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Twigs

November 2017

A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

Our Branch is well on its way to a successful and fun filled year!

The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk was a huge success! A Big Thank You to Margaret McGrath for organizing the event and raising money for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund!

The Book Sale is off to a great start. Carolyn Oesterle and Nancy Possinger organized a special book drive in Glen Ellyn from October 9 to 29. Members distributed flyers and picked up books. The drop-off locations were at the two RE/MAX offices listed in our Directory, the Jewel store and Trader Joe's on Roosevelt Road as well as HealthTrack. GREAT JOB! GO BOOK SALE!

Hopefully, everyone will attend our Branch meeting, Wednesday, November 1, to hear Alison Bell's presentation on human trafficking. Alison is the Senior Resettlement Manager for World Relief DuPage/Aurora. This is a topic that we will all find very timely and terrifying.

Gail Davis and Debbie Ness are busy planning the Winter Banquet to be held December 6, at Reserve 22 Restaurant, Village Links in Glen Ellyn. Marilyn Wiedemann and Susan-Levy Creed will be introducing one of the winners of the Educational Opportunity Fund scholarships that are awarded each year by AAUW National.

Finally, just a reminder that there is no scheduled Branch meeting in December, as the Winter Banquet is our December meeting. We also will not be holding a Board meeting in December.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue

November Branch Meeting

Human Trafficking

**Program Presenter
Alison Bell,
Senior Resettlement
Manager for World Relief
DuPage/Aurora and member
of the Illinois Human
Trafficking Task Force,
is in a unique position to
shed light on this topic.**

Wednesday, November 1

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

**Glen Ellyn History Center
800 N Main St.**

Program Vice Presidents:
Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
November 1	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main St., Glen Ellyn
November 3	AM Lit	9:30 am	Laura Desmarais
November 8	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	LaVonne Ruoff'
November 10	Film Group	7:00 pm	Susie Gullickson
November 20	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly
November 29	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Margaret McGrath
November 30	Spice Routes	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly
December 1	AM Lit	9:30 am	Janet Arden
December 6	Winter Banquet	6:00 pm	Reserve 22, Village Links, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn
December 9	Film Group	7:00 pm	TBD
December 20	AM Non-Fiction	10:00 am	LaVonne Ruoff'

November Branch Program on Human Trafficking Co-VP Programs: Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon

You may remember Alison Bell's amazing presentation on immigration last year. We are very happy to welcome her back for a program on human trafficking. Not just a subject of television drama and movies, human trafficking is a very real danger, often to some of society's most vulnerable members. As Senior Resettlement Manager for World Relief DuPage/Aurora, Alison is in a unique position to shed light on this topic. We hope you will plan now to join us for a timely and informative program that supports the AAUW National agenda. Mark your calendar now for November 1, at 7:00 pm, at the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main Street, Glen Ellyn.



Membership

Kitty Johansson and Karen Schulz

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We all enjoyed October's wonderful Branch program highlighting women's customs in Islamic culture. It was also the occasion to welcome two new members to our Branch. The discounted Shape the Future rate is an excellent way for new members to "test the waters" in more depth and see what we are about. Be sure to mention it when talking to prospective members about joining AAUW.

Chana Bernstein was born in Israel to Scottish parents who had fled to Glasgow from the Russians in the Baltic states. Her family was musically talented- her grandmother played to cinema audiences in London, as did her aunt, and Chana herself graduated with a BA in music from the University of Tel Aviv and a MS in Music Education from the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana. She teaches piano lessons and is one of the founders of *Sarat*, a charity organization providing emergency assistance to refugees and the homeless. She helped produce television programs providing social service public information for Wheaton TV and is writing two books.

Lauren Michaels has a BS in Mass Communications from Illinois State University and a Certification of Nutrition from the National Institute of Nutritional Education in Aurora, Colorado. She combined her knowledge from both degrees into an Illinois newsletter, *Organics Food Basket*, which grew into *Organic Food Network*, an online program featuring pro-organic information from crops to table. Lauren grew up in Oak Lawn, has a son, Eric, and daughter Stacy, a mother of two boys. She is currently exploring an interest in aromatherapy products based on information from a course she took at College of DuPage.

For those of you who wish to touch base with Marjorie Robinson, check the Records section of this edition for her new address that is closer to her daughters and to medical services. She would welcome all news from Branch members.



Member Records and Directory

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Please add the following updates to your directory :

New Members:

Address, Phone and Network Updates:



Book Sale

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October book drive—The book drive is under way thanks to the many volunteers who helped with this new venture. Marilyn Wiedemann has been wonderful in charge of our book locker, has kept it organized and done most of the sorting so far. We have over 140 boxes of books. Marilyn also designed the signs for our collection bins and Nancy Possinger designed the flyers, which were distributed by many wonderful volunteers. Suzanne Gagner and Mary Sue Brown placed publicity ads in multiple electronic sites and we were even included on the downtown Glen Ellyn marquee. Nancy Daly, Marilyn Wiedemann and Patricia Spence are doing the book pick-ups. We have had two large book donations so far and have started to pick up significant books at Trader Joe's and HealthTrack. Thanks so much to everyone!!!

