



# News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

FEBRUARY—APRIL 2021

## Upcoming Events

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January 21
- *Business Meeting:*  
February 8
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February 15
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details

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ment details

## President's Message

Following the January 6 violent invasion of the U.S. Capitol, it was important for us to see the strong response from our AAUW CEO, Kimberly Churches. "... AAUW join [ed] in solidarity with leading gender justice and equity organizations in a [state-ment](#) demanding that President Trump and his enablers be held accountable for their actions. We hope this unified message will inspire those in power to action." In turn, we are charged as members to work to under-

## February Business Meeting

I recently learned that February 8<sup>th</sup> is (officially and unofficially) known for: *Take Your Child to the Library Day\** (first Saturday), *National Kite Flying Day*, *Opera Day*, *Read in the Bathtub Day*. Well, with COVID, the first three are only available virtually, but yes we can read in the bathtub that day! Please participate in our **Monday, February 8 (7 to 8:15PM)** business meeting where we will review the AAUW [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion toolkit](#) and attend to other branch business. Following this dive into the new diversity toolkit you might find a document that catches your attention and deserves late night bathtub reading! An agenda will be forthcoming.

stand "the roots of our nation's divisions, [and asked] to actively engage in efforts to defeat white supremacy". To support our effort, AAUW has a new toolkit: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This toolkit is packed with resources "...to promote inclusion and awareness for all members to create an equitable, sustainable and inclusive membership reflective of today's world."

Together at our February 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting we will join the efforts to understand those divisions amongst Americans as we review the new [AAUW Diversity, Equity](#)



[and Inclusion toolkit](#). Our branch board feels that a good first step for us as a branch is to review the resources that AAUW compiled in this toolkit. I am willing to lead that deep dive at our February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please join us for this virtual event.

## General Meeting



On Tuesday March 9, at 7:00pm we will join the Schaumburg Library in presenting An Evening with Cheryl Raye Stout, Sports Commentator. Cheryl is one of Chicago's Own. She grew up in Chicago, finishing her education at Columbia College, where she majored in radio broadcasting. I will let her tell you, herself, how she

came to sports broadcasting, but she has worked in Chicago sports radio since 1979. She has broadcasted sports news and commentary for WMAQ, WMVP, WCBR, and you can hear her currently on WBEZ, 91.5. She started at a

time when women sportscasters were few and far between. Cheryl has had many exciting and interesting interviews with Chicago sports figures. This program is a long time coming as she was scheduled last year in March. Join us to hear her journey in sports radio. Register at Schaumburg Library website.

-Mary and Lynn

## Celebrating Women

The *Celebrating Women* interest group will use AAUW Diversity, Equity and Inclusion toolkit resources as a discussion focus for our next meeting on **Monday, February 22** at 1pm. Intersectionality, as stated in the [AAUW toolkit](#) is "the complex, cumulative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, or intersect especially in the experiences of marginalized individuals or groups." Source: Merriam-Webster Dictionary

AAUW provides this list of intersectional feminist movies; movies you may have already viewed and movies that you missed [AAUW List of Intersectional Feminist Films](#) Please choose one or more of these 10 movies to watch and reflect on; join our discussion on this topic of intersectionality on **Monday, February 22 at 1pm**. Perhaps the movie(s) you choose will be free on your cable provider or you may need to get them from your library. Kathy and Peg will send some themed discussion questions out in advance of our scheduled meeting to support our conversation.

### List of Intersectional Feminist Films

1. What Happened Miss Simone?
2. The First Wives Club
3. Mustang
4. Ma Vie En Rose
5. The Sapphires
6. Spy
7. Frida
8. Girl, Interrupted
9. Grandma
10. Mona Lisa Smile

<https://www.pulp-usu.com/pop/2017/11/22/10-intersectional-feminist-films-to-enjoy-when-the-patriarchy-gets-you-down>

## International Woman's Day is March 8



### Spring Plant Sale

Spring is Coming!  
With a blast from the past we will be reviving the annual plant sale this year. I bet you have missed the ease with which you could purchase annual flowers every spring. Well now you can again! And you can offer this service to your friends and neighbors. This year we will offer herbs and tomato plants also and some planters for those who just want pots to beautify their patios. The actual pickup will be at Judy S's house on Tuesday May 11. Mark this day on your calendars, so we can all help with the unloading. We offer no-contact pick or delivery. What more could you ask for? The order form is attached to this newsletter. Orders are due March 15, so don't delay.  
- Mary, Judy and Judy

### Jewel Fundraiser

Sue would like to place our next Jewel Gift Card order on **Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to be included in this order, please let her know the denominations that you would like to purchase. Denominations can be from \$5 to \$250 per card. Please make your check payable to **Schaumburg Area AAUW**.

