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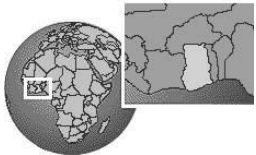
January 2011



Twigs

**Mark Your Calendar**

- January 5 **Branch meeting Orphan Boys of Ghana Find a Family Home**  
presented by Claire Fischer, 7:00pm, Glen Ellyn Civic Center
- January 6  
and 20 Book Sorting at Pond's, 26W515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream, Contact Jan Radil
- January 7 AM Lit, 9:30 a.m. at Sue Balk's, 670 N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn
- January 12 Board meeting at Sue Balk's, 670 N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn
- January 14 Film Group. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann for details
- January 17 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Peggy Connolly's, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton
- January 24 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton
- January 26 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton
- February 2 Branch meeting **Chicago's Black Metropolis: The Production of a Documentary**,  
presented by Barbara Allen - WTTW Producer, 7:00 p.m., Glen Ellyn Civic Center



**Orphan Boys of Ghana Find a Family Home**

Claire Fischer is a graduate of Glenbard West High School, student at Northeastern University in Boston and the daughter of our member Jenny Fischer. Claire is making a real difference for 6 boys who now live in a group home in Ghana. She established the home to provide individual care to orphans using funds she raised herself while in high school. As a college student, Claire is studying social entrepreneurship to learn about how she can continue to care for orphans around the world. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 5th, in the Betty Clayton room to hear first-hand from a young woman who is making a real difference in the world.

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

**Time: Wednesday, January 5, 2011 -- 7:00 p.m. networking / 7:25 business meeting / 8:00 program**



*A Leaf from the President*

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*"To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June." - Jean-Paul Sartre*

Good-bye 2010. Rest in Peace. Two-headed Janus sees your accomplishments, and now looks forward to the new year. For our Branch this means great programs upcoming: Claire Fisher talking about orphans in Ghana (Jan.); Barbara Allen elaborating on producing the WTTW documentary on Chicago's Black Metropolis (Feb.); AAUW Association immediate Past President Ruth Sweetser clarifying the issues of women in science (Mar.); Branch member Laura Desmarais sharing her experiences living in India (Apr.), and in May our 50<sup>th</sup> Used Book Sale and celebratory banquet.

This year we elect a new Branch President and Secretary. Please answer the call if you are asked to serve. We need your vitality to keep our Branch on its toes and stimulating to member needs. It's a joy to work with so many brilliant, active, inventive women. Officer or Board member. Contact any member of the nominating committee: Sherry Yarema (chair); Phyllis Fogel, Jane Palmer, Kimberly Thacker.

Nationally Congress ended the year with votes on Dream, Don't Ask Don't Tell, and bills to make college more affordable to veterans and to students in general. Continue to prod your Congressmen to vote well on bills important to AAUW. Prod them to become statesmen and not obstructionists.

The AAUW National Convention will be held June 16-19 in Washington D.C. A fabulous town. Now the part-time home of member Pam Starr who will be our "reporter at large" during her stay there. She invites us (all) to visit. Wouldn't this be fun?

'Til we meet again: drink good wine, read good books, be kind to your family and friends. The New Year Beckons.

*"New Year's Eve--in the echo of fog horns, another voyage starts." - Keiko Izawa*

**Save the date: February 2, 2011** - *Chicago's Black Metropolis: The Production of a Documentary*, Barbara Allen—WTTW Producer. Ms. Allen will discuss the documentary *DuSable to Obama*, which has aired several times on Channel 11.



**News from the Membership Desk** Sherry Yarema 630-858-5225 syarema@earthlink.net  
We are now at 111 members. Introduce yourselves at the Branch meeting. Our membership makes us strong.

**Directory** Jane Palmer 312-403-6434 jfpalmer@comcast.net  
If any of you would like to have a consolidated list of members who joined after publication of the directory, contact Jane Palmer. You can print it and tuck it in your directory. A consolidated list of our current 111 members is also available.



**Book Sale News** Judy Sims ('04) 630-858-7179 JudSims@hotmail.com  
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You never know what book will turn up during sorting. *All Night Long: How to Make Love to a Man Over 50* by Barbara Keesling, Ph.D., came to us from an anonymous donor. The title made us giggle. Each of the nine reviewers at Amazon.com gave the book a five-star rating. Definitely a book for the "How To" table!

To date, we have **320 boxes** packed for our sale.

**Cindy Trenner-Lukens' report summarizing the Key Club book collection last month:** Book Sale thanks are due again, this time for the Key Club members at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. Amy Claud is the faculty chair working with Co-Presidents-Alli Gattari and Maddie Hack who saw to it that we collected bags and bags of books--jamming the back of Jan Radil's vehicle. They did a nice job with their 300 or so volunteers. Thanks to our outside contributors for rallying to our cause!

