

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

Warm greetings to our members! Driving or walking around, one cannot miss the forsythia and the daffodils that are just screaming; a beautiful time of the year has arrived! Wishing all of you a wonderful spring!

On April 2, at our AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch Meeting we had an amazing presentation entitled "Save our Night Skies" from speaker, Adam Kreuzer, on the consequences of light pollution and what we can do to preserve our night skies. If you were in the in-person audience, we hope you enjoyed it and learned from it. Unfortunately, if you were unable to attend in person, as you found out, our Zoom link did not work that night and for that we apologize.

Fortunately, our speaker provided us with a copy of his slides. If you're interested in receiving a copy of the slides, send an email request to our Branch email ([wge-aauw@comcast.net](mailto:wge-aauw@comcast.net)) and we will email it to you.

A friendly reminder to sign up for the Spring Luncheon to be held at Adelle's in Wheaton on May 31. This event will include our installation of officers for 2025-2027 and provide a great opportunity to catch up with our friends and meet some new members.

We are so excited for our **2025 AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Used Book Sale!** This event is the primary fundraiser for the four Scholarships we give out - one to a female student from each of our local public high schools.

**June 9 – 13, 16 – 18 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Drop off, Set up and Sorting Books**

**June 19 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm: BOOK SALE**

**June 20 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: BOOK SALE**

**June 21 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm: BOOK SALE**

**Location: Park View Elementary School, 250 South Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, next door to the Reserve 22 Restaurant and the Village Links Golf Course on Park Blvd. It is a fantastic location, with high visibility!**

**Looking forward to seeing you all at the Book Sale!**

*Nancy Possinger and Karen Schulz*

## Upcoming Events – May 2025



DATE	EVENT	TIME	INFORMATION
April 23	AM Non-Fiction	10:00 am	Carolyn Oesterle's Home 645 Lake Road Glen Ellyn
April 27	COD Senior Expo	12:00 pm	College of DuPage 425 Fawell Boulevard Glen Ellyn
April 29	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Patricia Spence's Home 192 East Road Glen Ellyn
May 2	AM Lit	9:30 am	Glen Ellyn Public Library 400 Duane Street Glen Ellyn
May 9	Film Group	7:00 pm	Ewa Bacon's Home 405 West Front Street #305 Wheaton
May 15	Branch Meeting	6:45 pm	Wheaton Public Library 225 Cross Street Wheaton
May 19	PM Lit	7:00 pm	Marie Corcoran's Home 31 Hawkins Circle Wheaton
May 22	Spice Routes	6:00 pm	Peggy Connolly's Home 1445 Brentwood Lane Wheaton
May 27	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Karen Schulz's Home 761 Glenbard Road Glen Ellyn
May 31	Spring Luncheon & Installation of Officers	11:00 am	Adelle's Modern Kitchen & Bar 535 West Liberty Drive Wheaton



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## Programs

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### Rescheduled Meeting

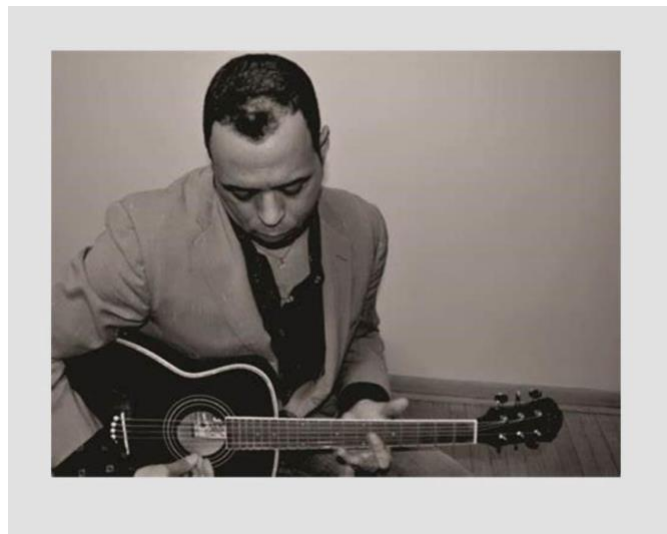
#### An Unfinished Journey: African American Music in its Pivotal Decades

