



# AAUW TIMES

**Elgin Area Branch  
1920-2009**



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Life-long education and positive social change*

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## October Branch Meeting

**Saturday, October 24, 10:00 AM**

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

### “Rhyme Time”

Laura Van Prooyen, poetess and a Career Development Recipient for the Educational Foundation, will speak about her experiences as a grant recipient and read her poetry. Her latest book is **INKBLOTS AND ALTARS**.

Margarita Rosiles, the ECC student who attended the NCCWSL Conference in Washington in June, will speak briefly about her experience at the conference. Our branch provided the tuition so that Ms Rosiles was able to attend the conference.

## Calendar

- Oct. 8      **Morning Book Group** 10 AM  
Libby Hoeft, Hostess  
*Saving Fish from Drowning*, Amy Tan
  
- Oct. 12     **Elgin Great Books** 7 PM  
Gail Borden Public Library  
*Planning & Democracy*, Hayek  
*Distributive Justice*, Rawls
  
- Oct. 22     **Evening Crafters** 7:30 PM  
*Shabby Chic Owls*  
Liz Engman, Hostess
  
- Oct. 24     **Branch Meeting**
  
- Oct. 26     **20’s & 30’s Book Club** 7 PM  
Gail Borden Public Library  
*Something Wicked This Way Comes*, Ray Bradbury
  
- Oct. 27     **Reel Women** 6 PM  
Gail Borden Library  
*A Powerful Noise*
  
- Oct. 28     **Current Literature** 6:15 PM  
Elgin Area Historical Society  
Sara Ellen Anderson, Hostess
  
- Nov. 1      **AAUW Theatre** 4:30 PM  
Jeanne Hebeisen, Hostess  
*Romeo and Juliet*

## Presidents' Message

So many exciting things are happening within our AAUW organization and throughout the community that it is difficult to know where to start. Let's begin with our meeting on September 15, where we were able to eat good food, spend time socializing with old and new friends, hear a wonderful program celebrating exciting futures for a variety of women who have gained so much through their continuing education at Elgin Community College, and still have a quick meeting to pass a budget for our upcoming year. Finances look good, (what other organization can say that!) and we have so many wonderful programs and events to look forward to.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for further information regarding our activities. Jan and I want to point out just a couple new things. Gareth Sitz is working to start a creative writing group centered on discussing and journaling the interesting lives of the participants. They will meet at her house on Tuesday, September 29 at 2:00 pm. Also, Barbara Evans has compiled an exhaustive list of books which addresses women and their struggles around the world. Go to our web site for details on how to access the list.

Also, remember that, if you have things of interest to members that can go in the newsletter, please also send the information to Marcia Cameron (in word format) [mec515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mec515@sbcglobal.net) so that it can be posted on the web site.

Thanks to Marti Jernberg, the yearbook is now available. If you did not receive yours at the meeting, it should be coming to you in the mail. Check out the wonderful line-up of programs for the coming year, and plan to join us on October 24 to hear poet and AAUW grant recipient Laura Van Prooyen .

We look forward to seeing you at one of the many AAUW or community events which are mentioned in the newsletter.

Libby Hoeft, also on behalf of Jan Jones

## Elgin Branch Website

Be sure and check out our Elgin Branch website. Go to: [aauwelginarea.org](http://aauwelginarea.org).

The website includes listings of general programs and interest groups, branch newsletters, as well as branch projects and special AAUW events. Any updates to the website should be sent to [mec515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mec515@sbcglobal.net) by the 1st of each month.

Marcia Cameron

## Current Literature Celebration

At the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be celebrating 39+ years with a dinner and program at the Elgin Area Historical Society, 344 Park Street, Elgin. Invitations have been distributed to current and former members by hostess Sara Ellen Anderson. Please RSVP by October 12.

Sara Ellen Anderson

## AAUW Theatre Group

On Sunday, Nov. 1, we will be going to see *Romeo and Juliet*. Shakespeare's timeless story of love and passion gets a new look in Janus Theatre's all-female production. Fast-paced and intense, this version of the play promises to shed new light on this classic love story.

We will meet at 4:30 pm at the home of Jeanne Hebeisen, 602 Prospect, Elgin. The director, Sean Hargadon, will speak to us at 5 pm, followed by a potluck dinner. The performance begins at 7 pm and will end with a question and answer period with the cast.

