

Sat, April 14 - Motivating Girls to Love Science



Don't miss this one! Invite a young friend or granddaughter who is in college, or close to college-age, to join you. Stephanie Gates will speak on "How to Motivate Young Girls to Love Science."

Stephanie, a senior at Milliken University and a double biology-chemistry major, is spending the major part of this year doing laboratory research on gluten, in the hopes that she can make a difference in the lives of the millions of Americans who suffer from gluten intolerance and celiac disease.

Stephanie will talk a bit about her project, as well as the summer internship she spent at a textile and chemical manufacturing company, and her career goals. She will also share with us what it was that motivated her to study science, and her ideas on how to motivate others. She, along with her school's chapter of the American Chemical Society, has been putting on science demonstrations and experiments for elementary students in Decatur, and enjoys working with kids in this capacity.

The April meeting is a Saturday morning:
9:00 a.m. Light Breakfast, 9:30 Business Meeting, 10:15 Program.

Diane Dassow and Heidi Koberstine
Program Co-Chairs



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President's Corner



The calendar says March, but it feels more like summer than spring. It is certainly giving us a chance to get into the outdoor activities we enjoy. I hope everyone is able to take advantage of our warmer weather.

Maybe, take a walk and admire the early spring flowers that are already blooming.

Hopefully a nice day will be available to us on Sunday, May 6 when the Lombard Area branch sponsors a booth during the Lilac Time Craft Fair. Volunteers will be needed during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Two time slots are available for anyone who is able to help. Some of our members signed up at the March general meeting. Sign ups can also be done at the April meeting and by phone or email to me. Our booth will provide visibility for our branch and promote our used book sales this August. We will be having a mini book sale, passing out bookmarks, and providing AAUW information for interested fair visitors. If you can donate books or long tables for the booth, let me know,

We are continuing in our efforts to raise money for our own LCD projector. We are about half way to the goal of \$500. Since we have reached our budget goals for operating funds, we will be using any money from the spring Carson's Days coupon booklets to go toward the projector fund. Booklets were sold at the March meeting and will be available at the April Meeting. Since most speakers request the use of a projector it is becoming a necessary piece of equipment. The projector could also be used when are having presentations during board meetings or interest group meetings so we can definitely make good use of it.

The Illinois AAUW State Convention is soon approaching on April 28-29, 2012. The convention site in Itasca makes attendance for us so convenient. Please check your Illinois Link for the registration form and plan to attend. I would especially encourage members who haven't been at a convention to go. It's a great way to join with AAUW members from all over Illinois and see our state counterparts in action. Be sure to read the article on page 3 about the LAF plaintiff that will speak at the convention.

OK, put those snow shovels away. It doesn't look like we need them any more (I hope).

Have a happy spring,

Janet Miller,
Branch President
Lombard Area AAUW

LAF Plaintiff to Speak at AAUW-Illinois State Convention

There are 3 big reasons to go to this year's AAUW State Convention on April 28 & 29:

- ◆ It's in our backyard - in Itasca, just north on 53;
- ◆ We will have a leader on loan from the national AAUW Board; AND
- ◆ A Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Plaintiff will speak at our special luncheon on Saturday!

AAUW Illinois has received an LAF Travel Grant to pay for the expense of having one of AAUW's LAF plaintiffs speak about the specifics of his case that is partially funded by AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund. For those of you who have never heard one of our LAF plaintiffs speak of the injustice and hardships involved in these employment discrimination cases, you are in for a real treat.

Paul Thein, former Vice President of Student Affairs and Institutional Development, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students at Feather River Community College, sued the university in 2006 for retaliation for complaining of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. He was responsible for building up the athletic department and

bringing in millions of dollars in federal grants to the college. Thein witnessed inappropriate actions of a staff member at a campus party and heard from female students about sexual harassment of female students by the staff member. He reported these incidents to the college president and the authorities and was subsequently fired. His ongoing case has just had a recent development that could be very good news for Paul. I have heard from Holly Kearl, AAUW LAF Director, that he is an excellent speaker and has quite a story to tell.