**Note:** Please mail or drop off all checks for the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Jewel fundraiser to me for just this one time. I will make sure that Barb receives the checks to deposit. Thank you very much for your continued support of the Jewel cards. If you ever have any questions about these cards, please don't hesitate to contact Sue.

## March is Women's History Month



## Novel Approach

### *The Great Believers*

by Rebecca Makkai  
Discussion: February 15

It is 1985, and Yale Tishman is the development director for an art gallery in Chicago. As his career begins to flourish, the carnage of the AIDS epidemic grows around him. One by one, his friends are dying, and after his friend Nico's funeral, the virus circles closer and closer to Yale himself. Soon the only person he has left is Fiona, Nico's little sister. Thirty years later, Fiona is in Paris tracking down her estranged daughter who disappeared into a cult. While staying with an old friend, a famous photographer who documented the Chicago crisis, she finds herself finally grappling with the devastating ways AIDS affected her life and her relationship with her daughter. In these intertwining stories, Yale and Fiona struggle to find goodness in the midst of disaster.



### Holiday Stockings for WINGS

Many thanks to our branch for donating items for 60 stockings that were delivered to WINGS (drop off pictured) in early December. The stockings were quite full with gloves, crayons, coloring books, glider airplanes, tattoos, play doh, playing cards, wind up toys, candy canes and chocolate treats. We helped to bring smiles to the faces of many children at WINGS. Our branch effort despite Covid challenges was truly appreciated. Kudos!

### *Valentine*

by Elizabeth Westmore  
Discussion: March 15

Mercy is hard in a place like this... It's February 1976, and Odessa, Texas, stands on the cusp of the next great oil boom. While the town's men embrace the coming prosperity, its women intimately know and fear the violence that always seems to follow. In the early hours of the morning after Valentine's Day, 14-year-old Gloria Ramírez appears on the front porch of Mary Rose Whitehead's ranch house, broken and barely alive. The teenager had been viciously attacked in a nearby oil field --- an act of brutality that is tried in the churches and barrooms of Odessa before it can reach a court of law. When justice is evasive, one of the town's women decides to take matters into her own hands, setting the stage for a showdown with potentially devastating consequences. VALENTINE is a haunting exploration of the intersections of violence and race, class and region in a story that plumbs the depths of darkness and fear, yet offers a window into beauty and hope.



We will have an end of year event in May. More details to follow.

Invitation to Jane Addams Branch program on Title IX is enclosed. Registration is required.

Invitation to provide comments on AAUW's proposal to amend the bylaws to open membership and eliminate the degree requirement to join AAUW is enclosed.

### *News of the World*

by Paulette Jiles  
Discussion: April 19

It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is paid to deliver a young orphan, Johanna, to her relatives in San Antonio. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. As the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forging a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land.

Arriving in San Antonio, the reunion is neither happy nor welcome. The captain must hand Johanna over to an aunt and uncle she does not remember—strangers who regard her as an unwanted burden. A respectable man, Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: abandon the girl to her fate or become—in the eyes of the law—a kidnapper himself. The story explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.



### Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day is Wednesday, March 24, 2021. This date symbolizes how far into the year all U.S. women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. See Kim Churches commentary at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/aauw-reacts-to-stagnant-gender-pay-gap-numbers/>



Schaumburg Area AAUW  
Spring Flower Fundraiser for  
Scholarships for Women  
Beautiful Greenhouse Plants

# AAUW SPRING 2021 FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Checks and Orders due by Monday, March 15th  
Pick up is on Tuesday, May 11th

Questions: Email to JudyStewart@wideopenwest.com

Send order form and check to  
Judy Lewis at 1640 Brittany Lane  
Hoffman Est, IL 60192 . Make  
checks to Schaumburg AAUW.  
Pick up: 805 Seaside Court  
Time: Betw. 11:00 am - 7:00 pm.

Choose the plants you want by placing the number on the line by that plant.  
Total the number of plants you are ordering and the cost at the bottom of each section.

BEDDING PLANTS 48 a flat - \$15.00 1/2 - \$8.50		
Number		Cost:
_____	Alyssum White	_____
_____	Alyssum Purple	_____
_____	Begonia Gr. Lf. Red Flower	_____
_____	Begonia Gr. Lf. Pink Flower	_____
_____	Begonia Gr. Lf White Flower	_____
_____	Coleus Wizard Mix	_____
_____	Dianthus Mix	_____
_____	Impatiens White	_____
_____	Impatiens Red	_____
_____	Impatiens Pink	_____
_____	Impatiens Violet	_____
_____	Impatiens Mixed Colors	_____
_____	Lobelia Blue	_____
_____	Marigold Dwarf Yellow	_____
_____	Marigold Dwarf Mixed	_____
_____	Moss Rose Mixed Bright	_____
_____	Petunia White	_____
_____	Petunia Purple/Blue	_____
_____	Petunia Hot Pink	_____
_____	Petunia Mixed Color	_____
_____	Salvia Red Medium	_____
_____	Salvia Victoria Blue	_____
_____	Snapdragons Dwarf Mixed	_____
_____	Vinca Mix	_____
_____	Vinca Peppermint	_____
Total	Cost	_____

