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# Twigs

March 2019

## A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

### 100K for Equal Pay! AAUW Members are Called to Action!

You are already probably aware of AAUW's national focus on economic security for women. Our strategic plan sets the goal of pay equity by 2030. This will be accomplished by championing pay equity legislation federally and, in all states, and by leading the nation in providing salary negotiation programs for employees and employers.

We know that our membership supports this effort and is willing to act in support of these goals. That is why our national leaders are asking that we ALL become involved. As a first step, please register for Work Smart Online at [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org). This is our new, free course that teaches women salary negotiation skills. Even if the curriculum doesn't seem directly relevant to you, we need all members to familiarize themselves with the material and become ambassadors in their communities for pay equity.

After you have looked at the material, ask 20 contacts to register online and finish the tool as time permits. Think about organizing groups at libraries or community centers to gather and explore the tool. We need everyone's help to train 100,000 women in Work Smart online by August. We have a very generous corporate funder who supported the development of the tool and will be gauging the benefit of their philanthropy by the results of this drive!

**LUNAFEST** is finally here! We get to enjoy the huge fundraising effort of Suzanne Gagner and the entire committee on March 30. Now is the time to buy your tickets, contribute with gifts cards to be raffled and/or become a donor or event sponsor.

See you at the Arboretum and then we finish the month with **LUNAFEST**!



*Lisa*



## The Amazing Adventures of the Plant Hunters!

Presented by Rita M. Hassert  
Library Collections Manager  
Sterling Morton Library

Saturday, March 2  
9:00 am to Noon  
(Note: Day/Time Change)

Sterling Morton Library  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Illinois Route 53  
Lisle, IL

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Program Vice Presidents:  
Janet Arden  
Donna Jean Simon

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
March 1	AM Lit	9:30 am	Jean Lindsey's.
March 2	Annual Branch Meeting <i>Note Change in Day/Location</i>	9:00 am to Noon	Sterling Morton Library, Morton Arboretum, 4100 IL Rt. 53, Lisle.
March 8	Film Group	7:00 pm	Barb Roos's.
March 13	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Nancy Possinger's.
March 15	Update Book Sale Signs Pizza Party	9:30 am	Nancy Possinger's.
March 18	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Phyllis Fogel's.
March 21	Spice Routes	6:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's.
March 27	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Jean Lindsey's.
March 30	<b>LunaFest</b>	5:00 pm	Center Stage Theater, 1665 Quincy Avenue, Naperville.
May 20	Annual Spring Banquet	5:30 pm	Adelle's Fine American Fare, 535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton



### Programs

**Janet Arden & Donna Jean Simon**

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### The Amazing Adventures of the Plant Hunters! 9:00 am to Noon, Saturday, March 2 Morton Arboretum

Espionage, intrigue, bravery, and danger aren't just topics found on the nightly news; they can also be found in the stories of the plant hunters. Learn about these amazing men and women who traveled to remote areas, faced incredible challenges, and discovered new plants that today grace our garden and our table.

After surviving the Polar Vortex and snow and ice, it is time to change our routine and head to the Morton Arboretum on the first Saturday morning in March. **The Amazing Adventures of the Plant Hunters!** will be presented by Rita M. Hassert, Library Collections Manager at the Arboretum's Sterling Morton Library. Everyone who attended our first meeting there two years ago loved the program and the setting, so we are anxious to return. Ms. Hassert is one of our all-time favorite presenters.

The Arboretum has graciously waived guest parking fees for Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW members and their guests on that morning. Just indicate your affiliation when you pull up to the gate. There is a dedicated parking lot just behind the library that can be used. Feel free to enjoy the Arboretum after the meeting!

Please note that this is also our Annual Meeting at which we will elect officers for the 2019-2020 term. This will also be a good time to purchase **LUNAFEST** tickets, if you have not yet done so.

Looking ahead . . . .

Read about **LUNAFEST**, our April meeting and potluck, the Book Sale, and our Spring Banquet elsewhere in Twigs.



