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Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

December 2010



Twigs

December Twigs format change: Due to concerns about members' privacy, this issue of Twigs does not contain meeting addresses. Check your Branch Directory for complete information.

Mark Your Calendar

- November 26 **DEADLINE!** Get checks for Holiday Dinner to Judy Sims ('04)
- November 29 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Cindy Trennert-Lukens'
- December 2 and 16, Book Sorting at Pond's, 26W515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream, Contact Jan Radil
- December 3 AM LIT, 9:30 a.m. at Mary Mossman's.
- December 6 Holiday Dinner and EOF speaker, 6 pm at Klein Creek Golf Club, 1N333 Pleasant Hill Road, Winfield
- December 10 Film Group. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann for details
- December 15 Bridge group, 7 pm. at Phyllis Fogel's.
- January 5 **Branch meeting "Orphan Boys of Ghana Find a Family Home"** presented by Claire Fischer, 7:00pm, Glen Ellyn Civic Center
- January 7 AM Lit, 9:30 a.m. at Sue Balk's
- January 12 Board meeting at Sue Balk's.
- January 17 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Peggy Connolly's
- January 24 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's
- January 26 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's



Annual Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 6th

Enjoy the holiday season with your fellow branch members at the

Klein Creek Golf Club

1N333 Pleasant Hill Road

Winfield, IL 60190

Conversation and Cocktails (cash bar): 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

followed by the program, EOF recipient Cynthia Johnson

Dinner Entrees (soup, salad, and dessert included)

***Grilled Breast of Chicken* served over wild rice with roasted shallot and white wine sauce - \$26**

***Pork Loin* slow roasted with rosemary and thyme served with a rosemary pork sauce - \$27**

***Vegetarian Pasta* tossed with fresh tomatoes, basil, and shallots and finished in a white wine garlic sauce with roasted pine nuts - \$25**

Reservation form due November 26, 2010

Don't miss this evening, it is always an AAUW highlight!

(Look for the reservation entree selection form at the end of this issue of Twigs.)



Educational Opportunities Fund or EOF **Sue Balk** **630-858-0829** suzanneBalk@yahoo.com
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Announcing EOF Speaker for December Holiday Dinner at Klein Creek Golf Club Recipient of a \$7,000 Community Action Grant from the EOF, Cynthia Johnson, project director of Pathfinders at the College of DuPage will be our guest speaker.

Twenty-four at-risk Latina and African American sophomore girls will participate in several workshops and a robotics camp throughout the year. The young women will receive preparation for STEM-related education and careers.

STEM is an AAUW initiative to encourage girls and women to further their education in a field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These are areas where women have been and continue to be underrepresented in the workplace and where there is great opportunity for economic gain.

Proceeds from our Annual Used Book Sale support the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Plan to attend this special evening to meet Cynthia and find out more about this program.

Tis the holiday season of giving, and this year our Branch gave a gift of \$12,000 to the Marjorie Robinson, Kay Storm research and project grant. We have funded approximately \$38,000 of the \$75,000 the grant needs to become stipend producing.

Thanks to Branch members' efforts at the Book Sale and to all who have generously donated to the grant through the years.

If you're considering making a gift to our AAUW grant, you may write a check to AAUW funds #4318 and send it to Suzanne Balk or go online to make your donation. Keep the lamplight of education for women burning bright!



A Leaf from the President

Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann

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Caput apri defero...Let us servire cantico (The boar's head in hand bear I, Bedeck'd with bays and rosemary....The finest dish in all the land...Let us serve it up with singing!---Oxford Carol, 1521)

A December banquet together! A time for gathering, for warming the cold night with good food, good friends, a little wine, and festivities of music, decorations, and our EOF speakers. Don't forget to register by sending your check to Judy Sims with entrée selection which, yes, includes a pork choice for those who insist on tradition. (But you can choose chicken, or even vegetarian!)

Midwinter night, Solstice—celebrated by cultures for millennia to encourage the light to return. Amaterasu (Japan); Beiwe (Finland), Dezao (Pakistan), Ahura Mazda (ancient Iran), Dongzhi (East Asia), Hogmanay (Scotland), Inti Raymi (Inca), Karachun or Koledu (old Slavic), Wren day (Druid), Midvinter blot (old Sweden), Mummer's Day (Cornish), Saturnalia (ancient Greece), Sol Invictus (Rome), Soyalangwul (Zuni and Hopi), Yule-Jule (Viking, northern Europe). Festivals like these melded into Christmas, and Hanukah, and all the other wonderful acknowledgements of the mystery of winter turning into spring. The sun returning. Death into Life.



Twigs will be evergreen during December. Full of options for enjoyment and education.

Books, Films, Great Decisions, Bridge even some Book Sorting if the weather holds. Maybe a Cultural Outing (several of us just enjoyed the Humanities Festival book awards with E.O. Wilson and Rebecca Skloot—author of our latest non-fiction book.)

