

### **A Leaf from the Co-Presidents**

A hearty Thank You to Book Sale co-chairs Susie Gullickson, Suzanne Gagner and their hard working committee — Ewa Bacon, Marilyn Mauritz, Nancy Possinger and Ruth Schumacher, for managing the successful return of our Book Sale. Although Marilyn Wiedemann was not on the committee, she sent out a *cri de coeur* for books and kept a weekly tally. She also asked that members label their bags which made sorting easier. The sale was rewarding in so many ways — First, a net profit of \$7,500; Second, members, including some who were very new, working together; Third, creating community awareness, and Fourth, serving as a very workable model for future book sales. The site was perfect, providing good access, parking and lighting. The school administration and personnel were so helpful. The double paper bags made lifting easy.

Overall, your co-presidents feel that the Book Sale was highly successful and recommend that we continue this as a fund raiser. But, we cannot have a Book Sale without co-chairs for next year. So, Pay Attention! Don't be shy. Let us know if you have an interest in managing this.

Our Showcase Branch Meeting is just around the corner — Wednesday, September 7. This event is the smorgasbord (yes there will be treats) of interests — Book Discussions, Film Group, and Spice Routes. Our speaker for the evening is Nafia Khan of HOPE fair housing, the oldest affordable housing entity in Illinois.

Cultural Arts offers two events this fall: *Backyard Beekeeping Works*, starring our own Mary Mossman on September 21 and on September 29 the Buffalo Theater Ensemble performance, *Clybourne Park*, preceded by a social hour at Peggy Connolly's home.

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve is the new venue for our Fall Fundraising Walk on September 23. *LUNAFEST* will return in all its glory and in person on October 15. See the Twigs articles for information on all of the above events.

Please be aware of school and library board meetings in your district. If you can attend a meeting, do so. If there is an issue — attempts to remove materials or staff because of personal bias — do a bit of research and be prepared to speak. Please let us know if you need any help with this.

And finally, try very hard to *Be Kind*.

*Mary Sue Brown & Carolyn Oesterle*

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	INFORMATION
Sept. 7	Branch Meeting	7:00 pm	Glen Ellyn Police Dept. Community Room, 65 Park Blvd. & Zoom.
Sept. 9	AM Lit	9:30 am	Peggy Connolly, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton.
Sept. 14	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Carolyn Oesterle, 645 Lake Rd., Glen Ellyn.
Sept. 15	Spice Routes	6:00 pm	Peggy Connolly, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton.
Sept. 19	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Peggy Connolly, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton.
Sept. 21	Cultural Arts <i>Backyard Beekeeping Works</i>	4:00 to 6:00 pm	Mary Mossman, 1516 Paula Ave., Wheaton
Sept. 23	Fall Fundraising Walk	9:00 am	Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, Butterfield Rd., Wheaton.
Sept. 28	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Phyllis Fogel, 1126 S. Edgewood, Lombard.
Sept. 29	Cultural Arts Pre-Theater Buffalo Theater Ensemble	6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Peggy Connolly, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton MAC, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.
Oct. 15	LUNAFEST	5:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Center Stage Theater, 1665 Quincy Ave., Naperville



### Programs

**Carolyn Oesterle**

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**September Branch Program & Showcase Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 7, 2022**  
**Glen Ellyn Police Department Community Room and ZOOM**  
**65 Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn**

***Fair Housing 101***  
**Speaker: Nafia Khan**



Our first Branch meeting of the year will highlight the importance of affordable housing for gender equity. HOPE Fair Housing is a statewide organization working to achieve affordable housing in Illinois.

Nafia Khan is the Director of Outreach, Events & Fundraising for HOPE Fair Housing Center. Prior to joining HOPE, Nafia worked in the field of developmental disabilities for five years, in direct service and advocacy. She has worked in the nonprofit sector for the large part of her career, with experience in both state and local government, most notably with the Quinn administration.

Nafia serves as a current member and incoming treasurer for the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois and is a board member for Achieving Independence and Mobility Center for Independent Living (AIMCIL). Additionally, she is an active member of DuPage NAACP and enjoys bringing an intersectional lens to her work in education and outreach with HOPE.

