

A Leaf from the Presidents

Spring is in full bloom. The lambs are running, the rabbits jumping, birds are singing and the Book Sale buttercups are blooming.

How about those rising stars Steph Zvirin and Jean Tufano? Outstanding warehouse managers who have kept us in high spirits while sorting our commodities- never mind the lights or weather- they nudged us forward throughout the year. Jean Lindsey has been our traffic director and kept us running streets and roads. Judy Sims- ever the layout manager- on top of schematic details and Cindy Trennert-Lukins and Karen Bondy our propaganda chiefs, trumpeting the news via Lola Denson and Mary Sue Brown. Jane Palmer and Ewa Bacon are getting their mysterious gurus together to lure rare book lovers into the curio chamber. Marilyn Wiedemann and Kathy McCullough have answered the Olympic call for sports center book pickups. Yard sign chiefs of strategy Donna Jennings and Margaret McGrath have laid out informational road maps for high visibility information coupled with the sign polishing and redo party directed by the empress of sign conservation, Marilyn Wiedemann. Marla Felsten is on the prowl for late worker signups. Carolyn Oesterle is preparing her vault and cash boxes. All those people who look forward every year to stroking the spines of wished-for volumes are signing up for their turns on the floor. Overall is the magician of lists, Laura Desmarais.

Now we just have to do it. And one of the most joyous things is sharing the work with this superb orchestra. After all, the best part is the fellowship of the spring... and our commitment to our endeavor.

Kitty and Laura

**BOOK
SALE

AND

SPRING
BANQUET**

**DETAILS
INSIDE**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
April 29	AM Lit	9:30 am	Carolyn Oesterle's NOTE DATE CHANGE
May 2-7	Book Sale	Various	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn SIGN UP! CONTACT INFO IN THIS ISSUE OF TWIGS
May 16	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Susan Levy-Creed's
May 21	STEM Event	10:00 am	Wheaton Public Library, 225 North Cross Street, Wheaton VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
May 23	May Banquet	6:00 pm	Adelle's, 535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton
June 3	AM Lit	9:30 am	Potluck luncheon at LaVonne Ruoff's



Membership

Lisa Cherry

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It's the time of the year to focus on graduations and a wonderful opportunity for young women to begin a lifetime affiliation with AAUW!

Free E-Student Affiliate National memberships are available to undergraduates attending AAUW partner colleges or universities. A paid (\$17) National Student Affiliate membership is available to undergraduates attending schools that are not AAUW partners. Our Branch offers an additional (discounted) fee of \$5.00 for affiliate undergraduates who wish to take part in Branch activities.

Graduate students qualify as regular National members (\$49) but may receive a special discounted rate of \$18.81. Check with your MVP (Lisa Cherry) for details.

Lastly, don't forget that the "Give a Grad a Gift" program allows members to give unlimited free memberships to college students who have earned their degrees. This lasts for a period of 24 months following graduation. E-Student affiliates earn this automatically.



Member Records and Directory

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This year you will receive your dues notice and directory update request by email in the week before the Book Sale. Look for an envelope in the curio room to deposit your dues checks and updates.



**It isn't too late to volunteer to work, put out a yard sign,
post a flier or hand out a bookmark.**

By the time you read this, the Book Sale will be ready to rock and roll. Behind-the-scenes activities will be shut down. The success of the Sale depends on publicity and volunteer support to work it. We expect all Branch members to make a contribution of time, talent or funds. Contact the following to sign-up:

Yard Signs
Volunteer to Work the Sale
Fliers and Bookmarks

Donna Jennings at driennin@att.net
Marla Felsten at marla74781@gmail.com
Karen Bondy at bondykj@aol.com

Book Sale Schedule and Volunteer Shifts					
Monday, May 2	Set Up	8 am to 12 noon	12 noon to 3 pm	3 pm to 6 pm	6 pm to 8 pm
Tuesday, May 3	Set Up	8 am to 12 noon	12 noon to 3 pm	3 pm to 6 pm	6 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday, May 4	Final Set Up	9 am to 12 noon			
Wednesday, May 4	Opening Night	5:30 pm to 9 pm	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm		
Thursday, May 5	Book Sale	8:45 am to 12 noon	11:45 am to 3 pm	2:45 pm to 6 pm	5:45 pm to 9 pm
Friday, May 6	Book Sale	8:45 am to 12 noon	11:45 am to 3 pm	2:45 pm to 6 pm	5:45 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, May 7	Books by the Bag	8:45 am to 11:45 pm	11:45 am to 3 pm		
Saturday, May 7	Clean Up	2:00 pm to 4:30 pm			

I would like to thank the many members who have worked all year to make this a successful Sale.

