

2000-2001—The Millennium came. No computers crashed. The World did not End.

Board Observers attended elementary, high school, and College of DuPage Board meetings

Book Sale continued with proceeds going to the National AAUW Educational Foundation for support of women at PhD level and for Grants supporting women's advancement in non traditional fields. Also a Return to Learning Scholarship for a local woman attending COD.

Branch meetings on:

Community Connections. Introduction to three community groups in our area who also support equity for women and girls

Voter Education with branch member Helen Westlake filling us in on the history of the two major parties and the voting records of our Senators and Representatives.

Internet Workshop—How to surf it. How to use the information. Hands on chance.

Clinical Depression in Women, and Current Treatments (Dr. Delisi psychiatrist)

Journaling—what it is, how to do it, how it may help your health.

2001-2002—Program Topics

Winifred Creamer and John Haas' Archeological dig in Peru (Winifred, branch member)

Barbara Brotner, Chicago Tribune Columnist, shares her humor and insights about women today.

Musicologist Mary Ekstam presents research and her experiences on the healing powers of music.

Local activist Jan Csarnik, Director of People for the American Way, discusses that group's commitment to strong public schools, protecting freedom to learn, and preventing religious coercion in the public schools.

Donna Kotecki (spouse of member) speaks on the subject of local gangs and community solutions.

Diversity. Stephanie Downs Hughs, PhD, consultant, clarifies East Meets West.

2002-2003—Program topics

Kick off meeting designed as "conversation circles" each led by a past president.

ERA. Laura Prussing, AAUW-IL Public Policy Chair leads discussion on ERA which needs only three more states to ratify it for it to become Law.

Opera—The history and importance of Castrati in music. Singers perform excerpts.

Theatre—Buffalo Theatre Director discusses the play "Middle Ages" about marriage.

DuPage County—Past, Present, Future (Mary Therriault, DuPage County Museum)

2003-2004—Structural changes. Program topics

In response to declining membership and volunteerism, a new branch administrative structure was initiated. Instead of a President, a Liaison officer would supervise branch actives and Board Members and Interest Group Chairs would be tapped to take on individual monthly programs.

First Liaison—Pat Walton

Film Group initiated—partnering with Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation to encourage preservation of the Glen Theatre, the continuation of one foreign language film per week, and inclusion of men in this group (spouses, partners, members of CGEP).

Author Sheila Seclearr reads from and discusses her book A Tree on Turtle Island, set in the Pennsylvania frontier and influenced by Benjamin Franklin's Indian treaty reports.

Hats Off to the Twentieth Century and Beyond. Performance by Susan Kohl-Jankowski at Terrace Restaurant. Noon-2:00 p.m. Experiment with different branch program time.

2004-2005. Program topics not listed in Directory and are only in TWIGS as monthly chairs set them up through the year. Kick off meeting at GE Boathouse. Conversation, brunch, music.

## 2005-2006

Kick off meeting at GE Boathouse. Goal: increase membership.

Members invited to bring interested friends and neighbors to learn about AAUW and branch  
Tables set up with displays for Interest Groups, Book Sale, Book Group, Film Group, Reality Store  
mentoring project, Voter Education, Community Issues.

Speaker: EF Recipient on String Theory of Physics (PhD candidate at Fermi Lab)

Branch Web site begun

Public Policy introduces "Two Minute Activist" (members go online for brief coverage of a topic followed by a chance to register their opinion online).

Visit to Graceland Cemetery in Chicago with special architectural guide

Visit Pompeii Exhibit at Field Museum with member/anthropologist Winfred Creamer as guide

Newsletter placed on the Glen Ellyn Village web site

Members invited to go online for TWIGS to save branch money

Visit new Forest Preserve Building for tour and annual branch meeting

Tour Buddhist Temple in Bartlett

Book Sale and Celebratory Banquet at Emilios Tapas (Wheaton)

## 2006-2007—50th Anniversary of the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch

Festivities held at GE Boathouse with past Presidents presenting their memories and displays of projects done across the years.

Long Term Prisoner Survival in Auschwitz. Dr. Ewa Bacon (Member, Professor) at Glen Ellyn Library in a meeting open to general public.

Film Group presents WITISWAN, an organization which promotes film by and about women.

No Child Left Behind explained by Christine Sorenson, Dean, College of Ed, Northern IL University.

## 2007-2008

Kick off meeting at Wheaton History Center, a vintage Victorian building on Main Street, Wheaton

Jane Adams Day celebration with film Dinner with Jane. Jan Lisa Hunter leads discussion.

May Banquet celebrating Book Sale held at Glen Oak Country Club

## 2008-2009

Office and duties of President reinstated. Sherry Yarema installed as President.

Kick off meeting includes Book Sale nod by having appraiser Tom Joyce speak.

Challenges Faced by Latina Women in DuPage County. (Dr Lourdes Ferrer. Held in cooperation with other area AAUW Branches at First Church of Lombard).

Winifred Rocks On. (Dr. Creamer updates us on her archeological work in Peru.)

View from the Bench. (Member, the Honorable Bonnie Wheaton shares her insights on women in the law, her experiences in Family Court, her entry and rise in the law profession)

Members Margaret McGrath and Maureen Sheehan report on how AAUW spends its \$\$ on advocacy.

Garbage and Global Warming (Dr. Jean Bogner, a member of the Al Gore Nobel Prize Team).

## 2009-1010

History in the Movies; Did it Really Happen That Way (Dr. Cathy Schultz, professor and writer)

The Legacy of the Plan of Chicago; the Burnham Plan (Dennis McClendon, scholar)

Brazil and the World Economy (Dr. Anne Hanley, member and Director of Graduate Studies, NIU)

Basic Estate Planning: Don't be Like King Lear (Mary Callow, member, attorney)  
The Inside Story of DuPage County Women Activists (Darwin Walton, Jane Heckman)  
Public Policy and Health Care Reform.