HOPE Fair Housing is the oldest and largest fair housing organization in the state of Illinois. We will be sharing vital information on the agency and its programs, the Fair Housing Act, history of fair housing in the United States, information on disparate impact, and much more.



*I want to thank Patricia Spence, Jean Lindsey and Barbara Roos for all their help following up with membership renewals this year. Also, I want to thank Kitty Johansson for her help with the biographical interviews with our new members. Thank you all so much!*

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We are delighted that we ended our AAUW year in June with a total of 13 new members! You were introduced to six of them in previous editions of Twigs. It is my pleasure to introduce an additional seven members who joined as our year was ending.

### Danielle Byron

Danielle is new to our Branch but certainly not new to AAUW. She was a member of the Lombard Branch of AAUW where she was a past president and finance director. She is a graduate of Northwestern University with a Major in Economics and a BS in IT from DePaul. She has put both to good use over the past twenty four years by specializing in supportive information technology, upgrading computers and their programs for medical professionals. This included updates in billings, analytics, quality assurance at Medicaid and health insurance companies. Most recently she was a project manager at Molina Health for seven years. She has a new residence at *Overture* in Yorktown Mall where she lives with her milk chocolate Labradoodle, Truffles. She has a 26-year-old daughter in Chicago and a 24-year-old son in Pittsburgh. Both have graduated from college.

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### Marie Corcoran

We are excited to welcome Marie Corcoran to AAUW. Marie is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago with a major in math and biology, and a graduate of Midwestern University. She is a retired family practice physician, having retired January 1, 2022. Several of her patients recommended AAUW to her! She lives in Wheaton with her husband of 48 years and has five grown children who live in various parts of the United States and six grandchildren.

Marie enjoys reading, is already a member of a book group outside of AAUW and, in addition, she has attended our PM Lit group. Marie is also taking piano lessons. She and her husband have been to all 50 states. Given her love of nature and her vast travel experience, she is a wealth of information about the various national parks and other trips through the United States. A major hobby of theirs is hiking in the national parks - they have been to 36 of the national parks, so far!

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### **Mary Groll**

Mary Groll came to our Book Sale in June and joined our Branch as a result! It is our pleasure to welcome her! Mary holds a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois, graduating in 1981. Mary lives in Glen Ellyn.

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### **Janet Miller**

Janet Miller was a member of the Lombard AAUW Branch. We are delighted to welcome her to our Branch! Janet lives in Lombard and is a 1968 graduate of Northeastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. She also received her Master of Arts degree in Language Arts from Northeastern in 1977.

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### **Karen Richardson**

It is a pleasure to welcome Karen Richardson to the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch of AAUW. Karen had been a member of the Lombard branch since 2015. Karen is a 1968 graduate of Illinois State University in Normal, IL, with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Karen met her husband during the Vietnam era, they married in Japan where her husband was stationed and lived in Japan for 13 months. Upon returning she worked in special education in Danville, Illinois and Albany, New York before coming back to Illinois, working at the Phillip Rock Center in Glen Ellyn with deaf and blind children since 1978. Karen retired in 2010 and has two daughters and two grandchildren, a boy and a girl.

Karen remains interested in education and is very interested in the role of supporting teachers. She also is interested in LUNAFEST and possibly helping with the preparations for that event.

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## **Susan Scown**

It is a pleasure to welcome Susan Scown to our Wheaton Glen Ellyn Branch. Glen Ellyn is Susan's girlhood home and after living in various places throughout the United States, she has come back to Glen Ellyn. Susan loves music of various kinds and plays the piano. She also loves dance, including a particular favorite of hers called Sevillanas, which is a combination of Flamenco and other Spanish dances.

Susan is a writer, with her most gratifying efforts being the publication of her book called *The Artificial Intelligence Experience: An Introduction*, published in the United States and Japan. She has written a weekly nationally syndicated column answering questions about cancer for Dartmouth Medical School and a newspaper column for The New York Times Syndicate on mental health issues. She was an adjunct research associate, co-teaching medical writing at Dartmouth Medical School. She has also written about medical research at Stanford University School of Medicine and Stanford Medical Center.