Wheaton Public Library: Thursday May 15 at 6:45 pm

Meeting Room A Lower Level

225 Cross Street

Speaker: Clarence Goodman



Do you recall that our February Branch meeting was cancelled due to a predicted snowstorm? **Thursday, May 15** is the new date when we will gather at 6:45 pm at the Wheaton Public Library to enjoy this multimedia performance. Clarence Goodman, musician, historian and public speaker, will present a program entitled ***African American Music in Pivotal Decades***. Mr. Goodman's informative and entertaining program promises to be an enlightening exploration of Black music and the Black experience. Clarence will perform key songs and share stories which have impacted not only Black history but American history as well. A well-known and respected speaker/musician, Clarence Goodman's presentation is one you will not want to miss!

Our Branch is co-sponsoring this event with the Wheaton Public Library, and AAUW members (and friends!) need to preregister with the Wheaton Library for the May 15 program. Here is the link:

<https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/african-american-music-pivotal-decades-107487>

Please mark your calendars and remember to register online using the library's link. There will NOT be a Zoom option for this program.



With all the news about the Trump administration issuing executive orders ending DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) programs, we need to remember that AAUW's mission and priorities remain the same.

- Removing bias from education
- Fighting for fair pay and economic equity
- Advancing women in leadership

More information about each of these topics is available at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

**We cannot get discouraged!**  
**We cannot let depression overwhelm us!**  
**We cannot give up!**  
**We cannot go backwards!**



The College of DuPage is staging its annual **Senior Expo** on Sunday April 27 from noon to 4:00 pm in the Homeland Educational Center (HEC) Building, 425 Fawell Blvd in Glen Ellyn. Under the rubric of Wisdom, Wonder and Wellness, COD is bringing together wellness and information services for seniors.

The Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles has established **"Seniors Only DMV Centers."** The closest to us is located at Westchester Village Hall at 10300 West Roosevelt Road in Westchester. The DMV centers provide renewal services for cars and licenses, Real ID and In-car Driving Tests. Please call 800-252-8980 ext. 2, for information. Illinois is unusual in requiring annual driving tests for seniors 80 and older. This law is currently under review.



The AAUW Online team will be busy in May and June supporting the upcoming **Book Sale**. Look for frequent posts on both the Branch Facebook page and the **Used Book Sale Facebook page**. We will also set up a Facebook “Event” for the sale and advertise in the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn **Patch.com** news sites. (Lombard does not have a Patch site.)

We are currently adding all the **Book Sale** details to our web page. This will be a great resource for our members and the public for all the details about book donations and Book Sale dates and times.

- Can’t 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 unsold books.
- Spread the word: Anyone who googles “Wheaton AAUW” or “Glen Ellyn AAUW” will go directly to [wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net](http://wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net). The dates and locations for pre-sale book donations and for the Sale days are prominently featured on the home page.
- When you see one of our Facebook posts, keep the buzz going with a “Like” or “Share” or with a “Comment” 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), share it with your friends and share it to the **AAUW Used Book Sale page**.

Closer to the **Book Sale** dates, we will ask you all to help publicize the sale.

- You can send an email to your friends and neighbors with the details of the sale by attaching a Book Sale flyer that you can download from the website. Don’t 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 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 Gen X, Gen Z and Millennials still love the smell and feel of a good book.
- Are you in a neighborhood Facebook Group or NextDoor neighborhood group? In May, ask the group for book donations and in June, publicize the sale dates. Contact me ([jane Palmer@icloud.com](mailto:jane Palmer@icloud.com)) if you have questions about how to do this.

Do these efforts help? Yes, they do! Currently, we have 242 followers of our Book Sale Facebook page and 319 followers of our Branch page. Since the Branch has 125 members (and not all are on Facebook), we are reaching an audience beyond our membership. Let’s 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 Jane Palmer ([jane Palmer@icloud.com](mailto:jane Palmer@icloud.com)) if you have suggestions or pictures to help us keep the Branch’s Book Sale Facebook page fresh. Continue to keep Patricia Spence ([pspence101@aol.com](mailto:pspence101@aol.com)) and Tracy Kline ([trakli@msn.com](mailto:trakli@msn.com)) updated with pictures of members enjoying Branch activities.



