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October 2015

A Leaf from the Presidents

What an outstanding Fall Showcase! Sixty members and guests. It was inspiring to gather again for a new year and to see new faces, new officers, and faithful returning members. Thanks to all the chairs that showcased so well the variety of activities that make up our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch. We have much to talk about. We were fortunate in having Mark Hopkins as our speaker and it was a treat to get a thorough description of AAUW's intended future roadmap with information we can use and think about.

Sandy Lopata, Kitty Johansson and Lisa Cherry recently attended a District 4/5 AAUW-IL public policy meeting led by Jo-An Sabonjian, Co-Director. The meeting was organized to heighten our membership's awareness of National and Illinois public policy issues like Title IX compliance, ERA Amendment efforts and legislative redistricting. Since we have not had a Public Policy chair for quite a while, we are delighted that Sandy will now be keeping us up-to-date with information on these important issues.

Thanks to our treasurer, Carolyn Oesterle, for leading us through another fiscal year with a successful audit outcome and a sensible new budget for the upcoming year. And speaking of wonderful things, we were gifted yet again with Jane Palmer's dedicated efforts in presenting us with a new edition of our beloved Directory. What a work!

Rose Fitzpatrick, Jean Tufano and Steph Zvirin are busy with Book Sale start up. We need everyone's participation and hope each of you will make some time to contribute to our one big fundraiser that helps support AAUW's educational efforts for women and girls. Many hands make light work and nowhere in our Branch is that more true than in the ongoing work of the Book Sale. Sorting is fun if you've never done it, and pick-up and delivery lets you know we are in motion! We need drivers ...

We are approaching fall with all its bustle of activities. The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride is just around the corner on October 3, book groups, Film Group, Spice Routes, Book Sale- just to name a few. So much going on and so many of you out there who pitch in when it counts. To quote Mark Hopkins, who said in response to Program VP Susie Gullickson's thank you note... "You have a great branch and your members are so well-involved, it's inspiring."

Kitty and Laura

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Changing Perspectives In Women's Healthcare



Our October speaker, Dr. Kathleen Goss, will present her perspective on the care and prevention of women's cancers such as breast, ovarian and cervical cancer.

Dr. Goss has been active in cancer research for many years, focusing on the molecular events that drive breast and colorectal cancer. After earning her doctorate from Vanderbilt University in cell biology, Dr. Goss spent ten years at the University of Cincinnati as a post doctorate/assistant professor and six years as an assistant professor at the University of Chicago. For the last two years, Dr. Goss has been the Senior Science Writer and Director of Strategic Partnerships at the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center. She has a passion for teaching and science outreach and advocacy, and is the pivotal link among researchers, patients, caregivers, community and funding organizations.

Join us for a lively and fascinating discussion on changing perspectives in women's health care, a topic integral to all our lives.

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm Social 7:15 pm Program

8:15 Business Meeting

**Glen Ellyn Civic Center Betty Clayton Room
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
October 2	AM Lit	9:30 am	Elaine Nissen's
October 3	Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride	8:45 am	Start: Glen Ellyn Public Library End: Wheaton train station
October 7	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Changing Perspectives in Women's Healthcare with Dr. Kathleen Goss Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
October 9	Film Group	8:00 pm	Marilyn Wiedemann's
October 14	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Phyllis Fogel's
October 12	Book Sorting	10:30 am	Public Storage, 280 South Main Place, Carol Stream
October 12	Book Sale Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Laura Desmarais'
October 19	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Location is TBD
October 21	Memoir Circle	7:00 pm	Location is TBD
November 10	Cultural Arts Event	7:30 pm	Erik Larsen discusses <i>Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania</i> at College of DuPage
November 17	Non-Fiction Lit	7:00 pm	Location is TBD
January 31	Cultural Arts Event	3:00 pm	<i>Jessica Fellowes, The World of Downton Abbey</i> at College of DuPage

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



Membership

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After a summer of limited Branch activity it was wonderful to see our membership gather at our Fall Showcase with such enthusiasm. We began the evening with 131 members and many guests. Two and one half hours later, I packed up our name badges and the paperwork for five new members and one rejoining member. The next day, yet another new member came on board. Up to 138 Branch members in 24 hours! Huge thanks to the six different current members who brought a guest or referred someone has joined the Branch. This is truly a Branch where membership is everyone's responsibility. We have a very diverse and talented group who has joined us and you will be hearing about each one in upcoming newsletters.

