



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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Summer 2010

Thursday, June 17: Wheaton Municipal Band Concert

AAUW's Summer Outing will be the Wheaton Municipal Band Concert in Memorial Park at 8 pm on Thursday, June 17.

Suggestions:

1. Bring significant others, kids, friends, families, music-lovers.
2. Carpool and use the multi-level city lot one block south of the park.
3. Picnic tables and bench seating available or bring your own lawn chairs/blankets/jackets.
4. Come early (7 or 7:30 pm) to picnic. Look for the balloons marking our spot.
5. City park doesn't allow liquor.
6. Concessions are run by Friends of the Band (coffee, soda, popcorn, ice cream, candy bars, etc.)

Thurs, June 17
7pm - picnic
8pm - concert

Band Concert

Memorial Park
208 W. Union Ave.
Wheaton



The Wheaton Municipal Band is a full symphonic concert band which performs during the summer at Wheaton's downtown Memorial Park. Comprised of some of the finest band musicians in the metropolitan Chicago area, the Wheaton Municipal Band plays a variety of music ranging from traditional marches to musicals and classics to challenging contemporary pieces. The band, directed by Dr. Bruce Moss, features prominent guest conductors and soloists during the season, interspersed with outstanding soloists from within the band. This mix of popular and classical music, with thrilling soloists, performed by a professional-quality ensemble, is designed to provide something enjoyable for everyone. Best of all, it's FREE. (If you can't make it June 17 – catch them another time. They perform every Thursday during the summer – 6/10 through 8/12.)

Gale Wiedman and Heidi Fraser, Program Co-Chairs

Membership Dues

To keep receiving all the benefits of AAUW membership and to continue supporting AAUW's mission, please send in your dues check today.

Dues are **\$73 total** includes \$49 national, \$14 branch, and \$10 state portions. (\$46 of your dues ARE tax-deductible!)

Cathy Bussa is resigning as branch Finance director due to health reasons, and I will be taking over for the 2nd year of her original term. Thank you Cathy for your service to our branch for the past year!

Please send your **\$73 annual dues in a check payable to "Lombard AAUW"** to me:

Leslie Sulla
126 S. Chase Ave
Lombard, IL 60148



Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, 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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Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sulla by the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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President's Corner



Flowers are blooming, the kids are out of school and the official start of summer will be here soon, although we have had some very convincing summer weather lately. In that regard, our branch **Summer Outing** is planned for Thursday, June 17, with the performance of the Wheaton Municipal Band starting at 8:00pm. It is recommended that you bring chairs

and a picnic meal and beverage and gather with your fellow branch members for, hopefully, a delightful summer evening out-of-doors. It sounds like a terrific way to begin a relaxing summer season and I hope to see you there.

Enjoy the summer but, when I say "relaxing", I hope you don't get too relaxed as our annual **Used Book Sale** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, through Saturday, August 7 at First Church. So we hope **each and every** one of our members will make time to assist with our most important fundraiser—our single endeavor to fund both national and local scholarships. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up for the sort, barrel pick-ups, sale or other important jobs, you will be contacted. This is always a good opportunity for both new and long-standing members to get acquainted—sharing experiences while performing the needed work. Please give as much time as you can possibly spare.

At the **AAUW-Illinois Convention** April 30-May 1, the Lombard Area branch was fourth in the state in Total Educational Programs/AAUW Funds giving with \$7,205.00 and third in Per Capita Giving at \$114.37. In addition to that we have our contributions to the Ruth Sweetser Honorary Fund for the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders as well as our local scholarships to local graduates of Glenbard East and Willowbrook High Schools. We should all be proud that we have been able to benefit so many fine women.

Lastly, we just heard of the passing of one of our members, **Jane Heckman**. It has been truly amazing to learn of all of her honors and accomplishments. Many local organizations in DuPage County, and in particular the Lombard Area Branch of AAUW, will miss her zeal, tenacity and enthusiasm. It has been an honor to know you, Jane.

Mary Ann Dion, President



Local Scholarship Awardees

Glenbard East: Hannah Reneau of Lombard, who plans to study pharmacy at University of Iowa or University of Missouri. \$1000

Willowbrook: Kelly Lahr, Lombard, plans to study biomedical engineering at University of Iowa. \$1000

Bailey Miller, of the U.S. Naval Academy. She is the only woman selected this year to participate in the 2010 Summer Outdoor Leadership Program in Alaska. She's in Alaska as you read this! \$500.

