



AAUW

Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

Summer 2010

Twigs

Mark Your Calendar

- June 9 Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Glennette Turner's, 1541 Hill, Wheaton
- June 11 Film Group – Discussion after film at Sharon Garney,s, 2S151 Kent Rd., GE
Contact Marilyn Wiedemann 630-858-2091 hillarlyn@wowway.com for more info
- June 14 Bridge instruction and play, 7 p.m. at Phyllis Fogel's, 1126 S. Edgewood Avenue, Lombard
- June 15 Program Plan Meeting, 7 p.m. at Barb Isom's, 848 High Gate Course, GE
- June 16 Non-Fiction Lit, 7 p.m. at Ewa Bacon's, 708 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton
- June 17 Book sorting, 1 pm at Pond Athletics, 26 W 515 St. Charles Rd., Carol Stream. Phone Jan first
- June 21 PM Lit book Selection, 7:30 a.m. at Bonnie Wheaton's, 1203 E. Harrison, Wtn
- June 23 Book Sale Wrap-up Lunch, 12:00 noon at Sherry Yarema's, 301 N. Montclair, GE
- July 9 AM Lit at Phyllis Fogel's, 1126 S. Edgewood Avenue, Lombard
- July 9 Film Group -Contact Marilyn Wiedemann 630-858-2091 hillarlyn@wowway.com for more info
- July 17 First Folio Shakespeare performance, 6:30 p.m. at Peabody Mayslake
- July 21 Chicago Cubs Outing, 1:20 p.m. at Wrigley Field
- July 27 Budget Plan Meeting, 7 p.m. at Lindy Pond's, 425 Fairview Ave., GE
- August 6 AM Lit at Sherry Yarema's, 301 N. Montclair, GE
- August 18 Non-fiction Lit book selection, 7 p.m., at Pam Starr's, 1240 Foothill Dr., Wtn.
- September 10 AM Lit book Selection, 9:30 a.m. at Kathy McCullough's, 1505 Blanchard Ct., Wtn

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To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven, Ecclesiastes 3:1
Spring turns into summer and reminds us that all things move on into flowering and fruiting. Branch members have experienced a year of personal trials, considerable grief, but also much joy. Let us remember the good times as we continue as friends and women committed to improving equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. And let us continue to support those in our Branch needing our special sisterhood.

Summer will bring options for continued reading in book groups, cultural events, film, even a CUBS outing, and other AAUW options. Keep reading your *Twigs*, and e-mails, for details.

June brings you a chance to help shape the Branch. Come to the Program Planning meeting (ably run by Program VP's Maureen Sheehan and Barb Isom) and help plan an exciting year of monthly programs. Have you an area of interest? A great speaker you heard? Something you've always wanted to know more about? Well, tell us at that meeting. Or come to give your opinion about the options that come up. This is a great brain storming session in which you get to make next year the best ever.

June also means wrap up of our Book Sale and Fresh Look at funding options. We had a terrific Book Sale this year, thanks to our co-chairs Sherry Yarema and Jan Radil, our fantastic publicity chair Sarah Peck, and a year long Branch member push to collect and sort books, capped by a tremendous final three week effort to increase the supply enough to result in the largest income in our history. Congratulations one and all.

Fresh Look Committee will do some "out of the box" thinking about Book Sale, fundraising in general, and innovative options for achieving our AAUW Education Fund and local scholarship goals. We look forward to hearing some of their ideas in the fall.

AAUW is a great place to be, winter, spring, summer, and fall. There is a season for everything we do and a purpose to our doing that is something to be proud of. Thank you for being an AAUW member!

Program Planning Meeting - All Branch members welcome!
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Do you have an idea for a Branch program that you'd love to see? If so we hope that you will join the Program Planning Committee as we select next year's topics and speakers. The meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15th, 7 PM, at Barbara Isom's, 848 High Gate Court, Glen Ellyn. Even if you haven't got an idea now please come to the meeting.....you never know; you may be inspired when the discussion starts! Planning Branch programs is a collaborative effort and your ideas will be valuable. Please RSVP to Barbara at 630-510-9060 if you plan to attend. Ideas from all are welcome, so even if you can't attend contact one of our Program Co-Vice Presidents with your idea.



Book Sale News

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What a fantastic book sale we had! The best one ever! Adding back the extra day was a really good thing. So everyone's hard work on Monday and Tuesday unloading the 850 some boxes and setting up the sale tables was phenomenal. Over 70 members worked at the Civic Center during Book Sale Week. In addition many others have helped with monetary donations, sorting, book pick-ups, calling and publicity throughout the year.

