



AAUW

Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

October 2010

Twigs

Mark Your Calendar

- September 27 Great Decisions, 7 pm at Jane Palmer's, 807 Warrenville Rd., Wheaton
- September 29 Non-Fiction Lit at Phyllis Fogel's, 1126 S. Edgewood Avenue, Lombard
- October 1 AM Lit, 9:30 a.m. at Sharon Garney's, 2S151 Kent Rd., Glen Ellyn
- October 2 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run, 9 am. Meet at the Glen Ellyn Library parking lot to walk to Wheaton.
- October 6 **Branch Meeting, 7 p.m. Illinois Counts: Making Our Legislature Work,**
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn
- October 7
and 21 Book sorting, 1 pm at Book Storage Center, 26 W 515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream. Phone Jan first.
- October 13 Board meeting, 7 pm at Sherry Yarema's, 301 N. Montclair, Glen Ellyn
- October 16 AAUW Fall Conference at Joliet Junior College
- October 16 Community Shredding Day and Book Collection
- October 18 PM Lit, 7:30 pm at Jean Lindsey's home, 1644 Orth Drive, Wheaton
- October 20 Bridge group, 7 pm at Donna Jennings', 725 Lenox Rd., Glen Ellyn
- October 25 Great Decisions 7 pm. Location to be arranged.
- November 5 AM LIT 9:30 a.m. at Barbara Isom's, 848 Highgate Course, Glen Ellyn.
- November 22 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 pm at Peggy Connolly's, 1445 Brentwood Ln., Wheaton



Illinois Counts: Making Our Legislature Work

Paula Purdue, AAUW Legislative Consultant

The November election is quickly approaching. Join Paula Purdue, the speaker for our October meeting, and enhance your ability to make an informed decision on election day. Paula is our AAUW Illinois legislative consultant, an excellent speaker, and can provide an "insider's" perspective on the operations of the Illinois House and Senate. Paula spent 28 years as the first female lobbyist for the Illinois Education Association. She retired from that position in 2004 and started her own lobbying firm. Since that time, she has built an impressive client list and now works with her daughter Jenni Purdue. Paula is excellent at fielding questions from the floor, and her expertise will provide a platform for a lively discussion. Don't miss the October 6 meeting. We will be back in our "more regular" meeting location.

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

Time: Wednesday, October 6, 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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*O Suns and skies and clouds of June, and flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour October's bright blue weather! Helen Jackson (1830-1885)*

If you want to be cheered about the coming of fall, try reading all of Helen Jackson's above poem. Something we probably learned in grade school, but still cheers us onward into the golden season. And don't forget Robert Frosts' *After Apple Picking Time*. (...there's a barrel I didn't fill).

For our Branch, this season includes the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Ride—a fundraiser that lets us walk together down the Prairie Path, savor hot coffee and goodies together at the end, and support Women's Advocacy. (See Pat Walton's article)

For our Branch, the season includes the opportunity to meet extended AAUW friends by attending the Fall Conference Saturday, October 16 at Joliet Junior College. Keynote address: *Creating a Healthy Branch Culture*. AAUW-CA's Director of Leadership Development will focus on membership recruitment and retention. (Call me for details.)

For Membership, let's not forget all those wonderful new members who have joined. Give them a lift to one of the events listed above. Call them for coffee. Let them know you care. They are bringing new friendships and new experiences. That matters.

For each of us, complete your personal AAUW member survey. Click on www.AAUW.org and scroll down to "2010 AAUW Member Survey." Click, enter your member number (in your Branch directory) and voila, one of those checklists. This one lets you select the items you want AAUW to focus on. One member One Vote.

For a mental boost, AAUW Director Research Catherine Hill just reported that for 2008-2009, women earned more doctorates than men. You go girl!! (Helps us remember the value of our Book Sale.)



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

Nearly 50 people including several new members and some guests attended the September 15 meeting.

Two women joined, taking advantage of the *Shape the Future* campaign. The key feature of this initiative offers 50 percent off the national membership dues to anyone who joins at a public event. So, if someone joins on the spot the total dues amount is \$53.50. It breaks down to \$24.50 National, \$10 State, and \$19 Branch. It's a \$24.50 savings. For every two new members who join, our Branch earns one free national membership, up to a maximum of three free memberships per year. It's a very good deal for both a new member and for our Branch.

Welcome to **Sandy Lopata** from Glen Ellyn, recruited by Margaret McGrath and **Lynn Collier** from Winfield. Lynn came to the 2010 Book Sale and indicated interest in our Branch. So that makes 106 members now! Isn't that great!!! Your fine recruiting efforts are much appreciated. Please help make them feel welcome and comfortable in our wonderful Branch. Thanks to immediate past Membership VP Phyllis Fogel who is filling in while Sherry is out of the country.

