

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP

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A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

As summer closes, Sue and I feel tremendous gratitude for the wonderful Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Interest Group Chairs and Branch Members that made the first year of our term so enjoyable and productive. Sincere thanks to outgoing leaders Carolyn Oesterle, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann, Gail Davis and LaVonne Ruoff. While you all have our friendship, you have also earned our respect for your service to our Branch.

Over the summer your new Board of Directors met and began planning for our new fiscal year of programs and fundraising activity. Treasurer Elaine Nissen led our annual budget meeting and our Audit Committee, consisting of Don Westlake, Phyllis and Charles Goodman and Cathy SooHoo, convened and pronounced our records to be in good order.

We have great news to share about fundraising events this year. We are so happy that after working closely with Carolyn last year, Nancy Possinger has agreed to serve as the Book Sale Coordinator. Nancy is putting together committees to manage the workload and fine tune the machine that runs our sale. Please let Nancy know how you would like to serve in support of our primary fundraiser. Plans are already in motion for our annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. Margaret McGrath has announced the date of October 13, for this wonderful Saturday walk. Lastly, we are announcing a new fundraiser! Save the date of March 30. We are sponsoring an evening showing of movie short films made by women. Event Coordinator, Suzanne Gagner, in conjunction with LUNAFEST and Center Stage Theater in Naperville, is putting together an event that has us all very excited and happy to test a new fundraising option.

Program Vice Presidents, Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon, are not resting on their laurels from last year. Instead they have put together a terrific Kick Off meeting that showcases AAUW missions and emphasizes local action. In response to member feedback, they are also testing out meeting on a couple of Saturday mornings. Thanks to our Vice Presidents for implementing the program survey. We now know more about the preferences of our membership.

Looking forward to a wonderful new year and see you at the Fall Showcase Kick Off meeting!

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September 2018

September Kick-Off and Showcase Meeting

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Let's Talk About It!

A series of round-table conversations centered on current AAUW initiatives as well as an opportunity to learn more about current Branch interest groups and activities.

Saturday, September 8 9:00 am to Noon

Glen Ellyn History Center 800 N Main St. Glen Ellyn

> Program Vice Presidents: Janet Arden Donna Jean Simon

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information	
Sept. 7	AM Lit	9:30 am	Carolyn Oesterle's	
Sept. 8	Branch Meeting (Note: 2 nd Saturday)	9:00 am	Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main St., Glen Ellyn	
Sept. 12	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Donna Jean Simon's	
Sept. 14	Film Group	7:00 pm	Anne Hanley's	
Sept. 17	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Allene Harding's	
Sept. 26	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Ewa Bacon's	
Sept. 27	Cultural Arts Pre-Show BTE Curtain	6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Peggy Connelly's College of DuPage, McAninch Arts Center	
Oct. 4	Spice Routes	7:00 pm	Peggy Connelly's	
Oct. 5	AM Lit	9:30 am	Elaine Nissen's	
Oct. 10	Branch Meeting (Note: 2 nd Wednesday)	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main St., Glen Ellyn	
Oct. 13	Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run/Ride	9:00 am	Prairie Path at Glen Ellyn Public Library to downtown Wheaton	



Programs

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September Kick-Off and Showcase Meeting – Let's Talk About It! Saturday, September 8 9:00 AM to Noon The Glen Ellyn History Center

We begin the 2018-2019 program year with a series of round-table conversations centered on current AAUW initiatives: Pay Equity, Community Outreach and Public Policy, Membership and Women in Leadership, as well as a discussion around the results of our recent survey. Each session will be led by someone who has knowledge, experience and passion for the topic. We will break into small groups to facilitate rotating through these topics. You will gain valuable insights and provide input and ideas into how our Branch can move forward on these initiatives. We look forward to hearing what you have to say about these topics and initiatives. In addition to these round-table talks, there will be opportunity to learn more about current Branch interest groups and activities. There will be time to network and meet and greet colleagues as well as a short business meeting.

