



AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP

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Twigs

May 2018

A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

Our Used Book Sale is fast approaching and special thanks to Book Sale Coordinator Carolyn Oesterle, her second-in-command, Nancy Possinger, and their right-hand woman, Marilyn Wiedemann, for all of the hard work they have extended during the past seven months! Also, a big shout out to all of the members who solicited books, packed boxes, and to those of you who will be working the Book Sale. Without all of you, we would be unable to finance the local scholarships that help make our Branch the success it is.

Our next big event is our Spring Banquet on June 4th at Adelle's in Wheaton. Chair, Karen Bondy, has arranged for a lovely dinner and Karen is accepting reservations until May 29. Be sure to send in your reservations if you have not done so. We will be celebrating our year's achievements and installing our new officers.

Remember to vote on the AAUW National By-Laws Amendments from April 25 through June 9. All of your votes count!

Our AAUW Branch/State/National dues renewals will be handled differently this year. Please watch for an email that will be sent to you from AAUW National. The email will explain how to easily renew your membership. A renewal invoice can be downloaded from the AAUW National website if you prefer mailing in your dues.

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DETAILS INSIDE



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
May 3	Cultural Arts/BTE Pre-Theater BTE Pre-Show Discussion BTE <i>Outside Mullingar</i>	5:30 pm	Peggy Connolly's
		6:45 pm	MacIninch Arts Center (MAC), College of DuPage
		8:00 pm	Playhouse Theater, MAC, College of DuPage
May 4	AM Lit	9:30am	Kitty Johansson's
May 7-8	Book Sale Set up	9:00 am	Glen Ellyn Civic Center
May 9	Book Sale Opening Night	5:00 pm	535 Duane St.
May 10-12	Book Sale	9:00 am	Glen Ellyn
May 21	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Kitty Johansson's
May 23	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Jean Lindsey's
May 29	Banquet Reservations Due		See reservation form end of Twigs
June 1	AM Lit/Potluck Lunch	9:30 am	Peggy Connolly's
June 4	Spring Banquet	5:30 pm	Adelle's, 535 W Liberty Dr., Wheaton
June 7	Spice Routes	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's



Membership

Kitty Johansson and Karen Schulz

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This past month we were privileged to welcome three new members into our Branch. Please greet them as they visit our book discussion groups and other monthly events.

Allison Hayes

Allison is originally from the Detroit area and lived there until she moved to Chicago 17 years ago. She was married until her husband died and is currently single. Allison has three children. A daughter and a son live in the Chicago area and another son lives in San Diego. She has two grandchildren. Her granddaughter lives in Chicago and her grandson lives in Colorado. Allison received her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Michigan and also received her Master's in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Michigan. She has spent her professional life as a clinical social worker in private practice. She still works in private practice in a limited capacity. Allison loves reading and describes herself as a history and political nerd. She is in four book clubs that focus on different topics. She is also very involved in the League of Women Voters. Allison always wanted to belong to AAUW but her work schedule made this difficult in the past. She was introduced to the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Branch by Patricia Spence and decided this was the time to join. She will be joining the AM Non-Fiction group and possibly the Film Group. She hopes to work at the Book Sale and sees herself getting more involved in our Branch.

Joyce Miller

Joyce was born in Santa Barbara, California and grew up in southern California until high school, when her father was transferred to Chicago. Joyce attended Northern Illinois University where she obtained a BS in Education/Social Sciences and later a Master's in Library Science. She and her husband Steve were married in 1971 after college. Joyce worked in the field of finance for the last 30 years and retired from BMO Capital Market as a Municipal Bond Credit Analyst. Joyce and her husband have four children; two sons and two daughters. They also have six grandchildren, some of who live out of state. Joyce is very interested in politics and is active in the League of Women Voters. She also loves to read and is in a book club through the Wheaton Public Library. She and her husband enjoy watching older, classic films, attending the theater and traveling. Joyce's grandmother was an AAUW member and has been an inspiration for Joyce to join. Joyce is just getting familiar with our Branch and may be interested in joining a book, film and cultural arts group.

Julie Nolan

Julie was born and raised in Massachusetts where she attended Anna Maria College and obtained a BA in English literature. After graduation, she moved to San Francisco and worked for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, one of the *Ma Bell* companies. The next year she returned to Massachusetts and worked for American Airlines in Boston. In 1980, due to a job promotion, Julie and her husband Brian moved to Glen Ellyn with their two young daughters. She started her volunteer career with the local homeowners association, then with the local school's PTC, the Girl Scouts, the Ulster Project and the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn. She also served several terms on the District 89 School Board. Julie's older daughter lives in Texas and her younger daughter lives in Madison, WI along with Julie's six and half year old grandson. Julie enjoys reading and is in three book clubs. Julie's mother-in-law was very active in AAUW in Delaware and she shared her enthusiasm with her. Julie is becoming familiar with the activities in our Branch and hopes to become involved in the film and cultural arts programs.



