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AAUW Fox Valley Garden Walk

June 25, 2016 9 – 3 pm

Summer is coming and so is our anticipated garden walk. We look forward to sharing the day with many of you and, hopefully, with many eager garden visitors. If you signed up to be a docent/hostess, either morning or afternoon, you will be contacted with your assignments. All the gardens are lovely and all offer something unique.

Two of the gardens are examples of member Pat Hill's many talents. Participant member Sharon Sutton's ground-level herbaceous savanna planting beds were designed by Pat, using all Midwestern native plants. Also, Pat designed the Butterfly Garden of the Rakow Library, using native prairie plants. These two gardens will be special treats for all of us, along with the other five west side gardens. Member Jean Pechtelt will be displaying and selling her artwork at one of the gardens.



Traditionally, all hostesses have purchased tickets in support of our scholarship efforts and also to support our many garden center/nursery ad sponsors. This ticket will give

entrance to the other gardens and provide morning or afternoon enjoyment. Remember, this ticket is offered at the reduced rate of \$12 to members. Contact Mary Navin or Jan Jones for ticket sales. Also, if you would like to offer your services as a hostess, in the event that we need extra docents, please contact Jan or Mary.

Tickets will also be available after June 1 at our local Jewel Osco stores and our local Ace Hardware stores. For the first time, tickets will be also be available online through Eventbrite.com.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Calendar

June

- June 1 **Third Diversity Salon** 4:30 pm
St. Hugh of Lincoln Church
- June 1 **Current Movie Discussion** 4:30 pm
Money Monster
Colonial Café, McLean Blvd
- June 8 **Good Tastes** 5 pm
Villa Verone
416 Hamilton Street, Geneva 630 232-2201
- June 9 **Morning Book Group** 9:30 am
Hostess: Rachel Campbell
All the Light You Cannot See
Anthony Doerr
- June 9 **Crafters** 9:30 am
Decorative Mesh Patriotic Wreath
Hostess: Linda Rusenovich
- June 13 **Great Books** 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
"Horse Dealer's Daughter"
D.H. Lawrence
- June 14 **Shape the Future** 5:30 pm
Hostess: Mary Navin
- June 20 **Knitting/Crochet Group** 1 pm
Hostess: Juanita Brook
Working on hats for charity all summer
- June 22 **Evening Book Group** 7 pm
Hostess: Sharon Spates
The Sixth Extinction
Elizabeth Kolbert
- June 25 **Garden Walk** 9 am -3 pm

June 28 **Reel Women/Real Women** 6 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
Carol

July

July 6 **Current Movie Discussion** 4:30 pm
Colonial Café, McLean Blvd
TBD

July 11 **Joint Board Meeting** 6:30 pm
Hostess: Muriel Fenzel

July 11 **Great Books** 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
“Culture and Anarchy”
Matthew Arnold

July 13 **Good Tastes** 6 pm
Location TBD

July 14 **Morning Book Group** 9:30 am
Hostess: Pat Zonsius
Orange is the New Black
Piper Kerman

July 14 **Crafters** 9:30 am
A quilting project
Hostess: Jelayne Ewers

July 18 **Knitting/Crochet Group** 1 pm
Hostess: Bonnie Hill

July 26 **Reel Women/Real Women** 6 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
The Lady in the Van

July 27 **Evening Book Group** 7 pm
Hostess: Lorna Miller
Hotel Florida
Armnd Vaill

August

Aug 3 **Current Movie Discussion** 4:30 pm
Colonial Café, McLean Blvd
TBD

Aug 8 **Great Books** 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
“Politics and the English Language”
George Orwell

Aug 10 **Good Tastes** 5 pm
TBD

Aug 11 **Morning Book Group** 9:30 am
Hostess: Sara Ellen Anderson
One Summer: America 1927
Bill Bryson

Aug 11 **Crafters** 9:30 am
Hostess: Lee Engman
Paper Blossoms

Aug 15 **Knitting/Crochet Group** 1 pm
Hostess: Kathy Turnquist

Aug 20 **September Newsletter Info Due**

Aug 23 **Reel Women/Real Women** 6 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
The Danish Girl

Aug 24 **Evening Book Group** 7 pm
Hostess: Patty Golden
Capital Dames
Cokie Roberts

Aug 29 **Board Meeting** 7 pm
Hostess: Juanita Brook

Presidents' Message

From Beverly Lovett and Jeanne Hebeisen

Our branch is a well-oiled machine. Members readily agree to take on leadership positions and follow through with their responsibilities.

