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Campaigning and Holding Public Office in Local Government (Social & Culinary Potpourri)

On Wednesday, September 12, after a relaxing dinner hour and socializing, we will have a program entitled: "The Best Education Money Can't Buy: Campaigning and Holding Public Office in Local Government." We look forward to hearing from a panel of three citizens elected to local boards: Jan Mills, Lombard Park District; Dana Moreau, Lombard Village Trustee; and Gary Brenniman, Library Board. Each speaker will focus on what was learned during campaigning for office and the challenges faced by an elected official. There will be a brief question and answer period following the presentations. This is not a time for controversy, but rather an opportunity to learn more about elected public office. Programs this coming year have been selected to serve the mission of AAUW. The September meeting topic aligns with the AAUW Public Policy Issue *Voter Education* and highlights the importance of women's civic participation, from voting to leading, in creating a true democracy.

Weds, Sept. 12
6:30 pm Potluck
7:30 pm Program

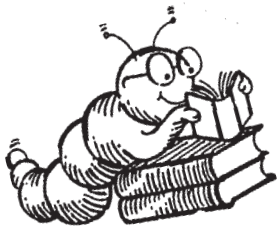
NEW LOCATION:
First Church of Lombard
SouthWest corner of
Main and Maple

This will be our first program at our new location -- the First Church of Lombard! Enter the parking lot from the driveway directly south of the church (between the church and the martial arts building), or from Ash Street. Enter through the parking lot door and head downstairs for this program.

Kathryn Tecza and Betsy Swinson
Program co-vice presidents



Used Book Sale 2007



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, talents, and physical labor to the 2007 Used Book Sale. Between a third to half of our branch membership made contributions to the sale. Many of our "veterans" and "rookies" (new branch members) worked together to raise close to \$7000 for national and local scholarship and grant purposes.

We were very pleased with the positive response to our location for the sale and were able to get some good suggestions for the future. A book sale wrap up meeting and celebration will be held at Sue Meadow's home on August 28 at 7:30 pm. Reports and recommendations will be discussed at the meeting. Everyone will hear more about the book sale at the September general meeting.

With great appreciation to everyone for joining in to pull off our latest venture,
Sue Meadows and Janet Miller
Book Sale co-chairs

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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See branch calendar on last page for date/location

Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sullia by the 3rd Friday of the month.

President's Greeting

Summer's almost over and as usual it flew by. Kids are back in school and fall is on our minds. I don't know where the season went, but I'm looking forward to the new one.

This year our focus is on Transitions and Diversity. Transitions will be getting up and running as a board committee, with Laurie Driscoll as its chair. Diversity is designed to promote leadership and equity for women to increase women's economic opportunities worldwide. We'll be working on this as well.



The book sale is over and we did well. The facility was wonderful, we sold lots of books and the committee will be meeting soon to review and plan for next year. Hear details at our September 12 program.

Betsy Swinson and Kathy Tecza have a whole season of programs planned in line with our new goals for AAUW. We'll begin the year with our usual pot luck-ooops, renamed Culinary Potpourri (!), and will have an exciting panel of people to talk to us; Jan Mills from the Lombard Park District, Dana Moreau from the village board, and Gary Brenniman from the library. It should be very interesting.

We have about 14 new members, bringing the total to 75. They will be wearing name tags marked so you know they are new members and guests will also have an identifying name tag. Please do everything you can to make them feel welcome. We will have a membership tea in October for new members.

Bebe is hard at work on the yearbook, which should be ready for sure in October. Our logo will be the rising Phoenix designed to symbolize our move toward a more vibrant, mission-driven future. This logo, featured on our convention materials, celebrated the host city of Phoenix which, like AAUW, was founded in 1881. The AAUW logo imbedded in its "heart" stands for our journey toward equity for women and girls.

Barb Madigan is working on Social/Hospitality and will be asking for help on a monthly basis, so please think about offering a hand. We also have a brand new member who has accepted a position as Ways and Means chair, Patricia Walther, and we are looking forward to working with her in whatever ways we can help.

The interest groups are in place, but we are looking for suggestions for some new ones as well, so if you have any ideas, please call me. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting. These groups are a wonderful way to get to know each other in a more personal way and new people are always welcome.