Directory Jane Palmer 312-403-6434 jfpalmer@comcast.net

Directory Update-October Twigs

The 2010-2011 Branch Directory is being distributed this month at our regular meetings. Please take one for a neighbor to help save postage costs. Any that are left will be mailed in the last week of September. Special thanks to Glenna Thompson and Jenny Fischer for their help with this big project. If you spot any problems, let me know and I'll publish a correction.

Speaking of corrections – this is the corrected listing for Amy Thompson.

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 MA School Counseling Concordia Univ.
Mbr. Date: 8/2/1994 **Neighborhood:** NW Glen Ellyn (8)

We have one new member, Virginia Highstone, who joined just after the directory went to press. Here is her directory information.

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 MS Education Northwestern Univ.
AAUW No.: **Mbr. Date:** 9/1/2010
Neighborhood: Central Glen Ellyn (6)

If any of you would like to have the membership listing available on your computer, let me know and I'll email a PDF version to you. You can save it to your desktop and won't need to look for your directory booklet when you want to quickly check on an address or an email. I can also periodically update it for corrections and new members.

Finally, Part I, General Information, and Part III, Business Networking, are available on the website, on "Members Only" page.



Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run/Ride Pat Walton 630-736-0295 pjwplace@aol.com

Join us Saturday, **October 2 at 9:00 AM** for the Walk/Run/Ride.

This is our branch mini-fundraiser for women's issues.

Registration: 8:45 AM
Step Off: 9:00 AM
Start: Glen Ellyn Public Library Parking Lot (by Prairie Path)
Route: Prairie Path to Wheaton
End: Caribou Coffee, across from Wheaton Train Station
Distance: 2.9 miles, (most are done in no time!)
Transport: Provided back to Glen Ellyn start point
T-Shirt: Walk T-Shirts are provided to all participants and donors
Reward: Coffee & Snacks at the end
Reward: Friendships Renewed and Initiated

Checks should be made payable to: AAUW Wheaton Glen Ellyn Branch. (Memo: ER Fund)

Help raise funds for one of the AAUW's most dynamic programs — the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. The fund supports groundbreaking research and special educational equity projects

Goals of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

- to remove barriers to women's and girls' participation in education
- to promote the value of diversity and cross-cultural communication
- to develop greater understanding of the ways women learn, think, work, and play

Please participate, sponsor a participant or join us at the finish line.

For those who will meet at the finish line, 9:45 is a good approximate time. Questions? Please contact: Pat Walton



Public Policy

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This year, our public policy focus is on the Illinois State Government. We hope to develop effective means to support positions taken by AAUW and issues impacting our membership. One area of concern is the financial health of our state. While we may be familiar with major elected offices, one of the lesser known but very important is the Office of the Comptroller. The Comptroller is the chief fiscal officer and is charged with maintaining the state's central fiscal accounts and ordering payments into and out of the appropriate funds. The current Comptroller, Dan Hynes, believes that position should be the state's leading voice for fiscal responsibility and a watchdog over state finances. The Comptroller is also responsible for Cemetery Care. There are five candidates running for the position: Judy Baar Topinka, Republican; David Miller, Democrat; Erika Schafer, Green Party; Julie Fox, Libertarian; and Timothy Becker, Constitution Party. Take time to research these candidates and make an informed decision in November. For questions and concerns, contact Pamela Starr.

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

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We have 106 boxes of sorted books to date and more awaiting our attention. And we have a new, very sturdy sorting table thanks to Jane Palmer.

Thanks to Ann Hein and Friends of the Winfield Library, we received a large donation of very fine books. Although some books are library discards, many appear to be of quality and subject matter that warrant being labeled "curios". Last month, Lexington of Elmhurst was our big contributor. The "librarian" told us he is continuing to cull volumes from the shelves and will be contacting us again soon.

Hello to our newer members! Got Thursday afternoons free?

We are seeking additional volunteers for book sorting and/or occasional book pickups. Book sorting is held the **first and third Thursdays of the month**. Other Book Sale jobs are available, too. Contact one of the chairs. If you are not already a member of our sorting team and would like to join, send an e-mail expressing your interest to jradil@sbcglobal.net - as always, participation is flexible and there is no heavy lifting. Please let me know if you can make occasional book pickups.

October 16 is Community Shredding Day in Glen Ellyn, and we will be there thanks to the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce. From 9 a.m. to noon in Glen Ellyn, we plan to hand out flyers requesting donations as well as accept books the community will drop off. Volunteers needed; contact Jan Radil by phone or e-mail.

These are the current drop-off locations (for the general public) for the Book Sale.

