



# HIGHLIGHTS

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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 Sandy's Sidelights

Winter in Aurora hasn't been so bad this year—at least as compared to last year! I'm hoping to see everyone come out of hibernation and attend our traditional Chili Supper at Mary Hinterlong's home on February 17 at 6:00 p.m.. You can expect a phone call to make a reservation and to ask you what you would like to bring to share. Do you make a special chili? or a special dessert? or salad? Or would you like to bring condiments for the chili? We always need appetizers and drinks! Along with eating we will see an informative video called "Title IX "Let'em Play." Our daughters and granddaughters have no idea how limited women's opportunities were before 1972 when Title IX of the Education Amendments was passed. You are welcome to bring a guest to this fun evening, even a daughter or granddaughter!

Have you ever watched "Call The Midwife" on PBS? I love the show as it introduces us to midwifery in London in the 1950's. Lorelei Beyer will speak to us on March 16 about her experiences as a nurse midwife today in Chicago. Women's health issues are important to all of us, so come to the Santori Public Library on Wed., March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Since the Santori Library is a wonderful new library in Aurora, we will also watch a short presentation showing us its key features. This meeting is free and open to the public. Encourage your friends to come.

Are you interested in becoming a board member of our branch? Andi Danis and Denise Curts-Lueth are the nominating committee. They are looking for members to fill the positions of president, communications, secretary and assistant treasurer of our branch. The term of office is two years. The election of officers will be held at our May meeting. Be sure to let Andi or Denise know if you are interested in serving in one of these positions.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Sandy



# Save the Spring Program Dates



## Chili/Spaghetti Get-Together,

6:00 PM, Feb. 17th

Hinterlong House

126 South Hanks Road

Aurora, 60506

Time for our popular Chili/Spaghetti get together; perfect comfort food for a cold winter's night!

Notice we have expanded the menu to include spaghetti, salads, breads, and desserts.

Following the potluck, enjoy the video and discussion that follows on the history and impact of

### **Title IX.**

Please give Mary a call at 630-966-9683 before February 10th to let Mary know that you are attending and what dish you would like to bring to the potluck. If possible, bring a friend.

We hope to see you on the 17th!!

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## The Impact of the Affordable Care Act and Midwifery Today

Co-Sponsored by Branch Member and Representative Linda Chapa LaVia

and AAUW

6:30 PM, March 16

Aurora Santori Public Library, 101 S River Street

Presented by Lorelei Beyer

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## International Awareness Program,

5:50 PM, April 13, 2016

Tap House Grill, Oswego

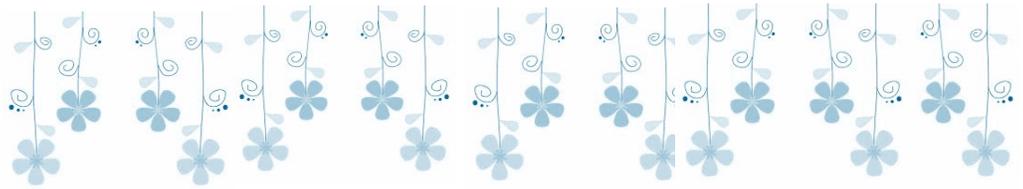
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## Spring Scholarship Event

11:00 AM, May 14, 2016

Pomegranate Café , Aurora





## **Inner City Woman's Health Care Nurse Practitioner To Speak on Affordable Care Act at Santori Library**

Although some members of the US Congress are determined to overturn it, the Affordable Care Act has made some very positive impacts on the lives of women living in Chicago's inner city, according to Lorelei Beyer.

Beyer is a woman's health nurse practitioner and midwife who has a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in nursing and midwifery and certification in nurse midwifery. She will be speaking on two topics, "The Impact of the Affordable Care Act, and Midwifery Today," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at the new Santori Public Library, 101 S. River St., Aurora. The discussion is free and open to the public. A short PowerPoint depicting key areas of the new library also will be shown.

State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D 38<sup>th</sup> District) and the Aurora Chapter of the American Association of University Women are co-sponsoring the discussion, which is being hosted by the Santori Library.

