



# News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

JANUARY 2023—MARCH 2023

## President's Message



to advocate for women on issues nimbly. I recently learned that AAUW sits on the following committees:

- White House Gender Policy Council - weekly call
  - UN Women, UN entity for Gender Equality & the Empowerment of Women
  - White House Equal Pay Summit with President & Mrs. Biden
  - UN NGO (non-governmental org.) Commission on the Status of Women
  - Speaker Pelosi's Women's History Month Celebration
  - Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) Power Summit
  - UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs special consultative status
- (continued on next page)

A new year always gets me thinking about new possibilities and opportunities. AAUW certainly has fed that itch. So much is in the works. Mary and Lynn have great programming ideas. The next two with the library you should have received an email followed up by this newsletter. Public Policy is hopping both nationally and in Illinois. We ended 2022 with the celebration of the passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and begin the year with marking the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Work continues on the student loan repayment issues. AAUW IL is supporting local branches when efforts to disrupt library or school boards arise.

Equity Pay Day is March 15. (Ruth Bader Ginsburg's birthday.) The board is

actively planning an event so save the date. Our interest groups have brought additional opportunities for learning, discussion and connection to women, their struggles, triumphs, contributions, cultures, and their roles in history. The convention is coming up too. I already have my hotel reservations. I hope others will consider joining me. We will also continue with our successful fundraising efforts. Judy has included the order form for the spring flowers and Sue has a Jewel card fundraiser. Because of these fundraisers last year we were able to support a scholarship at Harper and send in \$1150 to the Greatest Needs fund. By contributing in this way, we help national

## Upcoming Events

- *Celebrating Women, February 13, 1pm*
- *General Meeting, follows online program, February 16, 7pm*
- *Novel Approach: February 20, 1pm*
- *Online program, March 1, preregister*
- *Flower Order Due to Judy Lewis, March 13*
- *Equity Pay Day, March 15*
- *Novel Approach: March 20, 1pm*
- *Online program, March 24, 10am, (preregister with Lynn)*
- *Flower pick up, Genevieve, home, May 19*

## Upcoming General Meetings & Branch Programs

**\*\*Thursday, February 16, An evening with William Kent Krueger, Author of *New York Times* bestseller *This Tender Land* One Book, One Community; Live stream or in person with the author at the Prairie Art Center; Branch meeting to follow on Zoom**

It's 1932, along the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River. Odie and his brother Albert are orphans confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, Odie, Albert, their best friend Mose and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, journeying into the unknown and searching for a place to call their own. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams and makes us whole.

The program will be live at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts and live streamed simultaneously through the Schaumburg Library. **We will have a discussion with AAUW members that listen via the live stream after the presentation. A Zoom link for post presentation discussion will be sent out at a later date. Note - if you plan to live stream the presentation go to the [std.org](https://www.std.org) site a few minutes before 7:00 and click the streaming link on the registration page.**

Registration link: <https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/events?id=7446110>

-Mary and Lynn, more upcoming programs continued on page 2 and page 3

## President's Message (cont.)

AAUW is at these tables because it is an important and well-respected advocate for women's issues. Going into 2023, I can see the value that AAUW creates from the contributions of my time and dollars to this branch and organization. I hope that as you are sharing your experience with AAUW with neighbors or friends, you see a similar value. Maybe your neighbors want some Jewel gift cards or reconsider purchasing spring flowers. Maybe your friend would like to try out our branch and consider joining. It is a new year with new possibilities. - Genevieve

## Celebrating Women: Feb 13



Let's recognize the **United Nations International Day of Women and Girls in Science** in February by discussing a compelling and insightful documentary, "Picture a Scientist." It focuses on three brilliant women scientists who have faced sexual harassment and gender bias in the workplace through the years and their efforts to expose it. Watch on Netflix or PBS with a Passport membership. If these options don't work for you, watch "Women in Science Profiles," short videos on the PBS website. Also, you may want to share a story you know about a woman scientist. Join us via Zoom on Monday, Feb 13 at 1pm. Kathy & Peg <https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day>

## Jewel Fundraiser: Feb 13 deadline

Our next Jewel Gift Card order will be placed on Monday, February 13 Th.

