

A Leaf from the President

May is a special month- even in Camelot. For our Branch it signals a pivotal demarcation between the year's ending activities and those upcoming for the next. We launch the Book Sale after months of collection and sorting, show up in force for moving day, and cross our fingers that we have thought of everything- hoping for that big pot of golden scholarships. It's also a time for recruiting new members, for renewal of existing memberships, for enjoying our times with each other by working and pulling at the same harness. We will install new officers at the Banquet and look forward to fresh ideas and new approaches. There will be a vibrant new mix.

We have had creative leadership these past few years, especially by our interest group chairs. Book group leaders have been diligent in leading their groups and in demonstrating flexibility in meeting times. Two chairs who have shown this and have breathed new life into Non-Fiction are Ewa Bacon and Sue Herrmann, both creative and well organized. And, we have been treated to some stimulating reading and discussion, which we thrive on. AM and PM Non-Fiction have held our attention and we made some great book selections. Thanks to Janet Arden and Kathy McCullough. Cultural Arts has been a joy as we have congregated at the numerous theater outings planned meticulously. Take a bow, Kathy McCullough and Ellen McGowan. Their organization has been the operative catalyst.

And speaking of spotlights, Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor have dazzled the whole Branch with their origination and continuation of the Spice Routes' 'modified' potlucks. Everyone has delighted in the fellowship and food we've shared in Peggy's home. We've not learned too, too much about the Spice Routes but we've covered a lot of ground via good food and recipes!

Patricia Spence (Public Policy), Gail Davis (Legal Advocacy Fund) and Rosemary Hahn (Eleanor Roosevelt Walk) have brought renewed awareness of the challenges we face in our society and government. How good to share in these important topics of our time.

When you attend the Banquet be sure to thank Karen Bondy, our banquet planner and all-Branch email guru, Kimberly Thacker, our *Twigs* editor, and Donna Jennings, our Branch Buddy. All do much to keep us informed and connected. And last but not least, Phyllis Fogel our faithful historian who so beautifully preserves all we've accomplished together.

GOOD LUCK new officers and chairs. We salute you and stand ready to support you. And Thank **You** for your willingness; your volunteering that makes reality of our collective dreams.

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**BOOK
SALE**

AND

**SPRING
BANQUET**

**DETAILS
INSIDE**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Information
May 12	AM Lit	9:30 am	Laura Desmarais'
May 12	Film Group	7:00 pm	Marilyn Wiedemann's
May 1-3	Book Sale Setup	Various	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
May 3-6	Book Sale	Various	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
May 18	Play Before the Play	6:00 pm	Wine and cheese before Buffalo Theater Ensemble event Peggy Connolly's
May 18	Cultural Arts Event	8:00 pm	<i>Improbable Fiction</i> by Buffalo Theater Ensemble at the MAC
May 22	Spring Banquet	5:30 pm	Adelle's Restaurant, 535 West Liberty, Wheaton



Membership

Lisa Cherry and Karen Schulz

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Book Sale is always a wonderful opportunity to recruit new members and we will continue that effort this year with a special membership table set up for the entire Sale. We will offer the \$53.50 Shape the Future discount (as opposed to \$78.80) for those prospective members who sign up on the spot with their payment. These memberships will be valid all the way through June 2018. We hope you will pass the word to anyone you know who may be considering membership as well as those shoppers you may encounter on the selling floor of the Sale!

Below please read about a wonderful new member.

Karla Megow grew up and lived in Chicago until she moved to the suburbs after she got married to Doug. They have been married for 32 years and have 2 grown daughters who live in the city. Karla earned her BA from Northeastern in Chicago with a double major of Regular Education for grades 3-9 and Special Ed. for grades K-9. Her MA from Concordia of River Forest is in Administration/School Supervision. Karla is retired after a fulfilling career of working in a private day school as Special Ed. classroom teacher and administrator; Assistant Director of Special Ed. at Morton High School and then she finished her work as a Special Ed. teacher and department chair for Glenbard High School District #87. Reading, book clubs, going to their place on a lake in Wisconsin, hiking, and going to movies are some of the activities Karla likes to do for fun. Let's watch for and welcome Karla to attend a book group or film group soon.



Treasury

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This year you will receive your dues renewal notice by email in the week before the Book Sale. You may pay online with a credit card or with a check. Look for an envelope in the curio room to deposit your dues checks and updates. Online payment is easy and creates less work and paper work for the Branch, so please consider this option.



