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Friday - Saturday, May 5-6, 2017
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1900 S. 1st St.

Friday Evening Program

They called her "Crazy Bet," but her real name was Elizabeth Van Lew, a southern belle and part of a prestigious family in Richmond, Virginia. What Elizabeth's neighbors did not know was that she was also a spy for the North during the Civil War. **Champaign actress Jennifer Goran** brings Elizabeth Van Lew's incredible true story to life in "Elizabeth's War," a compelling half-hour drama. Goran, a University of Illinois alumna in theater, has taught theater locally, in addition to acting and directing. "Elizabeth's War" **also features Doug Peterson**, a U of I alumnus in journalism and the Gold Medallion-winning author of "The Lincoln League," a Civil War novel. Goran and Peterson have performed at schools, libraries, and other institutions in Illinois and Indiana, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

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State Convention – Saturday Speakers

Alicia Hetman, AAUW Board Vice Chair
A.M. - News from National; P.M. – Special Topic Speaker: Title IX

Prior to her position as AAUW Board Vice Chair, Alicia Hetman served on the AAUW Education Foundation Board and the AAUW Board. Alicia is the immediate past president of AAUW of California, a member of the AAUW Sacramento, California Online and San Francisco branches, and a paid life member. Alicia served on the AAUW LAF, Public Policy, and Leadership Development committees and chaired the Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowship selection panel. A Title IX expert, Alicia was hired in 1993 by the California Department of Education to develop and implement the gender equity compliance program for P–12 school districts and conduct onsite reviews. She also investigated and mediated parental complaints against school districts.

Keynote Speaker – Amanda Simpson
"Authentic Leadership"

Amanda Simpson was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy) at the US Dept. of Defense during the Obama administration. Other positions of Amanda's include Executive Director, US Army Office of Energy Initiatives, and Senior Technical Advisor, Department of Commerce. Amanda's honors and awards include being the 2001 recipient of the Raytheon Woman on the Move Award, 2004 Tucson YWCA Woman on the Move, 2005 Arizona Human Rights Fund Individual Award, 2006 Raytheon Missile Systems Team Excellence Award, 2015 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Women of Distinction Award; and she was the recipient of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service in January 2017. Ms. Simpson earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Harvey Mudd College, a Master of Science in Engineering from California State University, and a Master in Business Administration from the University of Arizona. She is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and is from Chicago.

Afternoon Special Topic Speaker

Assata Zerai is the Associate Chancellor for Diversity, and Professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). Dr. Zerai's most recent book is *Intersectionality in Intentional Communities: The Struggle for Inclusivity in Multicultural U.S. Protestant Congregations* (Rowman and Littlefield, Lexington Books, 2016). Dr. Zerai is a recipient of the Ebony Excellence Awards 2016 Outstanding Contributions to the Field Award, given by the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Center, University of Illinois. In November 2015, Zerai was selected for the Larine Y. Cowan "Make a Difference" Leadership in Diversity Award at the University of Illinois.

Convention Registration Information

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: **Early Bird** – Submitted or postmarked before **April 7, 2017. General Deadline**: Submitted or postmarked by **April 28, 2017. Questions**? Contact Deborah Richie, Co-VP for Programs at dr_drtwin@comcast.net or 217-621-3208, or Sue Stauffer at staufferrw@sbcglobal.net or 847-985-5560.

NEW THIS YEAR - PAY YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION WITH CREDIT CARD THROUGH PayPal

Registration Method 1

Complete the registration form online at aauw-il.aauw.net, and pay your registration through the PayPal button.
Save a copy of your registration form and attach it to an email to Sue Stauffer: staufferrw@sbcglobal.net.

Registration Method 2

Print and complete the registration form on page 16 of this newsletter, or complete the online registration form and print it. Then mail the form, with your check made out to AAUW-IL, to Sue Stauffer, 1031 Seaview Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

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FRIDAY, May 5

3:00 to 4:30 pm	*Equal means Equal* viewing– sponsored by AAUW-IL Gender Equity Fund
5:00 to 5:30 pm	AAUW-IL Board meeting
5:00 to 8:00 pm	Registration Open
5:30 to 7:00 pm	Cash Bar Open
6:00 pm	Dinner
6:45 to 8:00 pm	Performance of "Elizabeth's War" by Jennifer Goran and Doug Peterson
8:30 to10:00 pm	President's reception

