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May Branch Meeting Tuesday May 5, 6 pm

**The Centre of Elgin
Heritage Ballroom**

“Celebrate AAUW”

Join us for our annual meeting. Social time is at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30, as we celebrate the accomplishments of the Elgin Branch during the past year and honor our Educational Foundation award winners. We will also introduce our scholarship winner and the NCCWSL award winner

A check for \$25 for our buffet dinner was due to treasurer Donna Vetter by April 27. You may come for the program only without a reservation (around 7:15).

Calendar

- April 28 **Reel Women/Real Women**, 6 pm
Gail Borden Library
North Country
- May 4 **Board Meeting**, 7 pm
Barbara Evans, Hostess
- May 5 **Annual Meeting/Banquet**, 6 pm
The Centre of Elgin
- May 7 **Morning Book Group**, 12:30 pm
Potluck lunch
Rachel Campbell, Hostess
Choose books

- May 11 **Great Books**, 7 pm
Gail Borden Library
Longing, Amos Oz
- May 24 **Out and About**, 6 pm
Dinner and Opera Selections
Villa Verone, Elgin
Contact: Mary Navin
- May 27 **Evening Book Group**, 7 pm
Sharon Spates, Hostess
Select books
- May 28 **Evening Crafters**, 7:30 pm
Linda Rusenovich, Hostess
Crocheted Cupcake Pincushion
- May 26 **20's and 30's Book Club**, 7 pm
Gail Borden Library (meeting is on Tuesday)
The Thirteenth Tale
Diane Setterfield
- May 26 **Reel Women/Real Women**, 6 pm
Gail Borden Library
The Queen
- June 1-6 **Garage Sale**
Jean Jederman, Hostess
- ### Non-Branch Calendar
- April 28 **Equal Pay Day**
- May 14 **YWCA Leader Luncheon** 11 am
The Seville
- June 26-28 **AAUW Association Convention**
St. Louis

The Presidents' Message

Though "heart-warming" is a word we seldom hear, we imagine it was perhaps the most-used adjective in America after the clip of Scotland's Susan Boyle performance on *Britain's Got Talent* appeared on the internet. And when judge Simon Cowell (whose mother should have taught him never to ask a woman her age) said, by a mere roll of his eyes, "and she's old, too," we imagine that women *d'une certaine age* were praying that she could sing. Joining them, clearly, was judge Amanda Holden, who even so did not expect such an exceptional voice. We suspect, however, that it is as much for affirmation of the adage not to judge a book by its cover as it is for the voice that so many continue to play, play and replay the clip.

While the world is celebrating Susan Boyle, on May 5 we will be celebrating the completion of another AAUW year and all who have helped make it a successful one. Joining us will be Margarita Rosiles Aguilera, the young woman our branch is sending to the 2009 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in June. Thank you to Carol Cowles and the NCCWSL committee for finding such an impressive student leader.

Among us as well on May 5 will be Wilma Booth, who we have nominated for the YWCA Leader Luncheon Award for the Arts. To support her with your presence at the May 14 luncheon at which the awards will be given, you must have your \$50 in to the YWCA by May 6. Call Judy Mavros.

Our scholarship recipient, Sara Kaczmarek, will also join us on May 5. Sara is an ECC student who is going into the nursing program. She is a young mother with three children. Thank you to the scholarship committee--Ruth Bradburn, Marge Fox, Judy Mavros, and Mary Navin--for choosing such an outstanding recipient.

Those elected to the Nominating Committee for 2010—Wilma Booth, Marcia Cameron, Medina Gross, Anne Marblestone, Judy Mavros, Lorna Miller, Sharon Spates and alternates Julie Ford and Peggy Caughlin—followed tradition in electing their chair. Thank you, Lorna, for being a good sport and accepting.

We also are appreciative of those members who stepped up to serve the community at large as the Crisis Center's newest clerks at Reruns, Too: Shirley May Byrnes, Barbara Evans, Jeanne Hebeisen, Bonnie Hill and Karen Patterson. They are joining Marcia Cameron and Mabel Rice, who have long been involved. (For those who are wondering about the name, it is "too" because new items are also sold there.)

Having had informal conversations with a number of members, our delegates to the National Convention are inclined to vote against dropping the educational requirement for membership in the organization. Please let one of the following delegates know your views: Katherine Jablonowski, Jan Jones, Rachel Campbell, Medina Gross, or Jeanne Hebeisen.

In her preview of *North Country* in last month's newsletter, Barbara neglected to mention that it was chosen because April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In addition to attending its showing on April 28, we hope you'll take time to visit <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/lafnetwork/library/SAAM.cfm> and scroll down to the end of the page to links to AAUW's reports on assaults on campus and in the military.

In May, of course, we think of mothers, which is the reason *The Queen*, the film focusing on Elizabeth II after Diana's death, was chosen for May 26. And for all who are mothers, we wish the happiest of Mother's Days.

