



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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April 2009

Saturday, April 18: AAUW Pathways to Progress

Join us for a scrumptuous brunch and outstanding program on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the upstairs great room. Jennifer Wilkin, the current Development Vice President for the AAUW Education Foundation, will speak to us on "Pathways to Progress - New Directions for AAUW."

Come hear and learn about the structural changes, proposed bylaw changes, and new developments in AAUW.

Betsy Swinson and Pat Porep, Program co-vice presidents

Sat, April 18

9 am: Breakfast
9:30 am: Program

First Church of Lombard
~ UPstairs ~

May 13 Anniversary Party - Catered!



We, the Lombard Area AAUW Branch, will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary at our May 13 meeting. Instead of a potluck, we will have a catered meal for this occasion and a special program highlighting the past 50 years! Plan now to attend! The cost of the meal is **\$10** per person and reservations/payment need to be received by Nancie Stewart by May 4. [See the coupon on page 4.](#)

Dues Alert * * * New Dues Structure! * * *

The new year's dues, due June 1, remain the same amount as last year!

Because of the new AAUW organizational restructuring, \$46 of your 2209-2010 national dues CAN be tax-deductible -- provided you write two separate checks. It's a little confusing, so make sure you read this carefully.

You have two choices:

(A) To take advantage of the tax deduction, you must write **TWO** dues checks!

One \$49 check payable to "AAUW" plus a \$24 check payable to "Lombard AAUW"

(B) If you **do NOT care** about the tax deduction:

Write just one \$73 check payable to "Lombard Area AAUW."

National	\$49 [\$46 is tax-deductible IF you (A) above]
State	10
Lombard	14
Total	\$73



(Paid life members pay just \$24 to "Lombard AAUW" -- no tax deduction.) Call me with questions: 630/916-7783

Please send your check(s) to me: Leslie Sulla 126 S. Chase Ave. Lombard, IL 60148

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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Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sulla by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Find more information about AAUW

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AAUW Member Helpline:

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helpline@aauw.org

President's Greeting



Spring is finally here at last and is most welcome! We here at AAUW have a number of events going on that I'm sure will be a pleasure for all of us.

Our March meeting was interesting as always with Beatriz Dadikian-Gartler telling us about travel writing by women throughout recent history and it was enjoyed by all. Our programs have been so good and well attended this year that we owe our co-chairs a big thank you for a job well done and the same to our members for coming out so often.

We had some new members at the program and I hope they felt welcome. We should all be sure to take a few minutes to chat with new members and guests.

We are looking forward to the Dare to Dream Conference at Elmhurst College, on April 4th which has been planned by 4 local Branches including ours.

On Saturday, April 18, we will have a program given by Jennifer Wilkin, who has spoken to us before and we enjoyed it very much. At the end of the month, there is the State Conference in Decatur which 6 of us are going to. We plan to have an informative and relevant event that we can share with you on our return.

In May there will be a 50th anniversary feast at the church. Also in May, we will install our new officers for the coming year.

Finally, our program people are setting up a summer party for us and more details on this will be coming soon.

Also, I will again be selling tickets for the summer opera at COD "The Elixir of Love", a comedy with beautiful music as always. So if that interests you, put Sunday, July 26, at 3:00 on your calendars. Tickets are \$35, a 15% reduction off of the regular price. We always have a good time chatting it up afterward with Kirk Muspratt and the cast members, with refreshments provided by the Far West Chapter of Lyric Opera.

Loretta Caputo, President (630/932-0224)

Jewel Shop & Share: April 6 - 8



Just in time for spring holidays.

Use the enclosed coupons and our branch will receive a percentage of your purchase. Please hand out to friends and family.

Latina Conference Update

Atrevete a Sonar Educate! (Dare to Dream: Get Educated) is less than two weeks away – April 4, 2009, at Elmhurst College. The purpose of the Conference is to empower young women to create an educational vision for their futures and then to start them on their way to making that vision a reality. The goal of the Conference is to encourage achievement and completion of middle school and high school and the envisioning of a college education and a professional career.

The Conference will run from 8am - 4pm and will have opening and closing sessions for the Latina girls and their mothers together along with separate tracks for the girls and their mothers in between. The girls will have an opportunity to attend two 45-minute career track panel discussions where 15-17 Latina women will share their incredible stories of how they overcame significant obstacles and “made it.” The girls will also be attending Campus Life Panels (made up of Latinas from high school and college, and teachers or counselors), and participating in a strategy for life game. The keynote speaker will be Lourdes Duarte, Channel 9 investigative reporter. As of March 23, 81 girls and 60 moms are registered for the Conference. We know several more registrations are coming, and we anticipate close to 200 girls and 100 moms.

Thanks so much to the 18 members of our branch who will be volunteering the day of the conference. Thanks also to AAUW President Ruth Sweetser for her strong support of this project and for agreeing to address the girls and moms at the Conference. We could not do it without all this support.

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Latina Conference Co-chairs



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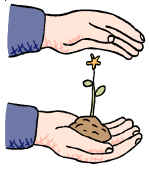
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Membership Matters



We recently welcomed **Gail Vandon** as a new branch member. Gail is a Lombard resident who was invited by her friend Heidi Koberstine. An idea person and successful fundraiser who is passionate about volunteering, Gail particularly likes to orchestrate events.

Speaking of orchestrating, she has played violin with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra for 32 seasons! She's also an active theatergoer. An experienced K-8 teacher and real estate agent, Gail likes to keep an open mind about career opportunities. Glad to know you, Gail!

The Membership Committee would love to enlist the help of a couple of **friendly, outgoing members** to help greet guests and introduce them to others. Give one of us a call or just step up to the Membership table.

