



AAUW

Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

December 2011



Mark Your Calendar

- November 28 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Sue Herrmann's
- November 30 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's
- December 2 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Peggy Connolly's
- December 5 **Annual Holiday Dinner**, 6 pm, Klein Creek Golf Club, Winfield
- December 9 Film Group. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann
- December 15 Informational mtg: History & Cuisine of the Spice Routes at Pat Kaczor's
- January 6 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Kitty Johansen's
- January 4 Branch Meeting: 7 pm, Glen Ellyn Civic Center, *Title IX Compliance: How Colleges Respond (or Not) to Sexual Violence on Campus*
- January 11 Board meeting, 7 pm at Sue Herrmann's
- January 16 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Jean Lindsey's

Annual Holiday Dinner	Maureen Sheehan	630-545-0215	maureenjsheehan@aol.com
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We are meeting at Klein Creek Golf Club on **December 5** for our Annual Holiday Dinner. NO books to read, nothing to bring – Reservations were due last week. See you there.



Annual Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 5th

Enjoy the holiday season with your fellow Branch members at the

Klein Creek Golf Club

IN333 Pleasant Hill Road, Winfield, IL 60190

Conversation and Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 6:45 pm

followed by the program, Fellowship Speaker Melissa Bilal

Melissa grew up in Istanbul, Turkey where her family still lives. She has a PhD from the University of Chicago in music history, musicology, and theory. She is interested in lullabies as women's protest songs around the world. Her current project traces the memory of Armenian lullabies in Turkey to give voice to the unspoken traumas of the past and to the experience of being "minoritized" in one's homeland. She believes that an Armenian lullaby in Turkey has the capacity to connect the singer with listeners across generations and communities to resist repressive politics. We are delighted that she has changed her return flight home to Turkey in order to be with us to share the results of her research, including photos and some sound recordings.

As you may know, we have several Branch members who are published authors. Lynn Torre and Glennette Turner will be signing and selling books before and after the dinner.



A Leaf from the President

Phyllis Fogel

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In ancient times, both Druids and Romans hung sprigs of mistletoe in their homes and places of celebrations to bring good fortune, peace, and love.

So whatever your Holiday traditions may be, think about hanging some mistletoe not only for good fortune, peace, and love, but also some kisses! Enjoy this wonderful and festive Holiday season with family and friends.

It has come to my attention that there is a general confusion regarding the use of all-Branch emails. I will try to clarify their use. The *Twigs* newsletter is the preferred method of Branch communications. However, as suggested in the Handbook, all-Branch emails will be sent for Branch meeting monthly reminders and reservation deadline reminders for the Holiday Dinner and May

Banquet. Any other suggestions/requests for all-Branch emails go through the President. The President will use her discretion based on urgency, timing relative to *Twigs* publication, and broad interest. For instance, "Due to bad weather the Branch meeting scheduled for tonight is cancelled. It will be rescheduled as soon as possible." An example of a request being denied would be if there is time for it being published in *Twigs*. All-Branch emails will be brief and sent using privacy techniques that prevent "reply all" follow-ups. The all-Branch email distribution list is maintained by the Member Records Chair, Jane Palmer. I hope this summary is helpful, but if there are any questions or comments please contact me.

Educational Opportunities Fund or EOF

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AAUW was founded to support women's education and opportunities as students, professors, and professionals in the world. Last year the organization gave more than \$3.5 million for fellowships and grants.

Just what part does our Branch play in this? Good news. We're number 9 IN THE WHOLE U.S. in total Branch Giving to EOF.

How do we do it? The Branch Used Book Sale (thank you very much) AND personal giving.

As you consider year end donations to worthy causes this year, please consider your own Branch AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Writing a check to "AAUW Funds" with the memo "Fund #4318" will do the trick. Any amount is great. And these donations are tax deductible.

You can give the checks to me and I will batch them and send them in with the form to credit them to our Marjorie Robinson/Katharine Storm Research and Project Grant (Fund 4318). Please get your checks to me by December 20 so I can meet the year end deadline for donations.

