



Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch

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December, 2014

A decorative wreath made of green holly leaves and small green berries, framing the central text.

A Leaf from the President

We have great news!

Our 501(c)(3) application for tax exempt status for our Branch was approved by the IRS. We submitted it in June and were told that it would take at least a year to approve. The final step is to submit documents to the State of Illinois for their approval. We anticipate a fast response and we could be an official 501(c)(3) by the first of the year. This will allow the Branch to accept donations directly instead of funneling all donations through National AAUW. There are rules and regulations governing 501(c)(3) organizations. We will have to develop Branch policies that will define exactly how we will operate. This will be an exciting project for 2015.

We toasted Branch member Jane Palmer at the Board meeting for all the work she has done to accomplish this. She will never reveal the hundreds of hours she spent on this project on our behalf. This would never have happened without her interest and willingness to contribute so much to this endeavor. Jane worked closely with another Branch member, Mary Callow, who donated the legal work. Paralegal Jean Erhardt paid attention to detail that boggled the mind. Their contribution was also well over hundreds of hours. A special thanks to all of you from the Branch.

A most peaceful and joyous holiday to you. I look forward to celebrating the season with you at the Holiday Dinner.

Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
Dec 3	Annual Holiday Dinner	6:00 pm	Village Links of Glen Ellyn, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn
Dec 5	AM Lit	9:30 am	Janet Arden's
Dec 13	Cultural Arts Event	10:30 am	Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 South Cottage Hill Avenue, Elmhurst
Dec 13	Film Group	TBD	Susie Gullickson's
Dec 17	Book Sorting	10:30 am	Public Storage, 111 Bridge Street, Wheaton

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3



Enjoy the Holiday Season
With Fellow Branch Members

6:00 pm Conversation and Cocktails (cash bar)
6:45 Dinner

Village Links of Glen Ellyn
485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn

This evening is always an AAUW highlight!



Membership

Lisa Cherry and Kitty Johansson

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We are looking forward to giving special recognition to our 23 new members at the Holiday Dinner on December 3rd. We ask that new members stay a few minutes after the end of the program and gather near the Membership table for a Class of 2014 photo.

It looks like we will close out the year with 143 wonderful Branch members, but we are always ready to add more! So, if you have made a reservation to bring a guest to our dinner, we want to remind you that it is a special Branch event and we can offer our "Shape the Future" discounted membership rate of \$53.50 vs. \$78.00 enabling the new member to enjoy events for a good portion of 2015 if they choose to join our Branch that evening!

Please read about the following new member:

Ruth Fink-Winter graduated with a BS in Engineering from Harvey Mudd, continued her education with a BS in Chemical Engineering from University of Nebraska where she met her husband, and thereafter earned an ME in Chemical Engineering at Iowa State. It was the influence of Harvey Mudd's Dean of Women, who founded that school's chapter, that she joined AAUW originally. Ruth has rejoined National and now has decided to become a member of our Branch. She and her husband moved here seven years ago and are happily settled in Chicago. She is a project manager at a local engineering company with a busy schedule. Ruth's hobbies include film, cooking and gardening. She looks forward to participating in our Branch and we are glad she chose to join us.



Member Records and Directory

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Please add the following new member's information to your directory:

New Member:

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BS	Chem. Engineering	Univ. of Nebraska
ME	Chem. Engineering	Iowa State

Neighborhood: N Wheaton (2)

* New Member



Non-Fiction Lit Group

Margaret McGrath

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Mark your 2015 calendar for Wednesday, January 28 to discuss *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit at Ewa Bacon's home. This is an important and powerful look at Israel by an Israeli moderate, Ari Shavit, a columnist for the center-left Israeli daily *Haaretz*. The following summary is copied from *Booklist*: "Unlike some on the Israeli Left, the author isn't an anti-Zionist provocateur. Rather, he is a fervently patriotic Israeli with an abiding love for his nation's history and the best of its traditions and institutions. So his honest and sometimes brutally frank portrait of his homeland's past and its present dilemmas is especially poignant. Shavit's narrative is strongest when he utilizes the stories of individual Israelis to paint a rich tableau based on personal experiences. What emerges isn't necessarily optimistic. He regards the current peace process as a dead end, since no Palestinian leader or government can guarantee an agreement that offers the necessary security for Israel. Yet his own military experience on the West Bank has convinced him that control over Palestinians is poisonous and cannot be sustained. Finally, he makes clear that Iran truly is an existential threat that must, somehow, be neutralized. This is a masterful portrait of contemporary Israel."

