



AAUW

Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

November 2010



Twigs

November 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**

- October 25 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Winifred Creamer's
- November 2 VOTE!
- November 3 **Branch Meeting, 7 p.m. Muslim Women in the 21st Century, from Tokyo to Seattle**  
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
- November 4 Book Sorting, 1 pm at Book Storage Center, 26 W 515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream. Contact Pat Kaczor.
- November 5 AM Lit, 9:30 a.m. at Barbara Isom's
- November 10 Board meeting, 7 pm at Pat Walton's
- November 12 Film Group. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann for details
- November 15 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Helen Westlake's
- November 17 Bridge group, 7 pm. at Jean Lindsey's.
- November 18 – Book Sorting, 1 pm at Book Storage Center, 26 W 515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream. contact Jan Radil
- November 22 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's.
- November 22 DEADLINE! Get checks for Holiday Dinner to Judy Sims
- November 29 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Cindy Trennert-Lukens'
- December 3 AM LIT 9:30 a.m.
- December 6 Save the date! Holiday Dinner

**Muslim Women in the 21st Century, from Tokyo to Seattle**

Dr. Azra Haque



The November 3rd program will feature a cultural program presented by fellow AAUW member (Elmhurst Branch) Azra Haque. Dr. Haque came to the United States from Pakistan over 40 years ago. She is a clinical pathologist and an avid proponent of education for girls, and more recently, boys, in her homeland. Closer to her home here in suburban Chicago, she recently sponsored 'Azra's Challenge' to raise contributions for the *Dare to Dream: Get Educated!* conference for middle school Latinas and their mothers. Dr. Haque's program promises to give us a first hand view of the life of Muslim women in the modern world. We look forward to seeing you at the program!

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

**Time:** Wednesday, November 3, 2010 -- 7:00 p.m. networking / 7:25 business meeting / 8:00 program

*A Leaf from the President*

Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann

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*Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the Song of Harvest Home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.*  
---Henry Alford, 1844

AAUW is not a religious organization, but this line from an old hymn resonates with us all and with diverse groups who celebrate fall thanksgiving in spiritual ways. Fall is the harvest time, the gathering time. Food, family, even the gathering of sunlight which now angles low and seems ironically bright at the very time it lasts shorter per day.

Time to get out the address book. Find old friends. Plan the menus. Pull out the photographs, the wool blankets, the decorations. Check the house for leaks. Hunker down. Remember what Counts.

Voting. Thanksgiving. Soup, winter squash, bread. Reading. Contacts by face and Facebook or Internet. Maybe even a letter. And, we trust, AAUW. In your gathering plans remember your friends of AAUW. Our Branch newsletter *Twigs* offers a harvest of ideas. November's Branch meeting on Muslim women. Books to read. Films to see. Great Decisions to discuss. Even sorting our wonderful used book donations into growing lines of boxes along the warehouse wall, like gold bricks which will sustain our scholarship awards. Life continues to thrive, maybe more indoors, but full of buzz and activity like bees in their hives with their golden honey.

Do take part and enjoy this harvesting time of the year.



**News from the Membership Desk**

**Sherry Yarema 630-858-5225 syarema@earthlink.net**

Thirty-five people attended the October Branch meeting where they heard Paula Purdue give an interesting and up-to-date talk about the upcoming November Illinois elections. Paula, a long-time friend of Pat Walton's, is the Illinois AAUW lobbyist and has many stories to tell.

Please give a big welcome and friendly smile to our two newest members. They are **JAIME LEWANDOWSKI**, a former member-at-large, from Glen Ellyn who is an Associate Dean, Social and Behavioral Sciences, at College of DuPage. **CHERYL TUREK**, also of Glen Ellyn, who is the owner of "Cheryl's All Sewn Up" offering personal sewing and alterations". She was recruited by Donna Jennings and is well-known at Health Track. Health Track has been a hot-bed of recruitment as now there are 25 members of Health Track who are also members of our Branch! Our Branch membership is at 108 thanks to your great recruiting. (And thanks again to Phyllis Fogel who continues to cover Membership while Sherry is out of the country.)



