



# News By Degrees

SUMMER 2023

## President's Message



### Upcoming Events

- *End of year dinner, May 23, 6:30, Riccardo's*
- *Novel Approach Planning Meeting, July 17 at 1pm via Zoom*

Wow. Hard to believe that we are at the end of May. I think of celebrations often in May from graduations to weddings, a fantastic state convention and, of course, our end of year dinner. We will definitely have much to celebrate at our dinner. As I look at the goals we set for ourselves for this past year, we did them proud.

**The Schaumburg Area, Illinois Branch goals for 2022-2023 support the AAUW Mission and the AAUW Strategic Areas of Focus. Our goals to support this mission within the AAUW strategic initiatives include:**

- Education & Training:** Public Policy awareness, including advocacy and action for pay advocacy and action; Support STEM and similar initiatives.
- Economic Security:** Financial support of AAUW funds; Funding of the Schaumburg Area AAUW Harper Scholarship.
- Leadership:** Expand visibility for AAUW in the community with participation or support in community events; Branch participation at AAUW, AAUW-IL, and AAUW Schaumburg Branch events.
- Governance & Sustainability:** Support the initiatives from AAUW National and State; Engage in collaborative dialog with area AAUW branches; Develop a DEI activity in the Schaumburg area.

We have continued to stay on top of the legislative actions happening nationally and locally. I am sure many of us sent in witness slips and spoken with our representatives about the issues important to us. Locally we followed the library and school board elections, advocating for inclusive and open learning environments. We raised money and funded the AAUW educational funds and a scholarship at Harper. We held a very successful pay equity event. Our programming this year was top notch and explored so many topics. Our interest groups also included diverse discussions that will no doubt improve our awareness and understanding of many people and cultures.

The Board has approved to extend these goals into the upcoming year. How would you like to contribute to these goals next year? Maybe there is a policy issue that you would like to champion, write a letter to the editor of the paper, lead a fundraiser to increase our financial support of AAUW programs, organize an opportunity for the Branch to support women in need. AAUW is a great foundation. How do you want to contribute to the building? - Genevieve

### Spring Dinner Celebration

- **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 pm**
- **Riccardo's 1170 S Roselle Road**

**Contact Lynn Priebe to add to our #.**





*Everyone is a Leader for Equity*  
AAUW-IL, INC. 98th State Convention was on May 5 and 6 in Peoria, IL



**Ken, Peg, AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell, Crystal, and Genevieve at AAUW-IL Convention. Our branch was well represented.**



## **Novel Approach Planning Meeting via Zoom July 17 @1pm**

The Novel group will meet on Monday, July 17 to discuss the book selections for next year. This discussion will be held on zoom at 1:00 pm.

Please send the books you want to suggest for our 2023-24 book list to Carol Ginsburg by July 1. Please send a maximum of 4 books with 2 or 3 sentences about each one. Carol will compile the suggestions and share with all of us in advance of the meeting. Also, we need volunteers to discuss the books so have your calendars ready.

## SUPPORT FOR OUR BRANCH FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED



I would like to thank all of you for your support of our AAUW Spring Flower Festival of 2023. The flowers were gorgeous, and our helpers were dedicated while fought off the rain with a smile distributing the plants.

Judy Lewis compiled the order forms and the money. Barb Garvin collected the checks and the money for the extra plants. Genevieve graciously set up the garage and the surrounding area for the distribution of plants. Ken, Barb (brought donuts), Kathy, Sue, Lynn, Judy L., Janice, Genevieve, Peg, and husbands Will, Tom, Bruce, and Ken helped any way they could. Noreen Weimer also helped to set up the area. Several other people from the neighborhood or relatives of our members also contributed to the sale. If I forgot anyone, please let me know.

The cost of the plants totaled \$2,073.11 from Grassmid Greenhouse and Ann Morris. I will be asking Barb to total the final amount that was handed in to her, and I will subtract the cost (including delivery) so we can see how much we made for the educational funds and scholarships. Thank you once again for this very successful sale. Judy S.

Thank you for your wonderful support again of our (6) Jewel Gift Card fundraisers this branch year. Each and every card purchase is important and very much appreciated. Your purchase of these gift cards has always been an easy way for our branch to earn funds. This fundraiser has been a successful addition to our fundraising efforts since 2011. Our next Jewel fundraiser will be in mid-August, and I will email the order date notice about two weeks prior. I hope that you will all have a nice and a safe summer.

Sue




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“Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Mothers Day baskets our branch contributed to this WINGS project. I just wanted to say thank you for your help in providing Mother’s Day gifts for our mom’s this year. We couldn’t do it without you. You all created such beautiful gifts with all your heart and the moms are always so grateful when they come to choose the one that is best for them. This year I received a call from a former client who is so grateful to WINGS and all our donors who helped her along the way. All of us worked as a team and helped her to not only heal but to be in a position where she can now give back. Anna was able to donate 39 bouquets of flowers to go along with the gifts that you donated. This is the impact that we strive for as we help these moms along the way, and you are a huge part of it. With your help we were able to provide gifts for 159 moms. It brought joy and excitement to their day, and I could tell that it was very appreciated.

