



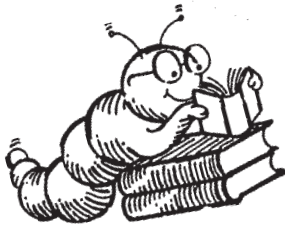
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Used Book Sale 2007



Book Sale Date Recap

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Drop off at church: July 6, 7, 20, 21

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Bag Sale: August 4: 9am - 3pm (\$7/bag)

Our branch book sale plans are moving ahead. Much of the preparation is under way. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer for all the tasks that need to be done. If you have not signed up, please be generous with your time when you get a call from Marilyn Gustafson or Mary Ann Dion. Also, please find a location for "Books Wanted" and "Book Sale Posters" included with this newsletter. Spread the word wherever you can to promote the book sale. We will need lots of customers to make the sale a success.

We want to have a good collection of books for the sale, but we also need to be careful to avoid the items we don't take. Please keep this list handy if you are collecting books or are being asked about what kind of books we don't take. No encyclopedias, textbooks, Readers Digest Abridged collections, magazines, education/teaching materials, legal, Math/engineering/computer, or Science. Also, no cooking pamphlets or religious pamphlets/daily devotionals. Books that are torn, moldy, or water damaged should be discarded.

We are planning to use 34 categories during book sorting and the sale. Keep reference books used for desktop use such as dictionaries, thesauri, atlases, writing guides, and english usage guides. Use your best judgement with regard to vintage books.

We hope to see many of you during our "book sale time frame." Thanks to all of you for working on this important fundraising project.

Any questions? Comments? Let us know,
Sue Meadows and Janet Miller
Book Sale Co-chairs

NOTE -- I've been listing the wrong time for Saturday's bag sale -- the true hours are 9am - 3pm. Leslie



New Location for our Branch Meetings !

Due to various issues with our previous meeting site at the Methodist church, **we have found a new location for our program meetings!** Our programs will now be held at the historic First Church of Lombard (with the white steeple). Some programs will take place in the lower level while we'll be in the new multi-purpose room for other programs. Yes, this is the same church that's hosting our used book sale!

We're excited about this new location. Abundant parking, an elevator, and reasonable rates make this an excellent choice. Thank you Doris for your unflagging work to arrange this new host!

Our first program will be Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the downstairs hall of the First Church.

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

In principle and practice, **AAUW** values and seeks a **diverse membership**. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW membership is open to any graduate who holds an associates or higher degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research & self-development of women and to foster equity & positive societal change.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking legal redress for sex discrimination.

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Board Meetings

See branch calendar on last page for date/location

Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sull by the 3rd Friday of the month.

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equity
is
still
an
issue

President's Greeting

I am delighted to write my first newsletter as your President, just back from our National convention in Phoenix, where there is no traffic and the temperature right now is a balmy 114 degrees. Fortunately we spent most of our time in our hotel, or at the Convention Center right across the street so we didn't have to be outside for any length of time.



This was a very important time and there was a lot of work to do; revision of by-laws, voting on incoming officers, enjoying dynamic speakers, thought provoking workshops and festive gatherings.

Friday was devoted to the opening ceremony dedicated to 125th year anniversary of AAUW, and our legacy of leadership. We celebrated 35 years of Title IX, which AAUW was instrumental in passing. There was also a Meet the Candidates event that evening where candidates for Assn. Board of Directors, regional directors, elected committee chairs, and the Educational Foundation Board of Directors were present so we had the opportunity to speak with them before the election took place on Saturday. We of course, worked hard passing our stickers, jar openers and cards featuring our candidate for EF Development Vice President, Jennifer Wilken, who won handily with a margin of 1000 votes, give or take a few! Also elected for Assn. Directors at Large were Kathleen Cha, Anthony Hill, Jackie Littleton, Ronni Nivala and Thomasyne Williams, and EF Directors at Large Jeanne Clark, Faye Dykstra, and Alicia Hetman.