ZONAL GERANIUMS 4 1/2" pot. Cost: \$3.50 each.		
_____	White	_____
_____	Red	_____
_____	Bi-Color	_____
_____	Pink	_____
_____	Violet	_____
_____	Hot Pink	_____
Total Geraniums	Cost:	_____

PREMIUM ANNUALS 4 1/2" pot. Cost \$3.50 each.		
_____	Pennisetum Rubrum (grass)	_____
_____	Pink Wave Petunias (medium pink)	_____
_____	Purple Wave Petunias (magenta)	_____
Total Premium Annuals	Cost:	_____

ACCENT PLANTS 3" pot. Cost: \$2.50 each.		
_____	Spikes	_____
_____	Vinca Vine	_____
Total Accent Plants	Cost:	_____

HANGING BASKETS 10" pot. Cost: \$13.00 each.		
_____	New Guinea Impatiens	_____
_____	Impatiens	_____
_____	Non-Stop Begonias	_____
_____	Fuchsia	_____
_____	Ivy Geraniums	_____
_____	Million Bells (Calibrachoa)	_____
_____	Combination of Flowers - SUN	_____
_____	Wave Petunias	_____
_____	Combination of Flowers - SHADE	_____
Total Hanging Baskets	Cost:	_____

PLANTERS 10" pot. Cost \$15.00 each		
_____	10" Stock Geraniums	_____
_____	10" New Guinea Impatiens	_____
Total Planters	Cost:	_____

VEGETABLES 3 1/2" pot. Cost: \$9.00 for a bag of three tomato plants. Each bag includes 1 Sweet 100 - Cherry, 1 Roma, & 1 Big Boy		
_____	Total Bags of Tomato Plants	Cost: _____

Herbs 3 1/2" pot. Cost: \$17.00 for a bag of six herbal plants. Bag includes 1 each Basil, Cilantro, Mint, Oregano, Parsley, & Rosemary		
_____	Total Herb Bags	Cost: _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be picking up. Yes

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

I need delivery. Yes

Make checks payable to Schaumburg AAUW.

*You and your friends are invited to join us for an online AAUW program on Jan. 21st 7:30 - 8:30 pm, **Title IX: Breaking Barriers/Restoring Protections**, to share how Title IX can provide protection of women/girls' rights.* The program features a review of Title IX, the 2020 changes impact on schools and students, and how we can be agents of change to restore the Title IX protection of rights.

**Program presenter: Alicia Hetman**, AAUW CA Title IX Consultant & Public Policy Committee, member of AAUW National Public Policy Committee and former AAUW national board member.

This meeting is sponsored by the AAUW Jane Addams branch and requires advance registration. Link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qfuCsqTguEtx6e0EHZDGGST-J147WKpFf>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



This spring, the AAUW membership will vote on an important proposal to amend the AAUW bylaws to open membership and eliminate the degree requirement to join AAUW. The national AAUW Board of Directors strongly supports the proposal, along with dozens of member leaders across the country. We believe this is an essential step toward making AAUW a more diverse and inclusive organization, better aligned with our mission, values and the needs of women today. Our full statement on the issue appears below this email.

Now through February 5, 2021, you can provide thoughts and comments on the proposed changes to the AAUW bylaws as well as proposed changes to the Public Policy Priorities. To learn more about the proposed changes and submit your feedback, please visit the [election page on the AAUW website](#).

We encourage your participation and look forward to hearing your thoughts. Please join us on Tuesday, January 19, at 4:00 p.m. ET for an interactive town hall on open membership. Please RSVP to attend.

Best regards,

Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Board Chair

### **AAUW Board of Directors Statement on Open Membership**

The AAUW National Board of Directors strongly supports elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put the requirement up for a membership vote this spring. This important change is a critical step in bringing AAUW's bylaws and membership requirement in line with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. While AAUW is fiercely committed to educational attainment for all women, given our commitment to inclusion, this is simply the right thing to do.

Proposals to eliminate the degree requirement for membership have come before the membership for vote a number of times. The Board feels very strongly that, while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

Members can comment on the proposed amendment from January 11 through February 5, 2021, 5:00 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 7 and close May 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. ET.

We encourage respectful debate, which has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community. Please send any comments to let the Board know of your thoughts on this proposal and exercise your vote this spring.

