



# News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

NOVEMBER – JANUARY 2021

## President's Message

I hope this late fall newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe. I also hope you have found or will find time to vote by November 3rd. We submitted our ballots at the drop box in Arlington Heights this year which was very easy. Now, the seemingly long wait until we get the results. In this very unsettling time with the devastating pandemic, a disturbing election period, and an impending winter season (I watch the snow showers as I write this), I am glad that we continue to support both the mission of AAUW and our strong commitment to women and girls.

Although I am retired from my fulltime position at the University, I continue to teach an online undergraduate course, *Introduction to Aging*. I enjoy this even more now as I

not only have the academic background to teach this course, but I now have the lived experience (HaHa!). It is important to me that young adults across majors are intro-



duced to content that explores the complexity and diversity of aging with a focus on supporting health and wellness. Last week, students were asked to provide a photograph that expresses what aging means to them. When it

comes to aging, there are many physical, emotional, psychological, etc changes but at the same time there is great support both from within and from friends/family/health care providers for accommodations that address many of these changes. Aging will throw me curves, but I will use strategies to maximize my health and wellness. I chose this picture as I am one who is forever the optimist; even to a fault sometimes, I see the glass as half full.

In November and into the winter we will have opportunities to see situations as a cause for pessimism or optimism. I hope you can join me in my view of optimism, knowing that the events of 2020 will not change and the opportunities we have for

## Upcoming Events

- *Tuesday Connection:* November 3
- *Novel Approach:* November 16
- *Celebrating Women:* November 23
- *Tuesday Connection:* December 1
- *Holiday Brunch:* December 5
- *Tuesday Connection:* January 5
- *Novel Approach:* January 18

## Attachments

Apple Recipes

Branch meeting minutes

## Winter Holiday Brunch - Celebrating the Future

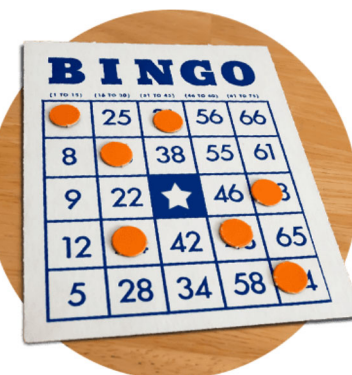
Saturday, December 5th at 8:30 a.m.

Let's meet from the warmth of our own homes to enjoy breakfast with each other (perhaps with a Bloody Mary or Mimosa). As we look forward to 2021 we thought it could be fun for each of us to bring our ideas about what we are looking forward to doing in the new year for discussion during brunch.

And in lieu of our annual

cookie walk fundraiser we hope everyone attending brunch will participate in a bingo fundraiser substitute. Please send Barb Garvin \$20 to obtain your bingo cards. Bingo winners can choose one of the baskets originally planned for our bunco fundraiser last March which was cancelled because of Covid.

Please contact Lynn or Mary if you have questions (Watch for your Zoom link early December)





## Tuesday Connections

First Tuesday Connections will meet via Zoom at 1 PM on November 3 (Election Day), December 1 and January 5. We can socialize during this virtual coffee hour. I will send the link closer to each date. -

## Jewel Fundraisers

Our next Jewel Gift Card Fundraiser will be placed on Monday afternoon, November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be included in this order, please let me know the denominations that you wish to purchase. Denominations can be from \$5 to \$250 per card. This is also a perfect time to purchase additional cards for holiday gifts or donations to various charitable organizations such as Wings. Please make your check payable to **Schaumburg Area AAUW** and mail/drop off to Barb. Thank you, as always, for all of your support for our August and October Jewel gift card fundraisers. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me. After November 30<sup>th</sup>, our next Jewel fundraiser will be scheduled for mid-February. Thanks again, Sue



## Spring Plant Sale

For the first time our grower will be working with us to provide beautiful bedding annuals, geraniums, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetables, and hanging flower pouches for sale for our spring gardens. Order sheets with bargain prices will be coming out in February, due March 20<sup>th</sup>, and tentative pick up day is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Final details will be forthcoming. - Judy S

## President's Message cont'd

2021 are boundless. Thanksgiving is approaching fast. I know our gathering might look and feel very different this year but I also know that we have much to be thankful for. I am thankful for my family and friends, my country and my ability to vote, and all of you who so willingly support our work and our friendships.

