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January 2019

A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

What a pleasure it was to close out the first half of our fiscal year with a memorable Winter Banquet. Debbie Ness and Frankie Robinson orchestrated a lovely buffet and festive atmosphere for which they have our sincere gratitude and the hope that this dynamic duo will repeat their effort next year!

The banquet gave Karen Schulz the opportunity to gather together those who joined the Branch in 2018 and we were able to celebrate their membership. Sue Herrmann reminded us of our philanthropy with contributions to EOF, LAF, AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and our local COD scholarships. Huge thanks to Susan Levy-Creed for bringing us a wonderful speaker who is a recipient of AAUW Educational Opportunity Funding. I was so impressed with the perception and wisdom of this young documentary film maker.

Also in the first half of our year, AAUW launched a bold new strategic plan that focused our work on the three critical areas where we can make the biggest difference: education and training, economic security and leadership. Many thanks to Donna Jean Simon and Janet Arden who made sure that our Branch programs reflected this plan. Programs enlightened us and utilized an interactive process. Online surveys have provided us with evaluation and feedback regarding programming.

In addition to mission-based programming, Suzanne Gagner and her LUNAFEST committee have launched us well on our way to a second goal of developing new fundraising vehicles. At the same time, Nancy Possinger and her Book Sale committee are moving full speed ahead with plans for our long time and most critical fundraising event. We are so grateful to both committees for their commitment and hope they eat their veggies and rest well to accomplish all that needs to be done in the months ahead!

Lastly, our Nominating Committee, consisting of Karen Schulz, Patricia Bernhold and Patricia Spence will soon begin meeting to provide us with a slate of officer nominees. The slate of President(s), Program Vice President(s) and Secretary will be voted upon at our March annual meeting. The service of this committee is appreciated by all!

See you at our February Branch meeting
and Happy New Year!

Lisa



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
Jan. 4	AM Lit <i>Note: New Location!</i>	9:30 am	Peggy Connolly's.
Jan. 9	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Patricia Spence's.
Jan. 11	Film Group	7:00 pm	Ewa Bacon's.
Jan. 14	PM Lit <i>Note: New Date!</i>	7:00 pm	Susan Levy-Creed's.
Jan. 17	Spice Routes	6:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's.
Jan. 19	Northwest Suburban AAUW Branch Naked Scavenger Hunt	1:00 pm	Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S Michigan Ave., Chicago. See Public Policy article for 11:00 am brunch details.
Jan. 23	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Marilynn Mayer Wiedemann's.
Jan. 27	Cultural Arts Joan Curto, Songs of the Leading Ladies	6:00 pm	North Central College, Madden Theatre, Wentz Fine Arts Center, 171 Chicago Ave, Naperville.
Feb. 1	AM Lit	9:30 am	Eleanor Saliamonas'.
Mar. 30	LUNAFEST	5:00 pm	Center Stage Theater, 1665 Quincy Avenue, Naperville.



Membership

Karen Schulz

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We had the privilege of welcoming 12 new members into our local Branch this past year bringing our total up to 131. As we move into 2019, we are looking forward to seeing them *spread their wings* and begin to use their talents and interests to become more involved in our Branch activities and committees. Please be sure to reach out and greet each of them to our Branch.

Class of 2018 New Members: Shannon Burgess, Carol Ginger Alison Hayes, Anne Kryger, Peggy McGrath, Joyce Miller, Leonore Neary, Julie Nolan, Linda Pabst, Barbara Roos, Bev Stevenson, and Kathy Wessel.

As we enter a new calendar year, let us all keep inviting our friends and acquaintances to come and share in the mission of AAUW through membership with our local Branch. February will be a wonderful time for visitors to come and experience the same warmth and united support we feel through the friendships we have developed within the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Branch.

Directories: If you have not received your directory, please contact Karen Schulz at *okschulz@aol.com* or by phone: 630.207.6130 to arrange for pick up. Thanks!

