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Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

April 2011

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**Mark Your Calendar**

- March 28 Great Decisions, *US National Security*, 7 pm at Ewa Bacon's, 708 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton
- April 1 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Peggy Connolly's, 1445 Brentwood Ln., Wheaton
- April 4 Meet-and Greet Representative Peter Roskam, 9:00 a.m. Glen Ellyn Civic Center
- April 5 VOTE!
- April 6 Branch meeting, 7 pm **My Life in India** by Branch member Laura Desmarais  
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Betty Clayton Room
- April 7 and 21 Book Sorting at Pond's, 26W515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream, Contact Jan Radil
- April 8 Film Group. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann for film and discussion location.
- April 9 Cultural Arts/ Wine Tasting, 7-8 p.m. at Tasting deVine, 127 W. Front Street, Wheaton
- April 13 Board meeting. 7 pm at Lindy Pond's, 425 Fairview Ave., Glen Ellyn
- April 18 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Donna Jennings', 725 Lenox Road, Glen Ellyn
- April 20 Bridge, 7 pm at Phyllis Fogel's, 1126 South Edgewood, Lombard.
- April 25 Great Decisions, *Horn of Africa*, 7 pm at Sherry Yarema's, 301 N. Montclair Ave., Glen Ellyn
- April 29-30 The PEARLS of AAUW – 87<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW-IL Convention in Peoria
- May 6 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Lindy Pond's, 425 Fairview Ave., Glen Ellyn
- May 9-14 Book Sale set up and Sale. Mark your calendars!
- May 25 Save the date! May Banquet, 6 pm at Glen Oak Country Club
- June 22 Non-fiction Lit



**MY LIFE IN INDIA**

Join us at our **April 6 Branch Meeting** when Branch member Laura Desmarais will share with us her experiences living in India during her husband Steve's corporate reassignment.

Laura says, *"I had an incredible experience living in India. It is a country with traditions established thousands of years ago yet it is striving to become a dominant player in today's economy. Much of India is a sharp contrast to our way of life in America. I will share my journey as I learned to bridge the gap between East and West and to appreciate its very diverse culture."*

Laura is no stranger to cultural change. Prior to moving to Wheaton in 1984, she had only lived in Georgia and Florida. So her first culture shock was discovering the differences between Northern and Southern living. Then, in 1995, she and her husband moved to Brea, California for a couple of years, where as Southern/Midwesterners they now learned to adapt to the California coastal culture.

Having settled back into "life in Wheaton", Laura expected that their future travels would be for vacations. Then Steve's company, HSBC, offered an expatriate opportunity. For two years, Steve was assigned to train HSBC employees in Bangalore, located in Karnataka province of India. Laura and Steve jumped at the chance, and in January 2005, they began their adventure in India.

**Location:** Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Betty Clayton Room

**Time:** Wednesday, April 6, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. networking / 7:25 business meeting / 8:00 program

*A Leaf from the President*

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In the new world of unregulated lending, families are barraged with advertisements and offers for a new product: All the debt they could ever want, and more. Consumers cannot buy a toaster that has a one in five chance of bursting into flames but they can enter into a mortgage that has the same one in five chance of putting them out onto the street.

*Your bills tell your past, but they also tell your future. Every debt, every monthly payment, every dollar you owe is a claim against your future. Debt affects what you can — and cannot — do about your future.*

*Elizabeth Warren (long ago, 2006 and 2007)*

These strong words by President Obama's Consumer Financial Protection Bureau advisor, and possibly upcoming head, remind us that we have much to do as AAUW advocates for change, for equity, and for the advancement of women. Wall Street bankers, investors, and most Republicans currently oppose her strong regulatory candidacy.

Some Options:

1. **April 4. 9:00 a.m. GE Civic Center.** An amazing opportunity: Representative Peter Roskam will be speaking informally in Glen Ellyn, a guest of the local police department which offers the community several such meet-and greet opportunities. Please consider coming and asking Roskam some questions. Like: How many jobs have you created since coming to office? What are you doing to overcome the stalemate in Congress? Will you support Elizabeth Warren as Consumer financial Protection Bureau Chief? (Check out AAUW's public policy statement at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for more ideas.) Our Representatives need to hear back from us. This is not a one-way street. As educated women it is our obligation to act, not just listen.
2. **April 5.** Consolidated elections. Vote for your Board of Trustees, Library Board, and in Wheaton, for the Mayor as well as for a proposition to restore (or not) the Grand Theatre.
3. **April 29-30.** April in Paris—or possibly Peoria? The AAUW-IL convention will be held in this lovely central Illinois town which lies on bluffs overlooking the Illinois River. The convention provides inspiration with speakers, colleagues, activities. You come back refreshed and full of ideas. Registration at [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)

Remember on old AAUW slogan: Action without study is fatal; but study without action is futile.

