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# Twigs

May 2019

## A Leaf from the Co-Presidents



Summer is fast approaching and yet there are still many things left to accomplish before we all take a much deserved break!

Lobby Day in Springfield will be held May 15 with Lisa Cherry attending. Transportation has not been finalized.

Spring Banquet and Installation of Officers is coming up on May 20 at Adelle's in Wheaton starting at 5:30 pm. A special thanks to Karen Bondy for chairing this event.

Also, another reminder to all of you to register for the *Work Smart* online workshop. AAUW would like to have 100,000 women sign up by August 31, 2019. It is simple to register. Go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org). Enter *Online Work Smart* in the search box. Click on *Take an online workshop now*. Complete the registration section. Take the course which should take you about 75 minutes to complete. No need to worry if you stop before you finish. The program automatically returns to the correct section. I have sent this information to family, friends and my bridge club asking them to take the course and/or invite their family and friends!

The Spring Banquet will take the place of the Branch meeting in May. Our next board meeting will be on June 12 at the home of Donna Jean Simon.

See you at the Spring Banquet!

*Sue*

## Annual Spring Banquet and Installation of Officers

Join your fellow Branch members for a three course dinner and make this special end-of-the-year celebration a perfect evening out!

Adelle's Fine American Fare  
535 W Liberty, Wheaton

Monday, May 20

Social Hour: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:15 pm  
Program to follow



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Information
April 29 to May 4	Book Sale Week	Varied	First United Methodist Church, 424 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn.
May 10	AM Lit	9:30 am	Carolyn Oesterle's.
May 10	Film Group	7:00 pm	Lindy Pond's.
May 13	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Susie Gullickson's.
May 14	Deadline Date for Banquet Reservations		Reservations Must be Received by this Date! Mail to Karen Bondy.
May 22	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Carolyn Oesterle's.
May 20	Annual Spring Banquet	5:30 pm	Adelle's Fine American Fare, 535 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton.

## Opportunity Knocks

Janet Arden & Donna Jean Simon

With a successful **LUNAFEST** behind us and our Annual Used Book Sale just ahead, this is an exciting time for the AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch. The last two years of our Branch programming have focused on national initiatives as well as the issues that matter most to our Branch, issues like Title IX, economic equality, and women in leadership.

As your incoming Co-Presidents, we are happy to announce that we have filled most of the board and committee chair positions for 2019-2020, but we think this is the ideal time to push member involvement a little farther. Frankly, some positions would benefit from additional back-up (not to mention a lighter workload), and there are other projects we could engage in (like a Title IX survey of local schools) if we had members interested in working on a specific, short term project.

Perhaps some of you have ideas for projects we could — or should — be undertaking.

Therefore, we are encouraging you to let us know your interests and capabilities. Do you want to get to know more people through membership or hospitality activities? Do you have fundraising skills or is STEM your thing? Would you like to talk with a committee chair or a board member to learn more about what they do?

We need you to let us know. Just email Donna Jean Simon at [djsimon@questillc.com](mailto:djsimon@questillc.com) or Janet Arden at [janarden@icloud.com](mailto:janarden@icloud.com) or give one of us a call and tell us what's on your mind.

### A Special Invitation to the Spring Banquet is Extended to Members Who Have Joined our Branch in the Past Year!

Our organization is so fortunate to have such a strong membership. We hope to have 100% of new members join us, and give us all the opportunity to celebrate, get to know and mingle with the new and the more seasoned folks who comprise AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch.

If you are new, contact Karen Schulz, Membership VP, and let her know you plan to attend. [okschulz@aol.com](mailto:okschulz@aol.com)



At **LUNAFEST**, along with having a lovely evening enjoying movies, treats and socializing with our friends, we had the pleasure of welcoming three new members to our local Branch bringing our membership total up to 137. Enjoy reading their brief biographies below and as always, remember to look for them at upcoming events so you can greet them in person.

