



News By Degrees

SCHAUMBURG AREA BRANCH

APRIL 15, 2024—JUNE 2024

Upcoming Events

- *Novel Approach: April 15, 1pm*
- *AAUW-IL Convention, April 19/20, ECC*
- *Branch program with Elgin at Gail Borden Public Library, April 23, 6:30*
- *Celebrating Women, May 6, 1pm*
- *Flower pickup, May 17, 9 to 11 or 5 to 7 at 208 W. Beech*
- *Novel Approach: May 20, 1pm*
- *Spring Dinner, May 21, 6:30pm Chandler's*

President's Message



Hi all... I hope that Women's History Month and Equal Pay Day was observed in some way for you this past month. I am fortunate that my workplace does observe special emphasis months and we did have a very interesting program lifting up women's history through the life of Wangari Maathai, conservation and human rights activist. Founder of the Green Belt Movement to tackle women's

rights and other social, political and environmental issues in Kenya, Wangari Maathai was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Her work has provided jobs for unemployed women to plant trees and restore degraded habitat. Since the movement's founding in 1977, more than 51 million trees have been planted and 30,000 women trained in trades that help them earn

a living while protecting their lands.

Maathai's work in Kenya led to visits from representatives of 15 African countries who wanted to set up similar programs in their own countries. She survived state repression and physical threats in her work, and lit a beacon of hope and progress for the entire continent.

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April General Meeting, Lynn and Mary

Challenges To Intellectual Freedom

It's Not Just About Banning Books



The Elgin Area and Schaumburg branches, along with the League of Women Voters Elgin and Gail Borden Public Library, are co-sponsoring a program on **Challenges to Intellectual Freedom: It's More Than Banned Books** on Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m., at Gail Borden Public Library. Joyce McIntosh from the American Library Association's Freedom to Read Foundation will detail the reasons the ALA is urging readers everywhere to stand together in the fight against censorship. The president of the Gail Borden Public Library Board and a selection specialist from the Schaumburg Public Library will add local information. Email Mary or Lynn if you want to share a ride to the Elgin library. You are encouraged to attend this event. It is open to the public, and you should register at attend.gailborden.info/events

President's message (cont)

Where we make a special point to observe and honor women and their accomplishments in March, being AAUW members gives us the opportunity to inspire and build up the next generation of women leaders around the globe. Thank you all for contributing to this effort through continued education, participating in the election process, and fundraising for AAUW Educational Funds. To that end, I hope you all saw the amazing plant sale totals from this year. Thank you Judy S. and Judy L.! We also have the opportunity through May 15 to vote on opening up membership in AAUW. Please consider voting before May 15. If you are looking for more information, AAUW – Illinois has good resources. (<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>)



Our State Convention is also this month in Elgin. Our very own, Peg Gallagher, is on the planning committee. That is all I need to know to be assured that the programming will be relevant, the speakers will be engaging, and I will come away better from the experience. I am planning to attend Saturday. If you would like to carpool, give me a call. The registration form is enclosed. The Branch has \$400 available to help with costs. I hope to see you there. - Genevieve

AAUW-IL State Convention in Elgin, April 19/20



Registration is closing, Monday is the final day to register!

Final registration must be submitted by end of day Monday, April 8th. You can use a credit card and [REGISTER ONLINE](#), or email Sue Stauffer at staufferrw@sbcglobal.net to let her know that your form and check is "in the mail"! You can [download the paper registration form](#). [Download bios of Convention Speakers](#)

Go to AAUW-IL for more information.

May End of Year Dinner, Mary and Lynn



Spring Dinner Celebration

Join AAUW friends on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm at Chandler's Chop House Restaurant for our business meeting, installation of officers and of course lively camaraderie.

Please be prepared to pay Barb for your dinner with cash, check or Zelle. (One bill only for the table. Barb will calculate tax and gratuity for everyone's dinner)

We hope to see everyone at Chandler's in May! Chandler's Chop House - 401 N Roselle Road. RSVP to Lynn as we get closer to the date.

Celebrating Women May 6, Kathy & Peg



We plan to ZOOM our next Celebrating Women on May 6th at 1pm. “*Fly With Me* tells the story of the pioneering young women who became flight attendants at a time when single women were unable to order a drink, eat alone in a restaurant, own a credit card or get a prescription for birth control. Becoming a “stewardess,” as they were called, offered unheard-of opportunities for travel, glamour, adventure and independence. Although often maligned as feminist sellouts, these women were on the frontlines of the battle to assert gender equality and transform the workplace. Featuring firsthand accounts, personal stories and a rich archival record, the film tells the lively and important but neglected history of the women who changed the world while flying it.” <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/fly-with-me/>

You can watch *Fly With Me* on the PBS App or it is streaming on You Tube. Join us on May 6th to discuss this interesting documentary.

Branch Fundraising, Spring Flower Sale and Jewel gift cards, Sue & Judy S



Spring Flower Sale Pick-Up

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who ordered plants or supported our Spring Flower Sale this year. The pick-up day is Friday, May 17th at Genevieve's home. Her address is 208 Beech Street in Schaumburg, IL. The pick-up times for your orders are 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. If you have a copy of your order, please bring it with you. Another important point is that since we have to order full flats for some of the flowers, we will have left over flowers for you to purchase that day.

