

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Welcome Back Potluck .....

We're starting our program year by renewing AAUW friendships and creating new ones. Besides a potluck, we will have a brief business meeting and a chance to browse our branch activity tables. Naperville branch member Edna C. Groves, who facilitates groups in Guided Autobiography and does workshops in which she teaches the writing of a Legacy Letter, will join us to facilitate a mixer that will help us have some fun connecting with each other.

We will have a gift basket raffle during our potluck. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00. We hope you will consider buying a chance to win this valuable basket. Carson Sale booklets will be offered this evening as well (see Ways & Means on page 4 for more details).

For the potluck, A-L brings a dessert, and N-Z brings a salad or main dish.

*P.S. We'd love some extra volunteers to help set up the tables, chairs, and decorations. Come a little early (6 pm) to help set up. Thank you!*

**NEXT PROGRAM:**  
*Weds, Sept 12*  
*6:30 pm*

*Potluck, Raffle, Mixer*

First Church of Lombard  
Main & Maple Streets  
Lombard



**Welcome!**

Welcome new members:  
Linda Henning Cohen  
Pat Guion  
Carol Mullis

We're delighted you've chosen to spend time with us.

Read more about our new members on page 5.

## Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, 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 Funds is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. The Funds also work to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

### Branch Officers

**President:** Janet Miller

#### Co Vice-Presidents/Program:

Diane Dassow

Heidi Koberstine

#### Co Vice-Presidents/Membership:

Danielle Byron

Denise Fruhauf

**Secretary:** Nancy Stewart

**Director of Finance:** Carol Hester

**Newsletter & Web Site:** Leslie Sulla

*Newsletter deadline: Material must be received by Leslie Sulla by the 3rd Thursday of the month.*

### More information about AAUW

Our branch: [aauw-il.org/lombard/](http://aauw-il.org/lombard/)

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## President's Corner

This has been a very eventful summer for the Lombard Area AAUW Branch. The scheduled summer outing on July 1, turned out to be a stormy day, serious enough to cause a lot of damage and loss of electricity for many of us. (I know I was out buying a generator that afternoon.) Thanks to Heidi Koberstine for going to Cantigny that day, in case anyone from our branch came for the concert.

We did have one outing sponsored by the Six in the City interest group on a perfect summer day. Doris Schertz arranged for tickets to the performance of the play "Crowns" at the Goodman Theater on July 15. The play and the lunch before were excellent.

July was also the month for working at the Bingo Tent during the Taste of Lombard. Marge Ostendorf and Ellen Dassow coordinated two days for our branch. The first was a miserably hot evening with few Bingo players. However, the second night was very productive. Although profits were down from last year, we still received \$200 as our share.

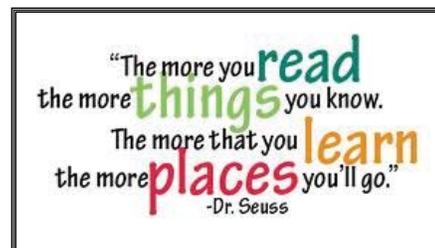
The annual used book sale August 8-11 was successful thanks to all the branch members and their families who volunteered hours of their time to help. Sales of \$9677 (before expenses) will provide an excellent fund for scholarships and grants this year. 2012 gross sales represent \$1200 more than in 2011.

The Auditing Committee, Program Committee, and Budget Committee met during the summer. Financials have been checked, programs have been planned, the Operating and Philanthropic budgets are ready to propose to the branch members.

A list of programs for the year is in our new yearbook. Please come to as many meetings as you can and bring a friend.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September Potluck. In addition to the program, the interest groups' plans for the year will be highlighted. Everyone will get a chance to hear about another busy AAUW year ahead. Please note there will be a drawing for a wine basket of goodies worth over \$100 (\$5 per ticket).

