



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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Join us for our Annual Lombard Area AAUW Luncheon



Bring a guest to this special event!

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Odyssey Greek Taverna

667 W. Roosevelt Road, Lombard; 630/627-3300

11:30 a.m. - Social time (cash bar)

12:00 Noon - Luncheon will be served

Program: **Dr. Craig Broeder**, director of the exercise physiology department at Benedictine University. Dr. Broeder rode over 9,000 miles to honor his wife and her 20-year survival with ovarian cancer. On August 25, Broeder reached his goal of riding around the perimeter of the contiguous United States within 100 days. He completed 9,109 miles! Please join us for the presentation of this amazing feat and the Broeder's commitment to Ovarian Cancer Research.

Meeting: We will vote on new board members for 2010-2012. See the Nominations report on page 3.

Lombard Area AAUW Luncheon, February 13, 2010

Return this section with check for \$22 for each meal (Meal choices will be made the day of the luncheon)

Make checks payable to: Lombard Area AAUW

Send checks to: **Marge Ostendorf, 50 E. Washington, Lombard, IL 60148, by FEB. 5, 2010**

Name _____ # of meals @ \$22: _____

Guest _____

Lombard Scholarship Applications Available Online - Deadline March 1, 2010

For the first time, applications for Lombard Area "Return to Learning" scholarships, awarded from proceeds from our annual used book sale, will be available online at www.act.org/aauw/branch. National AAUW invited our branch to participate in a Local Scholarship Clearinghouse Pilot Program through which eligibility criteria can be easily determined by applicants. The status of an application can be monitored by applicants as their transcripts and recommendations are received by the clearinghouse. All eligible applications will be forwarded by the clearinghouse to our branch Educational Fund committee for the selection of award winners. The pilot program offers the branch considerable savings of funds expended in printing applications and postage costs incurred to notify social service agencies and colleges of our local scholarships program.

The "Return to Learning" \$1000 scholarships are offered to women seeking completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree (not including a doctoral program) after a significant interruption. Women residents of the Lombard, Villa Park, Oakbrook Terrace or Glendale Heights postal districts are eligible to apply. Any Lombard Area Branch member or daughter currently in college or returning to school, after an interruption in her education, is also eligible. Scholarships are awarded for the 2010-2011 academic year. Applications complete with transcripts and recommendations **must be filed online by March 1, 2010**. For more information on AAUW local scholarships, call EF Committee Chair Kathryn Tecza, at 630-971-0661.

Applications are being accepted online at the National AAUW website: www.act.org/aauw/branch **PASS THIS NEWS ON!**

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 Thursday of the month.

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President's Corner



Hello to all of you as we are deep in winter and so looking forward to spring! It's been a while since we were together at a meeting so our February Luncheon, on the 13th, at the Odyssey Greek Taverna, should be a welcome diversion, with a very interesting program and the election of incoming officers. We hope you will all be with us and that the weather will be good. Please make the date

definite by sending in your reservation and payment.

Our Nominating Committee members, Loretta Caputo, Pat Poskocil, and Diane Dassow have announced the following **slate of candidates:** For Vice-Presidents—Membership: Kristi Miller and Betsy Swinson, and Secretary: Danielle Byron. Of course, nominations from the floor will be available as always.

Also, there are other events of which you might want to be aware. You are invited to the **International Women's Day Fair and Luncheon**, on Monday, March 8, at the Union League Club of Chicago. International Women's Day began as a remembrance and celebration of the struggle faced by women around the world in the name of equality, justice, peace, and development. The cost is \$50 for the day, which begins at 10:30 a.m. with luncheon at noon. For more information, go to www.chicagowomensday.org.