Barbara Evans and Katherine Jablonowski

April General Meeting Minutes

Libby Hoefft, co-president elect, called the meeting to order at Gail Borden Library on April 16. She thanked Lynn Harper and the social committee.

There were no AAUW guests to introduce. However, the program included Miriam Lytle, Gail Borden Library Assistant Director, and two program presenters, Bill Brisca and Tom Armstrong.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes so they were approved as printed.

Donna Vetter, treasurer, reported checking has \$9,312.91; CD, \$4,956.14; and savings , \$1,203.00. These total \$1,5472.05.

REPORTS: Jan Jones, EF committee person, announced the garage sale dates to be Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 6. The AAUW banquet will be at the Centre at 6 pm Tuesday, May 5. The Social Committee will make the decision as to whether or not to have a piano available. If not, Wilma Booth will bring her keyboard. Medina Gross announced the Student Leadership Conference recipient is Margarita Rosiles. Rachel Campbell announced Out and About will meet to eat dinner and hear opera at Villa Verone Restaurant in Elgin at 6 pm on Sunday May 24.

It was suggested that members read the National AAUW email about AAUW initiative for pay equity. The YWCA Leader Luncheon is on May 14. Reservations should be in by May 6. It was announced a change in the morning book group to be May 7 at 12:30. It was also announced "All My Sons" dinner/theatre will be April 26.

Dinner is at 12:30 at Jeanne Hebeisen's house. Theatre is at 3:00. Cost is \$11.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Patterson, Recording Secretary

Membership

Sharon Spates

As we near the end of the 2008-09 membership year, it is once again time to talk of dues for the upcoming year. Association dues will remain at \$49 in 2009-10, and this year \$46 of this amount will be tax deductible. Illinois state dues are \$10, and branch dues are \$13. Regular members will, therefore, pay a total of \$72. Lifetime members pay only state and local dues, and so their bill is \$23. Student members will pay a total of \$25. Honorary lifetime members are excused from all dues.

I encourage all of you to pay your dues as soon as possible. Judy Kaulfuss and I will be at the welcome table at our banquet in May, so I hope you will consider bringing your checkbook that evening.

All members who have paid dues for the new year by our **May 5 annual meeting** will be included in a **drawing for a free membership!** You may pay at the May meeting and still be eligible for the drawing. Dues may be mailed to either of the following:

Sharon Spates
13N382 Chisholm Trail
Elgin, IL 60124

Judy Kaulfuss
79 Brookwood Court
Elgin, IL 60123



Spring Garage Sale

Jan Jones

The garage sale will again be at Jean Jederman's home at 865 Wing Street, Elgin, the corner of Wing and Worth, the first week in June.

It's that time again to clean out the garage, closets, drawers, basements, and to dig some extra perennials to donate to the AAUW garage sale. We will drop off and start sorting our items on Monday, June 1, 2009, from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. We will continue collecting, pricing and sorting on Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm with our actual sale from 9 – 4 on Friday and 9 – 2 on Saturday.

How can you help? We need your donated “treasures,” BOOKS and lots of plants. We need your tables or sawhorses and doors to display our treasures, and we need your time to price, sort and sell ALL of our treasures.

Finally we need LOTS of help to clean up Jean’s driveway on Saturday, June 6 and give our donations to the Goodwill Industries – or Bonnie Hill’s garage to keep a few start-up treasures for our next sale. Please call Jan Jones (847-742-3205) to let her know when you will help. THANK YOU!!

A Powerful Noise **Katherine A. Jablonowski**

In March, I attended the movie “A Powerful Noise,” which was only shown in our area once and, unfortunately, on the same evening as our monthly general meeting.

The movie followed the activities of three women: Hanh, an HIV-positive young widow in Vietnam; Nada, a survivor of the war in Bosnia; and Jaqueline, who was educated and went back to her origins in Bamako, Mali. All three are making quite a difference in the lives of others through their own initiatives.

Hanh works with a program to help others with HIV through testing and education to prevent the spread of the disease. She organizes groups so that the victims do not feel alone and abandoned and helps them overcome the stigma of the disease.

Nada organizes women to help them create their own enterprises so that they can support themselves and their families in their war-torn country.

The President of Bosnia came to one gathering of women entrepreneurs, giving them pride in their endeavors, while publicizing their efforts and showing how important their work is.

Jaqueline goes to the slums and seeks out young women who have come to the city to work. She provides night time classes so that the women can

learn reading and writing and obtain better jobs rather than their more menial ones.

Following the movie, five notable panelists engaged in a live broadcast discussion led by Ann Curry of the Today Show. The panelists were Dr. Helene Gayle, President of CARE; Natalie Portman, actress; Nicholas Kristof, author and NY Times columnist; Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State; and Christy Turlington Burns, model, business woman and CARE advocate. That each panelist is passionate about the plight of women around the world, became evident through their participating comments.

