



Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP

# Twigs

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September 2015

## A Leaf from the Presidents

This has been a busy summer for many Branch officers and there has been a great deal of activity among us. There have been new Board appointments and lots of information and know-how transferred. Special thanks to all who have volunteered to serve the Branch. We're excited to have such an excellent team going forward and are eager to present them to the membership at our first Branch meeting of the year on September 2.

There is tremendous energy and enthusiasm for this annual kick-off program which is dedicated to showcasing the Branch and all that AAUW National accomplishes. We will have a distinguished speaker in Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategy Officer from National headquarters. The Shape the Future discount will apply to dues for potential new members who wish to join that night. Most importantly, all Branch members will be able to sign up for interest groups, the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride and the Book Sale.

Co-Presidents Kitty and Laura, Lisa Cherry, Susan Hoover, Pat Walton and Cheryl Temple attended the National Conference in San Diego and came back full of ideas and information to share with the Branch. Be sure to read more about it in this issue of *Twigs*.

Kudos to the audit committee of Don Westlake, Phyllis Goodman and Kimberly DeWitt. It found our financial affairs in good order. Applause to our treasurer Carolyn Oesterle and all who contributed to putting together this year's budget. We couldn't run without it.

Our fearless Book Sale chairman, Rose Fitzpatrick, and warehouse team of Steph Zvirin and Jean Tufano have settled us into a new book locker at a greatly reduced cost. We have ownership of a new cart/dolly to help us move those books around. Directions on how to use the locker are in this issue of *Twigs* and in the new Directory.

Once again, Branch renewals are high. As co-presidents, we know that membership makes this Branch special. We look forward to seeing everyone at Branch activities throughout the year. Please let us know if you have ideas for the Branch. We want to hear from you.

*Kitty and Laura*

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## 2015 BRANCH SHOWCASE and PROGRAM

## Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?

We are kicking off the AAUW year with a great program to inspire and inform us. Mark Hopkins, AAUW National Chief Strategy Officer, will speak on the successes and challenges that shape our organization. What do we need to know and what do we need to do to be valuable and contributing AAUW members?

A second exciting feature of the September meeting is the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch annual showcase. Interest groups and special projects will have displays and sign-ups available. Of course, you may join a group at any time, but sometimes it's great to see all our wonderful opportunities spread out like a feast.

This is an especially good meeting for inviting prospective members, providing a great introduction both to the overall vision and mission of AAUW and the smorgasbord of local delights and camaraderie that await us this year.

## Wednesday, September 2

7:00 pm Social      7:15 pm Business  
7:45 pm Program

Glen Ellyn Civic Center    Betty Clayton Room  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
September 2	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Fall Showcase with National AAUW Chief Strategy Officer Mark Hopkins. <i>Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going?</i>
September 9	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Marilyn Wiedemann's
September 11	AM Lit	9:30 am	Peggy Connolly's
September 11	Film Group	8:00 pm	Anne Hanley's
September 16	Memoir Circle	7:00 pm	Patricia Bernhold's
September 17	Spice Routes	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's
September 21	Book Sorting	10:30 am	Public Storage, 280 South Main Place, Carol Stream
September 21	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Phyllis Fogel's
September 23	Non-Fiction Lit	7:00 pm	Ewa Bacon's
October 3	Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride	9:00 am	<b>Start:</b> Glen Ellyn Public Library <b>End:</b> Wheaton Train Station
October 12	Book Sorting	10:30 am	Public Storage, 280 South Main Place, Carol Stream
November 10	Cultural Arts Event	7:30 pm	Erik Larsen at College of DuPage

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride is October 3  
Sign-Up Info in This Issue**



### Membership

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We're looking forward to an especially exciting Fall Showcase! We are now 130 members strong including six new members, but this is the perfect opportunity to add to our Branch. There could be no better time to learn all about AAUW and for this special event we can offer the Shape the Future discount rate of \$53.50 as opposed to \$78.00 to those who stop by the membership table and join on the spot!

Please read about four of our new members below.

