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Life-long education and positive social change*

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General Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 7 pm

Pedaling Preservation

Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin

Kim Bauer and Madeline Richmond synthesize art, photography and history in their popular blog <https://pedalingpreservation.wordpress.com>. Kim writes “in an informal voice about formal facts” as she describes Elgin’s significant buildings. Maddie, who teaches art at St. Edward’s High School, photographs their architectural features. For their efforts these two young women have been honored with a Mayor’s Award for Preservation.



Calendar

- Nov 4 Movie Discussion Group 4:30 pm
Colonial Cafe
The Queen of Katwe
- Nov 7 Branch board meeting 7 pm
Hostess: Jeanne Hebeisen
- Nov 9 Good Tastes 5 pm
Art and Alma’s, Burlington
847 622-7656
- Nov 10 Morning Book Group 9:30 am
Home Front
Kristin Hannah
Hostess: Sara Ellen Anderson
- Nov 14 Great Books 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
The Illiad, Books 1, 20, and 24
- Nov 14 Knitting 1 pm
Bring completed hats
Hostess: Juanita Brook
- Nov 16 Branch meeting 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
- Nov 17 Women and Culture/Diversity
Field trip to Hindu Temple
Hostess: Sue Schulz
- Nov 20 Deadline for Dec-Jan newsletter

Nov 22 Reel Women/Real Women 6 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
Ghostbusters (2016)

Nov 2 The Book Club
Location TBA
Thirteen Reasons Why
Jay Asher

Nov 30 Evening Book Group 7 pm
Braiding Sweetgrass
Robin W. Kimmerer
Hostess: Mary Navin

Non-Branch Events

Jan 28 Networking Luncheon - Deerfield
Feb 14 The Long Red Line, ECC
March 18 Women's History Month Brunch
April 8 Fellowships Brunch at Lambs Farm
May 5-6 State Convention
May 11 YWCA Leadership Luncheon
June 14-17 National Convention

Co-President's Report From Juanita Brook

Hi everyone! I'm back from Ecuador and Costa Rica and so happy to see all the activity going on in our branch! The garage sale had to compete with several days of rain and yet we did quite well.

Our new group, Women and Culture, met and discovered some of the hidden diversity right within our branch, as we learned about the origin cultures of the other participants attending that evening. Tish Calhammer and Becky Olson are going to start a new book club in conjunction with Women and Culture. Look for their survey about which day and time would work best. More details to be announced next month.

For our October general meeting, Trish Williams came to us from Peoria with her own art quilts and a slide show and historical research of other African American quilts. She also brought small quilts to sell as well as copies of a book titled, *Textural Rhythms: Quilting and the Jazz Tradition* by Carolyn L. Mazloomi. They were attractive coffee table type books brimming with colorful photos of

quilts with a jazz theme. A lively question and answer session followed the presentation.

Now I'm looking forward to more of the great programs that our program committee has planned for us this year. Be sure to attend as many as possible and think about sharing the experience by bringing a friend. I think our programs are both educational and entertaining and we shouldn't keep them all to ourselves.

Consider making a small personal contribution to **Charting the Course**. This campaign began at the last national convention and ends December 31. This money will go to unrestricted funds for AAUW. These funds go toward all AAUW programs and projects such as Tech Trek and Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, and Elect Her as well as the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for Women Student Leaders, the AAUW National Convention, and our research. Checks can be made out to **Charting the Course Fund 4402**. Every little bit will help.

Branch Meeting Minutes September 1, 2016 From Bonnie Hill

Co-President Muriel Fenzel called our Branch Meeting to order at 6:30 pm after a potluck dinner with foods from different continents. Decorations had an Olympic theme. She thanked Jane Watson and Mary Ellen Barbezat and their committee. The minutes from our May meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer, Linda Knight--The Treasurer's Report was approved as emailed and will be filed for audit. Linda then presented the proposed budget that had been emailed and approved by the board. Shirley May Byrnes asked why the line item for Women on the Brink had been taken out. Barb Evans move to amend the budget to add \$250 for Women on the Brink. Seconded by Barb Mulliken. Motion carried. Jennifer Ford thanked everyone. Margaret Dutcher moved to accept the budget as amended. Barb Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Co-Program Chairs Patty Harkin and Gareth Sitz--Our next Branch meeting will be Oct 6 at the Elgin Historical Museum. Trish Williams a quilter and historian will be our speaker.

