

## PROGRAM

Wed, May 14  
6:30 pm

*End-of-year  
banquet*

First Church  
Lombard

## Branch Program—Weds, May 14 *End of Year Banquet*

We'll celebrate our accomplishments, elect new board members, and learn about our scholarship recipients. We hope to introduce our return-to-learning winner. Plus, it's our usual end-of-year pot luck!

Bring your calendar for book sale volunteer time signups, and your checkbook if you haven't paid your dues yet (dues info on page 4).

Speaking of food,

Last names A—E —please bring dessert or fruit.

Everyone else —please bring salad or main dish.

*Social Committee*



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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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.

## From the President

I want to thank all of you for the marvelous job you've done this year in supporting the work of our Branch. From our September joint meeting with neighboring branches in support of LAF plaintiff Danielle Hofmann to our own "Town Hall" with Tammy Duckworth to our upcoming "summer special" discussing *I Am Malala*, I believe we have had an exciting and productive year.

I especially want to thank the Board for their strong support as I continue to struggle with some family situations that have been very stressful. I couldn't continue if it weren't for all of your kindness and assistance. Thanks for having my back.

I hope to see all of you at the May banquet and at the special summer discussion on June 18.

*Barbara Kozi, President*

## Branch Officers

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## AAUW Funds/Local Scholarships

This year we have 8 applications for our Return to Learning Scholarship. This year's winner will be announced at the May 14 meeting.

*The following information comes from AAUW's LAF Express:*

### Supreme Court Hears Arguments in Cases Challenging Contraceptive Coverage

On March 25 the U.S. Supreme Court heard appeals in two lawsuits filed by business owners who challenged the Affordable Care Act's requirement that all employers include contraceptive care in their health plans. Both cases, *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores* and *Conestoga Wood Specialties v. Sebelius*, were filed by for-profit business owners who claim that because they are religiously opposed to the use of contraception, they should not be required to offer employee insurance plans that cover contraceptive care. Although the cases concern different legal theories — the Hobby Lobby plaintiffs challenged the requirement based only on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, while the Conestoga Wood plaintiffs rely additionally on the First Amendment's protection for religious freedom — the court heard both cases at the same time.

Following the arguments, court watchers suggested that the justices seemed split over the cases, with four justices favoring the business owners' arguments, four other justices favoring the government's arguments, and Justice Kennedy's inclinations still unclear. AAUW believes that for-profit businesses should not be exempt from providing health care coverage to their women employees, and we have signed on to amicus briefs in support of the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive care requirement. Look for more information on the AAUW Website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) once the Supreme Court issues a ruling in a few months.

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## More information

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[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**AAUW Member Help:**

800/821-4364

[connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)

### Area AAUW Book Sales

#### **Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch**

Wednesday, May 7 - Saturday, May 10, 2014

Glen Ellyn Civic Center

535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn

#### **Naperville**

Wednesday, June 11 - Saturday, June 14, 2014

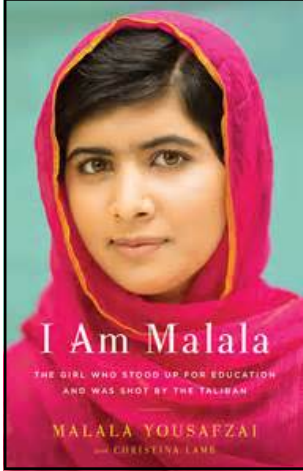
Celebration Life Center, 919 S. Washington St., Naperville

#### **Downers Grove Area**

Thursday, June 19 - Saturday, June 21, 2014

Henry Puffer School, 2220 Haddow Ave, Downers Grove

## Summer Outing—Wed, June 18: “I am Malala” Book Discussion



The summer outing this year will be a branch-wide book discussion of ‘**I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot by the Taliban**,’ by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb. The date is Wednesday, June 18, 7:00pm, and we will meet at First Church, Multi-Purpose room.

Plum Library in Lombard will have several copies reserved for us at the circulation desk. Amazon.com has both new and used books at great prices.

Heidi is looking for 2 more people to lead small-group discussions. Let her know if you are interested.

[heidi.koberstine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidi.koberstine@sbcglobal.net) 630-309-6424

Everyone is welcome! Husbands, friends, parents, kids, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

View a terrific video of Diane Sawyer’s interview of Malala on YouTube. (go to YouTube.com, then search for ‘diane sawyer malala.’)

