



**AAUW**  
Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

January 2012

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**Mark Your Calendar**

- January 4 Branch Meeting: **Title IX Compliance: How Colleges Respond (or Not) to Sexual Violence on Campus**, 7 pm, Glen Ellyn Civic Center
- January 6 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Kitty Johansson's
- January 11 Board meeting, 7 pm at Sue Herrmann's
- January 13 Film Group. Discussion following film at Sue Gullickson's
- January 16 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Jean Lindsey's
- January 23 Great Decisions, 7 pm. Contact Winifred Creamer for meeting location.
- January 23 Tea 101, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Serene Teaz, 221 W. Front Street, Wheaton
- January 25 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 pm. Contact Margaret McGrath for meeting location.
- January 28 *Atravete: Dare to Dream* Conference, 9 am-3 pm at Elmhurst College
- February 1 **Branch Meeting: Half the Sky**, 7 pm at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center
- February 3 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Eleanor Saliamonas's



**Title IX Compliance: How Colleges Respond (or Not) to Sexual Violence on Campus**

Please join us for a presentation by Stacy St. Clair, reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*

Ms. St. Clair, an investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune, recently co-authored three articles entitled "Marquette failed on attack reports" (June 22, 2011), "One woman's lonely stand at Marquette" (October 28, 2011), and "109 reports of sex crimes, just 5 convictions" (December 4, 2011). She will be discussing Marquette and Notre Dame Universities' reactions to recent claims by their students of sexual assault, as well as her recent investigation of sexual assaults on other Chicago-area campuses.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

**Time: Wednesday, January 4, 2012 -- 7:00 pm networking / 7:20 business meeting / 7:45 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

There is great news for our Branch! We were one of only two Branches written about in the inaugural issue of a new publication named *Inside AAUW*. It is due to Jackie DeFazio, Branch president from 1971 - 73 who is still a current member. For those who do not personally know Jackie as I don't, let me tell you a little something about her. Not only is she a past president of our Branch she is a past president (for 4 years) of the whole AAUW. She is a former principal of Glenbard East High School. Since I joined in 2004 I have always heard what a wonderful person she is as well as an effective and charismatic leader. I felt that charisma when she called me in September telling me that when she was contacted for this article, she had the idea to feature the two Branches she belongs to rather than focusing on herself.

Following is the article that appears in the *Out & About* section of *Inside AAUW* titled *Diverse Branches, Common Goal*:

*Behind every AAUW Branch is a group of dedicated women, and former AAUW President Jackie DeFazio is a devoted member of two of them. The Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch near Chicago has been making a difference in the community for more than 50 years through its scholarships and outreach programs. The Branch's biggest event, an annual used book sale, made a \$16,000 profit in 2011. The Stanwood-Camano Island branch, located in a rural community north of Seattle, has been bringing educational opportunities to women and girls for 75 years. Each October, the Branch sponsors a local art show and uses the proceeds to provide scholarships to university women. "The challenges in Stanwood-Camano Island are different from those in Wheaton-Glen Ellyn," DeFazio explains, "but the women in both Branches share a commitment to the same core values. Both communities are working very hard to break through barriers for women and girls."*

We can continue to be proud of our Branch and continue our efforts and hard work for its success.

**The 2012-13 Nominating Committee**

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The committee, chaired by Jane, will meet early in January to select candidates for Membership Vice President and Treasurer. If you have any suggestions or might be interested in either position, call or email Jane. Responsibilities of each office are described in the Branch Handbook which is available on the website under "Members Only".

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For our **February 1, 2012** Branch meeting, we are trying something new! Instead of bringing in a speaker and passively listening to a presentation, we will be hosting an all-Branch discussion of the recent non-fiction best-seller, *Half the Sky*, by Nicholas Kristoff & Susan Wu-Dunn. This very engaging book describes how the world's women (including all of us!) can deal with such tragic global issues as sex trafficking, forced prostitution and maternal mortality.