SATURDAY, May 6

8 to 8:45 am	Registration Open Breakfast and Exhibits Open
9:00 to 9:15 am	Opening – Sallie Miller, President and CU Branch member
9:15 to 10:15 am	News from National - Alicia Hetman, Vice Chair, AAUW Board
10:15 am	Break (Exhibits open)
10:30 am	State of the State – Sallie Miller
10:45 to 11:30 an	Illinois Public Policy update – J and J Legislative
11:30 to 11:45 am	Legacy Circle recognition and Branch Awards
11:45 am to Noon	Agent of Change Award
Noon	Lunch
12:30 to 1:30 pm	"Authentic Leadership" - Keynote speaker – Amanda Simpson
1:30 to 1:45 pm	Business meeting and Election of Officers

Saturday pm – Special Topics sessions

2:00 to 3:00 and 3:15 to 4:15 **Choices**:

A. **Elect Her/Running Start - Panel of Political Leaders**
Laurel Prussing, Mayor, City of Urbana
Anna Moeller, Elgin, State Legislator, 43rd district
Alicia Beck, District 2 Candidate, Champaign City Council
Annalisa Roncone, UI Student Senate candidate

B. **Title IX**
Alicia Hetman, Vice Chair, AAUW Board

C. **Equity and Diversity: Leading for a Culture of Inclusiveness**
Assata Zerai, University of Illinois Associate Chancellor for Diversity

4:15 to 4:45 Closing Wrap Up and Raffle

Convention Registration Form on Page 16 or click here for Online Form.

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Message from the President

By Sallie Miller

Greetings to all AAUW members. I enjoyed attending our Fall Conferences. It was fun to see friends and to meet new ones. The conferences were well attended and received positive evaluations. Areas covered that received favorable reviews include the Gender Equity Fund Speaker's Bureau, information on public policy and social media, ideas regarding philanthropy and leadership, membership recruitment ideas, new program suggestions, and clarification of "Charting the Course." The five District Directors did an excellent job of organizing the conferences so that they were packed full of information but allowed time for interaction and networking.

I'm very excited about our State Convention, "Building on a Legacy of Leadership," being held on May 5 & 6 in Champaign, IL. Our keynote speaker is Amanda Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, US Dept. of Defense, during the Obama administration. She was recognized as one of the top 50 successful transgender Americans and a 2015 AAUW NCCWSL Women of Distinction awardee. Alicia Hetman, Vice Chair AAUW Board, will bring us the latest information from National AAUW. There will be other excellent speakers and we will have the Illinois Public Policy update from J & J Legislative. Exhibit tables at the State Convention will include information from branches that have received AAUW-IL grants, public policy material including the Women's March, and Gender Equity Fund, to name a few.

If you haven't already, consider registering for the 2017 AAUW National Convention, "Leadership for Women, by Women," June 14-17, in Washington, D.C. National Convention speakers include Judy Woodruff, co-anchor & managing editor of PBS NewsHour and Celinda Lake, president of Lake Research Partners and a prominent pollster and political strategist for progressives. The National Convention will educate and inspire you.

I want to thank the AAUW-IL state board who have worked hard to make 2016-2017 a successful year for AAUW-IL members and branches. I also want to thank our branches who help advance our AAUW mission.

Meet the State Board Slate

Andi Danis, Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee is pleased to present the slate of officers for the 2017-2019 term. The members of the Nominating Committee were: Sharon Jenkins (District 1), Alice Huebner (District 2), Eileen Fesco (District 3), Andi Danis (District 4), and Marla Kim Benziger (District 5). Thank you to the committee members and others who suggested possible candidates. We are proud to present the following slate of officers for election at the convention.

Jennifer Urish, President-Elect—Belleville Branch (District 1)

Jennifer Urish lives with her husband and son in St. Louis. She has previously served on the AAUW-IL, Inc. State Board as Secretary, Co-Membership Vice President, and Director of Finance. She is a Start Smart Facilitator and currently edits the Connection e-newsletter. Jennifer is a member of the Belleville Branch. In her spare time, Jennifer likes to travel, read, and volunteer.

Lisa Cherry, Membership Vice President—Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch (District 4)

Lisa is currently Co-VP Membership for the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch and has accepted the nomination for Co-President in the upcoming term. She is completing a term as Secretary on the State Board, serves on the board of the AAUW-IL Gender Equity Fund, and is a member of the GEF Speakers Bureau. Lisa also serves as an AAUW Start Smart facilitator. As a literacy volunteer, she has tutored and been trained in ESL testing and evaluation. Lisa earned a degree in Speech Communication from Bradley University and has retired from a career in sales management. She joined AAUW almost four years ago, and knew immediately that she had found a home working for the empowerment of women and girls.