I hope you are all as excited about the new year as I am. I look forward to meeting all our new members as well as seeing old friends again at the meeting

Loretta Caputo, President

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"Cuisine" Cooks Up a New Format

The interest group formerly known as the Cuisine Group has changed its name to Dining on a Dime.

The name change coincides with a format change.

We will now be going to a local restaurant on the 1st Monday of every month. This will make it possible for anyone who would like to be part of the group to join us.

Our mission is to try to find restaurants with meals for \$15 or less. The restaurant should also include something we can study: an ethnic group, an era or something else which will please our brains as well as our palates.

We will take turns planning the restaurants for each month and will try to make them available in advance so people who would like to go can indicate their interest.

Our first restaurant visit will be to Dusit Thai on Roosevelt Rd. on October 1st. Mark the date on your calendar now!

Deadline for reservations will be Sept 15.

See you there!

Pat Porep
Cuisine



Local Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee chose two recipients for the Return to Learning Scholarships, who were each awarded \$1,000. We were happy to welcome them to our pot luck program in May!

> Laura Sibrava, Lombard, is attending dental school at Midwestern University, with the goal of becoming an orthodontist.

> Carol Schubert, Glendale Heights, had a long career with I.B.M. and is currently a Youth Minister, attending Dominican University with a major in Pastoral Ministry.

Our two high school winners were each awarded \$750.

Mary Ann Dion
EF Chair

Membership Matters



Welcome to our second year of the AAUW Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. In 2006-07, our Branch added 16 new members! Ten of our members actively recruited these new members (Ruth Sweetser, Loretta Caputo, Pat Poskocil, Mary Ann Dion, Bebe Mosillo, Gale Wiedman,

Kathryn Tecza, Wilma Bain, Doris Schertz, and Kathy Brenniman). A big thanks to them for their efforts! All 16 of our new members are with us for the 2007-08 year, either rejoining or continuing their 15-month memberships. Our recruiters are listed on the Hall of Fame List on the AAUW website at www.aauw.org.

In addition, we have 14 prospective members. Twelve of these attended our Used Book Sale and are participating in our free membership drawing at our September 12th meeting at First Church of Lombard (SW corner of Main and Maple) in Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Please join us and help warmly welcome our new and prospective members who will be identified on their nametags. Remember, with AAUW's Shape the Future Program, if 2 people join AAUW together at the meeting, they pay half of the national dues for a total of \$47.50, rather than \$71.

A New Member Tea will be held in the latter part of October to further welcome our new and prospective members and to further introduce them to AAUW's mission and varied programs. Lois Hockman has graciously agreed to host our tea at her lovely home. The exact date will be announced soon.

We would like to thank all of you who have made our membership drive so successful. We would also like to encourage more members to participate. All you have to do is bring someone to one of our meetings. When we were talking to prospective members at the Book Sale, they were so impressed with AAUW, our Branch and what we do. Remember, the responsibility to increase our branch membership rests on all of us.

Doris Schertz and Kathleen Brenniman
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership

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New Member Biographies

(ed. note: I inadvertently left out new member Katherine's biography in the summer newsletter.)

Katherine Lawrence (alnowkatherine@aol.com)

After more than 30 years of corporate and retail management experience, interrupted by or concurrent with attempts to complete her education including extensive work at Northern Seminary, Katherine returned full-time to Roosevelt University from which she received a Bachelor's in Communications (Psychology and Theatre) in 2003 and a Master's in Interdisciplinary Studies in Women and Gender Studies, Art and Psychology, with Certificates in Relaxation Training and Women and Gender Studies in 2005. With a particular commitment to serve women and artists, Katherine developed her company *Abundant Living Now* and its associates to provide personal coaching and mentoring, classes, and development seminars for all of her individual, group, and corporate clients so they are empowered to embrace their authentic, abundant selves. As a visual and performing artist/director in music, theatre and dance, Katherine uniquely understands the challenges faced by each person who chooses to become an artisan in her/his professional and personal artistic work. She also teaches card design and scrapbooking utilizing rubber stamping.

Deanna Sherpan

We have a new student affiliate member: Deanna Sherpan. Deanna is a senior scholarship student at Elmhurst College and is currently student teaching kindergarten in Bloomingdale. She will graduate this coming December. Deanna attended Northern Illinois part-time, and graduated from College of DuPage. Deanna is Carol Schuh's granddaughter.

