



**AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP**

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# Twigs

**April 2018**

## **A Leaf from the Co-Presidents**

April is the crunch month for Book Sale and to say that Carolyn Oesterle and her entire team are in full gear is a very mild statement! There is a tireless, ongoing effort to collect, sort and pack. A party is scheduled to prepare the yard sale signs. Promotional material is being printed for distribution, work schedule sign up sheets are appearing at every meeting and room set-up plans are being discussed. Sue and I are seeing emails fly and so are our spirits. We know that our Branch members have always responded to the call for "all hands on deck" and look forward to celebrating the success of our most important event of the year!

If the month does not already feel terribly busy, I offer the reminder that the AAUW-Illinois State Convention will be held in Lisle at the Hyatt Hotel and Benedictine University on April 27 and 28. Our own Laura Desmarais, AAUW-IL Co-Vice President, Programs, has been hard at work all year putting it together. To find details of the convention and the registration form you just need to visit the AAUW-Illinois website: <http://aauw-il.aauw.net>. Click on the Spring *LINK* for the newsletter and convention information. Don't pass up this opportunity to attend the convention when it is so close to home!

If you attended our March Branch meeting, you heard me announce that the AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership. The proposed amendments address creating three year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. The AAUW National Board of Directors strongly supports the proposed amendments that they believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls. While I respect the right of each member to vote as they choose, I have stated that I am strongly in favor of the passage of these amendments and I encourage respectful discussion of the proposals. Please visit [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) to find the rationale and details of each proposal. Voting on the proposals will open, April 25, and close, June 9. Please exercise your privilege as a member to vote!

Lastly, we are sad to acknowledge the passing of Lynn Torre. Our Branch will make a donation to the Educational Opportunity Fund in memory of Lynn, who passed away on January 24.

**Lisa**

## **What Now? How Do We? What Can I Do? How Can I Make My Voice Heard?**

**A panel of action leaders from Indivisible, AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and UCARE will brief us on opportunities and ways that each of us will find helpful on how to get more involved.**

**Wednesday, April 4**

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

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

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**Program Vice Presidents:  
Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon**

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
April 4	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main St., Glen Ellyn
April 5	Program Planning Meeting	7:00 pm	Janet Arden's
April 6	AM Lit	9:30 am	Sue Herrmann's
April 11	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Mary Sue Brown's
April 12	Spice Routes	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's
April 14	Film Group	7:00 pm	Anne Hanley's
April 16	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Susie Gullickson's
April 25	Cultural Arts	2:00 pm & 7:30 pm	MAC auditorium at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn
April 25	AM Non-Fiction	10:00 am	Jean Lindsey's
May 4	AM Lit	9:30 am	Kitty Johansson's
May 7-12	Used Book Sale	Daily Time Schedules	Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane St., Glen Ellyn

### Branch Program

Co-Vice Presidents, Programs: Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon

### What Now? How Do We? What Can I Do? How Can I Make My Voice Heard?

Our April program looks back at some of the policy changes we have explored this year – immigration, human rights, pay equity, and women in leadership – and suggests ways you can take action.

Many of you have asked how you can get involved, take action, or make your voice heard. A panel of action leaders from Indivisible, AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and UCARE will brief us on opportunities and ways that each of us will find helpful on how to get more involved and make sure women's voices are heard and represented.

Please join us on April 4, at 7:00 pm, at The Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main Street, Glen Ellyn. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### It's Never Too Early to Start Planning!! 2018-2019 Program Planning Meeting

Program Co-Vice Presidents Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon will host the program planning meeting on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 pm, at Janet's home. If you have ideas to share or just want to get involved, please join us. RSVP if you will be attending to Janet (630-665-7952). If you are unable to attend, but have program ideas or resources to share, please forward them to:

Janet ([janarden@icloud.com](mailto:janarden@icloud.com)) or Donna Jean ([djsimon@questillc.com](mailto:djsimon@questillc.com))



## Membership

**Kitty Johansson and Karen Schulz**

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Please welcome our newest member.

