



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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Summer 2011

Saturday, July 23: Summer Outing: Music at Cantigny

Treasures of the Silver Screen



Saturday, July 23

Cantigny Park, Wheaton

6:30 pm (to picnic/socialize)

DuPage Symphony Orchestra

Enjoy an evening at Cantigny and enjoy the sights and sounds of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra, near the First Division Museum.

Treasures of the Silver Screen: A showcase of the greatest Hollywood film scores of all time – with music from *Gone with the Wind*, *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Exodus*, *The Magnificent Seven*, more – plus Leonard Bernstein's Suite from *On the Waterfront*.

Tickets: \$10 before July 15; includes parking. (\$15 at the door)

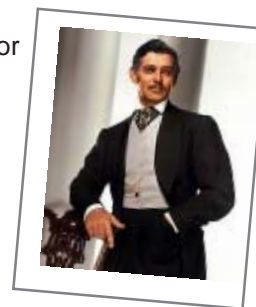
Please send Pat Porep \$10 (check made to Pat Porep) by July 10 - or purchase tickets at the door for \$15.

Bring: A blanket, chair and food. Wine is permitted. Guests welcome! Meet around 6:30 for socializing; the concert begins at 8pm.

If you prefer to buy food, food is available ranging from \$3 for appetizers to \$33 for full buffet.

Fun trivia: Doris Schertz's daughter plays clarinet in this orchestra.

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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 Funds is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. The Funds also work to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

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President's Corner



Summer is here with all our favorite outdoor activities and vacation destinations. I hope you will include the Saturday evening, **July 23rd concert at Cantigny** in your plans for our summer outing. We will be listening to some wonderful music from the movies played by the DuPage Symphony Orchestra.

Also during July, volunteers from our branch will be working at the **Taste of Lombard Bingo tent**. Along with other organizations, we have been offered the opportunity to share in the profits from the money raised during the taste. Our scheduled time slot is Sunday, July 3, 6-8:30 PM. We have the minimum of 5 people signed up to help, but would welcome others.

Please add volunteer time for work on some aspect of our **used book sale**. All our efforts are so important for this one major fundraiser. It allows us to continue to support women's scholarship at the national and local levels. Collection times have already started with sorting beginning July 20 and the book sale running August 3 through August 6.

We are close to getting all membership dues collected. If you haven't had a chance to send your check to Carol Hester, yearly dues remain at \$73. You can look forward to the excellent programs being planned by Diane Dassow and Heidi Koberstine for the 2011-2012 year.

For myself, I've had the chance to attend my first National Convention in Washington, DC. A separate report about the convention is included in this newsletter. What a fantastic experience it turned out to be.

I hope you enjoy all the summertime fun and will schedule AAUW activities in your plans.

Janet Miller, President



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2011 Used Book Sale - HELP

WE NEED YOU - Especially 7/20, 7/27, 8/6!

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 sorting, sale, and cleanup!

6/21 - 8/1: Barrel Pickups at Jewel, Mr. Z's, and Illinois Cleaners. Bring books to the church starting 7/21.

Fridays & Saturdays, 7/22-23 & 7/29-30: Book Dropoffs at the church.

(Fri: 5:30p-8p), (Sat: 9a-1p): Sorting continues during the dropoff times.

Weds, 7/20 - Tuesday, 8/2: Continual book sorting in upper room. Usually 10am-4pm; plus a few 7-9pm. Chairs: Janet Miller & Carol Hester

Weds, 8/3 - Sat. 8/6: Our Used Book Sale!

Chairs: Mary Ann Grady & Kristi Miller We hope all our members will help make the 2011 Book Sale a successful event.

The following dates are especially in need of volunteers:

- **Wednesday, July 20** for the set up;
- **Wednesday, July 27** for book sorting;
- **Saturday, August 6** for the bag sale and the close down.

Other days & times are available and need volunteers as well!

If you have not yet volunteered or have already signed up and find you can give some additional time, please call

Marge Ostendorf at 1-630-627-2971.