The importance of empowering women through education and economic opportunities and the resulting positive impact on the family and the economy of the whole community was stressed during the discussion.

CARE sponsored the movie. CARE’s mission is to tackle the underlying causes of poverty so that people can become self-sufficient. Since women and children are disproportionately affected by poverty, CARE places special emphasis on working with women to create permanent social change. For more information, please go to: <http://www.care.org/>

Theatre News **Medina Gross**

A group of us saw an exceptional production of Arthur Miller’s *All My Sons* at ECC on April 26. All of us were very impressed with this wonderful production. In spite of the serious subject matter, its an uplifting experience. The show is a must see and runs for two more weekends, through May 10.

Anyone interested in the Nothing Special production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, which plays May 22-30 at Elgin Art Showcase, call Liz Siebeck. In June (6/20 or 6/27) we will try something light-- Comedy Spectacular 2, a reenactment of scenes from the golden age of radio comedy, put on by Elgin Theatre Company.



Public Policy

Carol Wieg

Equal Pay Day is April 28' so check out the new Equal Pay Day webpage and remember to write your senator and representative to Keep the Change Until Women Have Real Change and encourage them to vote for the Paycheck Fairness Act. AAUW members are encouraged to wear red that day symbolizing how pay inequity keeps women in the red! Also, while visiting the AAUW webpages, check out the Take Action page where AAUW members and nonmembers can sign up for Action Network.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be holding its annual conference this year at the University of Maryland campus. Our branch will be sending a young ECC graduate to this conference, which will be held June 4-6. This is our first time sponsoring someone to attend this conference.

AAUW recently introduced a new proposed volunteer leadership structure, the AAUW Leadership Corps. This corps will be comprised of current member leaders who strive to identify and support prospective and current leaders, strengthen branches, and aid in communication at all levels of AAUW. Applications may be obtained online with a deadline of May 31.

Hope you enjoyed the new look of the AAUW Outlook magazine which has been newly redesigned. The Spring/summer issue features national convention speaker Lilly Ledbetter and should have arrived at your home several days ago.

There is new merchandise available online at ShopAAUW! including teal shirts, golf towels, note cards,

YWCA Leader Luncheon

Judy Mavros

AAUW has the privilege of nominating WILMA BOOTH for the Margaret Hillis Award for the Arts for this year's YWCA Leader Luncheon on May 14 at the Seville in Streamwood. We will want to have a good showing in support of Wilma. Tickets are \$50 per person. If interested in attending, please call Judy Mavros at (847) 697-0663.

AAUW Times Newsletter

Our deadline is the 20th of each month. Contributions to the newsletter should be e-mailed as a Word attachment to all three editors:

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NOTE: The next newsletter is a 3-month one (June/July/August), so submit accordingly. Please also inform us of any changes to your e-mail address. Also, all changes of mailing addresses should be sent to Marty Jernberg.

Scholarship Award

Mary Navin

Sara Kaczmarek, our scholarship winner, is married with three young children. She currently studies at ECC. She is thrilled to have been accepted into the nursing program at ECC, where she will start next fall. She works part-time as a medical transcriptionist, which led to her desire to train as a nurse and be involved directly in caring for patients. She says, "this is the first time in life I have wanted a career."

Please take the opportunity to meet Sara at our banquet on May 5.



NCCWSL Medina Gross

Margarita Rosiles Aguilera, our choice to send to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders will graduate from ECC with high honors in May, and will attend Bradley University in the fall, where she will double major in economics and law.

Margarita is involved with the honor society, is a student senator in student government, and has been

involved in many volunteer projects on campus. She worked hard to involve other students in helping to get the ECC referendum passed. In addition, she works at ECC as well as for Jewel-Osco as a floral clerk.

Margarita will report to us about her experiences at NCCWSL some Saturday next winter when she comes home from Peoria for the weekend. Please take the opportunity to meet Margarita at our banquet.

Thank you to the committee involved in the secection process: Judy Mavros (chair) Carol Cowles, Barbara Evans, Medina Gross, Sandy Kaptain, Connie Kaschub. and Carol Wieg.

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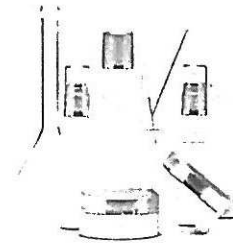


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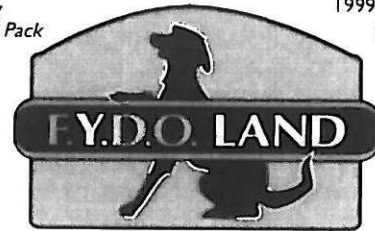
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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW's Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

AAUW's Educational Foundation

AAUW provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive social change.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

AAUW provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

About the Elgin Area Branch and AAUW Times

The Elgin Area Branch was organized in 1920 with 40 charter members.

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