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April 2019

A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE!

It does not matter if you have worked at our Used Book Sale for decades or if you are a new member and this year will be your first one. There is just nothing to compare to the all out, all hands on deck experience of



our primary fundraising event. There is also no doubt that it has run like a finely tuned machine and has helped to defray the cost of education for local young women. Book Sale has never been broken, but this year we have implemented some new *fixes* anyway.

Nancy Possinger, her steering committee and volunteers have been at work all year. Now it's time for all of us to use the new online sign up system to let them know what hours we will commit to work. Also, new this year is the April 3 Branch meeting that is a potluck devoted entirely to the Book Sale. Food, fundraising and fun!

Please don't forget to be an ambassador for our new AAUW Work Smart free online course. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a one page explanation of the program. AAUW at the national level is asking us all to go online and register for the course. Take a look at what is in the module and tell everyone you know about our effort to close the gender pay gap by training women to negotiate salary and benefits. Major additional corporate funding awaits us if we are successful with launching this course. We need 100,000 people (open to all) to register for the module by the end of August.

See you at Book Sale!

Lisa

First Ever All Branch Book Sale Potluck Kick Off!



Join us at for what promises
to be a delicious potluck
dinner with a side of
Book Sale sign-ups!

Wednesday, April 3
7:00 pm

Glen Ellyn History Center
800 N Main Street
Glen Ellyn

Program Vice Presidents:
Janet Arden
Donna Jean Simon

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
April 3	Branch Meeting Book Sale Potluck Kick Off	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N Main St., Glen Ellyn.
April 5	AM Lit	9:30 am	Sue Herrmann's.
April 10	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Mary Sue Brown's.
April 13	Film Group	7:00 pm	TBD
April 15	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Allene Harding's.
April 24	AM Non-Fiction	10:00 a m	Carolyn Oesterle's.
April 29- May 4	Book Sale Week	Varied	First United Methodist Church, 424 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn.
May 20	Annual Spring Banquet	5:30 pm	Adelle's Fine American Fare, 535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton.



Programs

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You're Invited! First Ever, All Branch Book Sale Potluck Kick-Off!

Please join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3 at the Glen Ellyn History Center for what promises to be a delicious potluck dinner with a side of Book Sale sign-ups.

Good food and good friends always go together, so what could be better than a chance to dish about the success of **LunaFest**, our latest reads in our AM and PM book groups, where to go next with Title IX, and all the other conversations we have been meaning to have. At the same time, we will be crossing off some important tasks on the way to a successful Book-Sale.

How does this work?

- If you did not sign up at the March 2 meeting, just email *janarden@icloud.com* with your RSVP and indicate whether you will be bringing an entree, a side or a dessert (Cannot decide on a dish? Say you'll surprise us, but please RSVP.)
- Sign up to work at the Book Sale. If you have not done so already, computers will be available for you to use Sign Up Genius and help us fill the work schedules for the Book Sale.
- Pick up a yard sign (or two or three). We are hoping to have them in place two weeks before the sale opens.
- Pick up flyers and bookmarks for distribution to local businesses, friends, and neighbors.
- Have fun! After this long, long winter we all need a break!

**Please Congratulate Our Newly Elected
2019-2021 Slate of Officers!**

Co-Presidents: Janet Arden & Donna Jean Simon
Program Co-Vice Presidents: Nancy Daly & Frankie Robinson
Secretary: Tracy Kline

**Karen Schulz & Elaine Nissen will continue their terms as
Membership Vice President & Treasurer respectively through
2020.**



At the March 2 Branch meeting, we had the privilege of welcoming some visitors who have joined our Branch bringing our membership up to 134. Enjoy reading about these new members and remember to look for them at upcoming events so you can greet them in person.

Pat Augustine-Tkac is originally from the northwest side of Chicago. She lived in Downers Grove where she raised her children and now lives in Glen Ellyn. Pat has two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She obtained a BS in Journalism from Northern Illinois University in 1978. She then worked for the Lions Club International in Oakbrook where she used her journalism skills in writing a newsletter. Pat later worked for the Lions Club Foundation. Pat enjoys gardening and exercising. She is also considering exploring art – possibly drawing or water color painting. Pat recently attended our Branch meeting with a friend who has also joined. In the future she will be exploring the different programs and activities of AAUW.

