



News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

JANUARY-MARCH 2019

Upcoming Events

- *Novel Approach:* February 18
- *General Meeting:* February 26
- *International Woman's Day:* March 8
- *BUNCO:* March 15
- *Novel Approach:* March 18

President's Message

I know that we all listened to Kim Churches (CEO AAUW) video at our holiday brunch. As I readied myself for the board meeting this week, I had to listen again. I was even more impressed this time as I listened to a very articulate, committed, inspiring leader. In review, Kim provided her **10 Steps to Make a Difference with AAUW**.

#1 on her list is to take the course, the **Salary Negotiation program** <https://salary.aauw.org/>. I completed the course (about 2 hours, in divided sessions), I learned a few things to be sure. Wheth-

er it applies to you at this time in your life or not, I think you will feel more informed for having participated. As a branch we came to consensus



to complete the program and to encourage other women to take the course (#2 & #3 on Kim's list). Also on Kim's list is to **Become a 2-minute Activist** (#8). You can sign up with your email at [https://](https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/?key=55158793)

www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/?key=55158793. For #10, Kim suggests that we create a plan for Pay Equity Day on April 2. Barb Olsen, our Policy Chair, is working on some suggestions for our participation. Read more about pay equity <https://www.pay-equity.org/day.html>.

Branch Officers

We are in need of a member to serve as Director of Communications, responsible for publicizing branch events. Let Peg know if you are interested or reach out to Janet if you have questions about this role.

General Meeting

The February branch meeting and program will be held on Tuesday, 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. The stars on the Chicago flag represent four major events that

changed Chicago forever: 1) Ft. Dearborn Massacre, 2) Chicago Fire, 3) World's Columbian Exposition, and 4) the Century of Progress World's Fair. Laurie will share with us how some remarkable Chicago women responded to these four major events, and in the process, built the city we know today.

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.

-Mary and Anne

Attachments

BUNCO Flyer

WINGS letter



Dining Out

Due to the government shutdown. The January dining out was delayed. Stay tuned.

Jewel Fundraiser

I would like to place our next 3 Jewel Gift Card orders on the following dates:

- February 11;
- April 8; and
- May 20.

Please let me know if you would like to be included in these orders with your denomination amounts. Please send your check (**payable to Schaumburg Area AAUW**) to either Barb G. or me.

Thanks for your continued support.
- Sue

Madonna on the Trail ... continued

Follow up to the November Newsletter where I shared some detail on my visits with 2 more **Madonna of the Trail** monuments, tributes to the spirit of pioneer women. I can now say that I have seen 7 **Madonna of the Trail** monuments. When Tim and I drove to PGH for a visit with my siblings we decided (or I begged) that we drive Route 70 so I could stop at the Madonna statues in Richmond, IN and Springfield, OH. While in PGH, we drove to Wheeling, WV and Bealls-

ville, PA. Since there were 12 statues commissioned in the 1920's I still have 5 to visit. None of the remaining statues are in places I am likely to visit in the near future, so if you find yourself in Bethesda, MD, Council Grove, KS, Lexington, MO, or Springerville, AZ or Lemar, CO (see map below)...stop by to see this unique tribute to our pioneer women. Send me a picture if you do...so I can complete the collection!

- Peg



General Meeting

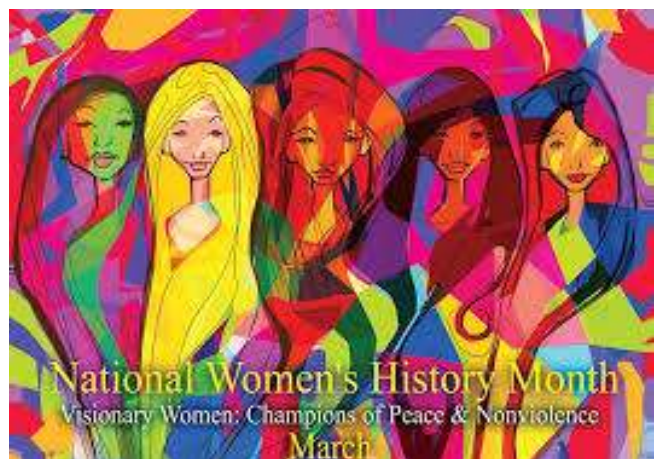
On April 11 at the Schaumburg Library

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is the largest urban forest preserve district in the United States. It receives an estimated 62 million visits each year, providing an escape into a world teeming with wildlife and rich with outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities. In 2014, the Forest Preserves adopted a long-range plan to protect and restore these

natural areas and make them more welcoming and accessible to all our residents. Eileen

Figel, Deputy Superintendent of the Forest Preserves, will tell us about the district's on-going efforts to successfully implement this ambitious plan.

March is Women's History Month



Novel Approach

Varina

by Charles Frazier

In his powerful new novel, Charles Frazier returns to the time and place of *Cold Mountain*, vividly bringing to life the chaos and devastation of the Civil War.

Her marriage prospects limited, teenage Varina Howell agrees to wed the Jefferson Davis. Davis pursues a career in politics and is appointed president of the Confederacy, placing Varina at the center of one of the darkest moments in American history.

The Confederacy falling, her marriage in tatters, and the country divided, Varina and her children escape Richmond and travel south on their own, now fugitives with "bounties on their heads, an entire nation in pursuit." Intimate in its detailed observations of one woman's tragic life and epic in its scope and power, *Varina* is a novel of an American war and its aftermath.

Please join us on Monday, February 18 at 1:00 pm at Judy L's. Janet is the discussion leader. Please let Judy L. know if you can attend.

Killers of the Flower Moon (The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI)

by David Grann

In the 1920's, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage became very wealthy.

Then, one by one, they were killed. One Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. More and more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances. Virtually anyone, who dared to investigate the killings, were themselves murdered.

Eventually, the newly created F.B.I. took up the case under a young director, J. Edgar Hoover. The investigation exposed one of the most sinister conspiracies in our American history.

The discussion leader is Sue, and we will meet at Anne's home on Monday, March 18, at 1 p.m. Please let Anne know if you are planning to attend.

BUNCO

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 if you plan to attend or can help.

Thank you for your support.

Judy S. and the Bunco Committee





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January 16, 2019

Ms. Lynn Priebe
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Dear Ms. Priebe,

As the New Year begins, we want to thank you for your generous donation during the holiday season. Because of your donation of \$240.00 in gift cards and holiday gifts, you made the holidays bright for our clients and their children.

Through the Holiday Store, we were able to provide 310 clients with gifts as well as refresh some of the items in our two safe houses and four shared homes. In addition, we have a good stock of supplies for our programs that will carry us well into 2019.



Thank you again for your support of WINGS. YOU are making a difference in the lives of those we serve and helping us accomplish our mission to provide housing, integrated services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence.

With sincere gratitude,

Denise

Denise M Urban, CPA CFE
Chief Financial Officer

*Lynn -
Hope you're
doing well!
Thank you for
the support!*

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