

Sat, April 8—Annual Luncheon

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Lexington
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555 Foxworth,
Lombard

It must be spring—it's time for our annual luncheon! We'll have good food and lively conversation on Saturday, April 8 at Lexington Square. I hope that you RSVP'd by March 31 to Ellen Dassow.

Lunch will be followed by a presentation by Mary Hobein of Downers Grove, a professional actress who will be portraying two very important women: Lily Ledbetter, heroine of the Equal Pay movement, and Mary Rose, a victim of sex trafficking.

This helpful link from AAUW instructs members how to work to stop sex trafficking through legislation:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/state-policy-sex-trafficking-tool-kit/>

Karla Bullett, Vice President Programs

March program recap

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.



Our excellent March program featured Beth and Laura Winters, twin sisters and the authors of the "Her Highness Builds Robots" coloring book. Beth discussed the origins of the company, the trials of marketing, a bit about copyrighting, and their future plans. Look for another coloring book—with girls and boys!—and possibly a game in early 2018.

The idea for a different type of princess came to Laura during college. She took a popular princess coloring book and changed the words. "She was a beautiful princess" became "She was a complex woman" and "She will go to college" and "The

prince and princess danced all night—taking turns leading." Because Laura lives in New York, she spoke to us through pre-recorded videos.

The sisters' passion and conviction for their company and ideals is evident. Beth brought her parents as well since they are Equaltoys board members and have devoted many hours to trips to the post office! The coloring books can be found on Etsy, Amazon, and have even been spotted on eBay.

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President's Letter



Spring activities are underway, and I hope to see many of you at all the various activities, especially our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 8th. Lunch will be followed by Mary Hobein's portrayal of two important women. You don't want to miss either of these portrayals. (Details on page 1.)

April also contains an Equal Pay Day March and Rally on April 12 sponsored by the Downers Grove AAUW and the DG-Woodridge-Lisle League of Women Voters. Several of us joined in this event last year and plan to do so again this year. I will be going and would welcome any of you to join me. Leslie has sent all of you an announcement with the details.

May, of course, brings our final meeting of this program year. It will be our traditional pot luck dinner, followed by the business meeting, installation of our new officers, and information about both State and Association conventions. Please join your fellow members for as many activities as you can. I look forward to seeing you all. If you need a ride or other assistance, please let Karen Richardson or me know.

Barb Kozi, President

AAUW Funds

At the March board meeting, the branch board approved establishing the Bebe Mosillo and Anita Dickson Honorary Fund. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by December 31, 2019, with funds to be used for Career Development Grants and Community Action Grants funding. We are able to honor these incredible women, in part because of a generous financial commitment from Tom Mosillo and Anita Dickson.

Additional funding for this fund will come from our annual book sale profits. All members are also invited to make a personal contribution. Several members have already committed to making an annual contribution to this fund. Once AAUW officially establishes this fund, I will have a fund number that members can use so that contributions are credited to our branch and this fund. Checks can be sent directly to AAUW or to Laurie Driscoll. Contributions can also be made online at aauw.org. I will keep members updated on how to make contributions. Please contact me if you have any questions.

An announcement about this fund will be made at the April Branch Annual Meeting.

Laurie Driscoll, Branch AAUW Funds/Local Scholarship Chair

Seeking Program Comments

Have you enjoyed this year's programs? Were some better than others? Karla's gathering ideas for next year's programs, and requests feedback from past programs. Let Karla know your thoughts and suggestions. To refresh your memories:

Sept—potluck
Nov—STEM (Army corps of engineers)
Jan—Shakespeare group from Islam Foundation
March—Her Highness... Authors of the coloring book

Oct—Helen Plum Library Referendum
Dec—cancelled
Feb—COD President

TRIO Program for First Time Conference Attendees - Get Money!

AAUW-Illinois offers a special program for members attending the AAUW state conference or national convention for the first time! They will pay for 1/3 of expenses, essentially the registration cost, of the conference.

The Illinois state conference will be May 5 & 6 in Champaign. Find conference details and registration form in your Spring AAUW-Illinois LINK newsletter. National Convention is June 14-17 in Washington, DC. For more information on TRIO, contact Danielle Byron.

Danielle Byron, Branch Director of Finance and AAUW-IL Director—District 4

Annual Dues Time



Membership renewal for 2017-2018 can be done right now!

Dues are still \$73 (for national, state, and local). It would be great if members renewed online (aauw.org), but checks are still accepted! Makes checks payable to Lombard AAUW.

Please see: Karen Richardson/Membership or Danielle Byron

P.S. The "early bird" gets an applause and less on their TO DO list.

Karen Richardson, Membership

Lombard Area AAUW Calendar — April 2017

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| Tues, April 4 Noon | Chicago Equal Pay Day Rally | Daley Plaza |
| Tues, April 4 | ELECTION DAY! Municipal elections. |  |
| Sat, April 8 11:30 am | General Program Luncheon and program (see page 1) | Lexington Square 555 Foxworth, Lombard |
| Mon, April 10 7 pm | Lit Wits <u>In the Unlikely Event</u> by Judy Blume | Lexington Square 555 Foxworth, Lombard |
| Weds, April 12 | Downers Grove Equal Pay Day March —after marching in downtown DG, pizza and camaraderie at Angelo’s Pizza | Meet at 6:15pm at the Downers Grove train station |
| Mon, April 17 7 pm | Board Meeting | Lexington Square 555 Foxworth, Lombard |
| Fri, April 21 1 pm | Literature <u>The Girl You Left Behind</u> by Jojo Moyes | Nancy or Lois |
| Thurs, April 27 7 pm | Mystery Buffs Tony Hillerman (especially recommended: <u>Finding Moon</u> or <u>The Fly on the Wall</u>) | Billie Jean hosting; location might change |
| Fri/Sat, May 5-6 | AAUW-Illinois State Convention in Champaign http://aauw-il.aauw.net/welcome/state-convention/ | Champaign, IL |
| Sun, May 7 | Lilac Time Art & Craft Fair. We will again be selling books! We want your used books in good condition to sell. | Downtown Lombard Contact Leslie Sulla |

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