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*Working for 102 years to promote equity for women and girls,
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 Meetings

IMAGES OF THE HEARTLAND RECEPTION, SHOW, AND SALE

Sunday October 2 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Susanne Massion has been a friend of AAUW throughout our many years of AAUW's biennial garden walks, as an "artist in the garden," as well as participating in our Art Showcase events. She is a local, internationally known artist. Her paintings will be displayed throughout her sprawling wooded countryside home during our invitation-only reception, exhibition and sale. Suzanne will share her exquisite home, exhibit her paintings and share in her profits from sales.

Invitations are out and guests are welcome.

RSVP to Julie Ford or Sharon Spates

Thursday October 20 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gail Borden Library Meadow Room

(Additional Program of Special Interest)

In conjunction with Women on the Brink, Elgin Children in Poverty: Focus on Education will be the topic of a forum of presenters led by Anna Moeller. See Page 2.

Monday November 7 6:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

339 Griswold Street, Elgin

"Leadership Style, Gender and Adaptability in the Workplace"

The world is changing rapidly and leaders play an important role in helping people adapt to change. This session explores the role of leaders and, in particular women leaders, in making those changes, and features current 2022 research findings from two new studies done through George Mason University. Erin Ramirez will present a program exploring the role of the leaders and their role in helping people adapt to change.

Calendar

October

- Oct. 2 Images of the Heartland Reception, Show and Sale
- Oct. 5 **Current Movie Group** 4:30 p.m.
Olive Garden, Dundee
"Gi Gi and Nate" and The Woman King"
- Oct. 10 **Great Books** 7 p.m.
Gail Borden Public Library and Zoom
Register at the library
"R.U.R." (Rossum's Universal Robots)
Karel Čapek
- Oct. 13 **Morning Book Group** 9:30 p.m.
Gail Borden Public Library
The Girls from Bronzeville, Dawn Turner
- Oct. 20 **Special Meeting** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Gail Borden Public Library
Women on the Brink: Elgin Children in Poverty
- Oct. 26 **Evening Book Group** 7 p.m.
Hostess: Barbara Evans
The Dressmakers of Auschwitz, Lucy Adlington

November

- Nov. 2 **Current Movie Group** 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7 **General Meeting** 6 p.m.
"Leadership Style, Gender and Adaptability in the Workplace"

- Nov. 10 **Morning Book Group** 11 a.m.
Gail Borden Public Library
You Sound Like a White Girl, Julissa Arce
- Nov. 14 **Board Meeting** 6:30 p.m.
Hostess: Patricia Harkin
- Nov. 14 **Great Books** 7 p.m.
Gail Borden Public Library and Zoom
Register at Library
Democracy, An American Novel, Henry Adams
- May 25 **Evening Book Group** 7 p.m.
Hostess: Rachel Campbell
The Personal Librarian, Marie Benedict



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| 6: Joy Bang | 1: Laura Stroud |
| 8: Sharon Sutton | 2: Cathy Malm |
| 15: Sharon LeCount | 11: Carol Blohm |
| 17: Marge Fox | 13: Judy Fishburn |
| 19: Susan Wohl | 16: Gareth Mann Sitz |
| 25: Loni Mecum | 25: Nancy Burnidge |
| 28: Jennifer Ford | 25: Julie Ford |

Note: On your birthday, be sure to check your email for a Jacquie Lawson card. Barbara Evans is emailing 2nd notices to those who have yet to submit birthday info. If you don't get one and wish your birthday to be noted, email your info to evanselgin@yahoo.com ASAP.

Presidents' Report

From Brooke Transue

Congratulations to our branch for the wonderful branch luncheon last Saturday. There were 45 of us enjoying great food, a fabulous visit and a valuable discussion by Anna Moeller, our State Representative and branch member. This is a great beginning toward earning a fifth star award in the future.

Here are three things to consider.

1. Read up on election material to prepare to vote in November

2. Consider our needed Website position
3. Make your reservation for the Sunday, October 2 art reception, show and sale

Also, don't forget to save the dates for other upcoming events: the November 7 branch meeting on "Leadership Style, Gender and Adaptability in the Workplace" and the December 10 Holiday Celebration at the Elgin Country Club. See you then.

