



# News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

AUGUST-OCTOBER 2016

## President's Message

Welcome back Schaumburg Area AAUW Branch members!

Summertime and the days are flying! September comes with AAUW opportunities abounding! We look forward to our Thursday, September 15 Welcome Back dinner, short business meeting and program with our Branch member Jeanmarie portraying Victoria Woodhull.

This is a super time to invite others to learn about our AAUW Branch, the AAUW Mission, Value Promise and Vision Statement. Our Branch members are in for some great experiences this coming year with our programs, Interest Groups, fundraisers, District, State, and

National AAUW events.

Thank you to each one who is helping to make these opportunities available.

Our AAUW Branch year begins September 15 at the Sun-



derlage House—thanks to Angie and Kathy for coordinating the dinner, Mary and Jeanmarie for coordinating the program, Judy L. for compiling our directory, Carol and Donna for coordinating the auditing of our financial records, Lisa for coordinating our budget committee, Sue for getting our Jewel fundrais-

er started and Judy S. and Judy L. along with other helpers for our Fall Mum sale. Thank you to Genevieve for our super newsletter and Janet for getting our Schaumburg

Area website and Facebook communications ready to share our news! Our Branch officers, committee chairs and all members, your participation

and assistance in our Branch events makes for a successful year! The Fall Information time for our District 5 will be in October.

Other exciting happenings in our world in Fall 2016 is the Election for President and Vice President of the US, Illinois Senator, Representatives to Congress and our

## Upcoming Events

- *Woman's Suffrage Program: August 25*
- *Equal Means Equal Screening: August 26*
- *Mum pick up: September 9*
- *Welcome Back Dinner: September 15*
- *Novel Approach: September 19*
- *Novel Approach: October 10*
- *General Meeting: October 20*
- *AAUW Fall Conference: October 22*

## Attachments

Equal Means Equal Flyer

Mum Order Form

Novel Approach Schedule

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## General Meeting

On Thursday September 15, meet all your AAUW friends at Sunderlage Farm at 6:30 for a scrumptious dinner and lively conversation. A business meeting will follow that lively conversation. Then our own member Jeanmarie Dwyer-Wrigley's will present of the life of Victoria Hull. You see, some say that she was the first woman to run for President of the United States while others said she was the first prostitute to run for

President. As Jeanmarie describes Victoria Hull in her bio "Feminist Advocate of

free love, first woman stockbroker, spiritualist, and believer in social freedom". We thank

Jeanmarie for her timely performance. Make sure to mark your calendars and take time from your busy day to come back to AAUW. Like last year please bring a donation of \$10.00 for dinner. Thank you Kathy and Angie for preparing something tasty for us. Contact Kathy or Angie to tell them you are coming.





## Other AAUW Events

The Waukegan Branch is presenting a program on Women's Suffrage on Thursday, August 25, 7 PM at the Warren Newport Public Library. It is free. Register at [847-244-5150](tel:847-244-5150), "4" or <http://tinyurl.com/LCW2016>. Equality Day. You can see the flyer on their Facebook page: AAUW Waukegan Area Branch.

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**EQUAL MEANS EQUAL** Movie Screening

Friday, August 26 at 6:00pm  
The Logan Theatre

**EQUAL MEANS EQUAL** offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today.



## President's Message cont'd

our state Representatives and Senators. Getting out the vote and registering people is important and I thank those who are assisting with voter registration and keeping up to date on the various elections. AAUW is non-partisan but our National and State Public Policy group provides information for our various candidates and issues. The links to the sites are available on our Schaumburg AAUW website.

The past year 2015-2016 was a very eventful and successful year for our Branch events and the super duper job for the State Convention – rave reviews continue for these two days! I

thank each of you for offering a smile, a kind word and various assistance in multiple areas - -- very helpful. Our strong support for our AAUW Branch gives us the ability to accomplish our goals as an advocate and leader with equity and education in areas impacting the lives of women and girls. Thank you for your continued support for Schaumburg Area AAUW initiatives.

Barb O.

Personal note: *Thank you for the special gift certificate I received at our AAUW Branch end of year dinner. A real treat – you all are the best! Also all grandkids and their parents, Aunt and Grandparents are doing well ---- celebrate!!!*



Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. Along the way, she reveals the inadequacy of present laws that claim to protect women, ultimately presenting a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). See the enclosed Flyer for more information.

## Jewel Fundraiser

It's that time of the summer again to schedule our first Jewel Gift Card order. I would like to place the order on Monday, August 22, around 9 p.m. The cards will arrive at my Jewel by Friday, August 26th. Our branch will need a minimum of \$1,000 in orders, and the gift cards can be in any denomination of \$5 and up.

