



Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP

Twigs

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May, 2015

A Leaf from the President

*Books to the ceiling,
Books to the sky,
My pile of books is a mile high.
How I love them! How I need them!
How will I ever be able to read them?*

Arnold Lobel (with edits from Laura)

All hands on deck... The time has come ... We are ready to rally the troops for the annual Book Sale. Mark your calendar for the week of May 4. All members are expected to participate in one way or another. We will receive requests to sign up for the Sale from all fronts. Respond, show up and then enjoy. Believe it or not, it is fun!

So... where does this money go?

Our Branch provides scholarships of \$1,000 each to four local high school graduates to attend the College of DuPage. There is one recipient from each of the public high schools located in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn. We ask the schools to identify our scholarship recipients. We seek to select students who are serious about continuing their education and can benefit from the financial assistance. Susan Levy-Creed has been coordinating this effort on our behalf. She will have information on this year's recipients at the Spring Banquet.

In addition, our Branch has a long history of supporting AAUW's scholarship programs. In April, AAUW announced the 2015-2016 award recipients for 241 fellowships and grants totaling over \$3.7 million. Our Branch will arrange for a local recipient to speak at our annual Holiday Banquet. Recipient backgrounds and areas of study are diverse and these scholarships are competitive. AAUW's goal has always been to empower women to achieve and to improve the quality of life for all. This is one of the ways they achieve this goal.

Our last activity of the year is social. It is our Spring Banquet on Monday, May 18. We will celebrate the efforts of the Book Sale and induct new Board members. Adelle's in Wheaton has agreed to serve us on Monday when the restaurant is closed. Please come. It is a great time to get to know members and to catch up with those you haven't seen for a while. I hope to see you there!

Laura

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**BOOK
SALE**

AND

**SPRING
BANQUET**



**DETAILS
INSIDE**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
May 1	AM Lit	9:30 am	Carolyn Oesterle's
May 4-6	Book Sale Set Up	9:00 am	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
May 6-9	Book Sale	9:00 am	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
May 18	Spring Banquet and New Officer Installation	6:00 pm	Adelle's Restaurant, 535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton
May 20 NOTE DATE CHANGE	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Phyllis Fogel's
May 27	Memoir Circle	7:00 pm	Darwin Walton's
June 3	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Carolyn Oesterle's
June 24	Non-Fiction Lit	7:00 pm	Location is TBD.



Your Board at Work

Michelle Boice

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The board reached the consensus that starting in September 2015 the general order of Branch meetings shall be:

15 minutes of social time followed by the program/speaker, (unless there is a vote to be taken where a quorum is needed- which would take precedence over the program) then the business meeting. April will be the exception to this when the Book Sale announcements will take precedence over the Program. The President(s) and Program Vice-Presidents may change this as needed.



Membership

Lisa Cherry and Kitty Johansson

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'Tis the season to focus on graduations!

Free E-Student Affiliate National memberships are available to undergraduates of qualifying AAUW partner college or university institutions. The student will receive only online information and a free one year AAUW National membership upon graduation.

A paid (\$17.00) National Student Affiliation is available to undergraduates regardless of whether the institution is a partner with AAUW. The student will receive both printed and email information from National.

Graduate students qualify as regular National members (\$49.00) but may receive a special discounted rate of \$18.81. Check with your MVP, Lisa Cherry.

Our Branch offers an additional (discounted) fee of \$5.00 for the undergraduate student affiliate rate, should they wish to be part of Branch activities.

Lastly, don't forget the Give A Grad A Gift program which allows members to give unlimited free National memberships to college students who have earned their degrees for a period of 24 months following graduation. (E-student affiliates earn this automatically).

Please welcome Suzanne Gagner's sister, **Nancy Daly**.

Nancy is a skilled nurse who was raised in Aurora and who has recently made some big changes in her life. She moved from the house in Glen Ellyn where she raised her children and downsized to a condo "up the street" where she is supremely happy. She is much closer to her work at long term care facilities in Bloomingdale and Lombard and the move has cut her commute time down considerably. She has a son who is a lawyer living in the Near Northside who has a

daughter and is expecting another. She also has a daughter in California (whose family is on assignment in Singapore with Apple) who has 2 daughters and is also expecting a third - 5 Little Peppers! Nancy's husband is semi-retired and she is still happily working full time. She likes gardening and reading.



