



Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP

# Twigs

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September 2016

## A Leaf from the President

Ahhh....summer's end. While some of you have been at the beach, others have been quietly cobbling together a rich patchwork of upcoming Branch activities. A glorious menu of information, education, cultural arts, civic awareness, and group activities will be unveiled at the September 7 Showcase meeting. With a fresh combination of new board officers, chairs and experienced returning leaders we've created a stimulating line up of glittering plans and programs. Members will have the opportunity to sign up for interest groups and activities. Come meet your new board officers. Learn about the mission of AAUW, how it works to improve the lives of women and girls. Join one of the Book Sale back up teams which make it possible to raise the funds that support our national, state and local programs.

For our Showcase program we will have a spectacular confluence of the stars with AAUW's historic research grant to Marie Curie crossing paths with Maria Bakalis' modern biographical presentation of the notable scientific pioneer. Please note the change of location for this program to the Glen Ellyn Historical Society, on Main Street close to 5 Corners. Parking is adjacent to the building. In addition to this, program VPs Peggy Connolly and Susie Gullickson have put together another fabulous program line up for the year.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk will be organizing for an October 1 date under Rosemary Hahn's leadership. Look for her at Showcase. The walk is another way for us to power our AAUW commitment to education and to get to know new members. And maybe you've noticed, we have a new Public Policy chair- Patricia Spence- who has some exciting ideas and lots of information on public policy subjects we care about.

Showcase is the perfect time to bring along any prospective new members who- if they sign up that very night- can join the Branch under the Shape the Future membership program at considerable savings. Learn details from Lisa Cherry and Karen Schulz, our membership VPs.

Thanks to our treasurer, Carolyn Oesterle, who has serviced our Book Sale monies this summer, polished our budget, held a successful audit (with the help of Cathy SooHoo, Don Westlake and Phyllis Goodman), and prepared us to balance and manage our upcoming fiscal affairs. Jane Palmer has done our dues collection, been our registrar and Directory director and contributed steady oversight to this important aspect of the Branch. Special thanks and appreciation to all of them.

Kudos to our talented *Twigs* editor, Kimberly Thacker, who publishes a first rate monthly that we are all eager to receive each month with "all the news that's fit to print." And to Patricia Bernhold who somehow makes sense of all our board discussions in her meticulous, clear minutes for the Branch.

We have such abundant talent in our Branch. Do share your ideas and whatever you can contribute- large or small. We need it all. The more you become involved, the more you'll enjoy your membership. Come, participate and partake of all that's laid before us. It's our continuing education! Isn't that delicious?

*Kitty*

## BRANCH SHOWCASE and PROGRAM

### Dr. Maria Bakalis as Madame Marie Curie

Join us as we kick off the new program year to learn about AAUW concerns and impact, meet new members, and reconnect with friends.

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Additional program information inside *Twigs*.

## Wednesday, September 7

7:00 pm Social      7:15 pm Program  
8:15 Business Meeting

**Meeting Location:**  
**Glen Ellyn Historical Society**  
**800 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
September 7	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Branch Showcase and Presentation: Dr. Maria Bakalis as Madame Marie Curie Glen Ellyn Historical Society, 800 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn <b>NOTE LOCATION CHANGE</b>
September 9	AM Lit	9:30 am	Peggy Connolly's
September 10	Film Group	7:00 pm	Anne Hanley's
September 14	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Lisa Cherry's
September 19	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's
September 22	Spice Routes	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's
September 28	PM Non-Fiction Lit	7:00 pm	Mary Mossman's
October 1	Eleanor Roosevelt Walk	9:00 am	<b>Start:</b> Glen Ellyn Public Library <b>End:</b> Wheaton Train Station
October 15	STEM Event		Glen Ellyn Public Library, 400 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
October 22	Cultural Arts Event	2:00 pm	Rick Steves: <i>Travel as a Political Act</i> , MAC, COD
October 26	AM Non-Fiction Lit	10:30 am	Sue Herrmann's