Carol Garcia, originally from California, earned a BA of Liberal Studies at California State University and a MA of Health Education at University of California and then went on to complete a MA in Adult and Higher Ed, TESOL from Northern Illinois University. Carol and Bob have one daughter and are now enjoying their new role as grandparents to Georgia. Carol has worked as a Bilingual Elementary teacher and has taught ESL adults for over 20 years at College of DuPage. Currently, she is the Program Director of Literacy DuPage. In her spare time, Carol enjoys gardening, long walks, reading and trying out new restaurants. After knowing about AAUW for years, Carol realized this is the perfect time to join now that her schedule permits the time to get involved. Carol is looking forward to meeting others in our Branch and increasing her knowledge of AAUW, both at the local and national level.

Kathleen Gallagher resides in Glen Ellyn with an adopted daughter from Russia, who will soon graduate from Trinity High School, River Forest, and a son who lives and works in China. She is the owner of Gallagher Media and Marketing, LLC, a boutique marketing/communications agency. After earning a BA in Journalism from Loyola University, Kathleen earned an MBA from Lewis University, then has spent 40 years in various local, regional and national leadership, sales and marketing positions with experience in print/digital publishing, advertising, business development, mobile application development, media planning, video production, social media and tradeshow and event planning. Kathleen is a strong supporter of music and the arts and enjoys traveling. Due to Kathleen's robust background in fundraising and volunteer projects, we look forward to her assistance with our local Branch fundraising and volunteer projects.

Angela Smith was raised in the Indianapolis area and obtained a degree in Communications and Labor Relations from Purdue University. She is married and has an adult daughter and son, both of whom live in Chicago. Angela has worked in consultative sales and owns her own business which deals with farmers' markets, art, and gourmet artisans. She enjoys hiking, biking, and reading. Angela had known about AAUW from her friend and neighbor, Sarah Allen. She recently attended **LUNAFEST** which she loved and decided to join AAUW on the spot. Angela highly supports the mission of AAUW. She is looking forward to getting involved in the film group and cooking groups and possibly other activities.

**Please add the following updates to your directories:**

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### DUES RENEWAL 2019

**Please note:** AAUW at the national level has changed the dues processing policies/procedures beginning in April 2019. AAUW will no longer accept dues checks from the local branches. *Our AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP will still accept checks but in such cases, we are expected to pay AAUW their portion of the dues via debit card.* **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.

### 2018-19 EXPENSES

The end of fiscal year 2018-19 is approaching. Please submit any check requests for expenses to me by June 10 at the latest. The 2018-19 revenue and expenses will be used to generate a preliminary 2019-20 budget for the annual budget meeting.

### Spring Banquet

**In appreciation for all you have done to contribute to our very successful year of programming, nine attendees will go home with door prizes. We have three national memberships (\$59 value each) and six gift cards for some of you. As if it isn't luck enough to be having dinner at a great restaurant with a remarkable group of women, you have the chance to WIN something just by attending!**

*See details for banquet menu and reservation form on following pages.*



### Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

Susan Levy-Creed

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April is the month of waiting for EOF. Counselors at our four feeder high schools are evaluating candidates for our scholarships. They have all responded and will be sending names shortly after the May 1 decision date. Pictures and descriptions of our recipients will be unveiled at our Spring Banquet, and also featured in next month's TWIGS. At this point, I can only say thank you to those who helped **LUNAFEST** be a success and thanks in advance to all of you for working at the Book Sale. That is how we are able to give scholarships to our worthy recipients both locally and nationally. Good job supporting this part of our AAUW mission.

## Our Branch Fundraising Activities



### Book Sale

**Nancy Possinger**

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It's getting to be showtime, everyone! The books have been collected, sorted and await transport from the locker to the First United Methodist Church in Glen Ellyn where we will have our sale this year. Once again, Marilyn Wiedemann has been working since August along with Ewa Bacon to put our books in proper order. Our flyers have been distributed, our publicity articles have been printed, our yard signs are displayed around our communities. We even had a special potluck party to kick start our lead-up to the sale!