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## AAUW Funds/Local Scholarships (cont. from page 2)

### Supreme Court Reaffirms Protections against Domestic Violence

In an opinion authored by Justice Sotomayor, the Supreme Court recently clarified a law intended to protect victims of domestic violence. The case, *United States v. Castleman*, concerns a federal statute that bars anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a gun. The statute defines misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as a misdemeanor (1) that is committed by someone who has a child with the victim of the assault and (2) that includes, as an element of the crime, the use or attempted use of force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon. The law closes a significant loophole; previously only those convicted of felony domestic assaults were barred from gun possession, even though many misdemeanor convictions result from plea agreements.

The court ruled that a conviction qualifies as a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as long as the use of physical force is an element of the crime; the crime does not need to include violent force in order to qualify. AAUW strongly believes in freedom from violence for all, and we applaud the court’s ruling.

*Laurie Driscoll*  
AAUW Funds

## Important Book Sale Dates



### Drop Off Days

Friday, July 25: 5:30-8:30pm

Saturday, July 26: 9am-1pm

Friday, August 1: 5:30-8:30pm

Saturday, August 2: 9am-1pm

### Sale

August 6 - 9

### Barrel Collection

July 1 – July 31

### Sorting

Move In: July 25

Sorting July 25 - August 5

### Move Out

Saturday, August 9: 12-3pm

**To volunteer** for collecting, sorting, and sale - please call

Doris Schertz (630-629-2695) or

Pat Poskocil (630-627-2666).

**Bring your calendar to our May 14 potluck because we'll have volunteer signup sheets.**



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## Membership Dues are Due

It's AAUW Membership Dues Time.

Our annual AAUW dues are \$73, which includes:

\$49—National

\$10—Illinois state

\$14—our branch

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

Carol Hester

1143 South Edgewood Ave.

Lombard, IL 60148

Or bring your check to our potluck on Weds, May 14.

Thank you.

Carol Hester, Finance Chair



## New Interest Group—Memoir Writing

At our afternoon Literature Group meeting in April, I (Betsy Swinson) realized that we all have a story to tell, a wealth of priceless information, to pass on to our families. Several others agreed with me. After Diane Dassow's presentation at the April general meeting, I got further interested in starting a **new Lombard Area Interest Group** this fall entitled: "**Memoir/Autobiography Writing.**" It will meet monthly for one year.

Diane Dassow would present 3 workshops during the year (two at the beginning in the fall, and one at the end - a wrap-up). The workshops will be a combination of learning some techniques for writing and for discovering topics, as well as writing time. Months #3-11, Diane would come as a participant and be available for questions.

The cost for this one year interest group would be \$30 per participant, payable the first month. This fee is for Diane's preparation of materials and plans along with her conducting the workshops.

**We plan to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1-3 p.m.**

If there's sufficient interest among women unable to attend Tuesday afternoons, a different leader could work out a convenient evening/weekend time for those women. There's also a possibility to hold the three workshops on Saturday mornings, depending on interest, so the employed could attend. [Diane would attend only Tuesday afternoons during months #3-11.]

If interested in this new writing group, we would appreciate your response by May 13. Please indicate preferred: afternoon or Saturday workshop. We will do the best we can to accommodate interested women.

Call or e-mail Betsy Swinson for questions or to sign up: 630-627-0152; swinsonjb@juno.com

### Why would I want to write a personal history?

- To keep alive the memories, hopes, dreams, and values of your elders.
- To create a treasured gift for your children and their children.
- To connect family members who live at a distance by sharing their common heritage.
- To record the stories behind your most cherished possessions.
- To give a parent the opportunity to tell his or her story in a meaningful, enjoyable, and healthy way.
- To remember and reflect on your own personal and family stories.
- To celebrate milestone events by creating a priceless heirloom.

*Courtesy Diane Dassow's web site ([bindinglegacies.com](http://bindinglegacies.com))*

## Branch Calendar

Mon, May 12 7 pm	<b>Lit Wits</b> <u>My Beloved World</u> by Sonia Sotomayor <b>PLUS</b> bring your suggestions for next year.	Anyways Restaurant 5 E. Roosevelt, Villa Park
Wed, May 14 6:30pm	<b>General Program</b> End-of-Year Banquet. Scholarship winner announcement, officer installation, and potluck.	First Church of Lombard
Fri, May 16 1 pm	<b>Literature</b> <u>Under the Banner of Heaven</u> by Jon Krakauer	Olive's
Mon, May 19 7 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b>	COP Center - Yorktown Convenience Center
Thurs, May 22 7 pm	<b>Mystery Buffs</b> Planning meeting for 2014-15	Restaurant TBA
Weds, June 18 7pm	<b>Summer Outing:</b> <u>I am Malala</u> book discussion (see page 3 for details)	First Church of Lombard



### Lilac Time in Lombard

May 3—18

Lilacia Park Tours:

Tues-Fridays at 11am,

Saturdays & Sundays at 2pm.


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Historical Society (23 W.

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