



Our Branch Newsletter December 2012

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Wednesday, Dec. 12: Holiday Harmony

oliday Harmony will ring out in our meeting space December 12 when Happy Together, a women's barbershop quartet, will share with us the joy of singing a capella, four-part harmony. All members of the quartet also sing with the Melodeers Chorus, a sixtime champion international Sweet Adelines chorus. Don't miss it, and bring a friend!

Gathering starts at 6:45, and the meeting at 7. Festive attire welcome.

Diane Dassow & Heidi Koberstine, Program VPs

The program will be preceded by a short business meeting.

NEXT PROGRAM:

Weds, Dec 12
6:45 pm

Holiday Harmony

First Church of Lombard

Main & Maple Streets
Lombard

February Luncheon

Be sure to read the enclosed invitation for our annual luncheon on Sat., Feb. 9, at Embassy Suites. Reservations must be postmarked by January 23.

Save a stamp and bring your reservation & \$27 payment (check to "Lombard AAUW" or exact cash, please) to our Dec. 12 meeting. (We have no January meeting.)

Please note there will be no refunds after February 3. Our speaker, Emily Prasad, will enlighten us on finding local foods during the cold months, eating locally on a budget, and expanding our options for supporting local food growers.

Diane Dassow Programs Co-Chair



Dare to Dream - Volunteers



Volunteers are still needed for the January 26 Dare to Dream Latina Conference to be held at Elmhurst College. Various opportunities are available.

You can sign up at our Dec. 12 program, or call Doris (630-629-2695) or Kathy (630-627-5180).

Ways & Means

We would like to thank all the members who supported our Carson's Community Day Event. And special thanks to the following members who helped sell Carson booklets at Yorktown: Danielle Byron, Nanci Stewart, Barb Kozi & Lisa Clark.

Ways & Means has now raised a total of \$630 from the Taste of Lombard, the raffle at the Sept. Pot Luck and the sale of Carson booklets. We are well on our way to meeting our goal of raising \$800.

Thanks to the AAUW members who supported these fund raising efforts.



Ellen Dassow & Marge Ostendorf Ways & Means

LAF Update: Feather River College Cases

AUW'S Legal Advocacy Fund has been supporting three Acases against Feather River Community College (CA) for 4 years involving sex discrimination and retaliation for complaining about sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. Paul Thein, the plaintiff in one of the three cases, and the former Vice President of Student Affairs and Institutional Development, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students at Feather River Community College, sued the college 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. Their witnessed inappropriate actions of a staff member at a campus party and heard from female students about sexual harassment by the staff member. He reported these incidents to the college president and the authorities and was subsequently fired.

In **2007**, there was a hearing before the California State Personnel Board (SPB).

In August **2009**, the SPB ruled in favor of all three plaintiffs and ordered restoration of jobs, back pay, retirement and a letter of reprimand in the College President's state personnel file

In **2010**, the full SPB rejected the judge's decision, and the plaintiffs appealed.

Social/Hospitality

Our Branch uses a revolving committee for Social/Hospitality, which means members sign up to help with furniture and bring refreshments. Usually there are four slots per meeting. We realize that there is a lot of activity at the September potluck, so the S/H signup can get lost in the shuffle. Because we have a few holes in the schedule, the signup will again be passed at the December meeting. Please watch for it while enjoying the great entertainment planned for you.

Thanks to all who have already participated and helped make our meetings yummy.

Wilma Bain and Bebe Mosillo

DuPage Election Numbers

71% of registered DuPage voters cast ballots in the Nov. 6 election - 403, 312 ballots!

49.6% chose Obama, 48.5% chose Romney. Just 4414 votes separated the two candidates.

In November **2012**, the Plumas County Superior Court overruled the decision of the SPB and ordered the original decision reinstated. The plaintiffs' attorney anticipates that the recent decision will lead to a successful conclusion of the cases in the future.

Those of you who attended the AAUW Illinois State Convention last spring will recall what a heartbreaking story Paul told.

I have gotten to know Paul fairly well and have the utmost respect for his courage in standing up for what was right and losing so much. He is currently the Southeast Georgia Director of the YMCA and is looking forward to a favorable resolution to his case and an end to his ordeal.

> Kathy Brenniman Member, LAF National Committee for AAUW

Lombard AAUW Calendar

DECEMBER

Date	Time	Event
Mon, 12/10	7 pm	Lit Wits Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown Trademark Restaurant - 777 E Butterfield (near Yorktown)
Weds, 12/12	6:45 pm	General Meeting , First Church of Lombard
		No board meeting in December. Literature, Mystery, and Women's Issues are not meeting in December.

January

Date	Time	Event
Mon, 12/15	7:00 pm	Board Meeting,
		Cops, Yorktown
		No general meeting in January

We are thankful for the record number of women elected to Congress: 20 in the Senate and 78 representatives and three delegates in the House. We are particularly grateful for the states that elected their first female Senators—Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin—and the other "firsts" in the 2012 elections, which broke representation barriers for religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

-AAUW Gives Thanks, Nov. 20, 2012



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