Barbara Roos grew up in Chicago and graduated from University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1971, with a Liberal Arts degree in Social Work and English. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work at Tulane University the following year. She then moved to the San Francisco Bay area where she began her career as a medical social worker at a nursing home, a dialysis center in a local hospital, and, using her fluency in Spanish, at a community health center. She and her husband met on a California Sierra Club rafting trip. They have three children, a son and two daughters. In 1990 the family moved back to Chicago and Barbara worked at several psychiatric facilities including Riveredge in River Forest, Central DuPage Hospital, Gateway Foundation in Aurora, and Hines Veterans Hospital. Barbara loves retirement and likes to exercise, travel and volunteers at World Relief Organization helping refugees.



## Member Records and Directory

**Maureen Sheehan and Karen Schulz**

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### **New Member:**

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BS Liberal Arts & Sciences Univ. of IL (Urbana)  
MA Social Work Tulane University

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**Neighborhood:** S Glen Ellyn (7)



## Treasury

**Carolyn Oesterle**

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We are anticipating excellent revenue from the Book Sale due to the hard work of our book collectors. Thanks to all the book collectors and sorters. Our Branch received \$22.11 from the *AmazonSmile* program last month. We receive payment quarterly and this is our largest. Remember to go to *AmazonSmile* when you purchase on line and select our Branch for your donation. Thank you to all.



We are getting closer to our big fundraiser, May 7 to 12. The kick off meeting was February 23. There was great enthusiasm at the meeting. We have the core organization in place. Book collection is going well. Many thanks to the many members who help pick up books and sort. If you want to volunteer for book pickups at ReMax or at the estate sales (BESI), contact Elaine Nissen. If you want to help with the book sorting—it has been great fun—contact Marilyn Wiedemann. Sign up sheets are being passed around for you to pick two or three (at least) sessions to volunteer the week of the sale. Flat collection is being coordinated by Laura Desmarais. Contact her if you want to help. We need volunteers to distribute yard signs in Wheaton.

We started Bags from Neighbors book collection program at the March Branch meeting. Everyone should try to obtain two to three bags of books from their neighbors. If you were not at the meeting, use grocery bags and attach an explanatory flyer that is on the website. It is a good way to meet or reconnect with neighbors or friends as well as collect great books. Please also save your grocery bags (paper only) and bring them to the sale –we need lots.

The April Branch meeting is our last before the Book Sale. It is important to come and pick up flyers and bookmarks for distribution, arrange for yard signs, and continue with the Bags from Neighbors collection. The Book Sale is our only fundraiser. But, it is much more than that. Participation allows you to reconnect with old friends, meet new members, complete a worthwhile project, and it also bonds our Branch together.



## Cultural Arts

**Suzanne Gagner**  
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Jodi Cobb, the first female photographer for *National Geographic*, will present her 30 years of work entitled *Stranger in a Strange Land* on, Wednesday, April 25, at the MAC Auditorium at the College of DuPage. We will peer through her lens into the secret lives of Saudi Arabian women, Geisha Societies, human trafficking and more. Ms. Cobb is also the first woman named White House Photographer of the Year.

There are two performances on April 25. For the 2:00 pm show a senior rate is available at \$5.00 with a \$2.00 service fee. Tickets for the 7:30 pm show are \$36.00. A special rate of \$18.00 will apply for the first 10 people to respond. Please let me know which performance you would like to attend.

This is our last Cultural Arts event until fall. Throughout the summer I will throw out ideas for our next round of events. I look forward to your feedback and suggestions.



## Educational Opportunities Fund

**Susan Levy-Creed and Marilyn Wiedemann**  
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Passing it along. Meet Dorothy LaPietra, AAUW Return to Learning EOF scholarship recipient. She received a Branch scholarship to College of DuPage 20 years ago; went on to become a Spanish language teacher; and now, retiring, is donating books to our sale. A great story of success. Please keep up your book donations. They make dreams a reality!





AAUW is supporting the case of Spencer v. Virginia State University. The judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia recently issued a motion for summary judgment in this case. This decision means that the case of Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., will not continue to trial at this time.