Programs

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We would like to thank Peggy and Susie for the interesting and thought-provoking programs over the past two years. They are a tough act to follow. So, we are soliciting the help of members to provide us with great ideas and contacts for future programs. We plan to hold a program planning meeting during the week of June 5 at Janet Arden's home (specific date to follow) and all members are welcome to attend. We are looking for ideas that support the mission of AAUW and increase our understanding of how we can support and use our resources to benefit our Branch, our community, and our country. We hope that between now and the meeting, you will have an opportunity to identify interesting program ideas that you would like to see during the next year at our Branch meetings. As you put together your ideas, please also identify speakers and resources so that we can easily contact and follow up on your suggestions. We look forward to this meeting and seeing your contributions to Branch programs.



The Book Sale is a GO!
Unpack books May 1-3 and sell them May 3-6

Keep Your Sale Week Commitments. We Need You!

Commit to as many hours as you can. There are jobs for all.

There are lots of jobs that don't require lifting like working the sales desk, assisting buyers and sorting unpacked books.

Volunteer to work, even if you didn't sign up!

Once the Sale starts (Wednesday at 4:00 pm) please keep your scheduled hours. We need to have the Sale staffed!

Book donations will be accepted Monday and Tuesday (May 1 - 2). Bring them to the Civic Center in Glen Ellyn.

This is our only fundraiser. It is a whole Branch effort. If you can't work the Sale, please consider a tax-deductible donation. A donation form is in this *Twigs* and on the website.

Traditionally, EVERY MEMBER of the Branch contributes in some way to the success of the Sale.

Special thanks to those members who have stepped up and are working hard to make this Sale successful. All this behind the scenes work makes for a great Sale. Volunteers have signed up to work the Sale. Signs are updated and distributed.

Flyers and bookmarks are all over the area. Our publicity team has been creative. We have print and web presence.

Books have been collected, sorted and boxed. Members are collecting flat cardboard cases... Oh! The list goes on.

HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL SALE!



As you know, this year we have been alternating Film Group, one month on a Friday, the next month on a Saturday in order to increase the opportunities for members to join our discussions. April's meeting, which should have been our 'Friday' night, was held on Saturday because it would have fallen on Good Friday. Thanks to all for being flexible. May's meeting will be back on Friday! Please join your fellow film group members at the home of Marilyn Wiedemann at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 12. As always, I will send an email to the group announcing the film selection on the weekend before the meeting. If you aren't on the distribution list or would like me to use a different email, just contact me at ahanley@mindspring.com.



We meet on **Friday, May 12**, at the home of Laura Desmarais to discuss *Painted Horses* by Malcolm Brooks. Our co-hostesses are Ruth Schumacher and Jeanne Koepke. Unless there is a volunteer to lead the discussion, we are all responsible to do some research to add to our discussion.

'Set in the American West of the 1950s, Catherine Lemay is a young archaeologist hired to explore a Montana canyon slated for damming and destruction, although she may have been hired specifically to find nothing. Brooks's prose is stylistically bold, announcing his artistic aspirations from the opening sentence. His characters are carefully drawn, yet their intentions remain ambiguous enough to be authentically human.'

Looking ahead to June 2, and our annual potluck lunch at the home of LaVonne Ruoff, we will discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott. Volunteers are requested for discussion leader and 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 would like to be added to my email distribution list for updates/announcements, please contact me.



Non-Fiction Lit

Sue Herrmann and Ewa Bacon

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AM Non-Fiction Lit

Please note that we do not meet in May. Our next meeting will be June 28. Watch for time and place in Summer *Twigs*.

The following are upcoming dates and books:

June 28: *Being Mortal*

August 23: Book Selection Day and a potluck lunch

October 25: *Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf



Cultural Arts

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Cultural Arts is planning another theater outing on Thursday evening, 8:00 pm, May 18, to Buffalo Theater Ensemble's production of *Improbable Fiction* at the MAC, College of DuPage. Group sales ticket price will be \$31.20 per person. Please contact Kathy to make your reservation. Please join us at 6:00 pm at the home of Peggy Connolly for wine, light appetizers, and convivial conversation prior to the 8:00 pm performance.

