



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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Saturday, April 10: PriMerry Players: Women of the West

The PriMerry Players (PMP) are primarily women performers who present primarily Read-'n-act-ment (with script) original programs, primarily on Women's History; they are always both educational (of primary importance) and entertaining (merry).



Players include people who range in experience from a Jeff Award-nominated actress to teachers, Downers Grove Area AAUW members, Richard III Society members, and community theatre actresses and actors. Each player brings a unique flavor to the roles s/he performs. Cast members rotate from among a troupe of talent; a performance may include as few as 3 or as many as 12 participants, depending on factors such as the length of the program requested, etc.

Sat, Apr. 10
9 am

PriMerry Players

First Church of
Lombard

~ Upstairs ~

Includes a light breakfast

The Lombard branch will be sponsoring, "Women of the West" on Saturday, April 10, at 9:00am at the First Church of Lombard on Main and Maple. Expect exciting notables such as cowgirl Annie Oakley, outlaw Belle Starr, and stories about schoolmarms, saloon girls, Indian maidens and others.

A light breakfast will start our morning at 9am.

Also, we will be collecting monetary donations for the Latina Conference at this general meeting.

Gale Wiedman and Heidi Fraser, Program Co-Chairs

Membership Dues



It's Dues time again. **\$73 total** includes \$49 national, \$14 branch, and \$10 state portions. (\$46 of your dues ARE tax-deductible!)

The official due date is June 1, but go ahead and get this off your to-do list now.

Please send your \$73 annual dues in a check made to "Lombard AAUW" to:

Cathy Bussa
341 W. Graham
Lombard 60148

Newest AAUW Report: Why So Few? See more information on page 4.

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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, disability, or class.

AAUW membership is open to any graduate who holds an associates or higher degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

AAUW's Educational Foundation (EF) is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. EF also funds the **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** which works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

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Newsletter, Web site

Leslie Sulla

Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sulla by the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Find more information about AAUW

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President's Corner



Happy Spring! The weather is warmer, the tulips are peeking through the ground, and we've seen the sun. It's time to emerge from our homes with a renewed sense of purpose. Please be certain to join us for our **Saturday meeting on April 10**, which begins with a light breakfast at 9 a.m. and continues with a terrific program presented by the PriMerry Players of the Downers Grove Area AAUW. You will be informed as well as entertained.

For the **AAUW-Illinois convention**, to be held Friday, April 30 - Saturday, May 1, at the Lisle Hyatt, the delegates from Lombard will be: Heidi Koberstine, Barb Madigan, Janet Miller, and Leslie Sulla. While I had hoped to be a delegate, a family event has taken precedence but I will be there for the Friday evening events.

The **Midwest Girls Collaborative Project**, which focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics for girls, takes place Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Illinois State University Alumni Center in Normal. Runs from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes a light lunch.

This forum will provide: time to network with colleagues, presentations by 2009 mini-awardees, evaluation tips from a nationally recognized National Science Foundation award recipient, information about applying for mini-awards, and one-to-one project consultation. To register or make a mini-award donation, visit: www.cspis.edu/projects/mwgcp/index.html. This forum is sponsored by the Midwest Girls Collaborative Project, a National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP). AAUW is a partner in the NGCP, which is funded by the National Science Foundation.

I hope our **Annual Used Book Sale** is on your mind— Wednesday, August 4, through Saturday, August 7. We are in the planning stages as you read this and, if you have not heard from one of the coordinators requesting your assistance, or from me, you will very soon. Please be generous with your time, as **we need the help of each and every one of you**, in some way, in order to have a successful and profitable sale.

Mary Ann Dion, President

Dick Meadows

I am sad to report that Dick Meadows passed away March 12 in Florida. A memorial service will be held in May when Sue returns to our area.

Sue was very involved in our branch until Sue and Dick moved out of town a few years ago. Every time I push one of the wooden carts filled with books at our used book sale, I think of Dick - he built them!

Dick started his own business - Dick's Fix-It. I happily used his professional services several times. Zach Meadows joined his father, and now runs the remodeling, rehabbing and new construction operation.

I'll let you know more details about the memorial service when they get finalized.



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Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

AAUW's New NSF-Funded Study Points to Barriers Facing Girls and Women

Why So Few? is a comprehensive report on the controversial issue of why women continue to lag behind men in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



The latest AAUW report was released March 22. A presentation and panel discussion on the report was held in Washington, D.C., on March 25, and broadcast live online.

In an era in which women are increasingly represented in medicine, law, and business, why do they continue to lag behind men in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics?

AAUW sheds new light on the so-called STEM controversy with the release of its comprehensive new report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, which was funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Drawing upon a large and diverse body of research, AAUW's report provides compelling evidence of environmental and social barriers - including gender bias, stereotypes, and the climate within college and university science and engineering departments - that continue to limit women's participation and progress.

Visit aauw.org/whysofew for more information on the report.

