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One Night Only! Wednesday, May 14th!! Musical satire like you've never seen!

Do you love song parodies and skits? Well get ready for a great evening of satirical humor and plenty of just plain good fun when Lombard Branch members present their own special lyrics to a well-known song to introduce you to the in's and out's of our Annual Used Book Sale. The performance will kick off with a skit that includes some book sale history and a healthy dose of what it takes to get those donated books flying off the tables. So come prepared to laugh at the silly side of fund-raising for an especially good cause (scholarships!) and see a unique musical performance that is on the boards for One Night Only – Wednesday, May 14th! Don't Miss It!!

Our final meeting of the year will begin at 6:30pm with a time for socializing and enjoying a shared dinner. Please bring a salad or a main dish to serve six to eight. Desserts and bread will be provided, as well as beverages.

The evening also includes the introduction of our 2008-2009 scholarship recipients and installation of new officers.
Kathryn Tecza and Betsy Swinson, Program co-vice presidents

Weds, May 14

6:30p: Potluck
7:30p: Play
Scholarships
Officer Installation

First Church of Lombard
- Downstairs -



Transitions Conference Summary

Our branch co-sponsored Transition Conference, "Choices, Changes, Chances: A Conference for Women Seeking New Educational and Career Resources" was held on Saturday, April 12 at College of DuPage. It was a great success! Virginia Haldeman, the former branch member who so generously provided the funding for this conference, would have been proud.

We had 45 attendees, 14 area college and university representatives, 14 Lombard Area AAUW Branch members volunteering their time, 7 speakers and 7 committee members from our co-sponsors: College of DuPage and National-Louis University. In addition, 9 women who registered in advance were unable to attend. Keynote speaker Maureen O'Brien was inspirational, funny, down to earth, and delightful.

Our committee wants to thank all of our branch volunteers: Wilma Bain, Loretta Caputo, Diane Dassow, Mary Ann Dion, Susie Dressler, Janet Miller, Kristi Miller, Bebe Mosillo, Pat Porep, and Kathryn Tecza for helping with arrangements and registration. The publicity committee, headed by Kathy Brenniman and Pat Poskocil, did a wonderful job, distributing fliers, bookmarks and news releases. Anna Weselak recommended the speaker. Kathy, Anna and I attended many meetings at COD as we planned for this conference. Additional branch committee members who served on the committee include Lynn Berndt, Lisa Clark, Christine Yeager, and Shirley Segretto. Also thanks to Leslie Sulla for helping to design the registration form. Ruth Sweeter attended the conference and welcomed everyone as president of AAUW and Loretta Caputo welcomed everyone on behalf of our branch. (See photos from the conference on our web site: www.aauw-il.org/lombard/)

Here is just of a sampling of some of the evaluation comments:

- Great job info for people seeking jobs
- I really enjoyed this and hope you have more
- That I felt this was definitely a great program for those like me that need some direction
- The cost was appropriate! Thank you for putting on a wonderful program
- Very beneficial – thank you

Thank you to everyone in the branch for supporting this program. Laurie Driscoll, Conference Chair

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

As we near the end of our year, your board has been very busy. We wrapped up our Transitions conference at COD, which was very successful. With about 45 ladies in attendance plus COD staff and our members, everyone felt it was a good job well done and many of the people present asked us if this was to be a yearly event! It is quite possible for it to be repeated next year, with one of the colleges taking the lead.

Adelante! is in full steam ahead mode; Elmhurst branch has gotten their grant and they are delighted. Doris Schertz and Kathy Brenniman are our liaisons with Elmhurst and things will really get underway this fall when we hope to have all of our members' participation.

Our book sale chairs are going to have their first meeting with the outgoing chairs and things will soon be underway for another successful sale, again with as many of you as possible taking part. See page 3 for book sale details!

Our state convention will begin on Friday, May 2nd right here in Naperville, and we have at least 6 people going. It should be very interesting with lots of news.

Please plan to attend the May 14 meeting. There will be another culinary potpourri with the board providing desserts and breads, and members bringing salads and main dishes. I am sure it will be as delicious as it always is. There will be a short book sale skit, and installation of officers, as well as information on our summer outing and just the chance to see each other again and chat.

Just for your information, I will have tickets again for the COD's summer opera, Tosca, on Sunday, July 20th at 2:00, and we will again meet with Kirk Muspratt and the cast afterwards. Tickets are \$35 each, which is a discounted price if you get them from me, only for this performance. This is NOT our summer outing, but since interest was so high last year, I am just giving you a chance to go again with us as a group. Checks should be made payable to Far West Chapter of LOC.

Hope to see you all May 14th at First Church.

Loretta Caputo, President



Pat Poskocil - More Recognitions!

Our membership continues to be recognized for the great work we accomplish. Pat Poskocil is our latest AAUW member to receive awards from the community.