Sally Vogl, Secretary—Springfield Branch (District 2)

Sally Vogl is a native of Springfield and received her bachelor's degree in German from Michigan State University. She has been active in the Springfield Branch since 1982, having held numerous board positions and committee chairmanships. Sally is currently serving as president of the branch. She retired from the Illinois State Board of Education, where she was responsible for the agency's administrative rulemaking functions. She and her husband consider themselves fortunate to be pursuing their love of travel. Sally's other interests include reading, cooking, and pretending that the housework is done.

Mary Ann Dion
AAUW Funds Director

Mary Ann

You may have seen this photograph of the Charting the Course Committee, celebrating the completion of this tremendous effort, on the inside back cover of the recent issue of the Outlook. However, we would like to commend our Illinois branch members from fourteen branches throughout the state who contributed $42,671 toward Charting the Course. It was a very new concept with a short time-frame, yet so many members heard the message and helped to achieve the goal.

Possibly because Ruth Sweetser and Marla Kim Benziger were members of the committee, the Lombard and Deerfield branches led the pack with their generosity. However, it is also important that so many members heard the message and joined in. Congratulations to all!

(Although Charting the Course was a two-year program, the number of branches and the amount of money apply only to the year 2016.)

Because of you, the Charting the Course campaign **exceeded** its $1 million goal!

Your gift will bolster programs in communities across the country that empower women and girls.

A better future is on the horizon, and you are navigating the way by giving to AAUW through unrestricted gifts.

We know that one gift is powerful, but together, many gifts are transformative.

Gratefully, The Charting the Course Committee

College/University Relations

Deanie Brown, C/U Director
deaniejd@uis.edu

Greetings to all! And many thanks for your patience to all branch College and University Relations Chairs – I am eager to serve and support your efforts and look forward to connecting with you soon, as I recover from a bleak autumn marked by the loss and health challenges of my parents.

Together we can brainstorm creative ideas to deepen our ties to the colleges and universities within our communities, like hosting branch meetings on campus to attract the interest of prospective faculty, staff, and student members, or partnering with campus colleagues to present programs central to our AAUW mission, to strengthen or renew our connections.

And remember, students can electronically join AAUW at the national level for free if they attend an AAUW partner member college or university! After graduation, E-Student Affiliates also receive a free, one-year national membership as a graduation gift from AAUW. That's a great way to get students who attend partner institutions involved in your branch activities, and a great start to membership in AAUW.

I'm also looking forward to supporting **AAUW $tart $mart** and **AAUW Work $mart** programs, which are designed to assist women entering or continuing in the workforce in identifying and communicating their worth in salary negotiations. We have great women, like our State Board member Lisa Cherry, already trained to present workshops and I hope many of you will consider joining them.

AAUW STARTSMART salary negotiation for students

As we know, "over the course of her working life, a woman will get paid roughly $1 million less than a man – simply BECAUSE she's a woman!" Let's continue to work to change that by helping women who are starting or continuing in their careers to develop the confidence and skills needed to benchmark and negotiate salary demands and to close the gender pay gap! You can do that by becoming a Salary Negotiation Workshop Facilitator or by becoming a Salary Negotiation Workshop Ambassador to recruit campuses and organizations as workshop hosts.

AAUW WORKSMART salary negotiation for women

Please let me know if you'd like more information.

Cheers!

Marcia

Public Policy Update

Marcia Wherry & Jo-An Takamoto Sabonjian
Public Policy Co-Directors

Jo-An

Women Are Rising!

Much is happening with public policy in the post-election era. Remember AAUW is a non-partisan organization where we work to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. When questions are asked about AAUW, keep in mind that our public policy is research driven and our focus is on issues, not specific candidates.

RALLIES and MARCHES - Thanks to all AAUW members, families and friends who turned out for a Women's March on January 21. Busloads of Illinois women traveled to Washington, D. C. to join the most publicized and overwhelming march of the day. We even joked that the immense crowds meant that we could only shuffle, not march. Many AAUW members planned and participated in other rallies held in Carbondale, Champaign, Chicago, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, Galesburg, and other communities. Great turn-out!

COALITION EFFORTS - Numerous groups were formed in the past three months to organize the focus of women and to plan and take actions supporting women's issues and human rights. AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and other women's organizations are now joined in these efforts by Action for a Better Tomorrow, Women Rising, Organizing for America, Illinois Women Moving Forward, Women's Committee, and more. Common threads and enthusiasm from supporters of all ages help in communicating demands for women's rights to elected officials and the public. Plans are pending or in place to find and support more women candidates for public office in the 2018 election and to increase grass roots participation by applying for appointments to local boards and commissions where valuable experience is gained. People across the state are attending gatherings to get the attention of the public and media for pending legislation, executive orders, and issues at state and federal levels. Major topics addressed this month include the Muslim Ban, Affordable Care Act, and Planned Parenthood funding, with more to come.