Please continue to make your strong, well educated voice count in your community and nationally. We CAN make a difference.

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**The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale is 6 weeks away!\*\*\*\*\*MAY 9-11/Unpack and May 11-14/Sale**

**WE NEED BOOKS!**

ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS – PLEASE ...

- Look for the flyers under Quick Clicks on the website. [www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org/](http://www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org/) There is a version for neighbors and a more generic version. Print a few and keep them handy.
- Give a flyer to friends/family in adult living and care centers to solicit books. Leave a flyer there with the person in charge. Folks who are downsizing or even just moving, always have books to donate.
- Post a flyer in your church, school, place of business, anywhere it is allowed.
- Staple flyers onto brown grocery bags and leave them at your neighbors' doors, much like the food collecting groups do. Put your name and the date you will pick it up on the flyer. Maybe add your phone number to encourage more boxes, etc. (Thanks to Jan Radil for this idea.)
- Emphasize that WE PICK UP, which is different from other groups. Info is on the flyer or contact Mary Ann Oblak ([maryannoblak@comcast.net](mailto:maryannoblak@comcast.net)) or Sue Flater ([flaters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flaters@sbcglobal.net)), or pick them up and deliver yourself, if you can.
- If each of our now 111 members brings in 5 boxes of books by some means, we'll be ready to open!

ATTEND THE APRIL BRANCH MEETING ON APRIL 6. In addition to the wonderful program:

- Yard signs will be available. Neighborhood captains will distribute any that are left. Call to reserve yours.
- Pick up some flyers to attach to grocery bags for your neighbors
- Pick up some **sale** publicity signs and bookmarks to distribute. Think of shops, lounges, waiting areas -anywhere.
- Sign-up to work the sale week. Sale will be open 32 hours this year. Opening night will be Wednesday 5/11. And beginning Monday at 9 am, we have only 32 hours to unpack books and set up. Do the math. We have 111 members. Commit for as many hours as you can. There are many jobs that do not require lifting.
- Consider a cash donation if you are unable to participate, or even if you are. This is our Branch's only fundraiser to fund the Kay Storm/Marjorie Robinson Research and Projects Grant and to fund scholarships for local high school students. Traditionally, EVERY MEMBER of the Branch contributes to the success of the sale.
- **START NOW** to collect the flat cases that water bottles, Snapple and Gatorade are packed in. Ask your local store to save them, or cruise the aisles at Sam's and Costco. We need HUNDREDS of these for an efficient "unpacking."

SOME PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE CONTRIBUTED. THANKS TO:

Sarah Peck, Bonnie Gahrns and Donna Jennings for advance publicity and yard signs

DON'T FORGET. . . . Yard signs will be available at all upcoming events. Every member should take one for her own yard and more if you have a friend/friends willing to display one. Signs should be displayed in yards, not parkways (which belong to the village/town). We have 111 members & 150 brand new signs. If we each display one at our own house and have some displayed by our friends, we should be able to use them all. Signs will also be available on Marilyn's front porch (373 Oak in Glen Ellyn) and Donna's (725 Lenox Rd., Glen Ellyn) for easy pick-up.

**Sale opens Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m.** Sale will need workers beginning Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> through 5 PM Saturday, May 14. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (9am-9pm) of sale week, we will be unpacking books and getting them set for display. Wednesday evening at 6 pm through Saturday at 2 pm, we will need members to take money and assist customers. Beginning Saturday at 2, the "move-out" team breaks down the sale and we all go home! Think about a time commitment you can make to this important fundraiser. Oh, and did I mention it is really fun to hang out with AAUW members and look through all the stuff we will offer for sale? It is GREAT fun!

Call or e-mail Karen (see above or cell: 630-436-0621) or Judy Sims ('04) (info above). Co-chairs can give you more "job" information and sign you up to work if you cannot attend the April 6 Branch meeting.

The sale is held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center on Duane Street. Block some time on your calendars NOW!

Donations of food (easy to eat) and water for the Sale workers are always appreciated. If you wish to help out, bring your donation when you come to the Civic Center to work.