**Celebrating Women group** Peg and Kathy S

In anticipation of our **Monday, November 23 1PM** meeting of our AAUW branch [Celebrating Women interest group](#), I hope you are watching the CNN First Ladies Series. CNN continues to highlight six First Ladies. Here is a link to the names of those who are included and the dates for each episode.

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Kathy S and I will send out some questions for you to consider before our discussion on **Monday, November 23 at 1pm** via zoom. I look forward to learning more about our First Ladies and discussing the impact these women had on America. I will send the zoom link to you the week before the meeting.

- Peg



I still remember asking my high school guidance teacher to take a second year of algebra instead of a fifth year of Latin. She looked down her nose at me and sneered, "What lady would take mathematics instead of Latin?"

**Nancy Grace Roman, AAUW member and "Mother of the Hubble Telescope"**

## Holiday Stockings for WINGS

Tabitha from WINGS asked if our branch would be willing to coordinate holiday stockings like we did last year at our brunch. Logistics will be a bit more challenging but I committed us for 60 stockings because I think it's doable. I will buy the stockings and crayons/ coloring books or similar. It would be awesome if a few members could coordinate the small knit gloves again - kids never have enough gloves so it's an item that is appreciated. Oriental Trading is a good resource for other stocking stuffer ideas. Please let me know if you are able to help with this project so I can coordinate items. I would need to have all items no later than Friday, December 5th to assem-

ble the stockings. If you are unable to drop off items at my house I'm willing to pick up from your home. Thanks in advance - our help is especially appreciated this year by WINGS. Lynn



## Novel Approach

### *Dandelion Wine*

by Ray Bradbury

November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 via Zoom  
Risa is the discussion leader.

The summer of '28 was a vintage season for a growing boy. A summer of green apple trees, mowed lawns, and new sneakers. Of half-burnt firecrackers, of gathering dandelions, of Grandma's belly-busting dinner. It was a summer of sorrows and marvels and gold-fuzzed bees. A magical, timeless summer in the life of a 12-year-old boy named Douglas Spaulding-remembered forever by the incomparable Ray Bradbury.

### Mums

Our annual mum sale required a new grower who furnished gorgeous plants in bronze, yellow, purple, white, and dark red. We sold 110 plants with a profit of \$478.00 towards our scholarship fund. We would like to thank everyone for their support. - Judy S

### Poinsettias

Those beautiful poinsettias are back by popular demand. Remember how beautiful they were? This year please email me your order and send your check to Barb Garvin. All orders are due NOVEMBER 10.

Colors are RED, PINK, and WHITE. Sizes are Large 5-7 blooms \$15.00 or 2 for \$28.00.

Small 2-3 blooms \$8.00 or 2 for \$15.00  
I will plan to have them available on DEC 5<sup>th</sup> maybe DEC 4<sup>th</sup>. —Mary



### *The Book of Gutsy Women – Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience*

By Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton

January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.  
Judy S. is the discussion leader.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, share the stories of the gutsy women who have inspired them, and who are their heroes. These women had the courage to stand up to the status quo, ask hard questions, and get the job done. Over 100 mini profiles of our world's most fantastic, innovative, optimistic, and brave women are included. These are the women who have contributed to the earth, human rights, and women's causes, while influencing history helping to clear the path for all who followed. It has been called a homage to prominent women of the world who made a difference. Which of the profiles of these women have touched your life or made a difference to you? It's the year of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and possibly our first black female Vice President, Kamala Harris.

September 15, 2020

#### ***Kim Churches issued the following statement in response to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau:***

"Another year, another frustrating statistic for American women and their families: The wage gap between men and women once again has barely budged. As unfathomable as it seems, numbers don't lie: Women still are paid just 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man. Black women are paid just 63 cents and Latinas 55 cents compared to what white men earn. "These figures reflect a very slight narrowing over last year's numbers: In 2018, on average women earned 81.6 cents for every dollar paid to men, compared to 82.3 cents in 2019; Black women were paid 62% of white, non-Hispanic men's wages in 2018, compared to 63% in 2019; and Latinas made 54% of white,

non-Hispanic men's wages in 2018 compared to 55% in 2019. Those changes reflect a hint of movement, but hardly enough to make a difference in our bank accounts. And strikingly, the pay gap actually widened for Asian women, who were paid 89% of white, non-Hispanic men's wages in 2018, compared to 87% in 2019.

"If that's not bad enough, the situation will get even worse: These new figures reflect wages from 2018 to 2019, and there's every indication that the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout could actually widen the gap in 2020. Women have been disproportionately affected by furloughs and unemployment during the pandemic, largely because so many hold jobs in the industries that have shrunk amidst the pandemic. Women of color have been especially hard hit, confronting the cascading effects of both economic and health insecurity.

