

A Leaf from the President

We began the fall season with a wonderful Showcase, followed up by an Olympian Eleanor Roosevelt Walk in sun and rain. The event netted \$1,245 for national AAUW awards that honor and support education. Thanks to Rosemary Hahn for making it a memorable event including teaching us what it is REALLY about, coaching us on with her home baked goodies, allowing triumphant bragging on having made it to Shanes' in Wheaton, and for rides home for dog-tired participants.

Kudos to Fran Kravitz for her Saturday at the Glen Ellyn Library, teaching the science of density. Check *Twigs* for further STEM dates and intrigues with Fran. On October 22, several of our Branch members attended the Illinois State Conference at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. These are just some of the recent Branch activities that make us a big part of AAUW.

It is particularly special that our Branch has been newly-recognized by National for our years of participation and service. Here are some words of praise and thanks to us from Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW President, recognizing Wheaton-Glen Ellyn for some achievements we have helped to further over the past 60 years:

- ✓ We continue to grow with more than 170,000 members nation-wide.
- ✓ AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 241 scholars, researchers and community-based programs this past year with monies we helped to raise.
- ✓ More than 3,211 middle school girls participated (as did our Fran Kravitz) in 18 one-day AAUW National Tech Savvy conferences and 21 week-long Tech Trek camps across the country.
- ✓ *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing* was published in March 2015. This research report was live-stream launched, and featured in *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *USA Today* and *The Washington Post*.
- ✓ Along with AAUW's strategic advice, the US Deptment of Education released resources for Title IX coordinators for the first time in the civil rights law's 43-year history, providing critical information to those enforcing Title IX.
- ✓ Start Smart, Elect Her, student organizations and e-student affiliate numbers all continue to grow, along with AAUW college/university partner members.

We have much to be proud of. These accomplishments remind us of the passion that has helped us achieve such progress.

Congratulations, Wheaton-Glen Ellyn....your star is shining.

Kitty

The History of Prostitution and the Story of Brothels in Glen Ellyn

**Presented by Dan Anderson,
Glen Ellyn Historical Society**

**Is Emily Rieck the
skeleton in Glen Ellyn's closet?**

When Chicago closed Madame Rieck's brothel at the end of the 19th century, she reestablished her business in Glen Ellyn and her wealthy Chicago patrons followed. They discovered the village's other charms and some eventually moved their families from the squalor of Chicago to the welcoming arms of the peaceful little village to the west. Dan Anderson first will explore the history of prostitution and its relationship to the feminist movement, and then enlighten us about Madame Rieck's contributions to the growth and success of Glen Ellyn.

**General Meeting
Wednesday, November 2**

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

**Glen Ellyn Historical Society
800 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
November 2	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn Historical Society, 800 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn NOTE LOCATION CHANGE
November 4	AM Lit	9:30 am	Elaine Nissen's
November 9	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Laura Desmarais'
November 12	Film Group	7:00 pm	Anne Hanley's
November 14	Book Sorting	10:30 am	U-STOR-IT, 120 Tubeway Drive, Carol Stream
November 14	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Allene Harding's
November 26	Registration Deadline	NA	Last day to register for Winter Banquet
November 29	STEM Event	3:30 pm	Wheaton Public Library, 225 North Cross Street, Wheaton
November 30	PM Non-Fiction Lit	7:00 pm	Jean Lindsey's
December 7	Winter Banquet	6:00 pm	Reserve 22 Restaurant at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn
December 14	AM Non-Fiction Lit	10:30 am	Sue Herrmann's
February 25	Cultural Arts Event	8:00 pm	Ira Glass, MAC, COD



Winter Banquet Sign-Up in This Issue



Membership

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Leaves are coming down but membership is increasing. Below, please read about two wonderful women who have recently joined our Branch!

Stacy Adamek has lived in Wheaton for about 22 years but is originally from Wisconsin and has also lived in Minnesota. She and her husband have two teenagers, a girl, 14, and a 16 year-old boy. Stacy earned a BS in Computer Science from Illinois State University but she says that computer technology "found her" earlier and she was, in fact, asked to write computer programs for her high school. With a career in computer consulting, it comes as no surprise that that this role model was attracted to AAUW's STEM mission and is interested in mentoring and becoming involved with STEM programs at a local and national level. Free time must be rare for Stacy, but she loves fitness and outdoor activities including hiking and especially, skiing. Welcome, Stacy. We're so happy you chose to join us!