With 37 years experience in nursing, Beyer has worked in both suburbia and the inner city. She spent 34 of those years at South Suburban Hospital, then went to the University of Illinois, Little Company of Mary Hospital, taught nursing students at St. Xavier University and most recently has been working as a midwife and woman's health practitioner out of Mercy Hospital, 25<sup>th</sup> and Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Mercy, founded by Mother McCauley, was the first hospital established in Chicago.

"I can speak on the Affordable Care Act's impact on my patients because I see it every day," said Beyer, who as a certified nurse practitioner can prescribe medications for her patients. "My patient population is lower socioeconomic women who rely strongly on Medicaid and Medicare. Many of these women were without well-woman care until the Affordable Care Act was passed. So I have seen what a difference it's made."

That doesn't mean that the Act is perfect, Beyer said. In her talk, she plans to discuss ways it can be improved to better serve everyone.

As for midwifery, Beyer says this type of care is making a comeback and midwife nurses are currently being licensed by the State of Illinois. Midwives, she said, are not physicians, but neither are they assistants. They are considered mid-level providers.

"Our role is growing," she said. "The emphasis is now on keeping people well, keeping them healthy, and keeping them out of hospitals. Most of my practice is in well-woman care. There is a huge need for such practices.

The American Association of University Women is open to all people who have received an associate's or higher degree. For more information on the discussion or the AAUW, go to [www.aurora-il.aauw.net](http://www.aurora-il.aauw.net).

# Study Groups

JOIN US! We are loving our new **Books-by-Night** format - join us for great food, drink and conversation on the 4th Wednesday of each month at a restaurant near you. Check your yearbook and watch this newsletter for more information.

Our book: ***Between the World and Me***, by Ta-Nehisi

Our next meeting: Wednesday, **February 24**, 2016  
5:00 p.m. at Fireside Grill  
49 Sugar Lane in Sugar Grove

Join us to discuss this profound and acclaimed work about race in America! We will also choose locations for our upcoming meetings - put your vote in for your favorite restaurants! Join us whether or not you can read the book - we always have a great discussion. If you are not a "regular" participant, please RSVP to me at [danishouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danishouse@sbcglobal.net) or 630.606.6366. I will be sure to arrange a large enough table for all! - Andi Danis

Future books to be read include: ***The Pearl That Broke It's Shell* (March), *A House in the Sky: A Memoir* (April), and *On Being Mortal* (May).**

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**Monthly Movie Group** generally meets the second Monday of each month at member homes. Snacks, desserts, and discussions accompany the movies. Your AAAUW Yearbook has further information.

Our Next Meeting: Monday, **February 15**, 2016—6:15 p.m. Social/7:00 p.m. Movie  
Hostess: Joy Bowling  
Movie: **AMY**

Future movies are: ***The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* (March), *Finding Vivian Maier* (April), and *Inside Out* (May).**



# AAUW Branch Reports

<b>AAUW Aurora Area Branch</b>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>January 23, 2016</b>
Balance <b>11/18/2015</b>	\$1693.92
DEPOSITS:	None
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 0
EXPENSES:	
Yearbook/Printing	\$89.20
TOTAL Expenses	\$89.20
BALANCE	<b>\$1604.72</b>
Respectfully submitted by <b>Patricia Daugherty</b> , Treasurer	



<b>Assistant Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>01/28/2016</b>
Income	\$1,984.00
Expenses (Wine Tastings, Postage, Materials)	215.97
Profit	1,768.03
AAUW National Educational Funds Check (11/01/2015)	2,000.00
AAUW National Legal Advocacy (11/01/2015)	500.00
Remaining Balance in EF	<b>1,158.08</b>
Remaining Balance in LAF	<b>273.17</b>
Respectfully Submitted by <b>Julie Bauman</b> , Assistant Treasurer	

# Approved Minutes

## Aurora Area AAUW Board Meeting

October 24, 2015

### Harris Bank at Indian Trail and Orchard

Members Present: Joy Bowling, Valerie Burd, Andi Danis, Jerre Henriksen, Sandy Hipp, Vicki Peterson, Elaine Ross and Sue Zieche.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Sandy Hipp. The minutes of the August 15, 2015, meeting were approved following a motion moved by Andi Danis and seconded by Elaine.

