



Lombard Area Branch (IL)

50 YEARS STRONG!

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Wednesday, December 9: Community Bell Ringers

*** Note earlier starting time: 6:45pm tonight! ***

Get in the holiday spirit with a musical holiday program on Wednesday, December 9, at 7pm at the First Church of Lombard. The Community Bells of Lombard, directed by Phil Roberts, will entertain us with their selections of holiday music. This is an advanced handbell choir consisting of performers from the Community Presbyterian Church and elsewhere in the western suburbs. Our own Kathy Brenniman is a member of this outstanding group. We'll meet at 6:45pm for a brief social time and the **performance will begin promptly at 7pm.**

Heidi Fraser, Gale Wiedman, Program Co-chairs



Weds, Dec. 9

6:45 pm
(earlier time)

Community Bell Choir

First Church of
Lombard
~ Upstairs ~

Program in a Box: Title IX



The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has developed a new Program in a Box. The Program in a Box contains documents to teach members about Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and there are step-by-step guidelines on how to investigate local high school athletic programs. There is also contact information for legal experts in the field who are willing to answer questions and discuss steps members can take if they find schools are noncompliant. The following information "Sports Help Girls Succeed" is from the introduction to this program. For more information about this program or to make a tax deductible contribution, go to www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf.

Sports Help Girls Succeed

Thousands of girls and young women are playing sports in high schools nationwide, and they, too, love being part of a team and being athletes. Not only do sports offer girls and young women the chance to do what they love, but their participation in sports provides them with many benefits and opportunities to help them succeed in school and later in life.

Girls and young women who participate in sports:

- ✂ have higher than average levels of self esteem;
- ✂ learn important life lessons such as collaboration, discipline, and competitiveness;
- ✂ gain leadership and team-building skills;
- ✂ obtain better grades than non-athletes;
- ✂ have opportunities to earn scholarships to college;
- ✂ have a reduced risk of developing cancer and similar diseases; and
- ✂ have a lower prevalence of sexual risk-taking behaviors.

Laurie Driscoll
Branch LAF Chair

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

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800/821-4364

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President's Corner



As we enter the holiday season, everyone is so very busy with shopping, wrapping, baking, entertaining, and attending holiday pageants with children and grandchildren. Please make time to relax and enjoy the Community Bell Choir, as well as the company of your friends in our branch. The Bell Choir will begin the program promptly at seven o'clock, so please come at 6:45pm.

Our business meeting will include discussion of the schedule and location of the 2010 Book Sale. There are some suggestions that should make improve our efforts and we would appreciate your input on this very important topic that involves all of our members.

Even if you are not able to attend the Jane Addams Luncheon, you may be interested in a few of the reasons we celebrate her special day. Jane Addams Day began in downstate Dongola with a school project to make a difference. AAUW-Carbondale's political advocacy led to HB 5243 designating December 10, 2007, and hence forth to be Jane Addams Day in Illinois. A native Illinoisan, Addams founded Hull-House in 1881 and initiated social reform methods that formulated how America and the world conduct social reform today. On December 10, 1931, Addams was the first American woman and first Chicagoan (President Obama the second) to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for her decades of peace activism. At the turn of the century Addams was an AAUW member.

Also, it is time for our Nominating Committee to secure candidates for the offices of Membership Vice-President(s) and Secretary. Other appointed positions will also be available. Please seriously consider how you might be able to assist the Lombard Area Branch by either volunteering for one of these positions or by nominating another branch member who would be a great candidate. Serving on the board, in either an elected or appointed position, is a great way to get acquainted and involved. If you have ever wondered how or why decisions were made, this is the avenue to make a difference.

Lastly, from all of us on your branch board you are sincerely wished a very joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Mary Ann Dion, President

Ways and Means!

What a Fall! Thank you to all who ate at Buffalo Wild Wings on October 2, or shopped at Jewel the end of September, or bought or sold Carson's Community Days coupon booklets, or made a donation. Because of you our take is \$578 so far.

Here's the breakdown...

Shop & Share	\$53
BWW	\$110
Carson's	\$415

We'll take a break for a month or two, so stay tuned for more fundraising after the first of the year.

Heidi Koberstine, Ways and Means Chair, 630/483-8382

2010 Used Book Sale - New Idea!



At the November Branch Board meeting, the Book Sale Steering Committee made a recommendation for the 2010 Book Sale that will be presented at the general meeting in December for a vote. The Board voted unanimously to endorse the recommendation.

We have enjoyed being at First Church of Lombard for the last few years, but many of us have concerns about the difficulty of moving the books from the sorting room to the multi-purpose room. After many discussions with the church, we have been presented with 2 possibilities for next year's sale:

1. Same as last year – \$1800 rental for the 5 weeks, sorting downstairs, 4 drop-off weekends, and moving upstairs the week before the sale.

2. For \$1200 rental, we would have the multi-purpose room from July 21 until the end of the sale, August 7 (18 days) with the sort and sale in the same room. Drop-offs could occur 2 weekends (July 23-24 & 30-31). Barrels would still be out at the end of June, but barrel tenders would have to store books until July 21. All sorting and setup would have to be done in 2 weeks (including weekends) by August 3 when the appraiser comes.

We believe #2 is workable alternative only if our members support it by working at least 3 times during the sort and sale period.