In between campaigning and voting, we went to business meetings and Public Policy was very much on the agenda as were the by-laws changes for review. We will discuss this at more length at our September meeting, but members seemed satisfied with the outcomes. We had a wonderful talk by Sherry Schiller who challenged us to take action on the tough questions, such as the survival, relevance and culture of our organization today and what we must do to survive for 125 more years, and our own Ruth Sweetser presided over all the important meetings with unflappable grace and dignity.

The LAF hosted a free movie, North Country, a fictionalized account of the first class action sexual harassment lawsuit in the U.S. brought by women working in the Minnesota mines. The authors of the non-fiction book "Class Action," Laura Leedy Gansler and Clara Bingham, on which the movie was based, discussed the case. Another presentation was by AAUW member Greg Mortenson, the author of "Three Cups of Tea." He delivered the keynote address at the Global Perspectives on Women and Girls Plenary. He has dedicated his life to promoting the education of girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He believes the road to peace is paved by education, not guns, and has worked hard to build schools for girls. "Educate a boy and you educate an individual; educate a girl and you educate a community," is his motto. We will be featuring his book in our Lit group this year.

I look forward to discussing the convention in more detail during the coming months, but suffice it to say that for me it was an enjoyable learning experience. I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to attend. *Read page 3 for more Convention happenings.*

Loretta Caputo, President

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AAUW Convention Results

There were two exciting election results at the national AAUW convention held at the beginning of July in sunny Phoenix. Ruth Sweetser has been re-elected as AAUW President, and Jennifer Wilken (who has spoken to our branch at several programs) was elected Educational Foundation Development Vice President.

Congratulations to these two outstanding local women!

In other voting, AAUW delegates voted unanimously for sweeping changes to AAUW's organizational structures. Delegates approved a measure establishing a transitional board of directors and the composition of the 2009 board. As a result of the restructuring vote, AAUW and the Educational Foundation will combine many of their assets and activities to form a streamlined, mission-driven organization with a single set of elected officers. Another key change approved by the delegates provides for voting between conventions by mail or electronic balloting. This "one member, one vote" amendment gives all members a voice in the organization's decisions and will help make AAUW a more responsive and equitable organization.

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Programming a New AAUW Year

The Three "C's" of Programs Beginning in Fall 2007:
Coordinated, Collaborative, Contemporary

Moving AAUW forward in a focused and strategic manner is the challenge for us this year. We'll begin the year with a new twist on a favorite theme: potluck becomes "culinary potpourri." It will still be that wonderful social hour at which we enjoy favorite member recipes, along with new dishes and desserts that members bring to share. Be sure to mark your calendar, invite a friend, and join us for this veritable smorgasbord of delicacies. Our first program of the year will focus on community action and leadership. Following our social hour, a panel that will include representatives from the Lombard Village Trustees, Library and Park District will give us insight into the issues that face local boards and how leaders address voter concerns. There will be a brief question and answer period following the panel presentation.

The selection of monthly programs for next year is well underway with planning to provide a portfolio of AAUW programs that will serve the mission of AAUW, support and engage members and prospective members, and, in the process, move the organization forward in a focused and strategic manner. More information on specific programs will be forthcoming in the September newsletter.

Betsy Swinson and Kathryn Tecza
VP/Program Co-chairs

See page 1 for related NEW LOCATION story

New Lombard AAUW Members



Thanks to our April business women's panel, April and May guests and member recruiters, we added 12 new members this spring - 16 for the year, an amazing 25% increase. Hopefully YOU seasoned book sale workers and our NEW members will meet over the books we collect, sort and sell this summer to raise women's scholarship dollars. Be sure to wear your name tags proudly and introduce yourself to all these super new wonder women.

Diane Dassow is a personal historian and owner of Binding Legacies (www.bindinglegacies.com). While working full time in hospital administration, Diane completed her BS in Management at Mundelein College in 1979 in the early days of their weekend program. An MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1983 followed. Over time, the entrepreneurial bug bit. Diane captures people's life stories in her business and also by being a freelance correspondent for the *Daily Herald*. She lives with husband Ed and daughter Ellen, a college senior.

