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December Program: Jane Addams

***Dinner at Jane's*: A special viewing of a documentary film to celebrate the first Jane Addams Day in Illinois.**

"Our vision higher; our love deeper; and our work more equal."
(Toast made by Korean activist Hyun-Kyung Chung at the end of *Dinner at Jane's*)

The first annual **Jane Addams Day** will be celebrated December 10, 2007. This is a commemorative day.

Join with us **Wednesday, December 12th** to celebrate by viewing *Dinner at Jane's*, a documentary film by director Suzanne Lacy shot at Chicago's Hull-House Museum in September 1993 during the centennial celebration of the Columbian Exposition. In homage to the founders of Hull-House, who discussed agendas for change and visions of a better future at each evening's meal, fourteen world-renowned international activists were invited to actively envision the future within the context of a place rich with historical significance for women.

The director of *Dinner at Jane's*, Suzanne Lacy, studied with Judy Chicago in the Feminist Art Programs at Cal State Fresno, Cal Arts, and the Los Angeles Woman's Building. Commenting on why the concept behind this film is important, Lacy said, "The impact of the dinner lies as much in the fact that the meeting actually occurred and who the women were as in any single exchange that took place. This gathering was a symbolic act; it operates best in the artistic realm of the visual and mythological. It is the relationship between women, evident through this event, that fueled Jane Addams' social interventions and much of nineteenth and twentieth-century feminist activism. It is this relationship that is so foreign to our popular culture which ignores or trivializes these female alliances. Yet it is the sustenance provided by these relationships that can provide the power for change."

Fourteen international activists, including Hyung-Kyung Chung, Johnetta Cole, Myrna Cunningham, Nawal El Sadawi, Susan Faludi, Susan Grode, Anita Hill, Dolores Huerta, Devaki Jain, Wilma Mankiller, and Gloria Steinem took part in this timeless dinner discussion with relevance to women as much today as it was when it took place.

It would be remiss if we did not mention in connection with presenting *Dinner at Jane's*, the tireless work of the AAUW Carbondale branch to bring the many contributions of Jane Addams in Illinois history to the attention of influential policymakers that resulted in December 10 being declared Jane Addams Day in Illinois. December 10 is of special significance because it was the day that Jane Addams received the Nobel Prize in 1931.

After viewing the film, Barbara Zeitz will lead a discussion. Barbara holds an MA in Women's Studies/Law, from Roosevelt University in Chicago. She currently writes an online women's history column available at: www.aauw-il.org/information/index.html. She has presented public lectures on gender issues locally for AAUW, League of Women Voters, Older Women's League, and Zonta International.

Kathryn Tecza and Betsy Swinson
Program co-vice presidents



(Turn to page 7 for some pithy quotes from Jane Addams.)

Wed, Dec. 12
7 pm: Holiday Cookies
7:15 pm: Movie

MOVIE: *DINNER AT JANE'S*

First Church of Lombard
SouthWest corner of
Main and Maple
- Upstairs Hall -

because
equity
is
still
an
issue

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 provides funds to advance education, research & self-development of women and to foster equity & positive societal change.

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

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Board Meetings

See branch calendar on last page for date/location

Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sull

by the 3rd Friday of the month.

President's Greeting

I am back from a child care assignment for my daughter in Michigan which was a delightful respite from my home duties and a wonderful bonding opportunity with out-of-state grandchildren. Regretfully, I missed the program featuring Show Me The Money which I understand was terrific as well as informative. Too bad we can't be in two places at once! My thanks to Kathy Brenniman for standing in for me.



I am looking for a Nominating Committee. We need 1 board member and 2 non-board members to find positions for election in February. We need a Membership VP (or co-vps) & a Secretary. I also need to appoint a Book Sale Chair and a Ways & Means chair, and I hope that someone will volunteer for these positions. Please call me ASAP.

We have had a new idea for a small money raising project. We will set up a special table called The Book Nook at each meeting. Please bring books you are ready to sell - no more than three per person. We will sell hardcovers for \$1.00 and paperbacks for \$.50. There will be a basket for you to put your money in, but no IOUs will be accepted. **Unsold books must be taken home by those who brought them.** I got this idea from another branch president who said it was a great way to make a little operating money every month, so let's try it.