While **Mary Sue Brown** may have retired in 2007, it was from a job that she never considered to be "work." After earning an MA in Library Science from Dominican University she became a library administrator in Elmhurst and then for 20 years at the Woodridge Library. She loved the people contact and involvement in planning the design of the library. Outside of her job she continued to serve the community, completing two six-year terms on the College of DuPage Board of Directors. Mary Sue's two children, Patrick and Susanna, are teachers. Patrick, who has two children, is a biology professor. Susanna, who lives in Albuquerque, teaches high school English. Beyond her love of books, Mary Sue enjoys travel, hiking, theatre and also does botanical illustrations. Mary Sue has already agreed to help out with Branch publicity.

**Jan Ciccarelli** recently moved to Glen Ellyn from Palos Hills where she resided for three decades. She has an MBA from Keller and a BS in marketing from National Louis. She is also accredited in public relations. After years working in the corporate world, Jan concentrated the last 15 years as director of marketing and PR in the medical field at Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center and Loyola University Health System. Jan has three daughters and sons-in-law and eight grandchildren. One of the families lives in Glen Ellyn and encouraged her to move to this area. The other two families are in Oak Forest and Champaign. Jan is retired and busy with her grandchildren but loves to travel and is writing a book that she hopes to publish. We hope to see her at our interest groups!

After growing up in Glen Ellyn, new member **Helen Nam** met her husband at Carlton College, where they both were English majors. Upon graduation, she published children's books, working for Nickelodeon and Fisher Price. She moved to Washington D.C. and lived there for seven years, married and had a son, Nathan. While there, she also completed her master's degree in publishing at George Washington University. They eventually moved back to Chicago where Helen works in Elmwood Park sourcing technical writers for information security training. Her husband is a writer for Archer Daniels Midland Company. Helen loves to cook, read and to collect vintage furniture in her spare time. We are pleased that she will be working on publicity for the Branch.

**Jessie Cambic** moved to Glendale Heights after having lived in Joliet for over 60 years. Thirty of those years were spent as a member of AAUW's Lockport Branch. With a BA from College of St. Francis in English and history, she went on to obtain an MS in reading education at Northern Illinois. Jessie began her career teaching in elementary school, then moved on to teach high school English (specializing in reading) for the next 30 years and becoming a division head at her school. She has retired from that job but continues to teach part time as an adjunct professor in reading at Joliet Junior College, Romeoville Campus. Jessie raised two sons, Marcus and Christopher. She is now living much closer to Christopher and her daughter-in-law, Angie, who live in Wheaton and are both anesthesiologists at local hospitals. Jessie loves spending time with her two-year-old granddaughter, Sienna. She is looking forward to becoming active in our Branch!



## **Member Records and Directory**

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The 2015-2016 Branch Directory will be ready for distribution at the Branch meeting on September 2. If you don't pick up your directory then, we'll try to catch you at the September interest group meetings. Feel free to help out and pick up a directory for a neighbor when you are at a meeting. We always appreciate saving postage. If we miss you, it will be in the mail by the end of the month. Please email me if you know that you won't be at any September meetings and we can mail it to you earlier. Special thanks to all who have helped with the Directory, especially Glenna Thompson for her eagle-eye proofreading and Jenny Fischer for her help with distribution. Finally, if you would prefer a PDF copy of the directory, let me know.

The Branch had another good year of member renewals. We currently have 124 renewals out of last year's 142 members, a renewal rate of 87%. And there are a few that may still get that check in the mail. As noted by Lisa, we already have six new members. I expect that if you all keep telling your friends and neighbors about the Branch and AAUW's mission, we will continue to grow. My renewals and directory update jobs are done for this year. Whew! If you have been meaning to get that dues check in the mail, please send it directly to our treasurer, Carolyn Oesterle. Thanks to all who sent their renewal checks and directory updates in promptly.

### **Updates:**

**Carolyn Oesterle** has a new email address: [cosesterle@gmail.com](mailto:cosesterle@gmail.com)

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## Book Sale

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Change of locker facilities this year! Due to a significant increase in the monthly fee at the Wheaton storage facility, we found a new one that will save us over \$1,500 this year. If you are interested in dropping books off at the locker, please contact Rose or refer to the Branch Directory for more information.

Our book drop-off locations are at two **ReMax Suburban** offices: in Wheaton at 1417 North Main Street, and in Glen Ellyn at 441 Taft Avenue. If you know of someone who has a large donation of books and would like it to be picked up, contact Jean Lindsey at (630) 803-7464.

Here are the official sorting dates at the locker through the end of the year. Additional dates will be scheduled if needed. All sorting sessions start at 10:30 am.