The **Deerfield Area branch** will join with neighboring branches in presenting a program featuring recipients of Educational Opportunities (formerly Educational Foundation) grants at a brunch on Saturday, March 13th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Country Inn, Lamb's Farm, Libertyville. Brunch will consist of soup, a choice of Chicken Caesar Salad or Chopped Chicken Salad, rolls, beverage and dessert at a cost of \$14 for the meal, including tax and service fees. **Please make your reservation by sending a check** (made out to "Deerfield Area AAUW") to Kay Madden, 143 Rivershire Lane, Lincolnshire, IL 60069-3804 with your salad choice on the memo line of your check, which must be received by March 1st. For further information, contact Kay (847-955-1708 or kaymadden@comcast.net).

Also, the AAUW-Illinois **State Convention** will be held in Lisle on May 1st and 2nd. If you have not attended a state convention in the past, this will be very convenient and I'm certain we will be requested to once again offer our assistance. More information will be forthcoming soon, including in the Link.

Lastly, we have been asked to nominate one of our branch members for the **Branch Spice Award**, which will recognize AAUW members who add spice to our branch. If a member comes to mind that livens up meetings, comes up with new ideas, or adds fun and excitement to otherwise dull meetings, please send me a paragraph describing that member with your reasons for the nomination. After the conclusion of the AAUW-IL convention, you will hear who was given the award.

Mary Ann Dion

President

February Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee was Pat Poskocil, Diane Dassow, and Loretta Caputo. We will vote for Membership and Secretary at our February 13 luncheon.

Membership Co-VPs: Kristi Miller and Betsy Swinson
Secretary: Danielle Byron

We appreciate these people who stepped forward and are certain they will do a wonderful job!

Ways & Means Update

Santa brought us a present! At the end of December I received a check from Carson's — our "bonus" for selling over 75 booklets. The amount is \$117, which now brings our total fundraising effort to \$695 for September through December! Thank you to all who participated, and you all did. Some of you shopped at Jewel for our Shop N Share days, some of you ate at Buffalo Wild Wings, and some of you sold Carson's coupon books, bought books, or made a donation. You are great!

Heidi Koberstine, Chair, Ways & Means

Herstory Challenge

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the Herstory Challenge. The HerStory 360° Challenge is called a challenge because it allows everyone to test their knowledge of women's history. Each day for 90 days, beginning January 1 and continuing until the end of Women's History Month, there will be a new question about one of the women who fought for the right to vote.

To help answer the daily question, "What's Her Story?", there will be a link to online historical material posted on the website the following day. A special thank you to Nancy McDonald for her work in creating this wonderful website. Who will you discover?

Go to www.herstoryscrapbook.com/ and click on "360" to see the questions. The rest of the web site is pretty interesting as well!

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Atrévete a Soñar ¡Educate!

Dare to Dream: Get Educated

www.LatinaConference.org

We need your help!

Dear Friends and Family,

Dare to Dream: Get Educated! is a one-day conference for Latina middle school girls and their mothers to empower the dream of education. Our second conference will take place at Elmhurst College, Saturday, April 24, 2010, and will focus on the personal, professional and financial value of education in general and higher education in particular. Both the girls and their mothers will attend workshops on various topics such as: careers, high school and college campus life, making choices, health, navigating the American school system and family life.

Dare to Dream 2009 made a difference in the lives of the 267 Latina middle school girls and mothers who attended the conference. With your help we will continue to build on that success in 2010. Listen to the difference from three of the girls:

- "In order to get what you want you have to work for it. You can't let anything get you down because you have to believe in yourself and that you can achieve your goals."
- "Just because you come across an obstacle does not mean you have to give up on your dreams."
- "I can be what I want to be if I study hard and dream. Yes I can!!!"

Your help will be an important encouragement to a young girl to value herself and her life. The Dare to Dream Conference will help empower her and her mother to know that education will change their lives and the lives of their families.

AAUW Branches from the Lombard Area, Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, Downers Grove Area and Elmhurst Area are working together to present Dare to Dream. We gratefully acknowledge the support and participation of local DuPage middle schools as well as successful Latina business and professional women who give advice as board members and participate in the conference as presenters and role models.