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride is October 1  
Sign-Up Info in This Issue**



### Membership

**Lisa Cherry and Karen Schulz**

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Do you have a friend or acquaintance who you have always thought would enjoy AAUW? Have you met someone over the summer who expressed an interest in our Branch? If so, there is no better time to invite them to get to know us than at our Branch Kick-Off Meeting on Wednesday, September 7. As always, we will be at the entrance to great visitors and answer any questions that they may have. Our interest group chairs will be on hand to make sure that their email lists include all who are interested. Visitors will be welcome to enjoy a wonderful program with us at the Historical Society and, if they join on the spot, membership dues will be discounted to a special rate of \$53.50. A terrific value for all we have to offer!



### Member Records and Directory

**Jane Palmer**

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The 2016-2017 Branch Directory will be ready for distribution at the Branch meeting on September 7. If you can'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. If we miss you, it will be in the mail by the end of the month. 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.

The Branch had another good year of member renewals. We currently have 121 renewals out of last year's 144 members, a renewal rate of 84%. And there are a few that may still get that check in the mail. We already have five new members, bringing our current member total to 126. 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.

A final note: Congratulations to **Maurlea Babb** for 50 years of AAUW membership – all in the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch. For reaching this landmark, she now qualifies as an Honorary Life Member.

**Update:**

**New Member:**

Removed from web version.



**Book Sale**

**Laura Desmarais**

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We are all set for our Book Sale next year. Sale week will begin Monday, May 1, 2017. Mark your calendars now!

Kitty and her significant other, Tomas, had the bright idea to store our Book Sale boxes and miscellaneous paraphernalia at Tomas' workplace. We are saving a nice sum by not renting a locker all summer. We will finalize the locker by the middle of September.

Thanks to Jean Tufano and Steph Zvirin for agreeing to manage the locker again this year. Elaine Nissan has agreed to coordinate book pickups from the Realtors and special pickups that might arise. There will be plenty of opportunities for each of you to volunteer as we get going with our major fundraiser of the year. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.



**Film Group**

**Anne Hanley**

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Film Group is comprised a wonderful group of AAUW Branch members who meet once a month to discuss a film. We will meet at the home of a member on the second Saturday of every month from September 2016 through April 2017, usually at 7:00 pm. Film selections go out by email the weekend before our meeting so that we have plenty of time to see the movie before the meeting. Many members enjoy going to the movie together on the afternoon of the meeting. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at my home. I hope to see you then!



**AM Lit**

**Kathy McCullough**

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On Friday, September 9, 9:30 am, 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. Suzanne Gagner and Deb Ness will serve as our co-hostesses.

Looking ahead to October 7, we will discuss *Redeployment* by Phil Klay at the home of Laura Desmarais. Lisa Cherry will lead the discussion and Judy Sims 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.



**THRILLING NEWS ABOUT  
THE AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN STEM OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Our Branch received the most exciting news in July. We have received an IL AAUW Local Engagement Grant for our STEM Outreach program. This money will help fund our future STEM programming at both libraries for the 2016-17 year. It would not have been possible without the dedicated Branch volunteers whom have lent their assistance on a Saturday morning to help engage our youth in STEM activities. Kudos to our Branch members who have volunteered in these programs.

We have many more events coming up and our Branch STEM outreach program needs the assistance of our members to be a success. No science experience is needed- just enthusiasm. Members who have participated will tell you that it is fun and rewarding when you see the face of a child light up with excitement as they understand the topic and succeed in the experiment. Each program has two sessions, one in the morning and the second in the afternoon, depending on the library. Our programs are held at the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn public libraries. Our upcoming events for the Glen Ellyn Library are:

<b>Saturday, October 15, 2016</b>	<b>Density</b>
<b>Saturday, December 10, 2016</b>	<b>Astronomy</b>
<b>Saturday, February, 11, 2017</b>	<b>Simple Robotics</b>

The Wheaton Public Library chooses dates and topics month by month. We are scheduled to go back to the Wheaton Library in September 2016, November 2016 and January 2017.