Special kudos to Sarah Peck whose tireless efforts got us some wonderful articles in area newspapers. We had an informal poll of buyers as they were checking out. Yard signs and our postcard mailing topped the list of ways people learned about our sale. The newspaper articles and web presence were also mentioned. One dealer who came all the way from the Twin Cities to buy. Thanks to the brown bag initiative of Jan Radil, the email campaign suggested by Sarah Peck, and the additional solicitations by many members of their neighbors, address book friends, and even institutions, we were able to double the number of boxes in only 4 weeks. Without books, we couldn't have made money. Thanks to all of you who contributed!

And a round of applause for Judy Sims (2004) and Sue Flater for coordinating book pick-ups - a very important job. One really big thank you to Lindy Pond for her generous donation of warehouse space. A year's locker rental is about \$2000. So because of Lindy we were able to put more of our book sale income into our mission of breaking down educational barriers for women and girls. Well done, women of the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch! Thanks you, thank you, thank you!

As of June 1, we are back in the book collecting business. Tell your friends and neighbors that we collect books all year. And we will be having our first sorting day on Thursday, June 17 at the wonderful Dick Pond Athletics. Save the date! And help make our 50th book sale even better than the 49th. What can you do to help? Volunteer to serve on the Steering Committee. We need a Publicity Coordinator and Publicity Committee Members. We need a Properties Chair (primary duty is to store the signs, adding machines, etc. used during the sale). Properties are currently in Marilyn Wiedemann's basement, but she'd love to let someone else be the properties caretaker.

We'll have a book sale wrap up lunch at my home on Wednesday, June 23. Everyone is welcome. Come share your pats and pans and ideas for the big 50th. Just let me know how many to plan for.

Book Sale Financial Results (from the Co-Treasurers): Not all bills are in for the Book Sale but based on conservative estimates of outstanding expenses, we believe that the net income from this year's sale will be about \$13,000 dollars. **This is about \$5,500 more than last year's net income!**

Breakdown of the additional \$5,500 in net income:

- \$1,300 net reduction in expenses (Thanks, Lindy!)
- \$1,700 increase in opening night sales (Wednesday vs. Thursday or from increased publicity?)
- \$2,500 overall increase in sales after opening night (primarily due to additional sale day)

The whole Branch contributed in many ways to the success of this year's sale. Now, on to the 50th!



Membership Phyllis Fogel, Outgoing Membership VP 630-629-7911 prfogel@live.com

We have a brand new member, #105, who joined at the Book Sale! Pat Somers was recruited by Mary Mossman and has already attended PM Lit. We welcome Pat. Also, at the Book Sale four women expressed interest in joining us and letters have been sent to them. It has been an honor to serve as the Branch's Vice-President of Membership these last two years. It has been a rewarding and learning experience for me and one which I will always treasure. I will continue to serve the Branch by being the Historian. Have a safe and happy summer and hope to see all of you again in the fall.

Don't forget the *Give a Grad a Gift* program. AAUW members can now give a recent (2 yr) grad - a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece - a **free** AAUW membership. No cost for you or her! Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to AAUW. A free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or her! Only members can take advantage of this offer. Complete the online membership application now. Go to <https://svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfm>. Get your id number from the directory or you can get it from the site. Click on Membership Campaign, and under that, Give a Grad a Gift.

Membership Sherry Yarema, Incoming Membership VP 630-858-5225 syarema@earthlink.net

I'm planning a membership event in mid-July. So please e-mail me names of potential members that we can invite to the event. If you are interested in serving on the membership committee or just helping with this event, e-mail me and then we'll talk. I'm looking for something new and clever that will draw people.

Directory Update for Summer Twigs

New Member

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BA Psychology

Ph D Psychology

Mbr. Date: 5/16/2010

Univ. of Illinois

Walden Univ.

Neighborhood: NW Wheaton (1)

You may have noticed that we now have two members named **Judith A. Sims**, both from Glen Ellyn. We decided to distinguish them in Twigs by parenthetically adding their respective membership years. So that explains why in several articles, Judy Sims (Treasurer and outgoing PM Lit chair) is now referenced as Judy Sims (2004). Our "new-this-year" Judy Sims will be Judy Sims (2010.)



Educational Opportunities Fund or EOF

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Thank you banquet-goers who were so kind to welcome our talented scholarship recipients, Jane Arndt and Maddie Andersen. These young women were very excited about attending COD in September and expressed their appreciation for our financial assistance. Both have plans to go on with their education after receiving their associate degree.

Maddie comes from an Italian family of good cooks, will be attending COD's culinary arts program and was a member of the math team at Glenbard South. She'll continue honing her culinary skills at one of the large professional schools. Jane loves to sing and has enjoyed being in the show choir at Wheaton Warrenville South. She is studying to become a dental hygienist and would like to go on for bachelors degree in health.