Please join us for discussion about this fascinating and provocative book. All are welcome. Email or call Margaret if you need a ride or have any questions.



Book Sale

Rose Fitzpatrick

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Thanks to all those who have helped with the November sorting. Please note the upcoming dates for book sorts:

December 17 January 21 February 18 March 18

All are Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Volunteers, be sure to call (or send an email) to let either Stef or Jean know when you will be able to help at the book locker. Stef: (630)790-1843 (szvirin@gmail.com) Jean: (630) 377-7280 (vsq531@aol.com). They will schedule interim sort dates if needed and will send a notice out to all. Also, be sure to let either of them know when you have dropped off books at the locker. This will help them keep ahead of the game. Right now we need books. Donations have been slow this summer and fall.

Please go to wheatonglenellyn-ilaaauw.net and check out the flyers available for you to print and hang in places where folks will see them. One is appropriate for posting - ask for bulletin board space in churches, schools, your coffee shop, gym. Could you take a box and collect at your office for a week? The other flyer is designed so you can fill in your contact information and leave at garage sales or with neighbors. Does your neighborhood have a newsletter that would accept a request for book donations? Be creative. We really need books!

Drop off your collections at our storage facility in Wheaton, 111 Bridge Street. Complete information is in the directory. If you can't manage the books yourself, direct a drop-off to one of our collection sites:

**Wheaton
RE/MAX Suburban
1417 North Main Street
(630) 653-1900**

**Glen Ellyn
RE/MAX Suburban
441 Taft Avenue
(630) 790 1776**

Also, Judy Sims ('04), (630) 790-1093, is available to make arrangements for a pick up if there is a large collection.

As you know, the Book Sale is our Branch's major fundraiser to support grants, fellowships and local scholarships. It is an ALL-BRANCH effort – many thanks for your participation!



AM Lit

Kathy McCullough

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On Friday, December 5 at 9:30 am, Janet Arden leads our discussion of *The Forgotten Waltz* by Anne Enright at her home. LaVonne Ruoff and Susan Hoover share co-hostess responsibilities.

Set in Dublin, Ireland during the IT boom and bust, “a new, unapologetic kind of adultery novel is narrated by the proverbial other woman--a sharp, sexy, darkly funny thirty-something IT worker. The novel’s beauty lies in Enright’s spare, poetic, off-kilter prose—at once heartbreaking and subversively funny.”

Looking ahead to January 9, we will discuss *The Leopard* by Giuseppe Tomasi Di Lampedusa at the home of Peggy Connolly. Jean Lindsey and Jan Austin will be our co-hostesses.

A small supply of the books is on reserve at the Glen Ellyn Library. Those who hold a card from another local library are eligible to check out the books.

Please contact me if you wish to be added to my email distribution list for notices of upcoming meetings.



History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor

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Future meeting dates and themes will be:

Thursday, February 12
Thursday, April 16

Italy and the spice trade
Spice Routes and Indonesia



*I am a passionate reader.
New interested books keep adding on my reading list.
My wildest dream is to complete reading all the books.*
— Lailah Gifty Akita

There is no PM Lit meeting in December. The next meeting will be held at the home of Kitty Johansson at 7:00 pm on January 19.

The book for January is *The Maid's Version*, by Daniel Woodrell. It's only 192 pages. The Glen Ellyn Public Library will have copies on reserve for us. Plot summary: "Alma DeGeer Dunahew, the mother of three young boys, works as the maid for a prominent citizen and his family in West Table, Missouri. Her husband is mostly absent, and, in 1929, her scandalous, beloved younger sister is one of the 42 killed in an explosion at the local dance hall. Who is to blame? Mobsters from St. Louis? The embittered local gypsies? The preacher who railed against the loose morals of the waltzing couples? Or could it have been a colossal accident?"



"Reading"
Ada Thilen



Cultural Arts

Helen Shafton and Ellen McGowan

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REMINDER... our first Cultural Arts event is Saturday, December 13. Meet at 10:30 am at the Elmhurst Art Museum. This west suburban museum was constructed around a relocated, 1950s home built by Mies van der Rohe. The museum exhibit features the paintings, prints and drawings of Richard Koppe, a 20th century artist influenced by abstract expressionism, cubism and surrealism. For more information on this exhibit, please go to:

<http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org/upcoming-exhibitions/344-richard-koppe.html>

Please respond to Helen Shafton (address above) if you are interested in participating in this event.