Social Committee

Fall for AAUW

From Judi Tepe and Jane Watson

We could not have asked for a more picture perfect afternoon as members and guests arrived for our opening luncheon and meeting on Saturday, September 17. The Membership Committee announced an array of interesting programs for the new season and, of course, Women and Culture consistently offers guest speakers on fascinating topics relevant to our members.

Thank you to our Board, who provided the delicious dishes and desserts, and to member State Representative Anna Moeller, who shared with us the happenings in our local and state governments.

Elgin's Children in Poverty: Focus on Education

October 20 6:30-8:30
Gail Borden Public Library Meadows Rooms

Join community experts and activists in a discussion of poverty's impact on education. Become aware, advocate, and take action against the devastating impact of poverty on children's lives. Hear the data about poverty in our state, region, and town. See the impact of poverty on health. Learn the impact of poverty on young children, including mental health. Hear what the state of Illinois is doing concerning women's issues (compensation, childcare, etc.). Learn what action individuals can take to help solve this problem.

Sponsored by Women On The Brink, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, YWCA, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin Partnership for Early Learning. No registration needed.

National Voter Registration Fair

From Jennifer Ford

National Voter Registration Day was an opportunity for our branch to partner with League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area, Women On The Brink, YWCA Elgin, and Gail Borden Public Library to register voters, but, more important, to talk to the community about the importance of voting.

Among other groups presenting information that night were Kane/Kendall County Moms Demand Action, Centro de Informacion, Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders, Kane County Recorder, Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice, and Democratic Women of Kane County.

We learned from each other and made commitments to work together in the future. We were lucky to have Suffragette Rebecca Miller (wearing big hat) circulating throughout the Library, encouraging people to attend the Fair.



Front row – Rachel Campbell
 2nd row - Loni Mecum, Shirley May Byrnes, Sandy Kaptain
 Back row Nancy Burnidge, Jennifer Ford, Ruth Bradburn, Linda Knight

It is tradition to have AAUW members pay \$7.00 at the first meeting of the season to cover expenses for the potluck. This year, someone suggested that since the Board was providing the food, perhaps members would be willing to donate feminine hygiene and toiletries to Women On The Brink. This most generous offering was gathered in my car and delivered to Well Child Center, as they embark on their first pantry offering. They were so appreciative. And so were members of WOTB. Thank you, everyone for this very kind gesture. It fulfills AAUW mission of empowering and enabling women, especially women in need.



Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

From Rachel Campbell

At the recent National Voter Registration Fair held at the Gail Borden Library, I met a representative of MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA. Because this is

an issue of interest to many of our members, I would like to tell our Branch a little about this organization.

MOMS is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. MOMS campaigns for news and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families.

Recently MOMS launched the BE SMART campaign to take action to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce child gun deaths and responsible gun storage. Volunteers encourage parents and caretakers to “BE SMART” and take these five simple steps to help prevent shootings by children:

- Secure all guns in your home and vehicles; Model responsible behavior around guns; Ask about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes; Recognize the risks of teen suicide; Tell your peers to be SMART.

There is a Kendall-Kane Chapter of this organization in our area. For further information, check their website.

Membership Committee

From Ruth Bradburn

After 2 plus years of not getting together, the membership committee felt it would be helpful for members **to complete the attached form**. This will help us get to know your interests and to connect members with the special interest groups. Our new members have been completing this form when they join for the past 4 years. Thank you for helping us connect you with groups and activities.

Newsletter Schedule

Following is the newsletter schedule.

- September
- October-November
- December-January
- February-March
- April-May
- June-July-August

Newsletter Editors

Newsletter deadline for the December/January issue is November 20. Please submit all items as a **Word** document to both editors. **Note new editor – Thanks Barbara!**

- Barbara Evans - evanselgin@yahoo.com
- Jeanne Hebeisen - jeanne@mc.net

Website

- Website items may be sent at any time to:
- Marcia Cameron - mec515@sbcglobal.net
- Nancy Lamia - nancylamia@gmail.com

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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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