Monday, September 21

Monday, October 12

Monday, November 16

Monday, December 14

Many thanks to Stephanie Zvirin (szvirin@gmail.com) or (630) 790-1843 and Jean Tufano (vsq531@aol.com) or (630) 337-7280 who will continue to be the locker coordinators. Be sure to let either one know if a large donation has been dropped off.

Hope everyone has had a great summer and is ready to get back into the swing of things. Sign up at the September 2 Branch showcase meeting to help with the book drop-off and sorting, and to be on the 2016 Book Sale committee.



## AM Lit

Kathy McCullough

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At 9:30 am on Friday, September 11, at the home of Peggy Connolly, we meet to select our books for the upcoming year. By the time *Twigs* is received in your mailbox the deadline for book recommendations will have passed. However, if you are not on my email distribution list and wish to attend, please let me know and I will forward the list of books to be considered. We will discuss the recommended books and vote for our selections. Eleanor Saliamonas and Janet Arden will serve as our co-hostesses.

Looking ahead to October 2, we will discuss *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra at the home of Elaine Nissen. Lisa Cherry will lead the discussion and Suzanne Gagner and Susan Levy-Creed will serve as our co-hostesses.

The Glen Ellyn Library obtains a small supply of the selected books a month before the discussion. Those who hold a card from another local library are also eligible to check out the books.



## Non-Fiction Lit Group

Sue Balk and Pam Starr

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Our group has selected *H is for Hawk* for September 23. Please note this is a change from a previously selected book. The author, British falconer Helen Macdonald, chronicles the training of a goshawk as a means to deal with grief resulting from the loss of her father. This beautifully written, award-winning book is an outstanding example of nature writing.

The meeting begins at 7:00 pm at the home of Ewa Bacon. Marilyn Wiedemann is the co-hostess. Contact Ewa at baconew@lewisu.edu if you are able to attend. The discussions are always interesting.

Please contact either Sue or Pam with questions or concerns.



## Film Group

Anne Hanley

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We begin our new film year on Friday, September 11 at 8:00 pm. We will meet every month, September through April, on the second Friday of the month at 8:00 pm to discuss that month's film selection. We are a lively, friendly, fun group that loves discussing good movies (and even bad ones!). Film selections usually are announced the weekend before the meeting to give you plenty of opportunities to see the movie before the Friday meeting. The first meeting will be at my home but I need volunteers for all future dates. The host can choose the movie, so please check your calendars to see when you can host a meeting. All you need is a living room and chairs; the participants do the rest! See you in September...



## History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor

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To begin this year's adventure, we'll start with the Amber Road (because the name is just so pretty!). Amber, known as *Liquid Gold* or *Tears of the Gods*, was traded as far back as the Bronze Age. It began its journey from the North and Baltic Seas, travelling along the Vistula and Dnieper Rivers, through Poland, Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine to the Black Sea.

We'll meet Thursday, September 17 for a lively discussion of this fascinating treasure and a celebration of the cuisines of Poland, Russia, Belarus, and the Ukraine. Please let Peggy know by September 10 what you will be bringing to the feast.



## Cultural Arts

Kathleen McCullough and Ellen McGowan

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Our first Cultural Arts event is at the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 10. Erik Larsen, author of four *New York Times* bestsellers, including *The Devil and the White City*, will be discussing his latest book, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*.

We have obtained a block of seats for this exciting event at the discounted rate of \$30.40. If you have not already made your reservation, please contact Kathy for details. Do not delay as we expect this to be a sellout event!

*Jessica Fellowes, The World of Downton Abbey* is another upcoming event at the MAC on Sunday afternoon, January 31, 2016. It coincides with the series premier of the final season of the popular PBS series. A British journalist, bestselling author and niece of *Downton Abbey* creator Julian Fellowes, Jessica Fellowes will take you behind the scenes and discuss all things "Abbey." English treats will be served in the lobby after the show. We will obtain a block of seats for this event as well.

If you wish to be on the Cultural Arts email distribution list, please contact Kathy or sign up at the Branch meeting on September 2. Ideas for future events are welcome!



