



AAUW

Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

November 2011

Twigs

Mark Your Calendar

November 2 Branch Meeting - **Machismo And Mythology: Gender Equity In Cuba**, 7 pm at the GE Civic Center
October 27, November 3 & 17

Book sorting, 1 pm at Book Storage Center, 26 W 515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream. Phone Jan first.

November 4 AM Lit, 9:30 am at Jenny Fischer's

November 9 Board meeting, 7 pm at Sherry Yarema's

November 11 Film Group. Discussion at Lindy Pond's. Contact Marilyn Wiedemann

November 21 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Cynthia Chand's

November 21 Deadline to pay and order for the Annual Holiday Dinner on December 5. (Res. Form, last page.)

November 28 Great Decisions, 7 pm. Location to be determined. Contact Winifred Creamer.

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



Machismo and Mythology: Gender Equity in Cuba

Last month we learned about life in China during the Cultural Revolution. Now we move on to Cuba! Please join us at 7:00 p.m., November 2, for our next Branch meeting, which will be held in the Betty Clayton Room of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Glen Ellyn. (Note that we will return to our regular meeting place of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center this month.)

Marti J. Sladek, attorney and former Downers Grove AAUW Branch President, will discuss and show pictures from her recent research trip to Cuba with AAUW. The delegation met with women leaders in Cuban politics, the arts, law, education and health care, including Mariela Castro, current President Raul Castro's daughter. Her presentation will include music and an update on current US-Cuba relations and travel restrictions.

Marti is an attorney who had her own employment law practice before starting Speaking Up & Speaking Out. Now she speaks, trains and writes on work, women's issues, the law and public policy. Marti is active as a women's and environmental advocate, is a former President of the Downers Grove AAUW Branch and as Adjunct Faculty at Benedictine University, was part of a team of women who developed an M.S. in Leadership for women.

Proud of being an example of people reinventing themselves and following delayed dreams, Marti was 47 when she became a lawyer, graduating from Loyola University-Chicago's law school following a career in radio and TV news, and P.R. in the private, public, and higher education sectors. She holds a B.S. Ed. from Kent State University and M.A. in Journalism from Ohio State University, and a certificate in mediation from the DePaul College of Law.

Her personal passions are travel and tango dancing, and she has visited East and West Europe, most of Southeast Asia, Mexico, Argentina, China, Tibet and Egypt. Branch member, Bonnie Gahris, arranged for Marti, a long-time friend, to speak to our Branch. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie or Program VP, Laura Desmarais.

Time: Wednesday, November 2, 2011 -- 7:00 pm networking / 7:20 business meeting / 8:00 program



A Leaf from the President

Phyllis Fogel

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How silently they tumble down And come to rest upon the ground To lay a carpet, rich and rare, Beneath the trees without a care, Content to sleep, their work well done, Colors gleaming in the sun. Elsie N. Brady, *Leaves*

As the colorful leaves fall, it's a reminder to us that Thanksgiving will be here soon. We Americans have much for which to be thankful and as AAUW members we, too, have much for which to be thankful.

The Potluck Farewell Party for Pat Walton on September 30 was a big success with 25 people in attendance. The pots were delicious. Hearing the anecdotes people told about Pat were both charming and fun. And she told some good ones, too. We will miss Pat and her energy and willingness to help very much. We wish her the very best in her new home in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Two of our members plan to attend the AAUW-IL Conference in Oregon, Illinois on October 28 - 29. We look forward to their report.

November is a good month to remember all the women and men in the military and their safe return.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends. Plan to attend the Gingerbread House party on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26 at Phyllis'. It will be a creative and fun time.



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

Thanks to all those people who filled in for me at the October Branch meeting while my family, belatedly, celebrated my granddaughter Maeve's first birthday. Since the September meeting, we have gained several new members. And several other people are interested in joining. Keep thinking of people you might want to invite to visit or join.