Remember there are three wonderful ways of celebrating Jane Addams Commemorative Day (officially December 10):

- 1) go to Six in the City with Doris' group on Saturday, the 8th of Dec
- 2) purchase a ticket to the Jane Addams luncheon on Dec. 10th. Tickets are \$30.00 and must be mailed in SOON as seating is limited. Call me for details if you want to go.
- 3) Come to our Christmas meeting at the church on Dec. 12th where you will see the Jane Addams movie that Betsy and Kathryn have arranged for our program. See you then!

Loretta Caputo, President



High School Scholarship Winners

These are the young local women our branch gave scholarships to this past May.

Carissa Corral, Bloomingdale, graduated from Glenbard East. Carissa includes Badminton, Student Council and Big Brothers/Big Sisters among her accomplishments at Glenbard East. Her sense of application earned her membership in The National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Carissa plans to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago where she will enroll in a Pre-Med curriculum.

Linda Kar-man Wong, Villa Park, graduated from Willowbrook High School. Her 4th semester GPA is 4.3469 and her rank is #26. She plans to attend University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and study Chemical Engineering with a possible career in pharmacy. Honors earned are Illinois State Scholar, Distinction Honor Roll, Civitas National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society. She has participated in New Beginnings, National Honor Society, Orchestra, Civitas, and is a Villa Park Public Library Summer Reading Program Volunteer.

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Transitions Conference

Our Transitions Conference will be held on Saturday morning, **April 12, 2008** at College of Du Page from 8:30 AM-noon. We are planning a keynote speaker, roundtable discussions and exhibits. Several staff members from COD, including Roberta Sell from the Adult Fast-Track program are working with us to plan a workshop that will provide valuable information for women who are considering returning to school for their first degree, a new degree, or for a training needed in order to find a new job or career.

Current committee members are Laurie Driscoll, chair, Kathy Brenniman, Shirley Segretto, Anna Weselak, Susie Dressler and Lynn Berndt.

Additional committee members are needed to help with: Registration, Publicity, Speakers, Exhibitors and Packets. Please contact any of the committee members if you are interested in helping.

The **January branch meeting** on Saturday, January 12 will be devoted to committee work for this important branch activity. This conference in April will be an opportunity for our branch to interact with the community and get additional publicity for our mission. The support of all of our members will make this a successful event.

Next meeting with COD reps – Wed., Nov. 28 at 3:30 pm. Kathy and Laurie will represent branch; other AAUW committee members are welcome if your schedule allows!

Next meeting of Branch committee Wed., Dec. 5, 7:00 pm at Kathy Brenniman's.

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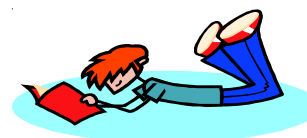
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Loretta heard this idea from another branch president who said it was a great way to make a little operating money every month, so let's try it!



Join us for our Annual Lombard Area AAUW Luncheon

Bring a guest to this special event!

Saturday, February 9, 2008
Weber Grill Restaurant
2331 Fountain Square Drive, Lombard; 630-953-8880

11:30 a.m. Social time - soft drinks or spirits (cash bar)
12:00 Noon - Luncheon will be served

Program: Dr. Jane Wu, Professor of History and Chinese Language,
College of DuPage, will speak on "Women in China: How Economic
Reform has Affected Women Positively and Negatively"

LUNCHEON MENU

Entrees

Herb Marinated Catfish
Black Angus BBQ Meatloaf
BBQ Chicken Breast
Weber Chopped Chicken Salad
Grilled Vegetable Platter



Sides

Chef's Selection of Potato
Chef's Selection of Vegetable
Cole Slaw
Rolls and Butter

Dessert

Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Beverages

Coffee, Teas, and Sodas

Lombard Area AAUW Luncheon, February 9, 2008

Return this section with check for \$20 for each meal
(Meal choices will be made the day of the luncheon)
Make checks payable to: Lombard Area AAUW

Send checks to: Janet Miller, 172 LeMoyne, Lombard, IL 60148, by JANUARY 31, 2008

Name _____ # of meals @ \$20: _____

Guest _____

Interest Group Calendar

All Lombard Area AAUW members are welcome to attend any of these interest group programs. Have an idea for a new interest group? Bring your idea to the board.