Pick Up Books for Sorting: Jean Lindsey, Jan Radil, Rosemary Hahn, Sue Balk, Debbie Ness, Kitty Johannson. Special thanks to Bob Lindsey, who goes above and beyond to support Jean and the Book Sale. He has lifted more than his share.

Book Sorters: Many members helped Jean and Steph in the storage locker. We have pictures of members dressed in winter coats sorting INSIDE. Glad we had a warm winter. Many showed up to sort. Those who were most consistent were Rosemary Hahn, Ruth Schumacher, Kathy McCullough, Barb Rebro, Kitty Johannson, Lisa Cherry and Carolyn Oesterle.

Sign Party: We updated yard signs with new dates for the 2016 Sale. Special thanks to Marilyn Weidemann for coordinating the masts with Mail 'n Stuff. Marilyn, Linda Johansen, Margaret McGrath, Lisa Cherry, Jan Ciccarella, Susie Gullickson, Suzanne Elger, Don Westlake, Kathy McCullough, Patricia Spence, Donna Jennings, Kitty Johannson, Maureen Sheehan and Sue Langguth cleaned and updated 150 yard signs. I hope a good time was had by all!

**It is fantastic to see so many members supporting the Sale.
I apologize for leaving out any member who made a special effort.**



AM Lit

Kathy McCullough

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Due to our annual Book Sale, **we will meet on April 29**, instead of the first Friday in May, to discuss *The Golem and the Jinni: A Novel* by Helene Wecker at the home of Carolyn Oesterle. Our discussion leader is Laura Desmarais with Eleanor Saliamonas and Donna Staples sharing co-hostess duties.

From Peggy: "This incredibly fun and fascinating book explores the immigrant experience with all its disorienting misperceptions and insights told from the perspectives of a golem (a woman made of clay) and a jinni (a man made of fire and wind). History, religion, and magic are interwoven with breathtaking insights into human nature. The golem, the jinni, and all the human characters that surround them are exquisitely realized."

Looking ahead to June 3 and our annual summer potluck luncheon: We will discuss *The Perfect Summer: Dancing into Shadow in 1911* by Juliet Nicholson at the home of LaVonne Ruoff. Our discussion leader is Janet Arden with Kitty Johansson and Karen Bondy as co-hostesses.

The Glen Ellyn Library obtains a 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.



Non-Fiction Lit Group

Sue Balk and Pam Starr

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Because of the activity generated by the Book Sale and our Spring Banquet, the Non-Fiction Group will not meet until June 25. Our book for June will be *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in America*. The author is S.C. Gwynne. Pam Starr will lead the discussion.

The book has been reserved at the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

Enjoy your reading!



Film Group

Anne Hanley

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Film Group met on the second Saturday in April and those present really liked the change from our normal second Friday meetings.

Our May meetings are usually cancelled because of the Book Sale, but there was some interest in meeting this year, either on the second or third Saturday of the month. If you are willing to host on Friday or Saturday May 13th/14th or May 20/21st let me know!



PM Lit

Bonnie Wheaton

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On May 16 we will meet to discuss *Vanessa and her Sister*, by Priya Parmar, a biographical novel of Virginia Woolf and her sister, the painter Vanessa Bell. *The New York Times* said the author "gives truth and definition to the character of a woman whose nature was as elusive as her influence was profound." We will meet at the home of Susan Levy-Creed at 7:00 pm.

Enjoy spring with a book!



Janice Reading
Kathy Weber



The merry month of May is the month we make EOF all worthwhile. Our Book Sale, our Banquet, and above all, our monetary awards to worthy scholars locally and nationally.

Locally, two young ladies have been chosen by the Wheaton high schools. And two more will be named soon by the Glen Ellyn high schools. The Wheaton scholars both have worked hard during their school years and have jobs even apart from their scholastic responsibilities. So again, our scholarships are going to their targeted group- deserving young women who have had to overcome obstacles, but who have high ambitions and determination.

Our National EOF money will go to the Lois List American Fellowship Award, as we combine with Lake Forest and several other branches to complete a fellowship grant for the highest level of PhD scholarship.

We can be proud that our hard worked for Book Sale proceeds support deserving scholars at the local community college level and at the highest academic level nationally. Well done!