We are counting on every member to help with our major fundraising event.

Thank you, Marge Ostendorf & Lois Hockman

Membership Matters - Scholarships

Hello, **My name is Diane Grek.** I am the undergraduate scholarship recipient for 2011. I am very grateful for the belief and confidence you had in me to have chosen me. I am attending SIU



Carbondale finishing my last 4 classes to receive my bachelor's of science in Liberal Arts. I then will be taking advanced accounting courses toward a certificate at COD. With that certificate and my additional college hours I will be eligible to sit for the CPA exam. That is my ultimate goal.

This will all take time as I do have a full time job at Delta Dental Insurance of Illinois and I do have an 8 yr old daughter and husband to care for.

I also am active in my church activities at Community Presbyterian Church in Lombard. We have extended family on both sides who we try to get together with on regular occasions. I enjoy walking and biking in my "spare time" and for the summer am enjoying the Lombard pool with my family.

Joan Matthews: Graduate RTL Recipient:

My hobbies are gardening, traveling, and hiking. I've hiked many of the national parks and dream of hiking the best hikes around the world. I graduated from Tulsa University in 1982 in Sociology. I am a full-time student in the Physician Assistant Masters Program at Midwestern University in Downers Grove. I have primarily been working full-time raising my four children, as well as being very involved in the non-profit organization that my husband works with. I've had various jobs over the years including the special work of nurturing and advocating for my special needs child. Now as I turn 50 years old, I'm realizing a long held dream of being a medical provider. I'll graduate as a certified physician assistant in September 2012, a new career for the second half of my life!

I am interested in integrating faith and public service, healthcare inequities and health education especially for women, children nationally and internationally. I'm also very interested in oncology and palliative care. I live with my husband and four children. After many years, we will be empty nesters this fall. One of my children has overcome significant obstacles and successfully faces the challenges of autism and is an inspiration to me and her family and friends.

Illinois Earns AAUW Funds Awards

AAUW-IL, Inc. and two of its branches received several awards at June's AAUW Convention in Washington, DC for their contributions to the many AAUW Funds and programs. States and Branches around the country were awarded Top 10 Certificates for Total Giving and for Per Capita (Member) Giving for each of the seven program Funds. and for combined giving to all the funds. AAUW-IL, Inc. received 13 awards, and two Illinois branches were singled out for their outstanding philanthropy.

AAUW-IL, Inc Awards:

- 2nd Place, Total Giving to all AAUW's Programs (Guess which state was first - California!)
- 8th Place, Per Capita Giving to all AAUW's Programs
- 8th Place, Total Giving to AAUW Funds
- 2nd Place, Total Giving to the Educational Opportunities Fund (former EF)
- 5th Place, Per Capita Giving to the Educational Opportunities Fund (former EF)
- 2nd Place, Total Giving to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (funds AAUW's research)
- 7th Place, Per Capita Giving to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
- 3rd Place, Total Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund (funds discrimination cases)
- 9th Place, Per Capita Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund
- 2nd Place, Total Giving to the Leadership Programs Fund (includes the Ruth Sweetser Fund)
- 4th Place, Per Capita Giving to the Leaderships Programs Fund
- 6th Place, Total Giving to the Public Policy Fund
- 5th Place, Total Giving to the AAUW Action Fund (funds AAUW's lobbying).

In addition to Illinois' awesome fundraising, two Illinois branches were in the top ten branches in the country for their philanthropic efforts:

- ◆ **Lombard Area Branch** - 4th Place in U.S.: Total Branch Giving to the Leadership Programs Fund (includes the Ruth Sweetser Fund)
- ◆ **Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Branch** - 9th Place in U.S.: Total Branch Giving to the Educational Opportunities Fund (former Educational Foundation).

Illinois was clearly a rock star at the AAUW Convention and was duly recognized for our outstanding philanthropic efforts that benefitted all the various AAUW programs. Thanks to all the Illinois branches and to the State for their contributions to benefit women and girls.