Linda Bedard lives in Downers Grove together with her daughter. She is married and has two daughters and one son. Linda received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Illinois Chicago in the 1980s and did graduate work at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She likes to read, collect antiques and make quilts. Linda had known about AAUW for a long time, recently attended our Branch meeting and decided to join along with a friend. She hopes to become involved in some of the book groups and possibly other activities.

Leonore (Lee) Neary, a Glen Ellyn resident for over 32 years was originally from New England. Being a mom of four adult children, she has the privilege of enjoying a new granddaughter. Lee earned a BS in Biology from the University of Wisconsin and a MA from the University of Michigan also in Biology. Lee has been teaching community college biology for over 30 years, mostly at Joliet Junior College. In response to a cheating problem, Lee designed and patented a privacy folder to be used for short answer/ bubble tests and/or for helping students with special needs track their test answer sheets or reading. For more information go to Lee's website: testcovers.com. In her spare time, Lee enjoys traveling and nature. The mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls through education and particularly STEM, attracted Lee to become involved in our Branch previously and we are happy to have her back! Sounds like we may have another good resource for our STEM classes we offer.

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Our Branch Fundraising Activities



Book Sale

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Our annual Book Sale is just seven weeks away! It will run from May 1 to May 4. There is always much to do and we appreciate all of you who have stepped up to help year after year and those who are helping to make this year's the best book sale ever! To paraphrase Lisa Cherry, *the Book Sale has always been a jewel of our Branch, but we hope that even though it was not broken, we have tweaked certain aspects of the workings of the sale to make it even better.*

For example, on or about March 27, each member will receive an invitation to sign into Sign Up Genius to schedule yourself to help during sale week. Those of us who have had an opportunity to test the new system have been uniformly impressed by its simplicity and ease. This new online tool will help us keep track of our staffing for each sale day, it will show us where we have gaps and allow us to address those gaps by reaching out to our membership, and it will allow members to communicate with us during the sale should their schedules change. Special thanks to Karen Bondy for all of her work in bringing this tool to reality!

This year because the Glen Ellyn Civic Center is under construction and could not accommodate us for the sale, we are very excited about our new venue, the First United Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn. We believe it will offer our patrons a very relaxed browsing and buying experience. Also, we anticipate the ease of entry on Forest Avenue, directly into the first floor lobby which is adjacent to the Great Hall and the Dining Room where the sale will be held. This will be a feature that our patrons will appreciate.

We are very happy to see the caliber and quality of books we are collecting this year, both general reading and curios. We again have virtually every genre represented. We have very special curios that include such gems as books about Frank Lloyd Wright, the man and his architecture, trains, our annual Chicago and Illinois history books, books about the Civil War, WWII, and fine art books, and many more. Special thanks to Marilyn Wiedemann and her book collection and sorting team that have been keeping books coming in and organized throughout the year.

There is much work yet to be done in these final weeks! Our Sign Update and Pizza Party was a great success. Thank you to all who joined us to make short work of this annual event! Our April 3 Potluck dinner will be our last meeting before the sale. We again ask you to display yard signs. The signs should go up about two weeks prior to the sale. We ask you to take part in the distribution of our flyers and bookmarks that Carolyn Oesterle will be distributing at the April 3 Potluck Dinner. And do not forget to tell your friends and neighbors who may not be familiar with the Book Sale.

We rely on you, our membership, to help us in any way you can leading up to and during our sale. It has always been a fun time to reconnect with old friends, meet new members and it marks the culmination of our AAUW year.

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



Our Branch Book Groups

I learned to write by reading the kind of books I wish I'd written.

Barbara Kingsolver

AM Lit

Jean Lindsey

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On April 5, 9:30 am, AM Lit readers will meet at Sue Herrmann's home to discuss *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo. Marilyn Wiedemann will lead the discussion and Janet Arden and Kathy McCullough will supply the refreshments. *The Redbreast* has been described by the Kirkus Reviews as a *bold, ambitious thriller...well worth sticking with the story; both the hero and the villain are as compelling as the portrayal of Norwegians doing whatever it takes to survive the war and then paying the price*. Nesbo is one of Norway's leading crime fiction writers who has been compared to Michael Connelly and Ian Rankin. It is quite a change of pace for AM Lit readers this year!