Member Records and Directory

Jane Palmer

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Dues News

Good news! No dues increase this year and 100% of Branch dues is now tax deductible. The total dues amount is still \$78. The breakdown is: AAUW national organization \$49 (\$46 is tax deductible), AAUW-Illinois \$10 and Branch \$19 (\$19 tax deductible). More than 80% of your dues is tax deductible, i.e., \$65.

Membership Renewal: We'll begin collecting renewal dues **May 4** with the Book Sale set up days. Look for your personalized dues letter in the members' corner in the Curio Room. If you aren't able to pick up your dues letter at the Book Sale, we'll mail it to you. You can write a check and return your dues form and Directory update in the labeled collection box. No postage needed.

Networking: For an additional **\$2**, you can include your business information in the Member-to-Member Business Networking section of the Directory.

Twigs Sponsorship: For a one-time payment of **\$60**, you can be a *Twigs* sponsor. Your business information will be included in the sponsor section of the newsletter and also included on the Branch website with a link to your company's website (if you elect this option). Ten times a year, the Branch's *Twigs* newsletter is distributed to about 150 Branch members and prospects. In most cases, we can scan your business card and use that for your ad. Look at the ads in *Twigs* this month for examples.

The Branch would like to receive your dues renewal checks by **June 15, 2015** since we have to forward renewals to the AAUW National office by June 30.

Directory Update – May 2015 *Twigs*

Address Change: Pam Starr has returned to Wheaton! Here is her new address and telephone number.

* **Starr, Pamela (Pam)** (630) 881-1848
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Neighborhood: N Wheaton (2)

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

* **Brown, Mary Sue** (630) 469-9015
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BA English North Central College
MA Library Science Dominican Univ.
Neighborhood: S Glen Ellyn (7)

* New Member



The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale Week Begins Week of MAY 4!

Unpack **Sale**
May 4 - 6 **May 6 - 9**

- **Keep your Sale week work commitments.** Sale will be open 32 hours this year. Opening night will be Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm. Beginning Monday, May 4 at 9:00 am, we have only 32 hours to unpack books and set up. Please be sure to commit for as many hours as you can. There are many jobs that do not require lifting. Sign up for a shift by phoning or emailing Marla Felsten at (630) 653-5757 or gmfelsten623@comcast.net.

As a reminder, you will receive a copy of the completed schedule in your email around May 1. Look for that.

- Make one last appeal to friends and co-workers and look around for books. Bring them to the Civic Center Monday and Tuesday.
- Go to our website, <http://wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net>, and print some publicity flyers to distribute to businesses or to your friends. Think of shops, lounges, waiting areas - anywhere. You can even tape one to one of your car windows (careful not to block view) and be a moving ad while at work or the grocery store. Be creative!
- If you don't have a yard sign yet, contact your neighborhood rep. Find out more about yard signs in Sue Balk's Neighborhoods article on the next page.

In Addition...

- Consider a cash donation if you are unable to participate, or even if you are. This is our Branch's only fundraiser to support our national Educational Foundation and to fund 4 College of DuPage scholarships for local high school students. Traditionally, EVERY MEMBER of the Branch contributes in some way to the success of the Sale. You also contribute when you buy books at the Sale and/or gift cards to give to friends and neighbors. (Buy gift cards on Monday and Tuesday from Jane Palmer or Karen Bondy.)
- Continue to collect the flat cases that water bottles, Snapple and Gatorade are packed in. Ask your local store for them or cruise the aisles at Sam's and Costco. We need HUNDREDS of these for efficient "unpacking." Bring paper bags too. You could also provide snacks for the volunteers through the week.
- If you want to shop, come early for your shift. Wednesday night you may be inside the gym when we open, but **no shopping** until all customers in line outside have entered the gym. We advertise and stick to a "no presales" policy.

Logistics...

- The Sale is held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center at 535 Duane Street. Park in the lot if there is room, on the street, or in a metered lot, but watch the time and signs. The commuter lot across the street, a little east, near the tracks, is free after 11:00 am.
- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday through the afternoon, if you sign up and can't make it, come a different time.
- After the Sale opens at 6:00 pm Wednesday, it is critical that you show up or trade with someone.
- Please, please help as many hours as you can to unpack and set up. We need to be ready Wednesday afternoon.

Work schedule questions or issues? Contact Marla.

Other questions, contact Karen Bondy [(630) 436-0621 or bondykj@aol.com] or Rose Fitzpatrick.

See You At The Sale!