Online contributions can be made as follows: 1) go to the AAUW.org web page, 2) click on the GIVE square and a page will open with lots of options, 3) click on the line "Designate a grant" and you will be offered a number of choices, 4) click on "IL--Marjorie Robinson/Katharine Storm, 5) scroll down to complete the information using your credit card.

Our December dinner allows us to see this money in action. This year an International Fellow, Melissa Bilal from Istanbul, Turkey, will be speaking. Hearing her is pretty inspirational. It reminds us that women can do amazing and valuable intellectual work--when we help support them. Melissa is pretty brave, openly writing about a long-suppressed chapter of Turkish history--the treatment of Armenians in the country and how "protest" can be carried on in subtle ways. In music for instance. By mothers and grandmothers singing lullabies to their children. For comfort, instruction, cultural memory. Perhaps like Negro Spirituals in our own country.

Thank you for continuing to support brave women like Melissa Bilal and all women who brave whatever is necessary to pursue higher education and research and non-traditional professions. Everything that makes both them and us stronger and better.

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Sue Herrman has put together a very timely program for our next Branch meeting: **Title IX Compliance: How Colleges Respond (or Not) to Sexual Violence on Campus**. One of the important issues being addressed this year at the national level of AAUW is the issue of Sexual Violence on College Campuses. Stacy **St. Clair**, a **journalist for the Chicago Tribune** is coming to speak to our Branch (Civic Center location) on **January 4th** on the topic of Title IX Compliance. She recently wrote two articles in the *Chicago Tribune* (June 22, 2011) entitled "Marquette failed on attack reports" and "One woman's lonely stand at Marquette" (October 28, 2011). It was these articles that spurred our Branch to consider looking into this serious problem. The recent Penn State disclosures make this program even more pertinent. The topic will be of interest to all or most of our members who are grandmothers, mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins or friends of college age girls and boys! Plan to attend this important Branch meeting in January and bring your friends and neighbors! **The January 4 date will come up fast after New Year's – find that 2012 calendar NOW and get this down!** If you have any questions, contact Sue Herrmann (630-665-9221 or sherrmann710@gmail.com) -- or Laura or Jane.

Wednesday, January 4, 2012 -- 7:00 pm networking / 7:20 business meeting / 8:00 program

Your Branch Board at Work

Kimberly Thacker, Secretary

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Board action and discussion at the November 9 meeting:

- Phyllis announced that Kitty Johansson will be assisting Sherry Yarema with Membership VP duties. Thanks, Kitty!
- The Board moved to reimburse Sherry Yarema's \$93 expense for attending the 2011 AAUW IL conference in Oregon, IL. Branch members are encouraged to attend such events and budget allows reimbursement of some expenses.
- The Board continues to consider the use of all-Branch emails and how to use them to communicate different types of information to a membership with diverse interests.
- The board moved to make the traditional and budgeted annual \$5/member contribution to LAF
- The Board voted to contribute \$12,000 (proceeds from the 2011 Branch Used Book Sale) to EOF to fund the Marjorie Robinson/Katharine Storm Research Fund.
- See other columns in this *Twigs* issue to learn more about Board activity.

Board meetings are always open to the entire Branch membership. Notify Phyllis (630-629-7911) if you plan to attend.



News from the Membership Desk Sherry Yarema 630-858-5225 syarema@earthlink.net

Welcome to our newest member, Joy Barriball, from Glen Ellyn. Thank you Margaret McGrath for recruiting Joy!