We now have 448 boxes ready for the Book Sale.

*"Ordinary people know little of the time and effort it takes to learn to read. I have been eighty years at it, and have not reached my goal."* - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 – 1832)

**April 7 and 21: Book Sorting continues, Dick Pond Athletics, 26W515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream, Contact Jan Radil**  
Help is needed on these days – many hands make light work. Now that the weather is nice, no excuses!

## May Banquet

**Kathy McCullough 630-653-8971** [kathy.mccull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathy.mccull@sbcglobal.net)

**& Pam Carlson 630-545-2465** [pamfaecarlson@yahoo.com](mailto:pamfaecarlson@yahoo.com)

Please plan on attending a celebration of the past year's achievements with your fellow Branch members in the lovely "600" Room at Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn. Menu includes soup, a choice of entrée, coffee and dessert and includes tax & gratuity; price is based on entree selection. Our thanks to Pam Carlson for sponsoring us at Glen Oak.

*May 25, 2011*

*Glen Oak Country Club*

*21 W 451 Hill Ave., Glen Ellyn*



### MENU

#### *Strawberry Melon Soup*

*Fresh summer melon & local strawberries finished with vanilla yogurt*

*Entrée Choices(select one):*

**Potato Crusted Salmon** *served over Thai cucumber salad with roasted peanuts & fire roasted pepper coulis. \$36*

**Stuffed Chicken Marsala** *Boneless chicken breast stuffed with fontina cheese & prosciutto de parma, topped with marsala wine sauce and paired with a roasted garlic potato puree. \$35*

**Sliced Pork Loin** *Oven roasted pork loin with fine herbs and olive oil topped with a port fig reduction, paired with roasted yukon gold potatoes and baby vegetables. \$35*

**Grilled Portabella Mushroom** *topped with tomato concasse, spinach and mozzarella cheese, finished with a balsamic reduction. \$32*

#### *Desert Trio:*

*Chocolate-covered Strawberry, Creme Brulee and a mini Profiterole*

*Coffee Service*



**Cost: \$32 to \$36 per person  
May 25, 2011**

**6:00-7:00 pm -  
Social Hour & Basket Auction with  
Cash Bar**

**7:00 pm - Dinner**

**See the reservation and payment form at the end of the newsletter (page 7).**

**Mail entrée choice along with check to Kathy McCullough or bring to the Book Sale when you come to work.**

**Make check out to: *Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW*. To reserve your place, get your check to Kathy by no later than May 17.**

**Baskets-Baskets-Baskets****Pat Walton****630-736-0295****piwplace@aol.com**

It is time to raise funds for our leadership training! We need your white elephants! Bring in that gift you never gave, the one you received and never used and that spur of the moment purchase that did not work into your life. You bring in the items and I will make up the baskets that will be in a silent auction at the May Banquet May 25th.

We need:

- *Baby gifts and stuff for kids*
- *Packages of snacks-sweet and salty*
- *Picture frames*
- *Bath and beauty products*
- *Stationery*
- *Gourmet food including wine*
- *That little souvenir that was so cute when you bought it.*
- *Dad Day's gifts-golf items-letter openers-barbeque stuff*
- *Grad's gifts*
- *Christmas items; souvenirs, museum gift shop items*
- *What you need to recycle*
- *Gardening items*
- *Baskets*

**Bring items to Book Sale** when you are working! There will be a big green container to drop them. Thank you for participating. It is really fun to see what we can create from your cast offs. Re-gifting . . . for the benefit of your Branch leaders!

**Your Branch's Board at Work****Linda Johansen****630-871-1933****lindajohansen@sbcglobal.net**

Board action and discussion in March:

- The Board heard the recommendation that the Bridge Group be disbanded. Participants enjoy it, but attendance is low, and it has not brought new members to the Branch.
- The Board discussed our three free national memberships which resulted from our successful membership recruitment efforts. They will be raffled off at the May Banquet.
- The Board heard reports from Book Sale committee members including notice that publicity will include an ad at Glen Art and re-designed, new yard signs. Volunteers are needed to sell tote bags from last year.

Board meetings are always open to the entire Branch membership. Notify Marilyn (630-858-2091) if you plan to attend.