ELECTION NEWS - The February 28 primary has a limited number of local contests with multiple opponents; however, the April 4 consolidated election will hopefully result in more women elected to municipal offices and local boards. Best of luck to Aurora mayoral candidate and AAUW member Linda Chapa LaVia as well as all other AAUW members who have stepped up as candidates at the grass roots level. Please take another voter with you when you vote early or on election day - we need to increase voter turnout!

STATUS OF SCHOOL REPORTS ON BULLYING - Surveys from the Office of Civil Rights/ Dept. of Education show many schools, including 67 percent in Illinois, appear to not report instances of bullying. Renee Gladstone and Susan Vevang from Arlington Heights took the lead in researching this matter at schools in the northwest suburbs where anti-bullying policies and procedures are in their student handbooks, and school boards have policies in place. We were interested in learning if students felt comfortable reporting bullying or harassment. She questioned why some of the categories were 0 reports, which seemed beyond believable. A 0

simply means the question wasn't asked, not that there are 0 reports. It's also possible that 0 reports are accurate because most incidents occur outside of school. More research and responses to this issue are pending.

ACTION NETWORK ALERTS - Sign-up for Action Alerts at aauw.org. The alerts provide information or a synopsis of a pending legislative action or issue and links for contacting your elected officials to voice your opinion. Alerts are also sent on selected state issues. Tallies are made of contacts received for supporting or opposing actions, so your input is important.

Pending Legislation - from Jenni Purdue, AAUW legislative consultant at the State Capitol

Efforts to resolve the state budget crisis continue as the impact increases daily on residents, employees, businesses and providers, especially in the social service and health care fields. Compromise is still the key but frustrations are growing with the ongoing delays. The legislature continues to work on new bills filed for the current session.

HB40 is a bill to Ensure that Illinois Allows Full Access to Reproductive Health Care. HB 40 strikes the "trigger" provision of the Illinois abortion law. It would affirm that Illinois will not go back to the pre-Roe days of illegal abortions. By removing the anti-choice "trigger" language from the 1975 Act, HB 40 ensures that women's health care will be protected in Illinois, regardless of what happens to the Supreme Court in a Trump administration. HB 40 also removes discriminatory provisions from Illinois law that deny insurance coverage of abortion to many women who depend on Medicaid and State Employee Health Insurance. Every woman, regardless of whether she has private or government-funded health insurance, should have affordable and comprehensive health care coverage that includes coverage for abortion care, so she can make personal health decisions based on what is best for her and her family.

SJRCA 4 is the senate bill introduced for ERA. The House bill has not yet been introduced. A major concern is whether enough supportive votes are committed. The best way to reach an accurate count is through contacting and pressuring representatives at the local district office, especially in suburban and downstate districts. Branches having successful contacts at district office visits or by making calls or sending letters to the editor should update Jo-An or Marcia with a brief report of results of local activity.

SR0117 designates April 4 as Pay Equity Day. Members are urged to attend local events and advocate for equal pay. The earnings ratio for women is close to 80 percent nationally but in Illinois the ratio ranges from 67.4 percent to 93.8 percent when comparisons are made among the 18 Illinois congressional districts. Enforcement of previous federal executive actions to reduce the gaps may be impacted by changes in direction in the new administration.

HB 647 provides for reasonable accommodation in the work place for women with an order of protection. We support legislation that assists women affected by violence.

SB79 would require drug testing of people applying for or receiving medical or SNAP benefits with positive test results resulting in denial of benefits. We oppose this bill and any companion House bill since similar attempts in other states were not proven successful or cost-effective.

REMEMBER - IT'S MY VOTE, I WILL BE HEARD in 2017

Bylaws and Policy

Barbara Simon, Bylaws & Policy Director

Barbara

Thank you to IL branch presidents and bylaws chairpersons!

All but three of the Illinois entities have completed their bylaw updates, the purpose of which was to align branch bylaws with national bylaws as mandated by the IRS.

The new bylaws are much clearer and shorter and enable us to keep our place under the umbrella of the national organization. Otherwise, we might have to file individual tax reports.

Thanks again for getting the job done, and enjoy your spring AAUW activities!