Now's the best time for new member dues: A new member enrolling at this time not only can enroll at half-price on the national portion of AAUW dues—a \$24.50 savings—but her membership will be good for up to 15 months.

We'll see you at the meetings! Bring a friend.

Barb Madigan and Diane Dassow
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership
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Jobs and Job Searches

If you or someone you know wants a little extra help with job searches, here are a few resources.

Community Career Center in Naperville:
Appointment necessary. A small administrative fee of \$35.00 is due at your first appointment. They are very professional.
1971 Gowdey Road, Suite 210
Naperville, Illinois 60563
(630) 961-5665
<http://www.communitycareercenter.org/>

Illinois Employment & Training Center:
837 South Westmore - Meyers Road, Suite B
Lombard, Illinois 60148
(630) 495-4345
<http://www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/lombard>

From the Chicago Tribune:
"Layoffs may be sweeping the country, but one new enterprise is hiring roughly 1.4 million people nationwide at salaries of \$10 to \$25 an hour: the 2010 census." For more on the 2010 census and its hiring, see chicagotribune.com/2010census, or google 2010 census for more information on where to apply. Already the bureau has received more than a million applicants for the first 140,000 jobs. While the jobs are part time and temporary, it may get some folks over a hump.

May 13 Anniversary Party Reservation

Yes, count me in for our branch's 50th Anniversary Party!
Since it's going to be catered, I am enclosing \$10 for each reservation.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of guests (including me): _____

Amount enclosed @ \$10 per guest: _____



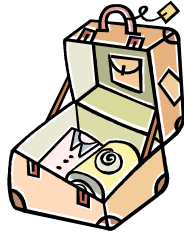
Please mail this coupon and your check payable to "Lombard AAUW" by May 4 to:
Nancie Stewart
802 E. Washington
Lombard 60148

Dues Time!

\$46 of your national dues could be tax-deductible, provided you write two checks! Please read the article on page 1 for all the details. The 2009-2010 dues remain at \$73 total.

Women Travel Writers

Our speaker at our March 11 program, **Beatriz Badikian-Gartler**, mentioned these women writing about their travels. In case you're interested, some of them are available at the Lombard library.



- ◆ Mary Kingsley (1890's; British): *Travels in West Africa*
- ◆ Fanny Trollope (1827; British): *Domestic Manners of the Americans*
- ◆ Mary Wollstonecraft (died 1797; Mary Shelley's mother): Sent letters home from her Scandinavian travels
- ◆ Mary Montague (1716; British): *Turkish Embassy Letters*
- ◆ Nellie Bly (1889): Journalist who traveled around the world in 72 days with just ONE bag!

Member Jan Gehrman displayed books by Osa Johnson about her travels in Africa and the South Seas with her husband, including *I Married Adventure*.

Beatriz is the author of *Old Gloves: A 20th Century Saga*, a novel published by Fractal Edge Press
Mapmaker Revisited, a collection of poetry
Akewa is a Woman, a chapbook of poetry now in its second edition.
Co-editor of *Naming the Daytime Moon*, an anthology of Chicago women writers.
Contributor to the mini-anthology *Emergency Tacos*.

District 87 Elections: WRITE-INS

There are 2 people on the ballot for 4 open positions on D87 School Board. BUT, there are **9** people running write-in campaigns. When writing in a name, you must try to spell it correctly.

Currently there are no Lombard residents on the board!

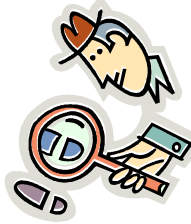
Four Lombard residents are running as write-in candidates for those four seats: Robert Friend, Richard Heim, Philomena Merrithey and Thomas Stachelski.

Five Glen Ellyn residents are also running as write-in candidates: Luke Baer, Donald Birns, Donald Pydo, Rose Stelter and John Snyder.

Take this information with you to the polls April 7 so you know how to spell the write-in candidate names.

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

Theme: Chicago-area mystery writers

April 1: 7pm

Mary Ann Schlacks'

Author: Denise Swanson

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

April 6: 6:30pm

Capone's, St. Charles Rd, Lombard

RSVP to Pat Porep



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, & Heidi Koberstine

April 13: 7 pm

Panera Bread, Roosevelt Rd in Glen Ellyn

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan



Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

April 17: 1 pm

Mary Ann Grady's

Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortensen



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

No April program

Stay tuned for a May trip!

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson &

Carol Schuh

April 21: Rosemary Rees's 10 am

Program: TBA





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BRANCH CALENDAR - APRIL 2009

April

- April 1** - Mystery Buffs, 7pm; Mary Ann S's
- April 4** - Atrevete! Latina conference; COD. 8am - 4pm
- April 6** - Dining on a Dime, 6:30pm; *Capone's, Lombard*
- April 6 - 8** - Jewel Shop & Share - just in time for holidays! (coupons inside; more on our branch web site)
- April 7 - Vote!** Library, school, and municipal elections
- April 13** - Lits Wits, 7pm; *Panera, Roosevelt Rd in Glen Ellyn*
- April 18** - General Program: Meet & Greet: 9pm; program 9:30pm First Church of Lombard, UPSTAIRS
- April 20** - AAUW board meeting; 6:45pm; at FOCUS
- April 17-** Literature, 1 pm; Mary Ann G's
- April 21-** Women's Issues; 10 am; Rosemary's
- April 24-25** - AAUW Illinois State Convention; Decatur

Future

- May 13** - General Program: 6:30 pm. 50th Anniversary Banquet! First Church of Lombard, DOWNSTAIRS. Please send in reservation form (page 4) by May 4.
- May 18** - AAUW board meeting; 6:45pm; at FOCUS
- June 26-28** - AAUW National Convention; St. Louis!



LOCAL ELECTIONS: APRIL 7

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