



# News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

MARCH –MAY 2017

## President's Message

*What is your fondest memory of springtime?* I feel that we have enjoyed great weather this winter and the coming of spring brings some thoughts of what will "spring up" for us with our AAUW.

Our National AAUW advocacy has given us some challenges

- Advancing equal pay legislation in the state
- Pushing for state policies that prevent discrimination in women's pay
- Making sure Congress understands how repealing the Affordable Care Act without viable replacements is a bad idea
- Fighting to protect public education and ensure that women have equal access to academic opportunity and safe school environments.

We have our work cut out for us. Our voices are needed more than ever to advance opportunities for all women. Your support will help address the many issues that

women face today such as sexual assault, discrimination and harassment and pay inequality. Let us help more women achieve equality in the workplace, in school and in our communities.

We have many opportunities to participate in this spring. Our Bunco Fundraiser March 10 brings fun and opportunity to raise funds for our scholarship. Tech Savvy March 25 gives us the volunteer opportunity to assist girls with various choices available for them. April 8 our Schaumburg AAUW Branch meeting/program will be with the Scholars Lunch at Lamb's Farm when we hear how our financial contributions have brought women excellent research and learning projects. May 5 - 6 the IL AAUW convention will be in Springfield when we are able to connect with others from our state. June is the National AAUW convention in DC. We will be receiving more updates for both our state and national conventions in the next weeks

and learning about what each of us may vote on for policy and individuals who may serve on these boards. It is Spring and what else is happening VOTING --- early voting begins on March 20 and election day is Tuesday, April 4. In our Schaumburg area we have elections for Township Trustees, Schaumburg Township Library, Village board and our School Districts. I encourage each of you to learn more about the candidates for all of these areas. I had the opportunity to attend the District 211 candidates' forum and learned more of the candidates' positions. Public education is important and we are advocates for the best possible education that can be provided for students so "LET'S GET OUT TO VOTE!"

*Barb*



## Upcoming Events

- *International Woman's Day: March 8*
- *BUNCO: March 10*
- *Novel Approach: March 20*
- *TechSavvy: March 25*
- *Pay Equity Day: April 4*
- *Election Day: April 4*
- *General Meeting: April 8*
- *Novel Approach: May 1*
- *State Convention: May 5-6*
- *Novel Approach: May 15*
- *EOY Dinner: May 31*
- *Novel Approach Dinner: June 5*
- *National Convention: June 14-17*

## Attachments

BUNCO Flyer

Thank You letter from Wings

Registration for Lamb's Farm

Registration for Crystal Lake Luncheon

Equal Pay Day Rally Flyer

Tech Savvy Flyer



The AAUW Fellows lunch will take place on Saturday April 8 at Lambs Farm. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the research of some of the best and brightest

## General Meeting

women in our area universities. This will be our branch meeting for April. We will definitely be carpooling, so if you think you will be going let Mary know, so she can make sure no one has to drive up alone if they don't want to. See the registration form in the news-

letter to send in. **Deadline April 1.**

Thank you to all who braved the elements to attend the February 23 program on Gender Pay Equity at Harper. I think all who attended were glad they did.

*- Mary*



## Dining Out

Our Dining Out Group meet at Seasons 52 in Schaumburg at 5:45 on Saturday, March 18. Dessert will follow at Bob and Sue's home.



**April 4 rally in Daley**

**Plaza at noon.**

**Details enclosed**

**The planning meeting for Novel Approach will be held on Monday, June 5 at noon at Carol's house.**

Lunch will be decided at a later date.

## End of Year Dinner

On May 31<sup>st</sup> we will have our end of the year dinner and installation of officers. The evening will start with a private tour of the Trickster Gallery, an art gallery of Native American art in Schaumburg. We will meet at the gallery at 5:00 for a tour and then go for dinner at one of the local restaurants. More details to follow as to the restaurant and cost. We are hoping to eat at the new Walker Brothers.

- Mary



## BUNCO

Come one, come all to our annual Schaumburg AAUW Bunco Blast on Friday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. We will be providing prizes from our "pot of gold" at Lord of Life Church, 119 West Wise Road in Schaumburg. It's still only \$10 to play. The leprechauns will share cash prizes, sumptuous goodies, winner and loser prizes plus gift baskets. Part of the money raised will contribute to our AAUW educational funds for women. If you can't attend, donations for this fundraiser will be gratefully accepted, or you can always send someone in your place.

## Jewel Fundraiser

Our next Jewel Gift Card Fundraiser will be on Tuesday, April 4. If you would like to be included in this order, please let Sue know by this date. The gift cards will arrive in plenty of time before the First Day of Passover (11<sup>th</sup>) and Easter (16<sup>th</sup>). Thank you again for your continued support as any and every amount helps our branch. Our last Jewel fundraiser date for this branch year will be on Tuesday, May 23. Sue will email short reminders for both of these order dates.