Susan "Susie" Dressler is owner of Health Claim Assistance, Inc. a West Chicago based firm which for 18 years has specialized in helping people successfully file and resolve their medical claims and disputes with insurance carriers. In 1988 she formed a not-for-profit organization, The Alliance of Claims Assistance Professionals (ACAP), to make access to CAPs easier and to help people who may want to enter this profession (www.claims.org.) Susie's been married for 31 years, is owned by 4 cats and enjoys kayaking. Her education was in Pre-Veterinary Medicine with a major in Anthropology, receiving her BA from University of Wisconsin in 1968, and says, "Although my education did not directly influence my life's work in health insurance, it certainly taught me how to juggle and balance."

Elizabeth "Beth" Gelman graduated from Northwestern University's School of Speech/Communication with a BS in 1983. She is married to composer Tom Sivak and has two daughters, Jessy, who will be a freshman in Millikin University's Honor Program in the fall, and Cora, who will be a sophomore at Glenbard East High School. A working actress for over 25 years, Elizabeth is also a published writer and is presently the Executive Director of Lombard Town Centre (www.info@lombardtowntowncentre.org) She is pursuing her Master's in Written Communication at National Louis University. (bethgelman@abcglobal.net)

Laura Sibrava is this year's graduate scholarship winner. She graduated from University of Maryland in College Park with a BS in Biology and is currently studying Biomedical Sciences for her master's degree at Midwestern University in Downers Grove. Laura is planning on using her education to continue in dental school and eventually serve her community as a local orthodontist. (lsibrava@comcast.net)

Linette George has a BS from Illinois State where she majored in Psychology and minored in French. Professionally she has been an administrative assistant, high school teacher and corporate trainer. She is the owner of "Get Organized by George, Inc." using her accumulated skills (especially psychology) as a Professional Organizer, including *Home, Office, Eco-Organizing, Senior Downsizing, Home Staging/Curb Appeal, and Relocation Services*. She is also Vice President of the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers. Linette and husband Andy have a Siberian Husky named Sasha. (organizeme@getorganizedbygeorge.com)

Katherine Lawrence attended Roosevelt University, receiving a BGS in 2003 and MIDS in 2005. (alnowkatherine@aol.com.)

Shirley Segretto received her Associate of Applied Science from College of DuPage and then a BA in Managerial Communications from Elmhurst College in 2005. She currently works as an office manager, but her goal is to move into Human Resource Management. Shirley has a daughter who just graduated from college and son who is entering his second year of college.

Carol Schubert of Glendale Heights is this year's undergraduate scholarship winner. Her life moved in a different direction after spending 25 years in Corporate America. She is now currently working full time as a Director of Youth Ministry at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Itasca while pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Pastoral Ministry/Theology. She received An Associate equivalent in Theology from Dominican University in 2006 and now her goal is to obtain a Masters in Family Ministry. (stpeterym@yahoo.com)

Patricia "Pat" Walther, recently retired principal of Sacred Heart Elementary School in Lombard. Not quite ready to retire completely, she has signed on to work with Dr. Gale Wiedman, Associate Director of Education at Benedictine University in Lisle. She received both her BA and MA in Administration from the University of Dayton, OH.

Cynthia "Cindy" Ward received a BA in Sociology from Wheaton College in 1967 and was Director of the Volunteer Program for the Circuit Court of Cook County Juvenile Division and coordinated its Community Service Program before retiring. Now she is pursuing a career in video production, CyD Custom Designs. She volunteers as an intern for TV 6 and produced a monthly library program on TV 6 called Books & Beyond. She also worked to save the DuPage Theatre, is Publicity Chair for the Garden Club, and a Trustee for Helen Plum Library. Her son, AJ (Aaron) is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Bradley University.

