



# Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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## Saturday, November 14: Gender in the Court



Join us on Saturday, November 14, at 9 am for a light breakfast followed by our speaker. Barbara Joan Zeitz will speak on "Gender in the Court: A Litany of Supreme Court Gender Legislation". Law and gender have interacted with one another throughout American history. From legislation through Supreme Court decisions through recent Supreme Court appointments, gendered decisions become enforceable law. Barbara will discuss the impact of various court decisions on the lives of women. She includes discussions on the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, and Title IX.

Barbara Joan Zeitz is a Women's Historian and Gender Equity Analyst. She formed her company, Gender Perspectives, to focus on gender and its impact on all aspects of society. She writes a monthly online column, "CountHerHistory", which appears on the AAUW-IL web site ([www.aauw-il.org/information/index.html](http://www.aauw-il.org/information/index.html)).

We'll have a light breakfast at 9am, followed by our speaker at 9:30am.

*Heidi Fraser, Gale Wiedman, Program Co-chairs*

Sat, Nov. 14

9 am

*Gender in the Court*

First Church of  
Lombard  
~ Upstairs ~

## AAUW Fund Restructuring: How it Affects Your Donations

Some of us like to donate money to certain AAUW funds, formerly known as EF, LAF, and LTI. Due to the restructuring of AAUW, all of these programs are now part of AAUW.

Donations should be written to "AAUW Funds." To specify a certain area for your donation, include your chosen fund number or name in the memo line of your check. Please write "Lombard Area, IL" somewhere on the check. Send a copy or an email to Kathy Brenniman (Illinois EF Director) so she is aware of your individual donation.

Mail donations to AAUW Development Office, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045 (new address from last year).  
All contributions to "AAUW Funds" are fully tax deductible.

**# 9110:** AAUW Funds: These are considered "undesignated funds" and will support any of the following programs with the greatest need. If you don't specify any of the following numbers on your check, your donation will go into the #9110 pool.

**# 3999:** Legal Advocacy Fund (formerly part of AAUW-EF). Includes legal case support, case travel grants, campus outreach projects and more.

**# 9170:** Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (formerly part of AAUW-EF). Includes support for AAUW research reports and more.

**# 4336:** Educational Opportunities Fund (formerly part of AAUW-EF). Funds fellowships and grants (Career development grants, American fellowships, etc.), undergraduate scholarship clearinghouse, and more.

**# 4339:** Leadership Programs Fund (formerly part of AAUW-Leadership & Training Institute). Includes NCCWSL, campus action projects, and more.

**# 4337:** Public Policy Fund (formerly part of the Association). Includes government relations, civic engagement, field organization and more.

We also have a few Illinois endowments available for direct donations. Write your check to "AAUW Funds," then specify one of these numbers on the memo line:

**# 4340-** Ruth Sweetser Honorarium

**# 4311 -** Jo Ann Horowitz – Research & Projects Grant

**# 4294 -** Mary Ellen Smyth – American Fellowship

*There are many more fund options. For more information on donating to AAUW Funds, contact Kathy Brenniman at [kfbrenn@aol.com](mailto:kfbrenn@aol.com), 630/627-5180. OR go to [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org) and click the "Donate to AAUW" button on the home page.*

# 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 Sull by the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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# President's Corner



At the AAUW-IL Fall Conference for Districts 4 and 5, on Saturday, October 17, the morning was filled with very interesting and informative speakers. The first was Mary Ellen Smyth, a former president of the Educational Foundation, whose topic was "Leadership – What's In It for Me." She explained that membership and leadership in AAUW imparts experience and poise, which translates to the

business world as well as to any organization to which you may belong. And, of course, experience in the business world translates to your performance in any other organization. She ended with the thought that her years of leadership, both in AAUW and many other organizations, have given her much satisfaction as each goal was achieved.

Cindy Trennert-Lukens, a member of the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn branch who has a meeting planning company, gave us the benefit of her years of experience with a list of items to consider when planning a major event—many of which could be easily overlooked when facing the many aspects of planning. If any of you are interested in more information on this subject, Cindy offered her website and telephone number and I can share them with you. (ed: Find the outline for her speech at [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org).)

Connie Baker, the former president of the Elmhurst branch, spoke on the topic of Recruiting Volunteers. Considering the success of the Latina Conference, originated by Elmhurst, it is obvious that Connie has a talent for this subject. Following that topic, Connie explained two very useful computer programs which we can put to good use very soon in our branch: SurveyMonkey.com can be used to assist finding the most compatible meeting dates for committees and DialMyCalls.com can be used to record and then send a message to all the telephone numbers entered. So, if some day in the near future you receive a recorded message reminding you of a branch meeting, don't be too surprised!

