



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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Saturday February 21: Luncheon and Annual Meeting!

Our annual luncheon will be held at Casey's Restaurant, 415 E. North Avenue, Lombard (just East of Grace). This special midwinter meeting is an excellent opportunity to bring a guest, share a delicious luncheon, hear an outstanding speaker and have time for visiting! Come one, come all!!

11:30 a.m. Social time - cash bar available

12:00 noon - Luncheon, followed by speaker Dr. Azra Haque

Dr. Azra Haque, a clinical pathologist in Chicago, is affiliated with the Villa Park Islamic Foundation. Educated in Pakistan, she came to this country 40 years ago. In 1989 Dr. Haque helped a group of physicians in Pakistan establish the Human Development Foundation. Dr. Haque will speak to us about the plight of girls in Pakistan and the opportunities now open to them through her foundation.

Sat, Feb. 21

11:30: Social time
Noon: Lunch

Casey's
415 E. North Ave.
Lombard
RSVP by Feb. 10

The luncheon menu choices (@\$22.00 each) are shown below, and at our branch web site: www.aauw-il.org/lombard/
Reservations are DUE by FEBRUARY 10 to:

PAT POREP, 21W347 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE, LOMBARD, IL 60148

Betsy Swinson and Pat Porep, Program co-vice presidents

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LUNCHEON MENU

(includes Soup or Salad, coffee, soda, and ice cream dessert)

- ☞ London Broil served with Bordelaise sauce and noodles
- ☞ Baked Boston Scrod with a light bread crumb topping and lemon butter
- ☞ Chicken Breast with rice and vegetables

Lombard AAUW February 21, 2009

RSVP by Feb. 10

Return this section with check for \$22 for each meal

Make checks payable to: Lombard Area AAUW

Send checks to: Pat Porep, 21W347 Valley View Dr, Lombard, IL 60148

by February 10, 2009

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Number of Meals @ \$22:

____ London Broil

____ Boston Scrod

____ Chicken

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 Greeting



Welcome to the month of February, the month of hearts and kisses! We have lots of things going on and a wonderful luncheon on Feb 21 with a great speaker for our program. Please be sure to attend. We have a spring state conference April 24-25, the national convention June 26-28, and the Latina Conference for Girls event on April 4th on which Kathy Brenniman and Doris Schertz have worked so hard. We also have a 50th Anniversary coming up for which our program chairs are planning a big event. We have a lot to look forward to.

We also look forward to our annual **Used Book Sale**. I have been unable to find chairs, possibly because people think whole task is simply too large and overwhelming. The last time I co-chaired the sale, and I have done it twice, I wrote that it could be **a job shared by as many as 4 people** and suggested:

- 1 person to handle location and communication with location (already mostly done for 2009),
- 1 person to chair committee meetings and write agendas,
- 1 person to take care of newsletters and stay in contact with chairs, and
- 1 person in charge of end of sale wrap up – write the thank yous, collect the folders and take care of IOUS and location of all supplies.”

I think the time has come to look at this plan because it could work very well so no one feels overwhelmed.

Another alternative floated to the board – hiring someone – should be delayed until after we have tried this 4-chair plan this year, because hiring someone is not without difficulty. The non-member person would have to be found and trained, so I would need volunteers to do that and it would significantly eat into our profits (possibly \$2000). Ladies, we are 79 bright and energetic women and I think the book sale is important to most of us. We love books and the sale itself is a bonding member experience that I think most of us look forward to and gain much satisfaction from and at the end of it, look back on it as a job well done.

Please reconsider what you can do for our organization and when you come to the Feb 21 luncheon, be prepared to sign up for as much as you can and hopefully be one of the 4 people who will agree to coordinate it or please call me and volunteer. I know we can do this again, and taking a page from this wonderful, historic political year, say YES, WE CAN!

Loretta Caputo, President

Latina Conference Update

Atrevete a Sonar Educate! (Dare to Dream: Get Educated) is only two months away—April 4, 2009, at Elmhurst College. As many of you know, the Conference for Latina middle school girls and their mothers will focus on the personal, professional and economic value of a college education.




We have been very successful raising funds for the Conference and are now focusing on the details. Doris and I are in charge of recruiting 15 Latina women to serve on 5 panels for our career track. With the help of many members of the Steering Committee, we have recruited almost 20 Latina women who will share their incredible stories of how they overcame significant obstacles and “made it.” We have entrepreneurs, nurses, social workers, a doctor, attorney, politician, women in management, a police officer, women in finance, a chemist, a chemical engineer, a gynecologist, a public health administrator – the impressive list goes on. Other subcommittees are working on mentoring, the facilities at Elmhurst College, coordinating with the middle schools, Campus Life Panels (made up of Latinas from high school and college, and teachers or counselors), and publicity. We are all very busy!!

I have been invited to attend the District 44 Board of Education meeting on February 5th when the Board is expected to donate \$250 for the Conference. Superintendent Jim Blanche has already connected me with individuals at Westlake Middle School who will be selecting girls to attend the Conference. We are very appreciative of District 44’s support of this important Conference.

Several of our Branch members have already volunteered to help on our Branch’s Conference Committee. However, **we still need more members to help** with the preparation and especially on the day of the Conference. Please call or email Doris or me ASAP if you can help.

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50th Anniversary Help Needed

The Program Committee is looking for several people to help plan the 50th Anniversary of our Lombard Area Branch. We will be celebrating at our May 13 banquet meeting. Please e-mail Betsy Swinson at swinsonjb@juno.com to be a part of this great planning group!!



