



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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November 2008

November 15 Program: Murals of Chicago

Join us on Saturday, November 15 at 9 a.m. for a continental breakfast and an outstanding program on "Murals of Chicago" presented by Peggy Connolly of the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch. Peggy has taken over 400 pictures of murals in Chicago painted from the late 1800's at the Auditorium Theater to the 1970's. Actually, Chicago was known worldwide as the "City of Murals" in the early 1900's! There are many photos of murals done during the WPA with over 50 at Lane Tech High School. We are planning a trip to this site later in the year. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the history and art in the "Windy City"!

Visitors/guests and spouses are welcome! The meeting will take place in the upstairs room at First Church of Lombard.

Betsy Swinson and Pat Porep, Program co-vice presidents

Sat, Nov. 15

**9a: Light breakfast
9:30a: Murals in
Chicago**

**First Church of
Lombard
- Upstairs -**

Branch Bylaws Amendment Results: **Notice of Motion to Rescind**

As most of you know, our branch newsletter for October included a proposed Branch Bylaws amendment that was discussed at length and voted on at the October 8th meeting. The purpose of the amendment, unanimously endorsed by the Branch Board, was to create a new category of branch membership to permit individuals who have expressed an interest in joining our branch to do so although they do not currently have an associate's degree or the equivalent. The change would have permitted individuals who do not qualify for full AAUW membership (State and Association) to join our branch and participate in branch and interest group activities.

The motion debated and voted on was as follows, with amendments underlined:

Move to amend the Lombard Area AAUW Bylaws, Article V. Membership, by adding the following new Section 6:

Sec. 6 Community Members.

Any individual who does not qualify for full AAUW membership may join the Lombard Area Branch as a Community Member, paying \$30.00 dollars in branch dues annually. Community Members may attend branch meetings, participate in branch activities, belong to branch Interest Groups, receive and be listed in the branch yearbook, and receive the branch newsletter. Community Members may not serve on the Branch Board, vote on branch issues, or represent the branch at AAUW conventions as a delegate.

Passage of the proposed amendment required a 2/3 vote of members present at the business meeting on October 8th, pursuant to our Branch Bylaws. The vote was 16 in favor and 9 opposed, and because bylaws amendments require a 2/3 vote, it failed by one vote.

A few branch members who were upset with the outcome and concerned that only 9 members of our branch determined that outcome have asked me about a re-vote. The proper motion to be made is a Motion to Rescind, which can be made by any branch member at the November meeting. A Motion to Rescind needs a second, is debatable, and requires a simple majority vote. **Therefore**, since the Board agreed that this matter should be revisited based on the concern of some members, **members are hereby notified that, at the November 15, 2008, branch meeting, a Motion to Rescind the October 15th vote on the bylaws amendment will be presented for a vote.**

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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 Wednesday of the month.

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President's Greeting



Here we are in the holiday season already. Where does the time go? Thanks to all who set up the October meeting; if you missed it, consider yourself deprived! It was wonderful. There's more to come in November. Our Saturday breakfast meeting will be November 15. There are so many things going on and if I mention them, look further in the newsletter for details.

We voted on a change in our by-laws which failed to pass by one vote. The change had been unanimously recommended by the board, so read Kathy's explanation in this issue about further action that could be taken at the November meeting.

Heidi Koberstine has some wonderful ideas for Ways and Means including a shopping trip and a dinner in Glen Ellyn which will also make money for us so please plan to join us and show your support.

We voted at the board meeting to hold the book sale at First Church again but I am **looking for book sale co-chairs**. Please don't be afraid to step up and offer; the book sale is a wonderful chance to work together and bond as an organization, and although it takes effort, many hands make light work and I think we all take a lot of pride when it comes together each year. I will have to call and ask people to take on the co-chair responsibility and I hope someone will offer to do this. We really need you.

Six of us will be going to the Fall Conference on November 8 and I hope we'll come back with a lot of good ideas for making our organization stronger. Anyone can go so if you want to, and haven't sent in your application, call me and I'll see that you get one. It's only \$20 and is at COD, so it couldn't be easier to attend. See you at the next meeting.

Loretta Caputo, President

AAUW District Conference: Sat, Nov. 8

Plan now for the November 8 conference "Breaking Through Barriers" at the College of DuPage. As usual, this is a combined conference for Districts 4 & 5, and will include presentations, round table discussions, and EF/LAF shopping.

Saturday, Nov 8: 8:30am - 12:30pm (Includes breakfast!)

Registration and \$20 are due by October 27.

College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn

The room will be the Jack H. Turner conference center, 2800 Student Resource Center, 2nd Floor, use parking lot F.

The registration form & conference schedule can be found at in your fall Link (not delivered yet as of this newsletter writing), and at http://www.aauw-il.org/PDFs/fall_conf_08.pdf

Yearbook Corrections

✓ **Page 12:** The January 14 meeting is a Wednesday, not Sat.

✓ **Remove** these women from your yearbook as they did not renew: Laura Fitzpatrick and Christine Yeager

✓ **Add:** Please add Judy Wiesen as a member. I will forward her address and phone through a separate e-mail; you will also find her information in last year's yearbook.



Six in the City/Suburbs: Graue Mill: Sat., Nov 22

"Christmas at the Mill" Fine Artisan Boutique
Six in the Suburbs visits the Graue Mill in Hinsdale on Saturday, November 22. While officially closed for the winter after November 9, the Mill and the Graue House will be open for a special holiday shopping event November 21-23 to get you in the Christmas spirit! Local artisans have unique handmade gifts for sale, along with specially selected ornaments, other great decorative items and stocking stuffers in the Mill's gift shop. Strolling carolers and decorated Christmas trees will add to the fun. Dress to enjoy the outdoors, mill and waterfall and three floors of displays of life in the 1850s. We won't have a guided tour, just a self-guided look around. The mill is at York and Spring Roads if you'd rather drive and meet us there amid Saturday errands. Maybe we can go to lunch afterward nearby.

