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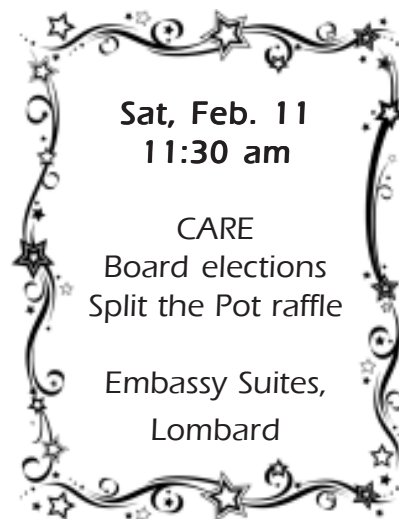
February 2012

Sat, February 11 - Annual Luncheon

After lunch and elections (see below for nominees), we will hear about CARE. AAUW is a Key Partner in the mission of CARE – to unlock each woman's potential to change her world. Come to the February luncheon to hear how CARE is accomplishing this very challenging task, one woman at a time. Our original CARE presenter over-booked herself and will be unable to attend the luncheon, so Heidi Koberstine will be presenting in her place.

We will also have a 50/50 'split the pot' raffle to raise money for our "Program Projector Project." Read more about our PPP in Janet's President's Letter on page 2.

Diane Dassow and Heidi Koberstine
Program Co-Chairs



CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, prevent the spread of disease, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. Read more at www.care.org

- WANTED -

A branch member, who likes to sell things on e-bay or Craig's List. Who, through the goodness of her heart, will sell donated merchandise to raise funds to buy an LCD projector of our own for programs at meetings. This will be part of the Program Projection Project (PPP for short). Details to be worked out. Call or email Janet Miller.

Nominees for Lombard AAUW Board

We will vote on these nominees for the 2012-2014 board on February 11.

Secretary: Nancie Stewart

Membership Co-VPs: Denise Fruhauf and Danielle Byron

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.

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

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President's Corner



This is my first opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy new year. January will soon be gone. I think our relatively mild winter has been helping it along. And then along comes February, a good time to think of our hearts and the hearts of our families and friends.

I hope you are planning to attend our February Luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Details about the program and luncheon can be found on the front page.

We will be voting on two board positions at the luncheon (see pg.1). We can be very pleased with the women who have been nominated. We have an outstanding board that is a pleasure to work with on behalf of our branch.

A contract for our used book sale has been signed. Find the book sale dates on page 5, and on our branch website. Needless to say, we will be organizing committees to help make the book sale as successful as possible.

The publicity committee for the sale will need to start work very soon because one component relates to use of Lombard Village areas designated for posting large signs. Other components are the usual kinds of print and electronic advertisements needed to promote the sale. Please consider being on this committee, especially if you have expertise in marketing or technology. Fresh ideas are welcome!

At the last board meeting, it was decided we should work toward purchasing an LCD projector for our branch use. The projector from First Church is not available for our meetings. We have been borrowing a projector, but believe this is a valuable piece of equipment for us to own. We will be doing some small fundraisers to help us reach our goal. There will be a 50/50 drawing at the February luncheon. We are also looking for donations of items that could be advertised on EBay or Craigslist with profits going toward the projector purchase. More will be said at the luncheon about this project.

Finally, check you calendar for April 27-28, 2012. This is the weekend for the AAUW-Illinois State Convention. It is in Itasca, so it is very close by. I hope many of us from the Lombard Branch will be able to attend.

See you at the February Luncheon,
Janet Miller,
Branch President
Lombard Area AAUW

LAF Plaintiff to Speak at AAUW-Illinois State Convention

There are 3 big reasons to go to this year's AAUW State Convention on April 28 & 29:

- ◆ It's in our backyard - in Itasca, just north on 53;
- ◆ We will have a leader on loan from the national AAUW Board; AND
- ◆ A Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Plaintiff will speak at our special luncheon on Saturday!

AAUW Illinois has received an LAF Travel Grant to pay for the expense of having one of AAUW's LAF plaintiffs speak about the specifics of his case that is partially funded by AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund. For those of you who have never heard one of our LAF plaintiffs speak of the injustice and hardships involved in these employment discrimination cases, you are in for a real treat.

Paul Thein, former Vice President of Student Affairs and Institutional Development, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students at Feather River Community College, sued the university in 2006 for retaliation for complaining of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. He was responsible for building up the athletic department and


bringing in millions of dollars in federal grants to the college. Thein witnessed inappropriate actions of a staff member at a campus party and heard from female students about sexual harassment of female students by the staff member. He reported these incidents to the college president and the authorities and was subsequently fired. His ongoing case has just had a recent development that could be very good news for Paul. I have heard from Holly Kearl, AAUW LAF Director, that he is an excellent speaker and has quite a story to tell.

I hope many of you will be able to join us at the State Convention in Itasca for this very special event.

Kathy Brenniman
AAUW-IL AAUW Funds Co-Director

More details on the State Convention to come!