Co-Membership Chairs Rosemary Dyson and Sue Schulz--Rosemary introduced our new members, Diane Van Wie Gross, Norma Willis and Dale Anderson. One guest, Karen Picklesmere.

Membership Treasurer Becky Olson--We have over 105 members.

Co-Presidents Juanita Brook and Muriel Fenzel--We are starting a committee to work on our 100th Anniversary celebration in 2020.

Committee Reports

Audit--Beverly Lovett and Katherine Jablonowski--Completed the audit and everything was in order.

Diversity-Sue Schulz--I Fest had very good exposure. MLK- both Sue and Rosemary Dyson are sitting on the committee. Centro de Informacion Gala Event will be Sept 23 and they are still looking for volunteers and donation gifts.

EO Funds--Jan Jones and Beverly Lovett--Garage Sale will be Sept 28-Oct 1.

Newsletter Ads--Jelayne Ewers--Still looking for more ads.

Website--Marcia Cameron and Nancy Lamia – Please look for current information.

Yearbook--Marti Jernberg--The board gave a big thank you to Marty for doing the yearbook.

Old Business--Jeanne Hebeisen updated the branch regarding the Art Showcase Funds; a picture has been commissioned and is in its final stages of completion.

Announcements- Julie Ford said the Elgin Garden Club will be having the head director of the Kew Gardens coming to the Gail Borden Library, Sept 20. Margaret Dutcher said she had the wonderful opportunity to tour our National headquarters in Washington DC. Recommends it to all.

Sue Schulz presented our program on Diversity.

Motion to adjourn at 9 pm was made by Libby Hoefl and seconded by Jane Watson.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Hill, Secretary

Membership Matters

By Rosemary Dyson

This month I want to highlight AAUW's global outreach. When you ask: What value do I receive from my AAUW membership? Just access the AAUW website, www.aauw.org. AAUW's outreach to women reaches all corners of the earth. Through our membership and support we nurture women leaders worldwide. Not only do we educate women but we strengthen communities and improve the lives of women, men and children. Below you will find a preview of the wonderful treasures that AAUW gives to the world.

AAUW is working to improve the lives of all women through confronting the pay gap between men and women in the workplace. AAUW is a champion of speaking out about the sexism that still permeates U.S. society. These are just a few examples of how this organization steps out of the ivory tower of colleges and universities to make a difference.

Global Connections



When a woman is educated and empowered, she starts a ripple effect in her community. This is true all over the world. But women still face barriers that

keep education and security out of reach. Only through community support and access to resources like education, health care, and career opportunities will women have the chance to succeed. That's why AAUW has [given fellowships](#) to more than 3,000 women in 134 countries and why we regularly speak out on behalf of women and girls [at the United Nations](#) and in critical [global coalitions](#). Check out how AAUW has gone global.



[From Fellowships to Delegations to Grassroots Projects](#)

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/global-connections/international-programs/>

AAUW uses funding and community outreach to make a difference at every level of advocacy. We've [given fellowships to more than 3,000 women scholars](#) from 134 countries and sent [delegations](#) of AAUW members to three continents to learn about the unique challenges in specific countries. AAUW also funds projects that address the needs of women and girls in communities around the world.



A Strong History of Global Work

AAUW has a rich legacy of international work, and our efforts have intersected with world history in fascinating ways. International outreach became a priority to AAUW members immediately following World War I, when AAUW member Virginia Gildersleeve and two British women, Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sidgwick, established the International Federation of University Women to promote peace and understanding among women in different countries.

During the occupations of World War II, AAUW assisted European women scholars whose lives were at risk: AAUW members helped [find academic positions for these students and professors in the United States and other countries](#). Following World War II, AAUW continued its commitment to cooperation through participation at the Bretton Woods Conference and the United Nations. Today, AAUW continues to advocate for women and girls in a variety of ways.