Fred Graue's house and mill are part of DuPage history. You can learn how slaves were aided by sympathizers in the North as they traveled through Illinois on their way to freedom in Canada on Sunday, November 2, when Darwin Walton will give two performances at 1 and 2:30 pm. Visit the website at www.grauemill.org for more information and history about the Graue Mill. Sign up at the AAUW meeting or email dcschertz@comcast.net.
Doris Schertz

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In 1958, the Educational Foundation was officially established to administer AAUW's fellowship and grant programs, advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Thanks to the generous contributions of AAUW members across the nation, the Foundation remains one of the world's largest funding sources for graduate women. Adding to this distinguished legacy, the Foundation also became the source for AAUW's landmark research reports and more recently, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund program.

AAUW has a great web site including a scrapbook, an online museum, and various resources at <http://www.aauw.org/ef50/index.cfm>.

Happy Birthday EF!



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Church Parking Reminder

When parking behind First Church, the church has requested that when entering the church driveway off of Ash, continue North (straight) past the back entrance and then around the lot. They ask us not to just head for the first open space wherever it might be, but follow the loop/circle counter-clockwise. Thank you!

Notice of Motion to Rescind (cont.)

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If the Motion to Rescind is adopted, the vote rejecting the proposed bylaws change is reversed, and the slate is "wiped clean." If a member wishes to propose a different motion to amend the bylaws, that may be done at a subsequent meeting. I recommend that, if such a bylaws amendment is proposed, it be done at the December 10th meeting when I, as Bylaws Chair, will be present to handle the matter and answer any questions. Notice of a proposed change, if any, in the bylaws will appear in the December newsletter, as required by the Branch Bylaws. Please email or call if you have questions.

Kathy Brenniman, Bylaws and Policy Chair
kfbrenn@aol.com; 630/627-5180

Help Wanted

Our branch offers multiple opportunities for you to be involved in our mission and work.



Book Sale:

- 2009 Co-Chairs (call Loretta Caputo) - The location is set -- We'll be back at First Church!
- Small committee to pursue location options for 2010 sale. While we're grateful to First Church, there are some issues with that location (elevator, downstairs storing & sorting, rent). Maybe there are more accessible venues available?

Board:

Are you ready to acquire valuable leadership skills? Consider taking your involvement one step further and throw your hat in the ring for one of these **board positions** opening up in June:

- Branch President - set board and general meeting agendas, run those meetings, be contact with National and Illinois AAUW
 - Branch Program Chair/Co-Chair - set up monthly programs, communicate with Social & Hospitality
 - Branch Treasurer - mail dues, create & monitor budget, maintain bank accounts.
- Call Loretta Caputo to hear more about these positions.

Latina Conference:

Various duties are available, some pre-conference, and some for the actual April 4 conference day. Please contact Kathy Brenniman and Doris Schertz (soon!) for details.

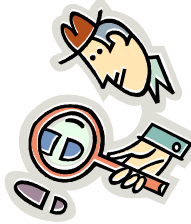
Six in the City "Mark your Calendar"

Come March we celebrate SWAN Day on the last Saturday of Women's History Month, March 28, 2009. SWAN Day was started through an AAUW initiative but has since become an international holiday that celebrates women artists. The theme for 2009 is "Women of Courage: Beyond Boundaries." Stay tuned to see how we can Support Women Artists Now.



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
Theme: Chicago mystery writers
Nov 5: Heidi Fraser's, 7 pm
Author: Luisa Buehler

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)
Chair: Pat Porep
Nov 3: Greek Islands, 6:30pm
RSVP to Pat Porep asap!



Evening Literature (2nd Monday)
Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, & Heidi Koberstine
Nov 10: Mary Ann Dion's, 7 pm
Water for Elephants
by Sara Gruen

Literature (3rd Friday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo
Nov 21: Marilyn Gustafson's 1 pm
The Prosperous Thief
by Andrea Goldsmith



Six in the City (various)
Chair: Doris Schertz
Nov 22: Graue Mill, Hinsdale
See article on page 3.

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)
Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson & Carol Schuh
Nov 18: Marilyn Gustafson's, 10 am
Program: Choice or Chance;
presenter Loretta Caputo.





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LOMBARD AREA BRANCH
BRANCH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2008

November

Nov 3 - Dining on a Dime, 6:30pm; *Greek Islands*, Lombard

Nov 4 - ELECTION DAY

Nov 5 - Mystery Buffs, 7pm; Mary Ann Mrazek's

Nov 8 - District 4 & 5 Fall Conference 8:30am - 12:30pm;
College of DuPage *Find registration form at www.aauw-il.org*

Nov 10- Evening Lit, 7pm; Mary Ann Dion's

Nov 15- General Program: Light breakfast: 9am, Program:
9:30pm First Church of Lombard, UPSTAIRS

Nov 17- AAUW board meeting; 6:45pm; at FOCUS

Nov 18- Women's Issues; 10 am; Marilyn Gustafson's

Nov 21- Literature, 1 pm; Marilyn Gustafson's

Nov 22- Six in the City, Graue Mill (see pg. 3)

Future

Dec 10 - General Program: Meet & Greet: 7pm; program
7:30pm First Church of Lombard, UPSTAIRS

No board meeting in December!

April 4, 2009 - Atrevete! Latina conference; COD.



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