Looking ahead--As noted last month, do change your calendars as we will meet May 10 instead of May 3 to avoid a conflict with Book Sale dates. We will still meet at Carolyn Oesterle's home to discuss *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley with LaVonne Ruoff as discussion leader. Patricia Spence and Laura Desmarais are contributing the hospitality.

On June 7, we will meet for our annual book selection and potluck luncheon at Janet Arden's home (note change of venue!). Please start thinking of what novel you would like to recommend. The more novels we have to choose from, the stronger our line of books will be for 2019-2020. Judy Sims has once again graciously offered to handle the submissions. Many members have found it helpful to have read the book prior to recommending it, but that is not a requirement. Please forward the name of the novel, the author's name, the length of the novel and a short description of the book to Judy no later than May 17. If everyone would send in one suggestion, we would be in great shape!

PM Lit

Phyllis Fogel

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On April 15, 7:00 pm, PM Lit meets at the home of Allene Harding to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. It is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature. Allene is also the discussion leader. Please let her know if you are attending at 630.545.0890 or abharding@sbcglobal.net.

AM Non-Fiction

Sue Herrmann

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Please be sure to mark your calendars for our next meeting on April 24. I will be back from Florida on March 17, so I will be seeing you at the March 30 LunaFest event.

We will meet at 10:00 am on April 24 at the home of Carolyn Oesterle and will discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Green. LaVonne Ruoff will be our discussion leader. Jean Lindsey will provide the treats.



Spring Banquet
Monday, May 20, 2019
Adelle's, 535 W. Liberty Dr., Wheaton

Social Hour Cash Bar: 5:30-6:15 pm (wine \$7/glass)
Dinner: 6:15 pm, Program to Follow

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 9 best restaurants in the suburbs, OpenTable's *Yearly Diner's Choice Award*, 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, talk to your friends and make this special end-of-the-year celebration a perfect evening out. Contact Karen Bondy at bondykj@aol.com if you have dietary concerns and we will make certain that you are accommodated.

MENU

PLATED SALAD

BABY SPINACH & MESCLUN GREENS SALAD,
fresh strawberries, orange supremes, oven dried Feta, toasted almonds,
raspberry vinaigrette dressing on tables

Warm artisan baguette bread, whipped butter

CHOICE OF ENTREE

OVEN ROASTED STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST SALTIMBOCCA,
angel hair pasta, grilled asparagus, lemon butter sauce

OR

HONEY-DIJON GLAZED SKUNA BAY SALMON FILET,
lemon jasmine rice, vegetable sauté, tamari-orange butter sauce

PLATED DESSERT

WARM PEACH COBBLER, fresh whipped cream

Coffee, Soda, Iced tea

Cost: \$40.00 per person
Reservation must be received by May 14, 2019

****See the reservation and payment form at the end of the newsletter.**





Dues Renewal 2019

AAUW at the national level has changed their dues processing policies/procedures beginning in April 2019. AAUW will no longer accept dues checks from the individual branches. *Our Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch will still accept checks but in such cases, the Branch is expected to pay AAUW their portion of the dues via debit charge or ACH debit and AAUW-IL by check. We are asking you to pay your dues online if at all possible to expedite the process on our end.* Further details will be provided in April via an all Branch email.



Cultural Arts

Suzanne Gagner

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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!!

Dee Dee Bridgewater and the Memphis Soulphony, Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm, MAC, \$65, American jazz singer, three-time Grammy Winner and Tony Award winner for *The Wiz*. I will be sending an email to Dee Dee attendees to make final arrangements.

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.*

Wheaton Drama

Tickets at www.wheatondrama.org, 630.260.1820, 111 N Hale St. Wheaton.

Murdered to Death: March 22 to April 14.

Sweeney Todd: May 24 to June 16.

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble at the McAninch Arts Center (MAC)

From Peggy Connolly

The final production of this BTE season is *Miracle on South Division Street*, Thursday, May 23 at 8:00 pm, where we learn that the aftermath of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Polish-American-Catholic blue-collar family in Buffalo, NY is not what one would suspect. While Clara, the family matriarch, faithfully tends to the statue erected to celebrate the miracle, one of her daughters is leaving the church, another is dating an ex-priest, and her son is dating a nice Jewish girl. What's a (blessed) mother to do???