I hope many of you will be able to join us at the State Convention in Itasca for this very special event.

Kathy Brenniman
AAUW-IL AAUW Funds Co-Director

More details on the State Convention to come!

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Help Needed at Lilac Time Craft Fair

We are again participating in the Lilac Time Craft Fair on Sunday, May 6! This is a great opportunity to promote AAUW's mission. Please consider volunteering between 10am and 4pm that day. We set up in the morning (8:30am?) and need some volunteers to set up the tent and organize the booth.

We will sell used books and promote our branch along with our August book sale.

We need used books and tables – preferably 6' or 8' collapsible tables. Let Janet know at the April meeting what you can donate and when you can volunteer!



Dues Time

It's that time again – AAUW Membership Dues Time. Our annual AAUW dues are \$73. That includes \$49 for national, \$10 for state, and \$14 for our branch. Don't forget that \$46 of your dues are tax-deductible.

The official due date for our dues is June 1, but it would be great to get this taken care of as soon as possible. At the same time, please let me know if you have a new address, phone number, or email address, so that we can get your information updated before the next yearbook comes out.

Please send your \$73 check, payable to **Lombard Area AAUW**, to:

Carol Hester
1143 South Edgewood Ave.
Lombard, IL 60148

I'll also be happy to take your check at our next branch meeting on Saturday, April 14th. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.
Carol Hester, Finance Chair

Agape Bell Ringers - May 6

The Agape Ringers, a premier handbell choir, will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Lombard at 4 PM.

Contact Kathy Brenniman after April 1st for tickets: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.



Ways & Means - Carsons

Buy your \$5.00 Carson Community Days coupon booklets at the Saturday April 14 meeting. The sale dates are Friday April 27 & Saturday 28.

Your donation of \$5.00 will get you \$225.00 in coupon savings.

The funds will go toward the purchase of a projector. We appreciate your support in helping us reach our goal.

Thank you.

Pat Porep & Marge Ostendorf

2012 Used Book Sale Dates: August 8 - 11

Our book sale dates are set! Stay tuned for barrel collection weeks.

Move In: Weds, July 25

Sorting: July 25 - August 7

Drop Off Dates:

Monday, July 26, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Thursday, July 30, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Friday, August 3, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Saturday, August 4, 9am - 1pm

Book Sale: Weds - Sat, August 8-11

Move Out: Sat, August 11



Interest Group Calendar

All Lombard Area AAUW members are welcome to attend any of these interest group programs.

Mystery Buffs

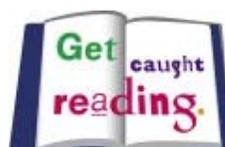
(4th Thursday)

Chair: Barbara Kozi

April 26 7pm

at Mary Ann M's

Well Bred & Dead by Catherine O'Connell



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Heidi Koberstine

April 9, 7pm

at Panera, Glen Ellyn

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon -and/or- House Rules by Jodi Picoult

Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

April 20, 1pm

Unthinking by Harry Beckwith
At Betsy Swinson's



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

TBA

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson

April 17, 10 am

At Carol VH's

Program: Carol's India trip



RSVP to Marilyn.



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April 2012

April

- Mon, 4/9: 7pm.** Lit Wits. Panera, Villa Park
- Sat, 4/14: 9am.** Branch General Program.
First Church of Lombard
- Tues, 4/17: 10am.** Women's Issues. Carol VH's
- Fri, 4/20: 1pm.** Literature. Betsy's
- Mon, 4/23: 7pm.** Board meeting. COP center, Yorktown.
- Thurs, 4/26: 7pm.** Mystery. Mary Ann M's

Future

- April 27-28:** Illinois State Convention, Itasca
- Sun, May 6:** Lilac Time Craft Fair. We'll have a table selling used books. See pg. 4.
- Wed, May 9: 6:30pm.** Branch Annual Potluck, First Church

Happy



Spring!

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