Susan is a volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby and with the Environmental Voter Project and recently joined the League of Women Voters.

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## **Leslie Sulla**

Clarendon Hills native, Leslie Sulla, graduated from Hinsdale Central High School, majored in Information Systems at Elmhurst College, followed by Certification in Technical Communications from College of DuPage. Her first assignment as a computer programmer was to update and publish the monthly *Official Airline Guide*, a master guide to worldwide airline flights, a vital source for re-scheduling executive travelers beached by outside weather conditions, mechanical problems, or personnel issues mid-journey. The work required approximately 200 programmers over time, with women programmers in the slight majority.

After retiring from programming, Leslie turned her attention to supporting her daughter, Erin, in the classroom at her school by co-founding a science fair, volunteering in the school library, and joining the PTA board. Besides moving her daughter from Washington state to Los Angeles, Leslie has been busy this summer sewing costumes for a local community theatre. And, she is past president of AAUW-Lombard Area and web manager for AAUW-Illinois.

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

***For Any of Our Members Who Have Not Yet Renewed for This Year, Please Renew Online by Opening our AAUW Website at [AAUW.ORG](http://AAUW.ORG) , or Send a Check in the Amount of \$96 (National \$67, AAUW IL \$10, Branch \$19) to AAUW WHEATON-GLEN-ELLYN BRANCH, NFP, to our Treasurer, Maureen Sheehan, at new address: 200 Wyndemere Circle, W126, Wheaton, IL 60187. Remember that Your Continued Membership Means Everything to Our Organization and to the Girls and Women We Support with Scholarship and Other Gender Equity Initiatives.***

*Membership continued . . . . .*

### Directory Updates

**Please send any changes to your contact information to Nancy Possinger, Membership VP, at [napossinger@gmail.com](mailto:napossinger@gmail.com).**

**Karen Bondy - new address**

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**Maureen Sheehan - new address**

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**Lillian Sorensen - new email address**

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### Treasury

**Maureen Sheehan**

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Please note that effective immediately I have a new address that needs to be used when mailing Reimbursement Requests and checks for the Branch to me: **Maureen Sheehan, 200 Wyndemere Circle W126, Wheaton, IL 60187**. Also, my only phone number now is 630.926.1147, which is a cell phone.

We would like to thank Audit Committee members Phyllis and Chip Goodman and Cathy Soohoo for reviewing Branch financial activity for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) which ended June 30. The Audit Committee met on August 9 and everything was found to be in good order for the year. The Branch finished the year in excellent financial condition as a result of several successful fundraising events that exceeded expectations thanks to your support and participation in Branch fundraising events.

The Budget Committee met on August 3 and drafted a proposed Budget for FY23 (2022-2023) which was reviewed, modified and unanimously approved by the Board at their August 10 meeting. The Proposed Budget will be presented at the September Branch Meeting. The final (6/30/22) monthly financial statement for FY22 is posted on the Branch website in the Members Only section. Please contact me if you have any questions.



### Secretary

**Jane Palmer**

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The Board met on August 10. After the minutes of that meeting are approved by the Board at the next Board Meeting, they will be available on the Branch Website *Members Only* page. Details of topics discussed are described in the reports from Officers and Chairs elsewhere in this newsletter.

There was one motion approved at that meeting: *It is moved that the Branch change the name of its Educational Opportunity Fund to the Branch Gender Equity Fund. The motion was unanimously approved.*



### **Branch Gender Equity Fund**

Our Branch is renaming the Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF). Our AAUW Board agreed to update the name for this fund to *Branch Gender Equity Fund*. National AAUW has changed its focus from mainly education to include other gender equity issues. Since National AAUW no longer has a fund called Educational Opportunities Fund, we have chosen to modify our EOF name so it better aligns with the National fund options.

