



*Meet the 07/08 AAUW  
Illinois International Relations Committee*

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***AAUW-Illinois' 07/-08 PILOT PROJECT:***

***Help support the "Global Giving" projects funded through One Shared World!***

*Make checks payable to "AAUW-Illinois" with "Global Giving" in the memo line.  
Send checks to Rachel Campbell (as specified below):*

***Rachel Campbell  
1198 Blackhawk Drive  
Elgin, IL 60120***

*Rachel will record your contributions & forward them to AAUW-Illinois Treasurer Barbara Spiegel for processing. All money collected by AAUW-Illinois will be pooled & directed to Global Giving projects to be determined at Spring Convention (5/3/08). By sending contributions through Rachel (I/R Revenue Coordinator), your branch will be recognized at Spring Convention & members of your branch will participate in the selection of the 2008 beneficiaries.*

## *To all AAUW-Illinois Branches: New for Program Year 07/08!*

*If you are planning to do an International Relations program that includes raising money for our sisters overseas, then we ask you to consider doing so under the umbrella of the ONE SHARED WORLD campaign (which has partnered with "Global Giving" to identify the many worthy projects described in the AAUW website's "Do More" section).*

*This is NOT mandatory, & you are still able to contribute to Bina Roy, Virginia Gildersleeve, &/or other IFUW-affiliated funds as you choose, however, for every dollar you send us to support international projects, we will send 2/3 to a ONE SHARED WORLD campaign project selected by AAUW-Illinois contributors. We will also send 1/3 to AAUW to support program initiatives funded by AAUW's Leadership & Training Institute (including the ONE SHARED WORLD campaign).*

*Rationale (per Ruth Sweetser):*

*We must all be sensitive to the fact that while AAUW members support others in the quest for equity for women and girls, we must also support our own AAUW Leadership & Training Institute (LTI), because LTI is now the vehicle for providing that outside support under our new structure.*

*Note that all contributions made by individuals to the projects listed by "Global Giving" are tax deductible, as are all contributions made to AAUW's Leadership & Training Institute. Although the list of projects is not perfect (because reproductive health projects are not included at this time), the list contains many worthy projects that are of great benefit to women & girls all around the world!*

*We strongly encourage all of you to review the materials provided on the AAUW website:*



*[http://www.aauw.org/international\\_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/international_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm)*

*Want to make a branch-wide commitment? Consider:*

### ***"CHANGE FOR CHANGE"***

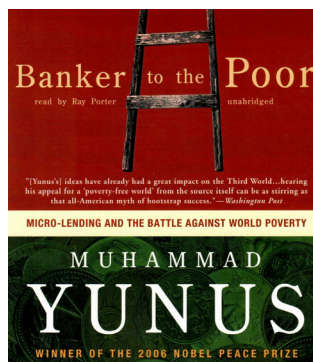
*One simple way to support our sisters overseas is simply to ask branch members to pool their pocket change at every AAUW-Illinois branch meeting. This simple activity, done on a regular basis, can have a huge impact when monthly contributions are added together & pooled statewide. We urge every branch to build the "Change for Change" campaign, invented by Donna Sproston when she assumed the role of Director of International Relations for AAUW-Illinois in 2004, into its monthly program schedule!*

*Micro-Lending: A Brief Intro by Donna Sproston*  
*District Three Liaison; AAUW-Illinois International Relations Committee*  
*Former Director of International Relations for AAUW-Illinois (04-06)*

The awarding of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize to the Grameen ("village") Bank of Bangladesh and its founder Muhammad Yunus awakened many Americans to the success of microfinanced entrepreneurs in the developing world. Begun in 1976 as a university research project in a few villages, the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh has loaned over six billion dollars to the rural poor and has branches in nearly eighty thousand Bangladeshi villages. Over seven million borrowers have obtained loans, 97% of them women. The recovery rate is an astonishing 98.6%, proving Yunus' belief that a borrower need not have established credit to be credit-worthy.

From its inception the Grameen system targeted women. Small loans enable them to create self-employment and break the cycle of poverty. The Grameen system gives women the right to own assets, key to improving their position in society. Unlike welfare systems which emphasize consumption, the Grameen approach emphasizes income-generation to meet basic needs such as food and housing. The Grameen philosophy has spread to more than forty countries across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. For more information go to [www.grameen-info.org](http://www.grameen-info.org)

Two years ago AAUW joined with the United States Agency for International Development and other partners to promote One Shared World, a campaign "to raise awareness of global poverty and generate dialogue about what we, as Americans, can do to tackle it." One Shared World "especially seeks to connect working women to the many private and public efforts that help people in developing countries to overcome poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and disease." Go to [www.onesharedworld.org](http://www.onesharedworld.org) to learn more, do more and connect more as individuals and/or as branches. Peruse the book suggestions; shop on-line where purchases help artisans in the developing world; and link to GlobalGiving, an on-line "marketplace for goodness" with hundreds of grassroots projects from which to choose. Make individual and/or branch contributions, knowing that in the developing world, a small amount of our pocket change results in positive social change!



In 1983, Muhammad Yunus established Grameen, a bank devoted to providing the poorest of Bangladesh with miniscule loans. Believing that credit is a basic human right, not the privilege of a few, Yunus aimed to support that spark of personal initiative and enterprise by which the poor might lift themselves out of poverty forever. Grameen Bank now provides over 2.5 billion dollars of micro-loans to more than two million families in rural Bangladesh. Ninety-four percent of Yunus's clients are women, and repayment rates are nearly 100 percent.

In *Banker to the Poor*, Yunus traces the journey that led him to rethink the economic relationship between rich and poor and recounts the challenges he faced in founding Grameen. He provides wise, hopeful guidance for anyone who would like to join him in the burgeoning world movement of micro-lending to eradicate world poverty.

MUHAMMAD YUNUS was born in Bangladesh and earned his Ph.D. in economics in the United States at Vanderbilt University, where he was deeply influenced by the civil rights movement. He lives in Bangladesh and travels widely around the world on behalf of Grameen Bank and the concept of micro-credit.



## CHANGE FOR CHANGE Starts Today!!!

Please buy raffle tickets  
(\$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets)

Winners will have their choice of one of these fine films  
(listed below) selected from around the world.

All films are WITASWAN-qualified (that is, written &/or directed by women)  
& HIGHLY RECOMMENDED by Jan Lisa Huttner aka "The Hot Pink Pen."

All Proceeds from today's raffle will be used to build our AAUW-Illinois  
CHANGE FOR CHANGE Fund...  
to be donated in May 2008 to Global Giving projects selected by AAUW-Illinois contributors.

TITLE	COUNTRY	CONTINENT
SATIN ROUGE	Tunisia	Africa
SALAAM BOMBAY	India	Asia
JAPANESE STORY	Australia	Australia
GRBAVICA	Bosnia	Eastern Europe
THE HOLY GIRL	Argentina	South America



For more info on the 5 films listed above  
as well as more WITASWAN film recommendations  
(films written &/or directed by women),  
visit Jan's new blog:

"The Hot Pink Pen"

[www.thehotpinkpen.com](http://www.thehotpinkpen.com)