## **Membership**

**Karen Schulz**

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At our February Branch meeting, we were happy to introduce and welcome back one of our previous members, Leonore (Lee) Neary, bringing our Branch membership total to 132.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

I would like to give a big thanks to the committee members, Patricia Bernhold and Patricia Spence, who worked along with myself to secure the following slate of candidates for 2019-2020:

<b>Co- Presidents:</b>	Janet Arden and Donna Jean Simon
<b>Co Vice Presidents, Program:</b>	Nancy Daly and Frankie Robinson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Tracy Kline

Be sure to come to our March Branch meeting to enjoy a very interesting program and participate in the election of officers which will be held in the Sterling Library at the Morton Arboretum. The event will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 2 and will also provide the opportunity to stay as long as you would like at the Arboretum.

### **Directory Updates**

**Ginger, Carol**

**Kotecki, Roger**

**Neary, Leonore**

***Membership continued . . . . .***

Member-to-Member Business Networking Directory Listing  
Leonore Neary

**Pabst, Linda**

2025-2026

**Rebman, Johanna**

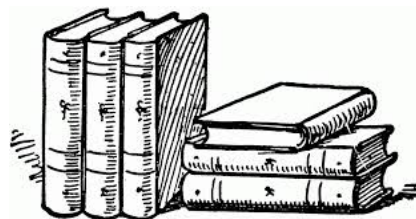
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**Save the Date for the Spring Banquet  
Adelle's Fine American Fare in Wheaton  
Monday, May 20  
Social time with cash bar begins at 5:30 pm  
followed by dinner at 6:15 pm**



**Complete details with menu choices and reservation information  
will be in the April issue of Twigs**

## Our Branch Fundraising Activities



**LUNAFEST**

**Suzanne Gagner**

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**After ten months of planning, LUNAFEST is here!**

It is a traveling festival of films written and produced by, for, and about women. The festivals have enabled women's causes nationwide to raise over \$4 million dollars in ten years. **Please see film selections on the following page.**

**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.

**DETAILS?** A reception with hors d'oeuvres, beverages, a cash bar, and raffle ticket sales will be followed by eight short films.

**TICKETS?** A link to ticket sales is located on the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW website and Facebook pages. You can also go to this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunafest-naperville-il-tickets-52068243518>

**Local ticket sales available at the March 2 Branch meeting at Morton Arboretum or you can email your request to me at [petalpower1@yahoo.com](mailto:petalpower1@yahoo.com)**

**The planning committee is busy looking for ways to increase  
TICKET SALES, SPONSORSHIP DOLLARS and GIFT CERTIFICATES.**

Even if you cannot commit to helping on the committee:

- You **CAN** help by soliciting OR donating a \$25 or \$50 gift certificate 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 Film Lineup**  
**Saturday, March 30**



**FLIP THE RECORD**

by Marie Jamora

*In this 1980s coming-of-age story set to pulsing hip-hop music, a Filipino-American teen discovers her identity through a budding talent for turntablism.*



**DRUMMER GIRL**

by Sophie Hexter

*A woman's life changed in the blink of an eye. Music set her free.*



**THE FINAL SHOW**

by Dana Nachman

*A woman who has lived a long life full of love and loss has to decide, based on all that she has learned, who to take along to eternity.*



**ARE WE GOOD PARENTS?**

by Bola Ogun

*When a couple's 14-year-old daughter says she's going to her first dance with her classmate, they question their preconceived notions of her sexuality and their openness as parents.*



**MY IMMIGRANT STORY**

by Yuriko Gamo Romer

*The hot-button issue of immigration inspired the director to reflect on her own path to American citizenship.*



**TODAY, TOMORROW, YESTERDAY**

by Jackie Files

*A young woman finds her old diaries while moving out of her childhood bedroom and learns to make peace with herself.*



**WAR PAINT**

by Katrellle N Kindred

*A young black girl in South Los Angeles experiences a series of events that intersects racism and sexism during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.*



**UR DEAD TO ME**

by Yonoko Li

*A dried-flower delivery woman gets a glimpse into the cycles of love and loss.*

**Book Collection Progress:** As of this writing, we have **406 packed boxes** in our locker filled with books of every genre.

**Sign-Up Genius:** This month we have spent a lot of time road-testing *Sign-Up Genius*, our online Book Sale week sign up site. This is a departure from previous years when we have manually entered our work date and time preferences on paper forms. Our first round of testing was with seven AAUW members chosen at random. The second round was with our consulting committee. Feedback from those groups has been overwhelmingly positive. The site is intuitive, user friendly and slick.

