



# HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW AURORA AREA BRANCH  
CELEBRATING 96 YEARS

FALL 2016

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An association of college graduates whose mission is to advance equity for women through, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW values a diverse membership and welcomes men and women with an Associate's Degree or a higher degree.

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## Comments from Denise's World

Active members are wanted: Be One, Bring one!

Saturday morning **August 27, 2016** is our annual AAUW book sale at the Aurora transportation center's farmers market. The book sale has become a tradition of our organization and attendees of the farmers market. Both book donations and volunteers are needed. Contact Sandy Hipp to help.

Our first meeting of the year will be on Saturday, **September 24, 2016**. This is an important meeting to learn about our chapter, future activity dates, meet new friends - members and renew acquaintances. Our AAUW chapter's year-book will be passed out which contains details for the 2016-2017 program year. Our general meeting will be followed-up by a report from the state convention earlier this year. With the November election approaching, Pat Daugherty will also review the duties and purpose of election judges.

The meeting will be a luncheon, or breakfast if preferred, at the Double Yolk Pancake House and restaurant at 12:30 PM. Please contact Sandy Hipp for additional information and to RSVP to this opening event of our branch year.

Our fundraiser this year will be a Garden Party and the inaugural event at the beautiful Parker Garden downtown Aurora at the new Santori Public Library—a unique event. This will be our only fundraiser for both education and legal advocacy. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 7, 2016** at 5:30 PM. Please note that space is limited to 30; you will want to respond ASAP. Look for your invitations which will be mailed with further details.

Thanks to everyone that worked this summer in preparation for our exciting new program year. Check out *Books by Night* and *Movie Study Group*; both groups are an excellent opportunity for both learning and socializing.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Denise Curts-Lueth, President

# 2016—2017 Program Dates

## Active Members Wanted: Be One, Bring One!

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, General Meeting—See President’s Letter**

**OCTOBER 7, 2016—AAUW Garden Party Fundraiser—See President’s Letter**

### **All-Branch Book Discussion**

DATE: Wednesday November 16, 2016  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: TBA  
Program: Jerre Henriksen will facilitate a presentation and discussion of the biography, *Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow, and explore the relationship to the hit musical playing currently.

### **Holiday Social Event: The Lueth House then A.U. Holiday Concert**

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2016  
Time: 4:30 – Social; 7:30 – Concert (3:00 matinee available as well)  
Location: Lueth residence and then A.U.  
Cost: Bring appetizer or dessert to share; beverage of choice  
Program: Concert reservations are made individually through Aurora University: online at [www.aurora.edu](http://www.aurora.edu) or 630.844.4924

**JANUARY: No Program**

### **Chili/Spaghetti Winter Get-together**

Date: Wednesday February 15, 2017  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Alarm Detection, 1111 Church Road, Aurora  
Cost: TBA  
Program: Sam Rhine will speak on the latest advances in DNA Science.

### **The Life of Lillian Gilbreth**

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Sugar Grove Library  
Cost: \$10—Desserts/Coffee to be served  
Program: Alicia Schatteman will speak about Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, the wife and mother of “CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN”. Dr. Gilbreth was a prominent academic, a pioneer for women in science, and a management consultant.

### **The Opportunities and Threats of Being a Woman in the Army**

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
Time: TBA  
Location: Waubonsee Community College  
Cost: \$0  
Program: Dr. Samantha Benesh (Val Burd’s daughter) will speak on her experiences serving in the Army as a forensic psychologist.

**MAY: Spring Scholarship Event**

Date: TBA  
Location: River View Restaurant, 1420 SE River Road, Montgomery  
Cost: \$18.00  
Notes: Brunch buffet served

# Study Groups

JOIN US! Different habits of behavior make for a better life. Life long learning and maintaining a great circle of friends are two habits that keep us healthier and happier. Both life long learning and socializing are elements in our two study groups **Books-by-Night and the Monthly Movie Group**. Check out the list of this years activities and join us. The list will be repeated in our yearbook and continuing information will appear in the newsletter. Don't let these opportunities pass you by!

The **Books-by-Night** format includes great food, drink, and conversation on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The books selected include topics relevant to the AAUW mission and help our members understand our current world.

