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Twigs

November 2018

A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

It was a very interesting and exciting October Branch meeting. A big thank you to Program Vice Presidents Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden, whom at the last minute when our guest speaker, Dr. Rondeau, President of College of DuPage, informed them that she was unable to come, quickly reorganized the evening. Dr. Rondeau kindly sent us two of her outstanding professors, Dr. Sandra Martins and Professor Lauren Morgan, to fill in for her. Their talk on mentorship titled *Of Mutual Benefit: Sharing the Wealth of Your Experiences* was very informative. Our Branch, under the leadership of Laura Desmarais, is developing a system in which we will mentor the students and faculty on various AAUW initiatives. We also were all very surprised when Dr. Martins announced that the faculty had just received an email that afternoon announcing the resignation of Dr. Rondeau, who has just been hired to be President of the US Naval Graduate School, Monterey, California.

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 AAUW-IL Northern Fall Conference was a huge success thanks to our Branch Program Vice President, Donna Jean Simon, who is District Four Director. Donna Jean, along with the District Five Director, organized the conference. Our Branch was well represented by Lisa Cherry, Donna Jean Simon, Karen Schultz, Elaine Nissen and Julie Nolan. Be sure to ask them what they learned.

Remember to sign up for the Winter Banquet, December 5, at Reserve 22, Village Links in Glen Ellyn. We always have a great time visiting with each other and meeting one of AAUW's national level EOF scholarship recipients.

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

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!

Sue



November Branch Program

Speaker: Dr. Megan Bang

**The Impact of STEAM
(Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts, Math)
Education**

**7:00 pm, Wednesday,
November 7**

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

Program Vice Presidents:
Janet Arden
Donna Jean Simon

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
Nov. 2	AM Lit	9:30 am	Marilyn Wiedemann's.
Nov 6	Election Day	6:00 am	VOTE at your local polling place!
Nov. 7	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	The Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main St., Glen Ellyn.
Nov. 9	Film Group	7:00 pm	Susie Gullickson's.
Nov. 14	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Patricia Spence's.
Nov. 19	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Lisa Cherry's.
Nov. 28	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Donna Jean Simon's.
Dec. 5	Annual Winter Banquet	6:00 pm	Reserve 22 Restaurant, Village Links, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn.
Dec. 19	AM Non-Fiction	10:00 am	Sue Herrmann's.



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November Branch Program

The Impact of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Education Dr. Megan Bang

We return to our familiar first Wednesday evening schedule on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm, at the Glen Ellyn History Center where we will welcome Dr. Megan Bang, Senior Vice President of the Spencer Foundation, Northwestern University. Dr. Bang received her Ph.D. in Learning Sciences, College of Education, Northwestern University. She is formerly an associate professor of Educational Psychology and affiliated faculty in American Indian Studies, University of Washington.

Dr. Bang grew up in the Chicago American Indian community, so we are especially thrilled to welcome her during the first week of Native American Heritage Month. In addition, she is an articulate advocate for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math). In a review of her presentation last year at the Suwyn Family Lecture Series in Education, Washington State University, she spoke on *how STEAM education can bring about a just, sustainable, and thriving future for Indigenous communities*.

The Spencer Foundation was established in 1962 by Lyle M. Spencer. The Foundation is intended *to investigate ways in which education, broadly conceived, can be improved around the world*. The Foundation is dedicated *to the belief that research is necessary to the improvement in education and is committed to supporting high-quality investigation of education through its research programs and to strengthening and renewing the educational research community through its fellowship and training programs and related activities*. The Spencer Foundation gives grants up to \$50,000.

Vote!
November 6



Membership

Karen Schulz

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The weather may be turning cold outside, but there is plenty of warmth being spread around at our AAUW events. We are very excited to see so many of our newer members find a place to use their time and talents. AAUW is like any other organization, the more we put into it, the more we get out of it! Please continue to invite your friends and interested women to experience all we have to offer. Remember that our special discounted dues rate of \$53.50 is available to all who join at any one of our public events!