Just prior to our April 3 Branch Pot Luck Social each member will receive an *Invitation to Sign Up* email from our administrator, Karen Bondy. You can sign up on your tablet or phone by clicking on the invitation email link. Once you have registered and created a password, you can make your date and time selections. After selections have been made, you can go back in at any time to add, change or delete sessions. You can also input a comment if there is something about your selection that an administrator, the Book Sale Coordinator or Day Captains will need to know. For example: *I need to leave for a half hour at 3:00 pm.*

In addition to the confirmation email that each member will receive automatically upon completing a sign up, the program has the ability to allow the administrator to send a reminder to **only** those who have **not** yet signed up. In addition, a reminder can be sent to all sign ups a few days before the sale.

### Reminders of Upcoming Events:

- On **Friday, March 15**, we will have the second of three events, our annual Update the Signs Pizza Party. Our yard signs stand as the single most effective way that our communities learn about our Book Sale-when it is and where it is every year. This year, we need to get the word out effectively that we will hold the sale at a new venue, the First United Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn, which is at the corner of Duane and Forest, just east of the Civic Center. We hope you will join us on March 15 at 9:30 am at Nancy Possinger's home! This has always been a fun time for us to get together and complete this important task.

*We still have about 30 yard signs unaccounted for. Please bring them with you on March 15.*

- On **Wednesday, April 3**, we will have a special Branch meeting which will be a potluck social at the Glen Ellyn History Center at 7:00 pm where we will have wine and food and plenty of camaraderie interspersed with opportunities to sign up to help with the final tasks leading up to our Book Sale. And we will have the opportunity for you to sign up online that night for the times you would like to help during Book Sale week.







The AAUW Cultural Arts season is at an end, and it was a lot of fun. Thank you to all of the members who learned, laughed and applauded along with me this year. What an earful we got!!

I will be sending an email to **Take 6** and **Dee Dee Bridgewater** attendees to make final arrangements.

**Take 6:** Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm, McAninch Art Center, College of DuPage. An intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B and pop. Heralded by Quincy Jones as *the baddest vocal cats on the planet*.

**Dee Dee Bridgewater and the Memphis Soulphony:** Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm, McAninch Art Center, College of DuPage, \$65. American jazz singer, three-time Grammy Winner and Tony Award winner for *The Wiz*.

Our **Newberry Library Tour** is postponed until fall.

**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 MAC**

Tickets sold at the MAC Box Office, 630-942-4000 and [AtTheMAC.org](http://AtTheMAC.org).  
Peggy Connolly will host a pre-show party at her home before this performance.  
*Miracle on South Division Street*, Thursday, May 23.

#### **Wheaton Drama**

Tickets [www.wheatondrama.org](http://www.wheatondrama.org) and 630-260-1820, 111 N Hale St. Wheaton.  
*Murdered to Death*, March 22 to April 14.  
*Sweeney Todd*, May 24 to June 16.



We have contacted the local scholarship coordinators for Glenbard West, Glenbard South, Wheaton North and Wheaton-Warrenville South high schools. They have all responded enthusiastically and will be seeking candidates for our local College of DuPage scholarships. We will not know more until spring, but we are sure to have interesting and worthy young women recommended for us. *Remember, these young women are part of why we work so hard at the Book Sale.*

**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.







**Washington Update:** Contact your member of the U. S. House of Representatives to request his/her support for:

- **HR 8**, a bill that creates universal background checks for gun ownership (see also Illinois SB 337 below).
- **HR 1**, i.e., *For the People Act*, which restores the Voting Rights Act; modernizes the financing of elections through small donor matching funds; and ends gerrymandering in an attempt to restore transparency in government.
- **HR 7**, i.e., *The Paycheck Fairness Act*, which helps close the gender pay gap. Speaker Pelosi has committed to passing the bill out of the House on April 2, Equal Pay Day.
- (See the AAUW 2017-2019 Biennial Public Policy Action Priorities as the source of advocacy for the recommended legislative action.)

