

A Leaf from the President

Remember those brand new brown and white saddle oxfords that led us off in September to our first day of school? A new gingham dress with pockets and sash, a new book satchel with strap crossed over the chest and filled with fresh pencils, water colors, and notebooks. And a brand new Eberhard eraser- pink. The sun was beaming as we walked along, collecting our friends and kicking up the dried leaves, stirring up that wonderful crunchy sound when we stomped on them. Happy hearts.

We are just continuing a lifelong love of leaves and books. Our Book Sale is being reborn already with several large donations tucked away. Plans for the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk through the leaves are also in the works. Two of the best activities in our Branch. If you've never done the ER Walk, make this your first year. You will be delighted at the weather (I promise) and the fun of moving along with your AAUW friends, getting to know them better through the fun of participating in a great fall activity. And for such a good cause. Read Rosemary Hahn's excellent article in last month's *Twigs* and add your name to the list. You won't regret it.

Laura, Steph and Jean are preparing for book sorting and storage. If you've never done sorting- give it a try. It's fun! And you'll discover how the Book Sale is the mysterious glue that binds us together. Our mutually-shared dedication to educational support for women and girls inspires us to emerge from the pages of the directory, roll up our sleeves, and enjoy this great event...people you've been wondering about...doing something really good AAUW together. People all around us mark their calendars and show up year after year. You can contribute in so many ways: collecting books, boxes and bags, putting up signs and many more small but significant jobs. Extend your periscope and keep your eyes focused on May 1-6! Mark your calendars for December 7 for the Winter Banquet at Village Links. All good things comin' right up!

Speaking of new members, Mary Sue Brown has done an excellent job of gathering together *Twigs* sponsors. It's a bargain for small businesses. Think about who you could mention it to. And Patricia Spence has stepped right up to Public Policy. These two ladies are "rising stars" in the Branch. Get to know them! Who else don't you know?

Kitty

Seeking Safety: Panel on Refugees



The 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 R 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.

Join us as we learn about this
human plight that touches us all.

General Meeting Wednesday, October 5

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

Glen Ellyn Civic Center
535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
October 1	Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride	8:45 am	Start: Glen Ellyn Public Library End: Wheaton Train Station
October 5	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
October 7	AM Lit	9:30 am	Laura Desmarais'
October 10	Book Sorting	10:30 am	U-STOR-IT, 120 Tubeway Drive, Carol Stream
October 12	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Carolyn Oesterle's
October 14	Film Group	7:30 pm	Marilyn Wiedemann's
October 15	STEM Event	10:00 am	Glen Ellyn Public Library, 400 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
October 17	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Location is TBD
October 22	Cultural Arts Event	2:00 pm	<i>Rick Steves: Travel as a Political Act</i> , MAC, COD
October 26	AM Non-Fiction Lit	10:30 am	Sue Herrmann's
November 30	PM Non-Fiction Lit	7:00 pm	Mary Mossman's
December 7	Winter Banquet	6:00 pm	Reserve 22 Restaurant at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn
February 25	Cultural Arts Event	8:00 pm	Ira Glass, MAC, COD

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

Save the Date: Winter Banquet

Wednesday, December 7 at the Reserve 22 Restaurant at Village Links of Glen Ellyn

More information in November *Twigs*

Questions? Contact Gail Davis (630) 510-9361 or Deb Ness (734) 604-3878



Membership

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This year's Fall Showcase wasn't just an opportunity for new and prospective members to learn of all our Branch programs and activities. Our interest group chairs enthusiastically reminded members of our abundant choices for local engagement and lifelong learning. We are a large and thriving group! Please continue to invite interested women to experience all we have to offer and remember that our special discounted dues rate of \$53.50 is available to all who join at one of our public events! Below, please read about two wonderful new members and look forward to learning of others in future newsletters.

Nancy Wilen is happy to be retired in Winfield after having moved around the country quite a bit. The medical technologist/microbiologist and her husband have lived in Texas, North Carolina and South Carolina among other locations. She enjoys the change of seasons and appreciates all being near a big city has to offer such as numerous plays, musicals and other cultural events. Nancy is active in the League of Women Voters, likes to read and garden, and most of all, watch her four grandchildren pursue their many activities. She is also a huge Illini fan cheering on her alma mater. We were so glad to meet you at Book Sale and are glad that you chose to join us, Nancy!

