



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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January 14 Program: Women's Heart Health

"Women's Heart Health" will be presented by Eileen Korscher, a dietician from Elmhurst Memorial Hospital's Speaker's Bureau program. Eileen will share information on how to recognize strokes and heart attacks in women, healthy eating and exercise to maintain a healthy heart, and other topics. There will be time for questions.

Each person will also receive a "Vial of Life" container which the Lombard Fire Department provides for health and contact information in case of an emergency within your home. By taking care of ourselves, we can enjoy an active life style and help meet the needs of others! Come, bring friends and spouses. All are welcome!

Betsy Swinson and Pat Porep, Program co-vice presidents

Wed, Jan. 14

7p: Meet & Greet
7:30p: Women's Heart Health

First Church of Lombard
- Upstairs -

Ways & Means Update

Heidi Koberstine organized a wonderful Ways and Means outing to Saret, on December 5. About 20 people showed up to support this effort and we netted \$142 for our operating budget, plus an additional \$45 donated by members unable to attend that evening. Everyone had a great time! Thanks to all who participated.

Membership Matters



We welcome new member Nancy Kerr of Lombard. Nancy grew up in Hinsdale, and majored in French at the University of Illinois. She went back to school, after a 19-year break, for her Masters in Library and Information Science, also from U of I. She is married to Gary, a self-employed architect, and they have three children—all currently in college! Nancy works as the Head of Youth Services at La Grange Public Library, and enjoys reading, singing in choir, cooking, dog walking, and home projects.

Our branch total is 77, thanks to those who have recruited new members and brought guests to our monthly meetings. We can all help build our branch. Here are a couple of ideas:

Consider giving a friend a gift of AAUW membership! At this time of year, a **new** AAUW membership is an especially good deal.

- January 1 – March 15: National dues are half price; so total dues are \$47.50 (instead of \$73).

Invite a guest to attend our January 14 meeting, "Women's Health Issues." Another social opportunity open to guests is the annual luncheon February 21.

We'll see you at the meetings!

Barb Madigan and Diane Dassow, Co-Vice Presidents, Membership
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Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sulla by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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President's Greeting



Joyful greetings for Christmas and the New Year! Our December meeting was delightful, showing how laughter can make a huge difference not only in our lives but our health. It was definitely a "get out of your seats and have some fun" type of thing and I think everyone enjoyed it.

Regarding the upcoming national convention in St. Louis -- June 26-28 -- there is a **reduced registration fee** of \$375 in effect until Jan. 15; after that it goes up significantly. This is a **\$65 discount**, so if you have a desire to go, please let me know and I will get you a registration form. Remember this is not the total cost -- you will have to pay for a hotel room, meals, and possibly airfare. But we are certainly able to drive as it is about a 6 hour drive and we could carpool. So consider going! The hotel (the gorgeous Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel) and American Airlines offer discounts to AAUW members. I will get back to you with more information in January. You can also go online to www.aauw.org/convention and find out more for yourself, or call 1-800-326-2289 or e-mail programinbox@aauw.org for a packet of information.

Right now I have no specific information on the state conference, set for April 24-25 in Decatur. I know there is a way to take a bus there, but no details yet.

That's all for now. Most everything else is suspended for the month of December so we can all concentrate on Christmas and our families.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the January 14 meeting in the upstairs room.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Loretta Caputo, President



Scholarship Update

At our Dec. 10 meeting, the membership voted on these scholarship amounts:

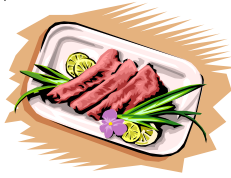
- \$5550 to send to National AAUW for national grants and scholarships
- \$3700 to stay here for our local high school and return-to-learning scholarships.

This generosity is only possible by all of our members' hard work at our annual used book sale! Thank you!!



Annual Luncheon Saturday, February 21, 2009

Casey's Restaurant
415 E. North Avenue, Lombard (just east
of Grace)



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

12:00 Noon - Luncheon Program:

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.

Find the lunch reservation form inside this newsletter, or at our branch web site: www.aauw-il.org/lombard/. Or e-mail Leslie Sulla.

Reservations are due by February 10.

For more information, contact Pat Porep.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee for AAUW recommends the following AAUW women as candidates for nomination as officers for 2009-2011 for the Lombard Area Branch at the January meeting:

- ◆ President: Mary Ann Dion
- ◆ Co-Program Chairs: Heidi Fraser and Gale Wiedman
- ◆ Treasurer: Cathy Bussa

Each candidate has agreed to serve and is looking forward to enthusiastic support from our membership.

We are delighted to submit the names of such talented and capable women for these offices.

Lorraine Piety, Patricia Poskocil and Carol Schuh
Nominating Committee

We will vote on this slate at our annual meeting at the February luncheon. Nominating Committee Report

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BRANCH CALENDAR - JANUARY 2009

January

Jan 5: 6:30pm - **Dining on a Dime**; Olive Garden, 1211 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove.

Jan 7: 7pm - **Mystery Buffs**; Barb Kozi's. Meet author Louisa Beuhler!

Jan 12: 7pm - **Lit Wits**; Panera Bread, 541 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn. Book: Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs

Jan 14: 7pm - General Program; First Church of Lombard, UPSTAIRS

Jan 16: 1pm - **Literature**; Lois Hockman's. Book: The Shadow Catcher by Marianne Wiggins

Jan 19: 6:45pm - Board meeting; FOCUS

~ No Women's Issues meeting in January ~

Future

Feb 21: 11:30am - Annual Luncheon; Casey's Restaurant (see reservation form inside or online)

April 4, 2009 - Atreвете! Latina conference; COD

April 24-25 - AAUW-Illinois State Conference, Decatur

April 29, 2009 - Equal Pay Day

June 26 - 28, 2009 - AAUW National Convention, St. Louis

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