If you have a friend who is thinking about joining, let her know about the upcoming January 1 dues reduction. Anyone joining after December will only owe half-year national AAUW dues and half-year Branch dues. After January 1, the total dues will be \$44.00 and will cover membership from January 1 through June 30, 2012. This includes \$24.50 national dues, of which \$22.50 is tax deductible, \$10 to AAUW-Illinois and \$9.50 to our Branch. The networking fee is still \$2. The Member Application is available on the website at www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org/join.html The Member Application and a check for \$44.00 (or \$46.00 with networking fee) should be mailed to Lindy Pond, 425 Fairview, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Sharon Garney recently interviewed two of our newer Branch members:

Sandy Lopata is the proud mother of 4 children and 3 grandchildren. She and her husband enjoy traveling to the East and West Coast to visit the grandchildren. She is a Special Ed Assistant at Jackson Middle School in Villa Park. In her spare time she likes to bake and makes scrumptious pies.

Cheryl Turek is the proud mother of one daughter and 2 grandchildren. She recently earned an AAS degree in Fashion Design from COD, while owning and operating her business, "Cheryl's All Sewn Up". When not traveling and Ireland, she is busy creating craft and sewing projects. (Thanks, Sharon) with her husband to Africa



History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes Peggy Connolly 630-665-5309 connolly.peggy@gmail.com
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Remember how much fun the Julia Child dinner was? The Board has approved a pilot interest group combining the history and (potluck) cuisine of the Spice Routes. The Spice Routes crossed 4 major regions of the old world: Arabia; the Far East; India and the Southeast Asian Spice Islands; and Europe. Looking at a timeline of significant events along the routes, we've selected 3 for a pilot project:

1000 BC The Arabian Incense Road established

100 BC The Silk Road land route from China to the West fully opened

1271 AD Marco Polo begins a journey from Venice to China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Iran and many other countries.

A leader will prepare a brief background on the country - what was happening at the time, a little about what happened in the periods following, and any interesting tidbits about culture, contributions, etc. The group will meet on the second Thursday evening, on alternate months from Non-fiction - fudging a little to accommodate other AAUW groups and activities.

December 15, 2011
Informational meeting

Pat Kaczor's Home
Spice sweets and savories provided by Pat & Peggy

February 9, 2012
Tracing the Incense Route & Arabian potluck

Peggy Connolly's Home

April 12, 2012
Spice and Silk & Chinese potluck

Peggy's Home or???

May 31, 2012

Peggy's Home or???

Wanderlust/Wonderlust: Marco Polo's Legacy & Marco Polo potluck-potluck (pick your country, pick your dish)

If you are interested in joining this interest group (and if you don't like to cook, wine is always welcome!), please let Peggy know by December 1 (see above) (In case half the Branch signs up, we may need to think about tapas instead of meals.)



Atrévete a Soñar! Dare to Dream!

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Elmhurst College

Dare to Dream is a one-day conference for Latina middle school girls. Latina middle school girls and their mothers and/or mentors are invited to a Saturday conference on the Elmhurst College campus that focuses on the personal, professional and financial value of education in general and higher education in particular.

The Elmhurst, Lombard, Downers Grove and Wheaton/Glen Ellyn AAUW Branches sponsor this event. We need volunteers to help with a variety of activities such as set-up, breakfast, registration, or accompanying the students to sessions. You can volunteer for as little as three hours or all day.

It is an uplifting experience to see these young girls getting excited and interested in further education and being exposed to many different career opportunities. The energy of the girls is contagious. Come join us for this great day!

Contact Suzanne Elger at selger@mac.com or 630/942-1327, if you are interested in volunteering to help out with the *Dare to Dream* conference on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

Directory Updates**Jane Palmer****312-403-6434****ifpalmer@comcast.net**

Members on the Move: Pat Walton recently moved to Michigan. Here is her new information:

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New Member: Joy Barriball joined the Branch in November.

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**Book Sale News****Judy Sims ('04)**

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As of November 17, we reached our half-way mark of 400+ boxes. Good going all!

No book sorting is scheduled for December. Donations often slow down during January and February so let's wait and see.

Judy Sims ('04) will have Book Sale Gift Certificates at the December Holiday Party. You can buy them for any amount. They make great stocking stuffers for every family member and all your neighbors, and it gets people to the Book Sale. Win/Win!

