

March 2017

Celebrating 93 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!

Presidents' Report

Donna Sproston, co-president

Women's History Month-- A Brief History

Women's History Month had a quiet beginning and a rapid acceptance.

In 1977 the Educational Task Force of the Commission on the Status of Women in Sonoma, CA, realized that women's history was sadly lacking in the K-12 curriculum of schools and in public awareness. To address this, they initiated a Women's History Week observance in 1978, choosing the week that included the March 8th observance of International Women's Day. Most of this initial effort was focused on presentations in area schools. A member of that commission shared the success of this first observance at a conference at Sarah Lawrence College, inspiring the attendees to carry the idea back to their own communities throughout the United States. They also agreed to promote a national Women's History Week. President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring that the week of March 8, 1980 be declared National Women's History Week.

Representative Barbara Mikulski and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for the next observance in 1981. Over the next few years many state departments of education encouraged celebrations and developed and distributed curriculum materials to promote recognition and equity. By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as National Women's History Month. This state by state momentum resulted in Congress declaring March 1987 as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. On March 1, 2017, Donald Trump signed this year's proclamation.

In 1909 a National Women's Day was observed on Sunday, February 28, in New York City, organized by members of the Socialist Party of America. Due to its

socialist beginnings, it did not catch on in the states, but the concept spread to Europe where until the 1970's it was observed primarily in socialist countries. The current date, March 8, was first proclaimed in 1975 by action of the U.N. General Assembly during the International Woman's Year. Now more than 100 countries observe the day, and 25 declare it a national holiday.



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AAUW Program March 20, 2017

Michele Holschuh

On Monday, March 20, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Center for Science and Business Room 273 on the Monmouth College campus, Dr. Megan Hinrichsen from the Monmouth College Department of Sociology and Anthropology will be speaking about her research on women and global food security. Megan describes her forthcoming presentation as follows:

My talk is on Women, Education, and Global Food Security. Worldwide, women play a decisive role in household and community food security (the continual and reliable access to safe and nutritious food that serves as a foundation for a healthy life). Despite their centrality to food security worldwide, women are disproportionately affected by food insecurity; i.e. they are more likely to go hungry while simultaneously holding responsibilities that require them to do the most work to ensure food security in their households. My talk will focus on women's role in sustaining global food security and how increased education and decision-making power for women is necessary to fight world hunger.

Please plan to attend what promises to be a thought-provoking program!

AAUW April 5, 2017 Program

Lila Blum

"Bonus" Branch Program on April 5th with Lobie Stone

We are pleased to add an extra program to our '16-'17 schedule. Lobie Stone, First Lady of Monmouth College, will speak on **"Art: The Heart of the Matter"** in the **Buchanan Center of the Arts Gallery on April 5th at 7:00 p.m.** Lobie's remarks will concern what art has meant to her in her life and the importance of art and creativity in the growth and development of students. Her presentation coincides with the annual Town and Country exhibit which features art works by students in

K-12 classes from area schools located in Warren, Henderson, and Mercer counties.

Before coming to Monmouth in 2014, when her husband assumed the presidency of Monmouth College, Lobie had a career in business, serving as senior vice president of Toro Oil Company and later as a stock broker at Lehman Brothers and as a vice president at Merrill Lynch. More recently she owned Lobie Stone Design Studio, a residential and commercial design practice. She has long held an interest in the arts, in historic preservation and in downtown development.

Since coming to Monmouth, she has developed a program to enhance the beauty of the college campus by improving the landscaping and grounds, including making Monmouth a "Tree Campus USA" as part of the college's strategic planning process. She has also become involved with the visual arts program on campus and has embraced Monmouth's legacy of the empowerment of women by initiating a series of informal gatherings at Quinby House with groups of women students called "Lemonade with Lobie." She has said that, as she became acquainted with Monmouth, "one of the most compelling aspects of the college was its history of coeducation and women's leadership. I want to help us celebrate that legacy even more, and to use it to energize our work now and in the future." Beyond the campus environment, Lobie has become involved with business development and preservation efforts in downtown Monmouth, working with governmental and non-profit groups.

Please mark your calendar for April 5th and plan to join us at Buchanan Center, 64 Public Square in Monmouth, for Lobie's presentation. We will celebrate the arts!



Lobie Stone

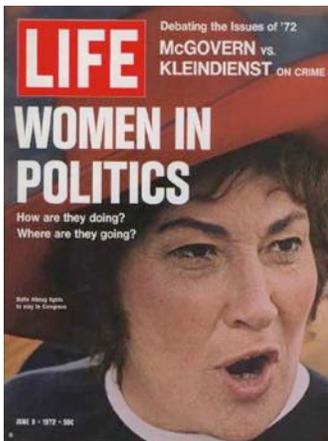
P.S. to Bonus Program

Our April 5th program with Lobie Stone will be open to the public and refreshments will be served. Please let us know if you can volunteer to bring an item for the refreshment table. Since this is an extra program in the lineup, we're asking for assistance with hostessing. Thank you!

Ready to Run® – Campaign Training for Women *Marilyn Van Ausdall*

Do you know a woman (maybe you?) who is interested in learning about running for political office? Thanks to Dr. Janna Deitz (one of our branch members!) Western Illinois University will “serve as **Illinois’ host institution** for the national **Ready To Run®** candidate recruitment and training programs of the **Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University**. Ready To Run® is a nonpartisan campaign training program that encourages and trains women to run for elective office, position themselves for appointive office, work on campaigns, and become involved in the public sphere.”