Join us for the Holiday Banquet. Join us for an interest group. Offer a new member a ride. AAUW fellowship warms the winter.



News from the Membership Desk

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We are now at 111 members. Welcome **ALLENE HARDING** - actually a welcome *back* after several years hiatus -

SUZANNE ELGER, and **KITTY (KATHRYN) JOHANSSON**. All members who have joined since last December will get a special welcome at the Holiday Dinner.

Chicago Humanities Festival – Cultural Arts Event

On Saturday, November 13, Marilyn, Sherry, and Phyllis traveled to Chicago to hear the winners of the 2010 Chicago Tribune Heartland Prizes have a conversation and discussion. It was emceed by Elizabeth Taylor, the Tribune literary editor.

Rebecca Skloot, winner of the 2010 nonfiction book for *The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*, and read by our Branch's nonfiction group in November, told that her favorite book tour compliment came from a 9-year-old girl who exclaimed, "You're not a geek! I thought all scientists had to be geeks!" Skloot is a warm and engaging speaker and writer who has recently moved to Chicago and is currently writing a children's book version of *The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*.

E.O. Wilson, a leading world biologist, a professor at Harvard for more than 50 years, author of 40 nonfiction books, winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, and one of *Time* magazine's 25 Most Influential People won the 2010 Heartland Prize for his first fiction book *Anthill*. At age 81, Wilson described himself and Skloot, 38, as "kind of bookends." Skloot is at the beginning of her career while he has already had a long, successful one. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and stimulating afternoon, which included a visit to the French Market in the Ogilvie Train Station.

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Another WooHoo!

Thanks to Karen Bondy, Pat Kaczor and the intrepid sorting/packing team members, we have 240 boxes of books, sorted and packed, ready for the sale.

Cindy Trennert-Lukens arranged a book collection drive with the Key Club at the Wheaton Warrenville South High School. The word is they collected "a ton" of books. It will be interesting to see what book titles have emerged from student backpacks.

Cindy's report about the Girl Scout contribution last month follows: It was a VERY blustery and beautiful day in Wheaton. Eleven girls from Hawthorne Junior Girl Scout troop #908 bounded happily in the leaves and hauled 36 paper grocery bags packed full of books into Pond's warehouse. They each delivered fliers to their neighbors and later scooped the donated boxes from their neighbors' porches the Saturday before the field trip to Pond's. The girls were focused and interested in the project at hand, paid attention, asked many questions and offered stories of their own about books. They liked the idea that they were helping women with scholarships at North. They were respectful and yet they still knew how to smile, laugh and have fun. I wish to extend my thanks to these girls for electing to take on book collection as a service project. The girls are nimbly lead by Shannon Ensing and Jennifer Pastore, Co- Leaders. This is their fourth year in scouting having entered the troop as first grade Brownies. Working on the book sale is their first of a string of service projects they intend to tackle this year as they work on a badge of their own design called "service"!

December 2 and 16, Book Sorting at Pond's, 26W515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream, Contact Jan Radil

Looking for a Stocking Stuffer? How about a Book Sale Gift Card? Gift Cards are available in amounts from \$5.00 and up, in \$5.00 increments. Judy Sims ('04) will have the Gift Cards available for sale at the Holiday Dinner. Or, contact her and arrange to buy one. A great way to introduce your friends and family to the sale (and to AAUW!)

**Great Decisions****Winifred Creamer 630-462-9289**

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On Monday, November 29, we will discuss Topic 7, *The Persian Gulf*. Please note there is a brief update on the topic available on www.fpa.org. Click on Great Decisions, then Topics, then Fall Updates. For a copy of the reading, email

Winifred Creamer at llywinda@yahoo.com or call her at (630) 462-9289.

Looking ahead – The January 24 topic will be our last from the 2010 book, *Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution*. We will meet at Peggy Connolly's. The 2011 books should be available for distribution at the January meeting.

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— Cheryl Buckley, AAUW Racine (WI) Branch

Share your ideas for workshops or special interest groups on our Facebook page or e-mail us at convention@aauw.org.



Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Pat Walton 630-736-0295 pjwplace@aol.com
Barriers to Gender Equity Among College Boards, Faculty

A new study out of Cornell University finds that Democratic governors are six to seven percent more likely than Republican governors to appoint women to open college board seats. Institutions with a critical mass of women in leadership are more apt to hire women professors. One explanation offered of governors' appointing more women is a link to campaign platforms that typically include increasing the roles of minorities, including women, in the government and the highly visible nature of the appointments.

Another recent study published in the *Journal of Applied Psychology* found that universities' faculty search committees are less likely to hire candidates whose letters of recommendation highlight stereotypically "feminine" qualities. Researchers removed identifying information from comparable candidates' letters of reference and found that letters praising "emotive" or "communal" qualities were ranked lower than others.

