

A Leaf from the Co-Presidents

Thanks to the technical expertise of our newest member, Jamie Nelson, we were able to watch an extraordinary presentation, *Climate Change and You* by Dorelle Ackermann and Sharon White. If any of us who watched the presentation were in doubt about the reality of climate change, we were not after the program. Fact: Coral reefs make up only 1% of the ocean but are home to 25% of the nation's species. Best case scenario will be the loss of 90% of our reefs. We are facing the sixth mass extinction. We have already lost 50% of our marine vertebrate species. On April 7, a federal regulatory group voted to officially close King Salmon fishing along much of the West Coast due to near-record low numbers of the iconic fish returning to their spawning grounds.

Thanks to the work of Patricia Spence, our members received an abundance of information about candidates for local elections. As of today, candidates whose views aligned with AAUW values won their elections. However, voter turnout was only 19% in DuPage County. We need to do better.

You can still vote in the National and State AAUW elections. For State, go to the AAUW-IL website at aauw-il.aauw.net for instructions to vote either online or paper. Deadline for paper ballot is May 4. If you have not yet received an email from National with a personal voter number, contact National.

Mary Sue & Carolyn



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	INFORMATION
May 5	AM Lit	9:30 am	Glen Ellyn Public Library, First Floor Meeting Rooms, 400 Duane St., Glen Ellyn.
May 5 to 6	2023 AAUW-IL 98th State Convention	Begins 5:00 pm, May 5	See article in this issue.
May 13	Film Group	7:00 pm	TBD
May 15	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Marie Corcoran, 31 Hawkins Circle, Wheaton
May 18	Spice Routes Dinner	6:00 pm	Peggy Connolly, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton.
May 20	Spring Luncheon	11:30 am	Adelle's Fine American Fare,
May 24	PM Non-Fiction	7:00 pm	Eva Bacon, 405 W Front St., Apt 305, Wheaton



Membership

Nancy Possinger
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Dues Renewal

We have received questions about dues renewal from some members. We want to let you know that we anticipate receiving final direction regarding dues renewal from National very soon. Renewal information will be sent to the Branch members via email.

New Member Introductions

Three new members joined our branch in March and April! We are delighted to introduce and welcome each one of them.

Jamie Nelson

We are happy to welcome Jamie Nelson to our Branch! Her initial introduction to AAUW came when she joined the Naperville branch just as Covid hit in 2020. She left that branch during Covid. And as the virus subsided, she found our Wheaton Glen Ellyn Branch closer to her home!

Jamie has a Bachelor's Degree from University of Missouri, Columbia, and Master's Degrees in Human Resource Management and Development from Chapman University. She calls her title *Overseeing People Programs*. She is a full spectrum human resource professional who focuses on employee engagement, benefits, payroll, training and development among other areas.

Jamie lives in Winfield with her husband, Paul, and two dogs. She has a 30 year old son who lives in Chicago and a 23 year old daughter who is pursuing her degree online.

She looks forward to meeting AAUW members by taking part in our events and interest groups. Jamie has an interest in AAUW Online, STEM and Publicity.

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Maureen Mahalick

It is also our pleasure to introduce Maureen Mahalick to our Branch! Maureen came to know about us when she moved to Glen Ellyn, joined HealthTrack and became friendly with a group of some of our most veteran members! Knowing a wonderful addition to our Branch when they saw one, they enticed Maureen to become a member in March. And now we introduce Maureen to all of you!

Maureen was a teacher for seven years and an Elementary School Guidance Counselor for 26 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Art from University of St. Francis and Master's Degrees in Education, Reading, Counseling/Guidance; Curriculum and Instruction; Educational Administration and Leadership. She has attended Illinois State University, National Louis University as well as the University of Saint Francis. She eventually retired and moved from Joliet to Glen Ellyn to be able to spend more time with her five grandkids: all boys and all under five years of age!

She also labels herself as a *professional student* and loves to take classes along with spending a considerable amount of time swimming at HealthTrack in addition to biking and reading. She is also just now getting into pickle ball! She has been attending our AM Lit and said that she finds it *refreshing to meet a group of women to talk about books!* Other interests in AAUW opportunities include STEM Outreach and the Used Book Sale.