## **PM Lit**

**Bonnie Wheaton**

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Summer is passing too quickly, but there is still time to read the first book of the season: *Ship of Fools*, by Pulitzer Prize winner Katherine Anne Porter. The book was written over 20 years and published in 1962 when Porter was 71. It was based on her 1931 ocean voyage from Mexico to Germany to study on a Guggenheim Fellowship. *The New York Times* said of the book: "Her perfectly poised ironical intelligence is constant and in complete authority... As in any great work of art, something larger is in the air and we know we are in another ship as well, another voyage, sailing to another harbor."

The book discussion will take place on September 21 at 7:00 pm at the home of Phyllis Fogel. Please make every effort to attend, since we will be soliciting (or assigning) hostesses and discussion leaders and determining the order of the books selected in June. Happy reading!



Sylvia Plath  
Illustration for her poem  
*Two Women Reading*



## **Memoir Circle**

**Patricia Bernhold**

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The Circle continues to thrive. We are growing slowly and always welcome new members. All writing is accepted - fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

We continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you want to be notified of meetings, please email me. The September 16 meeting is at my home.

## **(STILL) 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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# 2015 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

We had a strong contingent from our Branch at the National Convention in San Diego—Kitty Johansson, Lisa Cherry, Susan Hoover, Laura Desmarais, Pat Walton and Cheryl Temple. From the moment we registered we hustled between inspirational speakers, informational workshops, and informal gatherings—all bringing large and small AAUW issues into sharp focus.

San Diego's District Attorney presented a Title IX update and spoke of the need to get published guidelines directly to school coordinators. The chief US civil rights enforcer spoke about sexual assault on campuses and in secondary schools, and about human trafficking among 12 to 15 year-old girls. She spoke of sexual violence resolution agreements and of our government's work on reinforcing the law through intervention in specific cases and follow-up with agreement implementation. Forty-two years after Title IX was passed, Obama's is the first administration to implement actual enforcement even though much more work is needed.

We heard lots of good ideas on how to retain the new members we work so hard to recruit and encouragement on how to get a college Branch going. We were challenged to develop an "elevator speech" which could be delivered in about a minute to curious folks who ask us, "What is AAUW?"

Tech Talk! covered Tech Trek camps and Tech Savvy programs. Marie Walbach, who founded the Tech Trek camps with a community action grant, spoke of over 11,000 girls who have attended the ten Tech Trek camps in California on full scholarships. Primarily funded by California Branches and commercial sponsors (BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin and Verizon, to name a few), 73% of those attendees are now pursuing tech careers.

We learned some of the rules that apply to our new **501(c)(3)** tax status. Jane and Laura are working to

incorporate them into our **Branch Handbook of Policies and Procedures**. We learned that our beloved raffle tickets are NOT tax deductible! We also learned some good ideas for fundraising, that individual donors are the biggest givers, and that mail outs solicit the most money.

Leadership development was the keynote topic for **National's re-elected president, Patricia Fae Ho**. She also addressed philanthropy and public policy. AAUW is the largest source of educational fellowships other than the federal government with awards totaling over \$13

million annually. Our dues comprise \$11 million of the \$21 million dollar operating budget and go largely to basic operating costs and pre-assigned educational funds. Newer programs like *\$tart \$mart*, *AAUW Outlook* magazine, public policy issues and research need

new resources and are being supported by the *Charting the Course* campaign of unrestricted giving. We will hear more about this at the Fall Showcase meeting.

We heard from a leadership panel comprised of Lilly Ledbetter, Noorjahan Akbar, a young Afghani activist, Kate Farrar, vice president of AAUW Campus Leadership Programs, and Don McPherson, previously of the NFL and now an advocate for women and girls. They discussed challenges and future opportunities for women and girls. Though all were familiar with serious challenges ahead, all felt optimistic for the future. We also held elections for a new board and decided, among other things, to maintain the two-year or four-year degree requirement for admission into our organization.

It was an inspirational three days and I hope we will be able to share much of what we learned in the new year to come. A BIG thanks to the Branch for sending us.



Lisa Cherry, Laura Desmarais, Pat Walton and  
Kitty Johansson



# Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride

## Saturday, October 3

Join the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 am for our annual Walk/Run/Ride. Last year we raised \$995.00 in the effort to support continuing education scholarships for educators. We will walk the Prairie Path from Glen Ellyn to Wheaton. It is an easy, low-stress activity- or you may hit it hard! We would love your participation to walk/run/ride, or if that just isn't your thing, please offer to sponsor a member.