If you would like to be included in this order, please let me know the denominations that you would like to order (\$5 to \$250 per gift card). Please make your check payable to Schaumburg Area AAUW and mail to Barb by February 13. If you have any questions about the cards, please call or email me.

Thank you for your continued support of this easy fundraiser. Our branch receives proceeds of 5 percent on each total order that we place. Sue

## Branch programs (cont.)

### Online Program: The Weird & Wonderful World of Mary Roach - with Author Analee Newitz Wednesday, March 1 7 - 8 p.m.

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with *New York Times* best-selling science author Mary Roach - despite her claim that "people call me a science writer, though I don't have a science degree and sometimes have to fake my way through interviews with experts I can't understand!" Roach will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live.

Dubbed "America's funniest science writer" by *The Washington Post*, Roach has explored topics from the curious lives of human cadavers, packing to visit space, the afterlife, the alimentary canal and more. Roach claims to have no hobbies, but enjoys bird-watching, hiking, playing scrabble and watching late-night Animal Planet.

Author Annalee Newitz will join Mary Roach in conversation. Newitz has a Ph.D. in English and American Studies from UC Berkeley and is one half of the hilarious podcast "Our Opinions are Correct". On their show, Newitz delves into the weird, wonderful and nerdy framework of science in pop culture.

Registration link below:

<https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/events?id=7799235>

## The Legacy of May Watts March 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Online program through the Morton Arboretum

What does it mean to be an older woman working in conservation? Join this lecture at The Morton Arboretum and celebrate the lasting influence of May Watts, one of the twentieth century's great conservationists, and explore what this legacy means for women today who are seeking to make a difference.

May Theilgaard Watts, the beloved naturalist, writer, poet, illustrator, and educator, was an influential figure in conservation, and she completed her most important conservation work in her later years. Watts began teaching at The Morton Arboretum in her late forties, where her tireless work engaging others with the natural world had a ripple effect that still influences the Chicago region 80 years later. When she was age sixty-six, her classic book, *Reading the Landscape*, was published. In her seventies, her dedicated activism led to the creation of the Illinois Prairie Path, a rails-to-trails program that continues today.

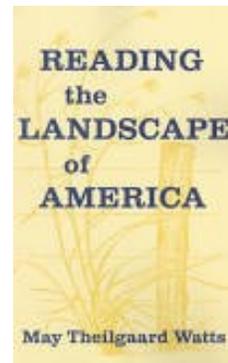
In a field historically dominated by men, May Watts made a mark advocating for conservation and inspiring future generations to take up the work as naturalists, writers, and educators. No matter what your age or gender identity, you'll be inspired by Watts' story.

This program meets in person at The Morton Arboretum and will also be broadcast live online via Zoom.

**\*Please send your RSVP to Lynn so the branch can send in**



Watts at the  
Indiana Dunes  
State Park Oc-  
tober 1957



## **RESERVE A ROOM TODAY**

**(Right Click here)**

### **2023 AAUW-IL, 98<sup>th</sup> State Convention**

Friday - Saturday, May 5 - 6, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center,  
East Peoria, IL

Plan to join AAUW friends and colleagues from around the state at the [2023 AAUW-IL Convention in East Peoria](#). The rooms at the Embassy Suites are truly a suite with a separate bedroom, a fold out sofa in the front room, and a shared bath in between. Very conducive to bringing a friend to the conference. We are lucky enough to be using the 2022 prices. You can use this link today to reserve your room [AAUW IL Convention 2023 Embassy Suites](#) or you may call 1-800-EMBASSY and use the code A UW.

Please mark your calendars and watch for additional details in Connection and on the AAUW-IL website. You won't want to miss this annual meeting where together we advance the AAUW mission.