**Springfield Update:**

- On Jan. 17 Gov. Pritzker signed **SB337**, the Gun Dealer Licensing Act/Combating Illegal Firearms Act into law. (AAUW Public Policy: *AAUW recognizes that gun violence is a public health crisis.*)

**Updated Elected Officials Contact Information:** As made available, additional contact information will be published in Twigs:

- **Rep. Sean Casten**  
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- **Suzy Glowiak**  
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**VOTE:**

- **February 12 to February 26:** Vote in the AAUW Art Contest <https://www.aauw.org/contests/> Vote for our Branch member's work! **Mary Sue Brown** has two entries: *Ginkgo* and *Jack-in-the-Pulpit*.
- **February 28:** LWV Wheaton Candidate Forum for the Consolidated Election. See link for detailed information: <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/wheaton/event/wheaton-candidates-forum>.
- **March 16:** LWV Glen Ellyn Candidate Forums for Local Elections (Districts 41, 87, 89, COD and the Park District) beginning at 8 am. at the Glen Ellyn Police Department.
- **April 2:** Consolidated Election for the Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials.



## Our Branch Book Groups

*Some books you read. Some books you enjoy. But some books just swallow you up, heart and soul.*  
Joanne Harris

### AM Lit

**Jean Lindsey**

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On March 1, LaVonne Ruoff will lead the AM Lit discussion of *The House of Broken Angels* written by local author Luis Alberto Urrea. We will gather at Jean Lindsey's home at 9:30 am; Suzanne Gagner and Ruth Schumacher will provide the refreshments. The Washington Post critic describes *The House of Broken Angel* as a *big, sprawling, messy, sexy raucous house party of a book, a pan-generational family saga with an enormous, bounding heart, a poetic delivery and plenty of swagger*. What more could you ask for in a novel?

Looking ahead: *Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo is the April 5 selection at Sue Herrmann's house with Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann leading the discussion and Pat Kaczor providing the refreshments.

*Please note that in May we will be meeting the second Friday of the month, May 10, because our original date conflicts with the Book Sale.*

### PM Lit

**Phyllis Fogel**

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PM Lit meets Monday, March 18, 7:00 pm at the home of Phyllis Fogel who will also lead the discussion of *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. It is one of the New York Times 100 Notable Books of 2017 and Time Magazine as one of its top ten novels of 2017. One of Egan's previous books, *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize. Please let Phyllis know if you will be attending at 630-629-7911 or email.

In *Manhattan Beach*, very few things are what they appear to be. In the opening pages an 11-year-old girl named Anna Kerrigan, her father Eddie, and an underground figure named Dexter Styles meet. Though this encounter in 1934 is brief, their fates have just become inextricably intertwined. The mystery is not whether these three will meet again, but when.

In April we're reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. We need to select two books for July and August so the library can gather them for our use. Bring any ideas you have and we can decide our summer reads.

### PM Non-Fiction

**Ewa Bacon**

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The next meeting for our reading group is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27 at the home of Jean Lindsey and Margaret McGrath will be the co-hostess. Kathy McCullough will lead our discussion of the provocative and current book by Barbara Ehrenreich, *Natural Causes: An Epidemic of Wellness, the Certainty of Dying, and Killing Ourselves to Live Longer*. Ehrenreich raises the issue of how much testing, how much health monitoring is actually necessary? What is the cellular basis of aging and how much control do we have over this process? In turns funny and sarcastic, Ehrenreich asks some uncomfortable questions and never tries to answer for you.

As always, please check the book group reserve shelf at the Glen Ellyn Public Library to borrow a copy. Please let Jean know if you are planning to come.

*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**

**Ewa Bacon, Peggy Connolly & Pat Kaczor**

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Our next Spice Routes dinner, Thursday, March 21, will feature Southwestern cuisine. This fare developed as a rustic fusion of Spanish, Mexican, Basque, Asian, Native American, and cowboy influences. Spices, indigenous plants and animals, and simple, fresh ingredients are associated with Southwestern cuisine, as are distinctive, vibrant tastes and textures. Please let Peggy know by March 14 what you will be bringing.



## **Film Group**

**Anne Hanley**

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March's Film Group will meet on Friday, March 8 at 7:00 pm at the home of Barb Roos. The Oscars will be behind us, and the free Global Flicks film festival at College of DuPage will be in full swing (Wednesdays at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm, February 20 through March 20). Marilyn Wiedemann is taking the reins while Anne is in Brazil (March through July). Thank you, Marilyn!

Check your email for the film selection the weekend before the meeting. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to join us, please contact her at [marilyn.mayer@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.mayer@gmail.com).

Note: we have NO hosts for meetings after March 2019. If you are interested in hosting or in chairing the Film Group for the next few months, please let Marilyn know as soon as possible.

### **The Twigs Team**

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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!***

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