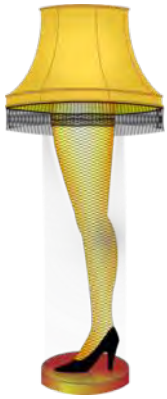
Gender Equity Fund Silent Auction

The Gender Equity Fund (GEF), a 501(c)(3) corporation, formed in 1996 by Illinois AAUW members, continues working for equal opportunities for women and girls so they can reach their highest potential. At this year's State Convention, GEF will conduct a silent auction to raise funds to support the GEF speaker's bureau. Please come prepared to bid on some great items for a good cause! If you have an item to donate for the auction, please bring it with you to the convention. Call or text Susan Wood at 217-899-0964 or email her at swood710@sbcglobal.net to let her know what you are bringing. Of course, checks made payable to the Gender Equity Fund are always welcome and are tax deductible as a charitable donation.

GEF financially supports the transportation expenses of AAUW member leaders to present AAUW mission-based research at branch organized events around Illinois. Currently, the topics available are Barriers and Bias (Leadership), Solving the Equation (Women in STEM) and The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap 2016. Over 15 events have been scheduled since September 2016. If your branch is interested in organizing an event featuring a GEF speaker, call Carol Heisler at 815-455-1473 or Andi Danis at 630-892-6366.

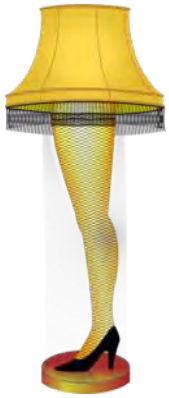
2017 AAUW National Election — One Member, One Vote

AAUW members will receive their voter information in early April by e-mail and mail with the Spring *AAUW Outlook*! Candidate slate, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions will be published in the Spring issue of *AAUW Outlook.* And don't forget to check for the latest updates on the AAUW National Election web page.



Local Engagement Grants

(LEG-Up)!



AAUW-IL is excited to announce the latest recipients of the Local Engagement Grants.

The **Palos-Orland Park Area Branch** received a grant for co-sponsoring the Equal Pay Day Rally in Chicago. This is a widely-publicized event in Daley Plaza which this year will be on April 4. This event brings attention to the issue of pay equity, and AAUW is a prominent sponsor.

The **Springfield Branch** will use their grant to provide the "Expanding Your Horizons" program to middle school girls. The branch has held this program for over 30 years and continues to show girls what is possible. This year's event is March 18.

The **Decatur Branch** presented a program on fraud and identity theft at the public library on February 21. The Branch hopes to educate the community about identifying and preventing these crimes.

The **Morton Br**anch is using its grant to have a program called "Zentangle" for their ongoing Girls in Math and Science (GEMS) Workshops at the public library. They plan to have several one-day workshops throughout the year.

Would your branch like to be the next to be given a LEG-Up? The simple application is on the website (www. http://aauw-il.aauw.net/, under the Grants for Branches tab).

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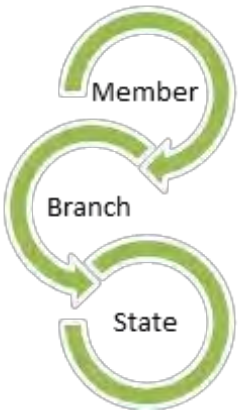
FIRST TIME
CONVENTION ATTENDEES!



AAUW-IL TRIO Program 2017

The AAUW-IL Board of Directors has voted to continue with the TRIO program for the National and State Conventions for the spring 2017 Conventions. The program will financially assist one first-time attendee from each branch to attend conventions by covering registration costs. Your branch can use the program to send someone to National AND to send someone to State. Yes, someone to Washington AND someone to Champaign. Read on for details.

The **National Convention** will be June 14-17 in Washington D.C. Several first timers have already registered. Each member requesting reimbursement must have the endorsement of their branch to qualify. The program rebates the cost of the best value registration rate of $549 and requires that an application and National registration be completed and that a copy of the documents along with the copy of the receipt be sent to the TRIO coordinator. You may register at a higher rate but the rebate will be for the best value rate.

Illinois sponsored 6 attendees for San Diego in 2015. One of the recipients was Sandy Moser of the Crystal Lake Area Branch who appreciated the TRIO program and reports, “AAUW conventions provide networking on a national basis-- a chance to meet national staff and women's rights icons like Lily Ledbetter.” Danielle Byron of Lombard Branch says, “It is a wonderful experience to be in a room with 1,000+ like-minded women and speakers who are leading the charge on topics such as pay equity, Title IX, and women's rights around the world.” Inspiration from the convention led Sandy and Danielle to accept appointment to the AAUW-IL State Board as District 5 and 4 Directors respectively.

It is not too late to apply for the stipend—complete the application in this newsletter and the on-line registration with National, obtain support from your branch and send the needed documents to Carol Heisler at carolheisler@gmail.com.