Please welcome our newest member, Linda Pabst, who grew up in North Riverside and currently resides in Glen Ellyn with her husband, Pat, with whom she has a son and daughter. Linda earned a BS in Home Economics and Health from Northern Illinois University and then went on to teach Home Economics and Health for 35 years at Lincoln Middle School in Berwyn, IL. Traveling, trying new restaurants and volunteering at Treasure House are a few of her interests. Being invited by Karen Schulz, Linda was quick to get involved at her very first event! She helped out with distributing and collecting the name tags at our last Branch meeting and we are very excited that she has agreed to continue helping out with the membership committee in the future. Linda is also looking forward to checking out the film and cultural events groups.

We are also very happy to welcome back a couple of members from the past, Carol Ginger and Leonore Neary. We are looking forward to learning more about all of them and finding out where they would like to get involved.

The following new and renewed members' information can be added to your directories*.

Pabst, Linda

Ginger, Carol

Neary, Leonore

*If you have not received your directory, please contact Karen Schulz by email or phone: 630-207-6130 to arrange for pick up. The directories for the out-of-town members are being mailed.



Treasury

Elaine Nissen

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Please remember *AmazonSmile* when purchasing for your holiday needs. Click on *AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch NFP* so your purchase will be counted towards a donation to our Branch. Log onto *AmazonSmile* rather than *Amazon*, follow the prompts. Thank you and enjoy the holiday season! See additional information on following pages.

Our Branch Fundraising Activities



Booksale

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We are in the midst of our community book drive that will last from October 15 through November 15. Posters have been placed in local businesses in Glen Ellyn and Wheaton. But the fact is, from the time our AAUW year starts in September to several weeks before the actual Booksale, we are always in book acquisition mode. We hope you will use all of the resources at your disposal to gather books of every genre for our sale. Some of the resources we use are, of course, our own collections of gently used books, and those of our friends, neighbors and relatives. If allowed, please publicize our sale and our book acquisition activities through websites to which you have access, such as that of your homeowner's association or other organizations to which you belong.

Another avenue that has been successful for us has been to attend estate or garage sales. We have found that there are such sales every weekend in Glen Ellyn, Wheaton and other local suburbs. Often the home owners are only too happy to support a local 501c3 organization that has benefited local girls and women for over 60 years by disposing of their unsold books for a tax deduction at the end of their sale. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann or Nancy Possinger if you need a tax deduction form.

Wherever you acquire books, please remember that donations can be dropped off at either the Glen Ellyn or Wheaton RE/MAX offices. Or if you have a large donation and need assistance with transporting your books to the locker, please contact Carolyn Oesterle. Books can also be dropped off directly at our locker located at Extra Space Storage, 1N372 Main Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

LUNAFEST

Suzanne Gagner

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SAVE THE DATE!!
Saturday, March 30, 2019



Our Newest Fundraiser - LUNAFEST - is an international film festival organized by Clif Bar & Company as a fundraising opportunity. LUNAFEST features short films made by, for and about women. Since it began in 2001 these film festivals raised \$4.1 million and hosted 1,646 screenings. These films mirror AAUW's mission to promote and empower women. Funds from this event will be used for our scholarship program.

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

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Cultural Arts

Suzanne Gagner

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The proposed 2018-2019 Cultural Arts season is outlined below. Sign-up sheets will be available at each monthly meeting. Please contact me if you would like to sign up for any of these events. As I proceed with ticketing for each event, I will be in regular contact with the attendees who have signed up to provide time and location information.

- December 7, 2018, Friday, 8:00 pm, \$20/senior, *6th Annual Jazz Faculty Christmas Concert* by North Central College Faculty at Madden Theatre, Naperville.
- January 27, 2019, Sunday, 6:00 pm, \$35, *Joan Curto, Songs of the Leading Ladies* at North Central College, Madden Theatre, Naperville
- March 22, 2019, Friday, 7:30 pm McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, \$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.
- April 2019, date TBA, 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, McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, \$55, *Dee Dee Bridgewater and the Memphis Soulphony*, American jazz singer, three-time Grammy Winner and Tony Award winner for *The Wiz*.