At the November branch meeting we will be trying something a little different for name tag pick-up. Please pick up your own name tag from the appropriate bin according to your last name. At the end of the meeting, return it to a basket. With our great attendance, space to lay them all out is limited. This should work just fine. It is important that we wear them to welcome newer members and get to know each other. Let me know if you have ideas to facilitate easy transport of name tags to and from the meeting, storage, and efficient pick-up by members at the meeting.

Welcome to our newest member, Maria Bakalis of Glen Ellyn. We are at 118 now. Our budgeted goal for membership this year is 120. With your help, we may meet that by the December dinner!

Linda Johansen and Phyllis Fogel interviewed two of our newest Branch members:

Jan Austin joined our Branch in September and then went on a trip to Tahiti! She is newly retired after working downtown for many years in benefits consulting. She has lived in Wheaton for 18 years with her husband, Bill. Jan is enjoying her new relaxed routine, and is looking forward to some home redecorating, eventual volunteer activities, and maintaining her health club routine. She has already joined AM Lit, and is enthusiastic about AAUW.

Michelle Grant of Lombard has a BA in Music Education, completed a three-year course in 14 months in Japanese language from Ohio St. and Indiana University, and a MBA from Loyola. She has worked for Itochu, an importer of steel and industrial fasteners and at Arthur Anderson as Manager of Sales. She is currently an owner/professional photographer in her family business Meyer Photographic Art. Michelle has four children. They are a serious hockey family with both older boys playing the game. In the past and probably in the future a teenage hockey player who is away from his own family to develop his hockey skills before going into the minor leagues has lived with them. Michelle is a member at Health Track and does water aerobics along with Zumba dancing. Michelle's hobbies include water aerobics and Zumba, reading, scrapbooking, and crafts. Listening to interesting book and film discussions was instrumental in attracting Michelle to our Branch. (Thanks, Linda and Phyllis!)

Directory Updates - November 2011 Jane Palmer jfpalmer@comcast.net

Members on the Move: Deanna Pandolfi and Joanne Rowland moved in October. Deanna's new address in Isle of Palms, SC is already in the directory. Here is Joanne's new information:

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New Members: We have two new members and an update for one of last month's new members. Our newest members are Jan Austin and Maria Bakalis.

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Neighborhood: SW Wheaton (3)

Michelle Grant's business information was accidentally omitted last month.

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Annual Holiday Dinner

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We are returning to Klein Creek Golf Club on December 5 for our Annual Holiday Dinner. NO books to read, nothing to bring – just reserve by 11/21 and enjoy an evening of *fellowship* (in more ways than one!) Don't delay – sign up now!



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): 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

followed by the program, Fellowship Speaker Melissa Bilal

Dinner Entrees (soup, salad, and dessert included):

***Basil Cream Boneless Breast of Chicken* sauteed with diced tomatoes and basil cream sauce - \$27**

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

***Fresh Atlantic Grilled Salmon* topped with tomato bruschetta - \$28**

Reservation payment and order due November 21, 2011

Don't miss this evening. It is always an AAUW highlight!

Reserve early – make sure you plan to attend.

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



Call for Authors: We will have a table for authors who would like to sell their books at the Holiday Dinner December 5. If you would like space to display and sign your book(s) please respond by Monday, November 21st to Maureen Sheehan at 630-545-0215, or maureenjsheehan@aol.com with subject line 'Author at Dinner Meeting'.

Dinner Meeting Hospitality: Volunteers are needed to assist with set up for the Holiday Dinner at 5 PM on the day of the event. Please contact Maureen Sheehan (info above) if you would like to help out, subject line - 'Dinner Meeting Hospitality'.



History and Cuisine of the Spice Routes

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Pat Kaczor

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Remember how much fun the Julia Child dinner was? At the October 12 meeting, the Board 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 Nonfiction - 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, 21012
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.)



Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run/Ride

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I am happy to share with you that we have raised \$855.00 for the the for AAUW's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. It was a beautiful sunny chilly fall morning and we had 14 participants for the event.