Originally from Chicago, **Jeanne Koepke** has lived in DuPage County since 1983. Jeanne and her husband, Jim, have 2 sons- Scott, 42 and Eric who is 32, and 1 granddaughter, Mackenzie who is 2. For 33 years, Jeanne taught math at Elk Grove High School and has been enjoying her retirement for the last 10 years. Her hobbies and interests include traveling, staying physically fit, reading, Bible study fellowship and crafts such as stamping and making cards. Jeanne's friends at Health Track invited her and influenced her decision to join our Branch. Enjoying camaraderie with other women and having meaningful conversations with active and interesting people are two of Jeanne's expectations from AAUW. We welcome her and look forward to seeing what interest groups fit into her busy schedule!



Member Records and Directory

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Directory distribution began at the September Branch meeting and will continue at the September book groups. Then I'll turn over the remaining directories to Jenny Fischer for pickup at the Book Store or mailing. When you receive your directory, check your listing and if something is not quite right, please let me know.

Of course, as soon as a directory is published, it is out of date. Please print and cut out the following changes and tape them onto page 46 of the directory. Also add members Wales and Wojtko to the Neighborhood 7 list on page 12.

If you would like an electronic version of the directory, please contact me.


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Book Sale

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We have a locker! It has been rated  by the rating team of Kitty Johansson, Jean Tufano and Stephanie Zvirin! The management is friendly. They couldn't believe we would fill the locker with books. I bet them that we could and would. As a Branch, we had a successful Sale last year and I know we will do it again this year. Locker information will be posted on the web. It is not in the directory as it has been in the past. Save the following for reference:

U-STOR-IT, 120 Tubeway Drive, Carol Stream

Located at the corner of Gary Ave and Tubeway Drive, southwest side of intersection. North of Geneva Road.

Locker number: 1220

Entry code: 12202764*

Lock combination: 9111

The locker is easily accessed for unloading books from Bay 2 or 3, which front Tubeway. Park at the main entrance when you come to sort. If you need further information, contact Laura Desmarais, Jean Tufano or Stephanie Zvirin.

Book Sorting

Jean and Stephanie have scheduled the dates below for sorts. If you are interested in coming, let them know. They will also send out an email reminder. Yes, we work, but we also have fun. This is a great way to get to know other members.

If you drop off books at the locker, please notify Jean Tufano (ysq531@aol.com) or Stephanie Zvirin (szvirin@gmail.com) so that they can schedule additional sorts if needed.

Sorting Dates

Monday, October 10 10:30 am
Monday, November 14 10:30 am
Monday, December 12 10:30 am
Monday, January 9 10:30 am
Monday, February 6 10:30 am



Film Group

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We kicked off the fall with an almost unanimously loved animated film, *Kubo and the Two Strings*. If you haven't had the opportunity to see it, I strongly urge you to! In the course of our discussion, we agreed to alternate Film Group meetings between second Saturdays and second Fridays of the month so that everyone has an opportunity to join us at some point during the year. Here are our **REVISED** meeting dates for the remainder of the year: Friday, October 14, Saturday, November 12, Friday, December 9, Saturday, January 14, Friday, February 10, Saturday, March 11, Friday, April 14, and (possibly, depending on the will of the people) Saturday, May 13.

Join us for our Friday, October 14 meeting at Marilyn Wiedemann's home. We will gather around 7:30 pm. The film selection will be sent out by email the weekend before. Please contact me with any questions.



AM Lit

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We had a very successful book selection meeting in September producing a great list of reading material for the coming year! Please contact me if you are interested in joining our group.

We meet on October 7, at 9:30 am, to discuss *Redeployment* by Phil Klay at the home of Laura Desmarais. Lisa Cherry will lead the discussion. Judy Sims and Susan Levy-Creed will serve as our co-hostesses.

"This 2014 National Book Award Winner takes readers to the front lines of the war in Iraq and back. Klay asks us to understand what happened there and what happened to the soldiers who returned. Whether in the combat zone or on the home front, they face life at the extremes, where happy stories and easy answers provide no guidance or comfort."