So now it's the time when we need all hands on deck to make our long-standing signature fundraiser the best ever! Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to work the sale. For any of you who have not yet signed up, there are a couple of ways to access our online vehicle, *Sign Up Genius*.

The link to sign up is in the email you received on or around April 4. As one who approaches technology with some trepidation I am happy to tell you that the sign up is easy and intuitive! You are prompted along the way and you can easily go back and change your selection if needed! If you should need help signing up, contact Karen Bondy at *WhGEAAUW@aol.com*.

Jane Palmer also put a link on our website home page for members to sign up. To do so, you can go to our website, *wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net*, click the *Members Only* link and enter the password.

And now off we go! Be sure to remind your friends and relatives about the Book Sale! Let's sell a ton of books!!!

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

### LUNAFEST

**Suzanne Gagner**

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***And a Good Time was Had by All!***

On Saturday, March 30, we held our first **LUNAFEST Film Festival** as a new AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch fundraiser. The Center Stage Theater in Naperville proved to be an excellent venue for this inaugural event.

**Team LUNA** thanks everyone for their sponsorships, donations of gift cards and their purchase of tickets. Your support was essential to the success of our film festival.

Watch future Twigs for information on **2020 LUNAFEST?** Maybe?



**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, full bar available)**  
**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 nine best restaurants in the suburbs." The restaurant will be closed to the public that evening, exclusively ours. *Save the date, talk to your friends and make a reservation by May 14.* Contact Karen Bondy at [bondykj@aol.com](mailto: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 (includes three courses, tax and gratuity)**

**\*\*\*Reservation must be received by May 14, 2019\*\*\***

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





## Our Branch Book Groups

*Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing.*

Harper Lee

### **AM Lit**

**Jean Lindsey**

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On Friday, May 10, AM Lit readers will meet at Carolyn Oesterle's home at 9:30 am to discuss *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. LaVonne Ruoff will lead the discussion and Patricia Spence and Laura Desmarais will supply the hospitality.

In 2018, *Frankenstein* celebrated its 200th anniversary. This classic, penned by teenager Shelley, is considered by some to be a feminist novel. Critics credit it for launching a new literary genre: science fiction. The novel examines science and humanity's fascination with it.

Your input is needed! May 24 is the new deadline for novel submissions for next year. Please email Judy Sims ([judsims@hotmail.com](mailto:judsims@hotmail.com)), the book title(s), author, number of pages, whether you have read the novel, along with a brief paragraph summary. Please take the time to submit a title or titles.

Looking ahead, our June 7 book selection potluck will be held at Janet Arden's home.

### **PM Lit**

**Phyllis Fogel**

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PM Lit meets Monday, May 13 at 7:00 pm at the home of Susie Gullickson. Diane Serb will lead the discussion of *Moses, Man of the Mountain* by Zora Neale Hurston. It rewrites the story of *the Book of Exodus of Moses and the Israelites* from an Afro-American perspective. The New Yorker calls it, *the real thing, warm, humorous, poetic*. Please let Susie know at [gullicksonsusan@comcast.net](mailto:gullicksonsusan@comcast.net) or 630.480.8555 if you plan to attend.

June brings our annual potluck and book selection at the home of Bonnie Wheaton. Please email me at least two book titles, authors, descriptions, and number of pages of what you would like to read this coming year. It is not necessary, but nice, if you have read them.

### **AM Non-Fiction**

**Sue Herrmann**

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We will not meet in May; our next meeting is June 26 at 10:00 am at Elaine Nissen's home. We will discuss *The Dictator's Handbook*, by Bruce de Mesqueta and Alastair Smith. Judy Sims will provide treats and Carolyn Oesterle will be our discussion leader. See you in June!