Marilyn Wiedemann was able to collect five boxes of books from an estate sale. I would like to encourage members to look into estate sales or garage sales in your area and offer to take any remaining books for the tax deduction. This effort could be very productive. Thanks to all



Film Group

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November's Film Group meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 10, at the home of Susie Gullickson. This is the season for the Oscar contenders to start appearing in theaters, so we should have some great options for viewing! Check your email for the film selection the weekend before the meeting. Looking ahead, our December meeting will be on the second Saturday, December 9. I am still looking for a volunteer to host the December meeting, so please look at your calendars and contact me if you can host. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to join us, please contact me.



AM Lit

A. LaVonne Ruoff

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We meet at 9:30 am, Friday, November 3, at the home of Laura Desmarais. Co-hostesses are Donna Staples and Allene Harding. Susan Gagner will lead the discussion of *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. This highly praised novel describes the adventures of a Civil War veteran who travels Texas and barely supports himself by reading newspapers to townspeople. Along the way he agrees to return a stubborn, young orphan girl, formerly a Kiowa captive, to her settler relatives. The Glen Ellyn Library does not have as many copies of this book available as it usually does. *News of the World*, in book and electronic form, can be purchased from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and The Bookstore in Glen Ellyn.



PM Lit
Fogel

Phyllis

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PM Lit meets Monday, November 20, at 7:00 pm at the home of Peggy Connolly to discuss *Life Before* by Michelle Bacon. Michelle is a former member of our Branch and PM Lit and is also the daughter-in-law of Ewa Bacon. *Life Before* is Michelle's debut book. Xander has his share of hardships, and he can't wait to finish high school and go off to college and start his life far away from the small town and painful memories. "A riveting story told in a voice that will resonate with teens," writes the *School Library Journal*. Please let Peggy know if you plan to attend. At the present there is no discussion leader but we can carry on as we have no trouble talking. Also a co-hostess is needed.

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.
Groucho Marx



AM Non-Fiction

Sue Herrmann

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Hello to all AM Non-Fiction book group members.

We meet again December 20, at 10:00 am, at the home of LaVonne Ruoff to discuss *A Vindication of the Rights of Women: with Strictures on Political and Moral Subjects*, by Mary Wollstonecraft. LaVonne will be our discussion leader and Kitty Johansson will be bringing treats.

The Glen Ellyn Library has set books aside for us early in the month that the book is read.

Please be sure to call the hostess each meeting to tell her if you are coming. Be sure to check our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch website for a list of the books for 2018.



PM Non-Fiction

Ewa Bacon

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Join us November 29, at 7:00 pm, at Margaret McGrath's home to discuss Joshua Green's book, *Devil's Bargain: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, and the Storming of the Presidency*. If you are wondering where the presidency of the United States of America is heading, no book will give you a better understanding of the populist, nationalistic policies of Donald Trump. The key to his presidency is contained in the ideas and ideology of Steve Bannon. "Darkness is good," says Bannon as his goal is the takeover of the American democracy. We will not read a timelier book this year. Jane Palmer will be our intrepid discussion leader.

As always, everyone is welcome to attend this group and can find a copy of *Devil's Bargain* reserved in the Glen Ellyn Public Library. Please let Margaret know if you are coming at 630-942-0980 or *margmcgrath@yahoo.com*.



Spotlight on AAUW 2017-2019 Action Priorities: The first three priorities that support AAUW Public Policy regarding education are:

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary and postsecondary education, including a strong promotion of STEM education and comprehensive sexual health education.
- See complete list of Biennial Action Priorities at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities>

Title IX Urgency: In light of the above priorities, AAUW is very concerned that the DoED, under the leadership of Betsy DeVoss, is seeking to weaken Title IX protections. AAUW is urging all members to contact our local Title IX Coordinators and meet with them to discuss the future of Title IX protections in our area. In fact we have seven in the Glen Ellyn, Wheaton and Winfield vicinity.

See who and where they are located: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/find-your-title-ix-coordinator>

National: Enrollment for 2018 Affordable Care Act (ACA / Obamacare) starts November 1 and ends December 15. President Trump reduced the advertising funds by 90% to announce when people can enroll. AAUW has supported the ACA. It is up to us to help spread the word. Achieving “quality, affordable and accessible health care” is an AAUW public policy principle.

State: As Twigs goes to press, AAUW-IL is joining with other organizations for Lobby Day, Oct. 25. The plan is to visit legislators to advocate for support of SJRCA4 (ERA) and for the veto override of two bills, HB2462 (no salary history, introduced by AAUW member, Representative Anna Moeller), and SB1351 (Student Loan Bill of Rights). Click here for postcards to override HB2462: <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/advocacy> (They can be sent even after Lobby Day.)

Thank you from AAUW-IL to all who contacted the Governor's office and their legislators about HB40 that protects pro-choice and pro-choice coverage for Medicaid recipients and state employees. Governor Rauner signed this bill into law ensuring safe and equitable reproductive options for all.

Save the Date: AAUW-IL is sponsoring a gubernatorial forum on December 9, in Chicago. Details TBA.