Neighborhoods

Suzanne Balk

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ALL MEMBER ALERT

Here is a big shout out to all the neighborhood captains for handling the distribution and collection of our Book Sale signs. Signs were delivered to the captains the week of April 6.

This year, we are asking each member to pick up two signs from their neighborhood captain (see your Directory*) and place them in areas where they will be seen from the street. Signs should be put in yards on Wednesday, April 22 and picked up and returned to your captain's house by the Monday after the Sale. Please don't put signs on public property.

An interesting fact: Yard signs are one of our most important advertising tools! Thank you for your help in making our Sale a success.

*NEIGHBORHOOD 8: Your signs are on Marilyn Wiedemann's porch.



AM Lit

Kathy McCullough

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On Friday, May 1, LaVonne Ruoff leads the discussion of *The Orenda* by Joseph Boyd at the home of Carolyn Oesterle. Our co-hostess is Suzanne Elger, who would appreciate a partner. Please contact Suzanne or me to volunteer. Boyd's novel, set in 17th century Canada at the time of Champlain and told through three narrators, reflects on the clash of cultures as the French try to exploit and tame the Canadian wilderness and its native inhabitants. While different in outlook, the Huron and Christian world-views are also similar, with both having a central interest in the fate of each person's "orenda" or soul.

Looking ahead to June 5, we meet at the home of Jane Palmer to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Jan Austin and Sue Herrmann will serve as our co-hostesses and Judy Sims as discussion leader. Following our discussion, we will enjoy our annual potluck luncheon. Please bring either a savory or a sweet to share.

A limited supply of 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.



Non-Fiction Lit Group

Margaret McGrath

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We will meet again on June 24th to discuss *Midnight in Mexico: A Reporter's Journey through a Country's Descent into Darkness* by Alfredo Corchado. In the last decade, more than 100,000 people have been killed or disappeared in the Mexican drug war, and drug trafficking there is a multibillion-dollar business. In a country where the powerful are rarely scrutinized, noted Mexican-American journalist Alfredo Corchado refuses to shrink from reporting on government corruption, murders in Juárez, or the ruthless drug cartels of Mexico. One night, Corchado received a tip that he could be the next target of the Zetas, a violent paramilitary group—and that he had twenty-four hours to find out if the threat was true. *Midnight in Mexico* is the story of one man's quest to report the truth of his country—as he races to save his own life. Email or call Margaret if you have any questions.



Film Group

Anne Hanley

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Film Group will not meet in May because we will all be busy at the Book Sale, selling books that have already or might one day be made into movies! This means that April was our final official meeting of the year. The summer months are always rather ad hoc meetings because of our various travel schedules, but meeting is possible if there is interest and if there are willing hosts. (I will be away for the June and August dates. If someone would like to organize and host a meeting, I will happily distribute the information.)

Thanks for a great year of movie watching and discussion! See you in September...



Memoir Circle

Patricia Bernhold

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The Memoir Circle will meet Wednesday, May 27 at Darwin Wilson's home at 7:00 pm.



PM Lit

Bonnie Wheaton

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*Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey.
They are home.*

Anna Quindlen, *How Reading Changed My Life*

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE!!

Due to the Spring Banquet being held on our regular day, the PM Lit meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 20**, at 7:00 pm at the home of Phyllis Fogel. The book for May will be *You or Someone Like You* by Chandler Burr. From *Fresh Air* on NPR: "Provocative...weighs in on the issue of identity politics and also makes a powerful case for why great books are a great danger to small minds."



Mary Curtis Richardson
Girl Reading
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Susan Hoover

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Kudos to \$tart \$mart Facilitators

Hats off to the Branch members who facilitated numerous \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops during this semester! The students and faculty gave us rave reviews. Naturally, they all wished they had known this as they were entering the workforce.

Beau Wangtrakuldee was at Augustana College. Fran Kravitz, Laura Desmarais, Jean Tufano and Susan Hoover were at Elmhurst College. Lisa Cherry, Laura Desmarais, Susan Hoover were at Rockford University. Susan Hoover was at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Anne Hanley and Lisa Cherry were at Bradley University. Anne Hanley, Laura Desmarais and Lisa Cherry, will be with the American Chemical Society at Loyola University, thanks to Fran Kravitz.

A big **thank you** to each of these dedicated volunteers working to achieve equity for all women and girls.



May Banquet

Karen Bondy

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Please plan to join your fellow Branch members at a celebration of the past year's achievements and installation of Branch officers on Monday, May 18 at Adelle's in Wheaton. Please note that is a change in date from the Directory.

