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**Elgin Area Branch
1920-2018**



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Life-long education and positive social change*

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AAUW's Mission Statement
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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General Meeting

Thursday, November 14 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
Meadows Community Rooms



100th Anniversary
Empowering Women & Girls
1920-2020

**Celebrating 100th: Awards and Accomplishments
of the Elgin Branch over the past 100 years**
A reader's theatre presentation
by Marcia Cameron and branch members

An Evening with U-46 CEO Tony Sanders



Tony Sanders, the CEO of the second-largest school district in Illinois will update us on the challenges, concerns and joys that over 40,000 students experience during the school year.

Calendar

- Oct 24 **Women and Culture** 1 pm
Note: This is an October date
Hostess: Sue Schultz
Native American Presenter
Gina Roxie, Potawatami Tribe
- Nov. 6 **Current Movie Discussion Group** 4:30 pm
Cafe Rubios, Huntley
Freeman Rd. just east of Rt. 47
Downton Abbey and a selection for November
- Nov 11 **Great Books** 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
"Babylon Revisited" and "Winter Dreams"
F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Nov. 14 **Morning Book Group** 9:30 am
Hostess: Ruth Bradburn
Women Talking, Miriam Toews
- Nov. 14 **General Meeting**
- Nov. 18 **Knitting/Crocheting Group** 1 pm
Hostess: Carol Blohm
- Nov. 20 **Evening Book Group** 7 pm
Note: this is the 3rd Wednesday
Hostess: Jan Jones
Where the Crawdads Sing, Delia Owens

Reel Women for Real Women does not meet in November or December.

Non Branch Events

- Feb. 12 **Long Red Line**
 ECC
- March 7 **Elgin Area Women's History Month Tea**
 ECC Business Center 11- 1:30
- Apr. 11 **AAUW Fellows Luncheon**
 Lambs Farm, Libertyville
- June 18-19 **Regional Convention**
 East Moline, IL
This will replace the National and State Conventions.

Co-Presidents' Note From Marlene Daubert

Last week, Lydia Gillus from our local branch and a leader in STEM education right here in the Elgin area, gave us an insightful presentation and hands on activity in the area of STEM education. At our tables, she had us creating structures that could withstand some weight, with all of us given the same resources. Our creativity (also known as engineering skills) and team work were put to the test. It was a fun and engaging evening.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These are skills that are necessary in navigating our complex world and in our global economy. The US ranks 38th out of 71 countries in the area of Math and 24th in the area of Science. We can do better! STEM is a curriculum that teaches children and teens how to use these skills in real-life scenarios and exposes them to potential jobs. We also learned that the pay is very good with the average annual pay of \$87,570 in these fields, well above the average pay across the country, and it is an expanding job growth area, expected to grow 13% between 2017 and 2027.

With all these positive things, women are only 24% of the workforce in STEM professions. Minority women are significantly under represented in STEM. These careers have been stereotyped for men, but women are just as capable and sorely needed. Plus, they can take on leadership roles and serve as role models for those who come behind them. Schools, afterschool programs, summer camps are excellent ways to introduce and nurture our young people, especially our young women into these areas. In fact, STEM is an emphasis in our national AAUW organization, touching on all 3 of the focus areas...education and training, economic security (with good paying jobs) and leadership (developing very capable women). AAUW gives out grants to programs to help support and encourage girls in this area.

How can you help? Encourage girls to explore STEM education and degrees. Volunteer at an afterschool program (contact Lydia for ways to help in our area) and support STEM funding.

General Meeting Minutes October 10, 2019

Marlene Daubert Co-President called the meeting to order at 7:02 at Zion Lutheran Church. Rachel Campbell presented a look at branch history through the life story of one of our founding members, Pearl E. Foltz, who had a groundbreaking career as an educator and an attorney.

Rosemary Dyson, Co-President, introduced branch member Lydia Gillus who is head of Stem Savvy. She presented an entertaining program outlining her organizations work in The Elgin area and led our members in a group activity to demonstrate some of the methods used in reaching out to young students.