Established in 1989, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, educational and research contributions, and legal and legislative work in equity for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

It truly is a fun morning and a great way to network with the AAUW members. (Plus we pass by the farmers market!) Monies raised for the Eleanor Roosevelt fund are distributed to women who are continuing their education in the field of teaching and for research related to gender equity in education. Mark your calendar and join us. We'll meet at the parking lot of the Glen Ellyn Public Library and walk to downtown Wheaton on the Prairie Path.

Registration: 8:45 am  
Step Off: 9:00 am  
Start: Glen Ellyn Public Library - west side (use train parking lot by the Prairie Path)  
Route: Prairie Path to Wheaton  
End: Wheaton Train Station  
Distance: 2.9 miles (most are done in no time!)  
Transport: Provided back to Glen Ellyn start point  
Reward: Coffee and snacks at the end. Shane's Deli?

For questions please contact: Rosemary Hahn at (630) 469-7603 or [rhahn985@gmail.com](mailto:rhahn985@gmail.com)



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### Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride on October 3, 2015

If you cannot make it but would like to make a tax deductible contribution, you can mail a check made out to **AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn (Memo: Eleanor Roosevelt Fund)**

Return to: Rosemary Hahn 25.255 Mayfield Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



- I wish to participate in the walk/run/ride.  
 I will not participate, but let me contribute to the fund by sponsoring a fellow member. My donation is included.  
 I will be an end of route cheerleader to join you for rolls and coffee in Wheaton around 9:45 am and will help reserve some "chat" tables. ☺

## **AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM**

### **Honorable Christine Radogno Senate Republican Leader**



**Tuesday, September 29, 2015; 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center  
4500 Belmont Rd., Multi-Purpose Room**

**Senator Christine Radogno is the first female Caucus Leader in the history of the Illinois General Assembly. She began her third term as Senate Republican Leader in 2013, and has served in the Illinois Senate since 1997, representing the 41<sup>st</sup> District in DuPage, Will and Cook Counties.**

**Before running for Senate, Radogno served as Village of LaGrange Trustee (1989-1996), and worked as a social worker at Mercy Center for Health Care Services. She holds a master's degree in social work from Loyola University.**

**Her human services background has reinforced her dedication to fostering responsible health care in Illinois, sponsoring Medicaid Reform legislation, and advocating common sense changes to Illinois' public health system.**

**In May, 2014, in a critical vote for Illinois' ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution, Senator Radogno voted "YES", paving the way for its passage in the Illinois Senate.**

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# A YEAR OF GREAT PROGRAMS

**September 2**

## Branch Showcase & Program **Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?**

Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategy Officer, American Association of University Women will speak on the successes and challenges that shape our organization. What do we need to know and what do we need to do to be valuable and contributing AAUW members?

**October 7**

## Changing Perspectives in Women's Healthcare

Kathleen Goss, PhD, Senior Science Writer and Director of Strategic Partnerships, University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center will speak about changes in the treatment and prevention of women's cancers.

**November 4**

## Words on the Wind: Native American Literatures

A. LaVonne Brown Ruoff, PhD, Professor Emerita of English, University of Illinois, Chicago, will discuss Native American oral and written literatures in the United States.

**December 2**

## Winter Banquet

Enjoy conversation and cocktails. The evening is a Branch highlight.

Details will be provided as the event nears.

**January**



## No Branch Meeting

Interest groups meet as per their individual schedules.

**February 3**

## Dignity and Autonomy at the End of Life

Many people fail to make their preferences about end-of-life decisions known or to identify proxy decision-makers should they become unable to speak for themselves. Robin Kleronomos, Palliative Medicine Nurse Practitioner, and Reverend David Anderson will discuss making end-of-life decisions.

**March 3**

## Global Security and Energy Challenges and Innovation

Leah Guzowski, Director, Strategic Programs and Energy Policy Scientist Argonne National Laboratory and University of Chicago, will speak about science and engineering innovation related to some of the world's most challenging energy and global security issues.

**April 6**

## Burma/Myanmar and Its Heritage

Catherine Raymond, PhD, Director, Center for Burma Studies, Associate Professor in Southeast Asian Art, and Curator of the Burma Art Collection at Northern Illinois University will speak about the new challenge for a country in transition.

**May**

## May Banquet

A joyful opportunity to meet with fellow members and celebrate the year's successes.

Details will be provided as the event nears.

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