If you would like to place an order, please let me know by the 22nd and the denominations you would like. I will need your check for the cards by the 25th or the checks can be sent to Lisa. If I'm not home and running errands, I will leave my large "AAUW" envelope between the doors. We will have six Jewel fundraisers again this year with dates TBA. Thanks, Sue

## Novel Approach

### *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family*

by Amy Ellis Nutt

The Novel Approach selection for September is the non-fiction *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Ellis Nutt. In 1997 Wayne and Kelly Maines adopted identical twin sons, Jonas and Wyatt as infants. As a toddler, Wyatt began insisting he was a girl. The Pulitzer-Prize winning science reporter for *The Washington Post*, chronicles the transformation of Wyatt into Nicole, the story of a mother who fights for her child, a father who comes to accept who his child is and becomes an advocate for trans rights, and a brother who very early says he has a sister.

It will be interesting to learn if reading this book had an effect on anyone's opinion about the two law suits filed against District 211 in the past year in regard to a transgender student using a locker room.

We will be meeting on Monday, September 19 at 1:00 pm at the home of Judy S. Please let her know if you will be attending.

### *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts*

by Joshua Hammer

To save precious centuries-old Arabic texts from Al Qaeda, a band of librarians in Timbuktu pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven.

In the 1980s, a young adventurer and collector, journeyed across the Sahara Desert tracking down and salvaging tens of thousands of ancient Islamic and secular manuscripts that had fallen into obscurity. *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* tells the incredible story of how a mild-mannered archivist and historian, later became one of the world's greatest and most brazen smugglers.

Joshua Hammer is uniquely qualified to tell the story of the heroic and ultimately successful effort to outwit Al Qaeda and preserve Mali's—and the world's—literary patrimony. Hammer explores the city's manuscript heritage and offers never-before-reported details about the militants' march into northwest Africa. But above all, *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* is an inspiring account of the victory of art and literature over extremism.

This discussion will take place at Angie's home on October 10 at 1:00 p.m. Please let Angie know if you will be attending.

## Mum Fundraiser



We once again have the opportunity to buy spectacular super-sized mum plants this fall that are in a 1.5 gallon pot and are 18 to 22 inches in height and diameter. The grower is Shady Hill Gardens

located in Elburn. The cost is \$12.00 for each plant or when you buy three or more, they are \$11.00 each. Orders are due to Judy Lewis by August 25th. The colors are dark red, yellow, bronze, purple, and white. Send your order form and check made out to Schaumburg AAUW to Judy L. Any questions call Judy S. If you cannot use a plant, a donation to Schaumburg AAUW for the Mum Fundraiser would be appreciated. Monies are earmarked for our educational scholarships. Thank you for your support.

## October Meeting

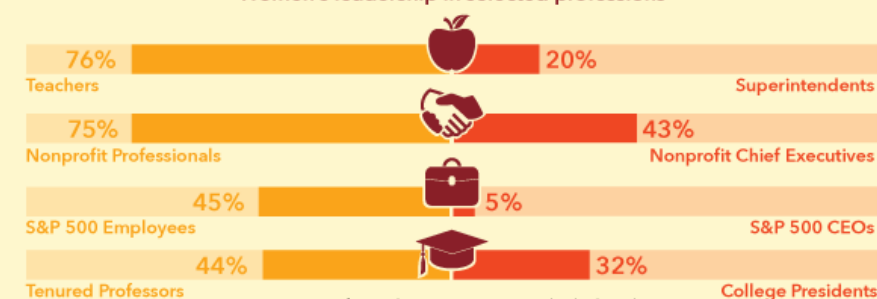
Are you ready for a technology update? Join AAUW members on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 6:45, at the Schaumburg Central Library when Ken Zdunek, CTO at Roberson and Associates (a telecom consulting firm) will present "The Internet of Things, What can it do for you?" or "What the \*&% is that?". Come to find out how The Internet of Things and complete connectivity can change our lives. Will it be for better or worse?

## Educational Funds

At the State Convention in June we watched a presentation which Mary hopes to reproduce for you on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It encouraged branches to consider unrestricted donations to the EF. Some programs that are funded from unrestricted grants are STEM programs, Elect Her, Start Smart, National Conference of College Women Student Leaders, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. Included with this newsletter are some of the restricted funds we can also consider funding this year.

## LESS PRESTIGE. LESS POWER. LESS PAY.

### Women's leadership in selected professions



Note: Data from Catalyst, Center for American Women and Politics, and other sources; see AAUW, *Barriers and Bias* report.

There are plenty of qualified women. But they're not making it to the top.

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

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## AAUW- Chicago Inc. Equal Means Equal Movie Screening

Presented by the Gender Equity Fund of AAUW-IL and the  
Chicago Inc. Branch of AAUW

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL Movie Screening  
Friday, August 26 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
The Logan Theatre - 2646 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

Register [HERE](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-of-equal-means-equal-documentary-tickets-26742054204>

Join us for the screening at 6:00pm followed by a Q&A (speakers TBA).  
Reserve your ticket with a donation with a major credit card or PayPal.

Advance tickets \*strongly recommended\*

Screening will take place at the renovated, historic Logan Theater in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago.