Special thanks to Jan Ciccarelli, a newer member who joined at our Book Sale. She assisted at the membership table and wisely used that time to widen her group of acquaintances as she warmly greeted all!



Member Benefits

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Read AAUW Outlook – and Save Money

Last month I casually flipped through the summer issue of *AAUW Outlook* before dropping it in the recycling. On page 24, I spotted a half-page ad that asked: *Would you like to save up to 85% on your prescription medicines?* I have prescription drug coverage so I might have passed it by. But “pet medicines” caught my eye. I had just been to the vet and had in hand a prescription for an antibiotic for our cat, Spike. I clipped the AAUW prescription savings card and trotted off to Walgreens. There I found that my \$47 prescription for Azythromycin magically became a \$17 prescription after I showed my AAUW

prescription discount card. After a refill of the same prescription a week later (poor Spike), I had saved \$60! This savings covers 77% of this year's AAUW dues.

If you don't still have your summer *AAUW Outlook*, go to aauw.org/membership/benefits and scroll down through the many member benefits. The prescription savings card is 9th on the list. Click on the picture of the card and print it. AAUW is not only a great organization; it can save you money, too!



Book Sale

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We are already off to a great start with book donations gathered from the Realtor drop-offs plus some direct pickups from individual contributors. Book locker coordinators extraordinaire **Jean Tufano** and **Stef Zvirin** would like to thank all those who came out to help at the special pickup from Winfield Library on the 14th and those who came to the monthly sort on the 21st. This month's sorting is Monday, October 12 at 10:30 am. **Jean Lindsey** is the Realtor coordinator who will contact volunteers to pick up the drop-offs at the RE/MAX offices in Glen Ellyn and Wheaton and deliver to the locker in Carol Stream. Pickup volunteers, please be sure to alert Jean T. [(630) 337-7280 or vsq531@aol.com] or Stef [(630) 790-1843 or szvirin@gmail.com] if there is a large number of books you've dropped off in case an additional sorting needs to be scheduled.

Information regarding the Book Sale, locker and Realtor drop-off locations is on page six in the Directory and on our Branch website.

Our Book Sale committee meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 12 at Laura Desmarais' home. Please consider helping out on this year's committee to ensure another successful year- many hands make light work! Contact Rose at (630) 291-3667 or r_fitzp@earthlink.net.



AM Lit

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On Friday, October 2, 9:30 am, at the home of Elaine Nissen, we meet to discuss *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra. Our discussion leader is Lisa Cherry and our co-hostesses are Suzanne Gagner and Susan Levy-Creed.

From Amazon: "In a small rural village in Chechnya, eight-year-old Havaa watches from the woods as Russian soldiers abduct her father in the middle of the night and then set fire to her home. When their lifelong neighbor Akhmed finds Havaa hiding in the forest with a strange blue suitcase, he makes a decision that will forever change their lives. Marra tells the story of the transcendent power of love in wartime and is a work of sweeping breadth, profound compassion, and lasting significance."

Looking ahead to November 6, at the home of Carolyn Oesterle, we will discuss Erik Larson's new book, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, in preparation for his lecture at College of DuPage on November 10. Karen Bondy will lead the discussion and Judy Sims and Allene Harding 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.

If you wish to be added to the email distribution list for updates, please contact me.



Film Group

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Film Group meets on Friday, October 9, 8:00 pm, at the home of Marilyn Wiedemann. The film selection will be sent out by email to the group the weekend before our meeting. If you aren't already on the distribution list, please email me at the address above. Newcomers are most welcome!



Legal Advocacy Fund

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The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides financial and organizational support for a select number of sex discrimination cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women.

