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November Program:

Straight talk about economic security for women – it’s honest, it matters

Are the education-based achievements of women and girls that we have championed in recent decades translating into economic security for women? Where can we find the data that tells us what inequities exist? “Mythbusters: the Wage Gap” led by AAUW Illinois President-elect **Linda Henning Cohen** will set the stage for our November program and introduce **Vickie Austin**’s presentation on practical do’s and don’ts for those who are at the salary bargaining table so you get all you deserve - and more.

Vickie describes herself as a woman with a message to share. She is an internationally respected business consultant and career coach who can inspire and light up a room with enthusiasm. We are delighted that the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW branch is partnering with us to present this program. In the research report, *Behind the Pay Gap*, the AAUW Educational Foundation found that just one year after college graduation, women working full-time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens. Equity remains an issue for women today. Join us for our November program, “Show Me the Money!” for your opportunity to “learn and earn.” (Read more about Vickie Austin at www.choicesworldwide.com/)

Saturday, Nov. 10
9 am: Light Breakfast
9:30 am: Vickie Austin

SHOW ME THE MONEY

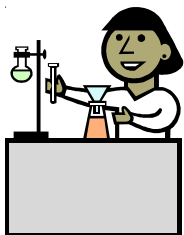
First Church of Lombard
SouthWest corner of
 Main and Maple
 - Upstairs Hall -

Kathryn Tecza and Betsy Swinson
Program co-vice presidents



When room permits, I'll highlight programs involving AAUW. Here's information on a project to inspire more girls to become involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). AAUW members across the country are acting as Regional Liaisons for the National Girls Collaborative Project. These Regional Liaisons help the people involved in the NGCP to make connections — to one another, to resources on gender equity, and to AAUW.

National Girls Collaborative Project



There are many projects devoted to increasing the number of girls interested in STEM across the country, and the premise of the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) is that these programs could be more effective if they worked together.

Often, individuals working on one “girls in STEM” project are unaware of similar projects nearby. The goal of the NGCP is to facilitate collaboration among projects so that they can share resources, work together, and learn from one another. A big part of the National Girls Collaborative Project is the creation of a Program Directory of these girl-serving projects.

You can find the program at www.pugetsoundcenter.org/ngcp/directory/programs.cfm.

The Program Directory allows organizations interested in creating more opportunities for girls in STEM to register and learn about similar organizations in their area. Another big part of the NGCP is the mini-grant program. NGCP will make \$1000 mini-grants available to collaborations of 2 or more participating programs who apply through the Program Directory.

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

Greetings! It was nice to see so many of you at our October meeting. We had two informative speakers; one spoke about the Heifer project, an international program that gives families animals of their own, to help them with farming and to provide milk, which is much more helpful than a monetary donation, soon gone. Our other speakers were a part of Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit alternative trade organization based in Glen Ellyn, dealing in crafts from indigenous cultures all over the world. They will be having a rug and gift sale to benefit third world artisans in Glen Ellyn in November. If interested we can give you more information at the next meeting. (Read more about these groups on pg. 5.)



AAUW-Illinois is looking for a few people to fill some needed positions.

- Under the public policy umbrella they are looking for members to be part of the **State Capital Lobby Corps**. You would contact or visit local state representatives to help make them aware of our positions and concerns. Pat Porep has volunteered to be a part of this effort and if you are interested, call and let her know.
- Secondly, the **National Girls Collaborative Project** is looking for regional liaisons in the Great Lakes region to network with other leaders on this critical issue. This is a 2 year commitment, and while it is not a paid position, appointed volunteers will receive a laptop computer for their use on the project and any travel expenses will be paid. (See pg 1 for more details on NGCP.)
- Third, **nominations for state officers** are due by Nov. 1, 2007. Open positions are Director of Finance-elect, Program Vice President, Director of Educational Foundation, and a Nominating Committee Chair. Anyone can submit nominations for these positions. Again, see me.

We are seeking nominations for the SPICE Award which I spoke of at the meeting. If there is a branch member you think of who would qualify, let me know. (SPICE replaces the Loyalty and Spirit awards from previous years.)

Finally, our branch needs a Diversity committee and Chair. I will submit details of what this entails after the Fall Conference.

Our November Program is Saturday, Nov. 10, in the upstairs room. We are partnering with Wheaton /Glen Ellyn Branch. A light breakfast will be served. See you there!