Our Treasurer, Pat Daugherty, and Assistant Treasurer, Julie Bauman, will give their respective reports at our January meeting.

Andi Danis reported that our Opening Meeting in September meeting went well. We also have a possibility of using the public library without charges for our March event. Before January we look forward to:

**November 18, 2015, Book Discussion: What Will It Take to Make a Woman President by Marianne Schnell, The Turf Room, North Aurora at 5:30 p.m.**

**December 6, 2015, Holiday Social Event: The Lueth House followed by the A.U. Holiday Concert, The Lueth Residence and Aurora University at 4:30 (Social) and 7:30 (Concert).**

Membership held a Prospective Member Open House on September 30, 2015. The event went very well. Jo Howard and Tracy Sherman have become new members while five potential new members have been identified and will be recruited individually.

Vicki Peterson, VP for Communications, reported that we have 10 Facebook members and a number of likes. Membership is encouraged to follow AAUW's Facebook page.

Although Jane Zimmerman was unable to attend the meeting, she reported on the financial success of the AAUW Funds Fall Wine Event held on October 17, 2015. An amount of \$1854 was collected; expenses totaled \$215.97 which left a profit of \$1638.03. Individual donors as well as the branch need to be recognized by our National AAUW. A good time was had by 34 participants. Udo Igwe, Linda Chapa LaVia, and Stephanie Kifowit are all winners in their own right, but also took home prizes that evening.

The Books by Night group will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 28, 2015, at Ballydoyle Irish Pub; the book for October is *All the Light We Cannot See*. The movie group will be meeting on November 9, 2015, at the home of Denise Curts-Lueth and is viewing *MIGHTY MAC'S*.

We received a thank-you from Paula Sabotta who was honored at the first meeting of the 2015-2016 year for her 50 years of membership in AAUW.

Udho Igwe has retired from being the editor of our Branch's newsletter. Her consistent and excellent work have been appreciate by us all. Jerre Henriksen will take over that duty, but we will reduce the monthly newsletter to Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer editions. Articles for the Winter edition are due on November 23, 2015.

Sandy Hipp announced that the event, Keeping the Mind Sharp, will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Prisco Community Center between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Andi Danis reported that between the Women's Power Lunch on September 17, 2015, and the Mutual Ground Walk on October 18, 2015, \$98,000 was raised to support the work of Mutual Ground.

The Fall AAAUW District Conference was well done. Andi Danis attended and praised the updates and breakout events. Andi informed us of requirements regarding AAUW bylaws at the local, state and national levels. The following formal, but shortened for convenience, statement from our AAUW web site indicates the basic facts involved.

"The 2015 AAUW bylaw amendments voted on and approved by the membership require mandatory revisions of all state and branch bylaws to conform these bylaws to those of AAUW. The IRS-approved contract between each AAUW state and branch and AAUW national, stipulates that states and branches must conform to AAUW bylaws in all material respects. By May 15, 2016, all branch and state presidents must submit their bylaws electronically to AAUW via [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) to be maintained at national headquarters as required by the IRS."

Andi will send our book with our By-Laws which meet the requirements.

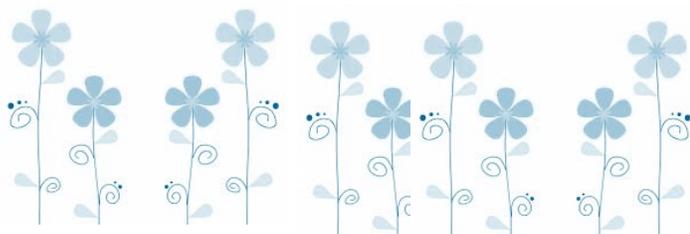
Co-presidents. Elaine Ross and Sandy Hipp, with Jane Zimmerman will designate our National AAUW Donations.

