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Annual Dinner Meeting

Tuesday May 7, 6 PM

Elgin Country Club

2575 Weld Road, Elgin

Calendar

May 1 Deadline for reservations for dinner meeting

May 1 **Movie Discussion Group** 4:30 PM
Colonial Cafe
42—Jackie Robinson’s Story

May 3-5 **Joint State Convention**, St Louis

May 6 Board Meeting
Hostess, Katherine Jablonowski

May 7 **Annual Dinner Meeting** 6 pm
Elgin Country Club

May 8 **Good Tastes Dining Group** 5 PM
l’Eiffel Bistrot
The Arboretum, South Barrington

May 9 **YWCA Leader Luncheon** 11 AM
The Seville, Streamwood

May 13 **Great Books** 7 PM
Gail Borden Library
The Body of the Condemned
Michael Foucault

May 16 **Morning Book Group** 11 AM Potluck
Book Selection
Hostess, Libby Hoeft

May 20 **Evening Crafters** 7 PM
Jelayne Ewers, Hostess
Brick Bunny Painting

May 20 **Newsletter Deadline for June, July, August
newsletter**



Join us at the beautiful setting of the Elgin Country Club as we visit with old friends and newer members during the social hour at 6 PM (cash bar)

followed by dinner at 6:30. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our branch this past year and recognize our Educational Opportunities Named Grant recipients, our Spice award winner, our scholarship winner, and our NCCWSL awardees, Erika Estrada and Samantha Migatz. Our own Wilma Booth will provide dinner music.

The menu choices are Chicken Florentine or a vegetarian option. Both will include a green mixed salad, breads, coffee, and dessert (vanilla ice cream with Bananas Foster bites). The cost is \$30 per person, which includes the gratuity. Please **RSVP by May 1** by sending a check to Libby Hoeft, 216 King Arthur Court, Elgin 60120. Be sure to indicate your choice of entrée.

May 22 **Evening Book Group** 7 PM
Select Books
Hostess, Sharon Spates

May 28 **Reel Women/Real Women** 6 PM
Gail Borden Library
Albert Nobbs

June 9-12 **AAUW National Convention**
New Orleans

Presidents' Message



Fellow AAUW Members:
It is not possible that our two-year stint as co-presidents is almost over. It has truly flown by. And both Carol and I

would agree that this has been a totally enjoyable experience. Sounds like a lot of work, but the fact that every committee chair did such an efficient job made ours an easy load. Each of you should consider assuming the presidency if approached by the nominating committee. The task is not daunting.

You have recently received the Outlook magazine from AAUW national. On the back cover you will find a Voter Pin number and a Member ID for you. Using these numbers, you may exercise your right to vote online for minor changes to AAUW's public policy statements, proposed bylaws amendments and for officers to lead us further into this decade. Voting will continue until June 10. Should you choose to receive a paper ballot or have other questions about this process, you may call 1-800-326-2289 or e-mail connect@aauw.org.

Please fill out the attached roster sheets and email as a Word document to Sharon Spates Jss2wolves@att.net. Or fill out by hand and bring to a meeting or mail to Sharon at 13N382 Chisholm Trail, Elgin 60124.

I would like to encourage each of our board members to attend the May board meeting on Monday, May 6. We will be considering our policy

concerning dissemination of emails and also our support for an extensive STEM project for the coming year. Your input is important to our branch and we hope you will be able to attend.

Other May dates to remember:

Our annual dinner at the Elgin Country Club on Tuesday, May 7. This is a festive event when we honor our members who have contributed to our branch and community in an extraordinary way.

The annual Leader Luncheon sponsored by the YWCA. Our branch has nominated Carol Cowles for the Excellence in Education award and Denise Raleigh of Gail Borden Library has nominated Janelle Walker for the Communications Award. We expect to have a strong showing of support for these exceptional women at our AAUW table(s). Join us for the event on Thursday, May 9, by sending a \$50 check to the YWCA by April 29.

Spring is a busy for all of us with lots of celebrations. We hope you will find time to celebrate with your AAUW friends.--**Judy Mavros, Co-President**

Branch Meeting Minutes April 17, 2013

Co-president Judy Mavros called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM at Al's Café, following a tour through ArtSpace. She said it was a wonderful evening. She thanked Muriel Fenzel for arranging it. But Muriel said Rachel Campbell was the one responsible. Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter and emailed to members.

TREASURER – Shirley May Byrnes said the minutes were emailed to members. She did not have copies of the treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP – Jan Jones said there would be new member name tags at the May meeting. Muriel said the May branch meeting will be at the Elgin Country Club. Reservations go to Libby Hoeft by May 1. Judy said we will be honoring our very own members. Information will be in the newsletter.