Loretta Caputo, President

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Transitions Conference – sponsored by Lombard Area AAUW Branch

Our branch Transitions Conference planning committee is hard at work. Laurie Driscoll met with Diane Szakonyi, the coordinator of COD's Centers for Independent Learning and Roberta Sell, the director of the Adult Fast Track program at COD. They are interested in working with us to present a half-day workshop (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008). Other meetings are scheduled for October and November.

The purpose of this conference is to provide information for women returning to work and/or returning to school for retraining for a new career. Possible topics to be presented include work/life balance, financial aid, college entrance procedures, and nontraditional career counseling.

Branch committee members so far are Laurie Driscoll, chair, Kathy Brenniman, Shirley Segretto and Anna Weselak. **Additional committee members are needed.** This is a *short term commitment*, since the conference will be held in less than 6 months. Please contact any of the committee members if you are interested.

Laurie Driscoll
Transitions Conference Chair

AAUW on YouTube

It's Hip, and Reaching Thousands of Potential New Members – It's AAUW on YouTube!

AAUW has a **promotional video** to share with you on YouTube. What is YouTube, you ask? Some define it as a video-sharing Web site that is changing American culture. It's a simple new technology and it's a hit with young people. Anyone with a video camera or cell phone can upload a short video to YouTube and reach a global audience. Presidential candidates are using professionally-scripted campaign videos on YouTube to reach young voters. AAUW's website tells us why this new technology is important to us as AAUW members: "This inspiring video about AAUW serves as a powerful reminder of why the organization is still necessary in today's world." You'll want to share this great recruiting video with everyone in your online address book! Take a moment and view the video on YouTube on the AAUW web site:
<http://www.aauw.org/About/aauwVideo.cfm>

(Thanks to Kathryn Tecza for the details on this truly exciting video.)

Membership Matters



Our branch continues to grow! We had several guests at the October meeting. Two more people have joined, making our total membership 84, compared to 59 a year ago. Several others are seriously considering joining us. Thanks to all of you for your recruiting efforts.

Our Membership Orientation for new and prospective members on October 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM was a huge success with many of our new and prospective members attending. Those attending had an opportunity to navigate the AAUW web site and to learn about AAUW on the national, state and local levels. Thanks to AAUW President and Lombard branch member Ruth Sweetser, Branch President Loretta Caputo, and Co-Program Vice President Kathryn Tecza for their help with the orientation program and to Lois Hockman for being such a gracious hostess.

Please welcome **our new members: UnChu Kim and Nancie Stewart.** Both women reside in Lombard. Look for their bios in November.

Also, please extend your congratulations to branch member **Jane Roman** who has been **an AAUW member for 50 years!** She told us at the October meeting that she joined when she was one! She is now an Honorary Life Member, exempt from paying dues. Congratulations, Jane!

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Bell Choir Concerts

In addition to playing in my church bell choir, I am also a member of the Community Ringers of Lombard. We will be performing several times in November and December, and I thought you might like information on the concerts which are free and last about an hour.

•Tuesday, November 13: 7 PM
Sunrise Assisted Living in Glen Ellyn
95 Carleton Avenue, Glen Ellyn

•Sunday, November 18: 3 PM, repeated at 4 PM
The Meadows,
60 N. Nicoll, Glen Ellyn

•Tuesday, November 27: 7 PM
Helen Plum Library, Lombard
(Holiday Concert)

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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.)

Maria Boggiano completed her History degree in Puerto Rico, studied French at the University of Grenoble in France, and Latin American Studies Masters program at the National University of Mexico, working and witnessing extreme poverty among the indigenous women over 5 years before moving to Washington D.C. in 1981, where she worked for 2 years in Congress as an Information Specialist with the office of Congressman Corrado from Puerto Rico. She met her husband and had her children there, worked as a Hands-on-Science teacher, Cub Scout troop leader, Spanish tutor, developed an educational program for an autistic girl, was an interpreter and translator.

After 10 years, the family moved to Hartford, CT, then Chicago. Maria is a Willowbrook Wildlife Foundation volunteer, York Township election observer and Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission member who enjoys reading, wildlife watching, traveling, the arts, and is passionate about equity and fairness in our world. She has two sons in college.

Yearbook Correction

Thanks to Murphy's Law, the yearbook becomes outdated as soon as it is published.



• **Pat Poskocil's** e-mail should be pafpos-at-aol.com. (Replace the -at- with @ of course.)