*Janet Miller, President*



## Used Book Sale Wrap Up

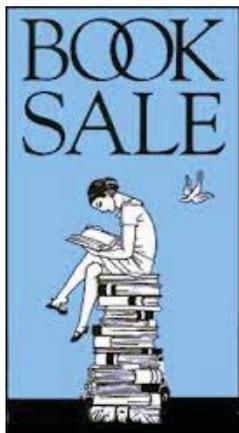
The Used Book Sale routine in place for the last few years went smoothly. Using a team concept spreads a lot of the responsibility for achieving the goals of the sale.

The contract with First Church of Lombard was set early in January 2012 for the sort and sale location. Volunteers started signing up to help at branch meetings and through telephone or e-mail contact.

Barrel collection during June 25 –August 6 yielded about the half the books for the sale. Barrels were in place at Illinois Cleaners, Lombard and Villa Park Jewel stores, Mr. Z's Supermarket, and First Church. Illinois Cleaners and Mr. Z's are especially supportive for advertising in addition to being book drop locations. The rest of the books came from member donations, four book drop offs at the church and home pickups.

Sorting was done most days between July 25- August 6. Thomas Joyce, our appraiser, came the afternoon of August 6.

During the sale dates August 8 - August 11, each day's total sales were ahead of the four days during 2011. Fewer pre-sale entries were purchased, but more books were sold that evening. More books in the collectibles category were sold this year. The bag sale accounted for a little less than the previous year. With great success, \$9677.25 in sales was achieved - \$1200 more than in 2011.



The move out became a challenge when GIGGIL went out of business ten days before they were expected to pick up our leftover books. Arrangements were made with SCARCE in Glen Ellyn, but books had to be delivered and unloaded at the location. AAUW members drove vans, SUVs, and trucks to SCARCE after being loaded by boy scouts, AAUW members and their families.

The publicity team did an outstanding job of advertising the sale. Information about the sale was done online, by e-mail, in newspaper ads and articles, electronic signage, Mr. Z's store sign, at the Lilac Time Craft Fair, and two banners hung at Lombard Village locations.

Thanks to all the Lombard Area AAUW members and their families who helped during the 2012 sale. We are a fantastic team when we work together.

2013 Used Book Sale dates are set:

Sorting begins Friday, July 26 – August 6, with the sale August 7 – 10, 2013.

*Janet Miller*

*Thank you 2012 Team Leaders:  
Location /Contract: Kathy Brenniman, Janet Miller  
First Church Contact: Doris Schertz  
Volunteer Calling: Rosemarie Mattke  
Collection and Sorting: Carol Hester, Janet Miller  
Home Pick Ups and Drop Off Days: Loretta Caputo/Snyder  
Publicity: Betsy Swinson, Laurie Driscoll, Nancie Stewart, Leslie Sulla  
Book Sale: Lynda Campo, Mary Ann Grady, Kristi Miller  
Collectibles: Nancie Stewart, Marge Ostendorf  
Move Out: Heidi Koberstine, Brittany Koresh*

## Scholarships

### 2012 Branch High School Scholarship winners

Congratulations to the two young women who have received the 2012 Lombard Area AAUW Branch High School Scholarships. **Syeda Raza** is a graduate of Glenbard East and will be attending the University of Illinois-Chicago as a pre-med major. Willowbrook graduate **Erica Rusch** will attend Valparaiso University majoring in engineering. Each graduate received \$750 from our branch.

### 2012 Career Development Grant and Community Action Grant recipients

(from our completed branch endowments)

**Fay Costa**, a graduate of University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will use her Career Development Grant to pursue a master's degree in environmental management and sustainability. She hopes to use her studies to promote socially and ecologically responsible solutions that enhance and supplement standard engineered solutions.

**Laurel Puchner** is the project director on the Expanding Girls' Entrance into STEM Fields through Critical Media Literacy Education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. This project will develop a critical media literacy curriculum in collaboration with middle school teachers to enhance students' understanding of how gender stereotypes on the media influence girls' and boys' perceptions, attitudes, goals, and practices and how these perception and attitudes negatively affect girls' entry in STEM (science, technology engineering and mathematics) fields.