The performance will be at Elgin Art Showcase, 164 Division Street in downtown Elgin. Please let Medina ([medinag@gmail.com](mailto:medinag@gmail.com) or 847 695-1316) know by Oct 26 if you will be able to attend, and what you plan to bring.

More information about the show is available at [janustheatre.wordpress.com](http://janustheatre.wordpress.com).

Medina Gross

## **An Evening with Eleanor Roosevelt**

The Huntley Area Branch of AAUW will be hosting a 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and benefit honoring America's "First Lady of the World" on Sunday, October 11, 2009 from 5-8 p.m. at Randall Oaks Golf Club, 4101 Binnie Road, West Dundee, IL. The cost is \$28 per person (4 or more, \$25 each). Spouses, family and friends are welcome. The meal choices are: beef, chicken or vegetarian.

Eleanor, herself, is coming in the form of an historical presenter. There will be special exhibits, raffles, and a silent auction of unique Roosevelt-era collectibles and gift baskets.

RSVP by October 4. Information: (847)669-0848, Reservations: (815)245-5355, E-mail: [huntleyaauw@ameritech.net](mailto:huntleyaauw@ameritech.net)

Katherine Jablonowski

## **Reel Women/Real Women**

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, we will view *A Powerful Noise*. This is the highly acclaimed CARE documentary that was aired for one night in March of this year in selected theaters throughout the country, the same night we had the mayor speaking at our monthly meeting. Katherine Jablonowski, however, did see it and gave it rave reviews, which is why we feel fortunate that we are able to have another chance to witness how three remarkable women overcame "seemingly insurmountable odds to bring lasting solutions to their communities." For more detailed information about the girls' education crusader from Mali, the HIV-positive widow from Vietnam and a peace-making survivor of the war in Bosnia who are featured, see [www.apowerfulnoise.org](http://www.apowerfulnoise.org).

Barbara Evans

## **ReRuns Too**

ReRuns Too is the Community Crisis Center Resale Shop located on Manor Court behind the Wing Park Shopping Center. AAUW members are volunteering at the shop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. We have a group of 6 volunteers at this time who help out by selling, sorting and pricing items. We would welcome more volunteers. Two or three volunteers work at one time and you choose the days you want to work. If interested in volunteering, contact Marcia at [mec515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mec515@sbcglobal.net). If you haven't visited the shop, stop by and see all the interesting items for sale. All proceeds go to the Community Crisis Center.

Marcia Cameron

## **Red Kettle Volunteers Needed**

Please think about volunteering again for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. We will have Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, in front of the Jewel on Larkin. About 10 volunteers will be needed to work for about an hour. A sign-up sheet will be sent out electronically and passed at the October meeting. Jo Ann Armenta will coordinate.

Jo Ann Armenta

# AAUW ELGIN BRANCH MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Co-President Libby Hoeft called the Elgin Area Branch of AAUW general meeting to order at the Evangelical Covenant Church, September 15, 2009 at 6:55 PM after a potluck meal.

Carol Wieg introduced Dr. Carol Cowles, Dean of Students at ECC, who was facilitator for the program "Beginning Our Academic Journey". Panel members were: Janet Heuser, Quyiari Washington, and Danesa Tamayo.

Business session convened at 7:45 PM. An item of Old Business was handled first with the election of Jeanne Hebeisen and Wilma Booth, co-recording secretary; Karen Patterson, corresponding secretary.

Minutes from the May general meeting were approved as printed.

Shirley May Byrnes presented the 2009-10 budget from the Board. Motion carried to approve. August Treasurer's Report was presented with the balance 8/31/09-\$ 10,476.89. Report will be filed for audit.

Libby read a thank-you note from the Gail Borden Library Board expressing appreciation for the \$750 tile of a goldfinch for the mural at the new library branch.

Rachel Campbell announced the October program will be presented by a poetess, Laura Van Prooyen, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Evangelical Covenant Church, 10:00 AM.

Jo Ann Armenta announced we have 77 paid members. Guests were introduced: Joan Arnal, Mary Ellen Barbezat, and Marge Haefliger.

Karen Patterson requested information regarding members who are hospitalized or other circumstances in order for her to send a card from AAUW.