Women's Equality Day Celebration

Changing *Why so Few?* to "Quite a Few" will be the program celebrating Women's Equality Day. Come to the Arlington Heights Village Hall on Thursday, August 26, at 7pm.

Keynote speaker: Betty Shanahan, the Executive Director of Society of Women Engineers. Plans include a panel reacting to the Why So Few? report, and women in STEM fields leading breakout/small discussion groups focusing on "What can I do now?"

AAUW members are not only invited—make it a picnic!—but are also encouraged to invite teachers/educators/administrators, as well as local PTA members. The national PTA approached AAUW about the report, so it's a logical next step.

This will be co-sponsored by AAUW-IL, Inc, the Gender Equity Fund, and Society of Women Engineers.

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
(Parking garage adjacent to the village hall)

RSVP to phyllisgreenedd@hotmail.com

2010 Used Book Sale - HELP

WE NEED YOU! Please volunteer as often as possible - the women needing scholarships depend upon us! The sort and sale will be in the multi-purpose room upstairs at the First Church of Lombard - same place we hold our programs.

CALL Marge Ostendorf at 630-627-2791 to volunteer for barrels, sorting, sale, and cleanup!

6/21 - 8/1: Barrel Pickups at Jewel, Mr. Z's, and Illinois Cleaners. Cull & store books at home, then bring to the church starting 7/21. Chair: Kristi Miller

Fridays & Saturdays, 7/23-24 & 7/30-31:
5-8pm: Book dropoffs at Church. Sorting continues during the dropoff times.

Weds, 7/21 - Tuesday, 8/3: Continual book sorting in upper room. Usually 10am-4pm; plus a few 7-9pm. Chairs: Janet Miller & Carol Hester

Weds, 8/4 - Sat. 8/7: Our Used Book Sale!
Chairs: Lynda Campo & Mary Ann Grady



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In Memoriam: Jane Heckman

Long-time AAUW member and lifelong humanitarian and activist Jane Heckman passed away May 27. She told funny, often self-deprecating, stories - her themes incorporated learning and discovering new things about herself and how we fit into the world. Jane was not someone who sat back wondering, "what if..." - she just went ahead and tried things. With her education as a Social Worker in Community Organizing, Jane effected change, as evidenced by this list of only a few of her accomplishments:

- ♥ She co-founded the DuPage YWCA in 1966!
- ♥ In 1979, Jane helped a small group create an offshoot of YWCA to assist local survivors of sexual assault. Ahead in her thinking and support of rape victims, her dedicated work led to the organization becoming one the largest rape crisis centers in Illinois.
- ♥ A founding supporter of DuPage's Take Back the Night March and Rally. TBTN raises awareness about the realities of violence against women and children and encourages victim/survivor empowerment.
- ♥ Developed a peace group in the western suburbs and collaborated on a peace conference at COD for five years.

Jane wrote this about the DuPage YWCA:

"Our first project was a summer day camp which brought together African-American teens from the West Side of Chicago and white teens from DuPage. I could see how having a core group of women to work on creating the camp would answer a question that many of them posed: How could we be part of the civil rights solution instead of part of the problem? The camp became a model for fostering family interaction and friendship between city and suburban teens." - Jane Heckman

Jane was so supportive of my daughter, as she was of all children; she was especially committed to the well-being of girls. Jane stressed imagination, creativity, community, and human connections - always connections! Leslie Sulla

It was a privilege for me to have known Jane, if only for the few years that I've lived in this area. What a gift she was to all of us. - Kathryn Tecza

Special Note about Memories of Jane

Plans for a memorial service are under way. As soon as I find out details, I will e-mail the branch.

Meanwhile, Jane's family is collecting remembrances and anecdotes about Jane. If you have a story or note you'd like to share, please mail or e-mail it to Ruth Sweetser who will forward it to Jane's family.

Need a reason to volunteer for the 2010 Used Book Sale? Read on...