For those of you for whom Wednesday evenings are difficult, we are going to try holding several meetings on Saturday mornings as an experiment in the hopes that this will make it easier for additional members to attend. The majority of our meetings will still be held on Wednesdays as usual.

Looking ahead:

On October 10 (*Note – This is the second Wednesday in October*), we are very excited to welcome Dr. Ann Rondeau, the sixth President of the College of DuPage. COD has long been an important source of local pride and many of us have been actively engaged as students, employees, and members of the community it serves. Our Branch provides scholarships annually to young women from local high schools who attend COD. We are anxious to hear Dr. Rondeau's thoughts as she begins her third year.

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!



Do you have a friend or acquaintance whom you think would enjoy AAUW? Have you met someone over the summer who expressed an interest in our local Branch? If so, there is no better time to invite them to get to know about us than at our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch Kick-Off Meeting on Saturday, September 8, from 9:00 am to Noon, at the Glen Ellyn History Center. Membership dues will be discounted to a special rate of \$58.50, which is a superb value for all we have to offer!

Please welcome a couple of our newest members listed below:

Beverly Stevenson is originally from Kansas City and lived in St. Louis for 45 years before she and her husband moved to Glen Ellyn a year ago to be near her son and granddaughters, ages nine months and three and a half years. Beverly received her BS from the University of MO in Kansas City, majoring in English and Secondary Education. She later worked in public relations and edited a magazine for a large grocery chain there. Previous to moving, she also worked for ten years at the St. Louis Community College in admissions. Beverly likes to read, walk, spend time with family and is also exploring pickleball and golf. Beverly belonged to AAUW in St. Louis and looks forward to being a part of the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch.

Kathy Wessel was born in Fairbury, IL. She received her BS in English, Speech and Drama from Eureka College in Eureka, IL and her MS at University of Illinois, Chicago in Education. She taught English, Speech and Drama in middle school in Wheaton-Warrenville School District before retiring after 33 years of teaching. Kathy was on the Board of Trustees of College of DuPage from 1999-2011 and was a founding member of DuPage United. Kathy is currently on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Theater Ensemble at COD. She has been an ESL tutor and mentor of middle school alternative school students and continues to do substitute tutoring. Kathy loves reading, traveling and the theater and is interested in the arts and culture AAUW groups.

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 StatementAAUW 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.

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, March 30, 2019 Our Newest Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Fundraiser



This international festival featuring short films made by, for and about women is packaged as a fundraising opportunity by the Clif Bar nature bar company. Since it began in 2001, LUNAFEST has raised \$4.1 million and hosted 1,646 screenings. These films mirror AAUW's mission to promote and empower women.

Get ready to buy your ticket to our own LUNAFEST on Saturday,

March 30, 2019 at the Center Stage Theater in Naperville. Our evening will open with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and raffle baskets. The films will last approximately 2 hours with an intermission. It promises to be an entertaining and educational evening. Funds from this event will be used for our scholarship program.



LUNAFEST is making a mark in the industry by creating a platform for women's untold stories and working to increase opportunity for women filmmakers. LUNAFEST creates a lineup of short films directed by women and provides a tool-kit for all event planning. A portion of the events' proceeds are also donated to Chicken & Egg Pictures. LUNAFEST is sponsored by Clif Bar and Company, makers of Luna and Clif bars.



If you would be interested in working on our new fundraiser, please contact Suzanne Gagner.



Fall is here and the proposed 2018-2019 Cultural Arts list is ready. Sign-up sheets for these events will be available at each Branch meeting, but I will be happy to take your reservations by email or call at any time. For the 2017-2018 Cultural Arts members who responded to this list of events this summer, I have added your names to my sign-up lists. You do not have to respond again.

As the event dates approach, I will be in regular contact with the attendees to provide ticket information and site instructions. I hope you find the list of proposed events fun and interesting.