Mystery Buffs (1st Wednesday)
Chair: Barbara Kozi, 620-0352

Dec 5, 7 pm at Aurelio's, Villa Park
Book: Gumshoe Awards 2004
Hard, Hard City by Jim Fusilli

Cinema (2nd Monday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224

*No Cinema for December!
(Call Loretta to offer to host future evenings.)*



Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)
Chairs: Carol Schuh, 629-8817,
and Marilyn Gustafson, 325-1475

*There will be no December meeting.
Enjoy your holidays!*

Literature (3rd Friday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224

No Literature for December!



Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)
Chair: Pat Porep, 629-2933
Dec. 3, 6:30p at **Schnitzel Platz**,
729 E. North Ave, Glendale Heights.
(west of Swift Road, east of Glen Ellyn
Rd) Please join us for Dining On A Dime
at Schnitzel Platz. Call Pat at 630-629-

2933 for additional information and to see if seats are available. <http://schnitzelplatz.com/>

Six in the City (various)
Chair: Doris Schertz, 629-2695

Dec. 8: Jane Addams celebration at
the Chicago History Museum.
(see next column)



Six in the City: Jane Addams!

Join us Saturday, December 8 for a **Jane Addams Day Celebration** at the Chicago History Museum. View the reader's theater take on Jane Addams with "Halsted Street, The Play". The program is free, but paid museum admission is required. We're taking the 8:04 am Metra from Lombard which arrives in Chicago at 8:46 am. We'll walk to Clark, then take the bus to Clark & North Ave.



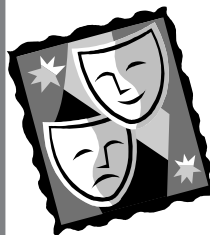
More about Jane

On Monday, Dec. 10, there will be a **special luncheon at Hull-House**, 800 S. Halsted St, Chicago. Co-sponsored by AAUW-Illinois and the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum.

Find updated events listing and other interesting tidbits (films, books, etc.) about Ms. Addams at www.aauw-il.org/jane.html

Barbara Zeitz, an AAUW-Illinois member-at-large, was also instrumental in getting December 10 Jane Addams Day on the calendar of the latest MS magazine issue. If you don't subscribe, find the issue at the library. It's so exciting to see AAUW-IL mentioned in such an important national publication!

Book Sale Skit Needs YOU!



The program committee is hoping to have a "Booksale Skit" for the May meeting in honor and memory of Marge Crabbe who was an active member of the "Off St. Charles Road Players." It will also be an opportunity to introduce new members to our annual fundraiser for scholarships, "The Lombard Area Used Book Sale"! We are looking for people who would like to be a part of the group

to write and produce the show. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Swinson at 630-627-0152.

Membership Matters



Thanks to the recruiting efforts of our members and the excellent programs scheduled by our Co-Program Vice Presidents, Kathryn Tecza and Betsy Swinson, our branch is continuing to grow! Since the October meeting and our Membership orientation, six more people have joined, making our total membership 88, compared to 59 a year ago. Thanks to everyone for your efforts. Stop by our membership table at each meeting. There's always something new.

- Sign in Sheets: Check off the sign in to indicate your attendance each month. Use the guest/referral list for all guests.
- Name Tags: Pick up your plastic clip name tag, meet and greet others. Red dots are new members; blue dots are guests.
- AAUW Brochures: Pick up AAUW's new membership brochure, public policy, EF and LAF literature and more.
- Lombard Area Brochure: Pick up our blue branch brochure that lists upcoming meetings and branch activities.
- Business cards: Members each get 5 AAUW business cards to give to friends; ask Doris 630-629-2695 to make you some.
- Shape the Future: If 2 join together at a membership event, Association dues are split. Total dues of \$71 becomes \$47.50.
- Give a Grad a Gift: Members can give recent grads a gift of free AAUW membership. Forms will be on the December table.