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## Membership

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Marie Corcoran & Susan Hagerty

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Our membership is steadily climbing, and we are now at 125 in total.

### Welcome New Members

#### Heidi Koberstine

Heidi joins us from Lombard where she grew up with her younger brother and sister. She says that because her father owned a local retail store and everyone in town knew him, she and her two siblings were always the best-behaved kids in town!

By her sophomore year in high school, she decided she wanted to be a French teacher and attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan. She spent her junior year at the University of Grenoble, France.

After graduating from college in the mid-70s, there were no teaching jobs available. But strictly by being in the right place at the right time, she ended up in Information Technology, where she has spent over 40 years.

Heidi has two children – (John and Rachel) and two grandchildren: Amelia, age 12 and Christopher, age 2. Like many, she sometimes thinks being a grandmother is so much easier than being a mother!

She joined the Lombard Branch sometime around 2010 and knew immediately that she had found a home. She served four years as program vice president and two years on the state board as the District 4 director.

#### Carol McElvain

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, she spent most of her childhood in Wausau, Wisconsin. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Political Science from The University of Wisconsin in Madison. She continued her studies there, earning a Juris Doctorate as well.

Early in her legal career, she was a trial attorney representing insurance companies. Motherhood triggered a re-evaluation of her career path to a field near and dear to all our hearts - education. Carol served on the Glen Ellyn District 41 School Board from 2006 to 2010.

She has spent the remainder of her career as an educational researcher. Most recently, she was overseeing training for the caregivers of unaccompanied minor immigrants until her position was terminated by the current administration.

Carol has lived in Glen Ellyn for over 30 years. She raised her two children here and both have since flown the nest to southern California. Her wanderlust blossomed as an empty nester living for periods of time all over the country, house & pet sitting. She especially enjoys culinary travel, most recently in Barcelona and Ireland.

We can all thank Susan Peters, a fellow trivia enthusiast, for encouraging Carol to join AAUW. She is already working with Susan on the MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival. Carol is also interested in our Film Group, Great Decisions discussion group and all things equity related.

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## Membership - Continued

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### Sidney Jostes

Born in Charleston, West Virginia, Sidney spent her childhood in Ohio and Kentucky before landing in Orland Park, IL. She graduated from Sandburg High School and enrolled at the University of Illinois, only to have her father pull his financial support due to political disagreement. Undeterred, Sidney left for sunny Santa Cruz, California.

Sidney returned some years later to Illinois with her husband. They settled first in Downers Grove and later in Naperville where they raised their two daughters. Both of Sidney's daughters are adults, living locally.

Sidney completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Northern Illinois University, one or two courses at a time while raising her daughters. With her new degree in hand, she served as co-curator of the Bloomingdale Art Museum. She also worked as a substitute teacher and teaching assistant in Naperville District 204. Sidney then returned to school again to earn her librarian certification. She was a school librarian in Naperville District 204 and West Chicago District 33. She finished her career in sales for Follette Publishing Company.

Sidney has a lifelong passion for the arts. Initially a quilter, she has shown her works and had photos of them published. Her current passion is painting in pastels which she pursues at home and at the DuPage Art League.

### Membership Contact List Updates

Thank you to those who have let us know about changes to your contact information. Keeping our data accurate is so important

If you have moved or changed either your phone or email - please send this new information to Sue Hagerty - [susanhagerty18@gmail.com](mailto:susanhagerty18@gmail.com) or Marie Corcoran - [mecorcoran31@gmail.com](mailto:mecorcoran31@gmail.com)

### Membership Renewals

Please watch your emails for your renewal notice. Note, this notification comes not from our Branch but from National AAUW. It should arrive shortly before your anniversary date. Most of our members have a summer anniversary but we do have some with a renewal coming up in the next couple of months.

When you get the email -- go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and the "log-in" icon is in the upper right corner of the home page. Once on your personal snapshot, scroll down to the red box labeled **RENEW**. You should be able to complete your renewal directly through that email notification from National as well. If you have any trouble, just reach out to us and we will be glad to help.



