



# Lombard Area Branch (IL)

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## Wednesday, October 14: Women as Leaders

Join us October 14, 7pm, at the First Church of Lombard to hear Tanesha D.H. Pittman discuss the significance of women in leadership roles in our society.

Tanesha is the executive director of adult programs for Benedictine University's Margaret and Harold Moser College of Adult and Professional Studies.

Tanesha's current position at Benedictine is instrumental to development of woman as leaders. She is the driving force behind the new Master of Science in Leadership program that is intended to increase women's contributions by developing and empowering knowledgeable, well-trained professionals and leaders who will not only emerge as leaders in their organizations and community, but worldwide.

Tanesha will discuss the challenges woman face in their struggle to assume leadership roles in the workplace. Unrealistic expectations, a communication gap between women and others in power, the lack of mentors, the absence of a support group and a non-collaborative workplace culture all create barriers between women and positions of leadership.

To uplift and empower women to more deeply participate in and lead the world into the future, Benedictine University has established a program specifically designed for women by women. This Master of Science in Leadership program is designed to provide the knowledge base and skills that will contribute to the professional and personal development needs of women in today's society. This philosophy offers an exceptional academic experience emphasizing a specific gender orientation.

Tanesha will also reference her recent Mission to Kenya. See you Wednesday, October 14!

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

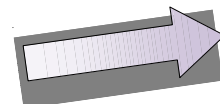


**Weds, Oct. 14**

**7 pm**

First Church of  
Lombard  
~ Upstairs ~

See page 3 for exciting fundraising information - our upcoming restaurant outing, and our involvement with Carson's Community Days.



## 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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## President's Corner



The **AAUW-II Fall Conference** for Districts 4 and 5 (which includes Lombard) will be held on Saturday, October 17, at Oakton Community College in DesPlaines from 8:30am. to 1:00pm. It includes breakfast. The conference will include a seminar on leadership skills as well as up-to-date information on the many exciting things AAUW is doing at the local, state and nation levels and the cost for this very interesting half-day session is \$21. I fervently hope that many of you will choose to attend this conference.

Another extraordinary opportunity coming up is the **Jane Addams Day Commemorative Holiday Celebration** at The Jane Addams Center at Bowen Park, in Waukegan on Sunday, December 6. Tours of Lilac Cottage where Jane Addams lived during the summer and the Historical Farm House will be offered from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be at 11:30am. Program speakers are Ellen Frew, Waukegan Historical Society, and Ty Rohrer, Director Waukegan History Museum. Bowen Park was the site of Jane Addams' summer camp for inner-city children. Tickets are \$20 – reservations due by November 25 (payable to AAUW-IL) to: Cindy Heckler, 4432 Blackhawk, Lisle, IL 60532. For further information, please contact Jane Munsie, Committee Chair, [jamunsie@aol.com](mailto:jamunsie@aol.com) or telephone 630/985-0320. Car pools can be set up as needed.

Lastly, the **deadline for nominations for AAUW-IL Officers** for 2010-2011 is November 1, 2009. The positions to be filled are Program VP, Director of Finance Elect, Director of the Educational Foundation, and Director of the Legal Advocacy Fund. Nomination forms will be available at the Fall Conference or nominations will be accepted by mail to: Erika Niketakis, 4378 W. Lawn Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031. Any AAUW-IL member in good standing may make a nomination. Do you know of someone who would be a good candidate?

Please support our Shop and Share days at Jewel – September 28-30 – and the all-day fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on October 5. If you have any ideas for a new interest group or any other question or concern, please let me know.

Hope to see you at the October meeting,

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

## Do you have Carson Community Days Booklets?

All members who took Community Day coupon books at the September meeting need to let Heidi Koberstine know how many you took, and how many you have sold. You'll need to bring both the money and leftover books to the October 14 meeting. Thanks.