I'd say, mission accomplished, "helping women and girls through advocacy, education and research".

ALERT: If you make a contribution to AAUW, PLEASE donate to our Branch Grant, #4318! We are trying to get our grant listed as a donation option when dues are renewed online. Thanks so much to those who've contributed this year.



Dues News: Dues are Due by June 15!

Jane Palmer (630) 682-3072 jfpalmer@comcast.net **AND Judy Sims (2004)** (630) 790-1093 judsims@hotmail.com

More than 50% of our current members have already renewed. If you are not among that group, please make our job easier by sending Judy your dues check by June 15. We have to send our renewals report to the Association by June 30 so we appreciate your promptness!

We hope that everyone has received a Dues Renewal Letter by now. If you haven't received it yet or have any questions about paying your dues for 2010-2011, call or email Jane Palmer. (630-682-3072 or jfpalmer@comcast.net)

You can pay your Association, State and Branch dues online or mail your check to Judith Sims, 426 Sandhurst Circle, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. If you are paying \$2 for business networking or \$60 for *Twigs* sponsorship, these can only be paid by check. Directory updates also should be returned to Judy. Keep page 3 of the letter for your tax file because it has information about the tax deductibility of part of your national dues.

If you are a *Twigs* sponsor, Karen Bondy will contact you for your business information after we receive the sponsor fee of \$60. For example, she can scan your business card or you can provide custom copy. For more information about *Twigs* sponsorship, call or email Karen Bondy (630/466-3527; bondykj@aol.com).

Paying On-line - New this year – you can go to www.aauw.org and pay your dues by credit card online. Follow these steps:

1. Go to www.aauw.org and click on MEMBERSHIP in the menu list on the left.
2. From the MEMBERSHIP page, click on JOIN/RENEW.
3. The second paragraph on the JOIN/RENEW page is headed "Branch Member..." Click on RENEW MEMBERSHIP under the "Branch Member" paragraph.
4. This will take you to MPP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR BRANCHES. Follow the directions on this page to find your personal invoice. The first step is to click on MEMBER CENTER. At this point, you will need to enter your AAUW Member Number. This is part of your directory listing or you can find it through the website by entering your last name.
5. When you get to the MEMBER CENTER page, click on MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE. Now you will be asked for your AAUW Member Number and password. If you haven't previously established a password on AAUW.org, you will need to set one up.
6. Next, click on PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP MPP. You will see your personal invoice and can then enter a credit card number to pay on line.

Note that if you are in the business networking directory or would like to be a *Twigs* sponsor, after paying online, you will still need to write a check to the Branch for your networking and/or sponsor fees.

Budget Meeting July 27 All Board members who have a who have budget responsibility should plan to attend or consult with Lindy Pond if you will be unable to attend. This meeting will establish expenses for the 2010-11 year. See your policy Hand Book for details.



Cultural Arts

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Last year's trip to the First Folio production of *Macbeth* was such a success, we're going to have another Shakespeare in the park on Saturday, July 17. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs, etc. at 6:30. We'll picnic first and then enjoy a Shakespearean performance

The show is on the beautiful grounds of the Mayslake Peabody Estate Forest Preserve, located just west of Highway 83, at 31st Street. Tickets are \$28 (\$23 for seniors),-- payable at the ticket booth on the evening of the show. Just let me know if you plan to attend. In case of rain, we'll go the following Saturday.



Chicago Cubs Game Outing **Jane Palmer** **630-682-3072** **jfpalmer@comcast.net**

We have a few tickets remaining for our AAUW group outing to Wrigley Field on July 21. We will be playing the Houston Astros. It's a 1:20 PM game and if you get there early enough, you may get a free Cubs key chain. Our seats are in the Upper Deck Reserved Infield, Sections 524 and 525, Rows 8 and 9. Great seats (if you don't mind the walk up the ramp). The seats are just to the 1st base side of home plate.

Members will be on their own for transportation – either car pool or public transportation.

To buy tickets, email or call me (jfpalmer@comcast.net or 630/682-3072) to let me know how many you need. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Make checks payable to the Branch. (About \$7 per ticket will go to the Branch's Convention Fund.) Members will have priority until June 15. Limit of 4 tickets per member. **Go Cubs!**



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

AAUW signed an amicus brief for *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, and the case was argued before the U. S. Supreme Court on April 19. The court will decide whether or not the University of California Hastings College of Law may deny school funding to a religious student organization because the group requires its officers and voting members to agree with its religious viewpoints. Gay and lesbian students were specifically barred from the group. AAUW joins other amicus signers in supporting the school, the separation of church and state, and religious liberty. Learn more at <http://www.aauw.org>.