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

Our Branch Fundraising Activities



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WHAT?	LUNAFEST , a traveling festival of films written and produced by women, <i>that tell stories that have to be told.</i>
WHEN?	5:00 pm, Saturday, March 30, 2019.
WHERE?	Center Stage Theater, 1665 Quincy Avenue, Naperville.
WHY?	To raise funds for scholarships for local girls.
TICKETS?	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunafest-naperville-il-tickets-52068243518 Paper tickets will be available for purchase in January.

Planning for this exciting new fundraiser is underway. The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2:30 pm at Mary Sue Brown's house in Glen Ellyn. We will be working on publicity, promotions, and raffle prizes. Join Us!

Even if you cannot commit to helping on the committee:

- You CAN help by soliciting or donating \$25 or \$50 gift certificates from some of your favorite hair stylists, nail salons, massage therapists, restaurants, stores, etc. All gift certificates will be hung on a Raffle Tree for selection by our raffle winners.
- You CAN buy tickets for your family.
- You CAN promote the event to friends and other organizations.

When we fill the 190 seats at Center Stage Theater, we will be raising over \$3000 for our scholarship funds.



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.

Editor's Note: More on Book Sale activities in the next issue.



Sold Out, January 27, 2019, Sunday, 6:00 pm, \$27, **Joan Curto, Songs of the Leading Ladies** at North Central College, Madden Theater.

NOTE: I have reserved a block of 15 tickets each for **Take 6** and **Dee Dee Bridgewater**. Pricing and ticket information will be provided after Christmas.

Seven tickets left, March 22, 2019, Friday, 7:30 pm, McAninch Art Center, College of Dupage, \$54.

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 - **Newberry Research Library**, arrangements are being made for a tour of the library with lunch at Bistro Zinc.

Seven tickets left, May 3, 2019, Friday, 7:30 pm, McAninch Art Center, College of DuPage, \$63,

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.

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble at the McAninch Arts Center

Tickets sold at the MAC Box Office, 630-942-4000 or AtTheMAC.org. Peggy Connolly will host a pre-show party at her home before each of these performances.

- *Defiance*, Thursday, February 7, 2019.
- *Miracle on South Division Street*, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Wheaton Drama, 111 N Hale St. Wheaton

Tickets at www.wheatondrama.org or 630-260-1820.

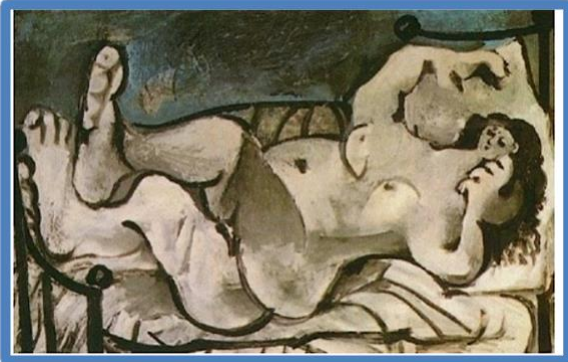
- *Wit*, January 18 to February 10, 2019.
- *Murdered to Death*, March 22 to April 14, 2019.
- *Sweeney Todd*, May 24 to June 16, 2019.

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

Vision: Equity for all.

Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.





Celebrate the 19th Amendment, Saturday, January 19, 1:00 pm, with the Northwest Suburban AAUW Branch. Go on a **Naked Scavenger Hunt!** Take an unabashed look at nudity at the Art Institute of Chicago. You will look at bathing beauties, peeping Toms, sultry sirens, a musclemen who will ruin his birthday suit while wrestling a lion, a woman enjoying a golden shower from Zeus, cads and cuckolds, provocative Picassos, dangerous natives, a mystic who has gone too far with the Slim-Fast, and much more.

