



# 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 Univeristy. 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 Reseach.

### LUNCHEON MENU

#### Entrees

*(all entrees include soup or salad, and sides)*

*Fillet of Sea Bass*

*Athenian Chicken Breast*

*Chef's Ribeye Steak*

*Vegetarian Pasta*

#### Dessert

*Ice Cream Sundae*

#### Beverages

*Coffee, Teas, and Soft Drinks*



### 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. 1, 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals @ \$22: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

## 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



By now your shopping is complete, the wrapping has been done, and maybe all your baking has been finished, or do you still have ingredients for things you would have made if you hadn't run out of time?

When the parties are over and houseguests have left for home, it's a good time to think about New Year's resolutions! If you can look out the window and appreciate the winter scene without having to brave the weather, ponder the things you have wanted to do for so long and never get around to doing. I've been intending to organize all those family photos for years so I'm a great one to talk but it always seems as though there will be time on long winter's nights.

How many books are stacked up waiting to be read? And how many movies are waiting to be seen? Do you have unfinished crafts and letters you have meant to write. We are all so busy that many of the things that would please us the most are left waiting in the wings.

What other things have you meant to do: send a charitable contribution, donate to a local food bank, visit a sick friend. They are all good ideas but there is so much need in these difficult time and you always feel so much better after having accomplished these things.

As for AAUW here are a few more ideas: Our Nominating Committee members are Loretta Caputo, Pat Poskocil, and Diane Dassow. They will be looking for candidates for Membership Vice President(s) and Secretary. If you hear from one of them, please give the invitation serious thought. I will be looking for members to fill Board and Book Sale chair positions. Hopefully, as we are making changes to the time frame for the Book Sale, we can divide and conquer the tasks to produce a well organized, not too burdensome, and successful Book Sale. The old adage is "Many hands make work light." Please think about what tasks involved in the Book Sale mean the most to you and let me know. It's always a great opportunity to meet someone new and to renew old friendships.

Our Annual Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, at the Odyssey Greek Taverna. We will have our election of officers, the food will be terrific and the program interesting. This is always a delightful mid-winter diversion and we hope to see you there.

*Mary Ann Dion*

*President*

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Happy  
New  
Year

## 2010 Used Book Sale - Changes Coming!



Mark your calendars!  
We voted at the general meeting in December for some changes to our 2010 Used Book Sale.

We've contracted with the First Church to hold the sort and the sale in the multi-purpose room! That means no sorting in the small downstairs room, and no schlepping boxes up the elevator for the sale!

We will have the multi-purpose room from July 21 - August 7. . But we also negotiated a \$1200 rental instead of the \$1800 we've paid for the past several years.

### Dates

Multi-purpose room available for sorting: Beginning July 21

Barrels: In stores at end of June

Drop offs: Probably July 23-24, and July 30-31.

Sorting/Setup: July 21 - August 3

Sale: August 4 - August 7

The new schedule means barrel tenders must keep the books until July 21 since the church won't have a place for us until July 21. This also underscores the importance for the barrel

tenders (and anyone else storing books) to pre-sort and discard unwanted books before delivery to the church on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We believe this is a workable alternative, but only if our members support it by working at least 3 times during the sort and sale period. This alternative avoids having to move all the books upstairs and don't forget that it saves us \$600 on the rental.

We are very happy to continue our relationship with First Church and are excited about this sorting alternative.

Thank you so much to the 2009 Book Sale Steering Committee for working out these new details.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Brenniman at [kfbrenn@aol.com](mailto:kfbrenn@aol.com) or 630/627-5180.

*Leslie Sulla*

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## AAUW & AARP Research Partners

### **Call for Participants: AAUW Members and AARP Partner on Research on Long-Term Care Planning for Women**

We are pleased to announce an opportunity for AAUW members to participate in a study that promises to benefit women as they plan for their long-term health care. AAUW has been selected to partner with AARP to assess the best strategies and messages to help women understand the issues and options involved in making personal long term care plans—and what it means to avoid and/or defer these decisions.

**Goal:** The long range goal of this research is to implement a new education and awareness campaign for women in the Baby Boomer age group (ages 45-64) on the need to plan for future long-term care needs, and to create materials that will effectively educate and support individual women's personal planning.

**Study Design:** AARP and AAUW will collaborate to assess long-term care resources and messaging by fielding a baseline study that involves a minimum of 250 AAUW members (there is no cap to the number of participants). **As AAUW leaders, you are key to this opportunity to recruit members who will participate in this focus group study and help to shape the national dialogue on long-term health care!**

**Expectation:** This partnership to establish a truly accessible model for women's long-term care planning represents a truly unique opportunity for AAUW to break through both educational and economic barriers for women in a health care arena—long-term care—that has been in the shadows for decades. AAUW's selection as a partner by AARP attests to the position of stature and respect AAUW holds as a nationwide community working on behalf of women.

**Leaders' Role:** Please help us identify AAUW members/branches that may want to participate in this baseline study—which is primarily a willingness to participate in four webinars and answer four sets of questions over the next year. (All this can be done from the comfort of their own homes.) We are also looking for half a dozen women who would like to be facilitators in this endeavor, and would like to be trained to provide support to members as they go through the baseline study process. More details on this partnership with AARP, a webinar and a Program-in-a-Box will be forthcoming in early 2010. Prior to that, if you know of AAUW members who you can already identify as strong possibilities for participation as facilitators or as focus group participants, please provide us names as soon as possible so we can begin to reach out and create our study group. We believe that AAUW members will really want to participate, and fortunately, there is no cap on the numbers who can contribute to this extremely important initiative.