To mention just a few Some members get into a quagmire and find their way out in grand fashion (Mary Ellen Barbezat with bylaws revision). Some members even volunteer to go beyond their job descriptions (Linda Rock and Linda Knight – Equal Pay Day promotion). Some new members jump right in and take on major projects (Sue Schulz as Diversity Chair with her Salons). Some work year after year - on our garage sales, raking in the big bucks (too many to mention all, but mainly Katherine Jablonowski, Nanci Alanis and Jan Jones) - and selecting Local Scholarship recipients (Mary Navin). Some take on a position and do such a great job they are stuck there forever (Marti Jernberg with the Yearbook)!

We could go on and on. Year after year, many contribute to the vitality of our branch. In every contact we have with those on the State level, we get the comment we have such a great branch. We just smile and say “thank you” – on behalf of you all. To those Board Members not mentioned above, we Co-presidents deeply appreciate every way you have contributed this past year.

In 2016-17, we will have both new and continuing officers. Juanita Brook and Muriel Fenzel, as co-presidents, and Linda Knight, as Treasurer, are the new. All the other officers will continue – all four VP's (Membership – Rosemary Dyson and

Sue Schulz, Program –Patty Harkin and Gareth Sitz) and secretaries Bonnie Hill and Karen Patterson. Our well-oiled machine is in good hands!

All in all, we agree it's been a very interesting and exciting year. We can hardly wait to see where our branch goes from here. And, be sure to attend Sue Schulz's Identity Walk on June 1 to help determine where that is!

Branch Minutes – May 18

From Bonnie Hill

Co-President, Jeanne Hebeisen started our Branch Meeting at 7:15 after dinner at the Randall Oaks Country Club in Dundee, IL.

The corrected minutes from our February meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer, Linda Youngren, The Treasurer's Report was approved as emailed and will be filed for audit. She mentioned we made over \$1500 at the garage sale.

Co-Program Chair, Patty Harkin asked that we fill out the survey at the tables.

Co- Membership Chairs, Rosemary Dyson and Sue Schulz welcomed our 4 guests and reminded everyone to bring a guest to the June 14 event at Mary Navin's. We have had a lot of success at our Salons and invited everyone to our last one June 1.

Membership Treasurer- Becky Olson drew Brooke Transue's name for free National dues.

Co-Presidents' Report, Beverly Lovett and Jeanne Hebeisen reported 7 members attended the State Convention. Our organization will be 100 in 2020, time to form a committee!

Committee Reports

EO Funds-Katherine Jablonowski and Nanci Alanis – thanked everyone who helped and was involved in the garage sale.

Awards-Anne Marblestone-thanked her committee and introduced the presenters for the awards.

Susan B Anthony Award, Rosemary Dyson presented this award to Becky Olson

Two Named Grant Awards, Judy Marvos presented an award to Dr. Carol Cowles and Becky Olson presented an award to our deceased member, Joan Hayashida, whose daughter was introduced.

Anne mentioned her committee had nominated Gareth Sitz for the YWCA Leader Luncheon Margaret Hillis Award for the Arts.

Election of Officers- Libby Hoeft, Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for 2016-2017. All were elected.

Co-Presidents: Muriel Fenzel and Juanita Brook
Vice-Presidents Program: Patty Harkin and Gareth Sitz
Treasurer: Linda Knight
Corresponding Secretary: Karen Patterson
Nominating Committee 2017
Lynn Harper
Kathy Turnquist
Chris Saletta
Jane Lawson
Florence Osdick
Anne Marblestone
Alternate: Barb Wahl

Co-President Bev Lovett introduced Danielle Hanson and Risa Jones who said a few words about Each One – Reach One and thanked us for our contribution.