During the meeting of a writers' group in Arnold's home, as the members talk in turn about their works in progress, their glaring literary shortcomings become obvious. After they leave, the lights suddenly go out and Lisa, in Victorian dress, advances toward Arnold, carrying a knife and a candle. One by one, Arnold wanders into the other writers' imaginations, each story with its own mystery that is just teetering on the brink of solution- when he's off again into another imagination! Our February outing to Buffalo Theater Ensemble was a great success and we sold out our allotment of tickets. Be sure to make your reservation soon!

Please contact Kathy to be added to the Cultural Arts database for email announcements.



Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

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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, Wheaton North has already selected a young lady who has graduated early and is now a student at COD as of this semester. She intends to own her own business and is already an intern at the career of her choice. We will include biographies of all the students at our banquet. The counselors are in the midst of selecting them; and it turns out students have until May 1 to 'declare' whether they will or will not be attending COD. So we want to wait until that date to announce more names.

Nationally, we will again be donating the remaining funds to the Lois List American Fellowship as we combine with Lake Forest and several other Illinois branches to complete a grant for this high level of scholarship- a PhD.

We can all be proud that our hard work for Book Sale adds up to meaningful scholarships, fellowships, and community grants for deserving women. Thank you!



STEM

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In April, our Branch presented a workshop on 'Squishy Circuits' at the Wheaton Public Library on Saturday, April 15. We had 17 energized children who were in grades 2-6. Two of the participants were the granddaughters of Nancy Daly who were in town visiting her. The workshop introduced students to how a circuit works using conducting and insulating dough, a LED bulb and a battery. They were asked to build serial and parallel circuits and, of course, a sushi circuit. The final activity had them design their own circuit. Branch members assisting in this event were Nancy Daly, Jean Lindsey, Elaine Nissen, Carolyn Oesterle and Donna Jean Simon.

Other events that our Branch participated in March were STEAM Feast at the Glen Ellyn Public Library and Tech Savvy. Our table at STEAM Feast was quite successful as a number of children of all ages stopped by to learn about density using Cartesian Divers, magnetism by balancing metal washers on a glass, diffraction of light with hand-built kaleidoscopes and properties of gravity by playing Suspend. Attendees also picked up AAUW membership brochures from the table.

Tech Savvy, held at Triton College in River Forest, continues to be a success even with the late start to registration. This is a day-long program for middle school girls. The program offers girls the opportunity to explore areas of science, technology, engineering and math workshops in the morning followed by an afternoon of Savvy Skills workshops. Total attendance for this program was 148 girls.

Both the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Public libraries have asked for a series of new workshops before they will schedule future events. Possible future experiments will be on developing solar cells using blackberry juice and a microscope slide, wind turbines to demonstrate wind power, Newton’s Cradle to investigate the laws of physics, nanotechnology to clean up oil spills and a motion powered electrical generator. Stay tuned for future workshops at the libraries and the beginning of our mother/daughter club.



Springfield, Advocacy: AAUW-IL needs you! Contact your state legislators about any or all of the almost 80 bills monitored by AAUW–IL Public Policy leadership. You can find out who your legislators are on the [Illinois State Board of Elections website](#). Office numbers and phone numbers can also be found on the [Illinois General Assembly website](#). The bills include several AAUW-IL that opposes, e.g., HB 2481/SB 50, which would legalize silencers in Illinois, making mass shooters even more dangerous to citizens and law enforcement.

Along with gun safety, the bills fall under the categories of People's/Labor Agenda, Budget, Homeless, Civil/LGBTQ/Voting Rights, Immigration, Environment, Police/Criminal Justice/Re-Entry, Health Care, Economic Issues, Education, and Animal Rights. The **Women’s Agenda** category includes the following:

<u>HB40</u>	Would safeguard legal abortions. House Bill 40 repeals a dangerous ‘trigger’ provision in the Illinois Abortion Law. It confirms that abortion will remain legal in Illinois even if the US Supreme Court rolls back Roe v Wade.
<u>HB2771 / SB1296</u>	Securing paid sick time and paid Family Medical Leave for working families so that women can take care of themselves and their children.
<u>HB2462 / SB981</u>	Strengthening the Illinois Equal Pay Act to target systemic discrimination.
<u>HB3215</u>	Learn with Dignity: Requires a school district to make feminine hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in the bathrooms of school buildings.
<u>SJRCA4</u>	Ratifying the ERA in Illinois. The U.S. has 36 states who have taken this action, most recently Nevada in 3/2017. There is active legislation at the Federal level to enable 38 states to trigger full ratification of the ERA in Congress.
<u>HB 690</u>	Addresses gender discrimination affecting about 400,000 women in Illinois.