LAF successfully supported the following cases in the Supreme Court in the past year:

1. Young v. UPS: A win for the Pregnancy Discrimination Act
2. King v. Burwell: Women's healthcare protected
3. Two cases in Alabama supporting voting rights
4. Obergefell v. Hodges: Marriage equality prevails

To find out more about these cases and others at the LAF website (type LAF into the search field at the AAUW home page). Look for the blog by Mollie Lam. Also, sign up for the *LAF Express* newsletter.



Non-Fiction Lit Group

Sue Balk and Pam Starr

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The Non-Fiction Lit group meets every other month. Our November selection is *Once Upon a Time: A Short History of Fairy Tales* by Marina Warner. For centuries, these stories have travelled across borders and passed from one generation to the next. Fairy tales can stretch across both distances and time. Few forms of literature have greater power to enchant or to rekindle our imagination. Our discussion of fairy tales may be an interesting way to begin the holiday season.

We will meet Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. The book has been reserved at the Glen Ellyn library.



Cultural Arts

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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 Larson, 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 sold out our block of seats for this event, but we may be able to obtain a few more tickets based on availability.

Jessica Fellowes, The World of Downton Abbey is another upcoming event at the MAC, coinciding with the series premier of the final season of the popular BBS series. On Sunday afternoon, January 31, 2016, 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 are in the process of obtaining a block of seats for this event as well.

We are also in the process of obtaining a block of seats for *Beautiful*, the Carol King musical at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago for January or February.

If you wish to be on the Cultural Arts email distribution list for updated information, please contact Kathy. Any ideas for future events are welcome!



Memoir Circle

Patricia Bernhold

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The Memoir Circle welcomes all who are willing to share their writings - memoirs, essays, poems, plays, etc. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. I will notify everyone on my email list where the next meeting will take place.



PM Lit

Bonnie Wheaton

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The selection for October will be first-time novelist Nickolas Butler's *Shotgun Lovesongs*. The *New York Times* said: "*Shotgun Lovesongs* is about a hometown in Wisconsin and the close band of friends who will always feel its magnetic pull. The most lyrical parts of this big-hearted book are about how all the characters, including the star, are almost physically drawn to the town and one another. ... Impressively original." The date is October 19. The location will be emailed prior to the meeting.

The books for the rest of the year, in no particular order, are:

The Painted Girls, by Cathy Marie Buchanan

The Girl on the Train, by Paula Hawkins

The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough

Cry, the Beloved Country, by Alan Paton

Peaches for Father Francis, by Joanne Harris

My Father's Notebook, by Kader Abdolah



(Untitled)
Mary-Jane Ansell
(UK, 1972--)



Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award

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The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award biennially honors an individual, project, organization or institution for outstanding contributions to education and equity for women and girls. The goals of the award, established in 1989, are to remove barriers to women's and girls' participation in education, to promote the value of diversity and cross-cultural communication and to develop greater understanding of the ways women think, learn, work, and play. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, education and research, and legal and legislative work in equality for women and girls. The award focuses on education but recipients need not be an educator.

The 2015 Eleanor Roosevelt Award recipient is Juanita Johnson-Bailey, an academic leader in interdisciplinary race and gender studies. Johnson-Bailey directs the Institute of Women's Studies at University of Georgia. She's authored several books and more than 100 articles detailing her research of race and gender in educational and workplace settings. Past award recipients have been The Ophelia Project from Penn State Erie (2007), National Women's Law Center (2003), and Nancy Gruver and New Moon Publishing (2001).

The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch supports the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award with its annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride. **This year's walk is Saturday, October 3** at 8:45 am. Please join us as we walk the Prairie Path from the Glen Ellyn Library to Wheaton. Specific details can be found later in this issue of Twigs. If you cannot join us, but would like to contribute, make checks payable to Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW and mail to me using the form located later in this issue. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.



You know that AAUW is one of the world's largest funding sources for women's academic pursuits, providing over \$3.7 million in support for some 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2015-2016 academic year. Because of AAUW, a broader community of women continues to gain access to education and economic opportunities- breaking through barriers to that all women have a fair chance.