Member Records and Directory

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Please add the following updates to your directory :

New Members:

Hayes, Alison

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Neighborhood: S Glen Ellyn (7)

Miller, Joyce

AAUW No.: **AAUW Mbr. Date:**
Neighborhood: N Wheaton (2)

Nolan, Julie

AAUW No.: **AAUW Mbr. Date:**
Neighborhood: S Glen Ellyn (7)



Treasury

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Spring is here and with it comes member dues renewals that will be coordinated by Elaine Nissen. You will be receiving an email from Elaine explaining the renewal process at the end of April. Following this, you will receive an invoice from AAUW National. The easiest way to pay is to click on the link in the invoice and then put in your credit card information. If you pay by check, send the check to Elaine Nissen or bring it to the Book Sale. The sooner you pay, the easier it is for everyone, so remember the early bird saying and *go for the gold*. Oops I think that's a mixed metaphor. How about *early payment is good for the soul*. Same problem. Oh, well. You get the idea.



Book Sale

Carolyn Oesterle and Nancy Possinger
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Exciting News! We can now use the Clayton Room as well as the gym! We are coming to the finish line for Book Sale preparations. Thanks to all the great book haulers and sorters, we will have over 700 boxes for the Book Sale—30,000 books.

Publicity committee has spread the word about the sale on line and in print, and posters are being placed all about the towns. Yard signs should be placed before April 25. You can pick up your signs at the homes of Donna Jennings, Marilyn Wiedemann or Nancy Possinger.

If you have not signed up to help, contact Marla Felsten; try to work three or more sessions. We need lots of workers on Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, to set up for the sale.

Book Sale hours are Wednesday, May 9, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, with clean-up 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

You can download coupons on the website if you want to thank a big book donor or other helper. We have a lot of very nice books this year so we expect a great sale!



Cultural Arts

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Buffalo Theater Ensemble (BTE) from Peggy

Despite a feud between their families, Rosemary has been in love with her neighbor Anthony all her life, and Anthony has been too clueless and shy to notice. Set in rural Ireland, *Outside Mullingar* received a Tony nomination for best play. Written by John Patrick Shanley, this romantic comedy has all the charm, humor, and human insight as his Oscar-winning movie, *Moonstruck*. We will meet at 5:30 pm for wine and appetizers. A pre-show discussion will be held at the MAC at 6:45 pm (you are welcome to go to the discussion, or have another glass of wine), and the curtain is at 8:00 pm in the Playhouse Theater. Tickets can be purchased at the MAC box office.

From Suzanne--Thank you to all of you who joined the Cultural Arts trips to the Palmer House Hotel, *42nd Street*, *Women in Jeopardy*, and Jodi Cobb's *Stranger in a Strange Land*. I had a fun first term as Cultural Arts chair.

Throughout the summer I will be searching for events for our fall/spring program. I would appreciate your help in shaping this program. Please respond to my emails over the summer when I ask, "Would you be interested?" Based on the level of interest, I will submit a final program at the September Kick Off meeting. A tour of the Newberry Library is anticipated based on their renovation schedule. I look forward to your feedback and any suggestions that you have for the fall. Have a great summer!



Educational Opportunities Fund

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Good news. We have our first scholar for the Book Sale's Higher Education Incentive Award.

Hannah Clark, from Wheaton North High School, has a 3.9 GPA, been an active member of Student Council, mentors freshman students as part of the schools elite Link Crew program, participated in a mission trip to Austria last year, and will attend College of DuPage for her first two years of college with the goal of transferring to a four year college and becoming a physical therapist.

We are delighted to be able to help this worthy student attain her goals. Three more to go! Keep up your good work on the Book Sale to make dreams come true.



Legal Advocacy Fund

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An interesting AAUW supported case was argued before the Supreme Court on March 19, 2018. The case addresses whether revocation-on-divorce statutes violate the contracts clause of the Constitution. Several states, including Minnesota, have laws that require revocation of the primary beneficiary after divorce.

In 2002, Mark Sveen designated his wife Kaye Melin as the primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Later Minnesota amended its probate code to essentially automatically revoke life insurance beneficiary designations of a former spouse after divorce. Sveen and Melin later divorced. When Sveen died in 2011, Melin was still the primary beneficiary on the policy. The insurance company took procedural steps to determine whether the revocation-upon-divorce statute revoked this beneficiary designation.