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
Sept. 5, 7 pm at Barb Kozi's
Book: Shamus Awards 2004
While I Disappear by Ed Wright

Cinema (2nd Monday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224
Sept 10, 7:15pm at Loretta's
Miss Potter



Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)
Chairs: Carol Schuh, 629-8817,
and Marilyn Gustafson, 325-1475
Sept 18, 10 am at Carol Schuh's
Mrs. Renee Peters will share her
experiences living as a teen during WWII in
Nazi-occupied Europe.

Literature (3rd Friday)
Chair: Loretta Caputo, 932-0224
Sept 21, 1 pm at Marilyn Gustafson's
Book: My Sister's Keeper
by Jodi Picoult



Dining on a Dime (1st Monday)
Chair: Pat Porep, 629-2933
Oct 1, at Dusit Thai
Thai cuisine

Six in the City (various)
Chair: Doris Schertz, 629-2695
Sept: Benedictine University Artwork
(see next column)



Six in the City Goes to Lisle!

Date: September 21/27 or 28 (to be confirmed),
10:00 am to 1:00 pm (allows time for lunch)
View the Art Work of Benedictine University
and the St. Procopius Abbey.



Tour Conductor: Benedictine University art
curator Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B.
Drivers can carpool and meet at the Lisle campus. Let
us know if you need a ride or can drive.

Bring money for lunch at the Lisle campus' Abbey or Krasa
Student Center.

Signup at the September potluck or e-mail Gale Wiedman
gkwiedman@comcast.net to **RSVP**, so she'll have a count.

Association Bylaws Amendments

On July 1, delegates at the Phoenix Association Convention
unanimously approved a **major restructuring of AAUW**.
Under these bylaws amendments, effective July 1, 2009, AAUW
will transfer most of its assets and activities to the current
501(c) (3) entity, the AAUW Educational Foundation, to be
titled AAUW. The AAUW (Association) 501(c) (4) corporate
structure will be retained for the purpose of voter registration
or related political activities. All members of AAUW shall
become members of both organizations. The Foundation shall
become the primary member organization and shall be
renamed. Membership dues shall cover membership in both
organizations.

Convention delegates voted to continue the AAUW and EF
Boards as separate boards for the first year of the 2007-2009
biennium and then create a transitional board with the AAUW
and EF Board members sitting jointly from 7/1/08 – 6/30/09.
Thereafter, **one board** (the AAUW Board) will handle all AAUW
and EF matters. These changes will help transform AAUW
into an entity better suited to today's association, membership
and foundation environment and will reduce administrative and
governance costs.

Delegates also voted to change the **composition of the single
Board of Directors** to take effect July 1, 2009. The elected
officers shall be the president, vice president, and 7 directors-
at-large. The president and vice president shall have previously
served on the Association, Educational Foundation, or Legal
Advocacy Board of Directors. The incoming elected officers
shall appoint 6 additional directors-at-large, 3 of whom shall
be members and 3 of whom may be external to the
organization. The finance vp and secretary shall be appointed
from among the elected and appointed members.

Another historical vote at the convention gives **all members
the right to vote** between conventions by mailed or electronic
ballot. The call for a vote may pertain to election of Board of
Directors officers, standing committee chairs, and regional
directors. It may also pertain to resolutions, the public policy
program, or amendments to the Bylaws.

Kathy Brenniman, Bylaws Chair -- Call Kathy with questions.

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Branch Calendar

Sept

Sept 5 - Mystery Buffs, 7pm; Barb's
Sept 10 - Cinema, 7:15pm; Loretta's
Sept 12 - General program & Potluck, 6:30pm; First Church of Lombard (downstairs hall). (see pg. 1)
Sept 17 - Board meeting, 6:45 pm; at FOCUS in Cove Plaza (see pg. 4)
Sept 18 - Women's Issues, 10 am; Carol's
Sept 21 - Literature, 1 pm; Marilyn's

Future

Oct 1 - Dining on a Dime, Dusit Thai in Lombard (see pg. 3)
Oct 10 - General program, 7:00pm; First Church of Lombard, upstairs hall (where we held the book sale)
Oct 15 - Board meeting, 6:45 pm; at FOCUS in Cove Plaza
Oct 20 - Our Fall Conference for Districts 4 & 5 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines

May 2-3, 2008 - Illinois AAUW State Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Naperville

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