In her position at Virginia State University, Zoe Spencer was charged with identifying deficits in gender equity, but was soon met with resistance. In 2014, two male administrators were appointed to associate professor positions. Spencer discovered that their salaries were vastly higher than female professors at all ranks. In fact, as it was higher than her own salary, she requested a salary adjustment. This was denied and she faced other retaliations. AAUW will support Zoe Spencer in her appeal of the summary judgment as she attempts to have her voice heard.



### **Spotlight on AAUW 2017-2019 Action Priorities**

*To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, the third AAUW Action Priority, AAUW advocates:*

- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.
- Freedom in the definition of self and family and a guarantee of civil rights for all family structures.

See complete list of Action Priorities at <http://www.aaauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities>

### **Illinois Legislative Update:**

**House Resolution 0787** and **Senate Resolution 1362** declare April 10 as "Illinois Pay Equity Day." Both resolutions have been recommended for adoption by their respective committees (House Labor and Commerce and Senate Labor) and are awaiting official placement on the State calendar. AAUW-IL and various AAUW –IL Branch Public Policy Chairs filed witness slips in support of HR 0787 and SR 1362.

AAUW considers gun violence in America to be a public health crisis. How has our state legislature responded to the Parkland, Florida incident? The list of bills recently introduced in the Illinois legislature is below. Go to the Illinois General Assembly website for a status report on each of these bills. <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/> Please contact your state legislators and Governor Rauner with your response to these measures:

**HB 1465**-Will raise the age to purchase an assault weapon to 21;

**HB 1467**-Will ban the sale of bump stocks in Illinois;

**HB 1468**-Will place a 72-hour waiting period on the sale of assault weapons;

**HB 1469**-Will limit the capacity of magazines to 10 rounds; and

**HB 1664, Amendment #1**- Creates a Dangerous Person Hotline and toll free number to enable a person to notify the Illinois State Police if they have reason to believe someone is a clear and present danger.

Lastly, State Senator Chris Nybo (II- 24<sup>th</sup> District) notified constituents that he co-sponsored **SB 0559**, the *Lethal Order of Violence Protection Act*. As Nybo states, “ The bill would allow family members, acquaintances or law enforcement to petition the court to allow for authorities to temporarily remove the Firearms and Firearms Owner Identification Card (FOID) from an individual who poses an immediate and present danger of causing injury to one’s self or another with a firearm.”

**Washington, D.C. Update:** No decisive action on gun control has occurred. Resource: Go to <https://www.opensecrets.org/news/issues/guns> to see contributions from gun control and gun rights groups to members of Congress, as well as current NRA data.



**AAUW Online**

**Jane Palmer and Patricia Spence**

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What about Twitter? Our Branch has a website and two Facebook pages but we are not yet tweeting.

How does Twitter work? A person sets up an account (with password) and gives that account a name. For example, AAUW’s national account is @AAUW. If someone wants to start a conversation directly with AAUW, he or she will include @AAUW in their comments. Our name might be @WGE-AAUW.

Conversations then grow through the use of hashtags. You have probably seen in the news: #MeToo, #Time’sUp, #EqualPay, etc. Any word or phrase can be a hashtag and therefore, start or continue a conversation. The following is an edited version of *The Power of the Hashtag* provided by Patricia Spence from a League of Women Voters newsletter.

#### **# The Power of the Hashtag #**

**What is a hashtag (#)?** A hashtag is a word or phrase used within a message to identify a topic of interest and facilitate a search for it. Remember, anything goes, so be creative!

#### **What can hashtags do for our Branch?**

- Hashtags get us into the conversations and topics trending on InstaGram, Facebook, Twitter
- Get more followers to our Facebook pages and Website
- Get more members
- Get us noticed by other organizations
- Gets our name out there

Can hashtags help the Book Sale? Sure! Think about #AAUWBookSale, #40,000Books, #BooksForScholarships, #DonateBooks, etc. Any other ideas for snappy hashtags for our Branch?

If you are interested in tweeting items of interest to Branch members, contact Patricia or me. It is not only a great way to publicize the Book Sale but can also be used to keep a conversation going after a Branch meeting or book discussion.