Local Scholarship-Mary Navin and Nancy Alanis–Nancy said their committee chose Jessica Morales as this year's recipient who will be going to Roosevelt University.

PUBLIC POLICY

Linda Knight

I thought I would change things up a little this month and do an article on an inspiring woman. During my research, I discovered Halide Edib Adivar, a truly inspiring and remarkable woman who was a beacon of feminism and Turkish nationalism in her lifetime.

Halide Edib was born in Istanbul in 1884. Her father was the private treasurer of the Ottoman Sultan Abdulhamit II. Her mother died when Halide was a young child, and at home in the care of her grandmother, Halide received a traditional Islamic upbringing. However, her father was a man of modern outlook and determined that she should receive a western education and, through private tutors, she studied European and Ottoman literature, religion, philosophy, sociology, piano playing, English, French, Greek, and Arabic. Her father's house was a center of intellectual activity in Istanbul, and even as a child, Halide participated in the intellectual life of the city. She was sent to the American College for Girls in Uskudar, and became the first Muslim girl to graduate from that school in 1901. She went on to become a writer, scholar, and public figure dedicated to the rights of women.

Straight after graduating from the American College for Girls, Halide married her teacher, the mathematician and astronomer Salih Zeki Bey. Two boys, Ayetullah and Hikmetullah, were born to the couple. Halide was distraught nine years later when Salih married a second wife, and Halide asked for and obtained a divorce. The reverberations of this distressing experience can be seen in her novels, which frequently treat the emotional and social conflict arising from traditional attitudes to women. Many of her subsequent writings opposed Turkey's restrictive marriage laws, including legal polygamy and child marriage. Halide went on to devote herself to education for girls as a teacher at the Teacher Training College and Girls Secondary

School in Istanbul. She was later sent to Syria by Cemal Pasa to found schools and orphanages for girls. It was in Syria that she met her second husband, Dr. Adnan Adivar, a well-known professor of medicine who later became minister of health under Mustafa Kemal's (Ataturk) leadership.

In 1908, Halide established the Society for the Elevation of Women, and worked for the improvement of education for Turkish women. She was also involved in relief efforts for women and their families left hungry and homeless by war.

After the end of WWI, Halide espoused the nationalistic views of Mustafa Kemal and, when the British occupied Istanbul in 1919, Halide fled with her husband to Anatolia to join Mustafa Kemal's forces. She was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was the only woman officer in the country.

After the establishment of the Turkish Republic, Halide Edib, together with her husband and like-minded friends, founded the Progressive Republican Party as the major opposition party.

Following a ban on this party in 1925, the Adivars went abroad and lived from 1926 to 1939 in Europe and the United States. It was during this period of time that Halide made many public speaking appearances in the United States, including several AAUW meetings! She was invited by Columbia University as guest professor in 1928-1929, where she taught courses on the intellectual history of the Near East and on contemporary Turkish literature. In 1935, Mahatma Gandhi invited her to India, where she taught in New Delhi.

The Adivars returned to their home country in 1939, and from 1940 on, Halide Edib headed the chair of English literature at Istanbul University. After the transition to a multi-party system in Turkey, Halide served one term in parliament as an independent member from 1950-1954. She died on January 9, 1964, in Istanbul and was buried in the cemetery of Merkezefendi.

Halide Edib Adivar's prolific literary output included novels, plays, essays, and short stories, and they have been translated into a number of foreign languages, predominantly into English.

Halide Edib Adivar was indeed an inspirational woman who never wavered from her dedication to improving the lot of women and girls. During her 80 years she achieved great distinction as a novelist, social philosopher, and academician. She was the first public speaker to mobilize Turkish public opinion. She was a rebel against traditions and threw herself into the struggle of her nation and the women of her nation for life and liberty. I like to think that her spirit lives on in Malala Yousafzai and other brave young women around the world.