Quotation attributed to C. S. Lewis – "You can't get a cup of tea big enough or a book long enough to suit me."

**Cultural Arts News / Group Travel****Alice Blount**

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We are very excited to present an opportunity for a wonderful September 2012 travel experience open to our AAUW Branch members and their guests. Please consider joining fellow AAUW members, families and friends on an escorted trip to the beautiful southern region of the US including the sites of Charleston and Savannah.

FYI - Our survey results indicated a river cruise as the number one choice for travel. We will be offering that trip for 2013 travel. The 2nd choice, The Rocky Mountain Railway trip, was a much higher cost than anticipated, so we decided against offering it as a group trip. However, if you are interested in getting more information about the rail trip, we'd be happy to provide it. Savannah came in at a close third in popularity.

Please look over the trip information and let us know if you are interested in joining! The more, the merrier! We do need at least 8 passengers to qualify for group discounts. Please contact Monica for complete information, including the brochure or find the brochure on our Branch website: www.wheaton-glenellynaauw.org. Monica or Alice will be happy to answer questions.

But act now! The deadline for the final payment deposit is **December 19** if you wish to receive an additional discount, or July 13, 2012 for the \$1799 price. If we book 8, everyone will receive a \$100 discount. Read the brochure for complete information.

Please note that AAUW is not a sponsor of this trip or future trips. Thanks!

**Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)****Sue Herrmann****630-665-9221**

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While working on January's Branch meeting program on Title IX reporting, the Branch became aware of the annual Child Abuse/Sexual Violence Awareness Fair sponsored by the College of DuPage. Our Branch has been awarded a \$555 LAF Campus Outreach Grant to fund our participation in this year's Fair to be held in April. More details to follow. This is the first time in a long time that our Branch has been a recipient of a grant from the Association. We are excited about these two programs.

**A .M. Lit****Kathy McCullough****630-653-8971**

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On **December 2**, we will be discussing *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway, which was not published until after Hemingway's death (or he would have been shunned - or sued - by his fellow authors). The book is one part fascinating insight into Hemingway's early writing habits and nine parts tabloid, with juicy revelations about Hemingway's "friends" from his Paris days. We meet at the home of Peggy Connolly with Karen Bondy as co-hostess and Donna Staples as discussion leader.

To kick off 2012, on **January 6**, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson is our selection. At a typical British pace, Simonson raises questions about new multicultural societies and parent-adult child relationships. We will meet at the home of Kitty Johansen with Suzanne Elger as our discussion leader. We still need a co-hostess, so please email me if you can do it.

If you are not on my email distribution list, please let me know if you wish to be added. The book list for the 2011-12 year can be found on our Branch web site. The Glen Ellyn Public Library provides multiple copies for DuPage County library card holders and are available a month before the discussion on the second floor near the reference desk.

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

After a mid-winter break, (no PM Lit in December) Isabel Allende, the "world's most widely read Spanish-language author" brings us beautifully back to the books with her 2010 novel, *Island Beneath the Sea* which tells the story of Tete, a girl born into slavery in Haiti in the 1700's and Toulouse Valmorain, a young man trying to adhere to colonial Haitian society's ideals of success. This work steps away from the magical realism Allende is known for but we'll recognize her use of a strong female protagonist and her examination of war and virtue. Give yourself plenty of time to savor this book- it's 480 pages in paperback.

We'll meet at 7:30 on Monday, **January 16** at Jean Lindsey's home, (630) 665-5849. Bonnie Wheaton will lead the discussion.

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

Join us on Wednesday, **November 30**, at 7:00 p.m. at Peggy Connolly's home, to discuss *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror & an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson. This highly popular new book, takes us to Berlin during Hitler's first year in power. The first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday, January 25th, at Sue Balk's to discuss *The Founding Gardeners* by Andrea Wulf. "For the founding fathers, gardening, agriculture and botany were elemental passions, as deeply ingrained in their characters as their belief in liberty for the nation they were creating. *The Founding Gardeners* add depth and nuance to our understanding of the American experiment, and provides us with a portrait of the founding fathers as they've never been seen before." Consider joining us whenever you can. If you would like to be on the e-mail notification list, please let me know.