Many thanks to Bebe Mosillo for tackling the job of creating this directory and her immense efforts in tracking down correct information.

Bell Choir, Cont.

•Tuesday, December 18: 7 PM
Yorktown Mall – Second Level by Carson's
(Holiday Concert)

In addition, another bell choir, The Chicago Bronze, will present "Christmas in the City" at the Community Presbyterian Church on Madison St., east of Westmore in Lombard on December 1 at 7 PM.

Kathy Brenniman
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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

Nov. 7, 7 pm at Bebe's
Book: Hammet Awards 2004
Alibi: A Novel by Joseph Kanon

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

Nov 12, 7:15pm at (loc TBA)
Movie: TBA. **We need hostesses!**
Call Loretta to offer to host future evenings.



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

Nov 27, 1 pm at Casey's Restaurant
RSVP to Marilyn or Carol by Nov 20!
(See next column)

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

Nov 16, 1 pm at Carol's
Book: Innocents Abroad
by Mark Twain



Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)
Chair: Pat Porep, 629-2933

Nov 5, 6:30p at Tierra Grill, Villa Park
Please join us for Dining On A Dime at Tierra Grill on St. Charles Rd, just west of Rt. 83 in Villa Park. The restaurant is on the south side of St. Charles. Please reply only if you are sure you can come. This is a small venue and seating is limited. Call Pat at 630-629-2933 for additional information.

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! (12/8)

Join us Saturday, December 8 for a **Jane Addams Day Celebration** at the Chicago History Museum. AAUW-IL presents a program on Addams with "The Halsted Street Play" performed in the tradition of reader's theatre. Program free, but museum admission fee is required. We'll taking the 8:04 am Metra from Lombard which arrives Chicago at 8:46 am. We'll walk to Clark & take the bus to Clark & North Ave.)



Women's Issues Holiday Luncheon

We are happy to invite ALL AAUW members to join Women's Issues Holiday luncheon at Casey's Restaurant on North Avenue just east of Grace. We will celebrate at 1PM on **Tuesday, November 27.**

In the past we have made individual orders and received separate checks. RSVP by November 20 to Carol Schuh (630)-629-8817 or Marilyn Gustafson (630) 325-1475

Ten Thousand Villages & Heifer International

We had the privilege to hear first-hand at our October 10 program about the incredibly rewarding benefits that Ten Thousand Villages and Heifer Project provide. Both of these programs allow people to improve their lives and the lives of their families with hope and dignity.

Ten Thousand Villages works with over 100 artisan groups in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to bring you fair trade jewelry, home decor, gifts and more. As one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations, they build long-term relationships with artisans that are based on mutual understanding and respect.

Fair trade enables artisans to earn a fair wage and provides the opportunity for a better quality of life.

The nearest Ten Thousand Villages store is located at 499 Pennsylvania Avenue in Glen Ellyn (one block north of the tracks). Phone: 630/790-1166. www.tenthousandvillages.com

Heifer International does so much more than put food in the mouths of hungry people. Heifer helps people feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability – project partners achieving self-reliance.

And year after year, as partner families "pass on the gift" of knowledge and one or more of their animals' offspring to others in need, they become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves.

Heifer does not have a "store," but relies on monetary donations through its catalog or web site. Wouldn't you love to find a flock of chicks, a share of a llama, or a water buffalo in your living room? (And they make great stocking stuffers!)
www.heifer.org

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Lombard Area Branch American Association of University Women

Branch Calendar

Nov

- Nov. 5** - Dining on a Dime at Tierra Grill (see pg. 5)
Nov. 7 - Mystery Buffs, 7pm; Bebe's
Nov. 10 - General program, 7:00pm; First Church of Lombard, upstairs hall (where we held the book sale).
Nov. 12- Cinema, 7:15pm; location TBA
Nov. 16 - Literature, 1 pm; Carol's
Nov. 19 - Board meeting, 6:45 pm; at FOCUS in Cove Plaza
Nov. 27 - Women's Issues Holiday Luncheon, 1pm at Casey's Restaurant. RSVP by Nov. 20 (See pg. 5)

Future

- Dec 10** - The first annual Jane Addams Day!
View www.aauw-il.org/jane.html for more details on this commemorative day. Our interest group Six in the City will be taking the train into Chicago on Dec. 8 to help celebrate. (See pg. 5.)
May 2-3, 2008 - Illinois AAUW State Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Naperville



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