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ReMax Suburban

1417 N. Main Street 630/653-1900

Glen Ellyn

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441 Taft Avenue 630/790-1776

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

Class bells are ringing again in high schools across America. Yet, the more things stay the same, the more they need to change. Title IX, the federal legislation that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities, has provided girls with many more opportunities than they once had, but improved accountability will energize many more. For the young women in your life, **[join AAUW in urging your member of Congress to enforce Title IX in our high schools and strengthen its protections.](#)**

Two bills, the **High School Athletics Accountability Act (H.R. 2882)** and the **High School Sports Information Collection Act (S. 471)**, would do just that. These bills would make participation rates and expenditures for high school athletes available to the public, helping communities better enforce Title IX.

Title IX is one of the country's greatest success stories. Since 1972, Title IX's work has led to a 400 percent increase in the rate of female participation in college sports and a more than 800 percent increase in participation at the high school level. Female athletes are more likely to develop positive school and lifestyle habits. High school girls who participate in sports are less likely to experience an unintended pregnancy or to smoke or use illicit drugs, while they are more likely to have a positive body image than girls who don't play sports. Increasing children's physical activity can also help combat childhood obesity, which is at an all-time high, and can have lasting effects on obesity risks into adulthood.

Despite the significant gains girls and women have made since the enactment of Title IX, a significant drawback to the law's enforcement at the high school level involves the lack of data reporting. While it is estimated that female students receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play high school sports than do male students, the U.S. Department of Education does not require high schools to make athletic opportunity, participation, and funding statistics publicly available, even though the schools already collect this information. Colleges are required to report this data; it's time our high schools are, too.

Take Action:

Go to the following website and enter your zip code to contact your representative or senator:

<http://capwiz.com/auw/issues/alert/?alertid=13572986>



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

October 1 - mark it – it's practically HERE! *A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore is narrated by Tassie Keltjin, a naïve college student who takes a job as a nanny for Sarah and Edward Brink when they adopt a black child. Well, actually before they adopt the child, as Sarah wants Tassie to accompany her when she interviews the moms. When the little girl, Mary-Emma, receives a racial slur, Sarah immediately organizes a support group of mixed race families. Throughout the book we are privy to Tassie's hilarious and insightful observations about families and society. We will meet at the home of Sharon Garney. Jenny Fischer will lead the discussion; Donna Jennings will co-host.

For those of you who like to read ahead:

November 5 book is *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 need a cohostess.

Books for the year were selected at the September meeting and are listed on the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW website or call/email Kathy for an electronic list to be sent to you.

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

PM Lit will meet on Monday, **October 18** to discuss *Alice I Have Been* by Melanie Benjamin. Ms. Benjamin was the guest speaker at the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Branch September kick-off meeting. We will meet at 7:30 at Jean Lindsey's home, 1644 Orth Drive in Wheaton. The Glen Ellyn library has 8 copies of the book on reserve at the second floor reference desk. They can be picked up on September 20 and are due on October 19.

For those who like to read ahead. . . .

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
November 15	<i>Two Old Women</i>	Velma Wallis
January 17	<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London
February 21	<i>Cutting for Stone</i>	Abraham Verghese
March 21	<i>The Glass Palace</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.

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



BRIDGE, Fun with Friends and Learning Phyllis Fogel **630-629-7911** prfogel@live.com

The Bridge Group will meet on Wednesday, **October 20** at the home of Donna Jennings at 7:00 p.m. The lesson will include information about overcalls and doubles. Please RSVP to Donna by email at drjennin@att.net or phone 630-858-1461. Come to learn something more about the game we all love and to enjoy the companionship of other bridge players.

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

Contact Marilyn for October information.



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

Great Decisions will meet on Monday evening, **September 27**, 7:00 pm at Jane Palmer's, 807 Warrentville Rd., Wheaton. The topic will be Topic 5, *Global Financial Crisis* from the 2010 Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions publication.


Monday, **October 25**, 7:00 pm. Great Decisions Topic 6 will be *Russia and Its Neighbors*. If you need a copy of the article, contact Winifred. Contact Winifred for meeting location.

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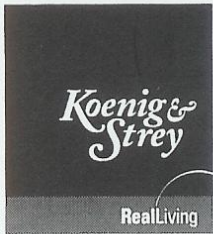
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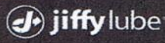
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(you MAY just show up and sign up, but this helps us to plan!)

____ I will not participate, but let me contribute to the fund by sponsoring a fellow member. Donation included.

____ I will be an end of route cheerleader to join you for rolls and coffee in Wheaton

Return to: **Pat Walton 5417 Ridge Crossing, Hanover Park, IL 60133** or **Lindy Pond, 425 Fairview Ave., GE., 60137**

Checks payable to: **Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW (Memo: Eleanor Roosevelt Fund)**



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.