Your generosity will help us to encourage the young Latina girls of DuPage County to dare to dream and to seek the education that will turn that dream into reality. A tax deductible donation of \$48.00 will support the attendance of one girl to the conference. Please help with a financial donation. ANY amount will be welcomed and appreciated. Your name or business (not amounts) will be acknowledged in the 2010 conference program and on the conference website, www.latinconference.org.

Thank you.

The Dare to Dream Steering Committee
Connie Baker, Project Director

Yes, I would like to contribute to the Dare to Dream Conference by donating _____

Name or Business _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- Please make checks payable to: Addison District 4 Educational Foundation
- Mailing Address: AAUW Dare to Dream Conference — P.O. Box 328 — Elmhurst, IL 60126

Dare to Dream Conference

Plans for ***Atrevete a Sonar Educate! (Dare to Dream: Get Educated)*** are moving along as we are less than three months away from our April 24 date at Elmhurst College. We are pleased that the importance of this Conference has really been recognized. This year we have many more students eligible that we are able to accommodate as more schools districts request to be involved. At this time, we are busy with a myriad of activities.



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have held, with Elmhurst College, a STEM Conference for high school and middle school girls of all ethnic backgrounds, including Latinas and alumnae of our Dare to Dream Conference, who are interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) careers. We are working with some of the schools that are involved in our Dare to Dream Conference and are anticipating 60-80 attendees.

As we continue to raise money, we are awaiting approval of our 501(c)(3) application. This status will enable our contributors to donate to us directly and receive a tax deduction. We are in the process of improving and broadening our fundraising process. We welcome any of you who have ideas for and experience with fundraising to help us.

There are a number of ways Lombard AAUW members can help with the Conference:

- Give us suggestions for businesses and organizations we can approach for freebies to put in the girls' bags;
- Donate money to the Conference (see the Donation Letter in this newsletter); and/or
- Donate your time on the day of the Conference, April 24th. We will have a sign-up sheet at the February luncheon.

Many of you donated your time and money to the Conference last year, and we hope even more of you will do so this year. Thanks in advance for your support of this very important Conference that has already impacted many Latina middle school girls and their mothers.

*Kathy Brenniman, 630/627-5180, kfbrenn@aol.com
Doris Schertz, 630/629-2695, dcschertz@comcast.net
Dare to Dream Co-chairs*

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

Feb 3: 7:00 pm. - 1st United Methodist Church - Main and Maple, Lombard
Books written by Michael Harvey

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

Feb 1: 6:30pm TBA



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, & Heidi Koberstine

Feb 15: 7 pm

Panera, Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn

Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven
by Susan Jane Gilman



Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

**Feb 19: 1pm at Carol Von Holst's
The Shack** by William P. Young



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

*No outings until March 27:
International SWAN Day!*

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson

Feb 16: 10am: at Olive's

Billie Jean will present

"Unmentionables"

RSVP to Marilyn at 630/325-1475





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BRANCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2010

February

- Mon, 2/1 - Dining on a Dime.** 6:30pm: TBA
- Weds, 2/3 - Mystery.** 7p. First Methodist Church, Lombard
- Mon, 2/8 - Lit Wits.** 7p. Panera's, Glen Ellyn
- Sat, 2/13 - 11:30a. Our annual luncheon;** Odyssey Greek Taverna, Lombard. See front page for reservation form.
- Mon, 2/15 - Board Meeting.** 7pm. FOCUS, Lombard
- Tues, 2/16 - Women's Issues.** 10am. Olive's
- Fri, 2/19 - Literature.** 1pm. Carol VH's

Future

- Sat, 4/24/10 - Latina Conference,** Elmhurst College
- 4/30 - 5/1 - AAUW-Illinois State Convention,** Hyatt Lisle, Lisle
- August 4 - 7 - Our Used Book Sale,** First Church of Lombard

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