Reach out to me, yes me, I am working with Becky Glimco, AAUW IL Program Chairs, for questions [aauwilpro-grams@gmail.com](mailto:aauwilprograms@gmail.com)

## Novel Approach February and March

### *Finding Me: A Memoir* by Viola Davis Discussion: February 20

This fascinating book is narrated by the accomplished actress, Viola Davis, of *How to Get Away with Murder*, *The Help*, and *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, where she has earned an Academy, Emmy, two Tonys, and Screen Actors Guild awards. Listed by *Time Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, Viola Davis introduces a little girl who ran from her oppressive past until she made a life-changing decision to stop running forever. It takes you from a crumbling apartment in Central Falls, Rhode Island to the stage in New York City and beyond. Viola searches to find her purpose in life and her voice in a world where she was initially overlooked and rejected. She continues to show courage on her quest to find self-love. She shows us where her heart, determination, grit, and resilience were born. This is an extremely inspiring, motivational, and joyous book to read that will captivate your heart right from the beginning making it extremely hard to put down.

*Judy S.*



### *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez Discussion: March 20

In 1973, fresh out of nursing school, Civil Townsend begins work at the Montgomery Family Planning Clinic where she hopes to help African American women make their own choices about their bodies. She is stunned when her first patients are 11- and 13-year-old virgins who have been put on birth control by a government agency. Things get worse for these girls. Inspired by true events, *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez is a very moving novel about a disgraceful time in our country's history.

Join us on Zoom on Monday, March 20 at 1 pm for the discussion.

*Carol*



## **SUPPORT OUR BRANCH FUNDRAISERS**

Let your friends and family know about the plant sale and the Jewel card option. Judy S and Judy L will be sending a user friendly form for you to use soon.

Thank you to Judy S and Sue S for championing these efforts to support AAUW Greatest Needs and a student at Harper College.



### Public Policy Update- Ken Olson

I hope everyone has had a better start to the New Year than Congress, especially the House. The GOP has been battling with itself since taking control of the House and threatening the country with a shut down of the Government if they don't get their way on deep cuts to domestic programs. It seems sure to be a bumpy two years at the federal level. It will be important to make our voices heard in support of AAUW Goals. The members of Congress who represent our area in the House and Senate are supporters of AAUW Goals. We need to thank them and show our support for their efforts and encourage support by other legislators.

Two major issues for the coming year are publishing of the ERA Amendment so that it can officially become part of the constitution and continued work on Equal pay. I think you will find this video on the status of the ERA informative: (Click on the picture for the video you may need to right click and then open the link)

### Get the Skinny on the Legal Status of ERA



*Attorney Nicole Vorrasi Bates explains the urgent status of ERA and the need for the President to publish the amendment immediately.*

The other issue is the continued fight for equal pay. We need to soon be making plans for how we can raise awareness of the issue. The overall Equal Pay Day this year is Wednesday Mar 15, 2023. We should have the calendar for all dates soon. If you are interested in facts to use in discussing the issue AAUW National has some great resources at <https://www.aauw.org/issues/equity/pay-gap/>. Here are two additional factsheets of interest:

- o [“Salary Range Transparency Reduces Gender Wage Gaps”](#): The factsheet discusses how salary range transparency helps reduce gender pay gaps and helps support businesses' bottom line. It also discusses states that have recently passed pay transparency laws.
- o [“Progress in the States for Equal Pay”](#): In the past few years, lawmakers have introduced equal pay legislation in over two-thirds of states and many of these bills have become law. In this updated fact sheet, we discuss different types of state legislation passed across the country.

One issue that we advocated for last year, that was not completed, and will be coming up this year is “Sunsetting the Invest in Kids Act.” Vouchers that divert money from public schools to private schools, which the Invest in Kids Act does, are opposed by AAUW IL Statewide public policy and our branch. You can learn more about the [Invest in Kids Act](#) and answer further questions [here](#). Watch for calls to action in the coming days. Lets hope that 2023 brings good health, good times and positive policy outcomes.