Can we count on you to volunteer for this valuable and fun STEM outreach program? Please contact me at [fk1456@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fk1456@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer for these events. You will receive further information on the experiment a week before the event.



**Non-Fiction Lit Group**

**Sue Herrmann Ewa Bacon**

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**EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT**

With the departure of Sue Balk and Pam Starr from the active membership of our Branch, a discussion opened up as to whether Non-Fiction could be switched to AM meetings. Some people complained immediately, clinging to PM times.

The AM'ers were persistent. After much online discussion, a compromise was proposed, and it was decided that the group could do both- it has always met every other month anyway- it would simply mean a change in schedule. So it is still Non -Fiction, AM and PM, each meeting alternate months, with co-leaders Sue Herrmann doing AM, and Ewa Bacon

leading PM. In August, both groups will meet and select together the books for the season. Members can attend whichever meeting they choose, can select either or both book and time of day for attendance. Everyone seems as pleased as a Cheshire Cat. Watch *Twigs* for details each month.

**AM Non-Fiction**

Welcome to our newly formed **AM Non-Fiction** book group. I have agreed to lead the group for this coming year. The first meeting will be at my home on **Wednesday, October 26 at 10:30 am**. Please note that this newly formed AM group will meet every other month on the 4th Wednesdays. Stay tuned for the title of the October book. Please note: You are also welcome to attend the **PM Non-Fiction group** starting on **Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm** at Mary Mossman's home.

Sue Herrmann

## **PM Non-Fiction**

We have our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 28 at the home of Mary Mossman ((630) 682-0717). Our book is Robert Whitaker's *The Mapmaker's Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon*. This is an engrossing tale of a 1736-1744 French scientific expedition in South America. The central focus is on Isabel Godin, the mapmaker's wife, who underwent harrowing privation and braved the Amazon River in an epic journey to reunite with her husband, Jean Godin.

The PM Non-Fiction group meets every other month. On alternate months, you can enjoy a meeting of the AM Non-fiction group which will be coordinated by Sue Herrmann. We would encourage you to come to a meeting that you find convenient and read a book that you find entrancing. This coming year there will be a fabulous Non-Fiction group meeting every month! We start with the September PM meeting.

-Ewa Bacon



### **PM Lit**

**Janet Arden**

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PM Lit will meet September 19 to discuss *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. This classic epic of the Great Depression was published in 1939. It won a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Though many of us were required to read it at some point in the past, its portrait of the conflict between power and powerless seems especially timely in this political season. Please join us September 19 at 7:00 pm at Peggy Connolly's home. Please let Peggy know you are coming. connolly.peggy@gmail.com

If you would like to read ahead, the selection for October is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. In November, we will be reading *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.



### **Cultural Arts**

**Kathleen McCullough and Ellen McGowan**

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Cultural Arts has reserved group seats for *Rick Steves: Travel as a Political Act*, 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 22, at the MAC, College of DuPage. Steves, host of a popular public television series and bestselling author of European travel books, "shares how travel has shaped his world view, social activism and political work." A book signing follows the lecture.

The group rate for tickets is \$30.40 due September 15, payable to College of DuPage. Please contact Kathy to reserve your seat for this interesting event.

Looking ahead to 2017, we have reserved group seats at the MAC for *Seven Things I have Learned: An Evening with Ira Glass*, Saturday, February 25, at 8:00 pm. Glass, a humorist and host of NPR's award-winning *This American Life* "recounts some of the more memorable events that led to his career as one of the seminal voices in American Radio." Group sales rate is \$64.60, payable to College of DuPage. Deadline details to follow at a later date.

If you would like to be added to the Cultural Arts database for email announcements, please contact Kathy.



