



News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

MAY – AUGUST 2017

President's Message

Upcoming Events

- *EOY Dinner: May 31*
- *Novel Approach Dinner: June 5*
- *National Convention: June 14-17*
- *Dining Out: June TBA*

Attachments

Thank you letter
from Wings

"Building on a Legacy of Leadership" our IL AAUW convention theme brought attention to how our AAUW programs foster positive change that ripples outward to women and girls across the country in their education, careers and daily lives. Your support through volunteer time, leadership or monetary contributions showed measurable impact in how we together make positive change. Thank you! The Harper College Scholarship thank you breakfast did indeed bring continued awareness of how important it is to continue our support for our Audrey Tjepkema Memorial Scholarship. I had the privilege to sit by two scholarship recipients (one male from Barrington and one female from EGV) who are active in their varied college experienc-



es. To sum up the overall gratefulness of the many scholars present might be this – "Thank you for your support

as this scholarship has opened avenues of opportunity for me to pursue and learn from various college courses to continue in my life journey." Looking over our past year I see many great things happening for our Schaumburg Area AAUW and thank each of you for your participation and support. Let us continue to work together for our AAUW Branch and being a presence in our community.

I look forward to our tour of our local Trickster Gallery and end of year dinner. This is a time to celebrate accomplishments and support each other as we continue to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

- Barb

Reminder --- the AAUW National Convention is June 14-17 in Washington, D.C. which means we have the opportunity to vote on a number of items. PLEASE VOTE so that our AAUW Branch and our IL AAUW are represented. Thanks!



End of Year Dinner

Please join your friends at 5:00 on Wednesday, May 31 for a guided tour of the Trickster Gallery in Schaumburg. The museum will be open only for us because it usually closes at 6:00. We will then meet at Big Chef 1602 Algon-

quin (just east of Meacham) for dinner. Kathy and Angie looked high and low for a restaurant where we could have a separate room, good

food and separate checks. They both have been there and have enjoyed the food. Mark your calendars and join your friends for a fun evening before our summer break.

-Mary





Dining Out

Dining out has been delayed until June. I will send out an email as plans are formalized.

- Janet

Jewel Fundraiser

Our sixth and last Jewel gift card fundraiser, for the branch year, will be placed on **Wednesday, May 23rd**. Your cards will arrive before the May End-of-the-Year Dinner.

Please consider purchasing additional cards for your summer shopping. Our next Jewel fundraiser won't begin until mid to late August.

Thanks again for all of your support with our five other This is an easy fundraiser, and every amount earned helps out our branch. -Sue

Harper Thank You Breakfast



Membership

It is time to renew your membership dues for our next branch year. They will remain the same as this year's dues: \$68. The dues include \$49 AAUW (\$46 is tax deductible), \$10 State, and \$9 Branch.



State Convention



Thank you for contributing to the Mother's Day baskets for WINGS.



Novel Approach

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, June 5, at 11:30. at Carol's home for our discussion. Sue is the discussion leader. Please let Carol know if you can attend.

Planning Luncheon

This year's final Novel Approach meeting will combine a book discussion, selection of next year's reading list and lunch. It will take place at Carol's at 11:30 am on Monday, June 5.

Sue will be leading the discussion of *The Civil Wars of Julia Ward Howe: A Biography* by Elaine Showalter. (This was originally scheduled for Monday, May 15.) See Sue's article for more information about the book.

Please e-mail your suggestions for next year's selections to the branch by June 1. Include the genre and a few lines of description. We will be choosing books in the same manner as the past two years. If you cannot attend the meeting but are willing to lead a discussion or host a meeting, please let Fran know.

If you plan to attend, please let Carol know and please bring an appetizer or salad to share. Carol will provide dessert and drinks.

-Fran

Bunco

I wanted to thank everyone who supported our 2017 Bunco Blast! It was a tremendous success with 54 people attending and a total of \$741 earned for our educational funds.

We were fortunate to have the help of the following people, Barb Olson for securing Lord of Life Church and helping to facilitate the evening, Sue Stauffer and Anne Placek who collected the money at the registration desk and helped set up the rooms, Mary Memhardt, Inara Kirstein, and Genevieve Damico who sold raffle tickets and helped set up the rooms, Gail DeVet who greeted the people and gave them directions as how to register, etc. downstairs, and Barb Garvin who helped set up the rooms



Mum Fundraiser

Joe Heidgen's magnificent mums from Shady Hill Gardens are coming here again to dress up your flower beds and generate smiles from relatives and friends upon receiving them as gifts. The plants arrive in a 1.5 gallon container and are 18-22 inches in height and diameter. The colors are dark red, yellow, bronze, purple, and white. The cost is still \$12.00 each or when you purchase 3 or more, they are \$11.00 each. The order forms and checks are due to Judy L. by August 25th. Make out checks to Schaumburg AAUW. Pick up is on Friday, September 8th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Judy S.'s house. If you prefer to give a donation, checks will be graciously accepted by Judy L. Thank you so much for supporting our mum fundraiser. *Judy S.*

and supplies too. Everyone also helped distribute the treats and facilitate the clean-up. Husbands Phil DeVet, Ken, Olson, Will Damico, Bob Stauffer, Bob Stewart, and Will, pitched right in so the tables, supplies, etc., were all set up on time. Several members donated items for prizes or gave donation checks. Noreen Weimer, once again, brought her delicious pizza.

Thank you once again for making this an outstanding night of fun with a purpose.

Judy Stewart and the Bunco Committee



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Barbara,

I just wanted to thank you and all the other ladies of the AAUW, for the beautiful Mother's Day gifts. They were very nice and well thought out, and I can tell that a lot of love went into them.

We get so excited when we are able to bless these brave moms with special gifts throughout the year, and we couldn't do it without donors like all of you. Just know that the moms (who often come to us with only the clothes on their back) who received your gifts were given a reason to smile this Mother's Day, due to your care and generosity.

Tabitha Nilson
Donations Coordinator
WINGS Program

Spectacular Super-Sized Mums

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

Pick up on Friday, September 8th
From 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at
Judy Stewart's house located at
805 Seaside Ct. in Schaumburg
Phone: 847-891-6147



Plants from Joe Heidgen at Shady Acres come in a 1.5 gallon pot, 18-22 inches in height and diameter. The cost is \$12.00 each or when you buy 3 or more, they are \$11.00 each. Orders are due to Judy Lewis at 1640 Brittany Lane, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 by August 25th. Mums can be displayed in sun or part shade. The mums are guaranteed to be healthy when you pick them up. They will then need your tender care, including periodic watering, when necessary. The colors and sizes were spectacular last year, and Joe has kept the price the same!

Send your order form and check made out to Schaumburg AAUW to Judy Lewis.

| 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: _____

Thank you for your support.

Judy Stewart (Questions? Call 847-891-6147 or email at JudyStewart@wideopenwest.com)