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Together Again! All in for Equity

AAUW-IL State Convention
May 6-7, Doubletree by Hilton, Lisle-Naperville

Register Now! Early Bird rate and discounted hotel rate end TODAY.

The Spring Edition of our state newsletter, *Link* is packed with everything you need to know including the agenda, speakers, panels, hotel reservation information and dining options. You can find *Link* on our website at aauw-il.aauw.net.

We will require that all attendees be fully vaccinated. We have not gathered in person since 2019 and we want our gathering to be a joyful, informative and safe reunion of statewide members!

We encourage you to register online, but you may also print out the form and mail it along with a check.

The online registration looks a little different this year—we're using EventBrite to capture registrations and allow you to pay online with a credit card in one step. Click on this link to register

After you click Register, you'll be taken to the tickets page. Select all choices that apply to you.

Past State Presidents and TRIO registrants receive a discount on their registration. This discount uses a promo code that you apply on the Tickets page--enter it at the top of the page **before** you move past the tickets page.

- Past State Presidents use the promo code PastStatePresident to deduct \$10.
- TRIO Stipend registrants use the promo code TRIO to deduct \$60.

Once you've made your choices and applied any promo codes, click checkout and you'll be taken to a summary of what you've registered for, as well as a list of questions to answer. Once you've completed these, you can pay with a credit card, and you're done.

See you at the convention!

It's time to vote for AAUW-IL Board of Directors and changes to our bylaws. Vote online at <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/> or use the paper ballot in the Spring Link. Voting ends May 6th.



It's also time to vote in the AAUW national election--you should have received an email with a PIN to vote online. Details can be found [here](#). Voting ends May 16th.

Public Policy

Exciting new public policy initiative starting in May after our State Convention.

We will be working with AAUW members to develop coalitions with other groups that believe in AAUW values, then work with those coalitions to assist school board members to maintain our AAUW values in our public schools. This program will be working throughout the next year.

Remember that our mission does not happen without public policy!

Branch News & Notes



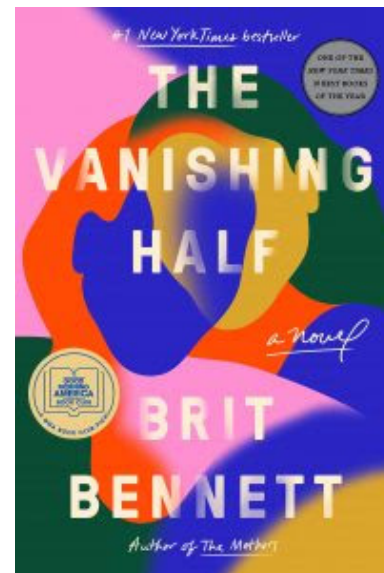
The Spring Raffle Quilt is back! FROLIC is 89 x 89. Made by Nann Hilyard (**Waukegan Area Branch**) from a design by Bonnie Hunter. Quilted by MB Services. The drawing is Saturday, May 7, at the conclusion of the AAUW-IL state convention. Quilt will be shipped to the winner.

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Check payable to Waukegan Area Branch, mailed to Nann, 511 College Ave., Winthrop Harbor IL 60096, or contact nbhilyard@att.net for Paypal. Proceeds benefit AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

Have you read *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett?

From The New York Times-bestselling author of *The Mothers*, a stunning new novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. **Book discussion will be guided by Elaine Fisher, president of NW Suburban branch.**

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next



Here are some of the comments about this book.

NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2020 BY THE NEW YORK TIMES * THE WASHINGTON POST * NPR * PEOPLE * TIME MAGAZINE* VANITY FAIR *

“Bennett’s tone and style recalls James Baldwin and Jacqueline Woodson, but it’s especially reminiscent of Toni Morrison’s 1970 debut novel, *The Bluest Eye*.” —Kiley Reid, *Wall Street Journal*
“A story of absolute, universal timelessness ...For any era, it’s an accomplished, affecting novel. For this moment, it’s piercing, subtly wending its way toward questions about who we are and who we want to be....” – *Entertainment Weekly*.

Join the Northwest Suburban and Jane Addams branches for a book discussion on April 27th, 7:30 pm. Advance registration required. Click the link

below: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcemsqzspEtPZaDT14PmWCY0Y5jUd5u8h](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451223693)

If your branch has a program you'd like to share, please [email Jennifer Urish](mailto:jurish@nwsuburban.org) by the 14th of each month.

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