### **AAUW Higher Education Incentive Award**

Over the summer, we received information about the Glenbard South High School scholarship awardee. All awardees shall be enrolling in the fall semester at College of DuPage, thanks in part to AAUW funds.

**Glenbard South Ariana Anderson:** Ariana is a bright, hardworking, and committed student with nothing but positive things shared by her three recommenders. Academics have always been important to Ariana, and her solid grade point average of 4.5/5.0 demonstrates that she is a responsible young lady. She has maintained this GPA while also working part-time, five days a week as a Guest Advocate at Target. This year, Ariana chose to continue her hard work and prepare for college by enrolling in two AP classes. We believe that she is ready for the challenging college curriculum she will encounter over the next four years as she majors in psychology and potentially adds sociology as well.



### **Recipes from a Chicago Chef**

Hello fellow culinary adventurers! Our next Spice Routes dinner will be Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 pm at Peggy Connolly's home. Choose a dish by any Chicago-area chef and be ready to tell us (during the pre-dinner, mouth-watering description of dishes) why you like that chef, that restaurant, or that dish.

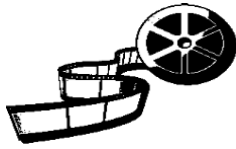
Unfortunately, due to space and chairs, only the first 24 respondents can be accommodated. You may reserve a place without having yet chosen a dish, but please submit your choice by September 7, so we can finalize a varied and delicious menu.

The dates and themes for the coming year:

- December 8, *Childhood and Family Favorites*
- February 23, *Academy Award Best Picture Winners...and the winner is Casablanca, and the cuisine will be Moroccan*
- May 18, *Good Taste in Literature...and the winner is War and Peace, so French/Russian cuisine. (Three Agatha Christie mysteries tied with the Iliad for second place: Death on the Nile, The Labors of Hercules, and Murder on the Orient Express.)*

Please RSVP to Peggy Connolly: [connolly.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.peggy@gmail.com)

## Our Branch Fundraising Activities



Fundraising Walks

Patricia Spence

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Join us Friday, September 23, for our Fall Fundraising Walk  
Margaret McGrath  
(Assisting Patricia this Year)

**Where:** Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. The main entrance is on the south side of Butterfield Road (Route 56) roughly two miles west of Naperville Road. The walk will be once (or twice, your choice) around the scenic lake. Restrooms will be open.

**Parking:** We will gather at 9:00 am. When you enter the park, turn left. Drive all the way to the end of lot. Meet at the covered east shelter with tables and benches, just a few feet beyond the boathouse. See map for parking and trail route. <https://www.dupageforest.org/hubfs/Places-to-Go/Documents/Forest-Preserves/Herrick-Lake-map-2020.pdf>

**Why:** This is your chance to contribute to our scholarship funds and to your wellness, at the same time! Tax deductible donations, at any amount you choose, should be payable to **AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP**. You can hand the check to Margaret on September 23 or mail it to Margaret ahead of time to **377 Turner Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-5018**. If you cannot walk and would like to contribute, please send a check to Margaret's home.

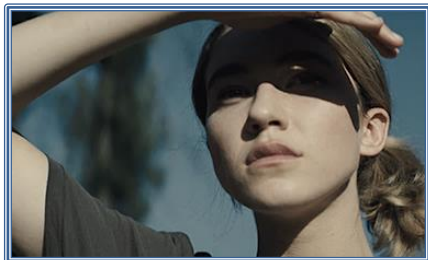
**Post Walk Festivities:** Coffee and Dunkin' Donuts will be served after the walk. Donuts will be a random assortment; if you have a special request, let me know the day before. Please have a folding chair in the car in case the onsite shelter is not suitable for our purpose that day.

