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**Elgin Area Branch
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Life-long education and positive social change*

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April Branch Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 7 PM

**Evangelical Covenant Church
1565 Larkin Avenue, Elgin**



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SYMPHONY

Dale Lonis, CEO of the award-winning Elgin Symphony Orchestra, will be the speaker at our next general meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 at the Evangelical Covenant Church at 7 pm. Dr. Lonis will talk about the orchestra's 60th anniversary celebration and will discuss the symphony's plans for the future, including new educational programs. Our Symphony Orchestra is known throughout the state for its programming and beautiful sound. Be there to learn more about this civic treasure.

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| April 7 | Branch Meeting 7 PM |
| April 8 | Morning Book Group 10 AM
Judy Tepe, Hostess
<i>Bold Spirit</i> , Linda Lawrence Hunt |
| April 12 | Great Books 7 PM
Gail Borden Library
<i>Goblin Market</i> , Christina Rossetti |

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| April 20 | Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for State Convention |
| April 22 | Evening Crafters 7 PM
Jelayne Ewers, hostess
Planning |
| April 26 | 20's and 30's Book Club, 7 PM
Gail Borden Library
<i>The Killer Angels</i> , Michael Shaara |
| April 27 | Reel Women 6 PM
Gail Borden Library
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i> |
| April 28 | Current Literature 6 PM Potluck
Katherine Jablonowski, Hostess
<i>The Syringa Tree</i> , Pamela Glen |
| April | Memoir Group 1 pm
Date, place to be announced
Gareth Sitz, chair |
| April 30-May 1 | AAUW-IL State Convention
Hyatt Lisle |
| May 3 | Branch Board Meeting 7 PM
Mary Navin, Hostess |
| May 21-22 | Garage Sale |
| June 12 | Garden Walk |

President's Message

The calendar is saying that spring is here. Let's hope that we will soon be enjoying the spring temperatures and life in our gardens.

I am always impressed with the quality of our AAUW programs and the March program was no exception. Polly Nash and Jack Weiss did a marvelous job of sharing how they organized and wrote the history of the first 60 years of Elgin Community College. The book is still available for purchase at the ECC Book Store for only \$25. It is very interesting and informative and you'll probably see people you know in some of the photographs. These first-time authors did a great job! A BIG thank you to the social committee for finding CAFE ROMA as the location for the meeting – great dinner! Hope those fortunate enough to go to the Lamb's Farm to hear the EO speakers had an inspirational time hearing some very special women share their stories. Thanks for supporting our fundraisers in the past and getting ready for our next garage sale in May and our Garden Walk on June 12.

Our Garden Walk was nominated for an Image Award and though we didn't win, it was great to hear about all the events, programs and people helping to show off the good aspects of Elgin.

Last, but not least, our branch has nominated Libby Hoeft in the volunteer/community service category for the YWCA Leader Luncheon on May 13 at 11 AM at the Seville in Streamwood. Cost is \$50. You can sign up at the branch meeting on April 7 or register at the Y. Deadline is May 5.

We look forward to seeing you at our April programs! Jan Jones – for Libby Hoeft, too

March Branch Meeting Minutes

ELGIN AREA AAUW
BRANCH MEETING - MARCH 9, 2010

Following a presentation by Jack Weiss and Polly Nash, co-authors of a history of Elgin Community College, on "How to Write a Book," Co-President Libby Hoeft called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Shirley May Byrnes, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. There being no questions, it was filed for audit.

Rachel Campbell, Co-Program Vice President, announced that our April 7 branch meeting will be presented by Dale Lonis, CEO of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. He will report on the 60th anniversary of the ESO, as well as on its future plans.

Educational Opportunities Fund Co-chair, Mary Navin, said the January auction brought in \$57. She passed around a sign-up sheet for workers for the Garage Sale.

Anne Marblestone, committee member for the Garden Walk, reported that the descriptions of the gardens provided by the owners are amazing, showing a real excitement on their part to participate in the Walk. Ticket books are expected to be ready by May 1 and will be available at the Green Expo of the City of Elgin on May 8. They will have about 9 ads and also coupons for discounts at gardening businesses. Coordinators for each of the gardens and for the art show in the Elgin Public Museum will be needed. Also, two hostesses will be needed for each garden, plus hostesses at the Museum.

Libby said new information about bylaws has been received. We will study it to be sure we are in compliance.