Looking ahead to November 4, we meet at the home of Elaine Nissen to discuss *Mean Spirit* by Linda Hogan. Our discussion leader is LaVonne Ruoff, with Jean Lindsey and Ruth Schumacher serving as 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.



STEM

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STEM PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARIES

The STEM committee was very busy in August with two library events in the same month. On Saturday, August 6, the Branch presented *Wobbly Robots* at the Wheaton Public Library. There was a single grade level program at the Wheaton Public Library due to insufficient youth participation in the grades 6-9 group. We had 23 excited children who were in grades 3-5. We discussed what makes up a robot from simple to complex and where they are used. The kids were intrigued by the bomb disposal robot but parents and AAUW volunteers enjoyed a video of a surgical robot peeling a grape. The room was filled with busy children assembling a robot from a plastic cup, vibrating motor and three colored markers. Of course, not every robot was a success but our AAUW assistants went to work helping the kids solve the problem. Branch members assisting the event were Karen Bondy, Nancy Daly, Laura Desmarais and Carolyn Oesterle.

Our August 27, we presented *Squishy Circuits* at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. We had 14 enthusiastic children in the morning session who were in grades 2-5. The workshop introduced students to understanding how a circuit works using conducting and insulting dough, an LED bulb and a battery. Kids were asked to build serial and parallel circuits, and of course, a sushi circuit [Yep! Ed.]. Our afternoon session had 6 eager students in grades 6-8. These participants quickly understood the concepts and went on to build very creative circuits such as the *Snowman Circuit* and the *Multiple Armed Circuit* with several batteries and LED bulbs. Branch members who volunteered for this event were Laura Desmarais, Rosemary Hahn, Debbie Ness, Donna Jean Simon and Patricia Spence.

We could use your help as a volunteer for this outreach program. No science experience needed- just enthusiasm. There is no better fulfillment than seeing a child's eyes light up when they understand a new concept. Please join us at our next library events.

Wheaton Public Library

Tuesday, November 29
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for *Polymers*

Saturday, January, 14
9:30 am to 11:30 am



Glen Ellyn Public Library

Saturday, October 15 *Density*
Saturday, December 10 *Astronomy*
Saturday, February, 11 *Simple Robotics*

First session for grades 2-5
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Second session for grades 6-8
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm





Non-Fiction Lit

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AM Non-Fiction

Welcome one and all to the newly formed AM Non-Fiction book group. We will be meeting every other 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Our first meeting will be October 26 at my home. We will be discussing *A Man of Salt and Trees* by James Ballowe. You may pick up a copy of the book at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. The following books will be read this year:

October 26, 2016	<i>A Man of Salt and Trees</i> by James Ballowe
December 14, 2016	<i>The Quartet, Orchestrating the Second American Revolution 1783-1789</i> by Joseph Ellis
February 22, 2017	<i>Asia's Cauldron, the South China Sea and the End of a Stable Pacific</i> by Robert Kaplan
April 26, 2017	<i>The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of the Native People in North America</i> by Thomas King
June 28, 2017	<i>Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World</i> by Andrea Wulf
August 23, 2017	Book selection day and possibly a potluck lunch

Please remember to call the monthly site hostess to reserve a chair for the meeting. Otherwise, the floor is always available!

Sue Herrmann

PM Non-Fiction

The PM Non-Fiction reading group meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our next evening meeting will be November 30.

The Glen Ellyn library is creating a reserve book shelf for all of our titles, both AM and PM Non-Fiction books. The books should be available one month before the meeting. If you have a Wheaton library card, please go to the service desk with your Wheaton card and a photo ID to borrow a book.

The PM Non-fiction book list:

November 30, 2017	<i>Between the World and Me</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coats
January 25, 2017	<i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i> by Yuval Harari
March 22, 2017	<i>The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales About the Periodic Table</i> by Sam Keen
June 28, 2018	<i>The Romanov Sisters</i> by Helen Rappaport
August 23, 2017	Book selection night
September 27, 2017	<i>Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice</i> by Bill Browder

Check *Twigs* for locations and remember to contact your hostess if you are coming.

PM Non-Fiction, please contact Ewa Bacon at [\(630\) 871-7741](tel:6308717741) or baconew@lewisu.edu.