[Collaborating for Change](#)

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/global-connections/international-coalitions/>

AAUW is a member of many coalitions that support human rights and equality for women and girls. Collaborations include a strategic partnership with the [Clinton Global Initiative](#) and special [consultative status with the United Nations](#), which means we have influential U.N. privileges that other nongovernmental organizations don't have.



The Future of Our Global Community

By expanding relationships with international colleges and universities, AAUW is marking the beginning of a new chapter in our history of engaging women worldwide through gaining new [AAUW college/university partner members](#) all over the world. This chapter will be written by learning about each country's unique culture and gender challenges and working with local communities to reach collaborative solutions.

Women and Culture/Diversity From Sue Schulz

BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha – Hindu Temple Field Trip

November 17, 10:10 am

1851 S. Rt. 59, Bartlett

This is a first in a series of field trips to examine the faiths that surround our area. Walk through the beginning of civilization; learn about the history and beauty of Hinduism.

A lunch at the Shayona Food Center afterwards is available for those who are interested.

Proper attire (no sleeveless tops, shorts or skirts shorter than knee length) is required. Removal of all footwear is required before entering the Mandir (temple). Please review webpage prior to our visit and you must **[RSVP by November 4.](#)**

Public Policy From Emily Navin

Two-Thirds of Public Schools Reported Zero Incidents of Sexual Harassment in 2013–14

AAUW has reviewed the U.S. Department of Education's recently released Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) for 2013–14 to find out how often sexual harassment and gender-based bullying are reported in U.S. public schools. Analyzing the data by local education agency (LEA) — typically a public school district, charter school, or system of charter schools — AAUW found that more than two-thirds (67 percent) of LEAs in the United States reported zero allegations of sexual harassment or bullying during the 2013–14 school year.

The Problem with the Findings

If the CRDC report is to be believed, that means two-thirds of schools have eliminated sexual harassment and bullying completely. Many reports, including AAUW's research, refute this.

The AAUW report *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment in Schools* found that nearly half of students grades 7–12 (and more than half of girls) reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment in the previous school year. A 2013 Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network survey of LGBT students in middle and high school found that 74 percent were verbally harassed in the previous year because of their sexual orientation and 55 percent were verbally harassed because of their gender expression. Based on these findings, we can infer that schools included in the CRDC data are vastly underestimating the frequency of sexual harassment and bullying based on sex in U.S. schools.

This 2013–14 release is the third collection of harassment data from the CRDC. AAUW believes that schools have had ample time to correct and adjust their policies and procedures to ensure accurate reporting. Whatever reasoning they may cite for reporting zeros, it's likely that many of these schools simply haven't taken the steps necessary to educate the school community about what to do when sexual harassment occurs. And failing to report these incidents is especially

harmful to girls and LGBT students, who are disproportionately affected.

Rates of zero reporting vary from state to state. For example, 88 percent of LEAs in Florida and 80 percent of LEAs in Arizona reported zero incidents of sexual harassment, whereas 25 percent of LEAs in West Virginia reported zeros. And the numbers themselves also require scrutiny: Some LEAs contain hundreds of schools, whereas others consist of only a single charter school.

What We Can Do

The information provided in the CRDC is vital to promoting Title IX compliance in local communities and investigating where schools don't appear to be following the law. In 2015, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights recommended that Title IX coordinators train relevant staff about how information on sex-based harassment should be reported under the CRDC and work to ensure the accuracy of the reporting. Parents, students, and advocates should locate their local school's Title IX coordinator and bring these findings to their attention.

Furthermore, states and the federal government must provide adequate funding for this important work. Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) have introduced the Patsy Mink Gender Equity in Education Act of 2016 (GEEA). The proposed legislation provides more resources, training, and technical assistance to support gender equity work in our schools and establishes an Office of Gender Equity in the U.S. Department of Education to coordinate activities within the department and among other federal agencies. GEEA also supports Title IX coordinators by providing annual training and competitive grants for gender equity programs in K-12 schools, colleges, local educational agencies, or states.