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Karla Bullett

Karla Bullett is a Lifetime member who joined AAUW during her time as a member in Lombard. We are very happy that she is now a member of our Branch!

Karla has a Bachelor's Degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. She grew up in Wisconsin (West Bend and Kenosha), but has lived in Illinois since 1988, when she married her husband, Bill. She is a member of a large extended family.

Karla has worked for 38 years with the Federal Government, and for the past 31 years, at the Chicago District of the US Army Corps of Engineers. She will be retiring May 31 and we congratulate her on that milestone. She plans to spend her retirement volunteering and traveling. Regarding AAUW, Karla would like to help with the Book Sale.

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Membership

Changes in Contact Information:

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Glennette Turner

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Also, regarding Glennette, she will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Springfield on April 29 for her book on the Underground Railroad.

In addition, the College of DuPage Andy Warhol Exhibit will include a portrait of Glennette done in the Warhol style.

Congratulations to Glennette!



Secretary

Jane Palmer

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The Board met on April 12. 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*) web page. Details of topics discussed are described in the reports from Officers and Chairs elsewhere in this newsletter.

There were two motions approved at that meeting:

1. A motion to approve the March 8 minutes without any corrections or additions.
2. A motion to adopt specific wording to be used in publicity for the Used Book Sale where proceeds will go to the Branch's Opportunities Fund.

Background for Motion #2: The Board discussed that, in the past year, all proceeds from our three fundraisers were deposited in the Branch's Opportunities Fund. Disbursements from that fund were made to fund the Branch's Higher Education Incentive Awards (i.e., COD scholarships) and to support other AAUW activities that support the AAUW mission. In the past, most of our Book Sale publicity stated, *All proceeds go for local scholarships*. As a non-profit organization, the purpose and proposed use of proceeds from any fundraising activity should be clearly stated when the project is undertaken. To change the purpose of the project after the funds have been raised or collected is not compatible with 501(c)(3) Regulations. To ensure that we are adhering to this requirement, the Board approved the following wording for Book Sale fundraising:

Proceeds from the Branch's Used Book Sale primarily fund local scholarships. The proceeds may also support other AAUW projects related to our mission. The AAUW mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

The approved wording will be used on book donation receipts and tax donation forms. A short form can be used in publicity or other places where space is limited: ***Proceeds from the Branch's Used Book Sale primarily fund local scholarships.***



**AAUW Annual Used Book Sale
Forest Glen Elementary School
561 Elm Street, Glen Ellyn
June 22 to 24, 2023
Marilyn Mauritz
marilynmauritz@gmail.com**

Many Branch members are working on publicity both to bring in donations and to get the word out about the sale which will be held June 22, 23, and 24 at Forest Glen Elementary School in Glen Ellyn.

Every member is working with Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann to collect books for a goal of 50 books per member. Please store these in your home and deliver to the sale site after sorting begins June 7. We encourage all community members to bring books directly to the Forest Glen site as well. However, there are a number of alternative sites where books will be collected. In addition, Marilyn W. is finding book donations popping up like spring daffodils! She and a team pick them up. And she is haunting estate sales with books as a source for a donation.

Please Note: Starting June 5: Drop books at Forest Glen Elementary School in Glen Ellyn, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. No weekends, please.

All Other Donation Sites Open May 1:

- **In Glen Ellyn:** **Health Track** during hours of operation. Books may also be dropped at **Main Street Recreation Center** and **Spring Avenue Recreation Center**, also during operating hours.
- **In Wheaton:** **Wheaton Sports Center** and **Wheaton Community Center** during hours of operation.

Go to or direct your friends and *family* to wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net and click on **Additional details regarding Used Book Sale** for further donation information.

Thanks to Carolyn Oesterle, Laura Desmarais, and Marilyn Wiedemann for helping to pick up books at collection sites. Let Marilyn W. know if you can help at marilyn.mayer@gmail.com

Mary Mossman is posting book sale details on online newspaper outlets, booksalefinder.com, AAUW-IL Connection and is asking all members to get on their *Next Door* app and keep their neighbors updated on book donations and then the sale itself. It will be a relief from the usual coyote sightings! Jane Palmer, Patricia Spence, Tracy Kline and Mary Mossman are using the Branch website and social media to spread the word.