*Kathy Brenniman, AAUW Funds Co-Director, AAUW-IL, Inc.
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Branch Scholarships

Our 2010 book sale proceeds allowed us to give four scholarships this spring.
Find bios of the RTL recipients on page 4.

Return to Learning - Undergraduate: **Diane Grek**
(Read Diane's bio on page 4.)

Return to Learning - Graduate: **Joan Matthews**
(Read Joan's bio on page 4.)

High School Senior - Willowbrook: **Tova Bergsten**
A Lombard resident, Tove is a chemistry and math major and ranked 2nd in her class of 477. (She's involved in many activities, but this is what Willowbrook sent.)

High School Senior - Glenbard East: **Sara Taege**
A Glendale Heights resident, Sara has been engaged in school activities including choir and the swimming team. Her interests include math and Spanish and she is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a Math Team State Qualifier and Team MVP, she is National Merit Commended and an Illinois State Scholar.

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 scholarship recipients!

Giving extra financial help to deserving women is the purpose of our book sale. Keep these women in mind as you volunteer your time at this year's annual used book sale.



June 22, 2011

Equal Rights Amendment Re-introduced Today



This afternoon Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) re-introduced the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA currently has 160 co-sponsors in the House, including Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI), Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus.

Feminist Majority President Eleanor Smeal spoke at a press conference today announcing the bill's re-introduction, stating, "Women and men deserve and need full equal rights. Without constitutional equality, too many women, and thereby too many families, are cheated. Americans overwhelmingly support constitutional equality. It is time- in fact, it's long overdue- for us to move forward. That's why the Feminist Majority and other women's organizations are this year going to score co-sponsorship of the ERA as a yes vote for constitutional equality for women; failure to co-sponsor will be on record as a vote against women's constitutional equality. It is simple as that-do you value women as full equal citizens under the law or not?" The National Organization for Women will also score whether or not a Member of Congress supports the ERA.

In response to the US Supreme Court's ruling in favor of Wal-Mart in the sex discrimination case, Representative Carolyn Maloney underscored the importance of passing the ERA: "The Wal-Mart case reviewed by the Supreme Court this week is a classic example of how far attitudes must still come. The facts of the case support the view that over a million women were systematically denied equal pay by the nation's largest employer."

The passage of the ERA is even more important today following Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's comment this year that the U.S. Constitution does not protect women from sex discrimination. In an interview with the California Lawyer, Scalia stated that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees equal justice under the law for all persons, does not prohibit sex discrimination under the laws of the United States or its states.

Media Resources: Feminist Majority 6/22/11; Statement of Carolyn Maloney 6/22/11

Upset about Wal-Mart v. Dukes? Tell Congress to Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act! - An important message from AAUW -

You have (hopefully) heard about the disappointing Supreme Court ruling in the *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* class action sex-discrimination case. This narrow, 5-4 decision makes it harder for women and other workers to systemically challenge unequal treatment in the workplace. AAUW will continue to be on the cutting edge of future legislation or efforts to remedy the new, problematic standards created by the Supreme Court.

But what can you do *right now* to prevent this sort of sex discrimination in the first place? You can work to strengthen our nation's fair pay laws by advocating for the **Paycheck Fairness Act!**

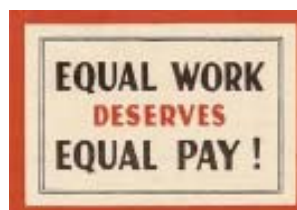
The Paycheck Fairness Act would update the 48-year old Equal Pay Act. It would help close the wage gap by improving enforcement, closing loopholes, strengthening remedies for mistreated workers like Betty Dukes, Edith Arana, and thousands of other women employees at Wal-Mart, and prohibit retaliation against workers who inquire about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages.

When Wal-Mart, the nation's largest employer, discriminates, when Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and universities and Costco and other large employers discriminate, it hurts women and it stunts the economy. We must change a system which seems to engender pay discrimination.

You can take action now by going to the AAUW website (www.aauw.org) and clicking on the "Take Action" link. Then, follow the instructions on the next page to send your message.