Carol Wieg, Chairman of Local Scholarships, introduced Lauren Janacek, recipient of our \$1000 scholarship in 2019. Lauren is a senior in accounting at Judson University and was presented with a plaque and a student membership. Carol also announced that applications for next year's scholarship are now available from her or online.

Patty Harken announced that we made a profit of \$900 at the fall garage sale and thanked all who had volunteered their time and items. It was noted that while we had fewer donations this year, we also had fewer unsold items to dispose of.

Sue Schulz, Centennial Committee, reminded everyone that she is still accepting donations and selling T-shirts (although few are left).

Rita Shaw, Membership Chairman, announced that we now have 117 members.

Marlene Daubert, Co-President, announced the Fall Northern Conference will be held October 19th from 9-1 at IIT Rice Campus in Wheaton. Anyone wishing to attend can register online. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Spates, Secretary

Garage Sale From Patty Harkin

Our Fall garage sale, generously hosted once again by Nancy and Dan Gardner, earned \$900. Thanks to Nancy and Dan, to Jim Spates who transported supplies to the Gardners' house and to all the volunteers who helped.

One explanation for the lower yield this year is that we had fewer donations. For example, last Spring, it took two pickup truckloads to transport the donations from Jane Lawson's



estate, and the gifts from our former member Barbara Chase filled a couple of cars. We had no such large donations this year. Also, we had no furniture or large donations that would attract buyers from the street who would then pick up smaller items.

By the same token, though, the amount of unsold stuff we gave to the Salvation Army is much less. I estimate that we sold a much larger percentage of our donations than before.

The weather, though chilly, was dry and even sunny on Saturday.

An extra day for prep that Nancy gave us allowed for better organization; every donation was on a table and ready for purchase by opening on Thursday. As members brought donations on Friday and Saturday, we managed to keep up with the pricing.

The sale was advertised on my Facebook page and on that of the branch, as well as in the newsletter. Some branch members shared the announcements on their own social media pages. We also advertised on Elgin Online Garage Sale, Kane County Garage Sales, Facebook Marketplace and other such sites. The total “reach” for those sites was approximately 5000 users, although many people subscribe to all of them, so that number is surely inflated.



Art Sub-committee From Ruth Bradburn

Request for additional artwork: If you have original art work that was purchased during the years 1960-2008 at an Art Showcase that meet the committee’s criteria and would like it displayed at the ArtSpace Event: “ART SHOWCASE RETROSPECTIVE” during the weeks of March 6-18, 2020 please include:

- a photo of artwork
- artist name
- date of purchase
- media
- framed measurements
- owner's name and contact information

Send to Julie Ford (jinjford@sbcglobal.net) or mail to 1225 Forest Drive, Elgin 60123.

Easels are needed for ArtSpace exhibit.

Volunteers for Art Committee are always needed for our three planned 100th events. Contact: Muriel Fenzel: muriel5@sbcglobal.net.

A big thank you to Berna Movers, Joan Berna’s son, for transporting the art work to ArtSpace.

Newsletter Tidbit History Sub-Committee From Marti Jernberg

For most of our first hundred years study topics were an important part of who we were and how members interacted. One of the early purposes of AAUW was to give women the opportunity to continue the intellectual rigor they had become accustomed to in college. Many of the study topics also led to action. During the late 1930’s, our branch investigated a number of “study topics” many of which focused on the international situation. In 1936, the State branch held up the Elgin branch as a model because of our study topics, calling us a “University of University Women”

As the war in Europe heated up, study topics led to monthly meetings that hosted notable speakers and international topics. In November of 1936, the branch heard a guest speaker who “thoroughly summarized the political situation in Europe.” Some of our members attended a conference in Washington, D.C. in 1938 entitled The Conference on the Causes and Cure of War.

Another study topic was looking much closer to home. After studying the situation in Elgin, the members developed what was referred to in branch minutes as the “Nursery School Project.” After the U.S.’s entry into the war more women were taking jobs outside of the home. The Elgin Branch of AAUW responded to the resulting need for child care and opened the Pied Piper Nursery School at the corner of Highland Avenue and Leonard Street in 1942. The school had paid staff and was soon at capacity. Within a year, the branch opened a second school. Although the schools would close soon after the war, our continued interest in early childhood education led to our branch working to bring the Federal Head Start program to Elgin in the early ‘60’s

Other newsworthy items to support the war effort included a registry and a speech. In January of 1942, our branch began a registry of college educated women who were available to fill the teacher shortage. And on October 7, 1943, the national president of AAUW gave a radio address urging members to do whatever they could to shorten the war.