Thank you to all the people who offered to help empty the delivery truck and organize the plants on Genevieve's lawn. To ensure that this event is successful, it takes a village. Judy S

Jewel Gift Card

Our next Jewel Gift Card order will be placed on Wednesday, May 15th. If you would like to be included in this order, please let me know the denominations (\$5 to \$250 per card) that you would like to purchase. Please send your payment to Barb by February 4th

This is our 6th and final Jewel gift card fundraisers for the year. We will be back in the fall. We appreciate your continued support of this fundraiser; have a safe and enjoyable summer Thank You! Sue

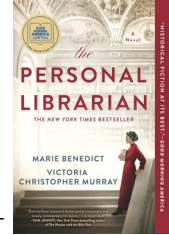
WINGS Mother's Day Gift Bags, Lynn

Thank you again for your participation. WINGS appreciates our support. Please drop items off in the bin on my porch if I'm not home when it's convenient for you to stop by. I need the items no later than Monday, April 22. We have committed to 4 gift bags.



Reminder from WINGS: We ask for specialty items such as Bath and Body lotions and washes etc. We already supply basics that you can get at the grocery store such as Suave shampoo and conditioner. Just think "What would I want for Mother's Day"? Please do not include money or gift cards, travel sized toiletries/makeup, used products, makeup such as foundation since we don't know the client's skin col-

Novel Approach — APRIL 15, Sue



The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, is a personalized account of the true life librarian, Belle da Costa Green. She was hired by J.P. Morgan to curate a collection of manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built library in NYC. Her hiring was notable in its day because of her gender. But, what J. P. Morgan didn't know (and only a few suspected) was that she was an African American passing as white and working as a curator. Thus, Belle had become a fixture in New York City's society. She was also one of the most powerful people in the art and book world. She had impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating skills to create a world class collection.

Please join us as we discuss this remarkable story about Belle who was forced to hide her true identity. She went through great lengths to protect her family and to leave an everlasting legacy that enriched our nation. Please let Sue know if you will be attending either in person or via zoom.



Novel Approach — MAY 20, Anne

Please join us as we discuss *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple - May 20 at 1 PM

Murray McBride, at 100 years old, is looking for meaning in his life now that many of his friends are gone. He finds it when he meets Jason Cashman, a 10 year old boy with a terminal illness. The story centers on helping the boy fulfill his final life wishes, and the rich rewards that both characters receive from this friendship. It is a blending of life experiences of both the young and the old. As one review summarizes "it is a story of young and old; hope and fulfillment; a story that is ageless".

We will be meeting at the home of Anne Placek, 713 Hackberry Ct, Bartlett, IL. If you are planning to attend, please let Anne know through email (jimandanep@aol.com), or text (708-951-3850). It will also be on Zoom.

Novel Approach Book choices 2024/25, date tbd, Fran

It's that time of year again if you have a favorite book, you would like to submit for next year's book group, please submit the name of the book 3 or four sentences about it and send it to me and Carol. Please make sure you have read the book. I hope to have an early June date soon. Fran



REGISTRATION FORM

2024 AAUW-IL, Inc. Convention: Celebrating 100 Years of Empowering Women

April 19 and 20, 2024

Convention: Elgin Community College, Building E, University & Business Center, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123

Lodging: Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd, Elgin, IL 60123 (Free Shuttle Available Friday Night)

Early Bird Registration: Submitted or postmarked by **March 18**

Final Registration Due: Submitted or postmarked by **April 8**

Go to aauw-il.net for online registration form to pay for convention with a credit card. See mail in directions below.

Register me for:

___ Friday evening: President’s 100 Year Celebration reception, Dinner, Program (5 – 9 pm)

___ Saturday Convention: breakfast (7:30-9), Program, lunch and beverage breaks (9 am - 3:30 pm)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

BRANCH _____ **BRANCH POSITION** _____

Convention Fees

Early Bird (postmarked by 3/18): Friday \$50 ___ Saturday \$50 ___

Registration after March 18: Friday \$60 ___ Saturday \$60 ___

Past State President Discount -\$15 ___

TRIO Stipend* (First time AAUW-IL Convention attendee). -\$50 ___

TOTAL _____

Register online at aauw-il.aauw.net **OR** Mail registration from and payment to: Sue Stauffer, 1031 Seaview Court, Schaumburg, IL, 60193 Email: staufferw@sbcglobal.net

Check all that apply: ___ Branch member ___ National member ___ State Board member ___ Past State President

___ Legacy Circle member ___ National committee Member/Chair ___ TRIO registrant

___ I have the following dietary restrictions:

___ I would like a ½ display table for **100 Anniversary Branch display**

Branch: _____ Contact Name and email: _____

Room reservations at Holiday Inn, \$109 + Tax. [The Holiday Inn & Suites Chicago Northwest](#)

Or you may call: **1-855-797-6733** and use the code **AUW** (this is correct, 3-digit code).

[ECC Campus Map Building E, University and Business Center](#)