**Reality Store****Marla Felsten****630-653-5757****gmfelsten623@comcast.net****Sue Herrmann****630-665-9221****sherrmann1941@sbcglobal.net**

It is again time for our Branch to work with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Hadley Jr. High School in Glen Ellyn to help them present the Reality Store to their 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The event will be on the morning of Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, Hadley teachers and parent volunteers will be fully responsible for running the Reality Store. This is a reality game in which the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are given the opportunity to envision the lifestyle they'd like to have when they are in their mid- 20's. They are asked to select the occupation that they would like to have as an adult. They then receive a debit card, which is equal to one month's salary from their desired job. During the Reality Store, they must spend their salary, first on necessities and then on "extras". During the game, they also experience life's unexpected events in the "House of Cards" portion of the game. Reality Store helps the students learn whether their selected occupation will provide the financial resources needed to provide the lifestyle they want. The teachers have found that the Reality Store helps them teach lessons on careers, financial planning, and reasons for staying in school and doing well, as well as many other topics. If you have any questions concerning this year's Reality Store, please contact Sue Herrmann and Marla Felsten, the AAUW Reality Store coordinators.

**Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)****Pat Walton****630-736-0295****piwplace@aol.com**

**Here is the latest news from national.**

**Brief Filed in Support of Plaintiffs in Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.**

On the first day of Women's History Month, AAUW joined more than 30 organizations to sign an amicus "friend of the court" brief in support of the plaintiffs in Wal-Mart Stores, Inc v. Dukes, the enormous class action gender-based pay discrimination suit against the retail giant. The brief urges the Supreme Court to allow the case to proceed, and is only the next step for Betty Dukes and the other 9,500 other plaintiffs on the road to justice. If the justices fail to allow the class action to proceed, the brief argues that the ability of employees who experience discrimination to seek justice in the courts will be limited.

**Department of Labor Settles Discrimination Cases**

Recently, a \$700,000 settlement was announced on behalf of 151 minority job applicants to Intercall, a federal contractor. During a routine compliance review, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) found the company to be in violation of an executive order that prohibits federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, disability or status as a protected veteran. This comes after the OFCCP found on behalf of 970 victims of gender discrimination by Green Bay Dressed Beef for a \$1.65 million settlement early last month.

AAUW believes that employment discrimination hurts women, workers, and the American economy. These examples provide clear evidence for how important it is that existing pay discrimination laws are properly enforced, but further protections are still needed, such as simply preventing employer retaliation for disclosing wages

**Proposal to Fix Social Security**

Recently, Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor, offered his solution to resolve concerns about the future solvency of Social Security. Currently, the Social Security payroll tax only applies to earnings up to particular ceiling. Reich's plan calls for raising

that **ceiling, from \$106,800 to \$180,000.** This would restore the 1983 Greenspan commission's plan to apply the payroll tax to 90 percent of income covered by Social Security.

Such a solution is a refreshing shift from the barrage of recent proposals to raise the Social Security retirement age, which would disproportionately harm women who receive less pay and live longer on average than men. AAUW believes that, while not sufficient, Social Security is vital to women's economic security.



### **Public Policy**

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**IN CASE YOU WONDERED WHAT'S UP WITH ERA. Baldwin Aims to Ratify ERA.** Recently, Rep. Tammy Baldwin (R-WI) introduced a bill to speed ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The legislation (H.J. Res. 47) would remove the deadline for ratification and render the Constitution amended once three additional states ratify.

The last congressional deadline for state ratification ran out in 1982 with ratification from only 35 of the needed 38 state legislatures. Highlighting the continued importance of ratifying ERA, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia recently noted his belief that the Constitution does not currently prevent discrimination on the basis of sex.

AAUW is one of over 25 organizations to have endorsed Baldwin's bill, consistent with our 2009-2011 Public Policy Program. We oppose all forms of discrimination and support constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

**NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS: White House Call for Feedback on Education System.** As a part of the administration's new initiative, Advise the Advisor, White House Director of Domestic Policy Melody Barnes released a video message calling for feedback from parents, teachers, and students on what is and isn't working in schools across the country. To contribute your ideas and feedback, go to the AAUW website. This is a great opportunity for the public to "crowd-source" solutions to some of America's most pressing problems with education.

AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity. To find out how we think the White House is doing, check the website for our latest report on the Obama Administration.

