketing departments. Janette also worked in the old Gail Borden Public Library in the children's department.

Janette is a long-time member of the Taylor YMCA where she swims, lifts weights, walks/talks, and takes Zumba classes. Her hobbies include traveling, vintage clothing, and ballroom dancing.

One of Janette's favorite trips was to Greece. She toured Athens, Mykonos, Patmos, with a stop in Ephesus. an area so rich in history. She would love to go back and see more of the islands, especially Santorini. Another favorite place she has traveled is Beijing and the surrounding area. In her own words: "It was overwhelming to be standing on The Great Wall of China and realize it can be seen in space."

Janette's love of ballroom dancing started while watching Fred Astaire movies on TV. She was fascinated by the grace and flowing long dresses. The love of vintage clothing started while watching those old movies, too. She is taking ballroom dancing lessons with Barb and Jim Finn through Elgin Community College. She says dancing is a lot of fun and great exercise.

She is looking forward to participating in AAUW and admires the long-term friendships that have formed and been strengthened through the organization's activities!



Judy Calderon was born in Erie, PA, an only child of a hard-working single mom. They moved in with her grandparents and then followed them to St. Petersburg, Florida when her grandfather retired. Judy married at 18, after only one year of college, and had to postpone her education while raising two daughters. The family

moved to Salisbury, NC, where they lived for 28 years. When her children were in elementary school, she and her husband divorced. Judy went back to school. She earned a Bachelor's in Psychology at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC, and a Master's in Speech and

Language Pathology from the University of North Carolina. Judy has worked as a Speech and Language Pathologist in many different settings: the public schools (early intervention programs, the Head Start program), hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies, and had a private practice for eight years. With time, her children grew up, moved away, married and had their own children. She remarried a Peruvian man - hence, the name "Calderon"; however, they parted after 10 years. At the age of 53, Judy moved to Pittsburgh, PA, to be close to one of her daughters. She started a new career as Director of Speech and Language Services for one of the out-patient satellites for in- and out-patient rehab with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh. She also worked for the North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh. She and her widowed mother traveled on wonderful vacations throughout Europe. Judy has beautiful memories of those times with her mother who was able to walk and keep up with the most demanding tours until she was well into her 80's. They were like Lucy and Ethel - always doing crazy things and laughing until they cried (or worse!). She was alone again after four years in Pittsburgh when her daughter's husband took a position in Geneva! Do you follow your children? She loved her children. Coincidentally, her other daughter was already living in this area. That daughter resides in Glen Ellyn. When Judy retired in 2011, after a 30- year career working with both children and adults with a wide variety of communication disorders, she moved here. Judy lives in Edgewater, the Del Webb community, in Elgin. Her two daughters have given her six beautiful, healthy grandchildren whom she cherishes. Is there a lesson to be learned here?

Major life events can take their toll on us, and Judy found that some major health issues, losing her mother, retiring from a fulfilling 30 year-career, and making a move to the Midwest left her feeling a bit like a fish out of water. She is fortunate to have joined many clubs and participated in many activities in the community and is blessed to have found a wonderful church, St. Hugh, where she has felt so welcome. AND she also found AAUW - a group of warm, welcoming, fun, intelligent women who are enriching her life with such interesting activities! Judy says: "I'm the older one in the photo!" - She has a sense of humor, too!



Rosemary Dyson, who was born and raised in Philadelphia, has dedicated her time and energy to advocating for and with people who need a helping hand. She served on the board of directors

of KenCrest, a human services agency that provides community-based services and supports in the Delaware Valley for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and autism. KenCrest serves 8,700 children, adults and their families in 350 locations in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Connecticut. After relocating to the Chicago area, she served on the board of Lutheran Congregations for Career Development (LCCD). LCCD created career possibilities for at-risk inner-city Chicago youth. The organization provided career guidance, training and assistance as well as positive life skills training and leadership development.