**BOOKS by NIGHT—2016-2017—5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise stated)**

**SEPTEMBER 28:** *For Freedom's Sake: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer* by Chana Kai Lee

Location: Arline Hoban's House

Bring a cold potluck dish to share

Quoted Directly from Amazon: "At the 1964 Democratic National Convention, Fannie Lou Hamer garnered the national spotlight when she and other members of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party attempted to unseat the entirely white official Mississippi delegation. Though the coup failed, and Hamer herself earned the wrath of Lyndon Johnson, she helped draw attention to the ways in which black Southerners were denied political power. At the time, Hamer had only been involved in the civil rights movement for two years; at the age of 47 she reemerged as a natural and vibrant leader who would go on to run (unsuccessfully) for the Mississippi State Senate. Lee's biography is less committed to exploring Hamer's personal life than to charting her growth as an activist and examining the profound impact of gender, sexuality, violence and poverty on the early civil rights movement."

**OCTOBER 26:** *Burning Down the House* by Nell Bernstein

Location: Two Brothers Restaurant 605 N. Broadway, Aurora

Quoted Directly from Amazon: "Bernstein outlines the history of juvenile "reform" schools, the rise and fall of the rehabilitative model, and the reality of what happens behind bars to already traumatized teens: further physical, sexual, and mental abuse. The author takes a look at solitary confinement practices, "therapeutic prisons," and juvenile reentry. Using solid teen developmental theory and research, United Nations findings, and trauma-informed care, this title articulately sets forth the argument against the imprisonment of children."

**NOVEMBER 16\*:** **ALL BRANCH MEETING**

**5:30 p.m.**

*Hamilton* by Ron Chernow

Facilitated by: Jerre Henriksen

Location: the Tap House 123 W. Washington, Oswego



## Books-by-Night—Continued

**JANUARY 25:** *Presence: Bringing Your Boldest Self to Your Biggest Challenges* by Amy Cuddy  
Location: River View Restaurant 1420 SE River Road, Montgomery

**FEBRUARY 22:** *Negroland: A Memoir* by Margo Jefferson  
Location: Ballydoyle Irish Pub 38 W. New York St., Aurora

**MARCH 22:** *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* by Linda Hirshman  
Location: Jo Howard's House Refreshment Plan TBA

**APRIL 26:** *The Beginning and End of Rape* by Sarah Deer  
Location: TBA

**MAY 24:** *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick  
Location: TBA

**JUNE 28:** *The News Sorority* by Sheila Weller  
Location: TBA

**JULY 26:** Planning Session at the Big Rock Library—Cold potluck

**AUGUST 23:** *Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams* by Margery Heffron  
Location: TBA



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“The whole of life is just like watching a film. Only it's as though you always get in ten minutes after the big picture has started, and no-one will tell you the plot, so you have to work it out all yourself from the clues.” - Terry Pratchett, *Moving Pictures*

**The Monthly Movie Study Group** meets the 2nd Monday of each month (except August). The evening starts with a 6:15 p.m. social followed by a 7:00 Movie. (Based on IMDB, Amazon, & Elaine's descriptions.)

**September 12, 2016:** *Crossing Delancey* – 1988 1 hr., 37 min.

Hostess: Joy Bowling      Movie: Genre: Romance/Comedy Director Joan Micklin Silver

Try as she might, career woman Izzy Grossman (Amy Irving) cannot escape her family's good intentions [to connect her with the proper Jewish life-mate]. She is single and has good friends and a great job, but her loving grandmother is convinced that Izzy cannot be happy without a man. Enter pickle vendor Sam, a local nice guy who just cannot seem to win Izzy's heart. Jeroen Krabbe co-stars as Sam's (Peter Riegert) competition, and Sylvia Miles stars as the irrepressible matchmaker, Hannah Mandelbaum.



**October 10, 2016:** Iris – 2014 1 hr., 20 min.

Hostess: Penny Cameron      Genre: Documentary/Drama/Romance Director: Richard Eyre  
At age 93, fashion legend Iris Apfel is clearly still at the top of her game—supervising dress selections for a tour, advising models, and negotiating with buyers. Iris is a force on the New York fashion scene, even mounting art museum exhibitions from her own collections of jewelry and one-of-a-kind accessories. Additionally, Iris is a designer who shares her business with her fascinating husband (since deceased). This is an affectionate documentary made by octogenarian, Albert Maysles. Stars Iris Apfel herself.\*