The final speaker was Linda Henning Cohen, the current president of AAUW-IL, who shared her tips for running an effective meeting. When we were asked to discuss topics in small groups, I was fortunate to be sitting with our own Ruth Sweetser as well as several AAUW-IL board members and received the benefit of much of their combined experience.

As you may have noticed, I have been attempting to streamline the business portions of our branch meetings so that meetings last no longer than two hours. However, in order to further that aim, please try to arrive promptly at the scheduled time. When the meetings start on time, we will finish on time. Thanks for your help.

One of the Nobel Prize winners in Physiology or Medicine, Carol Greider is an AAUW member at large since 2002. She was honored with two colleagues, Elizabeth Blackburn and Jack Szostak. I'm sure you will agree that it's a bit thrilling to realize a fellow member has been so honored. I wish Carol could hear our cheer!

Hope to see you at the November meeting.

*Mary Ann Dion, President (630/353-0149)*

## Ways and Means!

Carson's Community Day, **November 14**, is one of Carson's biggest sale days of the year -- we are selling coupon books for even better prices. Here's how it works — we sell as many **coupon books beforehand for \$5 each** and we keep the money. If we sell 75 books or more, we will earn a percentage of the day's sales. If our group is in the top 25% of all sellers, we earn the privilege of selling books on that day in the store next year, for even more profits!

**We still need help selling coupon books in Carson's on the following days:**

Sunday, 11/8 4-6pm  
Thursday, 11/12 10am-12n, 2-4pm

Please let Heidi Koberstine know by phone, 630/483-8382, or email, [heidi.koberstine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidi.koberstine@sbcglobal.net), if you are able to distribute during any of these times!

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

## New AAUW Travel Partners

AAUW member and owner of one of AAUW's newest partners, Ann Hite of TravelSmart Partners, has created a new international travel program for fellow AAUW members. The Director's "Learn & Explore" travel series was designed to expand knowledge and understanding of women in other areas of the world and the issues that are important to them. Each tour is developed to complement our mission of equity for women and will include an AAUW host.

The first tour in this travel series, **Vietnam & Cambodia, will be hosted by AAUW President Carolyn Garfein**. These tours will focus on exploring the customs and culture of the region, with an emphasis on current and historical barriers faced by women and the creative ways women have broken through those barriers.

For more information, see [travelsmartpartners.com/aauw/](http://travelsmartpartners.com/aauw/), or call Toni or Allie at 800/670-6984.

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## Thank You

I would like to thank you all for your hope and concern during Bill's illness. We appreciated all the love and kindness that you shared with us upon his passing.

Wilma Bain and Family

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## National Women's History Museum

On October 14, the House passed (voice vote) the **National Women's History Museum Act of 2009 (H.R. 1700)**.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), permits the National Women's History Museum to purchase land from the National Mall for a museum in appreciation of women's many accomplishments and contributions to our nation.

This is the first time a bill of this type has passed the House of Representatives, and AAUW Action Network members helped to make this possible by contacting their representatives in advance of the vote. AAUW is a strong supporter of H.R. 1700 and a proud member of the NWHM Coalition, a group of national women's professional and service organizations committed to supporting the NWHM mission.

This bill has now been sent to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

To find out more about the museum, [www.nwhm.org/](http://www.nwhm.org/)

## U.S Census Tips: Protect Yourself

### Here at Home - Protecting Yourself During the Census Process

The 2010 U.S. Census will start soon and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) has some warnings about protecting yourselves from fraud or identity theft.

More than 140,000 U.S. Census workers are responsible for counting every person in the U.S. and gathering personal information including name, age, gender, and race. According to the BBB, it is important to recognize that **each U.S. Census worker will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice.**

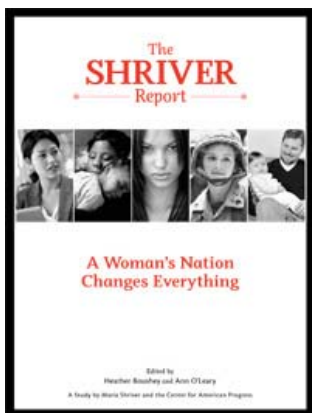
- ◆ Do not hesitate to ask for their identification and badge before providing them with any information.
- ◆ Also, census workers will never ask for your social security number, credit card or banking information.
- ◆ While they may ask for a general salary figure, they should not need any personal bank numbers nor will they try to solicit money.
- ◆ You should also never be contacted by the U.S. Census through email.
- ◆ Never open an email that says it is from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information about how to stay protected during the U.S. Census process, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

(Thanks to Doris Schertz for this information.)