- Sue

### Illinois Convention

**May 5-6 in  
Champaign**

### National Convention

**June 14-17 in D.C.**



We welcome beginners and our devoted, long time players. You might want to wear green that night like the leprechauns!

Please email Judy S. if you haven't already, to let us know if you will be joining us. Thank you so much for your support to make this fundraiser the most successful ever!

*Judy S. and the Bunco Committee*



## District 211 School Board Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a District 211 school board candidate forum on Saturday, March 18 9 AM at Palatine Town Hall. Renee G (AAUW- Arlington Heights Branch member also) said the questions will be received by attendees written on cards. There are 3 positions open on the school board and 6 candidates -- the three new candidates are running as a "slate." The incumbents are running as individual candidates.

## Novel Approach

### *Its. Nice. Outside.*

by Jim Kokoris

Jim Kokoris lives in La Grange. He and his wife Ann have 3 sons, John, Michael and Andrew. The novel we are reading is dedicated to his special-needs son, Andrew.

The novel tells the story of Ethan's family. Dad John is 57 and with wife Mary, has 2 over-achieving daughters who are older than 19 year-old Ethan, who will never function at an adult level. The older daughter is getting married and as family members travel to the celebration, John is secretly formulating plans which will drastically change the family's heart.

There is love and humor, amidst the sisterly competition, the difficult baby brother, and the constant parental challenges that Andrew requires. Described as "funny, heart-breaking and generous". You will enjoy meeting this family.

Angie is hopeful that author Jim Kokoris will be available to join us for a bit on March 20, to tell us more about his inspiration for his writing and about his own family.

Please join us on Monday, March 20 at 1:00 pm at Kathy's. Angie is the discussion leader. Jim Kokoris will be joining by phone. Please let Kathy know if you can attend.



The Jane Addams Branch is sponsoring a Tech Savvy Conference for Girls on March 25 at Triton College. Consider volunteering. More information can be found at <http://janeaddams-il.aauw.net/tech-savvy/> and the enclosed Flyer.

### Thank You

Thank you for the generous contributions to National AAUW. \$600.00 from our Branch and the \$720.00 from our individual members.



### *Glory Over Everything*

By Kathleen Grissom  
Author of *The Kitchen House*

Enjoy the latest New York Times fiction bestseller from Kathleen Grissom which is a heart racing story about a man's treacherous journey through the Underground Railroad. His mission is to save the boy he swore to protect. *Glory Over Everything* is "gripping...breathless until the end" (Kirkus Reviews).

In 1830, Jamie Pyke, a celebrated silversmith and notorious ladies' man, is keeping a deadly secret. Disguised as a wealthy white aristocrat in Philadelphia society, Jamie is now living a life he could never have imagined years before when he was a runaway slave, son of a southern black slave and her master. Jamie's world is threatened when he discovers that his married lover, Caroline, is pregnant. He also discovers that his beloved servant Pan, to whose father Jamie owes his own freedom, has been captured and sold into slavery in the South. Jamie flees to a North Carolina plantation to save Pan from the life he himself barely escaped as a boy. With the help of a fearless slave, Sukey, Jamie navigates their way, racing through the Virginia backwoods, the Underground Railroad, and the treacherous Great Dismal Swamp. This is a book you won't want to put down.

Please join us on **Monday, May 1st** at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Lewis for our discussion. The date was changed from April 17th due to scheduling conflicts. Judy Stewart will be the discussion leader. Please let Judy Lewis know if you will be joining us.

### *The Civil Wars of Julia Ward Howe: A Biography*

By Elaine Showalter

This book is the first biography to reveal Julia Ward Howe – the author of The Battle Hymn of the Republic – as a feminist pioneer who fought her own battle for creative freedom and independence. Julia Ward (1819-1910) was an aspiring poet and heiress when she married Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, an internationally-acclaimed pioneer in the education of the blind. Together the Howes knew many of the key figures of their era, from Charles Dickens to John Brown. But Samuel also wasted Julia's inheritance, isolated and discouraged her, and opposed her literary ambitions. Julia, though, persisted and continued to publish poems and plays while raising six children.

Authorship of The Battle Hymn of the Republic made Julia celebrated and revered. But Julia was also continuing to fight a civil war at home; she became a pacifist, suffragist, and world traveler. She came into her own as a tireless campaigner for women's rights and social reform.

Esteemed author Elaine Showalter tells the story of Julia Ward Howe's determined self-creation and brings to life the society she inhabited and the obstacles she overcame.

Please join us on Monday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m. at Fran's home for our discussion. Sue is the discussion leader. Please let Fran know if you can attend.



Local Elections are April 4. Early voting starts March 20. Remember to Vote.



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February 8, 2017

Ms. Barbara [REDACTED]  
Schaumburg AAUW  
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

As the New Year begins, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of 10 bags of Household items and a \$55.00 Jewel Gift Card during the holiday season. Your support helps make the holidays bright for our residents and will continue to brighten their days in the year ahead.