Mary Navin and Mary Aydt gave instructions for the garage sale to be held September 25-26 at Nancy Gardner's home, 969 South Street, Elgin. Willing

workers are needed for pricing and at the sale. An advertisement will be on Craig's List.

Mary Navin informed the group that a fourth garden walk is being considered for next July. Request was made for the locations of beautiful garden sites.

Anne Marblestone announced an event "A Night to Honor Women Judges" which is being held October 15<sup>th</sup> at NIU Auditorium, Rockford at 7 PM. There is no charge, but seats must be reserved.

Libby thanked the social co-chairs, Muriel Fenzel and Lynn Harper, for arranging the potluck meal we had enjoyed this evening. One person from each table received the honor of taking home the centerpiece of autumn flowers.

Medina Gross gave a reminder of the newsletter deadline on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Additions or information changes for the website should be sent to Marcia Cameron by the first of each month.

Marti Jernberg reminded members to take their new yearbook and any others that could be delivered to absentees. Appreciation was expressed to Marti for her diligence and efficiency in preparing the yearbook.

Judy Mavros announced that Libby Hoeft's name has been submitted for the "Winning Woman of the Year" award which is given by Melissa Bean.

Barbara Evans announced the Reel Women/Real Women movie night October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM will be showing "A Powerful Noise" at the Library. Jo Ann Armenta announced "A Class Apart" will be shown September 22. Mike Alft will give insights into the conditions of Mexican-Americans in Elgin in the late 1920's. There are nine other co-sponsors for this event.

Medina announced a Holiday House Walk in Elgin, December 12. Also, she announced that "Over the River and Through the Woods" is still playing at Kimball Street Theatre on the campus of Elgin Academy.

Marge Haefliger invited the group to a Fox Valley Beaux Arts event to be held September 26 at Elgin Country Club. She had invitations for the

Independent Players production of “Give Me Your Answer, Do!”

Barbara Evans announced that book lists are available.

Brooke Transue gave information about a Collectors interest group which she wants to initiate. The group would “show and tell” historical collections they may have, with date to be determined for organizing the group. Brooke is currently looking for Steiff animals.

Gareth Sitz is beginning a group November 7<sup>th</sup> with interests in memoir writing.

Rachel is planning an “Out and About” meeting at a cooking school in St. Charles. Cost:\$30. Need 15 participants.

Libby announced the District 5 Fall Conference will be held at Oakton Community College, October 17, 8:30 to noon. Cost: \$21.00 including breakfast. The Jane Addams Commemorative Holiday will be held December 6 at the Jane Addams Center at Bowen Park, Waukegan. Tickets are \$20.

The next Board meeting of Elgin AAUW will be held November 2, Medina Gross, hostess.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by: Wilma Booth, Co-Recording Secretary

## Save the Date...

The Jane Addams Commemorative Holiday will be celebrated on December 6, 2009, at Bowen Park, 1917 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL. This is the site of the summer camp that Jane Addams ran for children from the city of Chicago. Lilac Cottage where Jane Addams lived during the summer and the Historical Farm House will be open for tours from 9 AM to 3 PM. A Buffet Lunch is scheduled at the Jane Addams Center at 11:30 AM. The program will be presented by Ellen Frew of the Waukegan Historical Society and Ty Rohrer, Director of the Waukegan History Museum. Come and help AAUW-IL celebrate Jane Addams at a unique and lively location. Join us at camp for a festive holiday celebration of the life and work of Jane Addams.

Thanks,

Linda Henning Cohen  
AAUW-IL President

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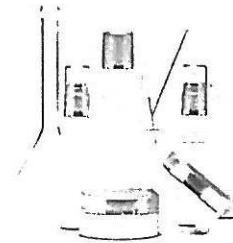


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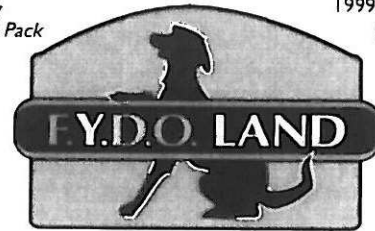
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AAUW is open to all graduates who hold an Associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution.

### **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 of litigation and educational programs.

## **About the Elgin Area Branch and AAUW Times**

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

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