Marilyn Wiedemann and her daughter, Hillary, worked on yard sign design, Carolyn negotiated the printing, and Nancy Possinger will contact you for sign distribution and placement in your neighborhood.

Sign up to work the set-up for the sale, beginning June 7, and the sale itself, June 22 to 24, will begin within the next couple of weeks. Look for an All-Branch email with a link to go to **SignUpGenius** to sign up for as many slots as you are able. Cashiers, customer service workers, clean-up crew: we need everyone to don that red apron and help.

BIG THANKS to all who have helped up to now and to every member who will be on hand **June 7 to 21** to sort and set up and for the sale **June 22 to 24**.

Drop Books Starting June 5 only at:

Forest Glen Elementary School
561 Elm Street, Glen Ellyn
Monday to Friday
8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday closed.

Starting May 1, The Drop Off Sites for Book Donations to the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale Are:

Health Track

875 E. Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn
Monday to Friday, 5:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Main Street Recreation Center

501 Hill Avenue, Glen Ellyn
Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sundays closed

Spring Avenue Recreation Center

185 Spring Avenue, Glen Ellyn
Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sundays closed

Wheaton Community Center

1775 S Blanchard Street, Wheaton
Monday to Thursday, 5:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday, 5:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 am to 5 :00 pm

Wheaton Sports Center

1000 W. Prairie Avenue, Wheaton
Monday to Friday, 5:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Accepting fiction, non-fiction, hardbacks, paperbacks. Please no textbooks, reference, self-help or spirituality. Proceeds go primarily for local scholarships and are tax-deductible.

2023 AAUW-IL 98th State Convention
Friday evening thru Saturday May 5 to 6, 2023
Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center 100 Conference Center Dr,
East Peoria, IL 61611

Following on the heels of our very successful face to face AAUW-IL convention in 2022, plan to join AAUW friends and colleagues from around the state at the 2023 AAUW-IL Convention in East Peoria.

The rooms at the Embassy Suites are truly a suite with a separate bedroom, a foldout sofa in the front room, and a shared bath between rooms. Very conducive to bringing a friend to the conference! We are lucky enough to have secured 2022 prices which include access to meeting rooms and other support for the convention.

Watch for meeting registration and agenda details in the *Connections* newsletter and on the AAUW-IL website at aauw-il.aauw.net. You do not want to miss this annual meeting where together we advance the AAUW mission.

Call to reserve your room today as you do not want to miss the full event. Please call the hotel directly at 309.427.2424 and ask for Kathryn to assist you (tell her you are with AAUW). Please call today as rooms are limited. Room rate is \$149.00 plus tax.

Reach out to Becky Glimco or Peg Gallagher AAUW-IL Program, aauwilprograms@gmail.com for questions.



AIR: Aging—Information/Resources
Ewa Bacon

Have you visited the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW website recently? You will find three information streams in the *Members* section of our website. We are adding information every month. The *housing option* now lists a day-care service for seniors; the *home services resources* has added a moving company; the *medical providers* has added several more physicians to the 34 we started with. The AIR site is for our members and it will remain robust if you help it develop with your comments and additions.

We meet monthly and our next discussion topic is legal issues for estates as well as health care directives. The March 28 issue of the *New York Times* features the article, *Among Patient Needs: A Medical Escort Home* and explains that *liability concerns mean people must satisfy a demand before even minor procedures*. Have you faced this situation? It exists nationwide. We hope to establish a procedure for requesting such an escort service from among our members. We can help each other!



Spring 2023 Consolidated Election: Alignment Assessment Feedback

All of our AAUW values-aligned candidates won in the school board elections in D41 and D89. In D87, aligned De La Rosa won the one out of two candidates' contest; Shannon, Lee and Mueller won the other three board positions. (Lee never responded to our AAUW values- based questions; Mueller responded too late for alignment assessment; on Shannon we took no position.)