**RSVP:** Notify Margaret that you will attend at 630.390.4442 or [margmcgrath@yahoo.com](mailto:margmcgrath@yahoo.com). If you just want to start your day with us on an autumn morning, and not walk, let Margaret know you are coming, so we can plan refreshments for you. *In the spirit of our suffragist sisters, we walk (march) rain or shine!*

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**LUNAFEST Is On!!**  
**Center Stage Theater**  
**1665 Quincy Avenue, Naperville, IL**  
**Saturday, October 15, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm**



The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch is excited to return to Center Stage Theater to host the **2022 Traveling LUNAFEST Film Festival**. Those who have attended this Branch fundraiser in the past can tell you what a great event this is. LUNA BAR's goal is to promote awareness about women's issues. The 80-minute program consists of eight thought provoking film shorts. Many of the directors/producers have won outstanding awards.

The ticket price of \$50.00 will include an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and post-screening dessert. Beer and wine will be available at a cash bar. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Branch's College of DuPage scholarships and AAUW activities.

**Invite family and friends.** This is an event to share. Center Stage Theater can accommodate 156 patrons. Just to let you know tickets sold out at our in-person event in 2019.

**Purchase tickets:**

- Log on to the **LUNAFEST** website ( see link below)  
or
- Mail a check payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP to Suzanne Gagner, 27W228 Pin Oak Court, Winfield, IL 60190. For more information contact Laura at [lkdesmarais@gmail.com](mailto:lkdesmarais@gmail.com) or 630.854.2730.

**<https://www.lunafest.org/screenings/in-person-aauw-wheaton-glen-ellyn-naperville-il-101522> AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, Naperville, October 15**

***There will be a raffle after the screenings. The theme for the raffle is: Dining with Friends in Wheaton/Glen Ellyn.*** Branch members can help defray the cost of this event by soliciting raffle donations or sponsoring LUNAFEST.

**Book Sale**

**Suzanne Gagner & Susie Gullickson**

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A hearty thanks to all our members for your support in making the 2022 Book Sale a success!

Early in 2022 we challenged each of you to collect/donate 50 books to the sale and you responded – we received approximately 4,000 books from 50 members! The remainder of the books for sale were gathered at various collection sites.

Over the 2 ½ days of the sale we had about 400 customers who purchased 5,500 books.

As of 6/30/22 our Treasurer, Maureen Sheehan reported the following numbers:

Floor Sales:	\$8,294
Monetary Donations:	\$1,090
Expenses:	\$1,954
<b>Net Proceeds:</b>	<b>\$7,430</b>

Our net proceeds greatly exceeded what was budgeted thanks to everyone's hard work collecting and sorting books, helping with publicity and working the sale.

Kudos to all!



### Judicial Candidates

In each State of Illinois legislative session, bills are routinely introduced to counter the reproductive rights bills that have successfully passed and are currently state law. Given this predictability, it is possible that challenges to current law could eventually reach the Illinois Supreme Court (if not beyond) as the final arbiter of legislation.

The current composition of the Illinois Supreme Court is four Democrats and three Republicans. The terms of four justices will expire in 2022. Two judicial terms will expire on December 4, 2022, and two judicial terms will expire on December 5, 2022. Two seats are up for partisan election on November 8, 2022. (The two other seats are up for retention election on November 8, 2022.) The judicial seat for District 3, which includes DuPage County, is one of these two partisan elections.

Support of reproductive rights is not exclusively the position of one party or a party candidate. It is, however, in the interests of our AAUW Public Policy Priorities that you find out as much as you can about the candidates for District 3, Justice Mary Kay O'Brien (D) and Michael J. Burke (R), currently an incumbent justice in District 2, as well as candidates for other judicial offices.

A commentator on *Chicago Tonight* said recently, *The fate of reproductive rights in Illinois could come down to the composition of our Illinois Supreme Court. You be the Judge.*

### Election Information Sharing

Throughout the Fall campaign season, please alert me to any candidate forums in your community. I will announce as much information as you can provide on our Branch *Facebook* page and/or in *Twigs*.

### Branch Public Policy Interest Group

Email me if you want your email to be included in our Branch Public Policy Interest Group. This group does not meet. Our chief function is to respond to requests from AAUW-IL Public Policy Chairs to contact (via phone calls, emails, visits to offices, etc.) our state legislators in support of or opposition to proposed bills. Additional communication to and within this group relates directly or indirectly to achieving Public Policy goals.