You may NOT know that our Branch also funds LOCAL young women in their academic pursuits. Our Book Sale contributes not only to the National AAUW effort described above, but also encourages local scholars by granting \$1,000 incentive awards to one girl from each of the four local high schools in our area who plan to attend our local community college, College of DuPage (COD).

These awards are intended to tap into otherwise overlooked talent, someone who has perhaps worked through high school, has family obligations, or in any case, might not be among those who generally receive scholarships. These young women must show promise of being able to complete their studies, but they are probably not receiving the typical awards. We are proud to be helping the following young women move forward into college and careers, getting their fair chance at the future.

Kathleen McMillion (Glenbard South)

Kathleen's counselor recommended her as a mature, articulate, hardworking young woman, always friendly and helpful to others, and strongly motivated to pursue a career in speech pathology including a master's degree. She tells us her classes at COD are great so far.

Giovanna Danno (Glenbard West)

Giovanna was on the Glenbard West dance team all four years, captain the last two, while also maintaining a work schedule including hosting at local Glen Ellyn restaurants. Her goal at COD is to study hospitality and do the 3+1 program linked with Roosevelt University for hospitality.

Marissa Swaney (Wheaton Warrenville South)

Marissa has a flare for theatre and was an integral part of those activities at Wheaton Warrenville South where her counselor praised her for spirit and determination and says she will be missed. At COD she will study directing or writing as her major.

Chloe Simek (Wheaton North)

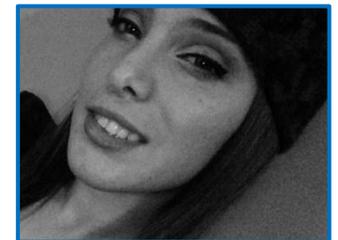
Chloe determined her career early, planning on obtaining her business degree at COD and pursuing her interest in the cosmetology industry by eventually owning her own hair salon/spa. She has worked all through her high school years.



Kathleen McMillion



Giovanna Danno



Marissa Swaney



Chloe Simek



Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride

Saturday, October 3

Join the American Association of University Women (AAUW) 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



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

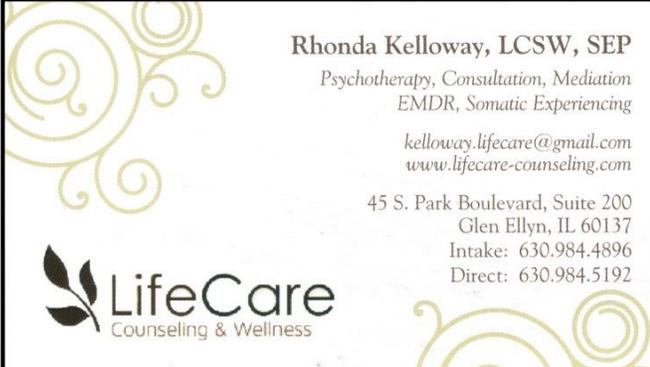
If you cannot make it but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, you can mail a check made out to **AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn (Memo: Eleanor Roosevelt Fund)**.

Return to: Rosemary Hahn See Branch directory for address.

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. 😊



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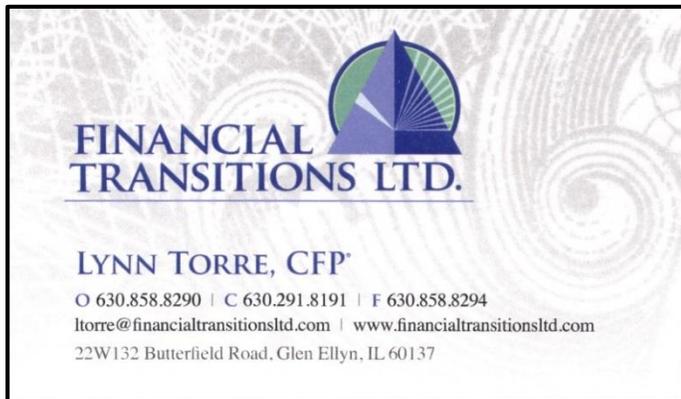


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What is AAUW?

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.