Currently it is too soon to announce all final results for CUSD200. Aligned candidate Rutledge won a one out of two contest as did aligned candidates Long and Kulovitz in their "choose three" race. In an ongoing vote count, another aligned candidate, Hjerpe, is slightly ahead of Erkenwick for the remaining third board position. Erkenwick declined to answer our questions.

Witness Slips: Status Report

As requested by AAUW-IL Public Policy leadership, members of the Branch Public Policy Interest Group submitted, as proponents, witness slips for the following bills. The synopses below are stated verbatim from the Illinois Legislative Assembly website.

- **HJR-1:** Urges the Administration of President Biden to publish without delay the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Urges Congress to pass a joint resolution affirming the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment. Calls on other states to join in this action by passing the same or similar resolutions. (Status: The House assigned the bill to the Human Rights Commission.)
- **SB1909:** Prohibits a limited services pregnancy center from using or employing any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation, or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact, with the intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression or omission of such material fact: to interfere with an individual seeking to gain entry or access to a provider of abortion or emergency contraception; to induce an individual to enter or access the limited services pregnancy center; in advertising, soliciting, or otherwise offering pregnancy-related services; or in conducting, providing, or performing pregnancy-related services. (Status: Referred to Rules Committee)
- **HR132:** Declares March 14, 2023 as "Equal Pay Day". Encourages the citizens of this State to learn about the pay gap that women experience in society and to learn about these various dates that bring attention to the pay gap that specific groups experience. (Status-The resolution is currently on the calendar for consideration on the floor. The bill can be passed even though the date specified has passed.)

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.





The AAUW Online team has been busy this month. Patricia Spence continues to post Public Policy updates on the Branch *Facebook* page. Tracy Kline has recently made several updates to the website, including the following:

- The home page and the Used Book Sale page have been updated with 2023 Book Sale details, including addresses and available times for dropping off books at Forest Glen Elementary School and other Glen Ellyn and Wheaton book collection sites.
- For prospective members, the 2023-24 membership application form and an updated New Member Brochure are now on the *Join* page.

Looking ahead, the team, joined by Publicity Chair, Mary Mossman, will support the upcoming Book Sale.

- Cannot remember the dates and locations for donating books? The *Branch* website features all you need to know. Two flyers are available on the website for you to click and print. One focuses on the Sale and the other on book donations. Keep some in your car in case you spot a community bulletin board that needs a flyer or a garage/estate sale that may need to dispose of books.
- Spread the word: Anyone who Googles *Wheaton AAUW* or *Glen Ellyn AAUW* will go directly to wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net. The dates and locations for pre-sale book donations and for the sale are prominently featured on the home page.
- The Branch's Book Sale *Facebook* page will be very active in May and June. Mary Mossman is taking the lead on the *Facebook* Book Sale postings this year. April and May posts include details for donating. June posts will publicize the sale.
- When you see one of these *Facebook* posts, keep the buzz going with a *Like* or *Share* or with a *Reply*, such as, *I'll be there* or *Can't wait* or *Time to buy my beach books!* Better yet, post a picture of some books on your own *Facebook* page (along with an attention-getter like your dog or cat or grandchild) and share it with your friends and to the AAUW Used Book Sale page.
- We used to send postcards to former Book Sale customers. This year we will send two or three email *blasts* to our 200+ friends of the Book Sale. We have also posted the details on booksalefinder.com which reaches many book collectors and resellers.

Closer to the Book Sale dates, we will ask members to help in other ways.

- Please send an email to your friends and neighbors with the details of the sale by attaching the Book Sale flyer that you can download from the website. Do not forget to mention *proceeds primarily fund local scholarships*.
- 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 is *Friends* with many former classmates who are still in the area. Remember that despite being technologically savvy, many Millennials still love the smell and feel of a good book.
- Are you in a neighborhood *Facebook* Group or *Next Door*? In May, ask the group for book donations and in June, publicize the sale dates.

Do these efforts help? Yes, they do! Currently, we have 183 *Followers* of our page and in the 28 days ending April 12, we reached 412 people. Since the Branch only had 112 members at that time (and less than half are on *Facebook*), we are definitely reaching an audience beyond our membership. Let us try to increase our likes and shares this year. We have a lot of 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 Book Sale customer buy only one book?

