



Branch Focus Areas



Used Book Sale

Since the Branch's founding in 1956 and its first Book Sale in 1962, the Branch's fundraising efforts have supported education for women. We annually award Higher Education Incentive Awards to four local high school students who will continue their education at the College of DuPage. We also support national AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls. The **Used Book Sale** will be held June 23, 24 and 25, 2022 at the Briar Glen School, 1800 Briarcliffe Blvd., Wheaton



LUNAFEST Film Festival

LUNAFEST is a cultural event and fundraiser that features award-winning short films made by, for and about women. The selected films mirror AAUW's mission to promote and empower women. Proceeds from the LUNAFEST fundraiser support the Branch's Educational Opportunities Fund. Information about the **2022 LUNAFEST Film Festival** will be made available as planning progresses. Please visit wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/ and click on LUNAFEST.



Science Girls on the Go©

In Summer 2020, the Branch initiated **Science Girls on the Go©** to provide parents easy access to at-home science-based projects. Two kiosks, each with a supply of science projects, are available. One is at 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton and the other is at 373 Oak Street, Glen Ellyn. This initiative is one of the Branch's ongoing STEM initiatives, designed to encourage girls to pursue studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In 2022, the Branch hopes to resume its regular **STEM Outreach Workshops** at local libraries which provide youth with hands-on, scientific experiences.

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a national community that breaks through educational and economic barriers for all women. Locally, our Branch offers lifelong learning, service to the community, personal growth and friendship.

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.

AAUW: Breaking through barriers for women and girls since 1881.

*Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch:
Celebrating 65 years of
empowering women and girls!*

Interest Groups

In 2021 and 2022, groups are meeting in socially distanced settings, at the choice of each group.



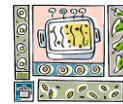
AM and PM Non-Fiction, AM and PM Fiction book discussion groups meet year-round. For reading lists, visit: wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/ and click on "Book Groups".



Film Group. "Film Night Out" is a monthly gathering of film fans AAUW members, spouses and friends who enjoy viewing and discussing the latest movies.



Public Policy. Members are alerted via Branch social media to participate in advocacy actions in support of AAUW's Public Policy Priorities.*



Spice Routes. Research and dine on authentic cuisine of the Silk Road and Spice Route, and beyond. (Currently on hiatus due to coronavirus concerns.)



Cultural Arts. Participate in a variety of group outings to theater, fine arts venues, museums, restaurants and more throughout Chicagoland.

* **Public Policy.** AAUW is non-partisan but takes a stand on crucial public policy issues affecting women, such as, equity in education and the workplace, civil rights, and health care reform. AAUW acts on legislative programs at the national, state, and local levels. We get involved!

To attend an **Interest Group** meeting as a guest, send an email request to wge-aauw@comcast.net. Any questions, please call one of our co-VPs-Membership, **Jean Lindsey at (630) 803-7464** or **Nancy Possinger at (630) 800-0611**.

Programs

2021-2022 Branch Meetings

Monthly Branch Meetings are generally scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Some will be via Zoom and others will be hybrid, offering in-person and Zoom options. **All meetings are open to visitors.** Contact either of the Co-VPs, Membership for more information.

November 3, 2021 **Dr. Winifred Creamer**
How We Left it all Behind: A Traveling Retirement

January 5, 2022 **Anderson Flen**
Africatown/Clotilda

February 2, 2022 **Dr. Anne Grauer**
Dead Folks Do Tell Tales

March 2, 2022 **Dr. Anne Hanley**
Brazil: Why Does Your Country Get to be So Rich, While Ours is So Poor?

April 6, 2022 **Tabassum Haleem**
Interfaith Tolerance and Education

Other Planned Activities

- *Winter Gathering*
- *May Spring Banquet*
- *LUNAFEST 2022*
- *Fall 2022 Annual Walk Fundraiser*
- *Spice Routes*
- *Cultural Arts*

Particulars about the above events will be announced in our TWIGS newsletter and on our website wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/ as planning progresses.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an associate, bachelor's or equivalent degree or higher from an accredited university or college. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Dues are \$91 per year, of which \$78 is tax deductible.

By joining the *AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP*, you also join a national organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and more than 800 college and university members. AAUW (American Association of University Women) uses its influential network to disseminate information, raise awareness and effect change on women's issues.

For further information and to join, contact one of our Co-Vice Presidents, Membership:

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Visit the Branch website to learn more about AAUW and print a membership application: wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/join/



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