As you know, the Branch has an active website at [wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net](http://wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net). It is a quick and accessible resource for information on upcoming branch activities, fundraisers, board meeting minutes, financial reports and books chosen by our four book groups. This month, we are adding directory information to the *Members Only* page. (Note that this page is password protected and only available to members.) The Member List will be available in a printable PDF. It will include each member's address, telephone number and email address. A second PDF file will contain the other member information that we are used to seeing in the directory, such as, college/university degrees, membership date, and AAUW member number. General information from Part I of the printed directory will be available elsewhere on the website. For example, if you are looking to find out how to contact your legislators, a link will take you to the Public Policy page for that information.

The Member List will be updated monthly to add new members and any new addresses, emails or telephone numbers for current members. Please send changes in your contact information to our Membership VP, Nancy Possinger at [napossinger@gmail.com](mailto:napossinger@gmail.com)

**Reminder:** The password for the *Members Only* page is *twigs*. If you can't remember our long website name, just google *Wheaton AAUW* or *Glen Ellyn AAUW* and you are there! While you are there, set up a shortcut so you can easily return. For the iPhone or iPad, use Safari to open the website. Tap the bookmark icon (box with upward arrow), select *Add to Home Screen*. A pop-up will show you the icon and allow you to edit the name. Click *Add* and you are done!

**AAUW Online Team:** Contact Patricia Spence at [pspence101@aol.com](mailto:pspence101@aol.com) to share pictures of members enjoying Branch activities. She will also use the *Facebook* page to keep us posted on Public Policy issues. Tracy Kline at [trakli@msn.com](mailto:trakli@msn.com) continues to keep our website up to date with news on upcoming Branch activities.

Contact Jane Palmer at [jfpalmer@comcast.net](mailto:jfpalmer@comcast.net) if you have questions about our online directory information.





## Our Branch Book Groups

### AM Lit

Jean Lindsey

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Welcome to another year of terrific reading and greeting! Our September choice, *One Two Three: A Novel* by Laurie Frankel, is a *warm, funny tour de force...one that is delightfully memorable and wildly empowering*. Frankel has written a socially conscious 21st century fable that is part pastor and part political speechwriter. Indeed, this many faceted book should generate a lot of discussion.

We will meet at 9:30 am on Friday, September 9 at Peggy Connolly's home, and Peggy is also our discussion leader. Peggy's address is 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton. Please email Peggy at [connolly.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.peggy@gmail.com), if you plan to attend. Susan Levy-Creed and Eleanor Saliamonas will supply the hospitality.

Looking Ahead: On October 7, we will meet at Nancy Possinger's home to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus led by Nancy.

**Editor's Note:** *Please see remainder of Jean's article at the bottom of this page as it pertains to all of our book groups.*

### PM Lit

Susie Gullickson

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Our September selection is *The Sentence* by Lousie Erdrich. She is a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author. In this stunning and timely novel, she creates a wickedly funny ghost story, a tale of passion, of a complex marriage and of a woman's relentless errors. *The Sentence* asks what we owe to the living, the dead, to the reader and to the book.

We will meet at Peggy Connolly's home, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. Patricia Bernhold will be our discussion leader.

### PM Non-Fiction

Ewa Bacon

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We are meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm at Phyllis Fogel's home (1126 S. Edgewood, Lombard) and Jean Lindsey will lead our discussion of Michelle Nijhius's *Beloved Beasts: Fighting for Life in an Age of Extinctions*. She tells the story of the modern conservation movement through the lives and ideas of the people who built it. Only late in the 19<sup>th</sup> century did humans come to the devastating realization that their activities were driving scores of animal species to extinction. As we know to our sorrow, the problem has gotten worse even as our awareness has increased.

Please let Phyllis know at 630.414.4841 or [prfogel@live.com](mailto:prfogel@live.com) if you plan to attend.