Janna will be leading this one-day training on June 3 at WIU’s Riverfront Campus in Moline. Among the day’s featured speakers will be District 17’s Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. The registration fee of \$85 includes lunch. More information can be found at http://www.wiu.edu/provost/ready_to_run/. If you would like to help by making a donation to Ready to Run, that opportunity is available to you on the website, too. I think I have a daughter going!



Public Policy *Jan DeYoung*

Test Your Fair Pay ‘Cents’

1. In 1963, when the Equal Pay Act was passed, women made ____¢ on the dollar compared to men.
a. 59¢ b. 63¢ c. 74¢ d. 81¢
2. Today that figure is ____¢ on the dollar compared to men.
a. 85¢ b. 91¢ c. 72¢ d. 77¢
3. Black women earn ____¢ on the dollar compared to white men.
a. 65¢ b. 68¢ c. 85¢ d. 87¢
4. Hispanic women earn ____¢ on the dollar compared to white men.
a. 58¢ b. 52¢ c. 72¢ d. 82¢
5. Over a lifetime, how much less will women earn than men?
a. \$550,000 b. 700,000 c. 1,200,000 d. 2 mill.
6. Under the Equal Pay Act, employers cannot pay women and minorities less than white men with the same qualifications for doing the same job

True False
7. Under the Equal Pay Act, plaintiffs are entitled to compensatory and punitive damages if their employer has violated the law.

True False
8. Women make up ____% of the American labor force today
a. 38% b. 42% c. 47% d. 50%

See answers on page 5

GEMS!
Save the Date, April 29th
Donna Sproston

Our second GEMS event of the year will be held at the Warren County Public Library on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 to 11:30. If you would like to be involved, please let Donna Sproston know. We can always use extra hands and refreshment donations.

Treasurer's Report
Shirley Daddona

Checking	\$489.10
Savings	\$153.80
CD	\$802.00

A big thank-you to all who donated to AAUW Funds as individuals as well as contributing at the birthday party, Rada, and the holiday brunch.

It is time to think about renewing your membership for the 2017-18 year. I encourage you to renew online. More in the April newsletter.



Film Group
Nancy Buban
March 27, 2017

On Monday, March 27 at 6:30 film group will view "Hello, My Name is Doris." Starring Sally Fields, this is a

quirky film about a sixtyish woman who is not really the "cougar" that she hopes to be. After the heart-wrenching movie last month we really needed something lighter.

Once again we will meet at 207 S. 8th and the corn will be popped.



¡Adelante! Book Group
Marilyn Van Ausdall

I have 2 copies of the next book: Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt. We'll be discussing this book on Monday, March 20, at 1 pm. Let me know if you'd like to have one of the copies.



AAUW Meeting
February 2017 Minutes
Geneen Gillen

Donna Sproston welcomed members to the meeting which was held at the Buchanan Center for the Arts. She then thanked Kristyne Gilbert for providing the refreshments...

Donna presented the program which was titled, "AAUW Research Overview and What the Research Reveals About Gender Bias.:" She referenced facts from AAUW's

The Simple Truth and Barriers and Bias. She encouraged everyone to take the AAUW Bias test on our website.

It was announced that Nancy Buban's nominating committee is looking for a president or co-presidents, a vice-president, a secretary, and a membership chairman. Please contact Nancy to volunteer!!

Lila Blum announced two programs for AAUW in March. At the Town and Country Art Show March 11, AAUW will present a Best of Show Award. Our next meeting will be March 20th at the Center for Science & Business, Room 273, at Monmouth College. The topic will be, "Barriers and Opportunities: Women, Education, and Global Food Security".

Nancy Buban announced that the film, *13th*, by Ava DuVernay will be shown at the Pattee auditorium on February 16th.

Film Group will meet on February 27 at 6:30 at Nancy Buban's. The title of the movie is *The Innocents* by Anne Fontaine.

Book Club will meet February 27 at 1:00 at Marilyn VanAudall's house. The book is The Round House by Louise Erdrich.

Secretary

Geneen Gillen

Answers to quiz

1. a
2. d
3. b
4. a
5. b, c and d are all correct for women with high school, college and professional postgraduate degrees respectively, according to Evelyn Murphy, economist and founder and president of The WAGE Project
6. False. The Equal Pay Act mandates that employers cannot pay workers less based on

sex. It does not address racial discrimination. Race discrimination cases have been brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which has a much tougher burden of proof.

7. False. Under the Equal Pay Act, awards are limited to two years prior to filing the complaint in court or three years if there is a finding that the act of the employer was willful. A plaintiff may also be awarded liquidated damages, which can double her back pay award, but she may not recover all of the money she's lost over the entire period of years she's been underpaid.
8. d

NEA Big Read

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Lauren Pierce, Galesburg Public Library Reference Services and NEA Big Read Coordinator, has generously agreed to share her time with the Warren County Public Library (62 Public Square in Monmouth) on Thursday evening, April 6, at 6:30. Please add this date to your calendars so that we have a good turnout for Lauren as she leads the discussion on Profound By Accident: Galesburg Reads Emily Dickinson.

Lauren has supplied the Monmouth library with several copies of Profound by Accident. Just ask at the front desk and you'll be provided with one.

Additional information regarding the NEA Big Read can be found at <http://www.neabigread.org/books/dickinson/>.

Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.
Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.
Value Promise: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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