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

www.wheaton-glenellynAAUW.org **Jane Palmer** **312-403-6434** jfpalmer@comcast.net **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" file 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 our Lit Groups' consolidated book lists. Next, open a new email message 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 pasted, you can delete any books that you've already read or don't want to read. Add a personal message, then hit send!

Books Available for February Branch Meeting **Peggy Connolly** **630-665-5309** connolly.peggy@gmail.com

"Women hold up half the sky,"* yet all over the world they suffer horrendous abuse: sex trafficking and child prostitution, bride burning and acid attacks, honor killing and rape as a political tool, genital mutilation, maternal mortality, religious restrictions on human and civil rights.

Half the Sky is the topic of our **February 1, 2012 Branch meeting**. Winifred Creamer and Peggy Connolly will lead us in our first ever Branch-wide discussion format. To prepare for the meeting, in the AAUW tradition of informed discussion and action, Branch members are asked to read *Half the Sky*, Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's bestseller. *Half the Sky*, describes the tragedies mentioned above, but also shows how the world's women can address them.

The Branch has ordered 10 copies of *Half the Sky*, which will be loaned out on a first come-first serve basis, with Peggy Connolly serving as librarian. Please let Peggy know if you would like to borrow a copy:

*If you're familiar with the quotation, but can't place its source...is it Chief Joseph? Gloria Steinem? Sinead O'Connor? Guatama Buddha? Maya Angelou? It's actually from Mao Zedong! Who knew?



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

Film Group will be meeting December 9. Join us for our annual Carols and Conversation, and oh yes, a film. This month we'll be at Marilyn Wiedemann's where we've been holding an annual holiday fete, often with little games along with goodies. With luck, Roger Kotecki will play the piano, providing carols and music of the season. Others are welcome also to "tickle the ivories." Or maybe take down the guitar from the wall and play it. Movie will be announced during that week, and notification will be by email, so be sure you're signed up.

Last month Margaret McGrath led us in a lively, well researched discussion of the film *Anonymous* wherein we learned that there is a huge online (and elsewhere) group who firmly believe the Earl of Oxford wrote the Shakespeare plays. No lesser lights than Dickens, Twain, Freud, and lots of still living people like Derek Jacobi, one of the lead actors in the movie, continue to explore this possibility. Whatever your own beliefs, see the movie for a thrilling insider view of Elizabethan England and grand, if brief, excerpts from many of the plays. Who knew they were written to incite the masses to Revolution against the baddies in government? The opening scene dramatically unfolding from a contemporary London stage back into 16th century England is worth the price of admission.

Branch Buddy Donna Jennings (630-858-1461 drjennin@att.net) sends cards to Branch members (congratulations, sympathy, get well, thinking of you, etc.) Let Donna know if you hear of member news of this sort.

Great Decisions**Winifred Creamer****(630) 462-9289****llywinda@yahoo.com**

The November Great Decisions meeting will take place on **November 28**, the Monday after Thanksgiving. We will meet at the home of Sue Herrmann. Our topic will be the Caucasus region.

The Caucasus has a recent history at least as complex as that of the "stans", the nations of the former Soviet Union rich in oil and controversy that we discussed in a previous meeting. I'll bring a map quiz, but without looking, I believe few of us are able to identify the countries that make up this region between Russia, Iran and Turkey. It should be an illuminating discussion.

Please let me know if you need a copy of the chapter to read before the meeting. This message will go out to the mailing list for Great Decisions separately, because Twigs may not be ready before our meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you are on the Great Decisions mailing list or not. Feel free to bring a friend. I'd like to know how many people will be there, so please drop me an email or give me a call (see above) to let me know.