**Please Note:** *The Glen Ellyn Public Library is once again providing our book groups with multiple copies of our monthly book selections. You will find them on the second floor where many book groups have their selections on the shelf. It is such a wonderful service! All they ask of us in return is to promptly return the books on the Friday or Saturday of the book discussion. The library has gathered these books from many suburban libraries who are eager to have them returned for their clientele.*



### Backyard Beekeeping Works!

Queen and her sex life, drones, workers, honeycomb, hives and more. Peek into the hive through a glass window. Examine the equipment needed for this fascinating hobby.

**Location:** Mary Mossman's home  
1516 Paula Avenue  
Wheaton  
630.648.3387 (cell)

**Date/Time:** Wednesday September 21  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**NOTE:** **Bring Your Own Lawn Chair**  
**Please Do Not Wear Perfume**

**RSVP:** [lkdesmarais@gmail.com](mailto:lkdesmarais@gmail.com) You will be notified if event is cancelled due to rain.

Wine and cheese will be served after the presentation. We are planning on a great fall afternoon.



**Cultural Arts is Theatre Bound!**  
**Join us at the Buffalo Theatre Ensemble's *Clybourne Park***  
**McAninch Arts Center (MAC)**  
**425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn**  
**Thursday, 8:00 pm, September 29**

What a treat to attend live theatre performances once again! We will see *Clybourne Park*, the first performance of the season for the Buffalo Theater Ensemble at the MAC. Peggy Connolly is opening her home for a pre-theatre gathering for all those who plan to attend. We will enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm at her home, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton. Please RSVP to Peggy at [connolly.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.peggy@gmail.com)

Purchase your own tickets at the MAC either by phone or through their website [at themac.org](http://themac.org). Future theatre dates with pre-theatre gather at Peggy's will be *Seasons Greetings* on December 1, and Andy Warhol's *Tomato* on February 16, 2023.

*Clybourne Part* is inspired by Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. *Clybourne Park* is a provocative comedy/drama set in the same house fifty years apart in the suburbs of Chicago. Act One takes place in 1959 when Russ and Bev are moving to the suburbs – selling their home to the neighborhood's first black family. Act Two is decades later when a young white couple buys the same property with plans to demolish and build a larger home. Now a predominately black community battles to protect the historic qualities of the community in the face of gentrification.

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**Branch Programs 2022-2023**  
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Welcome to the 2022-23 program year for our Branch. We have an exciting lineup of speakers for your enrichment and entertainment. All Branch programs will be on the first Wednesday of the month starting in September, excluding December and May when we have the banquets. **Note New Location: Glen Ellyn Police Department Community Room, 65 Park Boulevard**, in person with ZOOM available, except for January which will be all ZOOM. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm with the speaker starting at 7:15 pm and the business meeting to follow the speaker. If COVID intervenes, a meeting may be switched to all ZOOM. For further information, contact Carolyn Oesterle.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, September 7, 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fair Housing 101</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Nafia Khan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director of Outreach, Events &amp; Fundraising for HOPE Fair Housing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, October 5, 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Citizens United, Dark Money, and Gender Equity</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Dr. Steven Macek</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor of Communications and Chair of the Department of Communications and Media Studies at North Central College</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, November 2, 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Implicit Bias and How It Affects Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Deanie Brown</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer for the Illinois Supreme Court &amp; Judicial Branches and Chair of DEI for the AAUW Springfield Branch.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December Winter Banquet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 4, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ladies in Waiting...and Still Waiting</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Dr. Mary Virginia Orna, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at the College of New Rochelle, New York</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Women's Rights and the Supreme Court</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Dr. Julie Strauss, PhD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specializes in American politics especially Supreme Court decisions and the role of the media in politics.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 1, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>How to Create Resilient, Equitable Communities in a COVID World</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Kelwin Harr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Urban Planner Cook County Assessor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, April 5, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The RISE (Reflection, Inquiry, Self-Awareness and Empathy) Program</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenter: Dr. Donna Kiel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Founding Director of the Office of Innovative Professional Learning in the College of Education at DePaul University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AAUW-IL Fall Regional Conference: September 24 Via ZOOM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May Banquet TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AAUW-IL State Conference: TBD</p>

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