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Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam

COME FOR DINNER AND A FUN EVENING ON THE RANGE

Lombard Area AAUW Summer Outing

Saturday, July 18, 6-9 p.m.

Bebe and Tom Mosillo's, 1S525 Luther, Oakbrook Terrace
(3 houses South of York Center Park District)

\$5.00 per person (bring money that evening)

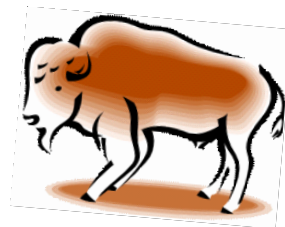
Dress: Western wear
(near Mosillo Pond)

Chuck wagon dinner will be served about 6:30 pm
Lemonade and coffee will be provided, or "byob" (bring your own beverage!)

Entertainment: "The New Salt Creek Ramblers" will begin about 7:30 pm
Guests are welcome!

Please RSVP to Nancie Stewart by July 13 - 630/620-0333

Questions? Betsy Swinson - 630/627-0152



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 (EF) is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. EF also funds the **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** which works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

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President's Corner



Kathy Brenniman, Lori Driscoll, Doris Schertz, Loretta Caputo and I recently attended the 2009 **AAUW National Convention** held June 26th to 28th in St. Louis.

Lilly Ledbetter, the face of pay equity, was the keynote speaker at the opening event on Friday afternoon. It was a powerful experience to see and hear this woman whose grievance with Goodyear Tire went all the way to the Supreme Court, was ruled against, and yet was then turned into a bill and passed by the House and Senate. In January 2009, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first bill that President Obama signed into law.

On Saturday morning, our speaker was **Rep. Rosa DeLauro** (D-CT), who is currently serving her tenth term in Congress and sits on the influential House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Rep. DeLauro has worked tirelessly to pass the Fair Pay Act in the House after years of effort and now continues with renewed effort to persuade Senators to pass this bill as well. We were tremendously energized to hear this public servant who is so devoted to women's causes.

At the Convention Banquet on Saturday evening, the speaker was **Rep. Jackie Speier** (D-CA), another dynamic woman who is a champion for women and girls. Also during the banquet, Illinois was honored as one of the top ten states for contributions to LAF, EF, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Leadership and Training Institute, and also for states that are advocates for laws and policies that are fair to women.

While it is difficult to impart the excitement and enthusiasm engendered by these speakers and celebrations, they were the "icing on the cake" between work segments as we debated and eventually came to consensus on Convention Rules, By-Laws, and the Public Policy Program. In each category, convention delegates requested additions, deletions and explanations on various items. Many motions were made and votes taken before agreements were reached.

Foremost among the difficult decisions was the **subject of open membership**. After much heated debate, the subject of open membership was tabled until a future time. The subject of "**one member one vote**" **passed easily** and the idea of open membership will be brought up again when all members are able to decide for themselves.

All in all, the Convention was exhilarating, informative, entertaining and exhausting. A 2011 Convention in D.C. was announced. Save the date!

Mary Ann Dion, President (630/353-0149)

Read the newsletter about the convention: http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2009/upload/convention_today.pdf

Read more about the convention: <http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2009/index.cfm>

New National AAUW Faces

Members attending the June AAUW Convention thanked President Ruth Sweetser for her leadership over the past four years and elected a new board.

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Next Latina Conference

Our 2009 *Dare to Dream: Get Educated* Conference for Latina middle school girls (*Atrevete a Sonar: Educate*) was a huge success, with 150 girls and 110 moms attending. Many of those attending have said how much the Conference impacted the girls' outlook on their futures. We want to thank each of you who participated for your time and effort. **Save the Date** for our 2010 Conference: **April 24, 2010**, once again hosted by Elmhurst College. We will be in touch as the conference plans develop. If you have ideas to make it even better, we'd be happy to hear your recommendations.

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AAUW
Breaking through Barriers

Used Book Sale 2009

Collections: Please bring books boxed and taped so they can be stacked. Barrel and book pick-up people, please pre-sort before bringing them to the church.

Sign-ups: We are desperately in need of people to sign up for the drop offs, the sort, and the sale. We need 100% participation from our members and we are hoping you can fill 3 slots, so think about it and be prepared when our callers reach you. E-mail Mary Ann Dion at mdion@worldnet.att.net to sign up. We can also use some teen helpers and we pay \$5/hour, so let Mary Ann know that too.



June 19 to July 25: Barrels go out at 5 locations.

Book Drop-Offs at First Church:

Friday, July 10 from 5-8 p.m. &
Saturday, July 11 from 9a.m. – 12 noon.
Friday, July 17 from 5-8 p.m. &
Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.
Friday, July 24 from 5-8 p.m. &
Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Sort Dates

Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 31st as necessary.