"What's more, the challenges of caretaking — exacerbated by virtual schooling, closed daycare centers and isolated seniors — have taken a significant toll on women's careers. With women still shouldering the bulk of domestic responsibilities, many have no other option but to reduce their work hours, put off advancement opportunities or quit their jobs altogether. That reality will compound the difficulties of achieving pay equity any time soon.

"But we are not giving up in our battle to demand the equitable wages that most Americans agree women deserve. In fact, the stagnant numbers — and the glaring unfairness of it all — inspire us to work even harder to ensure economic security for women and their families.

"AAUW will continue to advocate for laws and policies aimed at increasing [salary transparency](#), which has been shown to help equalize pay. We will work to increase the number of states, localities and private employers that [ban the use of salary history](#) to set wages, and we will ramp up our efforts to pass the federal [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) and strengthen state laws around the country. We will continue to partner with American employers to re-imagine their workplace models, which are still based on an outdated notion of how families live and work. And we will double down on our efforts to ensure all workers have access to [paid sick and caregiving leave](#) as well as safe, reliable and affordable childcare. "The events of 2020 have made it painfully obvious that we need to accelerate our work on behalf of American women, particularly women of color. We need to seize this moment to forge ahead in the movement for equity. We cannot and will not grow complacent about a wage gap that is robbing American women and their families of the economic security they deserve."



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## Easy, Delicious, Best Apple Pie Ever!

Based on a revised Betty Crocker recipe and from the kitchen of Judy S.

### Pastry for 10 inch one crust pie      Directions

1 1/3 cups flour	Measure flour and salt into the bowl. Cut in butter.
1/2 teaspoon salt	Sprinkle in water one tablespoon at a time until all flour
1/2 cup butter	is moistened and cleans the side of the bowl.
3 to 4 tablespoons of water	If you have a food processor, use it to mix the ingredients.
	Gather dough into a ball and flatten into a round shape on
	a flat floured surface. Ease into the pie pan cutting off
	excess pastry with a knife.

### 10 inch Apple Pie      Directions

1 cup sugar	Heat oven to 425 degrees. Stir together sugar, flour,
1/3 cup flour	nutmeg, and cinnamon mixing with apples. Add to
1 teaspoon nutmeg	pastry-lined pie pan. Cover with French Apple Crumb
1 teaspoon cinnamon	Topping. Mix 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup butter, and 1/2 cup brown
8 cups thinly sliced cooking apples	sugar until crumbly. Bake 40-50 minutes. Cover edges of
(Mix apples with Fruit-Fresh to	crust with aluminum foil before baking.
prevent browning.)	(Baking apples – Honeycrisp, Gala, Jonagold, & McIntosh)



Ken likes this recipe from Betty Crocker recipe. [https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/impossibly-easy-salted-caramel-apple-mini-pies/0a0eadd5-9efc-427e-b8eb-b1ee696b9087?](https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/impossibly-easy-salted-caramel-apple-mini-pies/0a0eadd5-9efc-427e-b8eb-b1ee696b9087?position=RDPToolbarRAIL.Print#consumerGeneratedContent)

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Apple Pear Granola Crisp from Fran. She doesn't use the goat cheese.

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**MORE ONLINE** See France Cevallos make her Creamy Autumn Carrot Soup at [dailyherald.com/entlife/food](http://dailyherald.com/entlife/food)

## Apple Pear Granola Crisp

4	cups pears, peeled, coarsely chopped (about 6 medium pears)	1	teaspoon ground cinnamon
4	cups apples, peeled, coarsely chopped (about 6 medium apples)	1/2	teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2	cup brown sugar	4	ounces goat cheese, crumbled
2	tablespoons all-purpose flour	2	cups fruit and nut granola (such as Cascadian Farms)
2	tablespoons lemon juice	1/2	cup butter, melted
		3	tablespoons honey

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray bottom and sides of 9-by-13-inch (3 quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray.

In large bowl, stir pears, apples, sugar, flour, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg; fold in cheese. Spread into prepared pan.

In same bowl, mix granola and butter; sprinkle over fruit mixture. Drizzle honey over all. Bake 50-60 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden brown; cover with foil after 20 minutes to prevent excessive browning. Serve warm.

