

Weds, Dec 14— Poetry Workshop

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7am

Poetry
Workshop

First Church
of Lombard
220 S Main St.

Our December 14th meeting should be both entertaining and informative as Marilyn Peretti, a past member of our branch, presents a casual poetry workshop. Marilyn is a published poet and an exhibited artist. She will share her knowledge of and appreciation for contemporary poetry.

Marilyn has published several books of poetry and has conducted readings and workshops throughout the Chicago area and elsewhere. She has been active in poetry groups since 1993 and has been nominated for the Pushcart Poetry Prize. Her art, primarily watercolors, has been exhibited from the Morton Arboretum to the International Crane Foundation (Wisconsin) and Orcas Island, Washington.

In addition to learning more about the world of contemporary poetry and perhaps discovering a poet that you didn't know but are now drawn to, you will have an opportunity to write and share (if you wish) a piece of your own. Bring paper and pen/pencil for this exercise. Don't worry if you forget; we will have extra supplies on hand.

If you would like to see some of Marilyn's work prior to our meeting, check out her web sites: www.pagesbyperetti.com www.Perettipoems.wordpress.com

Regarding treats for the evening, everyone is welcome to bring cookies if you'd like to share!

25 Gifts for Fearless Feminists

Browse AAUW's list for great gift ideas for babies to college students to grandparents—

<http://www.aauw.org/2016/11/14/gifts-for-fearless-feminists/>

Here a few of the fun ideas:



My favorite book for girls—and boys
"The Paper Bag Princess"



Notorious RBG apron
(Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

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.

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President's Letter



As I write this, I'm anticipating this afternoon's Thanksgiving turkey which I did not have to cook...many thanks to my daughter and daughter-in-law for what I know will be a superb meal. I hope that all of you are also having a wonderful day.

As many of you know, the consensus at our November 12th meeting was that we continue our Used Book Sale for at least one more year. We will attempt to minimize the work involved, especially the lifting that so many of us can no longer do.

The one thing we cannot do without, however, is a Chair. Our newest member, Farida Razvi, has offered to co-chair with an experienced member, for which we are extremely grateful. Now we need that experienced person to step forward. We must have a team in place by mid-January, as that is when we will have to finalize the contract with First Church.

I urge all of you who wish to see the Book Sale continue to think about this position. I envision a person who knows the ropes and can make time available from approximately March through July. That member will not need to be able to lug boxes, hang banners, or empty the trash. She will need to be an organizer who can mentor Farida as they direct the various committee chairs (many of whom are already in place), answer questions, and keep everyone on task. I know that many of you have those skills, so please give this serious consideration.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our festive poetry evening on December 14th at First Church.

Barbara Kozi, President



AAUW Funds—Recipients & How to Donate

These are the recipients of our Branch completed AAUW Endowments, as awarded by AAUW Funds for 2016-17.

April Nishimura—2016-17 Career Development Grant
Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts

Degree and Specialization: M.B.A., Sustainable international development, MBA nonprofit management. April Nishimura's work centers on empowering women through grassroots mobilization. She is the founder of Zenyu, an organization supporting LGBTQ people of color with a focus on women of color. She is pursuing master's degrees in sustainable international development and nonprofit management. Her AAUW grant will support field research in the Philippines, where she will support the cultural regeneration of indigenous communities.

Lucy Emerson-Bell—2016-17 Career Development Grant
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Degree and Specialization: M.S., Environmental policy. Lucy Emerson-Bell has worked for more than a decade on advancing climate change solutions. She helped start the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, which empowers women to lead their communities in addressing climate change. She is pursuing a master's in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry to broaden her understanding of finance and policy formulation and to research climate change communications and human behavior.

This year, our Branch is contributing \$3330 to AAUW Funds, which is 60% of our profit from the 2016 Book Sale. These contributions will be used for the Legal Advocacy Fund and to fund Career Development and Community Action Grants.

Branch members can contribute to the AAUW Fund, by sending a check to AAUW Funds or making an online contribution at aauw.org. Under "Other Special Funds" you can select **Lombard Area (IL) Leadership Honorary Fund**. Contributions to AAUW Funds are tax-deductible.

In addition to sending money to AAUW Funds, our branch will also be giving two high school scholarships, \$750 each, to a female senior at Willowbrook and Glenbard East and one Return to Learning scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Return to Learning applications for 2017 will be available in January. Interested branch members may make a non-tax-deductible contribution to the Lombard Area Branch so that we could increase the amount of these scholarships.

Please contact me if you have any questions about making a contribution.

Laurie Driscoll, AAUW Funds and Local Scholarship Chair

Lombard Area AAUW Calendar — Dec 2016

Thurs, Dec 1 7 pm	Mystery Buffs Cliff Janeway series by John Dunning (first: <u>Booked to Die</u>)	Heidi F's
Sat, Dec 10 1-3pm	Jane Addams Birthday Celebration Led by Chicago AAUW. Cost is \$12. See http://chicago-il.aauw.net/janeaddams/ for details	University of Illinois Chicago Student Center East, room 603 (750 S Halsted St)
Mon, Dec 12 7 pm	Lit Wits <u>The Last Painting of Sara de Vos</u> by Dominic Smith	Lexington Square 555 Foxworth, Lombard
Weds, Dec 14 7 pm	General Program Contemporary Poetry led by Marilyn Peretti (see page 1)	First Church of Lombard
<i>There are no Board or Literature meetings in December</i>		

Seeking... Volunteers for Dare to Dream

Contact Kathy Brenniman by December 14th if you are available to help with Dare to Dream on or before Saturday, Jan. 28th. If so, please specify to Kathy:

1. Can you help before or the day of (1/28/17) the Conference?
2. Cell or home phone number
3. Email address

Thank you for helping with this important and uplifting conference.