When you click on a bill’s number in the link below you will learn its current status in the legislature or ask the office staffer you speak to about a bill’s progress. The office staff works for the legislator and you. See the complete list of bills at <http://www.illinoiswomenmarchonspringfield.org/legislation/>.

AAUW 2017 National Election Key Dates	
Early April	Voter PINs were emailed to members and mailed with the Spring AAUW <i>Outlook</i> .
April 14 - June 15	Members vote online.
June 16	Election results announced at National Convention (June 14-17) and online. See http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/

Of special note: The *Spring Outlook* will contain the candidate slate, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions we will be voting on. A proposed national bylaws change would move the approval of the Biennial Public Policy Program (PPP) to the AAUW Board of Directors and away from the direct votes of individual members.

While the AAUW Governance Committee's rationale states that the PPP is the only 'program' that is voted on by the general membership, others feel the PPP is the very core of AAUW. All members should have a direct vote. The period to comment on or propose bylaws amendments, Public Policy Program changes, and resolutions has ended. The April to June voting period will allow more time for examination of proposed changes.

Spring Banquet Reservation May 22 at Adelle's in Wheaton

Name(s): _____

Number in Party @ \$38.50 = _____

_____ Pan Sautéed Parmesan Breaded Chicken Breast

_____ Sweet Corn and Bacon Risotto with Tempura Fried Shrimp

_____ Karen: Please contact me for special dietary need

Please clip and mail with a check made payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, NFP to Karen Bondy by Tuesday, May 16. You may also bring your RSVP and check to the Book Sale when you work.

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



SPRING BANQUET

Monday, May 22

Adelle's

535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton

Please plan to 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. Menu includes passed appetizers during the reception hour, salad, entrée and dessert. Price includes tax and gratuity. A cash bar will be available. Save the date and plan to attend this special end-of-the-year celebration. Contact Karen if you have dietary concerns and we will make certain that you are accommodated

5:30 - 6:15 Social, Cash Bar and Raffle Ticket Sales

Cash Bar is \$7 per Glass

6:15 Dinner

Menu

Parmesan Cheese Puffs with Whipped Garlic-Herb Filling

Field Greens, Crispy Goat Cheese Crouton, Toasted Pine Nuts,
Artichoke Hearts, Sundried Tomatoes and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Warm Rolls and Whipped Butter

Pan Sautéed Parmesan Breaded Chicken Breast with Tomato Butter Sauce,
Cheddar Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus and Onion Strings

or

Sweet Corn, Scallion and Applewood Smoked Bacon Risotto,
Tempura Fried Shrimp and Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink

Contact Karen If You Have Dietary Concerns.
We Will Make Certain That You Are Accommodated.

RSVP By Wednesday, May 16

See Reservation Form Earlier in this *Twigs*

Support Our Branch in a Way that is Important to You with a Tax-Deductible Donation



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Please indicate how you would like your donation to be used:

	Unrestricted Funds	For general operations for the AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP.
	Educational Opportunities Fund	The Branch's main fund for providing money locally for scholarships and nationally for fellowships, grants, and research.
	Convention and Leadership Fund	Provides assistance to Branch members for leadership training at National and local AAUW conventions. Allows our President to represent us at AAUW National convention.
	Community Action Fund	Provides funding for local community programs for women's education and empowerment. Presently includes Branch STEM, Tech Savvy and Start Smart initiatives.
	Dues Assistance Fund	Assists members who temporarily need help paying dues.

Note: For AAUW National funds like the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (9170) or the Legal Advocacy Fund (3999) and others, you can give to AAUW National directly at aauw.org

Make your check payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP and mail to the address below.
 A tax receipt will be provided.

Carolyn Oesterle
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Donate Used Books TO AAUW

Drop books at:
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OR

Arrange a pick-up for
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Proceeds from the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW (American Association of University Women) Used Book Sale will support scholarships for local high school students as well as community action projects and post graduate fellowships.

Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, video tapes or Readers' Digest Condensed books. CDs and DVDs are welcome.



**2017 Used Book Sale at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center
May 3-6**

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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.