Contact marymossman@gmail.com, if you have suggestions or pictures to help her keep the Branch's Book Sale *Facebook* page fresh. Continue to keep Patricia Spence at pspence101@aol.com and Tracy Kline at trakli@msn.com updated with pictures of members enjoying Branch activities.



**Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers
Adelle's Fine American Fare
535 W Liberty Drive, Wheaton
Saturday, May 20, Noon
Karen Bondy**

Please plan to join your fellow Branch members *in person* 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, OpenTable's Diner's Choice Award, and others. We will be seated on the patio under the pergola, weather permitting, or in the dining room if weather is bad. The restaurant is open that afternoon for private events only. In 2020, Adelle's upgraded to a whole restaurant UV air filtration and sanitizing system for the entire restaurant.

Menu includes salad, entrée, dessert, coffee, tea, or soda and tax and 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 afternoon out. Contact Karen (bondykj@aol.com) if you have questions or dietary concerns and we will make certain that you are accommodated.

MENU

SALAD

Mesculun Greens Salad
fresh strawberries, orange supremes, balsamic raspberry vinaigrette, toasted almonds



CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

(Entrees Must Be Pre-Ordered When You Send Your Check)

- ❖ Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast, grilled asparagus, roasted potatoes, onion strings, tomato cream sauce
OR
- ❖ *Adelle's Risotto, seasonal roasted vegetables, fresh herbs, Grana Padano*



DESSERT

Coffee, soda, iced tea

Cost: \$37.00 per person
Reservations Due: May 13

12:00 Noon: Social Hour, Cash Bar wine (\$10/glass includes tax & gratuity)
12:30 pm Lunch

******See the Reservation and Payment Form at end of issue******

Mail entrée choice along with check to:

Laura Desmarais, 1323 Shagbark Lane, Wheaton, IL 60187
Make check out to: AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP.

To Reserve Your Place, Make Sure Your Check and Selection is Received by May 13.



Highlights of Branch History—2005-2010

2005-2006

- Kick off meeting held at Glen Ellyn Boathouse. Goal: new members. Tables display interest groups. Speaker is an EF recipient now at Fermilab who spoke of the importance of her AAUW award.
- Branch web site begun.
- Public Policy introduces *Two Minute Activist* (online access to a topic and online response).
- 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 website.
- 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 Emilio's Tapas (Wheaton).

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

- Festivities held at Glen Ellyn 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) speaks at Glen Ellyn Public Library in a meeting open to the 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 Educat, Northern IL University.

2007-2008

- Kick off meeting at Wheaton History Center, a vintage Victorian house on Main Street, Wheaton.
- Jane Addams Day celebration with film *Dinner with Jane*. Jan Lisa Hunter leads discussion.
- Jonathan Rosenbaum, *The Reader Film Critic*, speaks on film today (presented by Film Group).

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). *Atreve Project* begins with support of multiple branches. (Seminar for middle school Latinas and their mothers to stimulate continuing education.)
- *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, and her entry and rise in the law profession.
- Members Margaret McGrath and Maureen Sheehan report on how AAUW spends its money on advocacy.
- *Garbage and Global Warming* presented by Dr. Jean Bogner, a member of the Al Gore Nobel Prize Team).

2009-2010

- *History in the Movies; Did it Really Happen That Way* (Dr. Cathy Schultz, professor/movie blog 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, estates attorney)
- Public Policy and Health Care Reform.



Our Branch Book Groups

AM Lit

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Our May 5 AM Lit choice is *Furious Hours-Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep. It is a *superbly written true-crime story which masterfully brings together the tales of a serial killer in 1970's Alabama and of Harper Lee, the beloved author of To Kill a Mockingbird, who tried to write the story (New York Times)*. It was chosen as one of the Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Dallas News* and *The Economist*. Suzanne Gagner will lead the discussion on Friday, May 5 at 9:30 am at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. There are copies of the book at the library as of mid-April.

Very Important Notice: Looking Ahead to June 2 Book Selection/Potluck Luncheon

Please submit novel choices for next year no later than **May 25** to Judy Sims at *judsims@hotmail.com*.