Please contact Cordy Galligan at [galliganc@aauw.org](mailto:galliganc@aauw.org) or at (202) 785-7735.

We are excited about this opportunity to engage AAUW members in a project that is sure to garner enormous publicity and have a lasting impact on women and their families for many years to come. We thank you in advance for helping to inform our members of this exciting initiative!

Thank you.

Jill Birdwhistell, Ph.D.

AAUW, Chief Officer for Strategic Advancement



## Chicago Area Runners Awards

We have some running news from our branch; and just in time to motivate our resolutions to become healthier and more active in 2010!

**Doris Schertz** has been named the 2009 CARA (Chicago Area Runners Association) female winner for her age group. [Coincidentally, my dad (Joe Arnold) is the male winner for that same age group.]

Doris will also receive one of the "Long Distance" awards. She receives her awards at the CARA banquet in late January.

Other exciting running news - Doris qualified for the Boston Marathon with her October Chicago Marathon time of 4:15 (beating the maximum 5 hours); and has registered for 2010 Boston. **Gale Wiedman** also raced in the Chicago Marathon, then ran in the Sacramento Marathon just 7 weeks later! Gale qualified for the Boston Marathon (with 18 seconds to spare!) – so she will run in 2011 Boston. February will find Gale back in California running the Surf City Half marathon.

Congratulations Doris and Gale!!

## New Member Biography

Rebecca Ji (Qiu Min Ji) joined our branch this fall. She is a friend of Darwin Walton's, and lives in Arlington Heights.

"I received a music degree in China, came to U.S. in 1989 and graduated from Bethany Seminary in 1992 with a Masters of Arts in Theology. I felt the call to do lay ministry— formed Chinese American cultural Bridge Center while I was a student, and have been doing cultural exchanges ever since.

For about 10 years, I played my Chinese musical instrument in K-12 schools, universities, also with Chicago Symphony and Milwaukee Symphony for concerts. For the past 10 years, I have worked with an cultural exchange program by bringing American bands and orchestras to China to perform. We also organize educational tours to China. Our website is: [www.cacbc.org](http://www.cacbc.org)

Thank you very much for introducing me to our group."

*Rebecca ji ( Qiu Min ji)*

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## New [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org) !

Check out the new AAUW-Illinois web site. I've modernized it and added RSS feeds to the home page so you can stay up-to-date with current AAUW happenings.

Other helpful pages on [aauw-il.org](http://aauw-il.org):

- ◆ Booksale & other fundraiser information for other Illinois branches - your one-stop-shopping for local used book sales.
- ◆ A calendar of upcoming events.
- ◆ Online copies of current and past Illinois Link newsletters.
- ◆ Email links to all AAUW-Illinois board members.
- ◆ Conference details and registration forms when available
- ◆ A page devoted to Jane Addams, including a quiz and other resources.
- ◆ Important Public Policy info such as "How to Lobby."

I hope you find [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org) easy to use as well as helpful!

*Leslie Sulla*  
Web maven,  
[aauw-il.org](http://aauw-il.org)

## 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

**Jan 13:** 7:00 pm. - Location TBA

Books written by Sharon Fiffer

**NOTE SPECIAL DATE!!**

### Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

**Jan 4:** 6:30pm Ed Debevic's - Yorktown



### Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, & Heidi Koberstine

**Jan 11:** 7 pm

Anyways, Roosevelt Rd, Villa Park

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by

Muriel Barbery



### Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

**Jan 15:** 1pm at Nancy Hansen's

My Several Worlds by Pearl Buck



### Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

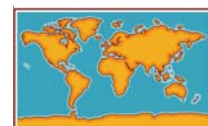
No outings until March 27:

International SWAN Day!

### Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson

**Jan 19:** 10am: Location TBA



RSVP to Marilyn at 630/325-1475



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LOMBARD AREA BRANCH  
BRANCH CALENDAR - JANUARY 2010

*January*

**Mon, 1/4 - Dining on a Dime.** 6:30pm: Ed Debevic's in Yorktown Center

**Mon, 1/11 - Lit Wits.** 7p. Anyways, Villa Park

**Weds, 1/13 - Mystery.** 7p. Location TBA  
\*\*\*NOTE Mystery date change\*\*\*

**Tues, 1/19 - Women's Issues.** 10am. Location TBA

**Mon, 1/18 - Board Meeting.** 7pm. FOCUS, Lombard

**Sat, 1/23/10 - AAUW District 5's 27th Annual Network Meeting** 11:30am, Deerfield Hyatt. Hear the 2nd ranking Illinois House official Barbara Flynn Currie. *Details at [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)*

*Future*

**Sat, 2/13/10 - 11:30a.** Our annual luncheon; Odyssey Greek Taverna, Lombard. See front page for reservation form.

**Sat, 4/24/10 - Latina Conference,** Elmhurst College

No January  
general meeting - See  
you in February



Happy New Year!

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