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Membership Matters



New Member Bio: Brenda Dorsey

I grew up in Brookville, IN, and earned a BS in Biology and a Secondary Teaching Certificate from Marian College in Indianapolis. I then pursued an MS in Biology from Univ. of Michigan.

I enjoyed a challenging and rewarding career teaching AP and General Biology at York High School for 23 years. I traveled in the states and abroad during school breaks and vacations.

As my teaching career wound down, I enrolled at Rosary College where I earned a Masters in Library and Information Science. After retiring from York, I worked part-time at Morton Arboretum. Now I am retired for good!

My hobbies include nature studies, birding, and reading. I especially enjoy reading the history of Revolutionary and Civil wars, and WW I and II. I like music concerts, operas, and visiting museum.

For the past 16 years I drove twice monthly to spend time with my mother down in Brookville. She passed away at 97 this past September so my life has changed. I am now happy to have time to participate in more activities and look forward to becoming active in various AAUW activities.

- Brenda Dorsey

New Member Bio: Ellen Dassow

Ellen graduated in 2008 with a B.A. from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan; majoring in sociology. Since graduation, she has been working for Hallmark Services Corporation in Naperville. Her plans for the future include returning to Ireland, where she's adopted a sheep named Shaun who lives in County Kerry, and returning to school, where she hopes to continue my sociology studies.

In her free time, Ellen enjoys reading, drawing, and playing bass. She is excited to re-join AAUW.

New Member Bio: Jan Kintonis

I received my BA degree in home economics education from Western Illinois University in 1973 and began teaching in Elgin. I started on my masters degree in child development at Northern Illinois University. But after a move to a different school district outside Rockford, I lost my tenure and the home economics, shop, music and art programs were all cut and that ended my teaching career of 5 years and the masters program.

I opted for the business field and found a perfect team up with General Foods Corporation. I started as a sales representative in the food service division, and moved up the ladder to regional chain account executive in Atlanta. I also used my food skills for demos to restaurant chains and at the National Restaurant Show held here at McCormick Place. I left Atlanta to come back to family in the Chicago suburbs, where I began selling semi-custom homes for a large south side home builder for 8 years.

Next I made one last move back closer to my food education and was an event planner and wedding planner for a Holiday Inn location.

I have done some traveling - Canada, Mexico, England, France, Spain, Morocco and Greece.

Somehow at 45 years old I got married, I didn't see that coming. But my husband died in 2009. So I am single again.

I used to love step aerobics, entertaining, ethnic foods, gardening, sewing, quilting and some cross stitching. But in 2006 I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis which primarily has effected my right leg and hand. My activities have changed dramatically since then and I went on disability. Reading is becoming more important to me and I am so happy to have the AAUW book clubs and look forward to meeting new friends in the Lombard area since I have just moved here.

- Jan Kintonis

Ways & Means

We will be selling the coupon booklets for the Carson Community Day Sale taking place on April 27 & 28. The booklets cost \$5.00 each & will be available at the luncheon in February. We appreciate your support in the past and know we can count on your support for our spring fundraiser.

Thank you.

Pat Porep & Marge Ostendorf

2012 Used Book Sale Dates: August 8 - 11

Our book sale dates are set! Stay tuned for barrel collection weeks.

Move In: Weds, July 25

Sorting: July 25 - August 7

Drop Off Dates:

Monday, July 26, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Thursday, July 30, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Friday, August 3, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Saturday, August 4, 9am - 1pm

Book Sale: Weds - Sat, August 8-11

Move Out: Sat, August 11

We'll have the preliminary book sale volunteer check off lists at our February 11 luncheon.



Interest Group Calendar

All Lombard Area AAUW members are welcome to attend any of these interest group programs.

Mystery Buffs

(4th Thursday)

Chair: Barbara Kozi

Feb.23 7pm

at *Mary Ann S's*

Presumed Dead by Hugh Holton



Lit Wits (2nd Monday)

Chairs: Lisa Clark, Heidi Koberstine

Feb 13, 7pm

at *Panera, Glen Ellyn*

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

Literature (3rd Friday)

Chair: Loretta Caputo

Feb 17, 1pm

Nancy H's

Sarah's Key – de Rosney



Six in the City (various)

Chair: Doris Schertz

On hiatus until spring.

Women's Issues (3rd Tuesday)

Chairs: Marilyn Gustafson

Feb 21, 10 am

At *Mary Ann's*

Program: Lonnie Morris -

Electricity aggregation in Lombard/VP



RSVP to Marilyn.



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February

Sat, 2/11: 11:30am. Annual Luncheon
Embassy Suites (See pg.1)

Mon, 2/13: 7pm. Lit Wits. Panera, Villa Park

Tues, 2/21: 10am. Women's Issues. Mary Ann's

Fri, 2/17: 1pm. Literature. Nancy H's

Mon, 2/20: 7pm. Board meeting. COP center, Yorktown.

Thurs, 2/23: 7pm. Mystery. Mary Ann S's

Future

Thurs, 3/8: International Women's Day Luncheon,
Union League Club, Chicago. *Details at aauw-il.org*

Weds, 3/14: 6:45 pm. General Meeting. First Church of
Lombard

April 27-28: Illinois State Convention, Itasca



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