

## Sat, Jan 14—Local Team from Battle of the Bard

### Program

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9am

Battle of the  
Bard

First Church  
of Lombard  
220 S Main St.

We are starting the year off with a Saturday morning meeting on January 14.

Kate Balogh, literacy teacher at the Islamic Foundation school in Villa Park, and some of her students will talk to us about their experiences preparing for and participating in the Battle of the Bard competition, held at Navy Pier last November.

Battle of the Bard is sponsored by the Chicago Shakespeare Theater and Chicago Youth Shakespeare. The competition requires that each team perform a scene from Shakespeare and a "slam style mash-up of great lines from a variety of Shakespeare's writings.

The all-female, all-Muslim team was eliminated during earlier qualifying rounds involving 50 high schools but made such an impression that judges invited the squad to perform an "encore" to kick off Monday's finals at the theater on Chicago's Navy Pier.

Our meeting starts at 9am with a light breakfast.

Here's an inspiring Daily Herald article about this exciting team and the competition:  
<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20161117/news/161119130/>

## President's Letter

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you are looking forward to AAUW activities in the coming year. I think we are going to be quite busy in 2017, so prepare to jump on board for as many events as you can.

I want to update you on two priority items:

- ◇ Our Annual Used Book Sale will be held from July 21 (move-in) through August 5 (move-out); Farida Razvi and I will be co-chairing. Some committees still need chairs and all need members, so please start thinking about how you can help.
- ◇ I expect this to be an active lobbying year for AAUW as we work to retain past legislation and continue to push for further progress. The Two-Minute Activist program will be extremely important, so if you have not already subscribed, please do so.

Other important events coming up in the next few months include Dare2Dream, our Annual Meeting in April, and the Lombard Art Fair booth in May. And, of course, our regular General Meetings, which I believe are going to be quite informative as well as entertaining. Kathryn Tecza is working on a meeting with our new 8th District Congressman, Raja Krishnamoorthi, similar to the one we had with Tammy Duckworth in 2015. I hope to see all of you often as we continue to make Lombard Area AAUW a strong voice in our communities. Let's make 2017 a banner year.

*Barbara Kozi, President*

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## Lombard Area AAUW Calendar — January 2017

Mon, Jan 9 7 pm	<b><i>Lit Wits</i></b> <u>The Little Paris Bookshop</u> by Nina George	Lexington Square 555 Foxworth, Lombard
Sat, Jan 14 9 am	<b><i>General Program</i></b> Local Team from Battle of the Bard (see page 1)	First Church of Lombard
Fri, Jan 20 1pm	<b><i>Literature</i></b> <u>White Collar Girl</u> by Renee Rosen	Barb K's
Mon, Jan 23 7pm	<b><i>Board Meeting</i></b>	Lexington Square 555 Foxworth, Lombard
Thurs, Jan 26 7pm	<b><i>Mystery Buffs</i></b> Erika Andrews series by Robert Brynzda (first: <u>Girl in the Ice</u> ) -or - Meg Landslow series by Donna Andrews (first: <u>Murder with Peacocks</u> )	PROBABLY Carriage House at Lombard Historical Society (contact Leslie S. for details)
Sat, Jan 28	Dare to Dream Conference	College of DuPage