Women's Sports Foundation Collaboration

LAF staff members are working to further corroborate efforts with the Women's Sports Foundation on the Title IX Compliance: *Know the Score* program. We are looking for members who are interested in being paired with WSF experts to address known noncompliance in their area. Please contact laf@aauw.org for more information.

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@aauw.org. Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.



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

On July 9, we're going back to India. In *Unaccustomed Earth: Stories*, Jhumpa Lahiri offers eight stories that examine the gulf that separates Indian parents from their American children and Indian-Americans from their homeland. The book deals with such topics as the stress of bringing a widowed father into his daughter's home, arranged marriage, and the loss of a mother. We will meet at the home of Phyllis Fogel. Jane Palmer will lead and Sue Herrmann will co-host.

In Mississippi in 1962, black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver. In *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is just home from college, anxious to become a writer. Advised to write about what disturbs her, Skeeter begins to collect the stories of the black women, who the country club set mistrusts, but relies on. Skeeter enlists the help of Aibileen, a maid who's raised 17 children, and Aibileen's best friend Minny, who's tendency to talk back to her white employers resulted in several bouts of unemployment. Skeeter's book is scathing and shocks the white community, yet brings pride and hope to the black community. We will meet August 6 at the home of Sherry Yarema. JoEllen Dakin will lead the discussion. Laura Desmarais will co-host.

September 10 is the date we select our reading list for the next year. Contact Kathy with ideas.

P. M. Lit Group **Judy Sims, Outgoing chair** **630-790-1093** **JudSims@hotmail.com**
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PM LIT will be having a pot luck and book choice night on June 21 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Bonnie Wheaton, 1203 E. Harrison, Wheaton. Submit up to three suggestions to Kimberly Thacker at kjthacker@comcast.net. Please include a brief description of each book. If you will be attending that evening, bring a salad or dessert to share. See you there.

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

The Non-fiction readers will discuss *Maiden Voyages: Writings of Women Travelers* by Mary Morris on June 16 at the home of Eva Bacon. NOTE: this is a change of location. This delightful book features women travelers who venture to places as diverse as icy Himalayan passes and dusty pioneer towns. On August 18, we will make our selections for the upcoming year at the home of Pamela Starr. Please feel free to begin submitting your recommendations. We will conclude our current year's selections by reading *Kissinger: 1973, the Crucial Year* by Alistair Horne. The date is September 15. Contact Pamela Starr for recommendations or additional information. pstarr@sbcglobal.net

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

The wrap-up session of bridge this season will be on Monday, June 14 at the Fogels at 7:00 p.m. The lesson will be on an aspect of defense, Opening Leads. More contracts are made or set at that time than at any other point. To facilitate in the setting up please let us know if you can attend. Hope to see all of you on June 14.



Film Group**Marilyn Mayer Wiedemann**

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We're Back!!! (Wasn't that Freddy's line in the scary film Nightmare on Elm Street?) Anyway, Film Group likes to continue through the summer. Not everyone can make it, but it's fun to have friends with whom to discuss films while watching fireflies in the back yard and sipping cool drinks. Remember, this is a great way to introduce new people to AAUW, and you can also bring your spouse or a friend. This is one group that "entertains" the male point of view.

Sometimes it is necessary in understanding a film.

We'll meet on June 11. Film title and time will follow, along with a map to the Garney home, where we will discuss the film after we see it. Thank you all for signing up SO long ago for hosting and facilitating. Mike Starr will be our facilitator. Do come—it's great fun. E-mail me if you aren't already on the list and want to be notified of where we are going and what we will be seeing

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International Relations / Great Decisions**Winifred Creamer**

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Great Decisions will not meet in the summer because. . . it's SUMMER! Look for news of Great Decisions and International Relations discussion group again in the fall.

Book Fest in Glen Ellyn – submitted by Jenny Fischer, member

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On Saturday, June 19th there is going to be a Book Fest in Glen Ellyn with activities taking place all day long at the library, various restaurants, Glenbard West, and at The Bookstore. Our own member Glennette Turner will be presenting at the library at 10:30. There are events for adults and children. Some of the events are free. Some of them are ticketed. You can buy tickets online or at The Bookstore. If you would like to know more, here's a link <http://downtownglenellyn.com/?p=1267> Click on any one of the events for details. Also we are having a 50 hr readathon to raise money for the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center which is housed in Lincoln School. If you would like to make a donation, link here for more details.

<http://justthebookstore.blogspot.com/2010/05/read-share-help-readathon-for-glen.html> (The Bookstore in Glen Ellyn is owned by member and Twigs advertiser, Jane Stroh, and employs members of our Branch as well. Contact Jenny or Jane for more info.

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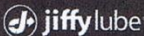



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