Christine Yeager is owner of Yeager Fotografix with her photographer husband Bill. You can visit their studio at 112 W. St Charles Rd. in Lombard or website at www.yeagerfotografix.com. Christine received a BA in

Communications Theory from Winona State University, MN in 1986. (xine@yeagerfotografix.com)

Cathy Bussa, daughter of branch president Loretta Caputo, is rejoining. She received her BA in Finance from University of Illinois in 1981 and worked with Inland Real Estate Investment Corp. for many years. She is divorced with three children. Cathy has been a precinct committeeman, a member of Lombard Junior Women’s Club, on the board of the Home & School Assn. of Sacred Heart School, and on the board of the Friends of the Helen Plum Library. She enjoys being home with the kids, reading, taking COD classes, and is even beginning an at-home business.(cathybussa@comcast.net)

Doris Schertz and Kathleen Brenniman
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership



Memories of Marge Crabbe

Marge Crabbe died June 3. She joined Oak Park AAUW in 1946, moved to Elmhurst branch in 1954, and has graced our branch since 1961! Marge held nearly every office possible in our branch, and most recently was the Literature interest group chair for many years. We are so lucky to have known this dedicated woman whose quiet wit enchanted us.

Our branch celebrated Marge and her AAUW involvement in May, 2005 when she was presented with the AAUW Honorary Life Membership. Here is the toast written and presented by Marilyn Gustafson and Mary Ann Grady

A Toast to Marge

- M is for the Many hats she has worn in AAUW
- A is Actress extraordinaire in the Off St. Charles Street Players
- R is for Reliability in any task she is asked to do
- G is for Gift recipient of a named gift to the EF Fund from our branch
- E is for her Excellent and Exemplary accuracy as Branch treasurer
- C is for Chairperson of study groups too numerous to mention
- R is for Reticence - never wanting the spotlight but being in it anyhow
- A is for Achievement and Accomplishment as bridge player, gourmet chef, and literature expert
- B is for Booksale in which her contributions have helped lead us to success
- B is for Board President, bar none
- E is for Especially - especially a wonderful and loyal friend to all.

I loved Marge. Her sense of humor was tops, and she always found some way to find a chuckle about things. She is the first person I got well acquainted with in AAUW. We viewed things throughout these years the same way! As so many persons do, I miss her mightily!

Olive Langlois * * * *

How can you measure a half of a century of friendship?
What word can you use to describe a loyal confidant?
Who could surpass the warm welcome in Marge’s home?
How many people are as dependable as Marge Crabbe?
Was she not the “Hostess with the Mostess”?
Do you remember her loyalty to AAUW and First Church?
How many of us take time to volunteer for PADS or Walk in Ministry?
How many people do you know that can celebrate happy occasions in your life and always manage to be there when you need comforting?

The list goes on. I could tell you stories of her reaching out to us.

Her kindnesses and caring will live in our hearts forever.

I miss you, Marge- We all do!!
Heaven is blest to have you now.
Love,
Marilyn Gustafson

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[Do you remember Marge] in the “Off St. Charles Road Players”? They really presented some classics. Marge was so low key that many did not know how talented and funny she was. She was special.

Bebe Mosillo * * * *

When I think of Marge, I usually think of the AAUW Book Sale. Seemed we often worked on same shift. She always seemed to have answers to questions I had. Benefit of long experience, I am sure.

Betty Slattery * * * *

Marge was a member of AAUW and I was assigned to her as a new member. There was a drawing for new members and I won tickets to a COD play. Marge and I went to the play together. It was the start of our friendship.

Carol Schuh



Marge Crabbe

We miss you!

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Branch Calendar

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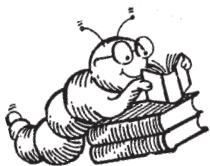
July 29 - Summer Outing: La Boheme. (Reservations closed.)

Aug 20 - Board meeting, 6:45 pm; at FOCUS in Cove Plaza (see pg. 3)

Future

Sept 12 - General program & Potluck, 6:30pm; First Church of Lombard

Oct 1 - Dining on a Dime, Dusit Thai in Lombard (see pg. 3)



*See you at the
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