The Sveen children and Melin have been in a legal battle over the benefits of this insurance policy. The court's decision has not been reported in the LAF newsletter.

This is one more example of how the contributions of AAUW members support the organizational goal of gender equality.



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:

- Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (the final item on our list).

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

Legislative Updates (*as Twigs goes to press*): ERA, Wage History, Gun Violence

ERA Amendment: The amendment (**SJRCA4**) passed the Senate. The Illinois constitution requires a super majority vote, i.e., 60 %, for any amendments to the US or Illinois constitution. Once both chambers pass **SJRCA4** with 3/5 votes, hopefully, by end-of-session deadline, May 31, it is sent directly to Washington DC. **No Governor vote is required.** However, since the resolution has some special rules associated with it, the journey of **SJRCA4** could last through the fall veto session and even be subject to a special two-day session in January, 2019. If not passed by January, the bill is dead, and AAUW-IL *persists* with a new bill and new legislature.

Check your local library for the availability of *Equal Means Equal*. The documentary explores the legal and social consequences women face as a result of our lack of status in the U.S. Constitution. You can download *Equal Means Equal* on Hoopla Digital via the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

HB4163 and **SB2333** are two new and pending bills, which have similar wording to **HB2462** re: equal pay/ wage history. Last fall the Legislature did not override Governor Rauner's veto of **HB 2462**.

Call your representatives to override the Governor's veto of **SB1657**, the Gun Dealer Licensing Bill. An override requires a 60% super majority vote.

Also, contact your representatives to get updates on and advocate for **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 1664, Amendment #1**- will create a Dangerous Person Hotline and toll free number to enable individuals to notify the Illinois State Police if they believe someone is a clear and present danger; and **SB 0559**, the Lethal Order of Violence Protection Act.

Make Some Noise! A phone call or visit-to-office contact works better than checking the legislative website for all bills discussed above. As bills move through the legislative process, the numbers that identify them often change, so the website is not always current.



The Branch has historically publicized the Book Sale with our yard signs, flyers and by sending articles to local newspapers. These efforts continue. But you may be wondering if we are also using online resources and social media. Here's what we are doing this year:

- The home page of the Branch website features the Book Sale's when, what, why and where, front and center. In the week before the sale, a printable coupon will be added to the home page.
- The Branch's two Facebook pages will include a picture and/or brief posting about the Book Sale at least once a week.
- We advertise the sale on *www.booksalefinder.com*. This is a website that lists used book sales across the nation; it is used heavily by big buyers of used books.
- The publicity community posts the details in the events calendars of four local *Patch.com* e-newspapers (Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lisle and Downers Grove).
- We maintain an email list of *Friends of the Book Sale*. About ten days before the sale, we send an email blast to these 160 previous customers who requested an annual reminder of the Book Sale. Our email includes a coupon for one free book with a purchase of at least \$10.

What can members do to help our online publicity efforts?

- You can send an email to your friends and neighbors with the details of the sale. You can mention that a coupon will be available on the Branch website, May 1. Don't forget to mention that proceeds provide scholarships.
- If you are on Facebook, you can mention the details of the Book Sale in a post. You can also share with your friends a posting from our Branch Facebook page.
- Use your yard sign! Take a picture, upload it to Facebook with the comment, "Hope to see you at the AAUW Book Sale!"
- Try to use Facebook to reach friends of friends. For example, I plan to tag my daughter in a Facebook post, asking her to share the Book Sale information with her Wheaton & Glen Ellyn friends. Even though she moved away several years ago, she keeps in touch with many former classmates. Remember that despite being technologically savvy, many Gen X, Y and Millennials still love the smell and feel of a good book.

Do these efforts help? Yes, they do! We received 170 Facebook *likes* within a few days after our first posting of a picture of a Book Sale yard sign. Since the Branch only has 135 members, we are definitely reaching an audience beyond our membership. Remember, we have 35,000 books to sell! Our goal is to get more people into that Civic Center gym. Once inside, the books will sell themselves. Have you ever seen a customer buy only one book?

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.



At 9:30 am, Friday, May 4, we meet at Kitty Johansson's home. The co-hostesses are Janet Arden and Patricia Spence. Nancy Possinger will lead our discussion of Martha Hall Kelly's *Lilac Girls*, a *NY Times* best seller. Inspired by true events, the novel is the story of Caroline Ferriday, a New York socialite who fought for a group of survivors of a Nazi concentration camp. The prisoners, known as the Ravensbrück *Rabbits*, were tortured in pseudoscientific experiments. Three women narrate the story: Kasia, a Polish political prisoner and a *Rabbit*; Herta, a Nazi physician; and Ferriday. The characters of the *Rabbits* are based on several survivors.