At the **February Branch meeting** Winifred Creamer and Peggy Connolly will lead us in our first ever Branch-wide discussion format, based on *Half the Sky* and the issues it raises. To prepare for the meeting, please read *Half the Sky*, Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's bestseller.

Ten copies of the book are circulating among Branch members now. Do try to read all or part of the book. Contact Peggy at (630)665-5309 or by email at [connolly.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.peggy@gmail.com) if you would like to borrow one of the Branch's copies during January. Even if you don't have time to read the book, please join us and bring guests. What an opportunity for all of us to voice our opinions and ideas! This is guaranteed to be a great discussion. See you there. **Wednesday, February 1.**

**Atrévete a Soñar! Dare to Dream! News****Suzanne Elger****630 942-1327**

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**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.

Anne is looking specifically for volunteers to work as session chairs at the conference. A session chair introduces the speakers and keeps an eye on the clock to make sure each speaker stays within the time limit. The chair also hands out evaluation forms for the participants to fill out, collects them, and turns them in at the end of the day. It is easy, fun, and interesting. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Anne Hanley (info above). No experience necessary!

There are other volunteer needs as well. Contact Suzanne Elger (info above), if you are interested in helping in another area with the *Dare to Dream* conference on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

The energy of the girls is contagious. Come join us for this great day!

**History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes****Peggy Connolly 630-665-5309** [connolly.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.peggy@gmail.com)**Pat Kaczor 630-653-7365** [pk3872@att.net](mailto:pk3872@att.net)

A small but enthusiastic group met on December 15 to kick off our new Interest Group. The food and spices were great and we learned a lot. Our next meeting will be February 9 at Peggy Connolly's. The theme will be "Tracing the Incense Route and Arabian Potluck". If you would like to be included on the Spice Route email list, contact Peggy. Remember, cooking is not necessary for participation. Wine or help with cleanup are always appreciated.

**Directory Updates****Jane Palmer****312-403-6434**[jfpalmer@comcast.net](mailto:jfpalmer@comcast.net)

Since April 1, 2011, 16 women have joined the Branch: *Jan Austin, Michele Bacon, Maria Bakalis, Joy Barriball, Patricia Bernhold, Shannon Burns, Cynthia Chand, Michelle Grant, Shirley Kessler, Carolyn Oesterle, Janette Quinn, Diane Serb, Donna Jean Simon, Donna Staples, Andrea Studzinski, and Lynn Torre.*

Many of them are already participating in interest groups and Branch activities – sorting books on Thursdays, volunteering to lead Lit Group discussions, hosting or co-hosting meetings, etc. Shirley Kessler is our new Neighborhood Captain for Neighborhood #1, NW Wheaton. And Suzanne Elger, who joined last fall, is one of our new *Dare to Dream* liaisons. Welcome!

Six of our new members joined after the Directory was published in September. Here is a "quick list" of their addresses and contact information. Please take a minute now to print it and clip it. Tape it inside the cover of your directory or in the blank space on page 41.

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Special thanks are due to the Key Club members at BOTH Wheaton Warrenville South and Wheaton North High Schools for organizing book drives with their members. Recently between the two collections we gathered about 33 boxes for our sale. The students were eager to participate and appreciate the kindness we return to their students in scholarship contributions.

No book sorting is scheduled for January.

Quotation attributed to Groucho Marx – “Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it’s too dark to read.”

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

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**Monday, January 23, 2012**

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join us at Serene Teaz, 221 W. Front Street in downtown

Wheaton for Tea 101. Learn about 10 different types of teas and sample them during this fun and informative class taught at the tea room. The cost is \$10.00. Please register by phone (630 784-8327) with a credit card or stop by the shop. This class is open to the public, not just AAUW, so register soon!

**Cultural Arts News / Group Travel****Alice Blount****630-253-0527**

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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.

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.

Payment is due July 13, 2012, and is priced at \$1799. 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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Our Branch has decided to collaborate with the College of DuPage in addressing the issue of Sexual Assault on College Campuses. The College of DuPage will hold its annual Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Fair on **April 24, 2012** from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm. Our Branch will have a booth at the Fair. Last year COD had 10 outside agencies participating and 9 internal groups. They also had a presentation on trafficking. The students from the Human Service Domestic Violence class do the bulk of the work. The purpose of the fair is to raise awareness about the crimes of child abuse and sexual assault.