Formerly an AAUW member years ago in Pennsylvania, **Nancy Possinger** is excited to once again be a member of the group. A busy health administrator for the past four decades, she recently retired and is spending more time with her grandchildren, cooking, reading, gardening and traveling. Nancy and her husband, Frank, moved to the area from Pennsylvania in 1983. They currently live in Carol Stream. Their son and daughter-in-law live in Chicago with their children, Luke (8) and Callie (6). In addition to her many interests, Nancy is also learning Italian, an endeavor she started a year ago with sights on being able to converse more fluently on her next trip to Italy, homeland of some of her and Frank's ancestors. Nancy received an MS from St. Francis University and a BA from Moravian College. She has already attended both AM Lit and PM Lit and plans to get involved in the Memoir Circle as well as many of the other AAUW activities and programs. We welcome her back to AAUW and to the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch!



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Book Sale

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Thanks to all who came to our book sort on October 10. It is October and we have well over 100 boxes packed and plenty waiting to be sorted. We get most of our donations through word of mouth, our website and 50 years of conducting this Sale. Let your friends and neighbors know that you have a special place for the unused books overflowing their bookshelves.

The locker continues to get rave reviews. It is bright, has a clean bathroom and is easily accessible. Sorting is a fun way to get involved in the Branch and get to know new members. The next book sort will be Monday, November 14 at 10:30 am. Contact Steph Zvirin (szvirin@gmail.com) or Jean Tufano (vsq531@aol.com) to sign up or to get added to the email reminder list.

Sorting Dates

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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Two months, two great films. So far we have seen *Kubo and the Two Strings*, set in Japan, and *Queen of Katwe*, set in Uganda. Join us in November to see where film group takes us next! We will gather on Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 pm at my home. As always, the film selection will be announced by email the weekend before our meeting. If you are interested in leading the discussion, please let me know. I also need a host for our January meeting, so check your calendars and volunteer!



AM Lit

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

Set in the 1920s, the novel is a fictional account of the Oklahoma Osage Oil Murders. After Grace Blanket is murdered in 1922, her Osage family and friends attempt to protect her daughter and get federal officials to investigate. It is widely taught in Native American literature courses.

Looking ahead to December 2, we meet to discuss *Doc* by Maria Doria Russell at the home of Suzanne Gagner. Our discussion leader is Jean Tufano and our co-hostesses are Laura Desmarais and Donna Staples.

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 would like to be added to my email distribution list for updates/announcements, please contact me.



STEM

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It must be STEM at the Glen Ellyn Public Library if it is October. On Saturday, October 15, the Branch presented the topic of density to 23 energized children in grades 2-5 in the morning and 8 inquisitive kids in grades 6-8 in the afternoon. We discussed the definition of density and demonstrated the concept using balls of similar size but different weights, an apple and a peeled orange vs an unpeeled orange in a tank of water. Next, students built density towers out of various concentrations of sugar solutions using their skills not to mix the layers as they added one layer on top of another. Our last activity studied the effect of pressure on density using a Cartesian Diver in a 2 liter bottle filled with water. René Descartes, philosopher and mathematician, developed this method to demonstrate this principle in the 17th century. Branch members who participated in this event were: Stacy Adamek, Laura Desmarais, Jean Lindsey, Barbara Lukas, Elaine Nissen, Donna Jean Simon, Jean Tufano and Stef Zvirin.