Women's Issues Committee is busy working on upcoming nominations.

Lorna Miller, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the new slate of officers: Program Co-Vice Presidents, Barbara Evans and Carol Wieg; Treasurer, Shirley May Byrnes; Recording Secretary, Jeanne Hebeisen. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominees were elected unanimously. She referred members to the March newsletter for information about the nominees. The committee is still looking for a President-Elect candidate and requested volunteers.

Jan Jones reported that the Garden Walk has been nominated for an Elgin Image Award. Winners are

to be announced at The Centre on Thursday, March 11. She urged members to come to the award ceremony. Social hour is 6-7 pm, and the ceremony begins at 7.

Libby listed the following upcoming events of interest: AAUW brunch featuring EO fellows at Lamb's Farm, Libertyville, March 13; Midwest Girls Collaborative Project Forum, April 8 at Illinois State University (a STEM project); AAUW-IL Convention, Hyatt Hotel in Lisle, April 30 - May 1; YWCA Leader Luncheon, May 13 (Libby is our nominee); AAUW branch picnic with 20's and 30's group, June 8 in Lords Park; and Garden Walk, June 12, 9 am - 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Co-recording Secretary
Jeanne Hebeisen

Crafter's Meeting April 22

Do you have a craft project you would like to do, but are not sure how to start?

Join us on Thursday, April 22 at 7 pm at the home of Jelayne Ewers, 13426 Dakota Fields Drive, Sun City, Huntley. We will be planning the projects for this fall and next year and this is the time to let us know what craft you would like to do or learn how to do, so it can be included in the schedule. If you have ideas, please bring them with you. If you are just interested in seeing what kind of crafts we are doing, feel free to join us for fellowship and dessert. For more information or directions, call Jelayne Ewers at 847-515-1145.

Reel Women April 27

My Sister's Keeper (2009)

After their daughter is stricken with leukemia, a couple conceives another child with *in vitro* fertilization to provide a donor match. The family is torn apart when, after countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister Kate can fight leukemia, Anna, though only 11 years old, balks when told she must donate one of her kidneys and decides to file a lawsuit against her parents for

"medical emancipation." Though some critics have faulted the film for not focusing more on the issue of using one child to ensure the other's survival, all agree that "the film succeeds in genuinely making us care about each character and the dilemmas each faces." Based on the 2004 novel by Jodi Picoult, the film, directed by Nick Cassavetes, features Cameron Diaz as the mother, Sofia Vassilieva and Abigail Breslin as the daughters, Joan Cusack as the judge and Alec Baldwin as the lawyer.--Barbara Evans

State Convention April 30-May 1

This year's convention will be close by at the Lisle Hyatt--only 45 minutes away for most of us. The featured speaker will be Linda Hallman, Executive director of AAUW. There will be breakout sessions and the opportunity to network with members from all across Illinois. Join us for all or part of this two-day event. Details are in the current edition of the *Illinois Link* or at aauw-IL.org. Send your registration form with your check to Jan Jones by April 20, or give it to her at the branch meeting on April 7. (There is a discount for checks mailed together.) A portion of your expenses will be refunded by the branch.

Garage Sale May 21 and 22



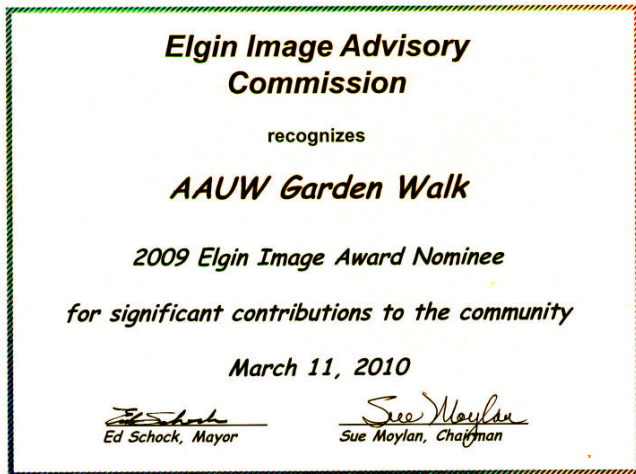
Spring is approaching and with spring comes "GARAGE SALE." Jean Jederman has graciously consented to have our garage sale again at her Wing Street corner. The garage sale will be the third week of May, Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22.