Please include a short description of the novel (a few sentences), the author, number of pages and if you have read the novel. You do not need to have read the novel, but it is a positive if you have! We select 11 novels, so we need you to recommend one to three novels. The more books we have to choose from, the stronger our 2023-24 slate will be!

Judy and Jane Palmer will orchestrate the book selection process at the June 2 Book Selection Potluck Luncheon at Peggy Connolly's home, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton. Please let Peggy know if you will attend the book selection/potluck at *Connolly.peggy@gmail.com*. Please bring either a salad, an appetizer or dessert to serve 8-12 members. The event will commence at 9:30 am on Friday, June 2.

PM Lit

Susie Gullickson

gullish.1955@gmail.com

Our May book selection is *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. *This unforgettable and heartwarming debut novel tells how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. Widower Mukesh lives a quiet life in a London Borough. Aleisha is a bright but anxious teenager working at the local library, where she passes along the reading list to Mukesh. Slowly, the shared books create a connection between these two lonely souls (Goodreads)*.

We will meet at Marie Corcoran's home (31 Hawkins Circle, Wheaton) at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 15. Discussion leader to be determined.

PM Non-Fiction

Ewa Bacon

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The PM-Non-Fiction readers are meeting at 7:00 pm on May 24 at the home of Ewa Bacon (305 W Front Street, Wheaton #305) for a discussion of David Quammen's book *Breathless: The Scientific Race to Defeat a Deadly Virus*. Ewa will facilitate our meeting. **Please RSVP** if you are planning to come at email address above.

Quammen is well versed in the history of viral biology, and here his focus is intensely on COVID-19, how it was identified, where it was found, and the reaction by the scientific and political communities to a pandemic.

However, we have ALL experienced this historic event. Can we talk about our personal experiences, our emotions, our actions, our fears? Can we anticipate the impact of this catastrophe on our history, our sense of well-being, our relationship with each other? What has changed?



History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly
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Last fall we voted on our favorite books from the classics (“Great Taste in Literature”) for this year’s Fourth Spice Routes Dinner. The winner was *War and Peace*, with *The Illiad* and three Agatha Christie mysteries tied for second place (with some question as to whether *Murder on the Orient Express*, *Death on the Nile*, and *The Labors of Hercules* actually count as classical literature). They do.

For our May 18th Spice Routes Dinner, please let Peggy know by May 11, what you would like to contribute from French or Russian cuisine. *Bon appetit* & *доровье* (or *za zda-ró-vye*, if your Cyrillic is a little rusty).



Film Group

Anne Hanley
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April Film Group was all about *Air...Air Jordans*, that is. Thanks to Kitty and Tomas for hosting an engaging and wide-ranging discussion on a warm, beautiful spring evening. As we look forward to the summer, I will need some volunteers to host and lead the discussions. I will be out of town for both May and June meetings (Saturday, May 13 and Friday, June 9). I will happily coordinate the communications, but you all will need to decide on what to watch and where to discuss it! Please reach out to me via email to volunteer.

The Twigs Team

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Proofreader:	Ruth Schumacher
AAUW Online:	Jane Palmer
Website Editor:	Tracy Kline

*Editor’s Note: It takes a team to get Twigs out to all of you.
I would like to acknowledge and thank the other members that make it all possible.*

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

Spring Luncheon Reservation Form

Deadline: May 13

Luncheon Date: Saturday, May 20 at Adelle's in Wheaton

12:00 pm Social Hour/Cash Bar

12:30 pm: Lunch, Program to Follow



**Please clip and mail with your check to: Laura Desmarais 1323 Shagbark Lane .Wheaton, IL 60187
Checks Payable to AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP, Must be Received by May 13.**



Name(s): _____ Number in Party ____ @ \$37.00 = _____

Select one Entrée choice:

Parmesan crusted chicken breast with grilled asparagus, roasted potatoes, onion strings, tomato cream sauce.

or

Adelle's Risotto with seasonal roasted vegetables, fresh herbs, Grana Padano.

Karen: Please contact me by May 13 for special dietary need.

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