- October 28, Sunday, 3:00 pm, \$39/senior, *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe: A Love Story*, First Folio, Mayslake Peabody Estate.
- December 7, Friday, 8:00 pm, \$20/senior, **6th Annual Jazz Faculty Christmas Concert,** North Central College Madden Theatre, Naperville.
- January 27, 2019, Sunday, 6:00 pm, \$35, Joan Curto-Songs of the Leading Ladies, North Central College Madden Theatre, Naperville.
- March 22, 2019, Friday, 7:30 pm, \$55, **Take 6**, an intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B and pop, heralded by Quincy Jones as the "baddest vocal cats on the planet," McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage.
- April 2019, **Newberry Research Library**, arrangements are being made for a tour of the library with lunch at Bistro Zinc.
- May 3, 2019, Friday, 7:30 pm, \$55, **Dee Dee Bridgewater and the Memphis Soulphony**, American jazz singer, three-time Grammy Winner and Tony Award winner for *The Wiz*, McAninch Art Center, College of Dupage.

Additional Events: I have listed these additional performances for your information. I will not be organizing them as group events. Ticketing information is provided for your convenience.

- November 30, Friday and December 1, Saturday, \$50, **David Saliamonas** will perform two piano concerts at Eleanor's home, 630-858-3486, RSVP to Eleanor.
- Wheaton Drama, tickets at www.wheatondrama.org, 630-260-1820, 111 N Hale St. Wheaton. Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, September 14 through October 7 Silent Laughter, November 16 through December 9 Wit, January 18 through February 10, 2019 Murdered to Death, March 22 through April 14 2019. Sweeney Todd, May 24 through June 16, 2019

Buffalo Theater Ensemble from Peggy Connolly

Join us for three evenings of great camaraderie and outstanding theatre. We will meet at Peggy Connolly's home for wine, appetizers, and lively conversation before a Thursday performance of each of the Buffalo Theatre Ensemble plays. Purchase a season subscription or individual tickets if you can't make all dates. If you order by phone (630) 942-4000 or in person at the box office, the processing fee is waived (although a ticketing fee still applies). Friends and spouses are welcome at these gatherings.

We'll meet at Peggy's home at 6:00 pm, before heading to the McAninch Arts Center for the 8:00 pm curtain:

- Ding Dong or How the French Kiss, Thursday September 27
- Defiance, Thursday, February 7, 2019
- Miracle on South Division Street, Thursday, May 23, 2019

Please RSVP to Peggy so she knows if she needs more wine glasses!



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The EOF is quiet this time of year as our College of DuPage scholars start school. This year's crop is sending messages and excited to start classes. We begin our search for a Winter Banquet speaker. I welcome a new EOF committee, comprised of Tracy Kline and Karla Megow. Thanks to both them!



Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

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Walk, Run, Ride

Join us on Saturday, October 13, for our Branch fundraiser to support the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. We will walk the Prairie Path from Glen Ellyn to Wheaton.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award biennially honors an individual, project, organization or institution for outstanding contributions to education and equity for women and girls. The award can be given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, education and research, and legal and legislative work in equality for women and girls. The award focuses on education but recipients need not be an educator.

Last year our branch raised \$1245. It truly is a fun morning and a great way to network with other AAUW members. As an added plus, we pass by the farmers market in Wheaton. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. We'll meet at the parking lot of the Glen Ellyn Public Library and walk to downtown Wheaton on the Prairie Path.

Questions, contact me by email or phone 630-942-0980. Tax deductible donations payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP.



Public Policy

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AAUW National: AAUW opposes the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Read AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches' statement stating the AAUW position at *https://www.aauw.org/article/statement-opposing-confirmation-judge-brett-kavanaugh/* This link provides the talking points you can use in your communication with your federal legislators.

AAUW Illinois: Legislative veto session will be six days between, November 13 and November 29. This time period offers the final 2018 chance for our state organization to support or oppose bills that are central to AAUW public policy priorities. Branch members will be notified of opportunities for timely action.