Ewa Bacon



PM Lit

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PM Lit meets at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 17 to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahron. Described as a thought-provoking light on the hit-or-miss practice of science, what it takes to establish a lab, a scientific reputation, and an income in the quicksand of science funding.

Location is TBD. Contact me for details.



Cultural Arts

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Cultural Arts has reserved a limited number of group seats for *Rick Steves: Travel as a Political Act*, 2:00 pm, 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 word view, social activism and political work.” A book signing follows the lecture. Group sales rate is \$30.40, payable to College of DuPage.

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.

Please contact Kathy to reserve your seats for these interesting events or if you would like to be added to the Cultural Arts database for email announcements.



Public Policy

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State	<p>SB 2221 passed, which increases oversight of DNA testing of sexual assault kits in police custody and sets up a reporting mechanism for local police departments. The bill also establishes a way to better track those who have committed multiple assaults. Two AAUW resolutions passed: HR 1021 (Equal Pay Day in Illinois) and SJRCA24 (support of Equal Rights Amendment).</p> <p>HB 5538, which strengthens the law determining the domestic violence training officers receive, is pending Rauner’s signature. He may veto SB730, a bill that increases child care for those receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.</p>
National	<p>Kate Nielson, AAUW State Policy Analyst, recently created a spreadsheet showing pay equity laws in each state, available at http://www.aauw.org/resource/state-equal-pay-laws/. See also AAUW's voter guides showing how politicians have voted on issues important to AAUW at https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides/.</p> <p>From her national overview, Kate has observed progress for equal pay and paid leave initiatives. One unfavorable trend has emerged: the use of preemption laws to discourage local wage increase efforts, e.g., a state declaring that a city cannot have a higher minimum wage than the state.</p>
Local	<p>Save the Date, Sunday, October 16. Attend the LWV Candidate Forum co-sponsored by eight area Leagues. Check your local LWV Facebook page for additional details.</p>



The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award

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Our 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 1 at 8:45 am (registration).** Please consider joining us as we walk the Prairie Path from Glen Ellyn to Wheaton. Specific details about the fund and walk can be found later in this issue. If you cannot join us but would like to contribute, checks can be made payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn and mailed to me at the address shown later in this *Twigs*. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Hope to see you there!



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.

After the closing of the Supreme Court, Molly Lam at AAUW holds a phone call for anyone interested in the results of pertinent cases. Her call is still available on the LAF website. She covered several cases and I have written below about one of them.

One case that was decided in the recent Supreme Court session is *Fisher v University of Texas* in which Abigail Fisher was denied admission to the Austin campus. The university's practice was to admit all students in the upper 10% of their high school class. For the remainder of the applicants, a policy which includes race as only one of the factors for admission was applied. The plaintiff was not among those admitted. She alleged that she was discriminated against because of her white race. This case was decided in favor of the university, affirming the opinion that race is an important factor in education.

To find out more about the Supreme Court cases, particularly AAUW-supported cases, go to the LAF website (type LAF into the search field at the home page.) Also, sign up for the LAF Express newsletter.

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If yes, YOU would make a great *Twigs* editor!

**The Branch is looking for a new newsletter editor
beginning with the September 2017 edition of *Twigs*.**

Transition support cheerfully provided.

Contact Kimberly Thacker at kjthacker11@gmail.com



Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride

Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 am

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/or 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 parking lot (by Prairie Path)
Route: Prairie Path to Wheaton
End: Wheaton: coffee and treats at Shane's
Distance: 2.4 miles (one way)
Transport: If desired, provided back to Glen Ellyn start point
Reward: Coffee and sweet treat with members

Questions: Contact Rosemary Hahn at (630) 469-7603 or rhahn985@gmail.com



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

Please bring this form with you or mail your check to:
Rosemary Hahn 2S 255 Mayfield Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Your tax deductible donation should be made payable to: AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn

Name: _____

☐ I wish to participate in the walk/run (Okay to show up and sign up, but this helps us plan the coffee and rolls.)

☐ I will not participate, but let me contribute to the fund by sponsoring a fellow member. My donation is enclosed.

☐ I will be an end-of-route cheerleader to join you for treats and coffee.

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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.