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## Cultural Arts

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### Lombard Craft Fair Booth

The Branch will be sponsoring a booth at the Lombard Craft Fair, Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. St. Charles Road between Main Street (Lombard) and Elizabeth Street is the location for the fair. Booths featuring crafts, food, and local organizations line both sides of the street. (The street is closed to traffic.)

The Branch booth will have a mini-used book sale to promote our larger sale June 19 - 21. It will also be an opportunity to highlight the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Branch. Flyers, bookmarks, and AAUW information will be available to distribute with dates for collection of book donations and the June sale.

Volunteers have signed up to work at the craft fair. Books donated for the mini sale will be collected after the AM Lit meeting on Friday, May 2, 11:00 am, in the Glen Ellyn Library parking lot.

Please contact Janet Miller ([janetmiller800@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmiller800@yahoo.com)) if other arrangements are needed to pick up books on an earlier date.

Thank you to everyone for their support of this new endeavor.

Janet Miller



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## Spice Routes

Peggy Connolly

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Our last Spice Routes dinner with this year's "**Fame (I'm Gonna Live Forever)**" theme will be May 22, and feature Signature Dishes from Great Restaurants. Food for thought: Sidecar from the Paris Ritz, Singapore Sling from Raffles, Vichyssoise from NY City Ritz, Café du Monde's Beignets, Waldorf Salad, Shrimp Remoulade from Galatoire's, Palmer House Brownies, The Hot Brown from Brown Hotel Louisville, KY; Knoephla Soup from Kroll's Diner, Bismarck, ND...you get the idea.

Please let Peggy know what you will be bringing by May 15.

If you are new to the Spice Routes, please note that spaces are limited to 24 and fill very quickly, so if you plan to join us, RSVP now!





Happy spring! Our May Film Group will take place at the home of Ewa Bacon, who has generously offered to host once again. The selection will go out the weekend before our meeting. Think about what you would like to watch and send me your suggestions!

Looking ahead to summer, we will meet on **June 13, July 11, and August 8**. If you are interested in hosting on one of those dates, let me know!



**AAUW Wheaton - Glen Ellyn Branch to Sponsor  
The MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival**

**You Be the Judge!**

Discover your inner film critic by casting your vote for Best Film and Best Actor in the 28th Annual **MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival** screening **September 30, 2025**, at the GlenArt theatre.

You'll join film lovers simultaneously in over 500 venues across the globe gathering to see the Ten Finalists in this year's event. With past finalists garnering Oscar wins & nominations and short films continuing to move into the Hollywood mainstream, come see this entertaining program featuring the best short films in the world today!

**ONE WORLD | ONE WEEK | ONE FESTIVAL.**

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

More information at: [www.manhattanshort.com](http://www.manhattanshort.com)

## Our Branch Book Groups



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### AM Lit

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Our Friday, May 2 selection will be **“The Great Divide”** by Christina Hernandez. This is a story of the building of the Panama Canal, which is a project spearheaded by the US with help from the country of Panama. The story speaks not only of the divide of the country, but also of the divide in class structure experienced during the excavations.

Please join us as Carolyn Oesterle leads our discussion at the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

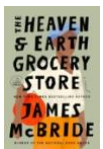
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### PM Lit

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**“The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store”** by James McBride is our May selection. It’s 1972 when workers in Pottstown Pennsylvania were digging the foundations for a new development and uncover a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side. As the story unwinds, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community – heaven and earth – that sustains us.

Join us Monday, May 19, 7:00 pm at Marie Corcoran’s home, 31 Hawkins Circle, Wheaton. Susan Levy Creed will lead the discussion and co-host.

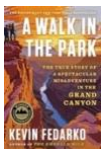
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### PM Non-Fiction

Ewa Bacon

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We are meeting on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at the home of Peggy Connolly (1445 Brentwood Lane; RSVP [Connolly.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:Connolly.peggy@gmail.com)) to discuss Kevin Fedarko’s **“A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the GRAND CANYON”**. Ewa Bacon will lead the discussion, and the cohost is Suzanne Gagner.