Adelle's has won many awards and mentions, including Zagat's one of the 9 best restaurants in the suburbs and "Best of the West" by *West Suburban Living* magazine. The restaurant will be closed to the public that evening, exclusively ours. Menu includes passed appetizers during the reception hour, salad, entrée and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Save the date and plan to attend this special end-of-year celebration. Contact me if you have dietary concerns and we will make certain that you are accommodated.

Find more information about the banquet on the following page.



MAY BANQUET

Monday, May 18

Adelle's

535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton

6:00 Social and Raffle Sales

6:30 Dinner

Menu

Passed Appetizers

Salad

Choice of Entrée:

Oven Roasted Chicken Breast

**Basmati Fried Rice, Asian Vegetable Sauté, Lemon Butter Sauce
or**

Grilled Salmon

Scallion and Asparagus Tip Risotto, Dill Lemon Butter Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse with Raspberry Sauce and Crème Anglaise

Raffle

Traditionally at our May Banquet we hold a raffle, the proceeds of which help offset fees and expenses for our Branch leaders to attend conferences and conventions. This year we will have one raffle item only—a cooking class for two or two cooking classes at Marcel's Culinary Experience in downtown Glen Ellyn, a \$160 value.

Marcel's is the 2014 US Global Innovator Award winner for independent kitchen retailers, and the cooking classes were on Chicago Magazine's "Best of 2014." If you haven't seen the class listings, check them out at marcelsculinaryexperience.com

We thank Marcel's for this generous donation.

See Reservation Form on Next Page

May Banquet Reservation

Name(s): _____ Number in Party @ \$38.50 = _____

_____ Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
_____ Grilled Salmon, Scallion & Asparagus Tip Risotto
_____ Karen: Please contact me for special dietary need

Please clip and mail with a check made payable to Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW to Karen Bondy by Wednesday, May 13. You may also bring your RSVP and check to the Book Sale when you work.

784 Black Walnut Court, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

SEEKING AV COMMITTEE



2015-2016 AAUW PROGRAMS

Would you be willing to make a small contribution to AAUW time-wise, but one that has enormous and significant impact? We would like to form a small committee that would help speakers set up the AV for their presentation at Branch meetings. This generally consists of connecting a computer to speakers and a projector. We own the projector and speakers, and the civic center provides the screen and a microphone. The speakers either bring their own computers or a thumb drive.

Please let Susie and Peggy know if you would be willing to help.

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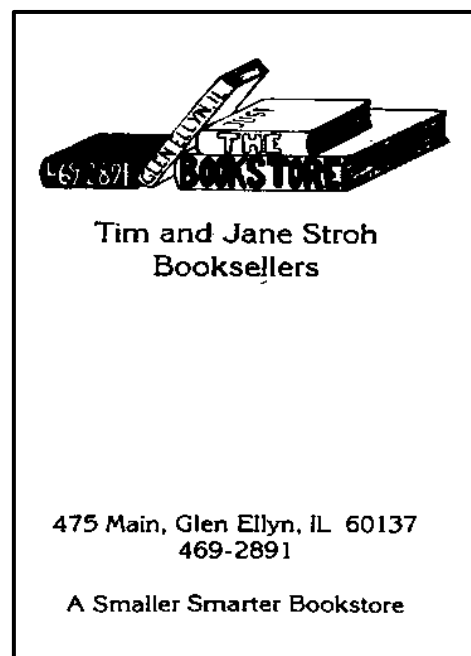
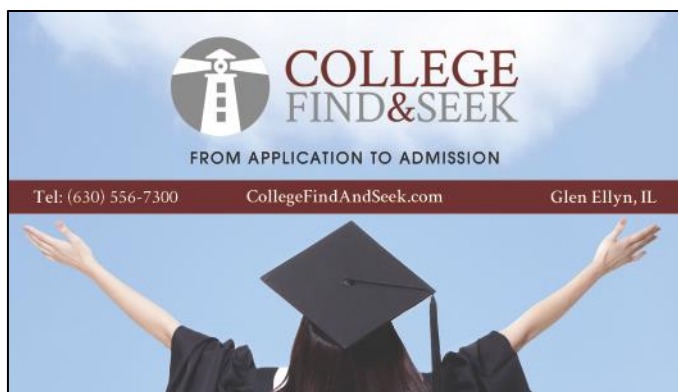
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What is AAUW?

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.