Sad note: According to the Pew Research Center, the U.S. ranks 31st out of 35 developed nations for voter turnout. Even during last year's presidential election, some 40 percent of eligible voters didn't vote.



The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award

Margaret McGrath
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Walk, Run, Ride

The rain didn't arrive until the afternoon so this year's Eleanor Roosevelt walkers enjoyed a dry warm walk on Saturday, October 7. The walkers were: Carolyn Oesterle, Patricia Spence, Sharon Garney, Kathy McCullough, Susie Gullickson, Sandy Lopata, Karen Schulz, Lisa Cherry, and Sarah Allen (she took the picture). Margaret McGrath, Diane Serb and Donna Staples were waiting to greet the walkers upon their arrival at Shane's Deli in Wheaton. All enjoyed coffee, cake and great conversation.

Those who were not able to join us but contributed to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund were: Sue Herrmann, Jean Tufano, Marjorie Robinson, Elaine Nissen, Kitty Johansson, Stephanie Zvirin, Rosemary Hahn, Kathy Van Teylingen, Werner and Ursula Ulrich, Patricia Bernhold, Ellen McGowan, Sue Langguth, and Nancy Daly. Our Branch raised \$1,245 again this year. Please consider joining us next fall for this enjoyable and worthwhile event.



History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor
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The consistent winds and currents of the Mediterranean enabled the creation of an extensive and ever-expanding ancient trade network connecting Europe, Africa, and Asia. By the third millennium BCE, ancient Greek, Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Syrian, Phoenician, Iberian, and Arab traders used well-established sea routes to develop one of the most important of the ancient spice routes.

Please join us November 30, as we explore the flavors of the ancient Mediterranean spice trade. Let Peggy know by November 20 what delicacy you'll be bringing to the feast. Future dinners this year will feature cuisines from the lands of Russia, the Dutch East India Company, and Mexico.



Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

Susan Levy-Creed and Marilyn Wiedemann
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We are very pleased to announce that we have found our speaker for the upcoming Winter Banquet. Rosemary Guzman is an excellent scholar at the University of Chicago doing her postdoctoral work in mathematics. She will tell us about her work in hyperbolic geometry as well as her support of mentoring women about STEM opportunities.

Amazingly, she is receiving BOTH of our branch American Fellowship awards for this year. One is titled the *Wheaton Glen Ellyn American Fellowship* and was our very first endowment. The other is the *Jackie DeFazio American Fellowship*, named for an illustrious former Branch President who became President of AAUW National.

As you know, we have endowed seven named grants. Only two are at the fellowship level. The others are for career change education, community action, professional education in underrepresented fields (like law, medicine, architecture, STEM), and international projects.

Hearing one of our very own fellowship recipients is one of the highlights of the year for the branch. We hope you can attend. And we hope it inspires you to further action to support the Book Sale—which for nearly sixty years has helped finance women’s excellence through education.



AAUW Online

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Correction from last month’s article: Password for the Members Only page on Branch website is twigs (all lowercase).

Do you love Facebook or hate it? Those who love Facebook, appreciate the opportunity for a window into the lives of distant friends and family whom we otherwise might only hear from at Christmas, if that. (We might also enjoy the cat videos.) Those who hate Facebook, don’t want to deal with political posts nor be lured by ads – although it’s pretty easy to block that kind of content. However you feel, it’s your personal choice whether or not to join Facebook.

Why is AAUW on Facebook? The answer is outreach. In today’s online world, without a social media presence, AAUW might as well be a secret organization. If you search for AAUW on Facebook, you will find pages for AAUW.org, AAUW of Illinois and two pages for our Branch (Branch & Book Sale). Please “like” and “follow” our Facebook pages. If you are a member of Facebook, when you like the Branch page, it appears in your newsfeed and the newsfeeds of your friends. That’s how we spread the word. Patricia Spence will soon post information about the upcoming November Branch meeting to our Facebook page. Please “like” and “share” that post with your friends. If a friend of yours does the same, it will be shared with their friends. Kind of like an old-fashioned pyramid-scheme. End result – more people will hear about AAUW! If you need more information about accessing the Branch Facebook page, please contact Patricia.

Let’s see if we can get more “Likes” than Taylor Swift! And if anyone has a cat video . . .



Annual Winter Banquet

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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

Reserve 22
Village Links of Glen Ellyn
485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn

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

After dinner speaker, Rosemary Guzman

Dinner Options (Salad and Dessert Included):
Chicken Piccata \$34.00
Sesame Ginger Salmon \$41.30

Reservation and payment due November 24

****Look for the reservation and entree selection form on the next page****



Reservation Form for Winter Banquet

Winter Banquet Reservation Form RSVP by November 24

Name: _____ # in party _____

Choose one:

Chicken Piccata \$34.00 _____

or

Sesame Ginger Salmon \$41.30 _____

If you would like a vegetarian meal,
please contact Debbie Ness at 734-604-3878 or Debbie.ness49@gmail.com

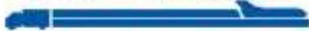
*Please return this form and check payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP
by November 24*

Mail to Debbie Ness

What is AAUW?

- Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
- 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.

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