**EQUAL MEANS EQUAL** offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. Along the way, she reveals the inadequacy of present laws that claim to protect women, ultimately presenting a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

**PARKING:** Street parking is available on Milwaukee Avenue. A city lot is accessible on Emmett off of Milwaukee Avenue (Behind the McDonald's and the Bus Turn-Around).

*This screening is made possible by the generous support of  
Chicago Inc. Branch of AAUW. Proceeds from this screening will benefit the  
Gender Equity Fund of AAUW-Illinois.*

# Spectacular Super-Sized Mums

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

Pick up on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

From 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at

Judy S's house



Plants are in a 1.5 gallon pot, 18-22 inches in height and diameter. The cost is \$12.00 each or 3 or more at \$11.00 each. Orders due to Judy L. by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Mums can be displayed in sun or part shade. They can be planted in the ground in Sept. with a chance they will come back next year, if cut back and mulched after the frost.

Send your order form and check to Schaumburg AAUW to: Judy L.

Plant Color	Number of Plants	Total Cost
Dark Red		
Yellow		
Bronze		
Purple		
White		
	Total	Total cost

Deliveries are available – Check here if you would like yours delivered. ☐

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Judy S. with any questions.

## **Novel Group Book List**

**2016 -2017**

### **Discussion**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Hostess</b>	
September	Becoming Nicole The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt	Carol	Judy Stewart	NF
October 10	The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts by Joshua Hammer	Fran	Angie	F
November 21	Re Jane by Patricia Park	Kathy	Ann	F
January 16	A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman	Judy Lewis	Janet	F
February 20	The Big Thirst by Charles Fishman	Janet	Judy Lewis	NF
March 20	Its. Nice. Outside by Jim Kokoris	Angie	Kathy	F
April 17	Glory Over Everything by Kathleen Grissom	Judy Stewart	Sue	F
May 15	The Civil Wars of Julia Ward Howe: A Biography by Elaine Showalter	Sue	Fran	NF

All Book Group Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm.

# Educational Funds

## American Dissertation Fellowships

Dissertation Fellowships offset a scholar's living expenses while she completes her dissertation. The fellowship must be used for the final year of writing the dissertation. Applicants must have completed all course work, passed all preliminary examinations, and received approval for their research proposals or plans by the preceding November. Students holding fellowships for writing a dissertation in the year prior to the AAUW fellowships year are not eligible. Open to applicants in all fields of study. Scholars engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math fields or researching gender issues are especially encouraged to apply.

## American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowships

Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowships are designed to assist scholars in obtaining tenure and other promotions by enabling them to spend a year pursuing independent research. The primary purpose of the fellowship is to increase the number of women in tenure-track faculty positions and to promote equality for women in higher education. Tenured professors are not eligible.

## American Summer/Short-Term Research Publication Grants

Summer/Short-Term Research Publication Grants provide funds for women college and university faculty and independent researchers to prepare research for publication. Time must be available for eight consecutive weeks of final writing and editing in response to issues raised in critical reviews. These grants can be awarded to both tenure-track and part-time faculty, and new and established researchers. The grants are designed to assist the candidate in obtaining tenure and other promotions. Tenured professors are not eligible.

## About the Program

The oldest and largest of AAUW's fellowships and grant programs, the American Fellowships program began in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. Now one of the largest sources of funding for graduate education for women, AAUW has provided more than \$100 million to upwards of 12,000 fellows and grantees since awarding its [first fellowship to Ida Street](#), a pioneer in the field of early American Indian history

**Career Development Grants** provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or reenter the workforce. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2012. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care.

Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, certification program, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for doctorate-level work.

**Community Action Grants** provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls.

Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math.

**International Fellowships** are awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited U.S. institutions are supported.

Applicants must have earned the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree by September 30, 2016, and must have applied to their proposed institutions of study by the time of the application. Up to five International Master's/First Professional Degree Fellowships are renewable for a second year.

Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. Recipients return to their home countries to become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts, and sciences.

When **AAUW International Educational Grants** pursue education in the United States, their commitment to empowering women and girls in their home countries does not end — and their need for funding does not either. To create lasting support for women and girls across the globe, AAUW gives grants to International Fellowship alumnae who have returned to their home countries to build on their academic work and implement community-based projects that will improve the lives of women and girls.

**Selected Professions Fellowships** are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low (see list below). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master's programs:

- Architecture
- Computer/information sciences
- Engineering
- Mathematics/statistics

Fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields:

- Master's in business administration — applicants may apply for second year of study only
- Law — applicants may apply for third year of study only
- Doctorate in medicine — applicants may apply for third or fourth year of study only



## **AAUW 2016-2017 Save the Dates**

Fall District 4 & 5 Conference  
Oakton Community College, Des Plaines  
October 22, 2016

Networking Luncheon  
Deerfield Embassy Suites  
January 28, 2017

Tech Savvy Conference for girls  
Triton College, River Grove  
March 25, 2017

Scholars Brunch  
Lambs Farm, Libertyville  
April 8, 2017

AAUW-IL Convention  
Champaign  
May 5-6, 2017,

AAUW Convention  
Washington, D.C.  
June 14-17, 2017