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, 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 next meeting will be December 14 at 10:30 A.M. at my home. We will be discussing *The Quartet, Orchestrating the Second American Revolution 1783-1789* by Joseph Ellis. You may pick up a copy of the book at the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

Please note following books that will be read this year:

October 26, 2016: *A Man of Salt and Trees* by James Ballowe
December 14, 2016: *The Quartet, Orchestrating the Second American Revolution 1783-1789* by Joseph Ellis
February 22, 2017: *Asia's Cauldron, the South China Sea and the End of a Stable Pacific* by Robert Kaplan
April 26, 2017: *The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of the Native People in North America* by Thomas King
June 28, 2017: *Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* 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 next meeting of the PM Non-Fiction is scheduled for November 30. We are meeting at 7:00 pm at the home of Jean Lindsey. Please let Jean know if you are planning to attend. Call her at (630) 803-7464 or email her at jeanlindsey15@comcast.net. Mary Mossman will be leading our discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates's *Between the World and Me* which won the 2015 Non-Fiction National Book Award. The format is a letter Coates is writing to his teenaged son who is trying to navigate the world as a young black man facing racial injustice. He tells his son: "Here is what I would like for you to know: In America, it is traditional to destroy the black body—it is heritage."

PM Non-fiction, please contact me at (630) 871-7741 or baconew@lewisu.edu.

Ewa Bacon



Cultural Arts

Kathleen McCullough and Ellen McGowan

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Cultural Arts has 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. We will collect the checks when we know we have the minimum number to maintain the group rate contract with COD.

We are also looking into a winter 2017 Drury Lane production of *Saturday Night Fever*. We are assessing if there is interest and will then pursue group rate tickets. Please contact Kathy if you are interested. Production dates are mid-January to mid-March 2017.

Please contact Kathy to reserve your seat for NPR's Ira Glass or if you would like to be added to the Cultural Arts database for email announcements.



PM Lit meets on November 14 (**Note date change due to Thanksgiving holiday**) to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. "This is the story of the deep and everlasting love of a contrary 59 year-old man who struggles each and every day to cope with the pain and loss of the only person who ever understood him...and a comical and entertaining account of Ove and his peculiar ways." Because of this book's continuing popularity, the library is not able to make it available. However, it is easily accessible in paperback, electronically, and on tape.

Our November hostess is Allene Harding.



Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

Susan Levy-Creed and Marilyn Wiedemann

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Good news:

All our funded endowments have been awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year. The winners are a wonderful group of dedicated young women pursuing many important research studies and projects. We are pleased to announce that one of them is able to be our Winter Banquet speaker: Skyler Schrempp.

Local and funded by the Branch:

1. Skyler Schrempp: The Viola Project, Chicago: Uses the fine language skills and strong female characters of Shakespeare's plays to help young girls analytically explore issues of social justice and gender while giving voice to their creativity, advocacy, and communities. (Marjorie Robinson and Katharine Storm R&P Grant).
2. Katrina Malone: Northwestern University. MBA. Selected Professions Fellowship. Focus on community development empowering women to create sustainable change in their communities through educational and economic opportunities. (Jackie DeFazio American Fellowship).

Funded by our Branch, but located outside our area:

3. Jenna Brown: Columbia University. MS Sustainability. Career Development Grant in Sustainability Management with emphasis on the Global Supply Chain. (Helen Gum Westlake R&P Grant).
4. Alexandra Dawson: University of Notre Dame. MS Engineering and Technical Entrepreneurship. Selected Professions Fellowship. Explore ways to market and implement new technologies in the health care field. (Wheaton Glen Ellyn Branch American Fellowship).
5. Meghan Kelly: Clark University. MS, Environmental Science and Policy. Career Development Grant. Year's focus will be on developing her research on creating biologically and economically effective conservation programs to preserve the world's biodiversity. (Edith Back R&P Grant).
6. Ashley Ridout: Boston University. Career Development Grant. Computer and Information Sciences MS Web application systems. Project—using her training in biology and computer science to eradicate the invasive lionfish from the Southern Atlantic and Caribbean waters where it is depleting our coral reef ecosystems. (Maureen Becker R&P Grant).
7. Jamila Wright: University of Maryland. MS Information Technology. Career Development Grant. Focus-creating opportunities for young African American girls to learn code and enter STEM fields. (Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch R&P Grant).