Salon 3 – Identity Walk

**June 1st 4:30
St Hugh Church
From Sue Schulz**

If you have not joined us yet for one of our salon sessions, you still have one more chance. These sessions are not only an opportunity to share your voice but also to build a strong sense

of community and help direct our actions to build for the future. Please mark your calendar and join us.

Salon 3 - "Identity Walk", will show us how inclusive we are as a branch and help us determine what actionable changes can be made to and build membership. It will be a fun time and wine. You will be a part of another experience that helps to set the tone for next year's activities, preserve and strengthen our branch community and, most importantly, time for us to focus on the future and build our legacy in our Elgin branch.



Membership Matters Shape the Future From Rosemary Dyson

The Membership Committee will be sponsoring a Shape the Future event on Tuesday, June 14. Several branch members have potential members that have expressed an interest in joining the Elgin Area Branch AAUW. Please mark your calendar.RSVP by Sunday, June 12.

AAUW is open to anyone with an associate (or equivalent) degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. Undergraduate students may also join as student affiliates through this campaign.

The Shape the Future membership campaign helps branches recruit and retain members. New members and students pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate.

We would like to invite you to come and bring a friend who could be a potential member. There will be plenty of good conversation and good food. (See the Shape the Future flyer). This has been a great year for the Elgin Area Branch. Your continued participation in our branch will insure that we will remain strong and vibrant.

Membership Treasurer From Becky Olson

It's That Time of Year: DUES ARE DUE!

Many members have submitted their dues for the FY17 which begins June 30, 2016 – July 1, 2017. At the May Annual Meeting, Juanita Brook won the drawing for the free National membership. Monies are submitted to National and State about June 20th.

Dues:

Members Of the Branch (MOB) are \$72.00. (\$46.00 is tax deductible!)

Branch Life Members (MBL) are \$23.00.

Our Honorary 50-year members (MBHL) pay no dues. Dues help support costs for our programs for September 2016 thru May 2017.

Members with outstanding dues will be called in early June. If no dues are paid by August 1st, that member will not be included in the Yearbook. If there is need for special considerations, please contact Becky Olson to make other arrangements. (1.847.697.5683)

It is important that members notify us of any changes of name, address, email, or phone contact information. Corrections are also needed to keep our Branch Yearbook up to date.

Our branch roster includes your official ID for membership. I have a complete listing from National and will update that listing as data is provided. Using your AAUW ID, you can access so much information from the national and state sites. There are opportunities for you to individually fund various programs based on your interests and of course, you can easily be a 2-minute activist.

State Convention Reports

From Jeanne Hebeisen

Seven of our branch members attended the AAUW-IL convention this year – Shirley May Byrnes, Rachel Campbell, Margaret Dutcher, Rosemary Dyson, Katherine Jablonowski, Jan Jones and me. For the second year in a row, one of our branch members was a presenter at the breakout sessions. Last year, Becky Olson, who as our Membership VP was hugely responsible for our big increase in, and retention of, membership, was invited to share her secrets. This year, Janelle Walker, a co-chair of our Reel Women/RealWomen movie group, was a presenter under the title of “ACTivities for your Branch to Consider.” We should be very proud of these branch members and the fact that what we are doing here in Elgin is being recognized by our State board.

A few years ago, it voted to eliminate some of the awards they gave out and replace them with the Best Award (Branch Excellence State Twenty). To apply for it, branches answered 20 questions about branch activities - such as: programs, STEM activity, attendance at State and National conventions. This is not really a competition, merely a way for branches to see how they have done in various AAUW areas. All branches completing the submission were recognized with a certificate. Our Board checked off about 13 of the items listed. So we have some work to do!