### **History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes**

**Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor**

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When the Ottoman Empire gained control of the overland spice trade in the 15th century, European powers sought alternate trade routes. Spices were highly desired and lucrative commodities, and by the 16th century, the spice trade had become the world's largest industry. The abundance of natural resources drew European trading companies to Southeast Asia, seeking to capitalize on the riches of this region, and gain political and economic control. Thailand was the only one of the ten countries of Southeast Asia to resist colonization by European powers.

We'll start the Spice Routes dinners this year with an investigation of Thai cuisine. All are welcome to this fascinating and delicious evening. Please let Peggy know by September 15 what exotic dish you will be bringing to the September 22 dinner.



Success! SB 1564 Update: Governor Bruce Rauner signed the amendment to the Health Care Right of Conscience Act. The amendment protects our right to receive all standard of care information about our medical circumstances and treatment options. No longer can Illinois doctors, nurses and other health care providers deny care, and even information, to patients based on personal religious objections. ***Thank you to all of you who made this passage possible by responding to an all-Branche member email blast, initiated by AAUW of Illinois, urging us to contact the Governor's office to support his signing.***

The National and State AAUW offices are eager for us to increase our awareness of and support for legislation at the federal and state levels that, in turn, support AAUW mission and goals. You can do this by signing up to receive email alerts from AAUW Action Network at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> The alert includes a message model that enables you to easily contact the elected officials who are key to legislation passing or failing. The topics of recent action alerts include SB 1564, Title IX, the Illinois budget crisis, and the need for campus-based child care for working parents. The Action Alert Network is the "cornerstone of AAUW e-advocacy." If you have questions or concerns about public policy, please contact me.

**Congratulations!**

To Branch Member

**Fran Kravitz**

Fran was selected to receive a Community Engagement Grant for the development and execution of her Glen Ellyn and Wheaton Library STEM programs for young grade schoolers by the Illinois Chapter of AAUW.

Did anyone leave the banquet with the wrong sunglasses? Glenna Thompson left hers at Adelle's, and when she went back to get them, they were not hers. Let her know if you have hers. Thanks.

# **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Dr. Maria Bakalis as Madame Marie Curie**

The program year will begin with an object lesson affirming the importance of AAUW. How did a young woman, forbidden by law to attend university, become the first person to win the Nobel Prize twice: for physics in 1903, and chemistry in 1911? Despite being a top student in her secondary school, Marie Skłodowska was not allowed to enroll in the male-only University of Warsaw, and so was forced to study in an illegal, informal underground university. She and her older sister dreamed of continuing their education abroad but could not afford it. They agreed that Marie would work to support Bronya's education, and then Bronya would support Marie in turn. Despite these challenges, Marie Skłodowska Curie became one of the world's greatest scientists. She was the first woman to earn a doctorate from a French University, the first female professor at the Sorbonne, the first woman to win the Nobel Prize, and the first person to win the Nobel Prize in more than one category. Yet, even after receiving two Nobel prizes, she was unable to secure funding to purchase radium for her research. Dr. Curie had discovered radium in 1898, but the element was cost-prohibitive: over 7 tons of uranium were required to extract a single gram of



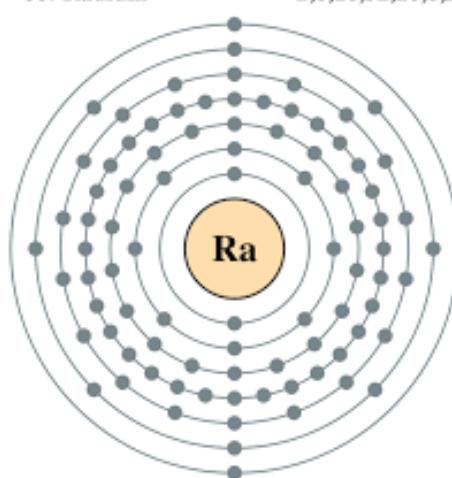
radium. In 1921, AAUW, with a collaboration of women's organizations, provided Marie Curie with funds to purchase a gram of radium, when no one else would support her research. Please join us for our September Branch meeting as Dr. Maria Bakalis brings Madame Marie Curie to life in her one-woman play.

