



# News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

NOVEMBER—JANUARY 2018 -2019

## President's Message

In June of 2017 Kimberly Churches began as the chief executive officer for AAUW. “Kimberly comes to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she strategically guided the public policy organization, providing vision and problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and external relations, and fund-raising as the managing director. Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K–12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international

nonprofits. Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.” [https://www.aauw.org/article/introducing-kimberly-](https://www.aauw.org/article/introducing-kimberly-churches/)



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I suggest that we are lucky to have her at the helm. At our December brunch we will all listen to the short video that she recently posted for all members. She gives us a charge and I think we are up for it!



Follow up to the September Newsletter where I shared some detail on my visits with **2 Madonna of the Trail** monuments, tributes to the spirit of pioneer women. I can now say that I have seen 3 **Madonna of the Trail** monuments. A few weeks ago we drove to Vandalia, which is the oldest existing capital city in Illinois about 260 miles south. In this small town, they not only have a Madonna of the Trail, but this is also where you will find the State Capital built in 1836. You can walk through at your leisure. We found it very interesting to see where the State business was conducted by the House and the Senate during those 3 years. Lincoln was in the House during this time. Soon after, the capital was moved to Springfield. Enjoy this day trip if you can <http://www.vandaliaillinois.com/for-visitors/explore-vandalia/old-state-capitol/>

## Holiday Brunch

On Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> join your fellow AAUW members for a scrumptious brunch at Lord of Life Church. We will start at 8:30. We will also have a cookie walk to benefit the branch and our annual

WINGS collection. Members \$5, guests free. Angie and Kathy always have something delicious planned, so make sure to mark your calendar “tout de suite” (immediately).



## Upcoming Events

- *Novel Approach:*  
November 19
- *Holiday Brunch:*  
December 1
- *Novel Approach:*  
January 21
- *Networking Luncheon:*  
January 26
- *General Meeting :*  
February 26

## Attachments

Registration form for the Networking Lunch

WINGS wish list

## Bunco Blast

Mark your calendars! The Schaumburg AAUW 2019 Blast will be here before you know it! The leprechauns are busy assembling and wrapping your gifts for our annual bunco fundraiser. The bunco takes place on Friday, March 15th in the basement of Lord of Life Church, located at 119 West Wise Road in Schaumburg. It will officially begin at 7:00 p.m., but you are welcome to come at 6:30 p.m. to register and check out the prizes. The cost is \$10.00 and includes delicious treats, plus prizes



including winner, loser, and raffle prizes.

A portion of the funds raised will contribute to our AAUW educational funds for women. If you can't attend, donations for this fundraiser will be gladly accepted, or you can send someone in your place to play.

Bunco is an easy dice game of chance where rotating partners throw three dice to acquire winning points. Instruction will be given, and each table will have someone who has played before to answer further questions. We welcome beginners and our devoted, long time players.

Please email or call Judy S. by March 4th, 2019. Thank you for your support.

- Judy S. and the Bunco Committee

## WINGS

If you would like to support WINGS this holiday season, please bring items from the attached Holiday Wish List or Gift Card List to the Brunch on December 1st. **The mission of WINGS Program, Inc. is to provide housing, integrated services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence.** Our participation is greatly appreciated and helps WINGS assist hundreds of people impacted by domestic violence. If you are not able to attend the brunch please call or email Lynn and she will pick up your items.

### 2018 Networking Luncheon

Saturday – January 26, 2018

Embassy Suites, Deerfield, IL

Guest Speaker: Wendy Pearlman, author of “We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices From Syria”.

Registration due January 19.  
Form enclosed.

### AAUW strategic plan is available online:

<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>

## Jewel Fundraiser

I would like to place our next Jewel Gift Card Order on Monday, November 26th. The cards will arrive in time for our Holiday Brunch. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser. - Sue

## Dining Out

Dining out is scheduled for January. More information to come.



### AAUW Focus: Economic Security and Pay Equity

For the 2019 fiscal year (which includes fall 2018 and spring 2019), AAUW is focusing on economic security and pay equity. AAUW is working towards a goal of ensuring livelihoods for women by achieving pay equity by 2030 through several key objectives:

**Champion pay equity federally and in all U.S. states and territories.**

**Lead the nation in providing salary negotiation programs for employees and employers.**

**Train 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022.**

## Poinsettias

This season, the Schaumburg Area Branch will repeat our successful venture of offering beautiful Poinsettias for sale. Our friendly mum grower, Shady Hill Gardens, promises another crop of lush, beautiful plants.

Small: "2-3 bloom" size is in a 4 1/2" pot. Perfect for display on a desk or side table. \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00

Large: "5-7 bloom" size is in a 6 1/2" pot. Adds a festive, vibrant feel to any space. \$15.00 each or 2 for \$28.00

Both sizes available in **RED, WHITE, or PINK**



Either size makes a wonderful hostess gift!

Please email your order to Angie. Be sure to specify **SIZE, COLOR and QUANTITY.**

### DEADLINE FOR ORDERING:

WEDNESDAY, November 21

Day before Thanksgiving, order early!

The plants will be available for pick-up at the December Brunch 12/1/2018. Payment can be made at the Brunch, along with your other items. Of course, alternate arrangements can be made, just let me know and we can work out the details.