**AAUW SPRING 2023 FLOWER FUNDRAISER**

PURPOSE IS FOR EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Email: [JudyLynnStewart42@outlook.com](mailto:JudyLynnStewart42@outlook.com)

Pick-Up Friday, May 19, 2023

208 W. Beech Dr., Schaumburg, IL

From: 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Mark the number you want and total on the bottom

**BEDDING PLANTS 48 flat \$16.00, \$9.00 1/2 flat**

- Alyssum White
- Begonia Gr Lf Mix
- Begonia Gr Lf Red Flower
- Begonia Gr Lf Pink Flower
- Begonia Gr Lf White Flower
- Coleus Wizard Mix
- Dianthus Mix
- Dusty Miller
- Impatiens White
- Impatiens Red
- Impatiens Mixed Colors
- Lobelia Blue
- Marigold Dwarf Yellow
- Marigold Dwarf Mix
- Marigold Large Head Yellow
- Moss Rose Mixed Bright
- Pansy Mixed
- Petunia White
- Petunia Purple/Blue
- Petunia Mixed Color
- Salvia Red Medium
- Salvia Mixed Medium
- Salvia Victoria Blue
- Snapdragons Dwarf Mixed
- Snapdragons Rocket Mix
- Vinca Mix

\_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

**BUYER INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to Schaumburg AAUW**

Bring copy of your order form on Pick-Up day  
 Let us know if you need delivery.  
 Thank you for your support!

Name: AAUW Schaumburg Branch  
Pick Up Address Is  
 address: 208 West Beech Drive  
Schaumburg, IL, 60193  
 Contact: Judy Stewart - 630-415-6543  
 Contact: Genevieve (delivery location) 847-513-3097

FLOWER PICK-UP FRIDAY, MAY 19TH 2023

ORDER DEADLINE - MARCH 13th, 2023

Make Checks Out to Schaumburg AAUW

Supplier Grassmid Greenhouse

AAUW Schaumburg Branch

Send order form and check

To: Judy Lewis

1640 Britany Lane

Hoffman Est., IL 60192

Orders due March 13th, 20

**PREMIUM ANNUALS 4 1/2" Pot - \$4.00**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerbers Daisy               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lantana</b>          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Guinea Impatiens        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non Stop Begonias           | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Shades              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osteospermum                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink Shades             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pennisetum Rubrum (grass)   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wave Petunias</b>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon Wing Begonias - RED  | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Wave (dark purple) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon Wing Begonias - PINK | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink Wave (medium pink) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Potato Vine           | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Wave (magenta)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackie                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lime Green                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Total - Cost _____      |

**ACCENT PLANTS 3" pot - \$3.00**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spikes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprengerii | <input type="checkbox"/> Vinca Vine         |
|                                 |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Total - Cost _____ |

**HANGING BASKETS 10" - \$16.00 each**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boston Fern                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Impatiens                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Guinea Impatiens              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuchsia                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Stop Begonias                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Million Bells (Calibrachoa) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy Geraniums                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of Flowers - SUN      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of Flowers - SHADE    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of Flowers - PART SUN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total - Cost _____                |  |

**PLANTERS - 12" - \$19.75 each**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Combination Planters - SUN      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Combination Planters - SHADE    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Combination Planters - PART SUN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total _____ Cost _____                  |  |

**STOCK GERANIUM POTS - 10" - \$15.00 each**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Red    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Violet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total _____ Cost _____ |                                 |

**Zonal Geraniums 4 1/2" pot - \$4.00**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violet                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total _____ Cost _____ |  |

FINAL TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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December 2, 2022

Ms. Barbara Garvin  
American Association of University Women - Schaumburg Area  
1865 Eton Dr  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60182-4121

Dear Ms. Garvin,

**Your generosity is inspiring!** Many thanks to you for your generous donation of \$850.00 to the Schaumburg Area AAUW Scholarship for Women Fund.

Your donation promotes educational access and opportunity for Harper students. Your generosity ensures the future of our community is more prosperous, more innovative, and more educated.