Sale Dates

Wed. Aug. 5: 5-9p. Presale: \$10 entry fee, \$15 with scanners.
Thurs. Aug. 6 & Fri, Aug. 7: 9a. - 8p. (free admission)
Sat. Aug. 8: 9a. – 2p; \$10 Bag of Books (free admission)

This is our only fund raiser the local scholarships, the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. If you cannot volunteer, consider making a monetary donation to offset the costs of the sale. Send checks to our branch treasurer – Cathy Bussa at 341 W. Graham, Lombard. Thanks so much. Remember working together at the book sale is a fun and social time as well as work! Hope we can all get together and make this sale a great one.

Your 2009 Book Sale Coordinators:

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2009-2010 Scholarship Winners

We announced our scholarship winners at our May banquet. Congratulations to these well-deserving women! Again, remember our book sale earns us the money for us to award local women in their quest for further education!

Return-to-Learning Undergraduate:

Jean Remedi attends Elmhurst College and is studying Information Technology. She lives in Villa Park.

Return-to-Learning Graduate:

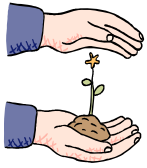
Carol Maresh received her undergraduate degree from University of Illinois at Springfield. She is working on her Master's in Library Science at Dominican University. Carol currently works at the Oak Brook Public Library. (See more about Carol on page 5.)

High School Winners:

Glenbard East: **Faiza Choudhry**, will attend Benedictine University, majoring in Science. She moved here from Pakistan one year ago. Faiza was named the English Language Learner Senior of the Year in May.

Willowbrook: **Jessica Kafka**, will attend Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, majoring in Chemical Engineering. She earned the Math Department Student of the Quarter earlier this school year.

Membership Matters



We recently welcomed **Carol Hester** as a new branch member. She came as a guest of Betsy Swinson and already knows many AAUW members! Carol grew up in Nebraska and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Wayne State College in her native state. Rather than teach, though, she went to work in the data processing field and has worked as a systems analyst and project manager. When her job was eliminated last year, Carol decided to turn the situation into an opportunity; she and her husband, Phil, got to work on their house and replaced all the woodwork. The couple's married son, Robert, lives in Indianapolis. Besides volunteer work for the Lombard Food Pantry and PADS, Carol is active in her church. A women's rights advocate, she supports the Tennessee Lady Volunteers (Basketball Team), and she likes what AAUW stands for. We are so happy to count you among our number, Carol!

We're also pleased to introduce new member **Carol Maresh**. A part-time student in the Dominican University Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Carol is an AAUW scholarship winner. After persisting many years to obtain her bachelor's degree, she has two more years to go to attain the next level. This will fulfill a life-long dream, foretold in a Meyers-Briggs evaluation that pointed to a career as an interior decorator (she's already done upholstery work!) or a librarian. Carol works full time in acquisitions at the Oak Brook Public Library, refers to herself as a "Geek of Geeks," and gladly signed up to help at the AAUW book sale. Thanks, Carol, and welcome! Carol has two married children and a "beautiful" three-year-old granddaughter.

Let us also introduce you to new member **Jeanne Logan**, who just returned from a mission trip to southern Kentucky—Rattlesnake Ridge, where cell phones don't work! She has two masters degrees from Northern Illinois University and a bachelors from Indiana University. She taught in England on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange, and also got a sabbatical to teach in Suriname, South America, for Wycliffe Bible Translators. All her other years of teaching were with Villa Park District 45 (many of those years at Schafer Elementary school in Lombard). Jeanne retired from teaching after 34 years in the classroom, and took a job two months later (which she still has) at Community Presbyterian Church as the Christian Ed Director. Jeanne has four children and eight grandchildren. She enjoys traveling, reading, cards, the Chicago Symphony and the theater. Welcome, Jeanne!
Know a recent college (2-year or 4-year) graduate? Don't forget to sign her up for a free, at-large (national) membership in AAUW through the **Give a Grad a Gift** program. Call us if you have questions.

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Interest Group Calendar

All Lombard Area AAUW members are welcome to attend any of these interest group programs.



Mystery Buffs (1st Wednesday)
Chair: Barbara Kozi

Sept 2: 7:00 pm
TBA

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)
Chair: Pat Porep
Sept 7: 6:30pm
TBA



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)
Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, &
Heidi Koberstine

Sept 14: 7 pm
Anyways, Roosevelt Rd, Villa Park
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows

Literature (3rd Friday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo
Sept 18: 1 pm
TBA



Six in the City (various)
Chair: Doris Schertz
TBA

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)
Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson &
Carol Schuh
Sept 22: TBA





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BRANCH CALENDAR - SUMMER 2009

Summer

July 18 - Summer Outing, Western Theme (see front page), RSVP by July 13 to Nancie Stewart.

Future

Sept 9 - General Program, First Church of Lombard. (Topic to be determined.)

Book Sale Date Recap

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Drop off at church: July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

Sorting: July 13 - July 31

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Sale: August 6-7: 9am - 8pm (free admission)

Bag Sale: August 8: 9am - 2pm (\$10/bag)



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