See you at the Brunch!  
Angie

## Novel Approach

### *A Piece of the World*

by Christine Baker Kline

The story centers on Christina, who has a degenerate disease And whose life centers around her life with her family in Maine. Her friend Andrew Wyeth, who summers in Maine is drawn to Christine and makes her the center of his famous painting. It is a fictional story but much of it is taken from true accounts of the people in the story. I found it to be a fascinating story.

This discussion will take place at Janet's home on November 19 at 1:00 p.m. Please let Janet know if you will be attending.

### *Radium Girls*

by Kate Moore

This nonfiction book is a true story of girls during the time of WWI who worked painting clock faces at radium-dial factories. The radium paint, which they were exposed to, caused them physical harm and serious health problems. The story is the girls' legal fight against the company who claimed "no fault". There is some "local flavor" to the story as a part of it occurred in Ottawa, IL.

The discussion leader is Anne. We will be meeting at the home of Kathy at 1 PM. Please RSVP to Kathy, if you will be able to attend.

## General Meeting

The February branch meeting and program will be held on February 26, 2019 at the Schaumburg Central Library, in the Rasmussen Room, starting at 7 PM. A short branch meeting will be held immediately following the program.

The program is entitled - **Behind the Stars: The Remarkable Women Who Helped Build Chicago.** Laurie Russell from the McCormick Foundation will return as our speaker. She will share with us how some remarkable Chicago women re-

sponded to four major events, and in the process, built the city we know today. The stars on the Chicago flag represent four major events that changed Chicago forever (Ft. Dearborn Massacre, Chicago Fire, World's Columbian Exposition, and the Century of Progress World's Fair). The discussion highlights women who risked



their lives in the Underground Railroad, built hospitals and schools, contributed to the arts, created the progressive women's club movement, and more.

This program is being offered in partnership with the Schaumburg Library and our AAUW branch. This is great visibility for our branch, as the program is listed in the Library's event brochure. Hopefully we will have a large attendance from the general

public, in addition to our own members. Please RSVP to Anne so that we know how many seats to save. You do not need to register separately with the library. We hope that many of you are able to attend this interesting topic.  
-Anne and Mary

AAUW – ILLINOIS – District #5  
36TH ANNUAL NETWORKING LUNCHEON  
Saturday, January 26, 2019  
Embassy Suites – Deerfield, IL  
1445 Lake Cook Rd

Networking at 11:30 AM – Lunch at 12:15 PM  
Speaker – 1:15 PM

**Guest Speaker – Wendy Pearlman**

**Scholar** - Associate Professor of Political Science – Northwestern University  
**Author:** We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices From Syria

The Topic of Wendy's Talk Is - Of: "Comparative Politics of the Middle East"  
Of: Arab – Israeli – Syrian - Refugees – Political Violence/Non-Violence – Migration



We Invite you to Join Together at this 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Networking Luncheon.

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- Please Complete Reservation Form Below and Mail -  
(along with check made payable to: AAUW Networking Luncheon) -  
to:

**Donna Zimmerman – 1540 Rutland Ct. - Schaumburg, IL 60173**  
Reservation Forms and Payment to Arrive at Donna's NO LATER THAN January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Entree Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Retrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Entree Choices – Each \$40:**  
Salmon with Lemon Cream Sauce; Choice Sliced Beef; Chicken Picatta; Mushroom Risotto;  
Also included with Entree: Green Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

## **WINGS Holiday Wish List**

**Items in bold can be gently used**

**Twin Sized Comforters/Blankets**

Pull Ups – Size 2/3 and 4/5

Children's Underwear (sizes 2T – 8)

Men's Underwear – All sizes

Women's Underwear – 12 and Up

Women's Slippers – Size X-Large (**No Slipper Socks**)

Men's Slippers – Size X-Large (**No Slipper Socks**)

Children's Slippers – Size Large (**No Slipper Socks**) (Not toddler sizes, only youth sizes)

**Women's Anklet Socks**

**Baby Monitors**

**Crib Sheets**

Journals

Shower Curtains

**Training Bras**

**Reusable Laundry Bags**

**Double Strollers**

**Single Strollers**

**High Chairs**

**Car Seats**

**Bath Towels**

**Bathroom Hand Towels**

**Washcloths**

Hairbrushes

**Women's Pajamas – Small, 2X, and 3X**

**Men's Pajamas – Size 2X**

**Children's Pajamas – 4, 5T, and 14/16**

Baby Lotion, wash, shampoo, oil

**Girls Socks – All Sizes**

**Boy and Girl Socks – Toddler Sizes**

5X8 Daily Planners

Phone Chargers (Any Kind)

**Women's Robes – Size Small-XL**



## Gift Card List

(List updated as needs change)

\$100, \$50, & \$25 denominations are preferred



### Home Improvement

Menards  
Lowe's  
Home Depot

### Fast Food

Subway  
Jimmy John's  
McDonald's  
Domino's  
Pizza Hut  
Papa John's  
Wendy's  
Burger King  
Chipotle  
Various Restaurants (prefer these in  
\$25 denominations)

### Grocery

Jewel-Osco  
ALDI

### All-in-one

Meijer  
Walmart  
Target

### Gas

Any major chain

Contact Tabitha Nilson – In-Kind Program Donations Supervisor – [tnilson@wingsprogram.com](mailto:tnilson@wingsprogram.com) – 847-577-4668 x  
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