As we all end the year and reflect on 2022, I am grateful for your investment in empowering future generations of change-makers through your support of the Harper College Education Foundation. We cannot thank you enough for the difference you've made!

Having you by our side in 2023 and beyond inspires us all for a better tomorrow. By alleviating the financial strain on hardworking students, our community has the chance to invigorate our local economy and ripple through future generations.

Thanks to you, students' futures will not be limited by their current financial situation. Again, thank you for your kind gift this giving season.

Warmest wishes,

  
Kristyn Meyer  
Manager, Annual Giving and Events

*Thank you for  
your generosity!*

Harper College Educational Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our tax identification number is 23-7348226. As no goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution, your donation is 100% tax-deductible.



January 23, 2023

Ms. Lynn Priebe  
 Schaumburg AAUW  
 416 Tebay Place  
 Schaumburg, IL 60194-2427

Dear Lynn,

We are so grateful for your support! Through the Holiday Store, we provided 115 families with 1,364 gifts, and have plenty more to refresh some of the items within our Housing and Children's Program.

This year there were so many special moments, and I would like to share a couple of them with you. One mom, Monica, had to reschedule her pickup time from 11am to 4pm. Then at noon, one of our mom's had an extra tree (it was white with gold ornaments) and she gave it to us in case anyone needed it. We tried giving it away all day. Then Monica came, we asked if she needed one and this is what she said, *"God has answered my prayers. My daughter has been asking me to get a tree and I told her I could not afford one, but here one is for us. I was even thinking, if I could get a tree, it would be nice to have a white one as our new place is gold and white and it would look nice. Thank you!"*



Then I received a touching email from another one of our moms, Vicki\* saying, *"I picked up my bags and honestly, I have no words to tell you how grateful I am. I'm crying right now and thanking everyone at WINGS for this. I'm sorry I didn't pick up my things earlier, Covid hit my daughter and me really bad. We were sick for three weeks (I'm still coughing) and I couldn't borrow my brother's car. Anyway, I just wanted to thank you. I thought that I came to pick up a stuffy or something that I could give my daughter and was surprised to see so many things. Just to tell you how important the things you do are... last night I couldn't sleep because I was too cold (we're staying in an attic and the heating is not very good). We have a child blanket and a sheet so I obviously give the blanket to my daughter, and today I got a nice warm blanket and I know I will sleep much better. We also now have a towel each to dry (I only had a small one), body wash, lots of toys, and games. I can't say thank you enough. THANK YOU!!!"*

You touched so many hearts this holiday season.



With sincere gratitude,

*Tabitha Nilson*  
 Tabitha Nilson  
 In-Kind Program Donations Supervisor

\*WINGS uses representative names and photos to protect the dignity and security of those we serve.

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**AAUW-IL AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD  
2023 NOMINATION FORM**

**Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2023**

**Please send completed nomination to:**

Sue Topp, AAUW IL Northern District Director

Jennifer Urish, AAUW IL Southern District Director

[aauwildist@gmail.com](mailto:aauwildist@gmail.com)

**AWARD PURPOSE**

AAUW-IL's Agent of Change award, established in 1984, is presented annually to recognize a branch member or AAUW member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

- Recipient is an active branch member at the time of nomination.
- Nominations may be initiated by any branch member, branch board of directors or branch president. Multiple members may be nominated from a single branch.
- Branches may resubmit previous nominations if their nominee was not selected for the Agent of Change award that year.
- Nominee should be an outstanding role model who has actively promoted change within the AAUW organization, local or national community. The actions or contributions of the nominee do not have to enrich the branch directly. The nominee's contributions can be directed toward community efforts that support the mission of AAUW.
- The accomplishments of the nominee demonstrate a commitment and dedication to the mission of AAUW. Recipients will be selected based on their commitment to bring about positive societal change in accordance with the current or immediate past AAUW mission of advancing gender equity:
  - Advancing women in leadership
  - Fighting for fair pay and economic equity
  - Removing bias from education.

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Refer to AAUW-IL for complete application, <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>