Membership Matters



We welcome two new members this month. Get to know these interesting women.

Danielle Byron has an undergraduate degree in Economics from Northwestern University and a graduate degree in Information Systems from DePaul University. Danielle is an Information

Technology executive with experience in all facets of IT Management, including application development as well as keeping the technology lights on. She was most recently with The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations for 15 years. Danielle serves on the Board of Directors for the Depression Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA), a national not-for-profit organization that helps individuals and families who have mood disorders. Danielle lives in south Lombard with her daughter Margaux (7th grader at Jackson), son Keith (5th grader at Westmore) and her English Bulldog Maple (Queen of the Couch).

We will have the bio for new member **Gail Vandon** in an upcoming newsletter. Heidi Koberstine brought Gail, a Lombard resident, as her guest to the January meeting.

Don't forget, your guests should sign the guest/referral list on the membership table and get a paper nametag. Not all visitors are brought by members, though. A visitor may not know anyone. Look for the red dots on nametags and take a moment to greet a guest. Invite her to sit with you for the meeting.

Special: New members through March 15 can enroll at half-price on the national portion of AAUW dues—a \$24.50 savings.

We'll see you at the meetings!

Barb Madigan and Diane Dassow
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership
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Healthy Female Heart Seminar

We heard many helpful tips about keeping our hearts healthy at our January 14 program. To continue your learning, Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health is sponsoring a seminar.

Sat, Feb. 7

8 am - 11:30 am Free admission!

Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health
1200 S. York Road, Elmhurst



Get tips from female cardiologists on how to take care of your heart today -- screenings, eating habits, and exercise -- so you can have a healthy heart tomorrow.

Enjoy a heart-healthy breakfast.

Cholesterol screenings will be available for \$20 between 8 and 9 am by appointment only.

Free registration required: Call CareMatch at 630/782-7878, or see www.emhc.org for more details.

Library Wreath Update

Thanks to everyone who voted for our AAUW wreath at the Lombard library during December. While we did not earn a winning place, our wreath helped publicize our mission.

1st place winner: The Deicke Home
2nd place: The Village of Lombard



Our branch's AAUW Wreath

Six in the City: March 28

Celebrate SWAN Day Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Chicago's Kerasotes City North Theatre (just off the Kennedy @ Western). Support Women Artists Now! Speaker will be Nancy Savoca, writer and director of *The 24 Hour Woman*, starring Rosie Perez. Nancy Savoca, a ½ Argentine Latina professional has many award winning films to her credit. We'll carpool from Doris Schertz's house at 10:30 am and grab a quick lunch in Chicago before the film starts at 12 noon. Sign up at the Feb. luncheon or email Doris. Detail about the film to be shown will be in the March newsletter.



Lombard Candidate Forums

Two members of our branch will moderate upcoming candidate forums for local elections. The forums will focus on the Library, School, Village and Park District Boards. They are sponsored by the League of Women Voters and will take place at the Lombard Village Hall.

Tuesday, Feb 17: Ruth Sweetser will moderate
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Kathy Brenniman will moderate

Do You Like Writing?



I'm looking for someone to take over as newsletter editor in the fall. After three+ years as editor, it would be great to bring another member into this role.

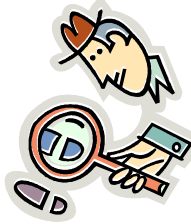
You can use any software you're comfortable with (e.g. Word, Publisher, Page Maker, etc.) and create any format you desire! I'm happy to help you get started.

If you're interested, give me a holler!

Leslie Sulla
630/916-7783

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

Feb 4: 7pm

Prairie and Vine, 29 E. Park, Villa Park
Author: Robert Goldsborough (Wheaton)

Please RSVP to Lisa Clark as a minimum of 10 attendees required.

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

Feb 2: 6:30pm

Alfie's, 425 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn
RSVP to Pat Porep



Evening Literature (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, &
Heidi Koberstine

Feb 9: 7 pm

Panera Bread, Glen Ellyn,
Life as We Knew It
by Suzanne Pfeffer

Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

Feb 20: 1 pm

Nancy Hanson's
The Twins
by Tessa deLoo



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

Sat, Mar 28: SWAN day

Carpool at 10:30am.

(See article to left)

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson &
Carol Schuh

Feb 17: Mary Ann Grady's, 10 am
Program: Palestine and Israel. This is a School of Christian Missions program.





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BRANCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2009

February

- Feb 2** - Dining on a Dime, 6:30pm; *Alfie's*, Glen Ellyn
- Feb 4** - Mystery Buffs, 7pm; Prairie and Vine, Villa Park
- Feb 9**- Lits Wits, 7pm; *Panera Bread*, Glen Ellyn
- Feb 16** - AAUW board meeting; 6:45pm; at FOCUS
- Feb 17**- Women's Issues; 10 am; Mary Ann's
- Feb 20**- Literature, 1 pm; Nancy H's
- Feb 21** - Annual Luncheon, 11:30am; Casey's Restaurant

Future

- March 10** - *General Program*: Meet & Greet: 7pm; program 7:30pm First Church of Lombard, UPSTAIRS
- March 16** - AAUW board meeting; 6:45pm; at FOCUS
- April 4** - Atrevetel! Latina conference; COD. 8am - 4pm
- April 24-25** - AAUW Illinois State Conference; Decatur
- June 26-28** - AAUW National Convention; St. Louis!

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