Thank you to these generous contributors: Cheryl Turek, Susie Gullickson, Phyllis Fogel, Susan Langguth, Majorie Robinson, Susan Flater, Joanne Rowland, Winifred Creamer, Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann, Kathy McCullough, Margaret McGrath, Donna Staples, Cindy Trennert-Lukens, Sharon Garney, Helen Gum, Westlake, Sherry Yarema, Pat Walton, Ursula Ulrich, Judith Sims, Jean Lindsey.



Phyllis Fogel, Cindy Trennert-Lukens, Winifred Creamer and Marjorie Robinson walk for the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation.

The AAUW Educational Foundation's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls supports fellowships for public school teachers, an annual Teacher Institute, a Forum on Educational Equity, and groundbreaking research that has changed the way scholars, policy-makers, and the general public think about the experiences and needs of girls and women.

Our event concluded in Wheaton where we shared a cup of coffee and cake. It was a wonderful event. If you didn't attend, make time to join us next year! Thank you all!



Book Sale News

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To date, 322 boxes are ready for the 2012 sale. Sorting will resume again on November 3. Contact Jan for details.

Judy Sims ('04) will have Book Sale Gift Certificates at the November Branch meeting and the December Holiday Party. They can be purchased 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 Mark Twain – *Classic*: A book which people praise and don't read.



Cultural Arts News / Group Travel

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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)

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LAF provides financial and organizational support for a select number of sex discrimination cases in the workplace and in academia that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women. To be eligible for LAF support, cases must: Address a workplace issue within AAUW's mission such as discrimination related to economic security, education, civil rights, or Title IX. The workplace can include college and university campuses.

- Have the potential for significance with respect to future cases and the likelihood to set or reinforce precedent that will discourage gender discrimination and benefit women.
- Be filed in state or federal court, preferably at the appellate level.
- Request support to advance the legal case. Financial support will not be provided to reimburse personal expenditures.
- Have litigants who are willing to engage in Branch visits and make appropriate public appearances with AAUW.
- Allow AAUW to publicize support for the case internally and externally, including in the media, on the website, and in electronic and print communications.

AAUW offers both financial and non-financial support to selected applicants, including funding for:

- Court filing fees
- Preparation of briefs, filings, and other case-based costs
- Plaintiff court travel
- Specified immediate essential plaintiff needs

AAUW can also offer non-financial support, including: signatory of an *amicus* brief, an official statement of support, AAUW members attending court sessions, and AAUW members at a rally.



A.M. Lit

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On November 4, we will be discussing *You Know When the Men are Gone* by Siobahn Fallon. This is a book of connected short stories set in Fort Hood, Texas, that provides a very moving and disturbing look at the cost of war to American families. Some of the characters appear in multiple stories and each story has a different narrator- some Army spouses and some army personnel.

We meet at the home of Jenny Fischer, with Judy Sims as cohostess and Karen Bondy as discussion leader.

Looking ahead, on December 2, *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway is our selection. We will meet at the home of Peggy Connolly with Karen Bondy as our cohost. A discussion leader is still needed, 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. See the website for a full list of books.

P. M. Lit Group

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Woohoo! We had a record attendance of 22 women at PM Lit in September. Was it the book selection? Maybe; but I think it's a reflection of how much we enjoy getting together.

Our November novel is Jennifer Vanderbes' sophomore work, *Strangers at the Feast*. The book "could... be a pastiche of Wharton, Franzen, Updike, Roth, Bellow, and other prolific writers of social criticism and the nuclear family" (twitterbug on Amazon.com) as it exposes the myth of the perfect family gathered for Thanksgiving dinner. "Smart," "explosive," and "riveting" appear in reviews.

We'll meet at 7:30 on Monday, November 21 at Cynthia Chand's home. (630) 260-3682. Helen Westlake will lead discussion. Special thanks to Cynthia who volunteered to host before she had ever been to a PM Lit meeting!