Rosemary graduated from Syracuse University with a dual B.S. degree in Journalism and Human Development. She worked for The Lutheran Magazine as a News Editor from 1991-1995. In that capacity she performed interviews and detailed research in order to produce international and domestic news stories for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a 4.7 million member mainline denomination. She also worked closely with writers and photographers in 20 countries to generate feature articles, news analysis and press releases.

From 1995-2011 Rosemary assumed the role of Associate Executive Director for the Multicultural Ministries program unit. In that capacity she planned and executed a wide array of events, training initiatives and special programs in support of global multicultural awareness. Rosemary managed a half million dollar grant-making fund for development of printed resources and educational programs. She also prepared and submitted grant proposals acquiring funds for departmental programs.

Rosemary researched, wrote and edited a wide range of original articles, curricula and marketing material on domestic, global cross-cultural and interracial topics and news releases. In addition, she also supervised budget development for the Multicultural Ministries unit.

Her Professional Activities: Kaleidoscope Institute: Certification in Planning and Leading Diversity Workshops. Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Mediation Skills Training Certification.

Rosemary currently provides freelance and contract editorial services that include writing articles, editing manuscripts and coordinating book projects from initial planning to final implementation.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is pleased to report that Co-Presidents **Shirley May Byrnes** and **Wilma Booth** have agreed to serve another year.

The slate of officers for 2014-2016 is as follows:
Program Vice-Presidents--**Muriel Fenzel** has been a member since 2005. This is her second term as Program Vice-President. She has been on the nominating, Social and Garden Walk Committees. She enjoys the evening book group.

Judy Fishburn has been a member since 2009. This is her second term as Program Vice-President. She enjoys the book groups, Bridge and At the Movies.

Corresponding Secretary--**Karen Patterson** has been a member since 1994. She has served several terms as our Corresponding Secretary. She has been a member of the Membership and Diversity committees. She has participated in the book groups, STEM, Bridge and Canasta Groups.

Treasurer--**Linda Youngren** has been a member since 1972. This will be her second term as Treasurer. She has served on the Program, Awards and Public Policy committees. She was one of our Newsletter Editors 2005-2011. She enjoys the morning book group.

We are fortunate to have all of these officers agree to serve another term--**Bonnie Hill** and **Judy Kaulfuss**, co-chairs.

Educational Opportunities Garden Walk June 28, 2014 9-3

This is the year for our Garden Walk and we have located some beautiful eastside ones to showcase. Our profits go to support Educational Opportunities at the National level. We will need LOTS OF HELP to make this a SUCCESS! Let Jan Jones or Mary Navin know if you would like to work on the committee. We will also need hostesses for each garden on the day of the walk. For now, please put June 28 on your calendar and it's never too early to start thinking 70 degrees and SUN!
Katherine Jablonowski and Jan Jones, co-chairs

Legal Advocacy Fund

Fundraiser

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our members who participated in the LAF fundraiser at our January Branch Meeting. Together we raised \$272.50 for LAF. Your caring and interest in LAF is greatly appreciated.

Legal Advocacy begins with workers and students who know their rights in the workplace and on campus. What would you do if you faced discrimination or harassment? The LAF section of the AAUW website offers a wealth of easy-to-understand information about your legal rights. Explore the new LAF Employee Rights and information Center through the Know Your Rights at Work resource page, and learn about the laws that govern your rights in the workplace. Go to Know Your Rights on Campus to learn about your rights as a student, student athlete, or faculty member. There is a wealth of information for you to discover.

Rachel Campbell, Chair

Reel Women/Real Women

Coming Attraction

Tuesday

February 25

6:00 pm

Gail Borden Library



Free Angela and All Political Prisoners

(2012)

Not Rated

Continue your celebration of Black History Month with our showing of "Free Angela and All Political Prisoners." This excellent documentary centers on the 1960s -70s struggle of educator and activist Angela Davis, an outspoken UCLA professor whose affiliation with the Communist Party and the Black Panthers landed her on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list while challenging our perceptions of political freedom in America. From her early years as a student in the U.S. and abroad to her highly publicized arrest and trial following the brazen hostage-taking and murder of Marin County judge Harold Haley in California, this film leaves no stone unturned as it explores every remarkable detail of Davis' life, and allows her to tell her own stories through a series of intimate interviews.