### 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

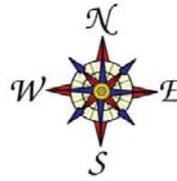
Because we were not able to award the returning to learning scholarship for 2012, our branch sent \$250 to NCCWSL to help fund one or more college women leaders to attend the conference held in June.

**Taaj Reeves**, who grew up in Chicago and now attends University of Missouri-Columbia majoring in journalism and political science, and Tina Nelson who is studying communication of the University of Michigan-Dearborn were able to attend, in part, because of this contribution.

*Thanks to all of you who worked so hard on last year's book sale which provided the money for these scholarships. And thanks to all of you who worked so hard on this year's book sale which will provide money for other young women.*

*Laurie Driscoll Branch AAUW Funds/Scholarship Chair*

## Six in the City - Sept. 28



Did you know there is a lovely Japanese garden and house on the National Register of Historic Places right here in the western suburbs?

Join our Six-in-the-City group to visit the villa of George and Nelle Fabyan which was redesigned by Frank Lloyd Wright. We will also tour Colonel Fabyan's Japanese garden situated on the western bank of the Fox River in Geneva and Rte #31 and Fabyan Parkway. Lunch will follow at Aliano's Italian Restaurant in Batavia. The cost of the combined tour is \$6, and it lasts two hours.

Meet at Doris's house by 9:30am on Friday, Sept. 28 to carpool. The tour will last from 10am - noon. RSVP to Doris.

## Ways & Means

We would like to thank the following members who helped at the Taste of Lombard: Janet Miller, Carol Hester, Brenda Dorsey, Bebe Mosillo, Barb Kozi, Doris Schertz, Denise Fruhauf, Betsy Swinson, and Gale Wiedman. With your help we earned \$200 from the Lombard Jaycees. Thank you for all your efforts!

We will have a gift basket raffle at the Pot Luck on Wednesday, Sept. 12. The cost of the raffle ticket is \$5.00. We hope you will consider buying a ticket for the chance to win this valuable basket.

We will once again support Carson's Community Days on November 9 & 10 at Yorktown. We will be selling in the store and at our meetings. Each booklet is \$5.00 and AAUW keeps 100% of the booklet price. We will have the booklets available for sale at the Sept 12th meeting & will have sign up sheets for volunteers who can help sell at Carson's.

Thank you for all your help in meeting the goals of our organization.

*Ellen Dassow & Marge Ostendorf  
Ways & Means*



## Dare to Dream Conference 2013



The Dare to Dream: Get Educated Conference for 2013 will be held at Elmhurst College on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Last year about 400 eighth grade Latinas and their moms attended the Conference, which received excellent reviews. We are looking forward to our fifth annual Conference.

A couple volunteers are needed to help line up the speakers for the Career Track Panels. The work is much easier since we have already created most of our information on the computer and have many Latina professionals who participate each year. Please call either of us if you can make this commitment. We both agree that it is the most rewarding AAUW project we have ever worked on. We also welcome your monetary contributions. Remember Dare to Dream is a 501(c)(3) corporation now, so your gift is tax deductible. Make your check to Dare to Dream. Thanks in advance for your support of a Conference that has already impacted many Latina middle school girls and their mothers and has so positively affected the lives of those of us who have been involved.

*Kathy Brenniman: 630/627-5180, kfbrenn@aol.com*

*Doris Schertz: 630/629-2695, dcschertz@comcast.net*

*Dare to Dream Co-chairs*

## AAUW Appointments

Lombard AAUW member Kathy Brenniman has been appointed to the National Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Committee for the 2012-2014 biennium. This committee consists of four AAUW members across the country who are attorneys. They are responsible for reviewing the AAUW staff and board recommendations for the allocation of AAUW funds to various employment discrimination cases. The LAF currently funds the Wal-Mart case and the Feather River Community College (CA) case whose lead plaintiff, Paul Thein, spoke at the Illinois State Convention in April. IL raised over \$5400 for Paul's case at that convention.