I need 10 volunteers to staff our booth for shifts of approximately 2 hours each from 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Thus far the following 9 people have signed up to help: **Laura Desmarais, Bonnie Gahrns, Susie Gullickson, Jean Lindsey, Barb Livermore, Kathy McCullough, Donna Jean Simon, Helen Westlake, and Marilyn Wiedemann**. If you would like to help, please call or email me. We would love to have you help! I will provide information that can be shared regarding the responsibility of colleges and universities to aid students who report sexual abuse or assault on or off the campus. We will provide students with handouts stating the protections guaranteed under Title IX and, as a side activity, will encourage visitors to consider joining AAUW!!

**Special Report—Anita Hill Presentation—December 10, 2011****Marilyn Mayer Wiedeman**

AAUW Chicago hosted Professor Anita Hill on December 10, 2011 as part of their celebration of Jane Addams’ Day. The event took place in the amazing Chicago Temple in the Loop.

Professor Hill was great. Still has that poise, dignity, and quiet but firm vocal delivery that amazed us during those difficult hearings for Clarence Thomas’ nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. You will remember that she testified against Thomas, claiming sexual harassment. (I still have the tapes if anyone wants to view them.)

This day, however, she spoke of broader things. She has published a book: *Reimagining Equity: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home*. She has moved on. She isn’t bitter or angry. She is teaching. (At Brandeis University). We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for being willing to stand up for the truth even against inevitable loss. (Sort of like Beowulf. Evil sometimes wins, but you do the right thing anyway.)

Her message is positive and inspiring. We have a responsibility to educate boys that it is also to their advantage to support equity. Oddly enough, the veterans benefits have so far advantaged men over women in housing and education, so that, too, needs to be addressed. Also, in the housing collapse, single women suffered foreclosures disproportionately—having been given more bogus mortgages, even when they qualified for regular ones. A curious set of facts not generally known. Another curious fact was that her own grandfather was a slave—who wound up with 80 acres. For Hill, the issue now seems to be secure housing and the benefits that accrue to ownership: sense of place, vestment, community responsibility, family hope. The importance to her family of owning land was critical to her own ultimate accomplishments. Interesting.

It took the housing collapse to move the problems into the Middle Class. No longer is housing a problem of “the other.” Our agenda must be “shoring up our democracy, allowing our country to live up to its promises... We are all in it together.”

During the Q and A session following her (brief) presentation, the inevitable question about sexual harassment was asked. She smiled quietly, and calmly replied “We have a responsibility to our community to educate boys to the fact that NO means NO. We have to begin by teaching boys that it is a problem that hurts them as well.”

**May Basket Raffle****Laurie Swanson****630-260-7821****lswanson@lasocareers.com**

Traditionally, at the May Banquet we hold a gift basket raffle. Proceeds help fund our leaders' attendance at state and national AAUW events. In the past, we have collected gently used items from members, who often donate them when they come to work at the Used Book Sale. We will continue that tradition, but I would also like to gather brand new items if possible.

Think of this as an opportunity to regift NEW items you may have received over the holidays but will not use. Would you be willing to donate them to this fund raiser?

We are also looking to gather gift cards from local merchants. If you have a favorite merchant you frequent (think restaurant, salon, retail store), ask for a gift card donation (or two) valued at least \$10. We will acknowledge these donors in the June *Twigs*. You can give these items to Laurie or Phyllis, or Laurie will pick them up from you.

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

To kick off 2012, we will meet on Friday, January 6, to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. 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 Johansson with Jan Austin as our co-hostess. Suzanne Elger is our discussion leader.

Looking ahead to February 3, we will discuss *The Parrot & Olivier in America* by Peter Carey at the home of Eleanor Saliomonas. Sherry Yarema is the discussion leader and Sharon Garney is co-hostess.