The **State Convention** will be May 5-6 in Champaign. All of the information on the convention is included in this edition of the LINK. Members may obtain a waiver on the registration cost for the state convention if they are first-time attendees and have the support of their branch. The Registration form for the state convention will request this information—no separate form is required for the STATE convention.

In the past, TRIO has provided a seasoned AAUW-IL leader to answer any questions or provide support prior to the conferences. We will do our best to provide appropriate counsel for the recipients but this does provide some challenges for the TRIO committee, especially if registrations are made close to the date of the event. We hope applicants will let us know if they need additional advice or guidance if mentoring is delayed.

Please note that it was the intention of the AAUW-IL Board to encourage attendance and suggest that the three parties contribute to the program’s success—that the member, the branch, and the state share the joy of the member’s attendance. It is understood that each branch handles its own budget and, although encouraged, branches may or may not be able to help financially. Contact carolheisler@gmail with questions.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION TRIO ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

If your branch is sponsoring you for the TRIO Program, please fill out the form below, attach a copy of your convention registration, and return to Carol Heisler, TRIO Coordinator, via email to carolheisler@gmail.com, or snail mail to Carol Heisler, 461 Rockland Road, Crystal Lake IL 60014.

You will receive confirmation of your participation within 1-2 weeks via email (if given) or phone.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ BRANCH: _____

BRANCH POSITION:_____ (Mark N/A if no position)

Please mark an X on the following lines to indicate that you have read and understand the terms of the TRIO program, and the process for confirmation and reimbursement.

____ I verify that this will be the first National Convention that I have attended. .

____ I verify that my branch is sponsoring me for TRIO and will assist me in attending this convention.

____ I understand that TRIO will fund as many attendees as possible, but that assistance is not guaranteed until I receive confirmation of this application (within1-2 weeks of receipt.)

____ I understand that, if confirmed, I must attend and participate in the full convention as covered by the Best Value registration fee. I have attached a copy of my registration to this form.

____ I understand that, if confirmed, the 2017 Best Value registration amount of $549 will be rebated by AAUW-IL after I have attended and fully participated in this convention.

____ I agree to supply the TRIO Coordinator with a completed survey of my experience after the convention. (This form will be sent to the participant in June/July of 2017.)

TRIO Coordinator: Carol Heisler, carolheisler@gmail.com or 815-455-1473 for questions or more information!

Women's March on Washington – January 21, 2017
Marcia Wherry

On the afternoon of January 20th I joined 109 women from Springfield and central Illinois communities for a cross-country overnight bus trip to participate in the Women's March in Washington D.C. Below is a picture of me, just off the bus with my AAUW sign. The reverse says "Unity for Women's Rights, Civil Rights, and Human Rights."

Our rally buses parked near the 1300 buses at the RFK stadium parking lot at about 9 am on the 21st and we took a Metro train (more crowded than the Chicago "L" during rush hour) to a stop near the Capitol. I had a brief visit with an NPR interviewer upon exiting the train station and as we tried to get our bearings for the rally. Our bus group broke up into small "buddy groups of 4" to help us avoid becoming lost. The crowd was so overwhelming that we could not get near the rally stage but larger loudspeakers enabled us to hear a long list of speakers (including Sen. Tammy Duckworth) and musicians. Many people of all ages were wearing pink hats and carrying poster boards or signs with a variety of original messages. The crowd was quite diverse and from all over the country.

As the rally was winding down we tried to get on Independence Avenue where the march was to begin - all we could do was shuffle, shuffle because there were too many people to actually march in any order or formation. We slowly progressed quite a few blocks and then changed course so we could walk to the Presbyterian church where everybody from Springfield met at 5 pm for the train trip back to the stadium. We talked to a lot of people during the day - people were friendly, excited, and well behaved for such a massive turnout. By the time we were on the return trip, my knees and ankles were feeling not so good - probably 25,000 - 30,000 steps that day! I certainly was tired by our arrival in Springfield (11:45 am on the 22nd) but so glad that I took advantage of the experience. Lots of people took pictures of each other's posters during the rally, so our non-violence message was shared.

Thanks for everybody's support for this monumental event!

Women Marched on January 21!

REGISTRATION FORM

2017 AAUW-IL, Inc. Convention, I Hotel, 1900 S. 1st St., Champaign, IL
May 5-6, 2017

Registration Deadlines: **Early Bird** – Submitted or postmarked by **April 7, 2017**.
General Deadline: Submitted or postmarked by **April 28, 2017**

Click here to complete online registration form &/or to pay for convention with credit card or PayPal.