From Shirley May Byrnes

Burnham v. Yale was the LAF (Legal Action Fund) presented by Susan Daria after lunch. Although she was unable to give specifics of her case since it is ongoing, Ms. Daria's description of what she has gone through as an academic was distressing. While at Yale as a public safety officer ensuring that the university followed federal guidelines, she was the liaison with

the police on campus, involved in student orientations. She found that students who reported sexual assault were not offered Title IX support. She was harassed, demoted without warning, humiliated, and lost credibility. She filed a complaint with the state board in January 2009 and things got worse. She applied for 45 other jobs internally to get out of the toxic environment. She was terminated in 2010. Financial instability and emotional stress led to a failed marriage. Her case eventually was brought to AAUW's attention and she was awarded an LAF grant.

I attended a workshop titled Be Bold not Bossy presented by Tami Palmer. She talked about how women are their own worst enemy when it comes to salary negotiation. "If you don't go for it, someone else will." Her goal for us was to understand what empowerment is, be able to spot the things that sabotage us, and learn ways to be bold, not bossy. Confidence matters. Have good body language. Keep faking confidence until you own it. Get on your boss' radar in a positive way As soon as a job offer has been made, you have the power. Thank the person and think it through before accepting the job.

From Rachel Campbell

I attended a workshop entitled RAPE CULTURE. This extremely important and informative session was presented by Kate Middy, an instructor at McHenry College. Middy asserts that in Rape Culture (1) Sexual violence is expected; (2) It is seen as normal; (3) there is general agreement to blame the victim for their own assault. Rape Culture is also called “feminine hysteria.” Many facts were presented two of which were: only 3% of rapists spend a single day in jail and 32,000 pregnancies result each year from rape.

Although Middy focused primarily on college age women, she mention the occurrence of rape in all facets of society. At first I was reluctant to attend the workshop believing that I really didn't need to hear about rape. I changed my mind with the first words out of the presenter's mouth. This is a topic of which all women should be aware. This is a real and pervasive horror that threatens the progress of women.

From Rosemary Dyson

What a wonderful experience. The time that we were together at the 2016 AAUW of Illinois Convention was full of time to get to know many dynamic women and to learn more about what the AAUW-IL Inc. and the national organization have been up to. Most of all it is reassuring to know that as a membership vice president there is always information and support available whenever it is needed.

I attended the How to Create a Strategic Plan for Your Branch workshop led by Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategy Officer of AAUW national organization. Mark emphasized that the development of a strategic plan is one of the key ways that branches can rejuvenate their focus on AAUW's mission and engage members. Of course our Elgin Area Branch is already in the midst of a strategic plan to enhance our age and ethnic diversity. Our Salons, led by Sue Schulz, have been instrumental in showing our strengths and also showing the

areas that could be improved. Changing the climate for women and girls will take hard work. We can make a commitment to the future by stepping into the future with a strategic planning.

From Katherine Jablonowski

I attended a workshop entitled: "Teaching Sex Education in Kenya" presented by Kathy Tate-Bradish. She began volunteering and later formed the ABCs of Sex Education, a 501(c)(3), in order to give Kenyans the necessary knowledge and skills to reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. She developed a curriculum to be used by Kenyans trained to work in the program. They teach the proper use of condoms and engage the students in role playing in order to make better decisions, e.g., abstinence from sex. An important take-away was that 25% fewer girls are dropping out of school due to pregnancy. Learn more at ABCsofSex-Ed.org.

From Jan Jones

What a treat it was to attend the Saturday meeting of the AAUW IL State Convention in nearby Schaumburg at Roosevelt University. The Schaumburg Branch did a great job of hosting. I was surprised to have Mark Hopkins as our morning speaker. He has been with AAUW for about 3 1/2 years in Strategic Planning. The LAF Plaintiff, Susan Burhans, still in litigation and thinking positively, detailed some of the struggles she's had to endure.

In one afternoon Breakout session, I heard Jenni Purdue speak on the state of IL legislature, not very encouraging. At the conclusion of the day, I was the lucky winner of the beautiful hand-made quilt made by Nann Blaine Hilyard of the Waukegan Branch. She makes a quilt every year to raffle off at the convention with the proceeds going to EF.