Tickets sold at the MAC Box Office, by phone 630.942.4000, and online AtTheMAC.org

Due to family responsibilities, Peggy will be unable to host a pre-show gathering May 23.



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 is what we are doing this year:

- The home page of the Branch website features the Book Sale's what, why, where and when -- 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.
- We post Book Sale details in the events calendars of four local Patch.com e-newspapers (Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lisle and Downers Grove) and PlanItLife, which feeds their event listings to the Daily Herald and West Suburban News.
- We maintain an email list of *friends of the Book Sale*. About ten days before the sale, we send an email blast to these 200 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.

This year we especially need help from members because the date is earlier and the location has changed. Please help us to get the word out that the Book Sale will be May 1 to 4 at the First United Methodist Church, not the Civic Center. Here is what you can do to help:

- 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 by April 20. Don't forget to mention *proceeds provide scholarships*.
- If you are on Facebook, you can share with your friends a Book Sale post from our Branch Facebook page.
- Use your yard sign! Take a picture, upload it to Facebook or Instagram 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 who are still in the area. 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! Last year, we received 170 Facebook *likes* within a few days after our first Book Sale publicity posting. Since the Branch only has about 130 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 the building. Once inside, the books will sell themselves. Have you ever seen a customer buy only one book?

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.





Getting Connected to the Newly Elected: Until our 2019-2020 Branch Directory is available, updated contact information for some officials may be published in Twigs:

Sean Casten, Representative. Illinois 6.

District Office: 2700 International Drive, Ste. 304, West Chicago, 60185, 630.520.9450

Washington, DC: 202.225.4561

Alert Futurists: Did you miss, *Prepare Yourself for the Future*, January, 2019 webinar exclusively for AAUW Illinois? Marian Cook discusses what changes and innovations we can expect in the world of work. Cook has extensive experience in strategy, management, operations and change management. The link to the archived recording is on the AAUW Jane Addams web page <https://janeaddams-il.aauw.net/>

April 2- CONSOLIDATED ELECTION for the election of Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials.

Vital Resources:

www.ballotready.org Find your sample ballot for the upcoming municipal election.

www.votesmart.org Find out how your member of congress is voting on key issues.

www.illinoiselectiondata.com Get data analytics on the November 2018 and other Illinois elections.



Last month we had a spirited discussion of not only the scheduled film *ROMA*, but also other foreign language contenders, *Never Look Away* (Germany) and *Cold War* (Poland). There is a lot of brilliant cinematography as well as plot and directorial heart in these films, and the group recommends them all to you. In April we will shift to Saturday night, April 13, 7:00 pm.

We are still looking for a hostess, and one of the advantages is that you get to help select the film we will see. As you know, the guests bring treats and wine, so that's immensely helpful. Please let me know if you can volunteer to host the April 13 meeting. An announcement will be sent to the group identifying place and film title. Thank you so much for making this such a vibrant, participatory group. Always fun.

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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!*

Work Smart Aims to Train 10 Million in Salary Negotiation by 2022



Participants role-play to learn how to negotiate salary at the Work Smart workshop in Washington, D.C.

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AAUW's Work Smart curriculum is based on the best research on how to navigate the complexity of the job offers, raises and promotions. Through presentations and interactive exercises, participants learn to research fair and equitable salaries and benefits in their fields (and geographic areas) and to clearly tout the skills and experience they bring to the table. Participants also learn the precise words and tactics to use when negotiating.

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- It is free and easy to complete, well worth your time.

How do you take the course?

- Go to AAUW.org
- Enter *Online Work Smart* in the search box.
- Click on *take an online workshop now!*
- Complete the registration section.
- Take the course. No need to worry about where you stopped. The program automatically returns to the correct section.

Spring Banquet Reservation Details

May 20 at Adelle's in Wheaton

- Mail entrée choice along with check to Jan Austin or bring to the Book Sale when you come to work.
- Checks payable to: *AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP*.
- To reserve your place, make sure your check and selection is **received by May 14**.
- Please clip and mail with your check to:
Jan Austin



Spring Banquet Reservation Form

Name(s): _____ Number in Party ____ @ \$40.00 = _____



Entrée Choice:

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OVEN ROASTED STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

OR

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Karen, please contact me for special dietary need.



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