April was a busy month for Pat! She was named the "**Lombard Woman of the Year**" by the Lombard Service League on April 10. Additionally, Pat received the "**District 44 Friend of Education**" recognition.



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Important 2008 Used Book Sale Calendar Dates

Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. – Kick-off planning coffee at First Church of Lombard (Bring your ideas to the meeting — Team leaders will be present)

Monday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting at First Church (downstairs 'sorting' room). More ideas welcome.

Tuesday, June 24 to Thursday, July 24 – Barrel collection at local stores and First Church

Book Donation Drop offs at First Church:

Friday, July 11 & Saturday, July 12 (times TBA)

Friday, July 18 & Saturday, July 19 (times TBA)

Friday, July 25 & Saturday, July 26 (times TBA)

Sort Dates

Tues. July 15 to Friday, August 1 (days; some evenings)

How can I help, you ask? By donating books, helping with local book pick-ups, receiving books on drop off mornings/evenings, sorting books, selling on sale dates, and spreading the word about the book sale dates (flyers available mid-June to post). Sign up for specific times to help when the volunteer assignment grid sheets are circulated at the May 14th meeting, call book sale co-chair Kathryn Tecza at 630-971-0661 or send an e-mail to kathyinlisle-at-comcast.net to let us know what you want to do and when you want to do it! You will be contacted by a volunteer scheduler.

Deb Dynako & Kathryn Tecza, book sale co-chairs, are here for you. Don't wait until the last minute to give us your ideas or let us know where to get donated books. Get into a book sale groove and sign on now for some summer fun with your AAUW and community friends. Who doesn't love a great book sale bargain?

The community is looking forward to our book sale. Give book buyers the best selection of books to buy when you ask neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and friends for books they no longer want, and then do the book sale sorters the favor of discarding unusable books you receive before bringing them to First Church.

Sale Dates

Weds 8/6: 5pm - 9pm Presale (entry fee)

Thurs, 8/7: 9am - 8pm (free admission)

Fri, 8/8: 9am - 8pm (free admission)

Sat, 8/9: 9am - 3pm (free admission, Bag of Books \$7)

Kathryn Tecza & Deb Dynako
Used Book Sale Co-Chairs

Membership Matters



Great news! Our membership is at 92 and counting! Thanks to all of you who have helped us so much with the recruiting. You still have an opportunity to add to the count by bringing a guest/potential member to our May 15th meeting and potluck. We will be celebrating our year of membership growth, great programs, and a very successful Transitions Conference.

Remember that Leslie Sulla is accepting membership renewals now (see page 5 for details). Those members who joined March 15th or later are paid through June of 2009 and do not renew now. Also, remember that May and June are graduation months and the opportune time to Gift a Grad a Gift of AAUW Membership. It is FREE! All you have to do is register on www.aauw.org. If anyone needs information on this or help, please let us know.

Thanks again to all of you for the help and support you have given us in our two years as Membership Co-chairs.

Doris Schertz and Kathleen Brenniman
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The Boston Marathoner: Bib #21003

The indomitable Doris Schertz joined 24,999 other like-minded athletes to run the infamous Boston Marathon on April 21. Doris had been feeling so sick with the flu for the few weeks prior that she considered not running. As it was, she tucked a tissue into her waistband, but never needed it!

Doris finished the marathon in 4:40:35, which qualifies her to run in the 2009 Boston Marathon. Huzzah!



LAF Update: New Directions

The Association and Educational Foundation Boards of AAUW, meeting as one board, have established new directions for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Responding to many branches and members who want AAUW to extend LAF plaintiff support beyond academia to other workplace settings, LAF is expanding to include sex discrimination in all workplaces.

A primary aspect of this expansion is to build on AAUW's history of participating as *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) in cases affecting women's rights. *Amicus* briefs are filed in a case by an entity that is not a party in the litigation. These briefs support one side in the litigation by focusing on a particular issue. For example, in March, 2008, AAUW signed onto an *amicus curiae* brief in Crawford v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. In this case, the U.S. Supreme Court will examine whether, Vicky Crawford, an employee of the Nashville Metro School District, is protected under Title VII's anti-retaliation provisions. She cooperated with her employer's internal investigation of sexual harassment and was subsequently fired. The *amicus* brief AAUW is signing onto will present social science research that demonstrates that psychological and social factors pressure victims of sexual harassment to discount and remain silent about the discrimination.

AAUW has also decided that, as LAF transitions toward expanded case and issue support, we will move away from direct financial plaintiff case support. While plaintiffs have been grateful for what monetary support we could give them, it has always been the act of putting AAUW's name behind the case and the issue that has been our central contribution. AAUW will continue to do that.

During the change, AAUW will continue to support the ten plaintiffs whose cases we currently support through December of 2008. LAF is no longer accepting new plaintiff case support applications. AAUW will, however, continue to provide travel and speaking stipends for LAF-funded plaintiffs and is exploring emergency relief funding to assist with the many additional burdens faced by plaintiffs (health decline, job loss, family obligations, etc.). The LAF campus outreach programs and online library will also be continued.