### **Membership Dues Notice**

**Look for two emails about renewing your membership for 2018-19 at the end of April or first week in May. One will be from Elaine Nissen and one will be from AAUW National. The easiest way to renew is to click on the link in the email from AAUW National. Going to the AAUW National website to register online is more difficult.**



At 9:30 am, Friday, April 6, we gather at Sue Herrmann's home; co-hostesses are Kathy McCullough and Jean Lindsey. Mary Mossman will lead our discussion of *A Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles, which tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov. In 1922, a Bolshevik tribunal declares the count an unrepentant aristocrat and sentences him to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across from the Kremlin. This very popular book is filled with glittering characters, beautifully rendered scenes, and lots of humor.

The Glen Ellyn Public Library informs me that this popular book has been in high demand at other libraries. Consequently, there are fewer copies at the Glen Ellyn Public Library than usual.

Looking ahead, we will meet at the home of Kitty Johansson, Friday, May 4, to discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Our discussion leader is Nancy Possinger with Janet Arden and Gail Davis serving as co-hostesses.

**\*\*Note from the Editor:** The Glen Ellyn Public Library is in the process of joining a larger consortium to share and borrow books for us. Therefore they will not be able to supply books for meetings that occur between May 13 and July 21, while they are transitioning to the new system. This will only affect our July selection, *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict, as we have book selection and potluck luncheon in June. **\*\***



On Monday, April 16, 7:00 pm, PM Lit meets at the home of Susie Gullickson. We will be discussing *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon, a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for an earlier book. A young writer is privy to the deathbed confessions of his grandfather, who as a soldier in World War II is haunted by what he has seen. On a larger scale it is a reminder that we live in a broken world and that fiction is an attempt to mend it.

Please let Susie know if you are coming. Susan Levy-Creed is the discussion leader and also the co-hostess. Multiple copies of our book selections are available at the Glen Ellyn Public Library on the second floor. Our next book is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Everyone is welcome to come to one, all, or just a few meetings.

Our February meeting was a great success with a showing of the film *Northanger Abbey*, the book by Jane Austen, and accompanied by an English Tea. Thanks to Peggy for this fun idea and for hosting it.

*Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's soul.*

--Joyce Carol Oates



Our next meeting is, April 25, at 10:00 am, at the home of Jean Lindsey to discuss *Devil in the Grove* by Gilbert King. Carolyn Oesterle will be our discussion leader and Barb Isom will provide treats.

The Glen Ellyn Public 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. Also, check our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch website for a list of the books for 2018.





## **PM Non-Fiction**

**Ewa Bacon**

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All good non-fiction fans will take the time to visit the AAUW Used Book Sale May 9-12, and get some lovely new reads! We will meet after the sale on, May 23, at Jean Lindsey's to enjoy John Pollack's *The Pun also Rises*. There is, however, a complication. I have just been informed that the Glen Ellyn Public Library which has been so very helpful in supplying books for reading groups is changing their borrowing system. They will NOT be able to provide books for us between May 13 and July 21. This will impact our May selection (see above) as well as the July 25 selection, Ed Yong's *I Contain Multitudes*. We are on our own for those two meetings. I hope we can creatively share resources with each other for this time period.



## **Film Group**

**Anne Hanley**

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Our April meeting will be on Saturday, April 14 at 7:00 pm, at the home of Anne Hanley. Film selection TBD. Keep an eye out for an email the weekend before! If you are not part of our group email but would like to be added, contact Anne.



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

**Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor**

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Our next Spice Routes adventure will be Thursday, April 12, as we explore the spice trade of the Dutch East India Company.

The Dutch East India Company (or VOC) was founded in 1602 when the Dutch Government granted it a royal charter and 21-year monopoly on the spice trade with India and Southeast Asia. The VOC was the world's first publicly traded company, and the first corporation to issue stocks and bonds. It is considered the first modern multinational corporation. For two centuries, the Dutch East India Company acted almost as a nation, with the power to wage war, establish colonies, mint coins, and negotiate treaties. Many factors contributed to the company's decline in the eighteenth century, including the inability of the Netherlands to encourage its citizens to colonize (and thus protect) its territories, and the high cost of competition and wars with the Portuguese, British, and Spanish. After the Netherlands' catastrophic war with England in 1780-1784, the VOC was eventually nationalized, and then dissolved, with the government claiming all its assets and territories. The territories of the Dutch East India Company were vast, including holdings in Indonesia, India, Japan, Formosa, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, South Africa, Mauritius, Persia, and Ceylon.