ASSOCIATION BALLOT – Judy said members should check the current issue of *The Outlook* for

their pin numbers and passwords for the Association voting on candidates, public policy and bylaws amendments. You may vote online, or request a paper ballot. Information will be in the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WOMEN'S ISSUES – There will be one or more AAUW tables at the YWCA Leadership Luncheon on May 9. We have nominated Carol Cowles and Janelle Walker was nominated by another group.

GARAGE SALE – Jan Jones said the sale will be, once again, at Jean Jederman's. She requested members sign up to work.

DIVERSITY – Eleven branch members will volunteer as judges at the U-46 STEM EXPO (formerly the U-46 Science Fair) on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTIONS – Nominating Committee Chair Lynn Harper presented the slate of officers and the new Nominating Committee for election:

Co-Presidents – Wilma Booth and Shirley May Byrnes

2nd Vice President, Membership – Becky Olson

Recording Secretary – Mabel Rice

Treasurer – Linda Youngren

Membership Treasurer – Joan Hayashida

Nominating Committee: Lynn Harper, Beverly Lovett, Bonnie Hill, Chris Saletta., Judy Kaulfuss, Rita Shaw, and Fay Kitchin. Alternates – Barbara Mulliken and Gareth Sitz

There being no nominations from the floor, Joan Berna moved and Carol Cowles seconded that we accept those nominated unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Hebeisen, Recording Secretary

Evening Crafters

The evening crafters will meet at the home of Jelayne Ewers, 13426 Dakota Fields Dr. in Huntley on May 29 at 7 PM. We will be making a "Welcome Bunny" for your front door using a brick, wood and paint. All supplies will be purchased for you. You will need to bring a small paintbrush for painting eyes, feet and face. If you

are not interested in this project, but would enjoy meeting other crafters, please join us for dessert and feel free to bring your own project. If you have any questions, call Jelayne at 847-515-1145. To carpool to Huntley, call Linda at 847-741-7636.



GARAGE SALE - **Save May 22-25, 2013** for our EO Fundraiser. These are the dates for our Spring Garage Sale at Jean Jederman's home at the corner of Wing and Worth Streets on the west side of Elgin near Wing Park.

Drop off will be on **Wednesday, May 22 from 2:30 – 6:15 PM**. This is the time that we hope you will drop off tables, sawhorses and doors, and whatever we could use to display our treasures.

Sorting, pricing and continued acceptance of treasures will be on **Thursday, May 23 from 9 – 4:30 PM**

Sale Days will be on **Friday and Saturday. From 9 – 4:30 on Friday and from 9 – 1 on Saturday.**

We would also welcome coordinators who would be willing to volunteer for one of the days, or part of the day, and oversee the organizing and sale for that period.

If you have some exceptional items, please let us know in plenty of time to allow for publicity. This is a great time to clear and organize your house and garage and contribute to a worthy AAUW project. Plants are one of our biggest moneymakers! Please call or e-mail Katherine Jablonowski or Jan Jones, (847-742-3205) janbilljones@aol.com to let us know the day(s) you would most like to help. Remember that the early bird gets the treasure, not the worm, and we sometimes have great treasures for the early volunteers.--**Jan Jones, Educational Opportunities Co-Chair.**

Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Report

Thank you to the record number of AAUW members who signed up to volunteer for the Discover 2013 STEM Expo at South Elgin High School. Our support for these mission-based initiatives continues to grow. Which is a perfect lead-in to the following announcement ...

Several of our STEM Task Force members had the opportunity recently to attend a brainstorming session with some of our community STEM partners. The group discussed some interesting and innovative concepts to "level the playing field" for the under-represented in our schools. We are in the beginning stages of articulating a project that addresses great needs in our schools. Stay tuned for announcements as we work toward stepping up and solidifying our role in the STEM work you have been supporting.—**Margaret Keen, Diversity Chair**

Stem Conference/Science Fair

The STEM conference/U-46 Science Fair on April 20 at South Elgin High School was an impressive gathering with 1200 students and almost 100 judges plus other volunteers and parents. Our branch, one of the co-sponsors of the event, was represented by 11 judges and the Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles branch sent 5 judges. Below are comments by some of our judges.

Nanci Alanis--Being a volunteer at the science fair was truly a rewarding experience. I have always wanted to take part in one and this was a dream come true. I enjoyed seeing how much enthusiasm there was from the students and how knowledgeable they were about their projects. It makes me proud to see so many young children being involved in STEM and I hope to continue to be a part of this in the future.

You can read more comments by Nanci on her second AAUW blog post. *[Nanci was our NCCWSL scholarship winner in 2011 and this year she is on the NCCWSL program planning committee.]*



Nanci Alanis and Sam Migatz at the STEM conference.