The Board fully endorses alternative #2 and recommends a vote in favor of this shortened time period for the book sale. This alternative avoids having to move all the books upstairs and saves us \$600 rental.

I will be happy to address any questions and concerns you have prior to the Dec. 9 program and at the meeting when the vote will be taken.

Kathy Brenniman, Book Sale Steering Committee
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Join us for our Annual Lombard Area AAUW Luncheon

Bring a guest to this special event!

Saturday, February 13, 2010
Odyssey Greek Taverna
667 W. Roosevelt Road, Lombard; 630/627-3300

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

Program: Dr. Craig Broeder, director of the exercise physiology department at Benedictine University. Dr. Broeder rode over 9,000 miles to honor his wife and her 20-year survival with ovarian cancer. On August 25, Broeder reached his goal of riding around the perimeter of the contiguous United States within 100 days. He completed 9,109 miles! Please join us for the presentation of this amazing feat and the Broeder's commitment to Ovarian Cancer Research.

LUNCHEON MENU



Entrees

(all entrees include soup or salad, and sides)

Fillet of Sea Bass

Athenian Chicken Breast

Chef's Ribeye Steak

Vegetarian Pasta

Dessert

Ice Cream Sundae

Beverages

Coffee, Teas, and Soft Drinks

Lombard Area AAUW Luncheon, February 13, 2010

Return this section with check for \$22 for each meal

(Meal choices will be made the day of the luncheon)

Make checks payable to: Lombard Area AAUW

Send checks to: Marge Ostendorf, 50 E. Washington, Lombard, IL 60148, by FEB. 1, 2010

Name _____ # of meals @ \$22: _____

Guest _____

Dare to Dream Conference Update



Plans for ***Atrévete a Sonar Educar! (Dare to Dream: Get Educated)*** are moving along with the Conference to take place at Elmhurst College on **April 24, 2010**. We would like to thank our Branch for once again making a generous donation of \$500 from the Virginia Haldeman Fund. It will certainly be helpful.

Our biggest news for this month is that we are in the final stages of applying for our own **501(c)(3) status** so that contributors may donate to us directly and receive a tax deduction. In addition, we have been very busy developing follow-up activities for the alumnae of our Conference. We are planning a STEM event at Elmhurst College in January to which our first group of alumnae has been invited.

We have additional schools participating this year, including District 45 in Lombard/Villa Park. Doris and I recently attended a District 44 Board meeting and received their endorsement for our second year. We have also asked for money and buses which they provided last year. That decision will be made in December.

We need your help with suggestions for businesses and organizations we can approach for freebies in the girls' bags. Last year, the College of DuPage was most generous with free pens and folders. However, they are no longer able to provide those things gratis. So, if anyone has any ideas, please contact us ASAP and we will make the contacts.

Some of our Branch members have already volunteered to help on our Branch's Conference Committee. We still need more members to help with the preparation and on the day of the Conference. Please call or email Doris or me if you can help.

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Latina Conference Co-chairs*

AAUW Donations

Just a reminder for those who wish to make 2009 donations to AAUW: those donations are due in Washington, DC postmarked no later than December 31st. You may donate online through aauw.org or mail your contribution to:

AAUW Development Office
P.O. Box 98045
Washington, DC 20090-8045.

Write checks to "AAUW Funds" and designate in the memo line which fund you're contributing to. See last month's newsletter article for a list of funds. Remember, we are still taking donations for Ruth Sweetser's NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) Fund (Fund #4340) to honor her for her outstanding AAUW leadership. Please send me a copy of your donation or an email.

Thanks in advance for your contributions to AAUW.

Call/e-mail with questions:

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

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

Dec 2: 7:00 pm. at Barb's

Books written by Sharon Fiffer

Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

No December meeting



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, & Heidi Koberstine

Dec 14: 7 pm

Panera, Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn
Invention of Hugo Cabret, by Garth Stein and/or The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley



Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

No December meeting (but keep reading!)



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

Dec 6. 9 am: Carpool from Doris' Jane Addams Day!

If you can drive, please contact Doris.
(If you didn't already RSVP, it's too late.)

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson

Dec 15 10:30am: Holiday luncheon at Eggstasy: NE corner of 22nd and Summit, Oak Brook Terrace.

RSVP to Marilyn at 630/325-1475 or Carol Von Holst at 630/627-2886





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LOMBARD AREA BRANCH
BRANCH CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2009

December

Weds, 12/2 - Mystery. 7p. Barb's

Sun. 12/6 - Six in the City! AAUW Jane Addams Celebration at Bowen Park, Waukegan.

Mon, 12/14 - Lit Wits. 7p. Panera, Glen Ellyn

Wed, 12/9 - General Program. 6:45pm. First Church of Lombard.

Tues, 12/15 - Women's Issues. 10:30a. Holiday luncheon at Eggstasy (northeast corner of Summit & 22nd, Oak Brook Terrace)

[Dining on A Dime and Women's Literature: no Dec meetings. No Board Meeting in December either.]

Future

Sat, 1/23/10 - AAUW District 5's 27th Annual Network Meeting 11:30am, Deerfield Hyatt. Hear the 2nd ranking Illinois House official Barbara Flynn Currie. *Details at www.aauw-il.org*

Sat, 2/13/10 - 11:30a. Our annual luncheon; Odyssey Greek Taverna, Lombard

Sat, 4/24/10 - Latina Conference, Elmhurst College



Happy Holidays!

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