Due to the growing popularity of Spice Routes, and the physical limitations of space, chairs, and dishes, the evening will be limited to the first 24 who respond. Please let Peggy know by April 5, if you will attend, and what delicacy from one of the VOC countries you will bring to the feast.

## Spring Banquet

Karen Bondy [bondykj@aol.com](mailto:bondykj@aol.com)

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 nine 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 salad, entrée and dessert. Price includes tax & 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.

**Monday, June 4, at Adelle's 535 W. Liberty Dr., Wheaton**

### MENU

#### PLATED SALAD

ICEBERG WEDGE SALAD, chopped tomato, applewood smoked bacon  
balsamic vinaigrette & buttermilk-bleu cheese dressing  
on tables

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#### CHOICE OF ENTREE

HERB-PANKO BREADED WHITEFISH, lemon butter sauce, basmati fried rice, Asian vegetable sauté

OR

OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST, lemon butter sauce, whipped potatoes, grilled asparagus

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#### PLATED DESSERT

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE BROWNIE, Raspberry Sauce, Whipped Cream

coffee, soda, iced tea

Cost: \$38.50 per person  
Reservation due: May 29

5:30 - 6:15 pm Social Hour  
Cash Bar - wine \$7/glass

6:15 pm - Dinner  
Program to follow

See the reservation and payment form at the end of the newsletter.

Mail entrée choice along with check to Jan Austin or bring to the Book Sale when you come to work.

Make check payable to:  
AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP.  
To reserve your place, make sure your check and selection is received by May 29.



**Branch Archives Documents at NIU Regional History Center**  
**Laura Desmarais. *lkdesmarais@gmail.com***

In January of 2013, Phyllis Fogel coordinated the collection and storage of old Branch documents with the Northern Illinois University Regional History Center. I have boxes of Branch information that has been passed on to me during my six years in leadership. It is time to add it to our archives. I am happy to coordinate this effort again for the Branch. The material will be scanned, classified and made available to those who are interested in our history. We no longer need to fill our basements and closets with old Branch information!

**2018 AAUW-IL Conference – April 27 and 28 – Call for Volunteers**  
**Laura Desmarais, AAUW-IL Co-Vice President, Programs**

I am responsible for planning the conference this year. I am looking for volunteers to help with preparations and on the day of the conference. There are lots of small things that need to be taken care of. I need HELP!! If you are interested in volunteering, send a note to Laura Desmarais at *lkdesmarais@gmail.com*.

The Branch will be recognized as the hosts for the conference. We have a great agenda. This year it is in our backyard.

**Friday, April 27:** Regency Hyatt Lisle. The banquet speaker is Gloria Blackwell. She is representing AAUW National and will address the changes that are taking place within the organization under the leadership of Kim Churches, our new CEO.

**Saturday, April 28:** Benedictine University, Lisle. There is something for everyone. Lots of choices. You can sign up for one day or both. Go to *aauw-il.aauw.net* to sign up. Hope to see you there.

**What is AAUW?**

<b>Mission:</b>	AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
<b>Membership:</b>	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.
<b>Legal Advocacy Fund:</b>	AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.
<b>Vision Statement:</b>	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.

**Spring Banquet Reservation  
Monday, June 4, at Adelle's in Wheaton**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38.50= \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrée Choice:**

- Herb-Panko Breaded Whitefish
- Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
- Karen: Please contact me for special dietary need

Please clip and mail with a check made payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP to Jan Austin by Tuesday, May 29. You may also bring your check to the Book Sale when you work.


Mail to Jan Austin at:            1648 Stonebridge Trail, Wheaton, IL 60189-7120



Our March Branch program featured our own Ewa Bacon discussing her book, *Saving Lives in Auschwitz*, shown with Marilyn Wiedemann and Jean Tufano.

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