The general election is **November 6.** Please encourage voter registration, especially of college students online *at https://ova.elections.il.gov*

Save the Dates for these candidate forums, details forthcoming:

- Sixth Congressional District Candidate Forum on September 16, Casten has accepted; Roskam has been invited but has not replied.
- County Forum/Judges Meet & Greet on a September date TBA.
- Illinois State Candidate Forum for Illinois State Senators and Representatives on September 27.

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Need more drama in your life? You will find an ample supply of it in *The Stars are Fire* by Anita Shreve, "an exquisitely suspenseful new novel about an extraordinary young woman tested by a catastrophic event and its devastating aftermath-based on the true story of the largest fire in Maine's history." Please join us for a discussion of this novel at 9:30 am, September 7, at Carolyn Oesterle's home. Elaine Nissen is discussion leader and Janet Arden is the co-hostess. We could use an additional co-hostess, any volunteers? Please let me know. Members are encouraged to carpool.

Looking ahead, AM Lit will meet at Elaine Nissen's home on October 5, to discuss *An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabih Alameddine. Ruth Schumacher and Suzanne Gagner are co-hostesses, still in need of a discussion leader.

The Glen Ellyn Library obtains a small supply of the selected books a month before the discussion. Those who hold a library card from another local library are also eligible to check out the books.



PM Lit

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Welcome to the new season, 2018-2019 PM Lit. We met in July for the discussion of *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly which we all really liked and were surprised by the different layers and depth of it. Equally surprising was that it was written by an 18 year-old! We also met in August to discuss *Sing*, *Unburied*, *Sing* by Jesmyn Ward. At the time of this writing we have not met so I have nothing to say about this book.

We meet Monday, September 17, at 7:00 pm, at Allene Harding's home to discuss *Outline* by Rachel Cusk. In Peggy's recommendation she wrote "Faye, a British novelist teaching a writing seminar in Athens, has an uncanny ability to get others to reveal deeply intimate details about themselves while divulging little about herself. Told through a series of ten conversations the revelations are of universal human experiences. Having no plot, the technical brilliance of this little gem is matched by its exquisite descriptions and startling insights into human nature." Allene is also the discussion leader and will provide the refreshments. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Remember the books for PM Lit are reserved for us on the second floor of the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

I don't believe in the kind of magic in my books. But I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book. J. K. Rowling



AM Non-Fiction

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Welcome back to our new and faithful non-fiction readers! We meet every other month beginning, October 24, when we discuss *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil de Grasse. We will meet at Phyllis Fogel's home at 10:00 am. Judy Sims will be our discussion leader and Donna Staples will provide the treats. We will have chosen our 2018-19 reading list by the time this September issue of Twigs is published. I will send out the new list after our August 22 meeting. The list will also be published on our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW website.

Note: I will ask the Glen Ellyn Public Library to gather books for each month's readings. The books will be available at the start of each month. Carol Waller is the Glen Ellyn Public Library Readers Advisory Librarian. She can be reached at 630-790-6744 or *cwaller@gepl.org* if you have questions regarding the book supply.

Please join the evening Non-Fiction readers for a discussion of Michael Lewis's *The Undoing Project.* We meet at 7:00 pm at Ewa Bacon's home (630-251-6843) on September 26. This book deals with our new understanding about how we make decisions. We have a number of cognitive biases which work as mental short-cuts. A familiar one is the "confirmation bias." We tend to pay attention to news we agree with and discount information which "doesn't fit." Lewis has written a dual biography of Tversky and Kahnemann who developed this field. It turns out that we make a lot of decisions based on intuitions which lead to faulty outcomes.

The Glen Ellyn Public Library once again is providing copies of our book for check-out.