A close-up photograph of Dr. Maria Bakalis, showing her eye and part of her face. She has dark hair and is looking directly at the camera.

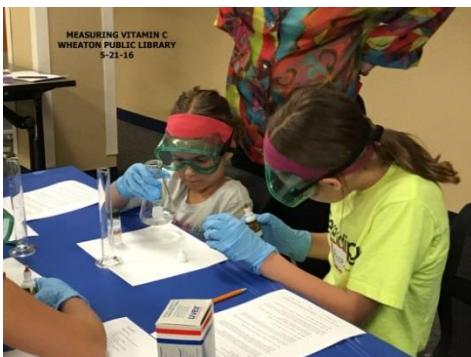
Glen Ellyn resident Dr. Maria Bakalis is an internationally known author, actor, professor, director, and playwright. She earned a bachelor's degree from DePaul University, a master's from Northeastern Illinois University, and a doctorate from Northern Illinois University. Dr. Bakalis continued post-doctoral studies at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, and the Athens Center in Greece. Professor Bakalis retired in 2013 after three decades in the Theater Department at

Waubonsee Community College. She continues acting and public speaking, most recently portraying Maria Callas at the International Festival of Arts in Greece. What a perfect way to begin the new AAUW program year, with a reminder of how AAUW's support for women creates a better world.

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# AAUW WHEATON-GLEN ELLYN BRANCH STEM PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARIES



On Saturday, May 21, the Branch presented its second STEM outreach activity at the Wheaton Public Library titled "Measuring Vitamin C." The workshops were divided into two groups, grades 3-5 in the morning and grades 6-9 in the afternoon. The program discussed "What is Vitamin C; what does it do for your health; and where we find it?" Students tested several different sources of Vitamin C with a simple titration to determine which source had the most Vitamin C. There were eight excited kids in the morning followed by a single student in the afternoon. Branch members assisting the event were Lisa Cherry, Nancy Daly, Suzanne Gagner, Jean Lindsey, Deb Ness and Stef Zvirin.

Our first STEM event at the Glen Ellyn Public Library took place on Saturday, June 11. We presented the "DNA Life's Blueprint" workshop in the morning to nine enthusiastic children who were in grades 2-5. The program introduced students to learning about DNA and the role it performs in genetics. This was followed by a hands-on activity of extracting DNA from strawberries. Our afternoon session with grades 6-8 was canceled due to low enrollment. Branch members who volunteered for this event are: Karen Bondy, Laura Desmarais, Kitty Johansson and Donna Simon.

Both libraries informed us that participation is typically lower during the summer months due to vacation schedules and the beautiful outdoor weather and activities. We have two additional events in August at both libraries. Stay tuned for the news on these events in the next *Twigs*.

Fran Kravitz



# Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride

## Saturday, October 1

Mark your calendars and get your walking shoes ready! The annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride is coming Saturday, October 1. Last year our Branch earned \$1,105.00 for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (#9170).

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award biennially honors an individual, project, or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. Goals of the award fund, established in 1989, are to remove barriers to women's and girl's 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. While the award focuses on education the recipient need not be an educator. (AAUW Resources, 2016)

The 2015 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award recipient was Juanita Johnson-Bailey, an academic leader in interdisciplinary race and gender studies. Johnson-Bailey directs the Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Georgia. She has authored several books and more than 100 articles detailing her research on race and gender in educational and workplace settings. AAUW leaders who created the fund were inspired by these words of Eleanor Roosevelt: "It is today that we must create the world of the future. Never have we needed as acutely as now--in a world of ferment, shifting and changing its course, often without direction--the full use of all the brain power we have. We need every single mind. We cannot afford to have any potential talent or ability dulled to apathy." (*Tomorrow is Now*, 1963). Over fifty years later Roosevelt's words continue to resonate.