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.

- David Saliamonas will perform two piano concerts, Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, \$50, Eleanor Saliamonas' home, reservations to Eleanor at 630-858-3486.
- Buffalo Theatre Ensemble at the McAninch Arts Center.
Tickets sold at the MAC Box Office, 630-942-4000 and AtTheMAC.org. Peggy Connolly will host a pre-show party at her home before each of these performances. Details will be announced in Twigs.
Defiance Thursday, February 7, 2019
Miracle on South Division Street Thursday, May 23, 2019
- Wheaton Drama.
Tickets at www.wheatondrama.org, 630-260-1820, 111 N Hale St. Wheaton.
Silent Laughter November 16 through December 9, 2018.
Wit January 18 through February 10, 2019.
Murdered To Death March 22 through April 14, 2019.
Sweeney Todd May 24 through June 16, 2019.



Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

Susan Levy-Creed

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We have been busy securing a speaker for our December 5 Winter Banquet. We are fortunate to have confirmed the attendance of Naeema Torres, who has taken a break from a seven-year career in film and television distribution. Torres, with the aid of an AAUW Career Development Grant, is pursuing an MFA at Northwestern University, doing creative work in documentary film making. She will be with us after shooting her thesis in New Orleans and looks forward to sharing her interests and knowledge of urban life, ethnic identities, and the legacy of the largest slave rebellion in U.S. history. She should be a fascinating speaker.



Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

Margaret McGrath

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Walk, Run, Ride



This year's Eleanor Roosevelt Walk held on Saturday, October 13, was a sunny cool day for our walkers to enjoy. A few non-walkers were waiting to greet the walkers upon their arrival at Shane's Deli in Wheaton. All enjoyed coffee, cake and great conversation. At the time of Twigs publication, checks were still coming in so we will report the total amount we raised this year in the December Twigs.



Film Group

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Welcome to Film Group 2018-19! 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 discussion. I send out the film selection a week in advance and welcome your suggestions (volunteer hosts and discussion leaders get first pick!).

If you are not on the email distribution list and would like to join us, please contact me. Our November meeting will be on Friday, November 9, at the home of Susie Gullickson. We will gather at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

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



Springfield Scorecard: AAUW-1 vs. Illinois State Government-6

AAUW Public Policy *recognizes that gun violence is a public health crisis*. With that in mind, what has happened so far to seven gun control bills introduced in our current 100th Illinois Legislature?

HB 1465 (raise the age to purchase an assault weapon to 21) and **HB 1467** (ban the sale of bump stocks in Illinois) did not advance beyond being referred to Rules Committee.

HB 1468 (place a 72-hour waiting period on the sale of assault weapons) was subjected to a second gubernatorial amendatory veto. Neither legislative house responded. The bill is dead.

HB 1469 (limit the capacity of magazines to ten rounds) no longer appears on the legislative list of bills.

HB 1664, Amendment #1 (create a Dangerous Person Hotline and toll free number to enable individuals to notify the Illinois State Police if they have reason to believe someone is a clear and present danger) did not advance beyond being referred to Rules Committee.

HB 2354 (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 from an individual who poses an immediate and present danger of causing injury to one's self or another with a firearm) was passed and signed into law by Governor Rauner.

SB 1657 (firearms dealers must obtain five year licenses from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation). Governor Rauner vetoed.

Another loss? From Jenni Perdue, AAUW-IL Lobbyist:

Because Governor Rauner responded with an amendatory veto to **HB4163** (prohibit employers from asking prospective job candidates about wage and compensation history) our state organization urges us to contact our state legislators to override the veto. Veto override session begins, November 13.

Please share this information with others:

Learn about the candidates and referendums on your ballot by checking various trustworthy sources, including *IllinoisVoterGuide.org*, *Vote411.org* and *Ballotready.org*.

Find all candidates at *www.dupageco.org/Election/Candidates_and_Campaigns/37053*.