National:

The AAUW *Action Fund Congressional Voting Record* (CVR) provides information about elected federal legislators through the votes they cast on issues that are critical to the Action Fund's mission. The CVR provides information about senators' and representatives' co-sponsorship and votes. Each legislator is scored based on their record on AAUW priorities. These priorities include equal pay, education, campus sexual assault, campaign finance, human trafficking, and reproductive rights. The AAUW CVR is distributed to every member of Congress. Hard copies of the CVR were distributed at the last Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch meeting. If you missed the meeting, view the CVR at: <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/>.

State:

Prostitution is very much a part of today's underground sex trafficking economy. AAUW was at the lobbying forefront of Illinois efforts to eliminate sex trafficking by supporting legislation that makes the public aware of its existence and providing a call hotline. Effective January 1, 2016, the law is entitled "Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act." The new law requires businesses to prominently display signs that inform about trafficking and how to get help. Among these posting locations are emergency rooms, liquor stores, adult entertainment businesses, truck stops, rest stops and airports. See sample poster at: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27894/documents/121915HumanTraffickingPosterAVOFinalinEnglishandSpanish120715.pdf>.

Local:

2016-2017 Election Dates:

Presidential General Election: November 8, 2016
Consolidated Primary Election: February 28, 2017
Consolidated General Election: April 4, 2017

For Information about registration, early voting, and voting by mail, go to www.dupageco.org/election/.



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. The AAUW LAF website includes descriptions of several cases that are currently being supported by our group. There has not been significant progress in any of them in recent months. Please visit the LAF website if you are interested in the details of these cases.

Are you interested in recent court efforts to close the gender pay gap? How about the efforts of President Obama and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to look for ways to proactively address the pay gap? Perhaps you are interested in encouraging women to follow STEM course programs? Find articles about these and other topics on the LAF website: www.aauw.org/issues.

You should know that \$5 of our Branch dues goes to support this effort.



The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award

Rosemary Hahn

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Despite the torrential rains, our members preserved and completed the walk to Shane's Deli on Saturday, October 1. Shane's hot coffee tasted especially good. And yes, our members are a hearty group! This year's walkers included Sharon Garney, Kathy McCullough, Lisa Cherry, Laura Desmarais, Margaret McGrath, Patricia Spence, Susie Gullickson, Karen Schulz, Marilyn Mayer, Sandy Lopata, Rosemary Hahn, Donna Staples and her grandson Ethan, and Claire Slepicka, her daughter Nancy and Claire's grandchildren Eleanor and Shawn.

Other members who donated included Marjorie Robinson, Jean Tufano, Elaine Nissan, Maureen Sheehan, Kathy Van Teylingen, Phyllis Fogel, Werner and Ursula Ulrich, Claudia Finley, Stephanie Zvirin, Diane Serb, Patricia Bernhold, Kitty Johansson, and Carolyn Oesterle.

This year's walk raised \$1,245 for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This fund is dedicated to creating a more equitable education system for girls from preschool through high school.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!



October General Meeting Program Follow-up Refugees Seeking Safety



October's Program, which focused on the plight of refugees into our country, was well-received by all who attended. I have extended a special thanks to Alison Bell, the Senior Resettlement Manager for World Relief DuPage/Aurora, as she filled in at the last minute. There were lots of questions from those who attended. A request was made to forward information on volunteering. The website link is <http://worldreliefdupage.org/volunteer-mobilization>.

Volunteer services manager Jamie Daling can be contacted at (630) 462-7566 x1046 or jdaling@wr.org.

There are many ways to get involved. Jamie also has information on how to organize a Good Neighbor Kit.



Annual Winter Banquet

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Enjoy the holiday season with your fellow Branch members
This evening is always an AAUW highlight!

Village Links of Glen Ellyn
485 Winchell Way

6:00 pm Conversation and Cocktails (cash bar)
6:45 pm Dinner

Dinner Entrees
(salad and dessert included)

Chicken Piccata
Sesame Ginger Salmon

Winter Banquet Reservation

RSVP by Friday, November 26



Name _____

Choose one:

Chicken Piccata \$36.00 _____ Sesame Ginger Salmon \$43.00 _____

If you need vegetarian, contact Debbie Ness at (734) 604-3878 or Debbie.ness49@gmail.com.

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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.