I've decided to follow in Judy Sims' brave footsteps and order copies of the 2012 Great Decisions book. Please let me know if you are interested and in the meantime I'll figure out the price. See you on the 28th!

**SHARE THE SPIRIT!**

This holiday season, please help *Share the Spirit* with neighbors in need! **People's Resource Center** is collecting holiday gifts for local children of **900+ families** who might otherwise go without. **You can help by donating new, unwrapped children's gifts or money to purchase gift cards for older children.** You may donate online at www.peoplesrc.org or send a check to People's Resource Center, 201 S. Naperville Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. Please drop off **new, unwrapped** children's gifts on Sunday, December 4 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, between 9 AM and 4PM. (*Gifts will be distributed to families on December 5, 6 & 7. If necessary, you may also drop off your gift donations on December 5 & 6 at the Naperville location.*) **Gift wish list:** Baby toys, hats and mittens, children's books, puzzles, games, Legos and blocks, Play Doh, arts & crafts supplies, dolls, sports equipment, action figures, cars & trucks. Please no guns or violent toys.-- Just think, a child may feel some joy because of you! Thank you!

Celebrate Illinois' 5th Annual Jane Addams Day with Special Guest Professor Anita Hill

Date: December 10, 2011 ✂ Time: 10am – Noon ✂ Where: The Chicago Temple ✂ 77 West Washington, Chicago Loop (corner of Clark and Washington across from Daley Plaza). **This program is FREE & open to the Public.**

AAUW - Chicago Branch is delighted to welcome Anita Hill as she tours the country speaking about her new book

Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race, and Finding Home

Best known for her courageous testimony during the Clarence Thomas hearings before the U.S. Senate in 1991, Professor Hill is currently Senior Advisor to the Provost and Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's Studies at Brandeis University.

Copies of *Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race, and Finding Home* will be available for sale and Professor Hill will personally sign books purchased onsite. Marilyn Wiedemann and Pam Starr from our Branch plan to attend. For more information: contact

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AAUW Releases New Report on Sexual Harassment

AAUW's latest research report, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, presents comprehensive new data on the prevalence of sexual harassment in grades 7–12 and its effect on students' education. The report has been featured in articles in *The Associated Press*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post* *On Parenting blog*, *Education Week*, *Capitol Hill Blue*, and thousands of other press outlets. Please share this research with your community. Download the report from the AAUW website or order print copies from ShopAAUW on the website.

Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Membership: 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, class or disability. Membership is not by invitation.

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.

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Like e- or U. S.? Members need to let Jane Palmer or Karen know if you prefer a different format to receive your newsletter. If electronic works for you, it saves the Branch a little money. If you wish to receive it in the U.S. mail, that's no problem. Just let us know. Send Karen (WhGEAAUW@aol.com or bondykj@aol.com) changes to the e-mail address where you wish to receive *Twigs*. Make sure your spam filter will allow you to receive e-mail from my address and group mailings. Remember, meeting LOCATION street addresses will be omitted from the on-line version of *Twigs*.

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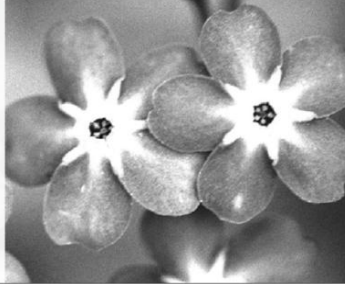
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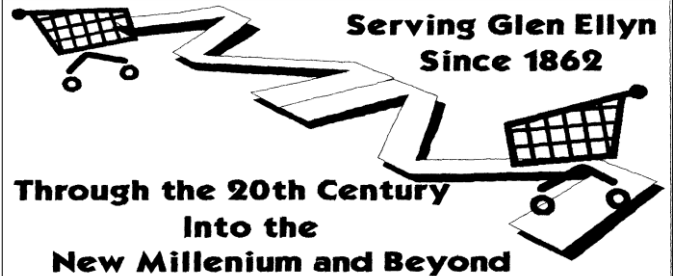
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