On June 1, we gather at Peggy Connolly's home to celebrate the end of this reading year. Watch for emails with more details about book selection (changed to June) and the potluck luncheon.



At 7:00 pm, Monday, May 21, PM Lit meets to discuss the classic *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, published in 1953. The novel presents a future American society where books are outlawed and *firemen* burn any that are found. Allene Harding will lead the discussion at the home of Kitty Johansson. Diane Serb is the co-hostess and will furnish the refreshments. Please let Kitty know if you will attend.

Although the Glen Ellyn Library is changing their system of obtaining books for book clubs, multiple copies of *Fahrenheit 451* should be available to us. And since June is our book selection month we should have no problems with the change.

Be thinking of books you would like to recommend. We will discuss how to handle the picks in May.

*No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading,
or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.* Confucius



We do not meet in May; our next meeting is June 27. We will be discussing *Can't Just Stop: An Investigation of Compulsions* by Sharon Begley. We will meet at Carolyn Oesterle's home and Claudia Finley will provide treats. Elaine Nissen will be our discussion leader.

Important News: On May 1, the Glen Ellyn Public library is joining a much larger consortium called SWAN. This new partnership will give us access to far more books than they have now, which means they can provide even faster service to our group. During the transition period starting April 1 through May 31, the library staff will not be able to process books that they borrow from outside their local area. Unfortunately, this will affect our book group; the library will not be able to supply books for meetings that occur between May 13 and July 21.

I know this will take a lot of patience, but I hope you can be flexible and consider alternatives. The library has a limited collection of titles just for book groups that they can share if you're interested. They can also see if any books are available at libraries within reasonable distance and have them placed on hold for you to pick up there.

The last bit of news is that Alex Hertzberg, the Reader's Advisory Librarian, has resigned effective April 20, and is being replaced by Carol Waller. She can be reached at 630-790-6744 or cwaller@gepl.org.



PM Non-Fiction

Ewa Bacon

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We will meet (after the great AAUW used Book Sale) on May 23, at Jean Lindsey's to enjoy John Pollack's *The Pun also Rises: How the Humble Pun Revolutionized Language, Changed History, and Made Wordplay more than some Antics*. Laura Desmarais will lead our discussion. Pollack tackles not only the brain regions involved in punning but also the long history of puns including the rise of the phonetic alphabet and Sumerian pictographs. Lots of anecdotes and lots of puns, as well.

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*. Kathy McCullough will lead the discussion at the July meeting at Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann's home. We are on our own for those two meetings. I hope we can creatively share resources with each other for this time period. Both books are available on Amazon as paperbacks, as well as used books.



History and Cuisine of Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor

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The Spanish began trading spices from Mexico in the mid 1500's, and its sea routes connected the global spice trade among the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe for two and a half centuries. Two of the most exquisite spices are indigenous to Mexico: vanilla (from orchids) and chocolate (from cacao). Although not native to Mexico, other spices are synonymous with Mexican cuisine: cilantro (Mediterranean), cumin (Persia) and oregano (Greece). All manners of chilies (chipotle, habanero, ancho, jalapeño - just a few of more than 100) are native to Mexico. Mexico is the world's leading exporter of chilies, and China is the world's leading consumer of them. Cuisines from different regions of Mexico developed different styles of cooking fish, beef, chicken, corn, beans and rice.

**What exotic deliciousness will you be sharing with us at the June 7 Mexican Spice Routes Fiesta?
Please let Peggy know by May 31.**



Spring Banquet
Monday, June 4, at Adelle's
535 W. Liberty Dr., 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 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 (bondykj@aol.com) if you have dietary concerns and we will make certain that you are accommodated.

MENU

PLATED SALAD

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

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

PLATED DESSERT

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE BROWNIE
raspberry sauce, whipped cream

Coffee, iced tea, soda

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 Karen Bondy 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



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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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**Spring Banquet Reservation Form
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 Karen Bondy by Tuesday, May 29. You may also bring your check to the Book Sale when you work.

Mail to Karen Bondy at



Luck Be an AAUW Lady Tonight!

A new feature of this year's banquet is door prizes.
Five very lucky attendees will go home with AAUW memberships.

Remember to bring some extra cash (or even your checkbook) to donate to the Branch Leadership Fund. This important donation augments our Branch budget for sending our members to leadership training and state and national conferences.

Our Branch is well represented on the State Board and is gaining a profile at the National level.
Please consider donating.

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