Register me for: ☐ Friday Dinner and Program - 6 to 8 pm and President's reception
Friday Entrée Options: (Check 1) _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian
☐ Saturday Convention – 8 am to 4:45 pm, including breakfast and luncheon

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Branch _____ Position _____

Check all that apply: ____ Branch Member ____ National Member
____ State Board Member _____ College / University Rep _____Student Affiliate
_____ Past State Pres. _____First-time Attendee _____ Legacy Circle Member
____ National Committee Member/Chair _____ TRIO registrant _____ Guest

SPECIAL NEEDS:

_____ I have the following dietary restrictions:

____ I would like a display table (please bring table covering)
____ I am interested in finding a roommate

Convention Fees

Early Bird Registration for Saturday postmarked by April 7	$65	$ _____
Registration after April 7	$70	$ _____
Friday dinner:	$40	$ _____
	Subtotal	$ _____
Past State Pres.t Discount	-$15	$ _____
TRIO Stipend**	-$65	$ _____
	Total Due	**$ _____**

**Members seeking a TRIO stipend certify that they are attending the state convention for the first time, and provide documentation of approval from branch president.

Mail registration form and payment to:
Sue Stauffer,1031 Seaview Court
Schaumburg, IL 60193
Email: staufferrw@sbcglobal.net
Home phone: (847) 985-5560

Room reservations at I Hotel
Room rate guaranteed until April 4.
Call toll-free 217-819-5000
or click on I Hotel to book online.
Room rates $149.00 + tax
for one deluxe king or two queen beds.

Other Possible Hotels:
Homewood Suites, 1417 S Neil Street, Champaign, (217) 352-9960
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Champaign, 101 Trade Center Dr., (217) 398-3400
Hilton Garden Inn Champaign/Urbana, 1501 S. Neil Street, (217) 352-9970
Best Western Paradise Inn, 709 N Dunlap Street, Savoy, (217) 356-1824

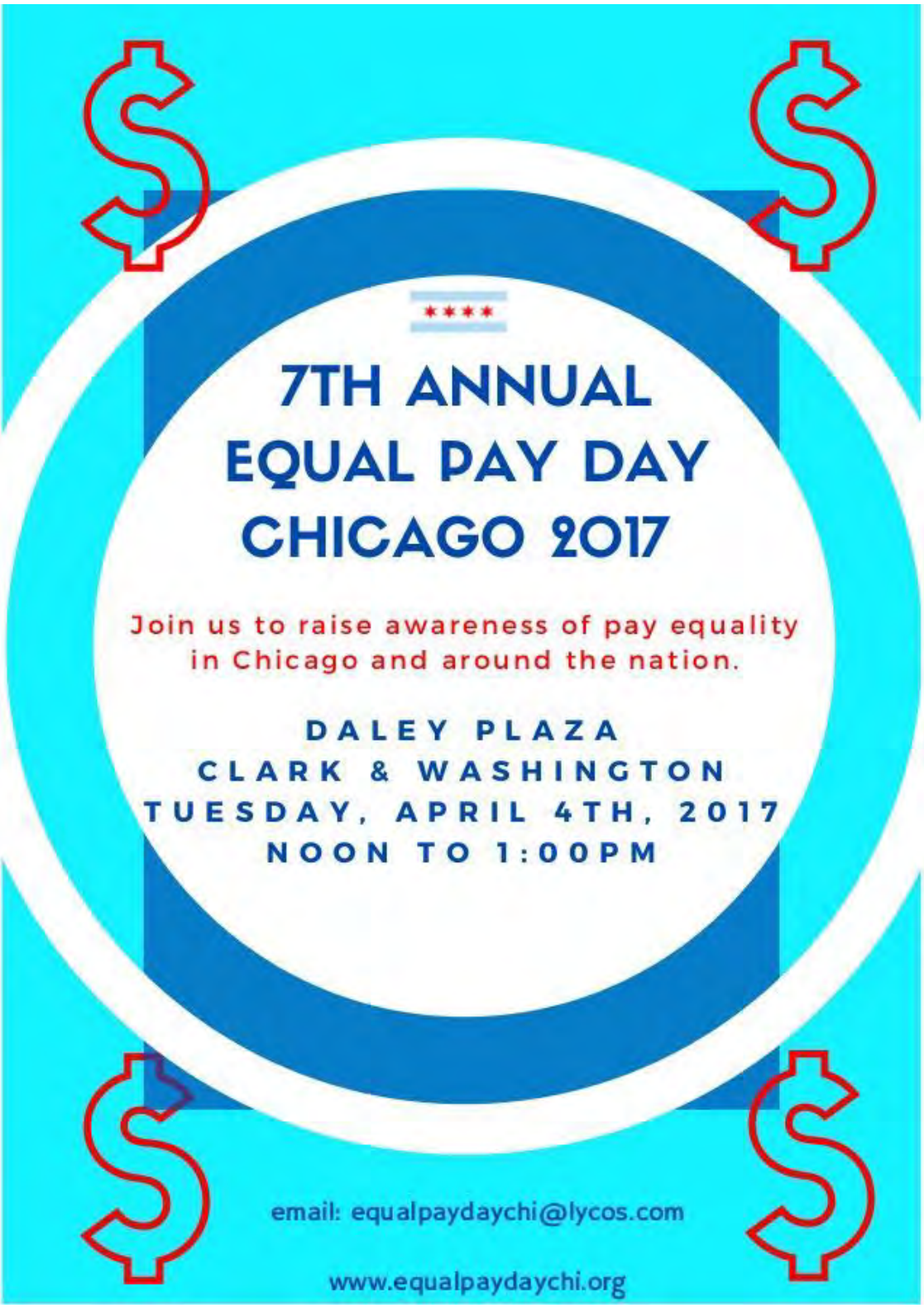
Saturday afternoon Special Topics Sessions – Please indicate which two of the three sessions you plan to attend by writing a 1 for the 2:00 session and a 2 for the 3:15 session.

