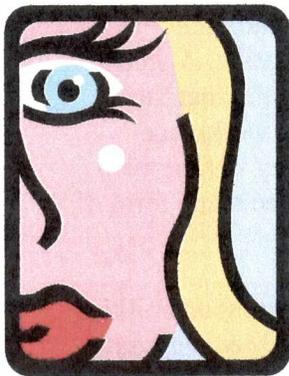


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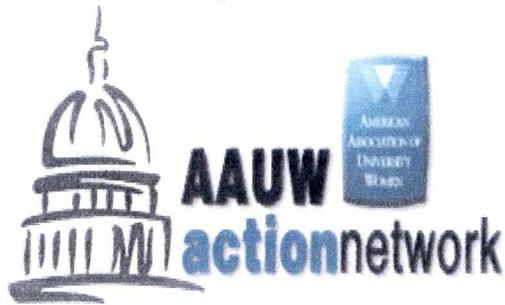


Plastic Surgery

**WE'LL TAKE A HEALTHY LOOK AT PLASTIC SURGERY
AND ITS ROLE IN HELPING WOMEN
TO GAIN WELL BEING.**

**Dr. David Turok, a plastic surgeon from Good Shepherd
Hospital, will speak on September 10 at 7 p.m.
at Good Shepherd Hospital. ***

*** DETAILS FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS.**



Support Paid Family Leave

[Take Action!](#)

Every day, families across the country are forced to choose between taking care of a seriously ill child or working for the paycheck that covers that child's medication. A study released by Harvard and McGill University researchers in February 2007 found that the United States lags far behind nearly all wealthy countries in family-oriented workplace policies. In fact, the U.S. is one of only five countries out of 173 in the survey - along with Lesotho, Liberia, Swaziland, and Papua New Guinea - that does not guarantee some form of paid maternity leave.

AAUW has long supported flexible workplace policies to address the family responsibilities of employees. AAUW advocated for nearly a decade to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act, which was finally signed into law in 1993. While the FMLA has been an enormous gain for millions of workers, millions of Americans still do not have the option of taking time off to care for family members or themselves - either because they do not qualify for FMLA leave, or even more likely, they cannot afford to take unpaid leave.

On June 21, Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Ted Stevens (R-AK) introduced legislation to provide up to eight weeks of paid leave to workers needing time off due to the birth or adoption of a child, to care for a child, spouse or parent with a serious illness, or to care for their own serious illness. The **Family Leave Insurance Act (S.1681)** will benefit both employers and their employees by establishing a Family Leave Insurance Fund through which employees, employers, and the federal government will share the cost of providing tiered compensation during times of family need.

The Family Leave Insurance Act will allow working men and women the paid time off to balance their work responsibilities with their own and their families' medical needs. AAUW believes that creating work environments that help employees balance the responsibilities of work and family is good public policy - good for workers, good for families, and good for business.

Take Action!

Urge your senators to cosponsor and support the Family Leave Insurance Act (S.1681) so that America's families don't have to choose between keeping a job and caring for themselves or a loved one. To learn how to Take Action go to the website www.aauw.org and click on the symbol like the one at the top of this page. Your action can make a difference!



AAUW NEWS

AAUW IS BUSY ON CAPITOL THE HILL

* AAUW applauds the passage of the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act by the House of Representatives (H.R. 2831)

* AAUW celebrates Senate passage (95-0) of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act (S.1642). This bill will maintain many important programs for college students, and provide new opportunities to invest in helping all students receive the benefits of a higher education, particularly women.

* AAUW celebrates the federal minimum wage increase. The increase from \$5.15 to \$5.85 an hour is the first in a series of 3 steps that will lead to a federal minimum wage of \$7.25 in 2009. Of the nearly 12 million workers who will receive a pay increase as the result of this legislation, approximately 60% are women.

* AAUW applauds the passage of the bill to ease student loan burdens. This recently passed bill is the largest investment in higher education since the GI Bill and is geared to increase scholarships and reduce loan and tuition costs for undergraduate students.

Behind the Pay Gap

AAUW RELEASES REPORT ON EQUAL PAY

AAUW's latest research report "Behind the Pay Gap" shows that just one year after college graduation, women working full time earn only 80% of what their male counterparts earn. This is true even when women are working in the same career field. Ten years after college graduation, women have fallen even farther behind, earning only 69% of men's wages. AAUW's Educational Foundation also has updated its "Gains in Learning" online report which presents data and rankings on the pay gap between college-educated men and women in each state. Go to www.aauw.org and click on the link-Public Perceptions of the Pay Gap to see how our state and others rank.