Why So Few? has received some good press:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/22/science/22women.html>

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2010/03/22/27stem.h29.html>

<http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Report-Examines-Why-Men/21942/>

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/03/22/stem>

As this newsletter is being written before the March 25 online presentation, I'm hoping the event will be archived online. Give me a shout if you are interested in seeing it.

- Leslie

Amendments to Branch Bylaws

As many of you know, our Branch Bylaws were brought into compliance with the AAUW Bylaws in December 2009. These mandatory changes were discussed at the October general meeting and have been finalized.

In addition, the Bylaws Committee (Laurie Driscoll, Janet Miller, Pat Porep, Mary Ann Dion, and Kathy Brenniman) has been further reviewing our bylaws so that they reflect our Branch procedures and activities. Proposed amendments were discussed at the March Board meeting, and a few additional changes have been made. The Board will act on the proposed Branch Bylaws at its April Board meeting. These Branch Bylaws will be presented to the entire Branch at the May general meeting for approval. A two-thirds vote is required for passage. The proposed Branch Bylaws will be published in the May Branch Newsletter. If you have any questions prior to the May meeting, please let me know.

Thanks so much to the entire Bylaws Committee for their excellent help.

Kathy Brenniman, Branch Bylaws Chair
630/627-5180, kfbrenn@aol.com

Collecting Lombard Area Branch History

A committee has been formed to organize the memorabilia of the Lombard Area Branch. We are beginning by determining how to proceed and what items should be part of the archives of our branch history. We will be in touch with the Lombard Historical Society to see what can be stored in their archives and what we would need to keep ourselves.

Later, we will ask for volunteers to help in various ways. At this point, we would like to know those of you who might have photographs, old newsletters, yearbooks, or publicity documents that give information about past branch events. Items can be donated or loaned to the committee and returned. You can call Janet Miller if you have something for the committee to see or bring it to the April or May AAUW general meetings. We are going to make a serious effort to get started with this ongoing project. Please help us by going through the Lombard Branch items you have saved over the years.

Thank you,
Janet Miller, Bebe Mosillo, Mary Ann Grady

Dare To Dream Conference Update



Atrevete a Sonar Educate! (Dare to Dream: Get Educated) is set to go in just a few weeks - on April 24 at Elmhurst College. This year we are planning for 200 eighth grade Latina girls and 140 moms. In addition, we will have special sessions for our alumnae from last year's Conference. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Lourdes Ferrer who will later conduct sessions for

the moms. Our own Ruth Sweetser, past AAUW President, will welcome the girls and their moms at the opening session.

There are ways Lombard AAUW members can help with this year's Conference:

◆ Donate money to the Conference - \$48 covers the cost for one Latina girl. If you cannot help the day of the Conference, this is a great way to show your support for this very important Conference. Find the online donation form at latinaconference.org (click on How to Donate). Plus, donations will be collected at our April 10 program.

◆ Donate your time on the day of the Conference, April 24th. If you have not volunteered yet, you may still do so. We need people from 7-10a.m, 10-12:30p.m. and 12:30-3p.m. Please call Doris or Kathy ASAP if you wish to help.

Thanks in advance for your support of a Conference that has already impacted many Latina middle school girls and their mothers. One mother called and asked if her daughter could attend again because there has been a noticeable change in her daughter since she attended last year. So she will be attending as an alum this year!

Kathy Brenniman, 630/627-5180, kfbrenn@aol.com;
Doris Schertz, 630/629-2695, dcschertz@comcast.net
Dare to Dream Co-chairs



Interest Group Calendar

All Lombard Area AAUW members are welcome to attend any of these interest group programs.



Mystery Buffs (1st Wednesday)

Chair: Barbara Kozi

Apr 7: 7:00 pm. - Mary Ann Schlacks
Meet author Julie Hyzy!

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

Apr 5: 6:30pm TBA



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, &
Heidi Koberstine

Apr 12: 7 pm

Panera, Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn

Shadow of the Wind

by Carlos Ruiz Zafon



Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

Apr 16: 1pm at Marilyn Gustafson's
Eve's Daughters by Lynn Austin



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

No April outing --

but we'll tour Chinatown in May

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson

Apr 20: 10am at Marilyn Gustafson's

Native Americans

RSVP to Marilyn at 630/325-1475





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BRANCH CALENDAR - APRIL 2010

April

- Mon, 4/5- Dining on a Dime.** 6:30pm: TBA
- Weds, 4/7 - Mystery.** 7p. Mary Ann S.'s
- Sat, 4/10 - 9a. General Meeting;** First Church of Lombard
- Mon, 4/12 - Lit Wits.** 7p. Panera, Glen Ellyn
- Mon, 4/19 - Board Meeting.** 7pm. FOCUS, Lombard
- Fri, 4/16 - Literature.** 1pm. Marilyn's
- Tues, 4/20 - Women's Issues.** 10am. Marilyn's
- Sat, 4/24/10 - Latina Conference,** Elmhurst College
- 4/30 - 5/1 - AAUW-Illinois State Convention,** Hyatt Lisle, Lisle

Future

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