# Annual Holiday Dinner

## Monday, December 6th

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): 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 Monday November 22, 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**

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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.

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**Mbr. Date:** 10/1/2010

**Neighborhood:** S Glen Ellyn (7)

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New honors have come to our February 2011 speaker, Barbara Allen and to the PBS documentary "DuSable to Obama" that she produced. When the film premiered in June, it generated a \$225,000 in pledges and 2,500 new members to WTTW. Most recently, the *Chicago Defender* newspaper recognized Barbara with its highest honor, the Newsmakers Award. Her film won Best Documentary at the International Black Film Festival in Nashville, TN.



**Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run/Ride** Pat Walton [pjwplace@aol.com](mailto:pjwplace@aol.com)

Thanks to all who walked and contributed to this important fundraising effort.



**Public Policy** Pamela Starr **630-682-4720** [pstarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pstarr@sbcglobal.net)

The November election is fast approaching. Our Branch has four members on the ballot. Gwen Henry is running for DuPage County Treasurer, Bonnie Wheaton for judicial retention, Roger Kotecki, DuPage Forest Preserve Commissioner, and Darlene Ruscitti, Regional Superintendent of Schools for DuPage County. Darlene is the first woman ever elected to that position since the inception of the office in 1954. You can view the ballot on DuPage Election Commission website: [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com)



**Book Sale News** Judy Sims ('04) **630-858-7179** [JudSims@hotmail.com](mailto:JudSims@hotmail.com)

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The Glen Ellyn Shredder Day gave our annual used book sale a boost. Our thanks go to Georgia Koch of the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce for including us. Jan handed out our informative flyer to nearly every car that visited the event. Let's hope these people who had trunk loads of documents to shred will now visit their local ReMax with trunk loads of books for us. We received enough thrillers, mysteries and fiction to fill 5 boxes! Not bad for three hours work. My thanks to Cindy Trennert-Lukens and Marjorie Robinson for volunteering to help.

The Wheaton Sports Center, thanks to Kathy McCullough, has been a gold mine! Kathy, Mary Mossman and Jan drove away with carloads of books. We hope the center will host another book collection during the early spring.

Cindy Trennert-Lukens has local girl scouts and the Key Club at WWSHS collecting books on our behalf. Cindy and the scouts will deliver the donations to Pond Athletics on October 27.

*Pat Kaczor has kindly volunteered to lead the book sorting on November 4. Marilyn Wiedemann will be Pat's backup. Please write the date on your calendars now; there will be no e-mail reminder. If you have any questions about November 4, please contact Pat or Marilyn. RSVP Pat telling her that you will be there to help her with the sorting on November 4.*

To date, the number of sorted/packed donations is 209 boxes. WooHoo!



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

Monday, **October 25**, 7:00 pm at Ewa Bacon's. Great Decisions Topic 6 will be *Russia and Its Neighbors*. If you need a copy of the article, contact Winifred.

Monday, November 29 – Topic 7 – *The Persian Gulf*. hosted by Cindy Trennert-Lukens. (We are meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday instead of 4<sup>th</sup> Monday due to conflict with Non-Fiction Lit meeting on November 22.)

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

It is easier than ever to contribute in a material way to support gender equity. At the Fall Conference, I learned that our Action Funds have been divided into categories so we may contribute more specifically to legal advocacy.

The general fund (code 3999) may be used as deemed necessary for LAF support. To contribute to case support for those cases that AAUW decides to support, indicate Fund 9310. There is a fund for giving travel expenses to plaintiffs who will speak to Branches about their particular case. This fund (3072) also gives educational grants. Through the LAF Campus Outreach Program (Fund 3500), AAUW Branches and members can receive up to \$750 in funding to implement a gender equity-focused program or event at their local college or university. Requests are accepted on a rolling basis. There is also a Campus Outreach Program in a Box, which means all the materials are available to a Branch or campus group to help educate youth about sex discrimination e-nation issues and help recruit both new college/university partner members and new AAUW members from among the event attendees. Check out [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for interesting stories of how AAUW Action Funds are allocated.