Serves eight.

twice. Today she shares her Creamy Autumn Carrot Soup, a creamy concoction made with coconut milk, carrots and a flavorful blend of ginger and curry, that would fit right into the holiday menu.

We can learn a lot from France's cooking philosophy. She suggests that the best skills to have for cooking are patience and a willingness to

experiment.

"Things don't always turn out the way you hoped, but just take things as they come," she said. "It's not a big, serious thing — it's not the end of the world if a recipe goes wrong."

• To suggest someone to be profiled here, send the cook's name, address and phone number to [food@dailyherald.com](mailto:food@dailyherald.com).

## Apple Butternut Squash soup

1 T butter  
1 med onion diced  
1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chopped  
4 red or golden apples, cored and chopped, plus 1 apple, finely diced and tossed in lemon juice, for garnish (optional)  
2 t coarse salt  
1 1/2 t ground cumin  
1/2 t ground coriander  
1/2 t ground ginger  
1/4 t cayenne pepper  
1/4 t freshly ground black pepper  
2 cups homemade or store-bought low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock  
2 1/2 c water  
1 jalapeno chile, thinly sliced, for garnish (optional)  
sour cream for garnish (optional)

Melt butter in large saucepan over med heat. Add onion, cook, stirring occasionally until it begins to soften, about 4 minutes. Add squash and cook, stirring occasionally until soft, about 10 minutes. Add apples, salt, cumin, coriander, ginger, cayenne, black pepper, stock and the water. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, and cook until vegetables are very soft, about 30 minutes.

Puree in batches in a good processor or blender until smooth, and return to saucepan (if you have an immersion blender skip this step and just blend with the immersion blender).

To serve, ladle into shallow bowls; garnish with diced apples, jalapeno slices, and sour cream if desired.

Enjoy;

Barb

Meeting called to order; 15 members participating  
AAUW funds/Harper scholarship Mary

Peg

**Motion: Branch donation of \$630 (\$30 per member) to AAUW Greatest Needs fund. Motion second and carried. Barb G to process donation. Members asking for updates on our Schaumburg Area Community Grant. Mary to check on this.**

Minutes, **Sept 2020 meeting minutes approved**

Peg

Presidents Report:

Highlights of Conversation with Kim Churches shared by Peg and others. All quite honored that she spent this time with us and she expressed pride in our efforts on AAUW mission.

Highlights of "AAUW Programming in a Pandemic for Branch and State Leaders" shared. Branch efforts to offer programs and fundraising during the pandemic shared.

Efforts to get the word out on Pay Equity will need to be different this year. Board to discuss and present to members by January. 2021 dates not yet available.

Virtual convening with our own Zoom continues. If you are having issues entering, let Peg know.

Finance

Barb G

Report, \$3741.20 in checking account. Barb to make Harper and AAUW donations from this amount.

Fundraising:

Jewel cards, Sue—branch raised \$98 and \$93 with each fall effort. Next date Nov 30

Baskets and spring bedding sale, Judy S—branch supportive. Judy S, Lynn P, Mary M, and Kathy S to arrange a zoom call to set up order form. Judy L to help with order tally.

Poinsettias, Mary—prices will mirror last year (\$15 – 2 for \$28 - for 5-7 blooms and \$8 for 2-3 blooms). Mary to get delivery date and order forms to us with newsletter. Orders due No 10.

Membership, 21 members

Sue & Fran

Programming

Mary and Lynn

Members supportive of Sept and Oct programs. Collaboration with STDL. **Peg mentioned that a brief debrief time following such meetings would be helpful. Ken suggested a zoom to follow each library program. Will try this in the spring.**

Annual branch brunch continues but virtual. Instead of making cookies and arranging group food, branch will play bingo virtually while eating breakfast at home. Participation in this branch event is \$20. Bingo cards will be provided. Prizes will be baskets that Judy has assembled and stored for us. If you win Bingo, you can choose a basket. Fun for all!

More details in the newsletter.

Planning for spring programs in the works. STDL is working only one month in advance.

Other

- O Interest Groups: Dining Out, Janet; Novel Approach, 11/16 Fran; Celebrating Women, 11/23 Peg/Kathy S; First Tuesday Connections, 11/3 Janet
  - O WINGS Holiday stockings, Lynn to get details out in newsletter
  - O Facebook, Mary and Ken. Take a look. Thanks for this effort.  
Newsletter, Genevieve—deadline Oct 26
9. "Apples Galore" Delicious ideas shared. Branch members to scan and send recipes to Genevieve who will put in our next newsletter.