Pay attention to the subtitle: “spectacular misadventure.” It’s with good reason that reviewers mention that this book is hilarious! In spots. In other spots, Fedarko deals with the geology of this incredible site, with the archeology and current activities of Havasupai Indians, with the subculture of long-distance hikers, and the transcendent beauty of this great gorge. “The story is deeper, richer, and far more complex than anything [Fedarko] had imagined.”

As you are gathering books for summer reading, please consider these titles from the April 6 NYT Book Review section: Rebecca Romney’s **“Jane Austen’s Bookshelf: A Rare Book Collector’s Quest to Find the Women Writers Who Shaped a Legend”**; Clay Risen’s **“Red Scare: Blacklists, McCarthyism, and the Making of Modern America”**; Chloe Dalton’s **“Raising Hare: A Memoir [of the pandemic]. Literary Quests, Politics, and Animal Stories”**. We cover it all.



**Spring Luncheon**  
**Saturday May 31, 2025**  
**at Adelle's, 535 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton**

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 Modern Kitchen + Bar** in Wheaton. Adelle's serves crafted comfort food, focusing on fresh, locally sourced ingredients and made-from-scratch meals with community at the heart of their mission.

Menu includes first course, choice of 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 Bondy ([bondykj@aol.com](mailto:bondykj@aol.com)) before May 24 if you have questions or dietary needs, and we will make certain that you are accommodated.

**11:00 – 11:30 am Social Hour Cash Bar – mimosas, beer or wine \$10/glass, includes tax and gratuity**

**11:30 am – Lunch, followed by the program**

**MENU**

**FIRST COURSE**

Cream of potato leek soup



**CHOICE OF ENTREE**

ENTREES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED WHEN YOU SEND YOUR CHECK

**Quiche Lorraine**, made with applewood smoked bacon, Swiss cheese  
plated with a side salad

**OR**

**Chicken Breast**, Panko-parm breaded w/ cheddar mash,  
asparagus, tomato cream sauce



**DESSERT**

Cupcake – back by popular demand

Coffee, soda, iced tea

**Cost: \$39.00 per person**

**Reservation due: May 23, 2025**

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 23. Please consider sending a check as soon as you check the date. We have no other way to take reservations than US mail which often is 5 days or more. Last minute tweaks may be *possible*, but don't wait too long. Please!



**Please clip and mail with your check to:**

**Laura Desmarais  
1323 Shagbark Lane  
Wheaton. IL 60187**

**Spring Luncheon Reservation Form - Deadline May 23**

**Luncheon date: Saturday May 31 at Adelle's in Wheaton  
11 am social and lunch at 11:30 am. Program will follow.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party @ \$39.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



Select one entrée choice:

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Quiche Lorraine, made with applewood smoked bacon,  
Swiss cheese plated

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Panko-parm breaded chicken breast w/ cheddar mash,  
asparagus, tomato cream sauce

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Karen Bondy: Please contact me by May 24 for special dietary need

**Checks: AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP**

Please mail to Laura  
(info above)  
Reserve by **May 23**.



Some happy Branch faces from activities 10 years ago.  
New member photo, a crew of five packing up books for book sale (donated by a closing bookstore),  
valiant Book Sale Chair Jean Lindsey with some of her crew, three members posing in our old  
Civic Center Branch meeting room, four members chatting at a Branch meeting and  
May Banquet stars Rose Fitzpatrick and Glenette Tilly Turner.  
A very nice year!



Top to Bottom, Left to Right: 1) Susan Hoover, Ellen McGowen, Karen Owen, Janet Arden, Rose Fitzpatrick, Donna Jean Simon, Carolyn Fogel, Andi Denis, Lisa Cherry 2) Patricia Bernhold, Phyllis Fogel, Ewa Bacon, Sue Langguth, Rosemary Hahn 3) Gloria Pesce, Bonnie Gahris, Jean Lindsey, Judy Sims 4) Phyllis Fogel, Kimberly Thacker, Michelle Boice 5) Jean Lindsey, Michelle Boice, Don Westlake, Rosemary Beutell 6) Rose Fitzpatrick, Glennette Turner

**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.**



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