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

*The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman. After their Warsaw zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from Nazi racism by hiding refugees in the empty animal cages. With animal names for these "guests," and human names for the animals, it's no wonder that the zoo's code name became "The House Under a Crazy Star." The author combines extensive research and an exuberant writing style to recreate the fascinating, forgotten, and true-life story - sharing Antonina's life while unraveling the disturbing obsessions at the core of Nazism. We will meet on **November 5<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Barbara Isom, Our discussion leader is Phyllis Fogel and the co-hostess is Pat Rose.

Our December book is *The Information Officer* by Mark Mills.

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

PM Lit will meet on Monday, **November 15** to discuss *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis. We will meet at 7:30 at Helen Westlake's home. The Glen Ellyn library has reserved copies of the book at the second floor reference desk.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
January 17	<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London
February 21	<i>Cutting for Stone</i>	Abraham Verghese
March 21	<i>The Glass <u>Palace</u></i> (not <i>The Glass Castle</i> )	Amitav Ghosh

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

Join the Non-fiction readers on **November 22** at the home of Peggy Connolly for a discussion of the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The book is described as a detective story that is at once mythically large and painfully intimate. It is a story of a poor black woman named Henrietta Lacks who dies of cervical cancer, but pieces of the tumor that killed her, taken without her knowledge or consent, live on in labs around the world. Our discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. For questions or suggestions, email [pstarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pstarr@sbcglobal.net).

\*\*\*\*\* 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****pfogel@live.com**

Bridge Group will meet on **November 17** at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at Jean Lindsey's. The lesson will be a review of the Stayman Convention and the use of Transfer Bids. Come join in the fun of playing the game we all love.

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

For example, last month we saw *The Social Network* (Founding of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg et al.) We learned some members advertise on Facebook, some use it extensively, some don't like it much. And discussion expanded to several interesting things: the nature of diffuse communication (like Facebook) vs. core common knowledge (like newspapers or books). Does social networking make us more provincial or more urbane? And is the time well spent or just spent? Gadget time vs. face time: are they the same? In knowing the details of hundreds of "friends" do we know more or less about important things? Love those Internet searches with those quick answers. Are they true? Are they enough?

Sometimes it's just more fun to see a movie with people and talk about it afterward. Join us!

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 send \$540 from our Branch to AAUW LAF by the December 15th deadline. (\$5/member)
- The Board passed a motion contribute \$500 to support *Atrevelte*.
- The Branch will help set up the faculty at Hadley to run Reality Store in the future so that our Branch will be able to offer the program at some additional middle schools

**Branch Programs****Barb Isom****bdisom@att.net****and****Maureen Sheehan****maureenjsheehan@aol.com**

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

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

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More pictures...

- Home page collage of pictures from the September 15 kick-off meeting.
- On-line scrapbook of pictures of pictures from last year's Branch meetings, book sale and banquet.

Thank you to Sue Langguth and others who have emailed pictures of Branch activities.

Don't forget to use the "Quick Clicks" on the Home Page:

- Click on "Book Lists" for a chronological list of books scheduled by all three book groups.
- Click on "Calendar" for all meetings scheduled for this month and future months.
- Click on "Book Sale Flyer" to print a copy of a "donate books" flyer which is suitable for community bulletin boards, such as in your church, schools, or work-out center.
- Click on "Neighborhood Book Pick-up Flyer" if you would like to let your neighbors know that they can drop off books at your house.
- Finally – "Click Here" for Twigs Sponsors. It will take you to the sponsor page. You can then click on any sponsor's ad to go to the sponsor's own web page.

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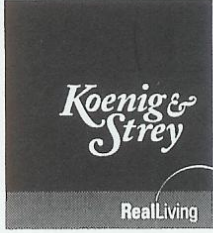
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**Legal Advocacy Fund:** AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

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**Pasta - \$25** \_\_\_\_\_

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