I hope that you had a wonderful Mother’s Day also.” Sincerely, Tabitha

WINGS baskets



SCH AAUW baskets—nicely done. Lynn, thank you to you for leading us in this worthy activity



## Summer Public Policy Update:

Thank you for your involvement with policy issues on behalf of AAUW. Policy issues can be frustrating because most of the time they are slow moving, but then all of a sudden something happens and there is a rush to action with requests to contact our legislators immediately. During the State Convention our AAUW Lobbyist expressed thanks for the many contacts that were made during the current legislative session. She said that our contacts through meetings, letters, witness slips and calls help to make possible the budget and legislative actions that advance AAUW priorities for education, fair pay, equity and women in women in leadership.

The current legislative session in Springfield is almost at an end. As I write this the one remaining item is a big one the FY24 budget that is to go into effect on July 1, 2023. The Governor's top priority has been a \$250 million proposal to boost services for the state's youngest residents and their families, including an expansion of state-funded preschool programs. This fits well with AAUW priorities and seems safe. The stumbling block to approval are substantial increases in costs for an immigrant health care program that was created in 2020. Large increases in the number of people needing and now eligible to be covered has increased cost estimates and caused a reassessment of other items. Leaders are still confident that the budget will be approved in time for the new year.

Assuming the state budget passes, we will want to focus on the federal scene and support our members of Congress who are working to support education, nutrition programs, women's reproductive rights, health care, voting rights and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). There will be a lull in requests for state witness slips, but we can look for more Action Alerts and requests from National to be activists.

Thanks again for your efforts.

Ken

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Thank you, thank you, thank you... to our branch for awarding Lynn and I the Named Gift Honoree recognition this year. I saw this notice in the Convention booklet. As a branch we all work hard to provide a robust donation to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund; thank you for honoring us in the name of that gift. Peg and Lynn



Thank  
You!



## Summer Notes:

From Lynn, programming....Summer reading and discussion:

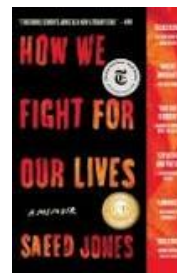
Schaumburg Township District Library - Social Justice Book Discussion

*How We Fight For Our Lives: A Memoir* By Saeed Jones

Thursday, June 8, 7-8 pm

A "moving, bracingly honest memoir" (*The New York Times Book Review*) written at the crossroads of sex, race and power. *How We Fight for Our Lives* is a coming-of-age memoir about a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself, within his family, within his country and within his own hopes, desires and fears.

This program will take place online on Zoom. Go to [stdl.org](http://stdl.org) to register and request a copy of the book. Mary, Barb and I have attended some of the social justice book discussions and have found the books and discussion very interesting and time well spent.



From Lynn and Genevieve....Summer road trip suggestion:

Rockford Women Rock, **Rockford Women's Suffrage Plaza**

If you are in the Rockford, IL area consider touring the Rockford Women's Suffrage Plaza. The Women's Suffrage Centennial Sculpture is Rockford's first public art installation honoring Women's leadership and celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution recognizing women's right to vote.

Located at: Riverfront of the YMCA 200 Y Boulevard, Rockford, IL

More Information: [rockfordwomensuffrageplaza.com](http://rockfordwomensuffrageplaza.com)



## Editors Notes:

I am working on my golf game this summer and this caught my eye....Marlene Bauer Hagge, the last surviving founder of the Ladies Professional Golf Association and a member of its Hall of Fame, died on Tuesday in Rancho Mirage, Calif. She was 89. Her death [was announced by the L.P.G.A.](#) Hagge and her sister, Alice Bauer, who was six years older, were among the 13 golfers who created the L.P.G.A. in 1950, at a time when women's golf received little attention in the sports pages. The L.P.G.A. Tour would eventually yield significant prize money. But in its early years, the Bauer sisters and renowned players like Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Patty Berg, [Louise Suggs](#), Betty Jameson and [Marilynn Smith](#) competed for slim purses and were forced to crowd together in cars on their travels to tournaments.

Hagge became the last living L.P.G.A. founder when [Shirley Spork](#), who was known especially for teaching women golfers, died in April 2022.



Marlene Bauer Hagge, left, with her sister, Alice Bauer, in 1954. They and 11 other golfers founded the Ladies Professional Golf Association in 1950. Credit...Associated

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/17/sports/golf/marlene-bauer-hagge-dead.html#:~:text=Marlene%20Bauer%20Hagge%2C%20the%20last,was%20announced%20by%20the%20L.P.G.A.>



One of our speakers at Convention was Sharmili Majmudar, Executive Vice President of Policy, Programs, and Research at [Women Employed](#). The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity. The mission of Women Employed is to improve the economic status of women and remove barriers to economic equity. Clearly we are very much aligned. I was not aware that AAUW has long worked alongside Women Employed to address the wage gap and improve the status of working women. Take a look at their website if you are not familiar with this organization.

[Equalpayillinois.org](http://Equalpayillinois.org)