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

## Ways and Means: TWO items!

Ways & Means wants to remind you of 2 upcoming fundraisers. On **Monday, October 5** join us for Dining on a Dime at Buffalo Wild Wings at 6:30p and bring your flyer to help us earn 15% of the sales that day. If you don't want to "do" dinner, the offer is good all day long, so grab some friends and "do" lunch. It is also valid on any take out orders that day.

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 are signed up to sell coupon books in Carson's on the following days:**

Saturday, 11/7 2-4 PM

Sunday, 11/8 4-6 PM

Thursday, 11/12 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8

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

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

## Yearbook Corrections/Additions

Thank you Bebe for the salmon yearbook. We appreciate your work putting this together.

The French writer Voltaire said, "Love truth, but pardon error."

In that vein, here are a few corrections for you to note:

◆ Please remove Laura Fitzpatrick, Gay Starrak, and Christine Yeager from the yearbook.

◆ Vera Hahlbeck was inadvertently left out -- her information is on the inside back cover.

◆ Correct program dates (page 12-13) : Weds, Dec 9; Weds, March 10; and Weds, May 12.

If you have other corrections to your own phone or e-mail, please let me or Bebe Mosillo know -- you can find us in the yearbook!

*Leslie Sulla*



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## Required Bylaws Amendments

Major changes to the national AAUW Bylaws were approved at the AAUW national convention in St. Louis in June. Branches are now required to bring their bylaws into compliance by October 31, 2009. These are mandated changes that branches do not vote on. These changes will be discussed at the October general meeting, and the amended bylaws will be emailed to members once those changes have been incorporated.

In addition, this is a good time for us to review our bylaws and policy handbook over the next few months and make any additional changes we deem appropriate. Therefore, I am forming a Bylaws Committee to review these documents and am looking for volunteers. The recommended bylaws changes will be presented to the branch for a vote in the future. Thanks for your help!

*Kathy Brenniman, Branch Bylaws Chair  
630/627-5180, [kfbrenn@aol.com](mailto:kfbrenn@aol.com)*

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## Illinois and Lombard Giving Awards

Since our Branch had another VERY successful book sale, I thought you would like to know about all the awards AAUW-IL, INC. and the Lombard Area Branch received at the national convention in St. Louis in June. We made an unbelievable statement about our commitment to our philanthropic efforts. We received the following award certificates:

- \$ Educational Foundation:** Total Giving IL # 2; Per Capita Giving IL # 7; Branch Giving (Wheaton/Glen Ellyn) # 3
- \$ Eleanor Roosevelt Fund:** Total Giving IL # 4; Per Capita Giving IL # 8; Branch Giving (Deerfield) # 7
- \$ Leadership Training Institute (LTI):** Total Giving IL # 9; Branch Giving (Lombard) # 10
- \$ Legal Advocacy Fund:** Total Giving IL # 4
- \$ AAUW, Public Policy:** Total Giving IL # 4
- \$ Combined Support (EF, ERF, LAF, LTI, AAUW):** Total Giving IL # 4!!!

What an awesome achievement for our state and branch! Thanks to all branch members who worked on our book sale and who have contributed individually to the Educational Foundation and to the Ruth Sweetser Honorary Fund. I am still taking donations to her fund, so if you would like to contribute to honor Ruth for her 4 years of service to our organization as national president, please send your contribution to me. Thanks so much.

*Kathy Brenniman,  
AAUW-IL, Inc. Educational Foundation Director  
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## Public Policy: New Census Data Shows the Wage Gap is Stubbornly in Place

Lisa Maatz, AAUW's top policy adviser, issued the following statement in light of the income data released in September by the U.S. Census Bureau.



“The government’s new report on income, poverty, and health insurance coverage shows that the wage gap between men and women working full time remains stubbornly in place. In 2007, the average woman made almost 78 cents for each dollar earned by her male counterpart.

According to newly released 2008 figures, that number now stands at just over 77 cents for each dollar earned by a man. Given the tough economic times, some might say that women should be satisfied that the gap didn’t widen. [*Loretta adds:* In these bad times, often it is still the wife who has a job, and the man is having a harder time finding work, so this is not the time to cut her pay further. That applies even more to the single parent families.]