If you have any questions or concerns about these policy changes, please call or e-mail me. I will also be present at the May 15th meeting and will respond to your questions and concerns at that time.

Kathy Brenniman
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Renew Your Membership!

Be the first on your block to renew your AAUW membership today! Send your check to me, payable to Lombard AAUW.
OR BRING IT TO THE MAY 14 MEETING!

The dues for 2008-2009 are **\$73**, which include:
\$49 National + \$10 State + \$14 Branch dues

THANK YOU!

Send your dues to:
Leslie Sulla
126 S. Chase, Lombard 60148



And the education continues...

Laura Sibrava was our 2007 Graduate Return-to-Learning Scholarship winner. Here's an update on how her education continues to accelerate. Congratulations Laura!!

I will be graduating with my Masters in Biomedical Sciences from Midwestern University on May 23. I completed my graduate research thesis on the inter-relationship of the anticancer gene, p53, and bone morphogenetic proteins 2 and 7. I completed my research under the direction of Nalini Chandar, PhD of Midwestern University's Biochemistry Department. After graduation I am proud to announce that I will attend dental school at Midwestern University's College of Dental Medicine in Glendale, Arizona, as a member of their inaugural class of 2012. - Laura Sibrava

Thank you to Sweet Tomatoes

Opportunity knocked when the Dining on a Dime cuisine interest group met for dinner in March at the new Sweet Tomatoes restaurant located at 2820 Highland Avenue. At the door was a sign indicating that the restaurant's management supports catering donations to local community groups. A call to the district manager, Anne Storino, secured a delicious selection of fruit and muffins as refreshments for our April 26 joint program with the Hinsdale/Oakbrook branch. AAUW has a new friend in town! Visit the restaurant for catering information online at www.sweettomatoes.com or stop in for a great soup, salad, pasta, and dessert lunch or dinner at a reasonable price.

Six in the City

Meet at Lombard train station to take 10:04 am train into Chicago. Take the #14 bus to the Art Institute for lunch, a free lecture in the gallery, and a viewing of the Homer and Hopper exhibits!

RSVP to Doris at 629-2695 before ordering your ticket online at www.artic.edu/aic/collections/exhibitions/hopper/visitor

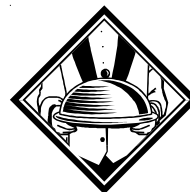
Interest Group Calendar

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.



Readers Theatre (1st Sunday)
Chair: Katherine Tecza, 971-0661
This interest group is on hiatus until September 2008. Look for us then!

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)
Chair: Pat Porep, 629-2933
May 5: Flat Top Grill, 6:30pm
This restaurant is located in the new shops on south end of Yorktown.



Mystery Buffs (1st Wednesday)
Chair: Barbara Kozi, 620-0352
May 7, 6:30p at Golden Wok on Roosevelt
Book: Agatha Awards 2004
Birds of a Feather
by Jacquelin Winspear



Cinema (2nd Monday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224
No May meeting. Enjoy a movie on your own!



Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)
Chairs: Carol Schuh, 629-8817,
and Marilyn Gustafson, 325-1475
May 20, 10 am at Carol von Holst's
Program: Israel & Palestine, presented by Helen Westlake

Literature (3rd Friday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224
May 16, 1 pm at Lois Hockman's
The March
by E.L. Doctorow



Six in the City (various)
Chair: Doris Schertz, 629-2695
Friday, May 9, 10:04 am train
Hopper and Homer exhibits at the Art Institute. See details to the left.

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Lombard Area Branch American Association of University Women

Branch Calendar

May

May 2-3, 2008 - Illinois AAUW State Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Naperville.

May 5 - Dining on a Dime, 6:30pm; Flat Top Grill, Yorktown

May 7 - Mystery Buffs, 6:30pm; Golden Wok restaurant

May 14 - General Program: Potluck 6:30pm, Program: 7:30pm, First Church of Lombard, DOWNSTAIRS

May 16 - Literature, 1 pm; Lois Hockman's

May 19 - AAUW board meeting; 6:45pm; at FOCUS

May 19 - 21 - Jewel Shop & Share Days (coupons inside)

May 20 - Women's Issues, 10 am; Carol von Holst's

Future

TBA: Summer outing

Used Book Sale Dates

Barrel Collections: 6/24 - 7/24

Book dropoffs at First Church:

7/11 & 7/12; 7/18 & 7/19; 7/25 & 7/26

Sorting: 7/15 - 8/1 (various times)

Sale:

Presale: 8/6 5pm - 9pm (entry fee)

8/7: 9am - 8pm (no fee)

8/8: 9am - 8pm (no fee)

8/9: 9am - 3pm (bag sale \$7)



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