Drop off and set up will be from Wednesday of that week. How can we not take advantage of such a great fund-raiser for AAUW, plus the days of fellowship which also occur. Sign up sheets will be circulating, so please try to be generous with your time and treasures.--Mary Navin and Mary Ayt

New Member

Welcome back to Becky Olson, former AAUW member. Retired from RR Donnelley, she has a B.S.Ed. and M.S.Ed. from WIU. Becky has worked as a YWCA Teenage Program Director, Alton, IL; Acting Librarian in Hamilton, IL; counselor at LHS, District U-46. She is married to Clifford Olson and they have two adult sons.-- Jo Ann Armenta

Elgin Image Award Nomination



The AAUW Garden Walk was recently nominated for an award in the citywide competition for Image recognition. Our Garden Walk was described in the Image award booklet as an effort to enhance nature's beauty while furthering scholarship recognition for women. The walk was included under "Project" nominations and its inclusion in our city's recognition of individuals and their accomplishments was certainly an honor. Thank you to Medina Gross. She wrote the description of our Garden Walk which certainly enhanced our recognition at a very popular award evening. Many people attended the award ceremony at the Centre and it was an honor to be included.--Mary Navin

Garden Walk June 12

Save Saturday June 12 for another glorious Garden Walk. Elgin east side city gardens will be featured and we will need many helpers to represent AAUW. This is a wonderful opportunity to see lovely gardens in an historic setting, plus visit the Elgin Public

Museum in Lord's Park which will be the site for a mini art show. Please be generous with your time. Also, call any of the committee members with suggestions for local artists who would display art at the museum setting.--Mary Navin, Jan Jones, Anne Marblestone, Peg Caughlin, Lorna Miller, Muriel Fenzel, Sharon Spates, Ruth Bradburn, Karen Patterson, and Barbara Evans

AAUW Fellows Brunch .



AAUW FELLOWS BRUNCH

It was a dark and rainy day when Rachel Bloomberg, Rachel Campbell, Medina Gross, Liola Carey, Shirley May Byrnes, Jeanne Hebeisen, Mary Navin and I made the trip to Lamb's Farm in Libertyville to attend the brunch on Saturday, March 13. So we would say that our branch was well represented. Nevertheless, those of you who did not attend missed a really enjoyable time.

The brunch afforded a networking opportunity as we were each assigned seats at different tables. There were women from the Deerfield, Waukegan and Schaumburg branches at my table. We shared fundraising activities of our respective branches. This was apropos as the speakers following brunch were all recipients of our collective hard work.

There were three young women who shared their research with us via their PowerPoint presentations. Two speakers were from the University of Illinois at Chicago and one was from Northwestern. All were engaged in graduate or postgraduate work in such

subjects as: Alzheimer's disease, solar energy, and water pollution.

It was satisfying to see how our fundraising efforts were being used for such worthwhile educational pursuits.--Katherine Jablonowski

Message from Newsletter Editors

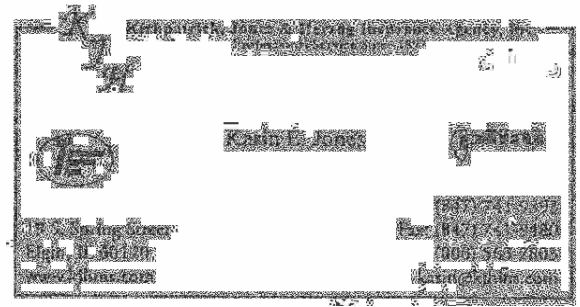
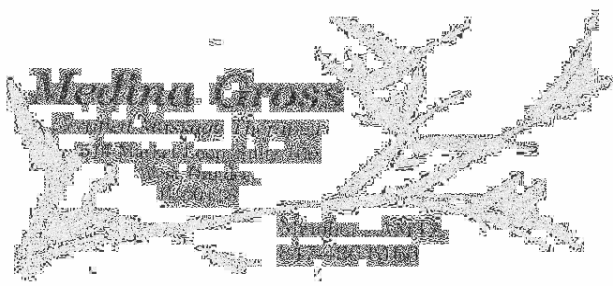
The deadline for the May newsletter is April 20.

Be sure to always submit items as a Word Document to all three editors:

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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 is open to all graduates who hold an Associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution.

AAUW's Mission Statement

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

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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 invests in activities that prevent and combat sex discrimination and promote gender equity through support

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