Non-Fiction Lit Group

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Non-Fiction Lit Group will meet next on the last day of November, Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Peggy Connolly's home. We will be discussing *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 in 1933 during Hitler's first year in power. Here is the first and the last line from the book's prelude: "Once, at the dawn of a very dark time, an American father and daughter found themselves suddenly transported from their snug home in Chicago to the heart of Hitler's Berlin....These were complicated people moving through a complicated time, before the monsters declared their true nature." Das ist erst das – that is just for starters.

Join us the week after Thanksgiving as we discuss this interesting book. Check out the entire selected reading list for the year on the website or drop me an e-mail and I will send you a list. 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** *****

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**

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Film Group will be meeting at Lindy Pond's, November 11. As usual, we don't have a title yet, but we know we will have a rousing meeting full of discussion, varied opinions, and wine/cheese/yummies to stoke the conversation. It's always fun. A moderator provides some preliminary information, and then we're off to discussion.

We send an email during the week of the movie, after we've picked the title. So if you aren't receiving those emails and want to be on the list, just let me know. Remember, you are always welcome; you can bring a spouse or friend, and you can drop in to the Film Nights that work for you rather than feel you have to make every single one. For new members this is a way to meet other Branch members at their casual best. There's really no preparation for the night, and you get to jump right in with your opinion. How can that not be great!

We generally try for a foreign film at the Glen, but often we have to choose something else. We don't always go to the Glen. And sometimes we even rent a film to view. Let us know of titles you're longing to see, including some DVD, Netflix, or whatever. The point is to watch something good and talk about it with stimulating people afterward. Do join us! We'd love to have you there.

**Great Decisions****Winifred Creamer**

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We will meet November 28 to discuss Topic 7 -- The Caucasus. Contact Winifred for meeting location.

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.

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.



Annual Holiday Dinner - Reservation form due Monday November 21, 2011 (Don't Be Late!)

Name _____

Choose one:

Chicken - \$27 _____

Pork - \$27 _____

Salmon - \$28 _____

**Please return this form and a check payable to Wheaton Glen Ellyn AAUW to
Maureen Sheehan, 227 Orchard Lane, Glen Ellyn IL 60137**





*You're Invited to Our Second
Make a Gingerbread House
Saturday, November 26 * 9:45 AM
Phyllis Fogel's Home
\$35.00



This is tons of fun and the Gingerbread House you make is a fabulous holiday decoration. A professional guides us and provides everything we need to make us look like experts. All walls, roof, frosting, and candy is furnished along with two hours of the demonstrator's time. She is really good and helpful and shows how to make extras such as trees, reindeer, mailboxes, etc. Also furnished is a heavy cardboard box with handle to transport it home. See more at www.bbchollydays.com

This is limited to the first 20 members who send their checks to: Phyllis Fogel. Make checks out to Phyllis.

Twigs **Karen Bondy** **630-466-3527** bondykj@aol.com

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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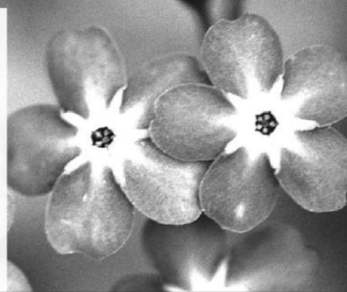
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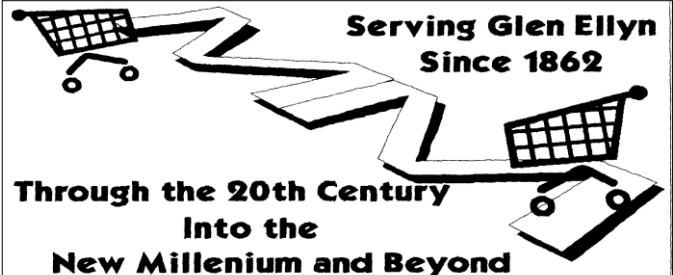
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