The AAUW Illinois State Convention will be held May 8, 2008.
Details will follow in future newsletters.

OUR AAUW BOOK CLUBS



The Evening Book Club begins its 2007-2008 season with the reading of Ulysses S. Grant's Personal Memoirs. Grant begins, "My family is American and has been for generations . . ." He then relates events of his birth, boyhood, education and army life. If you'd like to part of the discussion of this historic work by Grant, contact Peg Donnelly at 847-381-4791 for more information.

The October selection is I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron. November's is The Book of Fate by Brad Meltzer.

This club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, except December.



The Luncheon Book Club will begin with Thomas Friedman's The World is Flat. This book has received excellent reviews. Friedman is helping readers to see the "flat" or connectedness of the world and its wonders.

In October the group will read Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky. November will be On Beauty by Zadie Smith.

This club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Garlands of Barrington. If you'd like to join in the book discussions contact Loretta Engle 847-381-1804.



The Women's Issues Book Club will begin after the first of the year. Book selections are now being considered. Please submit your titles to Pat Plautz at 847-550-1282 or patandbillplautz@worldnet.att.net.



Letter from our Co-Presidents

Kathryn Black and Paru Thondavadi

Dear Members,

We hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for another year of exciting programs and events with AAUW. This year marked the 87th anniversary of the 19th amendment (women's right to vote) on August 18th, 1920. December 10th will be the first of an annual commemorative day in the state of Illinois celebrating Jane Addams. In fact, this will be the first commemorative day for a woman in the entire country.

Jane Addams and her friend Ellen Starr founded Hull House in the slums of Chicago in 1889. Hull House was devoted to helping poor immigrants by offering safe and educational day care, English and citizenship classes as well as arts and sports programs for all ages. Jane Addams was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. **The Lake Forest Branch of AAUW is sponsoring a tour of Hull House on October 10th. The trip will begin with a stop at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus Library of Medicine. Lunch will be provided at Hull House. The cost of the trip is \$55 and the contact person is Ann Grant at 847-234-2782. Priority will be given to Lake Forest members but there will be additional spaces available.**

Our branch's book clubs continue to grow and read an amazing variety of books. (See the list of upcoming titles on the book page of this newsletter). Great Decisions and the Bridge group are continuing. Please call us if you have any other activities you would like to see being offered within the branch, such as a formal "Out and About Group" which could organize outings and tours.

We would like to congratulate member Diane Hunter, who opened up her beautiful home and Zen garden to us for a program last year. Diane's meditation garden will be featured in the June 2008 issue of *Midwest Living*. We would also like to thank all the sponsors of our newsletters/annual directory. Remember members, advertising in our publications is a great way to reach women in the Barrington community.

One of our goals this year is to have an up-to-date website for our branch which will link to the AAUW-IL and national websites. We are also trying to move to paperless communication as much as possible. Please contact Paru if you are interested in receiving by email the State AAUW newsletter, any public policy announcements as well as program information from other branches that belong to District 5 such as Arlington Heights, Deerfield, Elgin, Crystal Lake, etc.

Paru attended an informal meeting of Branch Presidents, at the home of Erika Nicketakis, the District Five Director. This is a great forum for exchange of ideas and other news on AAUW events. AAUW will no longer be affiliated with IFUW which has left many members with mixed feelings. Some other changes are afoot including a new AAUW mission statement which now reads "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research".

We would like all members to be more involved with branch activities. Everyone is welcome to attend the Fall District Conference on Saturday, October 20th at Oakton Community College in DesPlaines.

Information and an application form are included in this newsletter. (See below). You will also enjoy attending the Annual Networking Luncheon this winter (details to follow). The state convention on May 2 &

3 is close to home in Naperville. Attending a district conference or state convention is exciting, providing an opportunity to meet dynamic women and learn of their contributions. They serve as a reminder as to why we are all AAUW members.

We look forward to seeing you at our branch programs.