_____ Elect Her/Running Start: Panel of Political Leaders
_____ Title IX
_____ Equity and Diversity: Leading for a Culture of Inclusiveness

Mary Jordan Carlson passed away September 11, 2016. She was AAUW-IL President from 1973-1975 and formerly a member of the Northwest Suburban and Wheeling-Buffalo Grove branches. She had been living in Lawrence, KS for a number of years. Mary had over 40 years of active membership in AAUW, during which she started several branches and received the AAUW Woman of the Year Award. She was a champion of women in education, independence, equal rights, and leadership, a pioneer with excellence and an insatiable appetite to experience different cultures around the world. In 2000, Mary established the AAUW Mary Jordan Carlson International Fellowship that inspires young women to make a difference in their own countries by providing them the opportunity to come and study in the United States. Online condolences may be sent to warrenmcelwain.com.

Jane F. Grahlmann passed away September 9, 2014, in Saline, Michigan. Jane was State President of AAUW-IL from 1989-1991. She was a member of the Rock Island-Moline Branch and also a dual member of the Lombard Area Branch. She was a Life Member of AAUW. She was survived by her son James Grahlmann and daughter Kathryn Glanville.

Jane was a long-time advocate of public education, having served on the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District from 1977-1991 and was Board President from 1978-1991. She was bookkeeper at the Villa de Chantal in Rock Island from 1972-1992. Jane enjoyed traveling, knitting, and spending time with her grandchildren.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Join us to raise awareness of pay equality in Chicago and around the nation.
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NOON TO 1:00PM
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EQUAL PAY DAY CHICAGO
2017 High School Journalism Contest for Chicagoland High School Students

Each year, Equal Pay Day is recognized world-wide to bring greater awareness to the wage gap experienced by women and minorities. In the US, the April date symbolically marks how far into a new year the average woman must work to earn as much as a white man did in the previous year. In its seventh year, Equal Pay Day Chicago is both a focal point to raise awareness, and a platform for organizations to collaborate. Equal Pay Day Chicago is a coalition of governmental bodies, nonprofits and other groups and individuals fighting together to achieve equal pay for equal work.

ELIGIBILITY

Any freshman, sophomore, junior or senior student currently attending a high school in the Chicagoland area is eligible to participate. Two winners will be selected, and announced publicly during the Equal Pay Day program at noon in Daley Plaza on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

ENTRY

Write an article about an aspect of the pay disparity among workers in America. The article should be between 450 and 750 words. The article should incorporate at least 1) one relevant statistic; 2) mention pending legislation or a current law; and 3) include at least one quote from a source discussing the issue of equal pay. The student reporter can interview family, teachers or community members.

All entries must be submitted via email to *equalpaydaychi@lycos.com* by Friday, March 17th. Entries should be submitted as a PDF document. On a separate page at the end of the article, please list the following information:

- Student's name, age, grade and contact information (both phone and email)
- School, sponsoring teacher's name and contact information (both phone and email)
- Parent/guardian's name and contact information (both phone and email)

Entrants must be available to read a portion of their article on stage during the Equal Pay Day event in Daley Plaza (Clark and Washington) on April 4, 2017 between noon and 1 p.m. Entry grants Equal Pay Day Chicago the right to edit, publish, copy or display the entry, with attribution.

PRIZE

First prize is $300 and the second prize is $50. The winning students will be recognized publicly at the April 4th event at Daley Plaza and on social media.

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