**AND IN HIGHER EDUCATION: Public Colleges Face Financial Exigency.** Recently, Moody's Investor Services released a report that forecasts an increase in public colleges declaring "financial exigency" in the near future. "Financial exigency" refers to financial situations dire enough to warrant drastic steps, such as firing tenured faculty. Moody's's predictions are based on the assumption that state education budgets will continue to be cut with no corresponding federal stimulus increases. (n.b. - Remember, AAUW was founded initially to help women attain higher education and TEACH in higher education)



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**Internet Publicity.** We are having more internet publicity this year for the Branch and the Book Sale. Bonnie Gahr recently set up a Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Branch AAUW Facebook page to publicize our Branch meetings and our membership opportunities. For the Book Sale, in addition to our Branch web page, we have a Book Sale Facebook page and we are listed on Booksalefinder.com and Booksalemanager.com. If you are on Facebook, please "friend" Bonnie or me. Then each time we post an item about the Branch or Book Sale, click on "share" so that our publicity will spread to your friends also. We can never have too much publicity.

**Help Needed.** Sometimes I volunteer for too many things and this is one of those times. Now that I've volunteered to do Curios this year, I need some help with a couple other things related to book sale and the April Branch meeting. Please call or email me to say yes to one of these items. It's easy to take on one little job.

- **Taking Digital Pictures** – Can someone focus ☺ on taking pictures of the book sale this year, from loading the truck, moving in, unpacking, selling and cleaning up? These will be used for next year's publicity, our website, our historian's album, and our Facebook pages.
- **Email List for 2012 Sale** – Next year we will likely send emails instead of postcards to alert our regulars of the Book Sale dates. Can someone volunteer to make this happen? This will involve setting up a table at the sale with sign-up sheet and later typing the addresses into Word or Excel. I can also add a "click here" on the website so that someone who wants to be on the list can send you an email. You can then copy and paste their email address to the master list.
- **Tote Bags** – This has NOTHING to do with the Website!! Can someone be in charge of selling Tote Bags (\$2 each) at the April meeting, the Book Sale and at the May Banquet? At the April meeting and May Banquet, just collect money from sales, make change as necessary, then put the money in a labeled envelope for Lindy. At the Book Sale, the cashiers can collect money but we need someone to be in charge of bringing the bags to the sale and collecting leftovers at the end.

### **Diversity and Women's History News**

**Glennette Turner, Chair**

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**Mary Ann Shadd Cary** was a Renaissance woman who was the second woman in North America to publish a newspaper, a teacher, author of a guidebook that gave former slaves information they would need for a life in freedom, recruiter of soldiers in the Civil War, and she got her law degree when she was 60 years old. She lived and published her abolitionist paper in Canada. In the effort to get subscribers for her *Provincial Freedman*, she came and spoke at Wheaton College, in Geneva, and in Chicago during the mid-1850's.

**Cultural Arts News****Alice Blount****630 253-0527**

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**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

Wine Tasting Outing 7-8 p.m.

Do you enjoy wine? We've reserved a dozen spots for a wine tasting of seven wines at Tasting deVine, 127 W. Front Street, Wheaton. After dinner, come to the store to sample 3 whites, 3 reds, and a zinfandel. Each sample is 2-3 ounces. The cost for the wine tasting is \$9.00, payable on the night of the tasting. We'll also order a cheese and fruit plate for a couple of extra dollars to go with the wine. Contact Alice Blount to reserve your seat at the table.

**BRIDGE, Fun with Friends and Learning** **Phyllis Fogel** **630-629-7911** prfogel@live.com

The greatest bridge player in the world can win only one trick with an ace. The question is when should the trick be won? Find out the answer at the next Bridge Group meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. It's at the Fogels at 7:00 pm. Come and join the fun and enjoy the game we all love.

**A.M. Lit** **Kathy McCullough** **630-653-8971** kathy.mccull@sbcglobal.net

*My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira provides readers with a picture of a time of medical hardship, crisis, and opportunity and takes readers from a small upstate New York doctor's office to a Union hospital overflowing with the wounded and dying. The Civil War offers a 20-year-old midwife, who dreams of becoming a doctor, the medical experience she craves, plus hard work and heartbreak. She's too young for the nursing corps, but Mary Sutter goes to Washington, anyway, and, after a chance meeting with a presidential secretary, is led to the Union Hotel Hospital, where she assists the chief surgeon and becomes so integral to his work, she ignores her mother's pleas to return home. We'll meet on April 1 at Peggy Connolly's with Judy Sims as our co-hostess. Jenny Fischer will lead the discussion.

Reading Ahead, May 6: *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* by Heidi Durrow.