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## AAUW Provides Policy Recommendations for a True Woman's Nation



AAUW has released policy recommendations based on a new report from Maria Shriver and the Center for American Progress that highlights the rise of women in the workforce while emphasizing that working women and their families lack critical support.

*The Shriver Report-A Woman's Nation Changes Everything* is a comprehensive account of the status of women, who for the first time in history are half of the workforce in the U.S. One of the co-editors of the report, Heather Boushey, is also a former AAUW Fellow. Maria Shriver appeared on [Meet the Press](#). The report is also highlighted on [Time Magazine](#).

Visit AAUW's new webpage ([http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/womansnation.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/womansnation.cfm)) devoted to our response to *A Woman's Nation*. Find program ideas, policy recommendations, press releases, and much more on that new page.

## Carson Community Days: Nov. 14

Thanks to all of you, we have now sold at least 40 coupon books, which adds \$200 to our coffers! The big day is November 14th, just a few weeks away - our goal is 75 books, which means \$375 plus a share in the sales of the day.

We still need a few more volunteers to sell books at the store. If you can spare 2 hours on Sunday, 11/8, from 4-6 PM or Thursday, 11/12 from 12-2, or 4-6, please let Heidi Koberstine know. [heidi.koberstine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidi.koberstine@sbcglobal.net) or 630/483-8382.

## Six in the City: December 6



Six in the City celebrates **Jane Addams Day** on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at the Jane Addams Center, Bowen Park, Waukegan, IL, site of the summer camp Jane Addams ran for Chicago children (among them Mike Campo, Lynda's husband).

Tours of the Lilac Cottage and Historical Farm House begin at 9 am. Buffet Lunch at the Jane Addams Center is at 11:30 am – Cost \$20. Program speakers are Ellen Frew and Ty Rohrer, of the Waukegan History Museum. Co-sponsors are Wisconsin Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Milwaukee North Shore AAUW Branch.

Did you know? Jane Addams was not only the founder of Chicago's Hull House, but an AAUW member, the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, a founder of the NAACP, a founder of the ACLU, and a founder and the first president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom? Come and learn more about the work of this remarkable woman.

We'll drive from Doris', leaving at 9:00 am to allow time to tour the Lilac Cottage and Historical Farm House before the 11:30 lunch. **Reservations** and information contact is Jane Munsie, 630-985-0320 or visit [www.aauw-il.org/jane](http://www.aauw-il.org/jane) for more information and a reservation form. Sign up at the Saturday, Nov. 14 branch meeting or email Doris. Reservations are due November 25.

Doris Schertz ([dcshertz@comcast.net](mailto:dcshertz@comcast.net))

## 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

**Nov 4: 7:00 pm.** at Bebe's  
Meet author Denise Swanson!

### Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)

Chair: Pat Porep

**Nov 2: 6:30pm**

*The Patio: 2780 S. Highland Ave,  
Lombard (across from Yorktown; by  
Sweet Tomatoes)*



### Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, &  
Heidi Koberstine

**Nov 9: 7 pm**

*Anyways, Roosevelt Rd, Villa Park*

### The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein



### Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

**Nov 20: 1 pm** at Mary Ann G's

### Julie and Julia

by Julie Powell



### Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

**Dec 6. 9 am: Carpool from Doris'**

### **Jane Addams Day!**

**See article to left.**

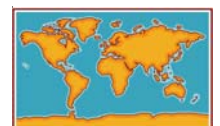
### Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson &  
Carol Schuh

**Nov 17: 10 am** at Mary Ann Grady's

*Egypt*, by Carol Von Holst

RSVP to Marilyn at 630/325-1475





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## American Association of University Women LOMBARD AREA BRANCH BRANCH CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2009

### November

**Mon, 11/2 - Dining on a Dime.** 6:30p. The Patio, Lombard.

**Weds, 11/4 - Mystery.** 7p. Bebe's.

**Mon, 11/9- Lit Wits.** 7p. Anyways, Villa Park.

**Sat, 11/14- General Program.** 9am. First Church of Lombard.

**Sat, 11/14 - Carson's Community Day.** Sell \$5 coupon booklets and shop at Carson's Nov. 14. See page 3.

**Mon, 11/16 - Board Meeting.** 7pm, FOCUS, Lombard.

**Tues, 11/17- Women's Issues.** 10 am. Mary Ann G's

**Fri, 11/20 - Literature.** 1p. Mary Ann G's

### Future

**Sun. 12/6 - Six in the City!** AAUW Jane Addams Celebration at Bowen Park, Waukegan. See page 5 for details.

**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](http://www.aauw-il.org)*

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



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