WHEATON GLEN ELLYN BRANCH PARTICIPATES IN THE GLEN ELLYN STEAM FAIR

On Saturday, March 19, the Wheaton Glen Ellyn Branch participated in the third annual Glen Ellyn Public Library’s STEAM fair. This annual event had over 20 exhibitors that allowed visitors to explore a variety of science, technology, engineering, art and math. The AAUW table included activities on the principles of Cartesian Divers (density and pressure), Kaleidoscopes, Balancing Washers on a Glass (magnetism) and Suspend (determining the center of gravity). We also handed out information about AAUW membership, our Branch’s STEM programs at the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Libraries, Tech Savvy 2016 and the 2016 Book Sale. Over 500 visitors participated in the Glen Ellyn STEAM Fair. **The AAUW table was awarded Best in Display and Best Activities for Youth.**



TechSavvy
A program of AAUW

Our Branch participated in Tech Savvy 2016 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines on Saturday, April 16. Over 150 middle school girls plus parents took part in a full-day STEM program exploring activities in Printing in 3D, Robotics, Create Your Own App, DNA: Life’s Blueprint, Neurobiology of Sleep, Roller Coaster Physics, Electric Cars, Paleobiology, Architecture: Build Your Dream House, Nanotechnology: Solar Cells, Infrared Astronomy, and Aeronautics: Mechanics of Flight.

The Wheaton Glen Ellyn Branch was involved in developing the Tech Skills topics and inviting the presenters for the program.



Please volunteer as an assistant for our next STEM event on Saturday, May 21 at Wheaton Public Library from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm

Our topic will be “What is Vitamin C?”

Contact Fran

Branch-Sponsored STEM Programs at Glen Ellyn Public Library

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| Saturday, June 11, 2016 | DNA- The Blueprint for Life |
| Saturday, August 27, 2016 | Squishy Circuits |
| Saturday, October 15, 2016 | Density |
| Saturday, December 10, 2016 | Astronomy |
| Saturday, February, 11, 2017 | Simple Robotics |

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE EVENTS!

No science experience is needed- just enthusiasm.

Each program will have two sessions. The first session is for grades 2-5 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The second session is for grades 6-8 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Please contact me at fk1456@sbcglobal.net to volunteer for these events. You will receive further information on the experiment a week before the event.

MAY BANQUET

Monday, May 23

Adelle's

535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton

Please join your fellow Branch members at a celebration of the past year's achievements and installation of Branch officers at Adelle's in Wheaton.

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.

6:00 Social, Cash Bar and Raffle Sales

6:30 Dinner

Menu

Parmesan cheese puffs, whipped garlic-herb filling

Organic mesclun greens salad, orange supremes, jicama, toasted almonds, champagne vinaigrette

Warm rolls and whipped butter

Oven roasted chicken breast, coconut jasmine rice, grilled asparagus, pineapple-mango salsa, lemon butter sauce

or

Herb-panko breaded whitefish, basmati fried rice, Asian vegetable sauté, orange-soy butter sauce

Chocolate mousse, fresh raspberries, raspberry sauce, crème Anglaise, fresh whipped cream

Contact Karen if you have dietary concerns and we will make certain that you are accommodated.

Raffle

Traditionally at our May Banquet we hold a raffle. The proceeds help offset expenses for our Branch leaders to attend conferences and conventions. This year we will celebrate the Branch's 60th birthday with- what else? Fabulous gourmet cakes! The cakes will be raffled for you to take home to share with family and friends. Plan to support this important fundraiser. Adelle's has kept our dinner and drink prices the same as last year, so we can afford to be generous!

RSVP By Wednesday, May 18

See Reservation Form on Next Page



AAUW Naperville Book Sale

Celebration Community Life Center
919 South Washington Street, Naperville

June 15 Preview Party 6 pm until 9 pm
 Raffle and refreshments
 \$10 entry fee; no scanner fee

June 16-17 Open 9 am until 8 pm
 Free admission

June 18 Open 9 am until noon
 Free admission
 CLOSEOUT:
 All items except Fab Finds
 are ½ price or \$10 per bag



May Banquet Reservation

Name(s): _____

Number in Party @ \$38.50 = _____

_____ Oven Roasted Chicken Breast

_____ Herb-Panko Breaded Whitefish

_____ 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 18. You may also bring your RSVP and check to the Book Sale when you work.

Mail to Karen at: 784 Black Walnut Court, Sugar Grove, IL 60554



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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.