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. Those who hate Facebook, don't want to deal with political posts or be lured by ads – although it's pretty easy to block that kind of content. 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 Branch pages (Branch & Booksale). All AAUW pages are open to public view so you can check them out without joining Facebook.

Very important! If you do have a Facebook account, please *like* and *follow* our AAUW Facebook pages. When you like the Branch page, it appears in your newsfeed and the newsfeeds of your friends. That's how we spread the word. When an AAUW post appears in your newsfeed, please 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 Spence.



Our Branch Book Groups

AM Lit

Jean Lindsey

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Our November novel, *The Tsar of Love and Techno* by Anthony Marra, was described by the New York Times as *extraordinary...a twenty-first-century War and Peace*. The Library Journal states, *Marra creates characters full of love, repentance, despite their focus on KGB thugs, drug dealers and internet scammers*. He even includes a thread of hope in this novel of tightly interrelated stories.

We will gather at Marilyn Wiedemann's home at 9:30 am on Friday, November 2. Patricia Spence and Eleanor Saliamonas will provide hospitality and Jean Lindsey will lead the discussion. Please let Marilyn know if you plan on attending by either emailing her at *marilyn.mayer@gmail.com* or by calling her, 630-858-2091.

PM Lit

Phyllis Fogel

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PM Lit meets Monday, November 19 at 7:00 pm, to discuss *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. Lisa Cherry is our hostess and also the discussion leader. Two young people living in a war-torn city fall in love. There is much suffering and then people start discovering black rectangles where doors used to be. You can walk through to another place, another future. It was named by The New York Times as one of the Ten Best Books of 2017. Please let Lisa know if you are attending at *lisacherryhome@aol.com* or 630-790-2195.

The date of our May meeting has been changed to May 13, a week earlier than originally scheduled. Also, we do not meet in December but resume in January and we will be reading *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while.

PM Non-Fiction

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The PM Non-fiction group will meet on November 28 at 7:00 pm, at the home of Donna Jean Simon. Please let your hostess know if you are planning to attend. Margaret McGrath will lead our discussion. Donna Staples will be our co-hostess. Our selection for November is the highly praised *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Please join us and discover the joy of non-fiction reading.

Our next meeting is, January 23, at Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann's who will lead our discussion on the sensational *Barracoon* by Nora Hurston.

AM Non-Fiction

Sue Hermann

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We will meet at 10:00 am on December 19 at Sue Herrmann's home. We will be discussing *Hip Hop Genius*, by Sam Seidel. Cynthia Chand will be our discussion leader. Sue is asking everyone to bring an appetizer to share for a winter celebration and will provide the coffee and punch. Hope to see everyone, December 19.

Please Note: The Glen Ellyn Public Library reserves multiple copies of our books on the second floor. Those who hold a current library card from another local library are also eligible to check out the books.

Annual Winter Banquet



Co-Chairs: Debbie Ness and Frankie Robinson

Wednesday, December 5
Reserve 22 Restaurant, Village Links of Glen Ellyn
485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn

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

Conversation/Cocktails: 6:00 pm (cocktail server available to take cash order for all spirits).
Buffet Dinner: 6:45 pm (followed by after dinner speaker).

Buffet Dinner Service to include:

Sesame Ginger Salmon
Chicken Piccata with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce
Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce

Seasonal Grilled Italian Style Vegetables
Antipasto
Caesar Salad
Freshly Baked Bread

Gourmet Dessert Tray
Coffee/Tea

Reservation and Payment Deadline: Monday, November 26th.
NOTE: No extension to this deadline.

Please see reservation form on following page.

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*Editor's Note: It takes a team to get Twigs out to all of you.
I would like to acknowledge and thank these members that make it all possible!*

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision: Equity for all.

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December 5 Annual Winter Banquet Reservation Form



Deadline Date November 26

Name: _____ \$38.50 enclosed.

*****Please note this is a buffet dinner.*****

Please return this reservation form and check made payable to:

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to:

Any questions, please contact Debbie Ness at 734-604-3878 or Debbie.ness49@gmail.com

NOTE: The first 60 reservations for this wonderful event will be accepted.

*****NO RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26*****

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