**P. M. Lit Group** **Kimberly Thacker** **630-665-4631** kjthacker@comcast.net

PM Lit's April selection is Irish author Colum McCann's *Let the Great World Spin*. The book won the 2009 National Book Award and the NYT Book Review described it as, "one of the most electric, profound novels...in years. *Let the Great World Spin* is an emotional tour de force."

An Amazon reviewer offers this summary: "On the morning of August 7, 1974, Philippe Petit strung a wire between the new, not entirely occupied, twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. He proceeded to step out onto the wire, a quarter of a mile above the pavement, and walk across, eight times, for a period of 45 minutes, while office workers, commuters, and police looked on in wonder, admiration, and consternation. Colum McCann tells the story of this aerial crime, enriching it with the stories of ten people who saw or were affected by the aerialist's action that day, including an Irish-born "street priest" in the South Bronx and his brother; Petit's sentencing judge, his wife, and son; mother/daughter hookers; and computer programmers on the West Coast. The reader is treated to a series of narratives that could stand alone as short stories, but that are, in the end, interconnected on the day of Philippe Petit's performance."

We'll meet at 7:30 on Monday April 18, at Donna Jennings' home, 725 Lenox Road in Glen Ellyn. Kay Nelson will be the leader.

**Non-Fiction Lit Group** **Margaret McGrath** **630-942-0980** margmcgrath@yahoo.com

Non-Fiction Lit will meet next on June 22. At that time we will discuss *Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table* by Ruth Reichl. A restaurant critic, editor of the now defunct Gourmet Magazine, and cookbook author, Reichl's memoir of growing up in an apartment with her family is poignant, hilarious and full of recipes. Watch *Twigs* for meeting location.

\*\*\*\*\* Books selected for all Lit groups are also posted at [www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org](http://www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org) \*\*\*\*\*

**Film Group** **Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann** **630-858-2091** hillarlyn@wowway.com

Thanks to Chris Eldridge (who rented it) and Susie Gullickson (who hosted it), Film Group was treated to a remarkable documentary. We'd recommend it as "must view" to the Branch. *Inside Job*, the 2010 Oscar winner for best documentary, is a harrowing film showing how the congruence of the economic theories of "Free Market" (no regulations) and Keynesian ("all bailouts are good") coupled with unconscionable greed and amoral civic responsibility created a perfect storm of Wall Street winners and Main Street losers. If you want to know what happened in detail, see this DVD. If you want to know why someone in Goldman Sachs isn't in jail, lots of luck.

Next month we will be somewhere else and see something else. Not sure what—or where. So let me know if you're up for hosting the next Film Group. April 8<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date. You'll love the film. You'll love the discussion. Promise.

**Great Decisions** **Jane Palmer (for Winifred Creamer)** **312-403-6434** jfpalmer@comcast.net

The next meeting will be Monday, March 28 at Ewa Bacon's. We will discuss Topic 2 of the 2011 book, *U.S. National Security*. How has the U.S. national security agenda evolved since 9/11? In what ways will this agenda shape the American way of life in the future?

**Looking Ahead:** The April 25 meeting will be at Sherry Yarema's. The topic will be the *Horn of Africa*. Contact Jane if you can lead the discussion for the April meeting.

Let Jane know if you want your name to be on the Great Decisions email list.

## AAUW 2011 National Convention and AAUW-IL Convention

Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel • Washington, D.C. \*June 16-19, 2011\*\*\*

If you've never been to the one of the AAUW conventions in Washington, D.C. to participate in a lobby day, but it sounds like something that you would like to do, then you have the chance to participate this year. On Friday, June 17, the second day of AAUW Convention 2011, AAUW will hold Capitol Hill Lobby Day. A briefing will be given the day before on a selection of AAUW issues at stake in legislation being considered by Congress at the time of the Lobby Day. You can participate in AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Day by registering for AAUW Convention 2011.

Please consider joining Pat Walton and Marilyn Wiedemann to go to this particular convention. For details go to the Branch website and click on the AAUW Convention logo. Think about it! Do it!

**April 29 and 30** are the dates for the **AAUW state convention** in Peoria. A paper mailing came to your home.

### Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Branch Board, 2010-11 (use this contact info if you have any questions!)

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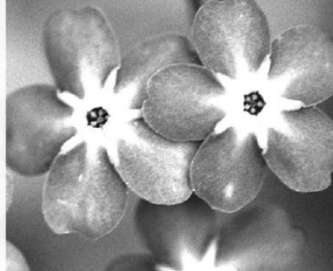
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