However, given that the wage gap has been stagnant over the past decade - in good times and bad - AAUW sees this as a time for action.

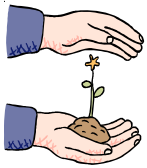
It is critical that we make real progress on closing the wage gap. Wage discrimination hurts whole families, not just women. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about a fifth of families with children are headed by single working moms, and nearly half of all families with children depend on two paychecks. Clearly a majority of working families have a stake in equal pay for equal work. They are not asking for special treatment; they are asking for simple justice.

AAUW remains committed to passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182/H.R. 12), a much-needed update to the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Congress made an important statement earlier this year by adopting the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act - the first bill signed into law by President Barack Obama. But it’s only the first step to fair pay. The Paycheck Fairness Act, along with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, will help create a climate in which pay discrimination is not tolerated. The House has already passed the measure, but the Senate needs to take up the mantle. It’s time we strengthened the Equal Pay Act so that it can finally live up to its name.”

**What you can do:** Urge Senators Durbin and Burriss to support the Paycheck Fairness Act!

*Loretta Caputo  
Chair, Public Policy*

## Membership Matters: New Member!



Welcome to our newest member. Be sure to seek Rebecca out and give her a warm hello. Expect to see her biography in November newsletter. For now, add Rebecca's information to your yearbook.

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Membership Co-Vice-Presidents

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## Survey Responses

More quotes from attendees at April's *Dare to Dream* conference for Latina middle schoolers:

- 🌀 Education is freedom, so don't give up – finish high school and college.
- 🌀 I know I have freedom and no one will take my education away. I also know it's never too late and I have options for careers: There's nobody better than ME!
- 🌀 Talk with your parents or someone you trust, because they can say "you're thin" when you don't think so.
- 🌀 I learned to be able to talk to my mom.

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Thank you to Mark for videotaping our September program with Marti Sladek. If you're in need of a video director or producer, contact Mark:

Mark Krieglstein  
147 S. Ellyn, Glen Ellyn, 630/ 469-4336



## 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

**Oct 7: 7:00 pm.** at Anyway's Restaurant,  
Roosevelt Road in Villa Park  
*Michael Allen Dymmoch*

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

Chair: Pat Porep

**Oct 5: 6:30pm**

*Buffalo Wild Wings: Branch FUNdraiser*  
*Bring a flyer for credit to the branch!!*



### Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Leslie Sulla, &  
Heidi Koberstine

**Oct 12: 7 pm**

*Panera, Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn*  
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout



### Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

**Oct 16: 1 pm at Olive's**

Big Stone Gap by Adriana  
Trigiani



### Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

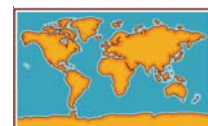
**October. Details to be announced.**

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

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson &  
Carol Schuh

**Oct 20: 10 am at Carol VH's**

Billie Jean presents "Unmentionables"  
RSVP to Marilyn at 630/325-1475





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LOMBARD AREA BRANCH  
BRANCH CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2009

*October*

**Mon, 10/5 - Dining on a Dime.** 6:30p. Buffalo Wild Wings. Bring flyer so we get a percentage of sales!!

**Weds, 10/7-** Mystery. 7p. Anyways Restaurant, Villa Park.

**Mon, 10/12-** Lit Wits. 7p. Panera, Glen Ellyn.

**Weds, 10/14-** General Program, First Church of Lombard.

**Sat, 10/17-** Fall Conference for District 4 & 5. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines

**Fri, 10/16-** Literature. 1p. Olive's  
**Tues, 10/20-** Women's Issues. 10 am. Carol VH's

**October** - Six in the City. To be announced.

*Future*

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

**Sun. 12/6** - AAUW Jane Addams Celebration at Bowen Park, Waukegan (see [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org) for details)

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



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