This newsletter introduces these new members. Look for bios in the January newsletter.

Jeanne Schultz Angel: B.S. in Anthropology and M.S. in History from Illinois State University. She is the new Director of the Lombard Historical Society.

Margaret McClellan: B.S. degrees in Psychology and Sociology from Illinois State University

April Arnold: B.A. in Theatre from Northern Illinois University and works in the Development Department at Elmhurst College.

Kristi Miller: B.S. in Architectural Engineering from the University of Kansas and is an architect.

Please get to know these special women who've added AAUW to their lives.

Doris Schertz and Kathleen Brenniman
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership

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AAUW Wreath at Library

Be sure to visit Lombard's Helen Plum Library during December to see the AAUW wreath. Vote daily on your favorite wreaths. Many thanks to Betsy Swinson, Pat Porep, Laura Sibrava, and Anita Dickson for working hard to decorate the beautiful wreath!



New Member Biographies

Marjorie (Marge) Ostendorf earned both her Bachelors in Humanities and Masters in Education from Loyola University. She retired after many years of teaching and enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling and reading. (Marge's address, phone, and e-mail are in your bright yellow yearbook.)

Dr. Un Chu Kim has a Ph.D. degree in Christian Education and Congregational Studies from Garrett Theological Seminary, where she teaches. Her interests are women and justice issues, cross-cultural pedagogy, and inter-faith dialogue, backed by a strong belief that everyone is born equal. In Korea, she was a member of a social problems committee of the YWCA and a women's committee in charge of policy-making for the Korean People's Alliance for Social Reformation. She is single and enjoys traveling and hiking.

Sandra Henry taught elementary education for 22 years, mainly 3rd grade level, during which time she was vice-president (2 years) and employee representative (10 years) of the Bellwood Education Association Union. She served as chairwoman of the Recertification Committee for School District #88 from 2000-2004. Upon retirement from teaching in 2003, Sandra took mentoring training to assist new teachers and became coordinator of the district Mentoring Program as well as trainer of new mentors and mentor to new educators. Her nine grandchildren are an important part of her life, as are Jazzercise, reading, and traveling. Sandra received her B.S. from Drake University and M. Ed. from National Louis University.

[Editor's note: I will e-mail the new members' contact information to all members.]

In memorium: Betty Slattery

17-year AAUW member and friend Betty Slattery passed away on November 12. Her stepson Jim wrote:

"Betty had been seriously ill for the past couple of months. She was in Edward Hospital and Manor Care nursing home 4 times each during that time frame. A little over two weeks ago it became apparent that the medical efforts that we had been undertaking to save her life were no longer working. At her request, we discontinued those efforts other than those for comfort. She passed away peacefully last night."

I remember Betty's love of world travel and her friendship with wonderful, interesting people she met all over the world. She also spoke fondly about her nursing career. - *Leslie Sull*a

Meet Your AAUW Board!

Loretta Caputo, President, has been retired from teaching for 15 years and a widow for 9. I have 5 children and 11 grandchildren ranging from 30 to 11 years old. I have been active in AAUW for about 7 years and am now serving as President. I also love opera and am on the board of the Far West Chapter of Lyric Opera where I am Program and Education Chair, and lecture for Lyric as well, both for adults and students. I belong to the First Church of Lombard and have been a volunteer at LOVE Christian Clearinghouse for 8 years. In my spare time, I love to golf, play bridge, and read.

Kathy Brenniman, Co-Membership VP, Bylaws Chair, and Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, is a recently retired City Attorney for Evanston. After teaching English on the high school and community college levels for several years, I returned to school and earned a law degree from NIU. While in law school I received a national AAUW grant. Later, I repaid AAUW by serving 6 years on one of the grant selection panels and was then elected to AAUW's Educational Foundation Board, serving for years. I have served the Lombard branch in many capacities, including president.

I have two daughters (a first grade teacher and a senior living administrator) and four grandchildren. Gary and I spend much of our time visiting them in Indiana and Iowa and relaxing at our condo in South Haven, Michigan. My hobbies include photography, walking, reading, and traveling.