**January 6 and 20 - Book Sorting at Dick Pond Athletics, 26W515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream, Contact Jan Radil**

**Educational Opportunities Fund or EOF** Sue Balk 630-858-0829 Donna Jennings 630-858-1461  
If you are making year-end contributions before December 31, you can make an on-line gift to our branch's AAUW grant with your credit card at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). From the AAUW home page, search for "donate" to get the donation form. Enter the amount in the line for "Research and Projects Grant", then credit it to the "IL-Marjorie Robinson/Katharine Storm Grant" (Fund #4318). It's very easy! Keep the lamplight of education for women burning bright!



**Great Decisions** Winifred Creamer 630-462-9289 llywinda@yahoo.com  
On Monday, January 24, we will discuss Topic 8, *Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution*. Please note there is a brief update on this topic available on [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org). Click on *Great Decisions*, then *About*. Halfway down the "About" page, just below the picture of the 2010 briefing book, you will see a link for *Great Decisions 2010 Fall Updates*.

For a copy of the complete January reading, email Winifred Creamer.

We will meet at Peggy Connolly's. The 2011 books should be available for distribution at the January meeting.

**AAUW 2011 National Convention** Breaking through Barriers — Advocating for Change  
Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel • Washington, D.C.\*June 16–19, 2011\*\*\***Best-Value Registration opened December 1!**

"Attending the AAUW National Convention gives me a sense of belonging and networking opportunities that I would not otherwise experience. At every convention I have attended, I have received new information, made new friends and connections, and been motivated and inspired to continue working for equity for women and girls." — Cheryl Buckley, Racine, WI AAUW

Share your ideas for workshops or special interest groups on our Facebook page or e-mail us at [convention@aauw.org](mailto:convention@aauw.org).



**What's new on [www.wheaton-glenellynAAUW.org](http://www.wheaton-glenellynAAUW.org) ?**

**Pictures ...** The home page features a collage from the Holiday Dinner. We all looked so festive with our red duds!

Thank you to Phyllis Fogel, Sue Langguth and others who have emailed me pictures of Branch activities.

**Links ...** The home page includes a link to early bird registration for the June 2011 AAUW convention in Washington, D.C. Several Branch members are already planning on making the trip.



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

**Settlement Reached in Title IX Case:** Earlier this year, members of Delaware State University's women's equestrian team sued the school for Title IX violations. In late October, the parties filed a joint motion requesting that the U.S. District Court for Delaware approve terms of the settlement requiring DSU to fix those violations. LAF provided funding for an expert witness.

This year the LAF disbursed \$90,000 for five plaintiffs' legal costs in cases with the potential to set significant precedents. It also celebrated the conclusion of LAF-supported plaintiff Claire Schuster's pay discrimination suit against Berea College.

LAF partnered with the Women's Sports Foundation and the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center to create *Title IX Compliance: Know the Score*, which provides step-by-step instructions on how to investigate high school athletics programs for Title IX compliance. LAF also worked with Students Active for Ending Rape(SAFER) to produce guides that address campus sexual assault. The guides are tailored toward students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and AAUW branches.

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

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*The History of Love: A Novel* by Nicole Krauss spans a period of over 60 years and takes readers from Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe to present day Brighton Beach. At the center of each main character's psyche is the issue of loneliness, and the need to fill a void left empty by lost love. A hauntingly beautiful novel about two characters whose lives are woven together in such complex ways that even after the last page is turned, the reader is left to wonder what really happened. We will meet on **January 7** at the home of Sue Balk with Donna Jennings as our co-hostess. Marilyn Wiedemann will lead the discussion.

**P. M. Lit Group****Kimberly Thacker****630-665-4631**

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The PM Lit book group will discuss Jack London's classic *Call of the Wild* on Monday, January 17 at 7:30 pm. We'll meet at Peggy Connolly's home, 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton. Email Kimberly Thacker or call her if you need additional information.

Coming up: February 21: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese and March 21: *The Glass Palace* by Amitav Ghosh

**Non-Fiction Lit Group****Margaret McGrath****630-942-0980**

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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 margmcgrath@yahoo.com. Margaret is taking over Non-fiction Lit e-mails for Pam Starr while she is currently living in D.C.

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

**BRIDGE, Fun with Friends and Learning****Phyllis Fogel****630-629-7911**

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The Bridge Group will not be meeting in January as the Fogels will be in Hawaii. We will resume in February. We will meet on February 16, 2011, at a place yet to be determined. Location will be in next month's *Twigs*. There were two lively tables of bridge players who met in December. The lesson was on Limit Raises and Jacoby Two Notrump. A good time was had by all. We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

**Film Group****Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann****630-858-2091**

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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.

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).

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