Another way you can take action is by donating to AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)! LAF helped support the women of Wal-Mart in this important case and seeks out and supports other sex discrimination cases which have the potential to make a difference for all women. You can easily make a donation via the AAUW website.

(from the AAUW Action Network 6/24/11 - with some revisions by Laurie Driscoll)



AAUW National Convention Report - A Local Perspective

Attending my first AAUW National Convention in Washington, DC was an amazing experience. I would like to share some highlights with you.

▶ Thursday morning – a visit to the AAUW National Headquarters. Kathy Brenniman, Doris Schertz, Ruth Sweetser, and I had a personal tour of the offices. Seeing where the work is done and viewing the hallways where so much AAUW history is on display was for me rewarding to see.

▶ Thursday afternoon – After the opening remarks the afternoon was spent preparing for Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. Inspiring speeches were made by women United States senators and representatives including Rep. Jan Schakowski (IL), Senator Susan Collins (ME), Rep. Cynthia Lummis (WY), Rep. Gwen Moore (WI), and the incomparable Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT). Lily Ledbetter (Pay Equity) also attended, but did not speak. How great it was to hear from these women in government and know they are working so hard to put forward an agenda to change things like Pay Equity for women.

▶ Thursday evening – “Women in Power in the Obama Administration” spoke during a panel discussion. Tina Tchen (Michelle Obama’s Chief of Staff) and other women serving in the Departments of Justice and Education were impressive advocates in positions to make a difference for women and girls. They are all dedicated and well informed about the issues important to the members of AAUW.

▶ Friday morning – Buses took 800 women to Capitol Hill to lobby in the offices of United States Senators and Representatives. The Illinois contingent (27 strong) visited the offices of Senator Mark Kirk and Senator Dick Durbin. Although we didn’t see the senators, each office had staff members who met with us and seemed to really listen to what we had to say. (Especially the young women we saw.) They also tried to give us information about positions being taken by the senators in regard to the issues we brought to discuss. Then the group split up to visit their representatives. We focused on three issues: Why America Can Afford Social Security, the National Women’s History Museum, and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act. You can ask us about details when you see us.

▶ Saturday morning – We listened to “A Conversation on Justice” with Edith Arana, a named plaintiff in the Walmart vs Dukes anti-discrimination suit. We heard her story of how she came to be part of the law suit which began 10 years ago. (We were in Washington when the Supreme Court made their ruling. It was very disappointing to all of us.)

▶ Saturday afternoon – Election results were announced. Ten thousand voters had cast their ballots by mail or online. All Bylaws and Public Policy items were approved. Carolyn Garfein was re-elected as President, Patricia Ho was re-elected as Vice President. Ten candidates were elected as Board of Directors with a good representation from different parts of the United States.

▶ A “Why So Few” panel discussion from women who are leading programs involved with promoting more girls who want to enter fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

▶ Saturday evening – The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award winner Abigail Stewart gave a wonderful speech. She was especially pleased to receive the honor because her mother had worked for Eleanor Roosevelt. This was a very deserving award recipient.

▶ Sunday morning – A panel on “Bullying and Sexual Harassment in America’s Middle Schools” provided research information. Panel members talked about their prevention programs. A lot of useful ideas came out of this discussion.

▶ Dare to Dream Display at the Convention – There were 20 finalists selected from many branch projects for three AAUW Breaking Through Barriers Awards. Our Latina Conference, Dare to Dream, was honored to be one of the 20 finalists. Although Dare to Dream was not one of the winners, we received many compliments and much interest in our project.

As you can see, I was very busy and found everything so interesting. I also attended three workshop/breakout sessions with so many ideas I am making a list to remember them all.

Everyone was pleased with the format of the convention, the first without campaigning and delegate voting. This 130th Anniversary year convention will always be memorable to me.

Janet Miller, President

The AAUW convention was held a few weeks ago on June 16 - 19.



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BRANCH CALENDAR - SUMMER 2011

2011 Used Book Sale

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