Please consider joining with Branch members for an enjoyable morning of networking and exercise as we walk the Prairie Path from Glen Ellyn to Wheaton.

**Date:** Saturday, October 1  
**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  
**Distance:** 2.4 miles (one way)  
**Transport:** Provided, if desired, back to Glen Ellyn start  
**Reward:** Coffee and "sweet treat" with Branch members at the end (Shane's Deli?)  
**Questions:** Contact Rosemary Hahn at (630) 469-7603 or [rhahn985@gmail.com](mailto:rhahn985@gmail.com)



### Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride on October 1, 2016

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 2 S 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. ☺

# A YEAR OF INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS

**September 7**

## Branch Showcase and Maria Bakalis as Marie Curie

Learn about AAUW concerns and impact, meet new members, and reconnect with friends. Maria Bakalis, noted local (and international) actor, will present a one-woman show portraying Marie Curie – and reminding us of the essence of AAUW. Dr. Curie made significant scientific contributions to the world because AAUW, with a collaboration of women's organizations, provided her with funds to purchase uranium when no one else would support her research.

**October 5**

## Seeking Safety: Panel on Refugees

Issues surrounding refugees arouse compassion, fear, anger, and confusion. The worldwide refugee crisis impacts policy, resources, legislation, social services, education, and most profoundly, individuals and families. Jamie Daling, Volunteer Services Manager for World Relief DuPage/Aurora will present perspectives on the refugee crisis with personal insights offered by additional speakers who came to the US as refugees.

**November 2**

## The History of Brothels in Glen Ellyn (and Before)

Is Emily Rieck the skeleton in Glen Ellyn's closet? When Chicago closed down Madame Rieck's discrete services in 1890, she reestablished her business in Glen Ellyn, and her wealthy Chicago patrons followed. They discovered the village's other charms- some moving their families from the squalor of Chicago to the peaceful little village. Author Dan Anderson of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society will enlighten us about Madame Rieck's contributions to the economic success of Glen Ellyn.

**December**

## Winter Banquet and Education Founder Speaker

Date and location  
to be determined.

**January**



## No Branch Meeting

Interest groups meet as  
per their individual schedules.

**February 1**

## The Underground Railroad

Treasured member Glennette Tilley Turner is an author, lecturer, educator, consultant, and historical researcher, revered for her knowledge of the Underground Railroad. In addition to writing, legislative advocacy, and lecturing on the Underground Railroad, Glennette is a member of the Underground Railroad Advisory Committee of the National Park Service, and narrated the Chicago Opera Theater's production of *Harriet Tubman*. Glennette will share her extensive knowledge about the Underground Railroad in DuPage County with us.

**March 4**

(Saturday at 9:30 am)

## Morton Arboretum Botanical Art Collection

The Morton Arboretum Art Collection contains over 12,000 works, including many rare and original paintings, drawings, lithographs, etchings, engravings, aquatints, illustrations, garden plans, nursery catalogs, and pattern books. Rita Hassert, curator of the collection, will share works from the collection, while we feast our eyes on the art and the breathtaking winterscapes from our cozy venue in the Arboretum's Sterling Library.

**April 5**

## Fracking and Earthquakes

Between 1973 and 2008, the central and eastern United States experienced an average of 21 earthquakes of magnitude three and larger annually. In the same area in 2014, there were 659 comparable earthquakes. The US Geological Survey has concluded that human actions, particularly fracking, have contributed to increased incidents of earthquakes. Jessica Fujan, the Midwest Region Director at Food & Water Watch, will update us on the science, policy, and future of fracking.

**May 22**

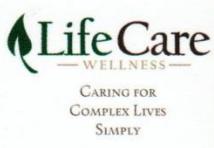
## Spring Banquet

Adelle's Restaurant  
Wheaton

Details will be provided  
as the event nears.

## 2016-2017 Board Members and Interest Group Chairs

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