Reel Women for Real Women is excited to announce that Tish Powell and Traci Ellis will be facilitating the discussion. They have joined us in the past and their facilitation has been insightful and thought-provoking.

This is an event you will not want to miss!

As usual, showtime is 6 pm at Gail Borden Library's Community Room. Discussion follows the film. --

Margaret Keen/Barbara Evans/Janelle Walker, co-chairs

Evening Crafters

Weather permitting, **Evening Crafters** will be meeting on February 17, at 7 PM, at Lee Engman's home in Palatine. Our project will be a crocheted dishcloth—either a pattern of your own or the "official" pattern, a Tunisian stitch "Ball Band" dishcloth from *Crochet World Magazine*. Supplies needed would be dishcloth cotton in contrasting colors and a size J afghan hook. Because parking is limited and the distance is far, it is suggested that anyone coming call Linda Rusenovich (847-741-7636) to carpool (she knows the way). All are welcome, even if you do not do the project.

Attention Knitters!

Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice provides hats for women undergoing chemotherapy at Presence St. Joseph's Hospital. Recently, a bag of hats from an unknown source contained several hats that looked like the one below. A group of women receiving treatment instantly fell in love with the whimsy of these hats. They had a grand time choosing the one wanted, taking pictures, laughing, and promptly named themselves "The Bird Brains" because of the feather-like Fun Fur. Since then, newly bald women have requested their own hats. Alas, we don't know who made them, but AAUW member Juanita Brook has graciously studied the one remaining hat and has charted the pattern. If you would like to join in knitting from that pattern, please contact AAUW member Sharon Sutton via her email: www.joyfulsharon@aol.com or 847-697-5536. A variety of sizes and colors would be appreciated.





Victoria Rodriguez—NCCWSL Awardee

This past semester has been one of the most hectic I have dealt with in some time. At the start of my senior year, I began to apply to graduate schools pertaining to occupational therapy.

This process took up much of my free time, but was well worth the effort. I will begin to hear back from graduate programs around March 2014. Aside from spending copious amounts of time applying and taking standardized tests enabling me to apply to these programs, I am also currently shadowing an occupational therapist at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois, five hours a week. This has been an eye-opening experience for me. As a kinesiology student, I have learned much about the anatomy of the body over the years. Now, actually working in a hospital, I have been able to apply some of the knowledge and skills to benefit patients needing therapy. I have also learned much more about myself as a young professional. Working in a hospital has made me realize that I may have interest in other careers in the healthcare system. I am now currently applying to graduate programs pertaining to public health specifying in global healthcare. It is a dream of mine to provide quality healthcare to those who need it most around the world. My ultimate goal is to team up with a non-profit that focuses on healthcare and education of women. Although occupational therapy is still near and dear to my heart, I have grown fond of many nongovernmental groups that focus on conquering goals that help larger populations as opposed to smaller groups as OT normally tends to do.

I am also currently working on The University of Illinois campus 20 to 25 hours a week.

Within the next couple of months I will be doing some travelling abroad. This summer I will participate in an excursion with The University of Illinois Global Medical Brigades. Our trip will consist of spending a week in Honduras and providing communities with sustainable public health systems such as basic sanitation, latrines, storage and water storing units, and overall a more eco-friendly way of daily living. I am currently raising funds for the trip and hope to be able to attend. For more information I have provided the link below.

<http://www.empowered.org/Victoria-Rodriguez>

May 18, 2014 marks my graduation from the U of I Department of Applied Health Sciences. I am beyond thrilled to receive my undergraduate degree in Kinesiology and I am extremely excited to begin my new life in graduate school.