### **PM Non-Fiction**

**Ewa Bacon**

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We will meet at Carolyn Oesterle's home at 7:00 pm on May 22 for a discussion led by Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann and co-hostess is Sarah Allen. We are reading the German forester and ecologist Peter Wohlleben's book, *The Hidden Life of Trees: What they Feel, How they Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World*. It is based on his long career working in natural, wild forests, on his scientific expertise as an ecologist, and on his manifestly empathetic response to communities of living trees. His writings have generated a lively response from forestry scientists as well as from citizens concerned about the promotion and maintenance of the natural world of the forest. We can look forward to a stimulating discussion about his scientific aim to maintain natural forests as well as his mode of connecting to his readers through their emotions.

Please check with the Glen Ellyn Public Library for copies. Be kind to your hostess, tell her you are coming at 630.469.9382.



Pictures from our successful **LUNAFEST** evening are viewable on Facebook; go to *Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW* and scroll down to see several postings. They are also viewable on our Branch website; go to *wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net* and click on **LUNAFEST** on home page of website.

Book Sale – The link for *Sign Up Genius* is now on the website. Go to the *Members Only* page, enter the password, then click on the link. You can see who else is working your shift in case you need a ride or want to arrange a coffee or lunch date.



**It's Your Vote; You Will Be Heard:** Participate in the 2019 AAUW National Election to elect members to our board of directors and set AAUW's *Public Policy Priorities*. Online voting is now open and will close on May 14 at 6:00 pm ET. <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

I received an email about this matter from national on April 1. Check your inbox for this email with the direct link to voting or just go to the national website.

**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:

**Suzy Glowiak-** Illinois Senate- District 48

District Office: 17W715 East Butterfield Road, Suite F, Oakbrook Terrace, 60181

Phone: 630-785-3177

Springfield Phone: 217-782-8148

If you would like a copy of the current, complete list of state House and Senate bills that AAUW-IL is supporting, opposing or *just watching*, please email me, and I will forward it to you.

On April 4, the House of Representatives voted to reauthorize and update the *Violence Against Women Act*. The bill includes measures to restrict access to firearms for those convicted of crimes related to dating violence and measures to further protect transgender people, immigrant women and Native Americans. Since the next step is passage by the Senate, please contact Senators Durbin and Duckworth to voice your support. The NRA is opposed to VAWA because of the firearms restrictions.

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

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## **History and Cuisine of Spice Routes**

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

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*Please Note:* Due to family commitments, the Spice Route dinner will not be held as originally planned for June 6. The new date will be announced via email. If you are not on the email list, and would like to be, send your email to *connolly.peggy@gmail.com*.



## **Cultural Arts**

**Suzanne Gagner**

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### **Buffalo Theater Ensemble (BTE) from Peggy**

*Please Note:* Due to family commitments, the pre-show gathering previously scheduled at Peggy Connolly's home, Thursday evening, May 23, before BTE production of *Miracle on South Division Street* has been cancelled. Peggy apologizes for the inconvenience.



## **Film Group**

**Anne Hanley**

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### **From Marilyn Wiedemann:**

Film Group met in April at the home of Marilyn Wiedemann where again we decided to discuss two films: *Hotel Mumbai* and *They Shall Not Grow Old*. Each covers real events, the first as fictionalized history, the second as a compressed documentary of WWI with remarkable colorization of archival footage and over narration by 120 men who survived the war and have surprising insights into their experiences. The group recommends both titles to you, and discussion was spirited and informed as history, personal experience, and opinions about film techniques and effects came up.

Next month we will meet at the new home of Lindy Pond, formerly a member and now returned to Glen Ellyn. We welcome her back and look forward to Friday, May 10, 7:00 pm. The title of the film we will see will be included in the group email. Let Marilyn know of any film you would like to see and if you would like to be added to the Film Group email distribution list.

### **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!*

## Spring Banquet Reservation Details May 20 at Adelle's in Wheaton

- Mail entrée choice along with check to Karen Bondy 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:  
Karen Bondy



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### Spring Banquet Reservation Form

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



**Entrée Choice:**

OVEN ROASTED STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

**OR**

HONEY-DIJON GLAZED SKUNA BAY SALMON FILET

Karen, please contact me for special dietary need.



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