Convention attendees – Jan Jones, Margaret Dutcher, Jeanne Hebeisen Rachel Campbell, Katherine Jablonowski, Rosemary Dyson and Shirley May Byrnes



Tues., June 28: Carol (2015) Rated R Starring Kate Blanchet & Rooney Mara

That some women are attracted to women is nothing new. What has won this film critical acclaim is its portrayal of the developing romance between a young department store clerk and an upper-

class housewife, whose husband, though jealous of her relationships with women, does not want to lose her. As befitting its time period—the closeted early 1950s—intimacy is suggested by subtle gestures and longing looks rather than sex scenes that leave nothing to the imagination. Because of the age difference between the two women, the husband's attempt to blackmail Carol into staying with him and the ambiguous ending, the discussion following the film should be most interesting.

Tues., July 26: The Lady in the Van (2015) Rated PG-13 Starring Maggie Smith

This film tells the true story of the relationship between British playwright Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who 'temporarily' parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 14 years. Shepherd's sad, curious history reveals itself as the film unfolds with "an array of master-class character actors in minor roles."

Tues., Aug. 23: The Danish Girl (2015) Starring Eddie Redmayne, Alicia Vikander and Amber Heard

**AAUW Fund
Spring Garage Sale
From Nanci Alanis and Katherine Jablonowski
AAUW Fund Co-Chairs**

Congratulations to everyone of us who provided goods and services to make this fundraiser a success. We raised



over \$1530.00 for scholarships and to keep our local branch operating. This figure could reach \$1600 or more after we receive our check from Savers to whom we sold our remaining items. Thank you for all your hard work and a special thanks to Jean Jederman who lent us her

garage for the sale. Thank you!

Thank You

From Becky Olson



As a long-time admirer of the steadfast efforts of Susan B. Anthony, it was indeed a pleasure to receive the Elgin Area Branch AAUW Susan B. Anthony Award at our Annual

Meeting, May 18. Service to the branch and to the community is shared with all other members of our branch. That commitment is the reason our purposes remain viable and our membership grows with like-minded women and men. The red rose is a reminder of your appreciation.

Again, THANK YOU! My very best to all of our members, Becky Olson

From Gareth Sitz

I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the awards committee for selecting me as this year's nominee for the Margaret Hillis Award in the Arts at the YWCA Leader Luncheon. I particularly wish to thank Medina Gross for her time spent working on my nomination form, and also Patty Harkin, who wrote about me last year for a named grant, hence making Medina's job a bit easier.

It was an honor to represent AAUW and to be included in such a wonderful group of accomplished women. It was delightful to mingle with the women from the other categories and to feel a kinship with them. It meant a lot to be recognized by members of our branch, and I will always treasure this experience.

From Judy Fishburn

My thanks and gratitude go to AAUW Elgin members for their amazing support following the passing of my husband Bill Fishburn. An overwhelming number of you took the time to call, to mail a card, to attend Bill's Memorial Service – and to express support. I feel very blessed to be a part of the Elgin AAUW family...it truly is one? Thank you.

Reader's Theatre Group

From Gareth Sitz

In October, I will begin facilitating a Reader's Theatre Group for our branch. The group will meet one evening a month, with the goal of developing a script relevant to AAUW's mission. Working in a collaborative fashion, the group will create a series of vignettes, with an emphasis on treating serious issues with humor and insight. It has been decided to meet in the evening to attract younger working women to be part of this group. If all goes well, members of the group will do a presentation as one of our programs in 2017-2018.

Morning Memoir Writing Group

From Gareth Sitz

I would like to offer a new memoir writing group that will meet one morning a month. This group will allow members to explore their lives and leave a legacy to their families. Our current afternoon memoir writing group has been meeting for six years, and I am eager to serve the branch by inspiring a new group of women to explore their past in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Looking to the Future

Two dates to put on your calendar for next year – District 5 Networking Luncheon is Saturday, January 28
Bruch with Fellows at Lambs is Saturday, April 8