Last year, because of donors like you, WINGS was able to help over 1,100 women and children with nearly 70,000 nights of shelter and supportive services and provided 57,369 meals in our domestic violence shelters. And this is all because of donors like you.

Your donation is helping to save lives, every day. WINGS is very grateful to have you as a partner in our mission to end domestic violence and homelessness - one family at a time.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Terri Channer  
Sr. Director of Development

*WINGS Program, Inc. is a non-profit organization, registered under section 501(c)(3) with the Federal Government and the State of Illinois. WINGS federal income tax number is 36-3456061. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.*

**AAUW-IL District 5**  
Educational Opportunities Fund  
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Brunch with Fellows**  
**11:00 am, Saturday, April 8, 2017**  
**at Lambs Farm**  
Rte. 176 & I-294/Illinois Tollway  
Libertyville IL 60048

**Honorees:**

- Hayrunnisa Goksel, International Fellow, Ph.D, Northwestern Univ., Women and Gender Studies
- Eva Jimenez, M.S., De Paul Univ., School counseling
- Katrina Malone, M.B.A., Northwestern Univ., Finance and Real Estate

Skyler Schrempp, Community Action Grant, The Viola Project, After-School Programs in Underserved Communities

MENU: Cup of Soup, Choice of Salad (Chicken Caesar/Chicken Cobb), Rolls & Butter,  
Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda

COST:           **\$22**, includes tax & tip

DEADLINE: Reservations must be received by **April 1**

**Make your reservation by sending this form with a check for \$22** – payable to *Deerfield Area AAUW* -- to Kay Madden, 425 Village Green, #304, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 to arrive no later than Friday, April 1. Include your choice of salad on the memo line of your check. Questions: Contact Kay at 847-955-1708 or kaymadden@outlook.com

Bring a guest!

Hope to see you at this outstanding annual event!

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Full Name of Attendee:\_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Branch/Organization:\_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice\_\_\_\_\_

# AAUW-Crystal Lake Area Branch 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon

## *Speaking of Unmentionables: The Rise & Fall of Ladies' Underwear*

Presented by Ellie Carlson



Crystal Lake Country Club

Saturday, April 22, 2017

11:00 am – Registration, Raffle Ticket Sale & Social (Cash Bar)

12:00 pm – Lunch with Program to Follow

Ticket Price: \$35 per person



### *Entrée choices*

#### **Potato Crusted Chicken**

Served with a Cilantro-Lime Butter Sauce

#### **Roasted Vegetable Crepes**

Fresh roasted vegetables tossed with  
Boursin cheese and oven baked with a  
Chardonnay sauce and couscous

Please return portion below by **Monday, April 17, 2017** to Rosemary Murray, 5808 Prairie Ridge Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Make check payable to **AAUW-Crystal Lake Area Branch**. Include a **self-addressed stamped envelope** with your payment.

Questions - call Rosemary Murray (815-479-0735) or Judy Thornton (815-459-7744)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken (C): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian (V) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To accommodate group reservations, please **PRINT** names below of all persons for whom you are ordering tickets. Specify entrée in parenthesis with 'C', 'V' (ONLY COMPLETE TABLES OF 8 OR 10 MAY BE RESERVED).

Hostess: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
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*Note: If you are sitting with others submitting separate ticket orders, please list names on the back.*

### **THEMED BASKETS WILL BE RAFFLED.**

This fundraiser supports educational scholarships and programs of the Crystal Lake Area Branch of AAUW.

AAUW (American Association of University Women)--Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls.



# 7TH ANNUAL EQUAL PAY DAY CHICAGO 2017

Join us to raise awareness of pay equality  
in Chicago and around the nation.

DALEY PLAZA  
CLARK & WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2017  
NOON TO 1:00PM



email: [equalpaydaychi@lycos.com](mailto:equalpaydaychi@lycos.com)

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



# Are You a Tech Savvy Girl?

You will be after a day of hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics!

Tech Savvy is a daylong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform mentoring adults about STEM education and careers and how they can support the girls' interest and success in STEM.

## Are you ready?

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls and parents/mentors/teachers

**Cost:** \$10 per person (girls and adults)  
(Includes lunch. Each attending girl receives a t-shirt to wear at the conference.)

**Where:** Triton College  
2000 Fifth Avenue, Building R  
River Grove, IL 60171  
<http://www.triton.edu/Campus-Map/>

**How:** Online Registration **Required**  
<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-savvy/>

*Opens early February (limited to first 200 registrants)*

**Date:** Saturday, March 25, 2017

**Questions:** [TechSavvyIL2017@gmail.com](mailto:TechSavvyIL2017@gmail.com)

**Time:** 8:30 am – 4 pm



For more information on past Tech Savvy Events, see our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWTechSavvy>

Register at: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-savvy/>

Online registration (available early February) will be required. Workshop choices will be first come, first served.

Organized by AAUW, American Association of University Women

