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Life-long education and positive social change***

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AAUW's Mission Statement

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

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General Meeting

Saturday April 28 10:30 am

NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

**Gail Borden Public Library – Rakow Branch
2751 W Bowes Rd, Elgin**

Go Green and Go Gold!



A geothermal well, drought-resistant native plants, and ample natural light are just some of the features of the Rakow Branch that earned the building its Leed Certification—Gold Level.

During a tour of the interior and grounds, learn about the Gail Borden Public Library District's environmentally-conscious and sustainable branch, which opened in 2009.

Wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket.

Following the meeting, we will be gathering for lunch at the South Elgin Village Squire on Randall Road. It would be helpful to give the Squire an estimated count, but last day decisions would still be OK. For luncheon reservations, phone or email Mary Ellen Barbezat by Monday the 23rd – 847-697-6972 or Mary.Ellen.Barbezat@gmail.com.

Calendar

- April 4 Current Movie Discussion Group
Colonial Cafe 4:30 pm
Black Panther
- April 9 Great Books 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
Poetry of Jane Kenyon and Mary Oliver
Contact Jeanne Hebiesen for list of poems
- April 12 Morning Book Group 9:30 am
Hostess: Judy Mavros
Lilac Girls, Martha Hall Kelly
- April 16 Knitting/Crochet group 1 pm
Hostess: Rosemary Dyson
- April 20 Deadline for May newsletter
- April 24 Reel Women/Real Women 6 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
Lady Bird
- April 25 Evening Book Group Pot Luck - 6:30 pm
Hostess: Katherine Jablonowski
The Black Widow, Daniel Silva
- April 28 General Meeting 10:30 am
Gail Borden Public Library – Rakow Branch
Lunch following at South Elgin Village Squire

Non-branch Events

(See newsletter attachments for reservation forms)

- April 14 AAUW Scholars' Brunch
Lamb's Farm
- April 27-29 AAUW Illinois State Convention

Co-President's Report From Libby Hoeft

Greetings,

Spring is here, on the calendar if not outside. We have had a busy, exciting winter with Elgin AAUW and look forward to a productive spring. Our last two programs at the Library were true learning experiences for all who attended, and we look forward to becoming more acquainted with the Rakow Branch of our great library on April 28 and our dinner meeting on May 15. Be sure to check our busy schedule in the newsletter and attend as many events as possible.

Last week we supported our nominee, Patty Harkin, at the Elgin Image Awards. The length and breadth of the nominees was a great reflection of our amazing City. On May 10 we have the opportunity to support Shirley May Byrnes as our nominee for the YWCA Leader Luncheon. If you haven't already, be sure to make your reservations for this event, specifying the AAUW table. So many wonderful women to support in our branch!

Thanks to all who served on the nominating committee to ensure that our branch continues to have good leadership. The list will be voted on at the May dinner meeting.

At the last meeting, it was a joy for me to see our membership committee hard at work identifying and recruiting members. Their efforts are certainly paying off as we approach a record number of members. Remember, we all help by inviting friends to join us for our amazing programming.

I hope all have received a message about voting for the upcoming National by-law changes. As AAUW supports the "one member, one vote" concept, it is vital that all members take this opportunity to make their voices heard, just as we do at the voting booth. To get complete information on the proposed bylaws changes, go to AAUW.org and key in "bylaws changes."

Membership Treasurer 2018-2019 Dues Update From Bonnie Hill

We will be having a drawing for several FREE dues (National portion) at our annual branch meeting in May. Your check must be received by the meeting to qualify. A renewal letter with a return envelope is being sent to all those owing dues.

Dues are \$82.00 for Members and \$23.00 Life Members

Meet and Greet From Muriel Fenzel

Donna Bach



Donna has worn many hats throughout her lifetime and has the documents to back them up. She has been an elementary teacher, paralegal, piano teacher and church organist. She graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, with a B.S. in elementary education, followed with

an M.S. in Early Childhood Education from Northern Illinois University. Donna also is a certificated Paralegal through ECC.

Donna's interest in music beyond the piano is demonstrated in her volunteer work with the Elgin Symphony League and as an organist for her church over many years.

Donna has three grown daughters and two grandsons who enrich her life immensely.

Kris Lindenberg



Although Kris has traveled to 38 Countries, one of her most rewarding trips has been to Del Webb from the North Pole every Christmas. Kris has been Mrs. Claus for the grandchildren of residents and at several preschools for the past eight years. She has moved 14 times in her lifetime and has lived in nine states. She has many friends throughout the

world, but has chosen Illinois to be near her four grandchildren.

Kris has a B.S. in Home Economics from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She has stopped long enough to work in Minnesota, Connecticut and Wisconsin in the education field. She was introduced to AAUW through Reel Women, our partnered Interest Group with Gail Borden Library.