Kathryn Black
Paru Thondavadi
Co-Presidents

**AAUW-IL's 2007 District Five Fall Conference –
AAUW ILLINOIS RISING**

DISTRICTS 4 & 5 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. **COST: \$18** includes registration and lunch 8:30 am to 1:30 pm; program begins at 9 am. Optional additional program 1:30 – 2:30 pm;

SEND REGISTRATION AND CHECK BY OCTOBER 17 TO: Erika Nicketakis, 4378 W. Lawn Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031 (847-623-2342) E-mail nicketakis@aol.com. For driving directions, see: www.oakton.edu. The Des Plaines campus is located ¼ mile west of I-294 at the intersection of Golf Road and College Drive. We will be in the Business Institute, Room 1608. Park in Lot C (Faculty parking lot). Free parking.

Cut off Registration Form and send with \$18 check payable to AAUW-IL.

REGISTRATION FORM

Send form by October 17 with your \$18 check to: Erika Nicketakis, 4378 W. Lawn Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031

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RUNNING CALENDAR OF AAUW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER, 2007

September 10 - 7 p.m. A branch meeting will be held at the Barrington Area Library. Speaker is a plastic surgeon from Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 12 - noon to 2 p.m. The AAUW Luncheon Book Club will meet at the Garlands of Barrington (1000 Garlands Lane). Discussion of Thomas Friedman's *The World is Flat* will be led by Mary Ellen Henehan. Call Loretta Engle at 847 - 381 - 1804 for additional information.

September 13 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The daytime bridge group meets and each player donates \$2 to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Call Bobbie Svacha at 847 - 381 - 3315 for information as to location.

September 25 - 7:30 p.m. The Evening Book Discussion Group chaired by Peg Donnelly (847 - 381 - 4791) meets at Ellen Young's home. Bobbie Svacha will lead the discussion of *Personal Memoirs* by U. S. Grant.

OCTOBER, 2007

October 4 - 6 p.m. Joint meeting with Barrington Area Professional Women at the Francesca's Restaurant Barrington. Speaker will be Margaret Stender, President and CEO of the Chicago Sky on the topic "We've Come a Long Way Baby!"

October 10 - noon to 2 p.m. The AAUW Luncheon Book Club will meet at the Garlands of Barrington (1000 Garlands Lane). Discussion of Irene Nemirovsky's *Suite Francaise* will be led by Nancy Wulfers. Call Loretta Engle at 847 - 381 - 1804 for additional information.

October 11 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The daytime bridge group meets and each player donates \$2 to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Call Bobbie Svacha at 847 - 381 - 3315 for information as to location.

October 20 - The fall conference for Districts 4 and 5 will be held at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. Contact Paru Thondavadi if you want more information about attending.

October 23 - 7:30 p.m. The Evening Book Discussion Group chaired by Peg Donnelly (847 - 381 - 4791) meets at Arlene Martin's home. Ellen Young will lead the discussion of *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron.

NOVEMBER, 2007

November 11 - 4 p.m. Wine Tasting Fund Raiser at Backus Nibbles Restaurant, Lake Zurich

November 14 - noon to 2 p.m. The AAUW Luncheon Book Club will meet at the Garlands of Barrington (1000 Garlands Lane). Discussion of Zadie Smith's *On Beauty* will be led by Paru Thondavadi. Call Loretta Engle at 847 – 381 – 1804 for additional information.

November 15 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The daytime bridge group meets and each player donates \$2 to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Call Bobbie Svacha at 847 – 381 – 3315 for information as to location.

November 27 - 7:30 p.m. The Evening Book Discussion Group chaired by Peg Donnelly (847 – 381 – 4791) meets at Evelyn Richer's home. Mary Wajda will lead the discussion of *The Book of Fate* by Brad Meltzer.

November 28 - This is the 126th anniversary of the founding of AAUW.

DECEMBER, 2007

December 2 - Annual Soup Supper at the home of Nancy Bachmann.

December 10 - Jane Addams day in Illinois. Illinois AAUW is sponsoring a special luncheon jointly with the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum and Association.

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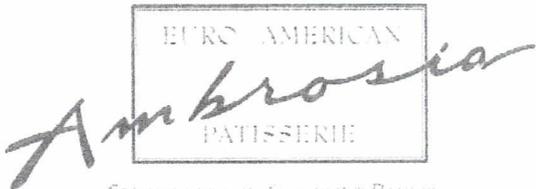


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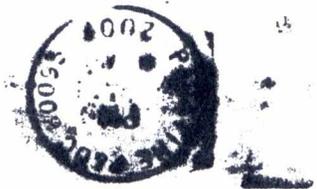
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