Scholarships for women who are striving for a university degree make all the hard work that goes into our Annual Used Book Sale worth it. From our 2009 Used Book Sale proceeds, two local high school senior women each received a \$1000 scholarship; two college-age women received need-based scholarships of \$500 each to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; and a U.S. Naval Academy cadet who is the only woman this year selected to participate in the 2010 Summer Outdoor Leadership Program in Alaska received a \$500 scholarship. Additionally, our branch sent \$5000 to the National AAUW to support national scholarships and grants to deserving women across the nation. We have much to celebrate for our hard work collecting, sorting, and selling books.

Our branch Local Scholarships Committee took on a challenge from the AAUW office in 2009 to participate in a national pilot project to solicit, screen, and forward applications for our local Return-to-Learning Scholarships. The branch interest in participating in the pilot project was two-fold: 1) to allow women to apply for scholarship aid on-line through the newly re-designed national AAUW website and, 2) to save our local branch approximately \$400 in photocopying and mailing costs associated with distributing notice of our scholarships.

In April, we heard from the national AAUW office that our own branch had no qualified candidates (only about half the participating branches had qualified candidates). Therefore, for 2010-2011 Return-to-Learning scholarships our Local Scholarship Committee will return to the pen-and-paper process with notice of our guidelines sent to local colleges and agencies. We will keep our costs down by using e-mail rather than first-class mail, and we are investigating the possibility of an on-line application process on our local website.

The challenge to provide scholarships for deserving women is once again at hand. If we can make the 2010 Used Book Sale our most successful sale to-date, we can maintain the \$1000 scholarships to recognize deserving woman seniors from Glenbard East and Willowbrook High Schools, we can award scholarships to Return-to-Learning women in our area, and we can contribute to national grants and scholarships. This challenge can be met only if we all pledge to collect, sort, sell, and buy books this coming July and August.

See you at the Used Book Sale!

Kathryn Tecza
Chair, Local Scholarships Committee

Doris Schertz Day - June 4 !!

The Village of Lombard proclaimed Friday, June 4, as Doris Schertz Day. Doris received her proclamation at the Village of Lombard's board meeting, honoring her age group win at the April 19 Boston Marathon.

Doris completed the marathon with an excellent time of 4:25:04!

Some AAUW members were on hand at the board meeting to congratulate her on this athletic achievement!



THE trophy!
First place in her
age division.

Congratulations
Doris!

Women's Issues Field Trip - June 23

Women's Issues is the only interest group meeting over the summer. Visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie on June 23. Meet at 10 am at Carol von Holst's to carpool.

Lunch to follow, somewhere near the museum.
The Illinois Holocaust Museum is at 9603 Woods Drive in Skokie.

Please RSVP to Carol von Holst (630-627-2886) or Marilyn Gustafson (630-325-1475).

Ways & Means

It's never too early to make plans! We are signed up to sell coupon books for Carson's Day on November 13.

I will be looking for volunteers at the September meeting to sell books in the store, so bring your calendars!

Coming next Spring — Lombard Area AAUW's first (hopefully annual) Garage Sale. Start saving all your unwanted, gently used stuff now! We will need someone to volunteer her garage and driveway for this 1-day only event. Thanks for all your effort this year and I'm looking forward to an even better year next year!

Heidi Koberstine, Ways & Means

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

Summer off.

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

Summer off.



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, &
Heidi Koberstine

Summer off.

Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

Summer off.



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

Summer off.

10 of us enjoyed a wonderful tour and lunch in Chinatown in May. Check out the inexpensive water taxi that goes to Chinatown from Ogilvie Station!

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson



Wednesday, June 23

10 am at Carol von Holst. We'll carpool to the Holocaust Museum

in Skokie, and eat lunch near museum.

RSVP to Carol von Holst or Marilyn Gustafson so we can be sure to wait for you.



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BRANCH CALENDAR – SUMMER 2010

June

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Weds, 6/23: 10am. Women’s Issues trip to Holocaust Museum. See page 4 for details.

Future

Mon, 8/16 - 7pm. Board meeting. At Focus on 22nd Street in Lombard.

Thurs, 8/26 - 7pm. Women’s Equality Day celebration. Arlington Heights Village Hall. See page 3 for details.

Weds, 9/15 - 6:30pm. General Program. Potluck and program at First Church of Lombard. (Note: 9/15 is the 3rd Wednesday instead of our customary 2nd Weds.)

2010 Used Book Sale

See page 3 for volunteer info -- your time is needed!

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