**November 14, 2016:** The Long Walk Home -1990 1 hr., 38 min.

Hostess: Denise Curts-Lueth      Genre: Docudrama Director: Richard Pearce  
Sissy Spacek stars as Miriam Thompson, a Montgomery, Alabama housewife who finds herself in the midst of a civil rights revolution when she helps her black maid, Odessa (Whoopi Goldberg), during the infamous bus boycott of the 1950s. When Miriam discovers Odessa is forced to walk the nine miles to her house and back, she volunteers to give Odessa a ride—much to the dismay of Miriam’s husband (Dwight Schultz) and her social circle. The film is a study in the strength, humanity, and de termination of two women.\*

**December 12, 2016:** Hello, My Name is Doris – 2015 1 hr., 30 min.

Hostess: Karel Thompson      Genre: Comedy Director: Michael Showalter  
Inspired by insights gained through a self-help seminar, 60-year-old Doris Miller steps forward to pursue the affections of a much younger co-worker—and inadvertently becomes a hit with his hipster cohorts. This performance by Sally Field is a tour de force of comic timing and outrageousness in the many situations she falls into. The film has heart, pathos, and insights into the life of “a woman of a certain age and stage.” Also stars Max Greenfield and Tyne Daley.\*

**January 9, 2017** Mr. Morgan's Last Love – 2013

**February 13, 2017:** Brooklyn – 2015

**March 13, 2017:** Room – 2015

**April 10, 2017:** Suffragette – 2015

**May 8, 2017:** Tea with Mussolini – 1999

**June 12, 2017:** Quartet – 2012

**July 10, 2017:** Planning Meeting for 2017-18 and Potluck

\*All Descriptions based on IMDB, Amazon, & the descriptions of Elaine Ross.



# AAUW Branch Treasurer Report/Dues

## AAUW Aurora-Area Branch Budget 2016-2017

Approved by the Board August 13, 2016

Carryover from 2015-16	\$1604.72	
Projected Income:		
Dues @\$21	\$840.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 0	
Total Projected Income	\$840.00	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$2444.72</b>

### Projected Expenses:

Convention/Conferences	\$500.00	
Memorials 2@25	\$ 50.00	
Membership Committee	\$ 50.00	
Programs	\$100.00	
Printing	\$150.00	
President's Expenses	\$ 75.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 75.00	
Social Chair	\$ 50.00	
Insurance, Yearly liability	\$190.00	
Board Reserve Fund	\$1204.72	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED</b>		<b>\$2444.72</b>

Submitted by D. Curts-Lueth, A. Danis, & P. Daugherty



Treasurer's Report	Aug. 13, 2016	BAL.
<b>AAUW Aurora Area Branch</b>		
Balance 6/25/2016		\$2011.72
DEPOSITS:		
e-deposit from Nat'l dues		\$ 21.00
Dues & \$20 donation for Nat'l		\$ 660.00
EXPENSES:		
Dues to Nat'l & State, & \$20 don.		\$ 492.00
Reimburse change for May mtg.		<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$2195.72</b>
Respectfully submitted by Patricia Daugherty, Treasurer		





# Approved Minutes

## Aurora Area AAUW Board Meeting

June 25, 2016

### Harris Bank at Indian Trail and Orchard

The meeting was called to order at the Harris Bank on the morning of June 25, 2016. The meeting included all out-going and in-coming members of the board for 2016 and 2017. The minutes for the March meeting were approved with amendments/corrections suggested. The corrected minutes will appear in the Summer 2016 newsletter.

The AAUW Area Branch Board meeting dates for the upcoming year are: August 13, 2016; October 22, 2016; January 21, 2017; March 18, 2017; and June 24, 2017. Denise Curts-Lueth will contact the bank representative regarding room reservations.

Treasurer, Pat Daugherty, presented the Treasurer's Report which indicated a balance of \$2,011.72. Any bills to be submitted for this fiscal year must be presented by June 30, 2016. We have 21 paid members, 21 unpaid members, and five life time members. The LAF balance and EF balance is \$1,332.81. The meeting to discuss budget will be held on July 19, 2016. Elaine Ross will contact Karel Thompson and Penny Cameron regarding auditing the books; the audit will be conducted after the June bank statements are sent in July.

Andi Danis and Valerie Burd will head up the program committee meetings to be held in July. Sue Zieche and Denise Curts-Lueth will set the dates for membership committee meetings.

Sue Zieche will head up our participation at Green Fest. Our Aurora Farmers Market Book Sale will be held on August 27, 2016. Sandy Hipp will collect the books for that event. Members are needed as volunteers for both events; books are needed for the book sale.