The zeros don't tell the truth about what's happening in schools. That's why AAUW members across the country are already calling on their governors to correct these erroneous numbers and confront the sexual harassment crisis in K-12 schools.

Reel Women/Real Women

From Janelle Walker



Tues., Nov. 22: **Ghostbusters (2016)**
Starring: Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones

Two paranormal researchers (Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy) join forces with a nuclear engineer (Kate McKinnon) and a subway attendant (Leslie Jones) to fight off a slew of ghosts that have invaded New York City. Eventually, they come face-to-face with an evil entity who can control human beings.

If it sounds familiar, you might remember the original 1984 film starring Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis. When it was announced that Paul Feig (*Bridesmaids*) would direct this reboot of the 1980s franchise, the Internet exploded with negative reviews. The trailer became the most-disliked ever on YouTube. The director was accused of sexism for casting all female leads, and critics who gave positive reviews were accused of being paid to do so. The discussion will likely be less about the film and more about the hate directed toward it.

Open to the public, Reel Women meets at Gail Borden Library at 6 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month except December. You are welcome to bring food and drink into the movie. Discussion follows the show.

Great Books

From Jeanne Hebeisen

Since our Great Books book group is co-sponsored by the Gail Borden Library, not only you, but also any of your non-AAUW relatives or acquaintances, are welcome. We urge you to join us. You just have to have a willingness to read some challenging things (and sometimes less challenging ones) that lead to interesting discussions. You may think one has to be a Mensa candidate to be a part of our group. Not true! A curious, open mind does help, however. Most of our readings are fairly short. Occasionally, we read a book of less than 300

pages. Twice a year we have a poetry session. We promise to never read about any dead men and their wars! We meet on the second Monday at the Library at 7 pm. Check out our schedule for this year in the Yearbook. Contact me for further information.

Community Liaison From Judy Fishburn

As AAUW - Elgin community liaison position this year, I am pleased to bring you the details of a project that our Elgin Branch proudly supports. That project, "One Billion Rising", is a global initiative to stop rape and violence.



This Global Movement, now in its fifth year, is a campaign to sharpen the focus and visibility of the exploitation of women, and to harness even stronger global solidarity to demand an end to violence against women in all forms. This year's theme is Solidarity to End the Exploitation of Women. "The Long Red Line" has become a symbol for that Solidarity. Event participants are invited to make, buy, create, bring - a red - ribbon, scarf, cloth – lifeline, which, when held hand to hand to hand to hand, will encircle the entire room.

Two years ago, President Obama and Vice President Biden launched the "It's On Us Campaign" from the East Room of the White House.

The "It's On Us" pledge is to work to end campus sexual assault on college campuses by reframing the conversation surrounding sexual assault in a way

that empowers, educates, and engages college students to do something, big or small, to prevent it. During October, designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month at ECC, plans were finalized to celebrate Solidarity To End the Exploitation of Women. "One Billion Rising, The Long Red Line" - will honor the theme of Solidarity from 10 to 11:30 am on February 14, 2017, in Jobe Lounge at Elgin Community College.

The event is free. You are encouraged to attend and to bring your red ribbon – scarf – cloth - lifeline to the celebration!

For information on how to get involved, contact:

Carolyn Karp, Community Crisis Center, 847 697-2380

Amybeth Mauer, ECC Student Life, 847 214-7370

Barbie in Prison Garb From Jeanne Hebeisen



The sign she wears says “75% of incarcerated women are also survivors of Domestic Violence.”

Knitting Group From Kathy Turnquist

Our new meeting date is Monday November 14 (changed from the yearbook) at the home of Juanita Brook from 1-3 p.m. Please bring all completed hats to the meeting or be sure Kathy Turnquist has them by November 30. The completed hats will be delivered to Association for Individual Development on December 1 to be distributed at their Holiday Celebration.

For further information, contact Kathy Turnquist at 847-431-2473.

SAVE THE DATE!
Thirty-fourth Annual
AAUW-IL Networking Luncheon
Saturday, January 28, 2017
Deerfield Embassy Suites
\$40



Speaker: Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune Columnist

Watch for details in the next edition of this newsletter.