Announcement included a December 5, 2015, event in honor of Jane Adams. The Aurora Actionnaires will be holding an annual fundraising event on November 14. The cost of attendance is \$60 and a Motown style band will play.

The next board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2016, at the Harris bank. The remaining meetings for 2015-2016 to be held at 9:00 a.m. are: March 19 and June 25.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jerre Henriksen



## Got a Few Minutes

**Enter the following website into your computer and thanks to AAUW National you will find short, interesting videos for your review:**

### **7 Videos That Are Battling Stereotypes This Year**

Gender stereotypes and bias are nothing new. Countless research studies have proven the damaging consequences stereotypes can have, especially their influence on self-esteem and confidence. Thanks to several recent videos, the issue is getting some much-needed attention. Three national corporations and four musicians released videos that tackle gender stereotypes and bias. And just like that, this year's hottest trend became women's empowerment!

<http://www.aauw.org/2014/08/08/videos-battling-stereotypes/>

**Remember you can just copy and paste this web address.**

## One Thousand Eighty Six Years of Service—Yea Us!!!

<b>AAUW Aurora Area Branch Membership and Years Served</b>								
								<b>Totals</b>
Phyllis Bales	68	Denis Curts-Leuth	40	Arline Hoban	23	Elaine Ross	10	<b>141</b>
Mavis Bates	10	Andi Danis	16	Yvonne Hollingsworth	40	Paula Sabotta	50	<b>116</b>
Julie Bauman	3	Pat Daugherty	41	Jo Howard	1	Alicia Schatteman	2	<b>47</b>
Nicole Benziger	15	Suzanne Deuchler	63	Udho Igwe	14	Kathy Schultz	27	<b>119</b>
Mary Bernard	58	Connie Dickson	50	Liz Jones	13	Tracy Sherman-Falcon	1	<b>122</b>
Susan Boehme	30	Sharon Dunham	55	May Keenan	41	Gyda Stoner	45	<b>171</b>
Joy Bowling	32	Pam Freeman	8	Patty Kenton	15	Julie Thomas	1	<b>56</b>
Lynda Bradford	1	Marcia Gaspari	4	Stephanie Kifowit	4	Karel Thompson	35	<b>44</b>
Michelle Brown Rodriguez	14	Catherine Hanson	21	Mary Elliot	2	Cathy Veal	22	<b>59</b>
Valarie Burd	2	Jerre Henriksen	24	Jan Mortensen	8	Susan Zieche	2	<b>36</b>
Penny Cameron	54	Mary Hinterlong	39	Vicki Petersen	11	Jane Zimmerman	33	<b>137</b>
Linda Chapa LaVia	14	Sandy Hipp	24					<b>38</b>
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## Stay Connected with the AAUW Aurora Area Branch

This fall we launched our new Facebook pages. By now you should have received an invitation to join our private members only group, AAUW Aurora Area Branch. This is the place to go for the latest branch news, announcements and reminders about upcoming events. If you did not receive an invitation or are having trouble joining the group, please email me at [vpetersen74@hotmail.com](mailto:vpetersen74@hotmail.com).

Be sure to “Like” our public page, AAUW Aurora – IL Area Branch, and invite your family, friends and colleagues to “Like” the page as well. This page is where we educate the public about our branch activities and the AAUW in general. If you want to share branch posts on your personal Facebook page be sure to share the ones on the public page since anyone can see those posts.

**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

**APRIL 16, 2016**—Tech Savvy, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL

**APRIL 29-30, 2016**—AAUW-IL State Convention, Hyatt Regency, 1800 Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL

## 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.



# Board Meetings/Membership

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

Harris Bank on Orchard Rd/Indian Trail, Aurora

**March 19**

**June 25** (transitional meeting)

**Co-Presidents**

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Sandy Hipp

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**Co-Vice Presidents, Program**

Andi Danis and Val Burd

**Treasurer**

Pat Daugherty

**Assistant Treasurer**

Julie Bauman

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Denise Curts-Leuth and Susan Zieche

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