Sue Boehme will continue as our archivist until she can organize the files and artifacts to her satisfaction.

Sandy Hipp reported from the Community Leaders' Committee. Sandy reviewed how the "My Time" after-school program would benefit from our branch's possible involvement with this initiative.

Joy Bowling will be recognized as the outgoing Social Chair.

Jerre Henriksen





## AAUW ADVOCACY—Vote

The balloons have dropped, both parties have selected their nominees, and now the time has come for AAUW members across the country to roll up their sleeves and get out the vote! There are fewer than 100 days until Election Day 2016 and countless opportunities to ensure that women's voices are heard on November 8.

From our paychecks to paid leave, from access to reproductive health care to educational funding, there is so much at stake each time women head to the polls. Politicians and policy makers at all levels of government routinely make decisions about issues that directly affect us and our families. But more often than not, the conversation lacks women's voices.

To create real change, women must be part of the conversation, and the most powerful way for us to chime in is by casting our ballots.

This year, for the first time ever, unmarried women, people of color, and millennials — collectively known as the “rising American electorate” — make up the majority of voting-eligible citizens in the United States. These demographics are overwhelmingly responsible for the recent growth in the U.S. population, and their numbers are increasing.

But while these groups have the power to influence elections and set policy priorities, they are also significantly under registered and underrepresented in elections. In 2014, more than 75 million members of the rising American electorate did not vote. Why? Research shows that the biggest reason members of these groups don't participate is lack of policy debates on issues that are important to them and lack of information on the candidates.

There is so much you can do to ensure that voters are educated, able to exercise their right, and encouraged to do so on Election Day. Host a voter registration drive in your community. Plan a candidate forum or debate, and ask the candidates where they stand on AAUW issues. Challenge your friends, family members, colleagues, and neighbors to pledge to vote on November 8 and to ask their networks to do the same. Candidates should take care to acknowledge issues that affect women instead of ignoring us or pandering. But candidates just might need a little pressure.

Between now and Election Day, let's start conversations about the issues that affect our families and communities. We need to ask tough questions, jump-start the dialogue, and determine where our candidates stand. We want the facts, and we need to speak truth to power.

We need to vote.

As the saying goes, “If you're not at the table, you're on the menu.” And what if you're not in the voting booth? Women must show that candidates and officials will be held accountable for how they stand on women's issues, November 8 and beyond.

It's a simple as this: When women vote, we change the conversation. Be sure to make your voice heard this election. More get-out-the-vote resources are available at the AAUW Action Fund.



## Stay Connected with the AAUW Aurora Area Branch

**Not on Facebook?** We still have our branch website at [www.aurora-il.aauw.net](http://www.aurora-il.aauw.net). The homepage features announcements, latest branch news and upcoming events. There also are sections that explain the AAUW and our branch, how to become a member, branch activities and a newsletter archive.

Remember to take and share photos at branch programs, study groups and events. These photos are posted on both Facebook and the branch website. It is best to send those photos to our branch email address at [aauwaurorail@gmail.com](mailto:aauwaurorail@gmail.com) so they do not get buried in my personal email account. Whenever possible include who is in the photo from left to right and a sentence or two explaining where the photo.

## Save the Date—AAUW-IL

**October 22** Northern Conference (Districts 4 & 5) – Oakton Community College, Des Plaines

**December 10** Jane Addams Day – Hull-House Museum, Chicago

## Reservation Policy— AAUW Aurora Area Branch

For all meetings an RSVP is required; please contact Joy Bowling, Social Chair, for each program that you plan to attend. Email: [joybowling@att.net](mailto:joybowling@att.net) or 630-605-4576. If a message is left, Joy will respond to verify a reservation has been made. **Note:** You may attend the meeting and the meal itself, except for the May meeting; the restaurant is requiring all attendees to purchase from their menu. However, please let Joy know you will attend so that we have enough space available. Reservations for a meal are binding. No-shows and those canceling less than 48 hours in advance are still responsible for payment. A prompt mailing of your check to our Treasurer, Pat Daugherty, will be appreciated.

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow." – Mary Anne Radmacher



# Board Meetings/Membership

**Branch Board Meetings** : Saturdays @ 9:00 a.m..

Harris Bank on Orchard Rd/Indian Trail, Aurora

**October 22, 2016**

**January 21, 2017**

**March 18, 2017**

**June 24, 2017**

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