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No January Program -- See you in February!

No need to rush out and buy a new outfit for our January program as we're not having a January program. Relax and enjoy the start of a new year! Good luck with any resolutions you may have made.

Saturday, February 17 is the next time we will be together. Our annual luncheon will be held at Praga Restaurant in Lombard.

Cash bar at 11:30 am followed by lunch at noon.

We'll also elect our new board members for 2006-2008. (See slate below.)

Thank you to Janet Miller for again arranging our lunch this year.

Find the full details and menu on the insert. Lunch reservations are due back to Janet by February 9.

Sat, Feb. 17
11:30 a.m.

Praga Restaurant
229 W. St. Charles Rd.
Lombard

Annual Luncheon

2006 - 2008 Board Member Slate

The Nominating Committee is happy to present the 2006-2008 slate. We elect new board members at our annual February luncheon.

President: Loretta Caputo

Program Co-VPs: Betsy Swinson and Kathryn Tecza

Treasurer: Leslie Sulla



Public Policy



What's Wrong With Cinderella?, written by Peggy Orenstein, appears in the December 24, 2006, issue of the New York Times Magazine. This article has so much relevance to "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging Society" that I felt I needed to refer you to it.

The article tells us that shortchanging girls is still common practice in our society—shortchanging them by expecting them to conform to preconceived roles and stereotypes.

Pat Porep
Public Policy Chairperson

[Due to copyright law I can't reprint excerpts from the article, but believe Pat and me that it's definitely worth reading! It's the Princess mania, as packaged and marketed to girls, that worries the author.

You can find the full article on-line by searching the Internet for "What's Wrong with Cinderella?" You'll need to read the article to find out why I used a firefighter graphic! Leslie]

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equity
is
still
an
issue

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 provides funds to advance education, research & self-development of women and to foster equity & positive societal change.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking legal redress for sex discrimination.

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Board Meetings

See branch calendar on last page for date/location

Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sullla by the 3rd Friday of the month.

President's Greeting

Some AAUW New Year's resolutions to consider for 2007 – (in no particular order)

- Check calendar to see that AAUW branch meetings are listed for 2007, and then attend as many meetings as possible.
 - Volunteer to help Sue Meadows and Janet Miller with the book sale.
 - Check the AAUW web sites weekly – or at least more often (www.aauw.org; www.aauw-il.org; www.aauw-il.org/lombard).
 - Volunteer to help with planning the Transitions program.
 - Offer to drive another member to a branch meeting.
 - Write a check to the Educational Foundation or Legal Advocacy Fund.
 - Attend a branch social function or study group – AAUW friendships tend to be long lasting and a real bonus of membership.
 - Attend a Village of Lombard board meeting and consider ways to get a woman elected to the village board.
 - Continue to celebrate 125 years of AAUW!
- Happy New Year 2007!

Laurie Driscoll, President
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Membership Corner

We welcomed three guests in December:

Dr. Rishi Kapoor, Doctor of Chiropractic, spinalolutions@gmail.com, who practices at 10 E. 22nd Street, #305, Lombard, IL 60148, (630) 792-9790.

Dr. Amina Khan, Doctor of Chiropractic, is a graduate of University of Toronto and Lombard's National Chiropractic College. A Chicago resident, Dr. Khan, is an associate of Dr. Kapoor.

Vera Knapp, M.S. in Education, recently moved to Lombard and is interested in mentoring and tutoring young people.

Remember the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is still going on, and we need everyone to participate! The second challenge period ends March 15, 2007, which gives us all plenty of time to recruit new members at discount rates. The national dues of \$47 are half price beginning in January. Also, a 15-month membership (national dues) is available if paid on or after March 1, 2007. This amount covers national dues for the period 3/1/07 – 6/30/08!! What a bargain!

The February luncheon on the 17th at our great local restaurant, Praga, is the perfect time to bring guests and potential members. Let us all work hard to increase our membership at a time when exciting things are happening in our branch.

Kathy Brenniman & Doris Schertz, Membership Co-Chairs
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(Note new email address for Doris.)



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Interest Group Calendar

All Lombard Area AAUW members are welcome to attend any of these interest group programs. Have an idea for a new interest group? Bring your idea to the board.



Mystery Buffs (1st Wednesday)
 Chair: Barbara Kozi, 620-0352
 Jan 3, 7 pm at Mary Ann Mrazek's
 Book: Seduction of Water (Hammet Awards)
 by Carol Goodman

Cinema (2nd Monday)

Theme: "Two Thumbs Up Cinema"
 Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224
 Jan 8, 7:15 pm at Mary Ann Grady's
Little Miss Sunshine



Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)
 Chairs: Carol Schuh, 629-8817,
 and Marilyn Gustafson, 325-1475
 Jan 16, 10 am; Pat Poskocil
 Pat will present the program.
 Happy New Year!

Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224
 Jan 19, 1 pm; Evelyn Montgomery's
To be in Earnest
 by P.D. James (her autobiography)



Looking for interesting products or gifts to commemorate AAUW's 125th anniversary? Look no further than aauw.tranguard.com!

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Lombard Area Branch American Association of University Women

Branch Calendar

January

Jan 3 - Mystery Buffs, 7 pm; Mary Ann Mrazek's

Jan 8 - Cinema, 7:15 pm; Mary Ann Grady's

Jan 15 - Board meeting, 6:45 pm, Pat Poskocil's

Jan 16 - Women's Issues, 10 am, Pat Poskocil's

Jan 19 - Literature, 1 pm; Evelyn Montgomery's

Jan 20 - Women's Wellness Workshop at First Church in Lombard; see insert (note Betty Meyer's profile!)

There is no January program meeting. Happy New Year!

Future

Feb 17 - Annual Branch Luncheon/Meeting, 11:30 am; Praga Restaurant; see insert for reservation form.

June 29 - July 2, 2007 - AAUW National Convention, Phoenix



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