Kathy has also been appointed to the AAUW-IL State Board as the Bylaws and Policy Director for 2012-2014. She recently completed 4 years on the State Board as the AAUW Funds Co-Director. Lombard Branch member Leslie Sulla currently serves as AAUW-IL's web site manager.

If anyone is interested in serving on the State Board or one of its committees, please let Kathy or Leslie know.

## Membership

Welcome these new members to our branch! Carol won the Free Membership drawing at our used book sale.

*Danielle Byron & Denise Fruhauf*  
*Membership Co-VPs*

### Carol Mullis

I have lived in Lombard for 25 years and I am a Freelance American Sign Language Interpreter. I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BS in Deaf Education.

I taught at Northern Illinois University for the Program for Hearing Impaired until 1988 and then moved to Lombard and began my freelance interpreting career. I have three children and 5 grandchildren, ranging from newborn to 15 years old. I love to travel. I am a member of Children of Deaf Adults (CODA). I just became gluten free, dairy free last year, so I am on quest for interesting recipes. I am collecting older copies of Children's Golden Books. I am happy to be joining a book club to continue reading and discussing literature.

Thank you for this wonderful gift.

### Linda Henning Cohen

I graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School in Cleveland, Ohio in 1968, and completed a BA in Psychology at Canisius College, Buffalo, in 1976. My husband and I moved to Chicago in 1976 where I completed a Masters in Social Work at the University of Illinois and a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1980. Professionally I worked as an intensive care unit nurse for about 12 years until I turned to working as an associate pastor in a church and also doing counseling with a private practice. I was AAUW-IL President from 2008-10. I am currently AAUW-IL District 4 Director.

My husband, Eric, is an Intellectual Property Attorney with the law firm of Katten, Muchin, and Rosenman. My daughter, Julie, played basketball for Yale University, and is currently an attorney with Skadden, Arp, in New York City. My hobbies include traveling, water aerobics, golf, gardening, and book groups.

### Pat Pullman Guion

I have been an educator for over forty years. Born in Chicago, I graduated from North Central College.

After teaching thirty three years for the Addison schools and receiving a Master of Arts at National Lewis University, I retired and moved to Greensboro, North Carolina with my husband. While there I studied at North Carolina State and became certified to teach English as a Second Language. My love and passion for teaching ended in North Carolina. I am now really retired and taking care of myself and unexpected health issues.

# Lombard AAUW Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

Date	Time	Event
Mon, 9/10	7 pm	<b>Lit Wits</b> Various funny memoirs; at Trademark Restaurant - 777 E Butterfield (near Yorktown)
Weds, 9/12	6:30 pm	<b>General Meeting &amp; Potluck</b> , First Church of Lombard
Tues, 9/18	10 am	<b>Women's Issues</b> Poverty in America; at Marilyn G's; RSVP to Marilyn
Fri, 9/21	1 pm	<b>Literature</b> <u>Zeitoun</u> by Dave Eggers; at Marilyn G's.
Mon, 9/24	7 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> , COP Center, Yorktown
Thurs, 9/27	7 pm	<b>Mystery Buffs</b> Mysteries by William Kent Kruger; at Mary Ann M's.
Fri, 9/28	9:30 am	<b>Six in the City</b> (see pg. 4) Fabyan Villa and Japanese Gardens in Geneva. Meet at Doris's at 9:30; tour is 10-noon.

From author Nora Ephron:

*"What my mother believed about cooking is that if you worked hard and prospered, someone else would do it for you."*

*"I try to write parts for women that are as complicated and interesting as women actually are."*

*"When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you."*

## OCTOBER

Date	Time	Event
Weds, 10/10	6:45pm	<b>General Meeting</b> , First Church of Lombard
Mon, 10/22	7pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> , COP Center, Yorktown

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