Kris has enriched her life with volunteer services. Two of her favorites have been "Night Ministries", feeding the homeless in Chicago, as well as being a "Fairy Godmother" at the YWCA Cinderella's Closet.

Judy Tepe



Judy moved to Edgewater Del Webb in 2008 and hasn't slowed down since. Ruth Bradburn invited her to an AAUW meeting and she became a member that same evening. She was impressed by the AAUW commitment to making a difference for girls and women. Originally from Ohio, Judy raised her family in the Des Plaines area.

She enrolled at Harper College and worked in the human Resource field. After moving to Elgin, Judy thrived on volunteering at Otter Creek Elementary School and mentoring scholarship recipients at ECC.

Judy is an avid reader and writer, being a published author of "Not Your Mother's Book – on Home Improvement". She is active in LifeLong Learning and Chapter One Book Club at Edgewater, as well as being a "Rakow Reader" since the Rakow Branch of Gail Borden Library opened.

Marian June



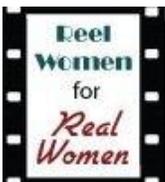
After receiving her B.A. and M.A. degrees from North Central College in Naperville and Eastern Michigan, Marian taught in South Carolina and Michigan. She crowned her teaching career with 27 additional years at Washington School in Elgin and is newly retired.

She became a member of AAUW in the 80's, but family and career responsibilities took precedence until the present. She now has time for her own interests in travel, gardening, crafts and reading. She is planning a trip to Ireland and Scotland this summer.

Not totally out of the education field, Marian is using her expertise and experience in the care of her grandchildren.

Reel Women for Real Women

From Barbara Evans



Tues., April 24: *Lady Bird* (2017)
Starring Laurie Metcalf & Saoirse Ronan
Directed by Greta Gerwig
Original Screen Play by Greta Gerwig
Costume Design: Consolata Boyle

All of the above women were nominated for Oscars this year; sadly, none of them won. Even so, the film has been declared

a winner by almost everyone who has seen it. "Excavating both the humor and pathos in the turbulent bond between a mother and her teenage daughter, *Lady Bird* fights against but is exactly like her wildly loving, deeply opinionated and strong-willed mom, a nurse working tirelessly to keep her family afloat. . ."

Open to the public, Reel Women meets at Gail Borden Library at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month except November and December. You are welcome to bring food and drink into the movie. Discussion follows the show.

Save These Dates

In February we were informed that Gail Borden Library will now require groups to submit their programs four months in advance in order to be in its newsletter. Thus, we had to select our July and August movies by March 15th. Needless to say, Janelle and I have been busy. Because, for example, we drove to Addison to see if the Oscar-winning Best Foreign Film was suitable for Reel Women, you won't have to: it truly is *fantastic*, and we'll be showing it in August.

Because there is no admission fee for our films and discussions that follow, rather than scurrying to theaters to see the following films, you may want to make note of them. They will, however, also be detailed in upcoming newsletters.

May 22: *Served Like a Girl*

June 25: *The Post*

July 23: *All the Money in the World*

Aug. 28: *A Fantastic Woman*

Sept. 25: *Tully*

Garage Sale

From Patty Harkin

It's that time again! Our Elgin Area Branch Spring Garage Sale will take place from May 10-12. Drop-off will be on Wednesday afternoon from 3-6 PM; sorting and pricing will be on Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM; the sale itself will take place on Friday and Saturday. Jean Jederman has again generously offered to host us.

Please clean out your closets and basements to find treasures to donate. Proceeds from the sale support our college scholarship program for local young women. Costume jewelry is always a great seller, so don't forget to look in your jewelry box for forgotten glamor that someone else might love.

To make our sale a success, we need many volunteers. If you can work a 2 hour shift on any day from Wednesday (May 9) to Saturday (May 12) please call or email me. Members of the g-sale team will be carrying sign-up sheets at board meetings, general meetings and interest group meetings as well. Unfortunately, our sale this year unavoidably conflicts with the YWCA Leader Luncheon, so we have a special need for volunteers on Thursday. The garage sale is a great opportunity to get to know one another and to greet new members. (Not to mention first dibs at treasures!)

Do you have a vehicle large enough to pick up larger donations? Could you lend us folding tables, clothes racks, laundry racks and/or clothes racks for display? We can also always use tarps. If so, please email or call me. Everything we borrow will be returned to you at the end of the sale.

Fox Valley Garden Walk

Saturday, June 23

From Mary Navin

Spring is here and the daffodils are blooming. We in AAUW are eagerly anticipating our eighth garden walk featuring the gardens of Dundee and Sleepy Hollow. The garden of our own Muriel Fenzel is one of those featured. Please share the news of the upcoming walk with your friends. Tickets and additional information will be available at upcoming meetings. Please save the date as we need workers at the garden sites. This is a very important fund raiser for our organization and we count on your support. Look for further information on our AAUW web site and on Facebook.