Laurie Driscoll, past president, is a retired elementary classroom teacher and reading specialist. I have been actively involved in the Lombard Area Branch serving in many positions on the Board including President. I am currently Chair of the Transitions Conference Committee. I have also been active at the state level, previously serving as Finance Director, Educational Foundation Director and Administrative Assistant for the AAUW-Illinois, Inc. Board of Directors. In my retirement I plan on doing some part time university teaching in the field of reading, and traveling as often as possible.

Kathryn Tecza, co-Programs VP. I began my university education in political science at the University of Illinois but left after junior year to get married and start raising a family. Ten years later, I earned an undergraduate degree at Roosevelt University in public administration. I also have a graduate degree in non-profit management from Spertus College. In the 1970's, I served as Illinois Coordinator for the national organization Catholics for a Free Choice, and subsequently worked as a coalition coordinator for several reproductive rights groups. I also served on the Board of Directors for Planned Parenthood of Chicago. Recently retired from a twenty year career at UIC and now living in Lisle, I am active with the DuPage Area Older Women's League (OWL) and spend much of my time with my adult children and step-children and their families in Lombard, Kalamazoo (MI), and Hastings-on-Hudson (NY).

Doris Schertz, Co-Membership VP. Raised on Chicago's south side, I received my B.S. in Education from Illinois State, married the basketball team captain and lived happily ever after! Dave came to teach math at Glenbard East in 1963 and we've lived here ever since, raising 6 children, and now have 15 grandchildren. For 13 years I was a La Leche League leader, helping mothers breastfeed, then returned to the workforce, taught English, got my M.S. in Education from National Louis, and then became Advancement Coordinator at C.O.D. As soon as the nest was empty I started running. Since retiring in 2002, I've increased mileage from 5K races to marathons.

Patricia Poskocil, AAUW publicity co-chair. I led team to restore & develop Historical Society Sheldon Peck Homestead, and am an active member of Historical Commission and Historical Society, and several other Lombard groups. I am now President of Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Community Associates of Art Institute of Chicago. My husband Frank & I have two daughters and a granddaughter. I enjoyed US & international travel for AT&T/Lucent Technology until I retired. Before that I was a grade school art teacher and then worked at Elmhurst College Center for Special Programs.

I have an education degree from ISU and a marketing MBA from Northwestern University. Fun is reading books, trying new foods, photography, family history, card games, cup of coffee with friends and family.

Leslie Sulla, newsletter editor and Web Site maven, joined AAUW about 15 years ago. I have a B.S. in Information Systems from Elmhurst College. After being downsized from my computer programming job in 2002, I earned a Technical Communications certificate from COD. I indulged my Internet interest by constructing the Lombard branch, the AAUW-Illinois, and the Lombard Historical Society Web Sites; all of which I continue to maintain. One of my current goals is to visit 50 states by the age of 50 which translates to 4 states in the next 3 years! I love playing card and board games with my husband and 10-year-old daughter.



Quotes by Jane Addams (1860-1935)

Civilization is a method of living and an attitude of equal respect for all people.

America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live.

National events determine our ideals, as much as our ideals determine national events.

Nothing could be worse than the fear that one had given up too soon, and left one unexpended effort that might have saved the world.

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Branch Calendar

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Dec 10 - The first annual Jane Addams Day!

View www.aauw-il.org/jane.html for more details on this commemorative day.

Dec. 12 - General Program, 7pm; *Dinner at Jane's* movie; First Church of Lombard, upstairs

*There are no Board, Cinema, Literature, nor Women's Issues meetings in December.
Enjoy your time with family and friends!*

Future

Sat, Jan 12, 2008 - General meeting. Planning for the Transitions Conference. First Church of Lombard.

Sat, Feb 9 - Lombard AAUW Annual Luncheon (see invitation on pg. 6)

Sat, April 12 - Our branch-sponsored Transitions Conference, College of DuPage. 8:30am - noon

May 2-3 - Illinois AAUW State Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Naperville



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