This summer (my first summer in four years not taking college courses!), I will be moving to Portland, Maine to spend some time with my friends and boyfriend before I figure out where I will be attending graduate school. I would love to remain a part of the AAUW Elgin Branch. I love the mission statement and goals the AAUW strives to achieve. Much of what I have learned from the AAUW continues to drive my goal to make improvements in the lives of women today. Although I am located further away from Elgin, I would like to further my connection to the STEM team and help where I am needed. As always, I appreciate all of the opportunities the AAUW has provided me with. I hope that in my future endeavors I can make improvements in not only the Elgin Branch but for women everywhere.

Margaret Keen will be meeting with Victoria to talk about STEM issues in February.—Medina Gross

International Affairs

One in three women and girls still experience violence in their lifetime. But violence against women is neither inevitable nor acceptable. There's more work to be done to prevent and end it. **The UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women** was created in 1996 to support effective initiatives by local organizations, governments and UN country teams to address, reduce, prevent, and, with persistence, eliminate this global pandemic. To learn more, see ow.ly/qKCRx

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for Elgin's February 14 **One Billion Rising for Justice**, an international event begun by Eve Ensler almost 18 years ago that calls women survivors of violence and those who love them to rise up against rape, sexual assault and domestic battery worldwide and to break the silence and release their stories. Only two AAUW members were among the 40 women who rose up in Elgin last year. This year please make our number far greater so that with the red scarves or pieces of cloth (say between 4-8" wide) we bring we can link together with other women to make a lasting impression on our community.

To view a video clip of women rising around the world in 2013, see www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YS8NIBc-z0

To learn of the impact this event has had on one woman from the D.R. Congo, see www.onebillionrising.org/4467/rising-justice-jane-mukuninwa/

To learn of the increasing violence against Haitian women since the 2010 earthquake, see

<http://www.thenation.com/article/177867/haitis-women-need-more-trickle-aid-money#>

To become aware that in Somalia rape victims and journalists who report on them are sentenced to prison for "offending state institutions," see www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-25037324

That in Rwanda nearly 3,000 local leaders have been educated to fight gender-based violence by "promoting the concept of positive masculinity" is encouraging. To read more about this, see

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2013/11/in-rwanda-men-work-to-change-attitudes-and-confront-violence>

The story of the **Afghan Women's Cycling Team** that is breaking gender barriers to promote women's rights is found at www.visualnews.com/2013/12/19/afghan-womens-cycling-team-breaks-gender-barriers-promote-womens-rights/

Landays—"oral and often anonymous scraps of song known for their beauty, bawdiness and wit as well as for the piercing ability to articulate a common truth—are created by and for the mostly illiterate 20 million Pashtun women who span the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan." Featured in depth in *Poetry Magazine* at www.poetryfoundation.org/media/landays.html, they dispel the image of the women as "nothing but mute ghosts beneath blue burqas." **Barbara Evans**

Women's History Month Brunch

Attached to this newsletter is the flyer for the March 15 brunch, which will feature the music of women who helped ignite and propel social movements. We hope you will be able to attend. The information you'll need to register is on the flyer. Missing, however, is the last day to make reservations, which is Friday, March 8.

Because we had 19 appear for the brunch without reservations last year and ran short of food trying to feed them, this year those who do not make reservations will be allowed to join us for the program for a partial charge but will not be fed.

If you have places you'd like to post the flyer, either print it out or call the YW to arrange for some to be printed for you—**Barbara Evans**

Message from Newsletter Editors

Newsletter deadline is February 20. Please submit all items as a **Word** document to all three editors.

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Jeanne Hebeisen - jeanne@mc.net

Beverly Lovett - lovett1988@comcast.net

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AAUW is open to all graduates who hold an Associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution.

AAUW's Mission Statement

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

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

AAUW's Educational Foundation

AAUW provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive social change.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

AAUW invests in activities that prevent and combat sex discrimination and promote gender equity through support of litigation and educational programs.

About the Elgin Area Branch and AAUW Times

The Elgin Area Branch was organized in 1920 with 40 charter members.

AAUW Times is published nine times a year by the Elgin Area Branch of the American Association of Women.

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