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 web site. The Glen Ellyn Public Library provides multiple copies for DuPage County library card holders, and they 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**

It's a bibliophile's favorite time of year again. December brought not just holiday cheer and snug winter evenings but also an abundance of Best Books of the Year lists. What a joy to learn about some terrific books we may have missed during the year, especially those by an author or in a category that we don't usually follow. I look forward to hearing which titles made your list of must reads for 2012.

We'll meet at 7:30 on January 16 at Jean Lindsey's home. Bonnie Wheaton will lead our discussion of Isabel Allende's *Island Beneath the Sea*. Jean's number is (630) 803-7464.

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

Join us on Wednesday, **January 25th**, at 7:00 p.m. 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. Andrea Wulf reveals for the first time this aspect of the revolutionary generation. She describes how, even as British ships gathered off Staten Island, George Washington wrote his estate manager about the garden at Mount Vernon; how a tour of English gardens renewed Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's faith in their fledgling nation; how a trip to the great botanist John Bartram's garden helped the delegates of the Constitutional Congress break their deadlock; and why James Madison is the forgotten father of American environmentalism. These and other stories reveal a guiding but previously overlooked ideology of the American Revolution. Call or email for location information which will be firm later in January. If you would like to be on the email notification list, please let me know.

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

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

Our next Film Group meeting will be at the home of Sue Gullickson. (She lives next door to Mary Mossman if that helps.) Film title and time have yet to be chosen, so let us know what you'd like us to see—if you have a preference. We could even view a DVD. (Remember last time at Sue's we saw *Inside Job*, rented for us by Chris Eldridge, thank you very much Chris.) If you have something swell, preferably legal, let us know.

After seeing *Hugo*, I'm thinking it would be fun to try to find a DVD with some of those amazing old films on it. Things that you might see only at Facets Multimedia or the Music Box or the Siskel Film Center. If you have something special, let us know that!

In December we saw *The Descendants* and would highly recommend it. All the rave reviews about Clooney seem true. But remember, this is a restrained job for him. Pretty subtle stuff. Family, love, betrayal, forgiveness. The obligations of individuals toward one another, toward the community, and maybe even toward the earth. (Or you could just space out viewing Hawaii, ha)

Roger Kotecki did indeed come and provide piano carols of the season (thank you immensely). Group members gifted us all with fabulous food, wine, and cheerful conversation. Quite an event.

Please send me your email if you want to be added to the list; that's the only way to let you know title and time of each event.

**Great Decisions****Winifred Creamer****(630) 462-9289****llywinda@yahoo.com**January 23, 2011 Topic 8: *Making Sense of Multilateralism*

International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions? What economic, social, political and security concerns are currently on the agendas of intergovernmental bodies, and what is the future U.S. role? Contact Winifred for meeting location.

**AAUW Releases New Report on Sexual Harassment**

**Another Step toward Safe Campuses for All:** AAUW is pleased to report that the Campus SaVE Act (S. 834/H.R. 2016) now has more than 40 co-sponsors in the House and Senate thanks to the hard work of AAUW activists. Many of the provisions from Campus SaVE have been included in the Violence against Women Act reauthorization. Ask your senators to co-sponsor that bill!

**AAUW's New Report Makes Front Page of USA Today!**

The buzz about Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School continues to grow, with a front-page mention on Friday, December 2, in USA Today. A Program in a Box will be available by the end of January to help Branches share the report's valuable information (and best practices) with your local community. A PowerPoint presentation for Branch use is now online.

**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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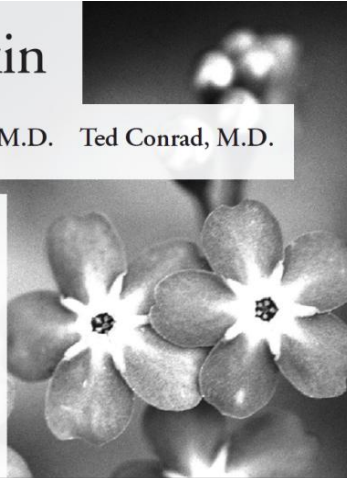
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