We end with our usual plea for any historical items you might loan to us for the February general meeting. Pictures taken at branch activities are especially wanted’. We plan on creating a scrap book/photo album to pass on with the rest of our branch history for use by those planning the next centennial and beyond. We also hope to create a “centennial” issue of the newsletter at the end of the year, to be mailed to all the members.

Pearl Foltz Second President Elgin Branch AAUW



When the Elgin Branch was established in 1920, many of the charter members were teachers at the Elgin Academy. Pearl Foltz, the second president of the branch, was a Latin teacher at the Academy and she brought an impressive resume with her. From THE HILLTOP, the yearbook of the Academy, we learn something of her academic background:

University of Chicago A.B. 1905; Head of Dept of Latin and German, Lockport High School, Lockport, Indiana, 1964-1906; Head of Depts of Latin and German, Bremen, Indiana, 1907-1909; Graduate Student University of Berlin and University of Heidelberg, 1909-1910; Graduate student University of Chicago, Summer of 1913; Head of Dept of Latin and German, Elgin Junior College and Academy 1910-1917; Head of Dept of Latin, Elgin Junior College and Academy, 1917-20. As point of information, at this time, Elgin Academy was a part of Northwestern University.

In 1922, she became the second president of the College Club; soon after its founding, it became a part of the national organization - American Association of University Women. As president of the organization she attended the association's national convention, and she was a working woman when the 19th amendment was ratified. She is an example of the many talented, educated women who have been members of our branch, and leaders as well.

Remember when she worked - the early 1900's, before women had the right to vote - most of the women in this community worked at the Elgin Watch Factory and had little political power. What she did in the 20's took courage. One wonders if she was inspired by the passage of the 19th amendment and her membership in AAUW, where she met many "high powered" women.

That's right, she resigned her teaching position and went to law school—at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In the 1925 edition of THE HILLTOP we find this poem, dedicated to her:

“Miss Foltz is leaving us in the lurch
To go to Ann Arbor and start a search
For knowledge about law and crime
And other things that don't quite rime.
Whatever will old Caesar do
And Cicero and Virgil, too,
When they find out that she's thrown them down
To become a lawyer of great renown?”

Upon her graduation from law school, Miss Foltz returned to Chicago where she joined the City of Chicago's legal aid staff.

Although the organization is not the same as it was in Pearl's time, the purpose of the legal aid office has always been to assist the poor with free legal services.

When she retired, Miss Foltz lived in Washington, D.C. with a sister and then moved to St. Joseph, Michigan to live with another sister. She passed away in late February 1953.

100th Contact List From Muriel Fenzel

The 100th AAUW Anniversary Committee is asking our membership for help. We would like to reach out to our former AAUW Presidents as well as our former Art Showcase Chairpersons. Fifteen names in the following list are part of our search. We need addresses and phone numbers, as well as emails (if available). You may email any information you have to: muriel5@sbcglobal.net.

Past Presidents: Jackie Pierce and Evelyn Burnidge

Past Art Showcase Chairpersons:

1965 – Sally Callahan
1966 – Marilyn Wehner
1968 – Barbara Anderson
1970 - Mary Waterson and Linda Seyller
1972 – Alice Knowles and Jane Morning
1976 – Kathy Long
1977 – Lou Ann Rocke
1978 – Carol McAdoo
1981 - Carol Holtz
1985 – Jeanne Forrest
1993 – Jan Cox

Thanks for helping us share our 100th celebrations and events with these very special people.

Condolences to Sandra Gochnour
on the passing of her husband.

Newsletter Editors

Newsletter deadline for the **December/January** issue is **November 20**. Please submit all items as a **Word** document to **both** editors.

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Jeanne Hebeisen - jeanne@mc.net

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Nancy Lamia - nancylamia@gmail.com

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

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

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