We have five people who would like to see the David Bowie exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art on a weekday in December. The exhibit ends on January 4. Go to <http://www2.mcachicago.org/exhibition/david-bowie-is/> to check it out. Please email Ellen McGowan (address above) if you are also interested. She will contact you to discuss your available dates.

Anyone interested in seeing *The Book of Mormon* (winner of 9 Tony awards!) at the Bank of America Theatre, February 25th-May 17th? If so, please contact to Ellen or Helen (emails above) so we can put together a group outing.

Thank you for your ideas; keep them coming.



Legal Advocacy Fund

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LAF Adopts New Case

In June 2014, the AAUW board voted to support Moshak v. University of Tennessee through the Legal Advocacy Fund. Plaintiffs Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser brought claims against the University of Tennessee alleging sex discrimination and retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963.

The three plaintiffs are former employees of the university's athletic department. The University of Tennessee, unlike many of its peer institutions, historically maintained separate women's and men's athletics departments. In 2009, the university decided to consolidate the two programs. The plaintiffs say that during the merger they discovered that the university had been paying them less and offering them fewer benefits than it did their counterparts in the men's athletic department. They filed internal complaints alleging unequal pay and eventually filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

After making the EEOC complaint, the plaintiffs claim they were subjected to retaliation and were eventually terminated or forced to retire. They filed suit against the university for discrimination, pay discrimination and retaliation. The case is in its early stages and is currently scheduled for trial next year.

AAUW is proud to support Moshak, Mason, Schlosser, and their advocates. Stay tuned for updates as the case progresses.



Film Group

Anne Hanley

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We are moving into the best season of the year for film group...Oscar season! Our choices for December and January films are sure to be excellent. As always, the film selection will be announced a few days before the meeting once we know what movies are offered where and at what times. The date and location of our upcoming meetings, however, are already set!

Friday, December 13: the home of Susie Gullickson

Friday, January 9: the home of Ewa Bacon



Copies of Our February Annual Book Selection Available Now

It may seem far away, but the February general meeting will be our annual book discussion. Four Branch copies of

The Hairstons:

An American Family in Black and White
by Henry Weineck

are available to circulate among members.

Please contact Suzanne Elger at selger@mac.com
to request a copy of the book.

Violence Against Women Act

AAUW National has a voice in Washington and it serves as a constant reminder that there are issues that need to be addressed that affect women. AAUW lobbied long and hard for the passage of the 2013 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Department of Education published the final rules for its implementation in October 2014. The ultimate goal of 'coming public' is to stem the tide of sexual assault on campuses.

Students will have access to education on preventing campus sexual violence, and survivors will have more support as they consider their reporting options and healing process.

Colleges and universities will have guidelines to implement required policies on sexual violence and prevention programming, which should foster safer campuses.

Parents and community members will have access to crime statistics for colleges and universities.



\$tart \$mart and the Fall Conferences



Lisa Cherry and Michelle Boice



**Susan Hoover, Lisa Cherry, Laura Desmarais,
Ann Hanley and Suzanne Elger**

What a fantastic group of women we have who are ready and eager to lead \$tart \$mart workshops! At the Northern Fall Conference in Des Plaines, Lisa Cherry got the crowd to its feet asking the question: "How many of you know a woman who has not been paid what she is worth?" Laura Desmarais did an outstanding job of presenting the main components of the workshop after which Ann Hanley and Suzanne Elger amused everyone with a skit depicting the \$mart way to negotiate a salary. Susan Hoover highlighted the benefits of encouraging colleges and universities to host a workshop.

The Southern Fall Conference in Springfield featured Lisa Cherry who presented the main components of the workshop. She then joined Michelle Boice for the entertaining skit while Susan reprised her role underlining the value to colleges and universities (C/U) that become C/U members of AAUW.

Next step: We will now be talking with area colleges and universities about hosting a \$tart \$mart workshop. \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops empower college women who are beginning their careers to overcome the gender wage gap and teach them to benchmark and negotiate for fair and equitable salaries upon graduation.

Susan Hoover and Rosemary Beutell

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What is AAUW?

Mission:	AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
Membership:	In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, class or disability. Membership is not by invitation.
Legal Advocacy Fund:	AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.
Vision Statement	AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.