History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes

Ewa Bacon, Peggy Connelly & Pat Kaczor

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After twenty-seven dinners and 6 years of ancient cuisine, now for something new. You may need to do some online or library research, but this an educational interest group after all! This year we're investigating United States cuisines, starting with menu selections from Mom and Pop restaurants along Route 66. The themes and dates for our Thursday 7:00 pm dinners:

National Parks Cuisine (Yes – it's a thing)

- October 4
- January 17, 2019
- Thursday March 21, 2019 Southwest Feast
- Thursday June 6, 2019 Gulf Coast Cuisine

Reservations will be accepted for the first 24 respondents for each dinner



Route 66 Mom & Pop Regional Restaurant Home Cooking

Route 66 Mom & Pop regional restaurant home-cooking

Route 66 stretched 2400 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles and sung of freedom, mobility, and optimism. Envisioned both as a way to connect the main streets of rural and urban communities and to develop industry and business from E-east to west, John Steinbeck's Mother Road birthed the first diner, drive-thru, fast food restaurant, soda fountain, truck stop, and 24-hour restaurant. The Main Street of America is romanticized not only as an iconic symbol of American spirit and enterprise, but also for down-to-earth home cooking.

Join us, October 4, as we explore this symbol of American heritage. Please let Peggy know by September 27, what delicacy you will pack as we cruise America's Highway. Space is available for the first 24 respondents.



Film Group

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Welcome to Film Group 2018-2019! We are a group of film aficionados who meet monthly to discuss a movie we see during the week before. These meetings alternate between the second Friday and second Saturday of each month, September through April. We meet in the homes of group members and a volunteer leads the discussion. I send out the film selection a week in advance and welcome your suggestions (volunteer hosts and discussion leaders get first pick!). Keep an eye out in your email for the full year's schedule, and please consider either hosting a gathering or leading a discussion.

Our first meeting will be on Friday, September 14, at my home. We will gather between 7:00 and 7:30 pm, and will begin our discussion immediately following. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to join us, please contact me.

Branch Programs 2018-2019

The Branch generally meets each month, September through April, excluding January. All meetings are open to the public. For further information, contact one of the Co-Vice Presidents, Programs, Janet Arden or Donna Jean Simon.

Kick-Off: Let's Talk About It!	College of DuPage Update	Native American Heritage Month
September 8, 2018 Saturday, 9:00 am to Noon	October 10, 2018 Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Note: 2 nd Wednesday)	November 7, 2018 Wednesday, 7:00 pm
A morning of round-table conversations on AAUW initiatives & Branch activities.	Speaker: Dr. Ann Rondeau Sixth President, College of DuPage	Speaker: Dr. Megan Bang Former faculty member in American Indian Studies, University of Washington
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Winter Banquet	Title IX	Morton Arboretum Library Resources
December 5, 2018 Wednesday, 6:00 pm.	February 1, 2019 Wednesday, 7:00 pm	March 2, 2019 Saturday, 9:00 am
Join us for this lovely event to hear our speaker, a recent recipient of an AAUW Fellowship or Research Grant.	Join us for this all-important look at one of our country's most important legislative efforts.	Meet to elect our officers and learn more about the riches of a local resource and enjoy AAUW networking.
Reserve 22 Restaurant Glen Ellyn Village Links	Glen Ellyn History Center 800 N Main St, Glen Ellyn	Morton Arboretum Sterling Library 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle
Lunafest	Spring Banquet	Conferences and Conventions
March 30, 2019 Saturday, 5:00 to 9:00 pm	May 20, 2019 Monday, 5:30 pm	AAUW-IL Northern Fall Conference October 6, 2018, Saturday Illinois Institute of Technology Rice Campus 201 E Loop Rd., Wheaton
In lieu of our usual April meeting, the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW is hosting LUNAFEST, a new cultural arts	Join us for this fun event when we celebrate our achievements for the year and install new officers. The	
event/fundraiser featuring award- winning documentaries by women filmmakers.	2019 COD scholarship recipients will also be announced.	AAUW-IL State Convention May 3 to 4, 2019, Friday to Saturday
Center Stage Theater 1665 Quincy Ave., Naperville	Adelle's 535 W. Liberty Dr. Wheaton	Crowne Plaza 3000 S Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield

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