<http://www.aauw.org/2013/04/25/my-very-first-science-fair/#.UXngbI7ZxtU.facebook>

Rachel Campbell--Evaluating the student projects at the Science Fair was a delight. The students were articulate, as well as knowledgeable about their projects. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Rosemary Dyson--The whole concept of STEM came alive for me on Saturday when I interacted with 7th and 8th grade girls and boys who were delving into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Their projects ranged from experimenting with a carbine engine to discovering how long it takes for round and rectangular ice cubes to melt. I received more than I gained as a judge of these projects. I was able to see the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with new eyes.

Medina Gross—I highly recommend volunteering for this event next year if you want an uplifting experience. It was great to see the dedication, ingenuity and enthusiasm displayed by these budding young scientists. This giant event was very well organized and I certainly felt appreciated by both the organizers and the students.

Lynn Harper—I thoroughly enjoyed judging the STEM science fair on April 20. There were almost 1200 students involved. Wow! I was impressed with amount of time and work that had been put into the projects that I reviewed. The students were very enthusiastic about their projects. The day was a great success!

Jeanne Hebeisen--The downside about being a part of the Expo is that we could judge or view the work of only a small number of the more than 1200 participants. Of the total participants, about one quarter were girls. Superintendent Torres told the students to hang onto their curiosity. It was great fun. I only wish I would have had time to judge a lot more exhibits.

Samantha Migatz [*one of our current NCCWSL scholarship winners*]*--*Volunteering as a judge at the STEM Expo was a great experience for me! I loved interacting with the students and seeing how much they knew. So many of them were extremely passionate about their projects- as they should be! Every individual put a lot of time and energy into their project and many students were begging me to come over so they could explain their experiment. I could not have been more proud and impressed with the students of U-46!

Anna Bicanic Moeller--I was very inspired by the enthusiasm and hard work many of the students I met put into their projects. It is really exciting to see so many students, their parents and the community rally around science and research. Every year the event gets bigger and bigger and that says a lot about U46, the students and this community.

Members Kristen Anderson, Fran Cella, and Barbara Mulliken also served as judges.—**Medina Gross for Margaret Keen, STEM chair.**



Reel Women: Coming Attractions

Tuesday, May 28: *Albert Nobbs* (2012)
Starring Glenn Close, Janet McTeer and Mia Wasikowska

Based on a 1918 novella by Irish author George Moore, *Albert Nobbs* is a movie that Glenn Close had been trying to get on the screen since 1982. A co-screenwriter, co-theme-song writer and co-producer of the movie, she also received her third Best Actress Academy Award nomination for her portrayal of Albert Nobbs. Had she not been up against Meryl Streep's Margaret Thatcher (*The Iron*

Lady), many critics are certain Close would finally have a golden statue.

A single woman who for 30 years has passed herself off as a butler on the staff of an upper-crust Dublin hotel in order to survive the hardships of late 19th century Ireland, Albert is emotionally damaged. As Roger Ebert observed, "There is something stiff and genderless about her, and we suspect she has no sexual experience and desires none. Her entire life is focused on economic security, and she lives in terror of being exposed."

But as critic Connie Ogle of *The Miami Herald* notes, "Albert Nobbs is not about gender politics; it's about trusting in the fundamental goodness of others and accepting one's need for companionship. And the way in which Close slowly reveals Albert's closed-off heart is poignant and often surprisingly funny, though never in a mocking way."

This is one film that you do not want to miss. —
Barbara Evans

As usual, showtime is 6 PM in the Community Room of Gail Borden Library. The library's deli food may be brought in.

Membership Matters

April usually finds most elections over and we take time to breathe without phone calls from candidates and their supporters urging us to vote.

AAUW however has a coming election that needs your input. Each member of our branch should have received a copy of OUTLOOK Special Convention Issue. There are candidate profiles for those eligible for the AAUW Board of Directors. There is also information on the proposed Public Policy Program and amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. New members who join by May 10t will be eligible to vote. May 2, 2013, is the end of the paper ballot request period. All paper ballots must be received by May 17, 2013. Note that the address label

contains your membership ID and also the PIN number needed to vote online. Both numbers are important also to access your membership profile. We have made every effort to be sure that member information is submitted correctly BUT you can check it and update email, address, signup for email newsletters, etc.

New name tags are ready for use at the May Annual Meeting! We would like to get ahead on dues for 2013-2014, so our Membership Treasurer Joan Hayashida and her assistant Jane Watson will be there to accept your payment of \$72. Checks should be made out to Elgin Area Branch AAUW. Just a reminder: you can give a free national membership to a graduating student. Go to the aauw.org website and fill in the form to give this gift.--

Becky Olson, Membership Vice President

Walk for a Cause

Nancy Burnidge asks us to please help the YWCA Elgin win \$500 or \$1,000. They need 50 to 100 people to register and choose the YWCA as their non-profit organization to benefit from the City of Elgin Walk for a Cause. When you register online for the 2 Mile Walk for a Cause, your registration fee benefits one of our 19 partner non-profits including YWCAElgin. www.cityofelgin.org/foxtrot

Summer newsletter items go to all three
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