- Event tickets cost \$35 plus museum entrance which will be \$20-22 depending on the total number of participants (if you already have an AIC membership you get in free as well as those accompanying you, depending on the number of entrants your membership allows).
- **Optional** Brunch at Seven Lions across the street from the Art Institute. Meet at 11:00 am promptly.
- Please RSVP by sending a check for \$35 per participant made out to Cindy Grau to 412 Lake Avenue, Park Ridge, IL, 60068. **Please include your email address for further communication.** Cindy will compile an email list of all the paid RSVP's, so she can poll those individuals who want to have brunch. She will make reservations accordingly.

To date, organizers of the Chicago Women's March are not planning a January 19 event due to the effort expended on the Fall, 2018 March to the Polls. The Northwest Suburban AAUW Branch organized the AIC experience to connect with other AAUW members and to celebrate the 19th Amendment on the 19th in Chicago.



Visit our Branch Facebook page at Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW to see the 22 photos from our successful Winter Banquet. When you do, make sure to click on *Like* and *Follow*. While you are in Facebook, be sure to check out the updates on our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale page. *Still in a social media mood?* Go to our Branch website at wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net (always available by googling AAUW). See all the updates about **LUNAFEST** and so much more!



Our Branch Book Groups

Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere. Jean Rhys

AM Lit

Jean Lindsey

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Please note **change of location** for January AM Lit!

AM Lit will welcome the new year on January 4, with a discussion of *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. Phyllis Fogel has volunteered to lead the discussion and Peggy Connolly will host the group. Please let Peggy know if you will be in attendance. Diane Serb and Susan Levy-Creed are the co-hostesses. We will gather at 9:30 am.

Kirkus Review describes the novel as *Set in the late 1930s in Manhattan, this saga of a bright, attractive and ambitious young woman whose relationships with her insecure roommate and privileged Adonis they meet in a jazz club are never the same after the accident.* This is Amor's first novel, his second was *A Gentleman in Moscow*.

Up next: In February, we will read *Pachinko* by Min Lin Lee. Elaine Nissen will lead the discussion at Eleanor Saliamonas' home. Stephanie Zvirin and Jean Tufano are co-hostesses.

PM Lit

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ALERT! PM Lit's date was changed to **Monday, January 14**, to accommodate our hostess and discussion leader, Susan Levy-Creed. It was discussed and agreed to move it up one week at the November meeting from the original date of January 21. We will be discussing *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Split between Tennessee in 1939 and South Carolina in the present day, it is based on one of the biggest scandals in American history.

Please let Susan know if you are attending at *susanlevycreed@gmail.com* or 630-721-6287. *Remember it is a week earlier than usual so mark your new calendars for January 14.*

PM Non-Fiction

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The PM Non-Fiction group will meet on Wednesday, January 23 at Marilyn Mayer-Wiedemann's home who will also be our leader in our discussion of Nora Neale Hurston's *Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"*. Only published in 2018, this book is the report of anthropologist Hurston's 1927 astonishing interview of Cujo Lewis, a man seized by African slavers and illegally transported to the United States 50 years after slave trade was outlawed. Hurston captures Cujo's dignified voice and carefully reconstructs his African and American experiences. Please let Marilyn know if you are coming to this meeting.

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.*



History and Cuisine of Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly and Pat Kaczor

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For the first Spice Routes dinner of 2019, we will explore the cuisine of the national parks on Thursday, January 17. The great lodges of the national parks date back to 1903, when Northern Pacific Railroad officials built a lodge in Yellowstone Park, crafted from local logs and stone. The magnificent Old Faithful Lodge became the model for national park architecture. The national parks do not have a cuisine as such, but the way to approach this challenge is to find menus from the great lodges and choose one of the delicious offerings to prepare for our feast. Please let Peggy know by January 10, what you will be bringing.



Film Group

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January's Film Group meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, January 11 at the home of Ewa Bacon. We will be deep into Oscar season, so there should be some great options for us to view and discuss! Check your email for the film selection the weekend before the meeting. If you are not on the email distribution list and would like to join us, please contact me.

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