Title IX Complaints Filed Against 12 School Districts

Recently, complaints were filed against 12 school districts for failing to provide equal opportunities for female athletes. Schools have three ways to satisfy the statute: providing athletic opportunities that are proportionate to student enrollment; demonstrating continual expansion of athletic opportunities for girls; or full accommodation of the interested girls. According to the complaints, significant gaps exist between the 2004 and 2007 schools' data on the number of girls participating.



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

The Information Officer by Mark Mills, is a murder mystery, historical novel and spy thriller. Malta's strategic location between Africa and Europe has made it the hard fought prize for countless countries for millennia. During WWII, Malta was the most bombed place on earth. Stationed in Malta during World War II, Max Chadwick is a British information officer, a kind of specialized newspaper editor who has the dual challenge of printing the truth, but from a perspective that won't alienate the battered loyalties of the Maltese. A serial killer is striking sherry queens (dance hall hostesses), and despite threats from the British command to ignore the deaths, Max is determined to discover the truth. According to Peggy Connolly, "You'll have a hard time deciding whether you want to stay up all night and read it, or book a flight immediately to Malta." We will meet on **December 3rd** at the home of Mary Mossman with Karen Bondy as our co-hostess as well as discussion leader.

Our January book is *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. We will meet at Peggy Connolly's.

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

After taking a break during December, PM Lit will resume with its Monday, January 17 meeting. Appropriately, *Call of the Wild* by Jack London is our January selection. We'll meet at 7:30pm at Peggy Connolly's home. Jean Lindsey will lead discussion.

I know you'll have lots of book ideas to share with us after meeting with friends and other book lovers over the holidays.

Date	Book	Author
February 21	<i>Cutting for Stone</i>	Abraham Verghese
March 21	<i>The Glass Palace</i> (not <i>The Glass Castle</i>)	Amitav Ghosh

Non-Fiction Lit Group Pamela Starr 630-682-4720 pstarr@sbcglobal.net

Non-Fiction Lit will meet Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at Peggy Connolly's to discuss *Thinking in Pictures; My Life with Autism* by Temple Grandin. Our discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. For questions or suggestions, email pstarr@sbcglobal.net.

***** Books selected for all Lit groups are also posted at www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org *****



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

Bridge group is meeting on December 15, 2010 at the home of Ron and Phyllis Fogel. The lesson will be on the topic of limit raises. Stayman and Transfer Bids will be reviewed.

Come join the fun and the joy of bridge at 7:00 p.m. at the Fogels'..



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

Film Group meets the **second Friday** of each month, typically choosing a title at the Glen Theatre (to support a local theatre). Discussion follows at a member's home with light refreshments. The format is casual; the conversation stimulating; bring your spouse or friend. It's a place to introduce yourself to AAUW. Drop in when you can. No pressure to be at every meeting. We talk about the film, something about its background, and whatever larger topic the film leads us to.

Join us on December 10. Notification is by email. (We can't select films until we know what's playing). Let us know by phone or email if you want to be on the list. (We send corrections by e-mail, like a change of theatre or date).

Your Branch Board at Work**Linda Johansen, secretary**

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- The Board passed a motion to return to printing complete meeting location information in the January *Twigs*.
- Pat Walton attended AAUW-IL Fall Conference in Joliet and reported. Ask Pat what she learned!
- The Board will not meet in December. Next board meeting will be January 12.

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Mark your calendars for the new year!

January 5, 2011**Orphan Boys of Ghana Find a Family Home,**

Claire Fischer, Glen Ellyn college student
7:00 p.m., Glen Ellyn Civic Center

February 2, 2011**Chicago's Black Metropolis:**

The Production of a Documentary,
Barbara Allen—WTTW Producer
7:00 p.m., Glen Ellyn Civic Center

March 2, 2011**Why So Few? Women In Science,**

Ruth Sweetser, IIT Director, Professional Learning and Business
Relations, Graduate College and former AAUW national President
7:00 p.m., Glen Ellyn Civic Center

April 6, 2011

My Life in India, Laura Desmarais
7:00 p.m., Glen Ellyn Civic Center

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AAUW Christmas Shopping Who wants books for Christmas? We do! We do!

Did you know that you can copy and paste from the book lists on our website? This comes in handy right about now. Just go to the Branch home page, www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org. Find "[Click here for Book Lists](#)" under "[Quick Clicks](#)". Click to bring up the consolidated book list. Next, open a new email and address it to your children, grandchildren or whoever else might want to know what you want for Christmas. Now go back to the Book List web page and use your mouse to highlight the list of books. Paste it in your "Christmas List" email. Once it is in the email, you can delete any that you've already read or don't want to read. Add a personal message, then hit send!

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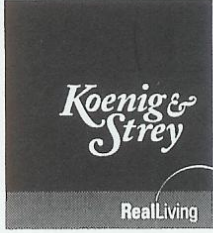
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Legal Advocacy Fund: AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.



Annual Holiday Dinner - Reservation form due Monday November 26, 2010

Name _____

Choose one:

Chicken - \$26 _____

Pork - \$27 _____

Pasta - \$25 _____

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