

AAUW Initiative

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Celebrating 90 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!

President's Report *Marilyn Van Ausdall*

I've done something that I hope will bring our organization more visibility in the area, but more than that I'm excited that we'll be able to offer the \$start \$mart program to area college women soon to be entering the job market. I received training last month to be a workshop facilitator. My next step will be to establish contacts at Monmouth, Knox, and WIU and interest them in the program. They will then work together with AAUW and the WAGE Project (soon to be solely under the AAUW umbrella) to customize materials for each specific campus audience.

The \$start \$mart campus initiative was developed by WAGE to empower college women with the tools to negotiate salaries and benefits. The workshops are nuts-and-bolts trainings designed to help young women obtain fair and realistic salaries. Participants will learn about the consequences of the gender wage gap for young women, along with budgeting and compensation benchmarking for a sample career and location. Each workshop takes about three hours, including time for questions and role-playing.

There is a fee involved for colleges to offer the workshop, since each one is designed specifically for that particular college. There are also printing costs for the college. Additionally, the college is responsible for the travel-related expenses of the facilitator. My goal in being trained was to save area colleges the facilitator expense, since I'm close enough that they won't have to house, feed, or pay for my transportation. I'm also hoping that branch members will be willing to provide drinks and snacks for workshop attendees, which will

save participating colleges the food expense for workshop attendees.

A typical workshop will have at most 40 participants. The majority of workshop facilitators are AAUW member **volunteers**. Any interested members of our branch who observe a workshop will be eligible to receive a 2-hour phone training (as I did) to become a facilitator. The program is very well planned out with a Power Point presentation and facilitator's guide. If we get some workshops lined up, I'll be encouraging other members to consider becoming facilitators. It's something we can actually do to help close that gender wage gap.



Time for Change in the Gender Pay Gap!

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AAUW September 23, 2014 Program
The F Word
Trudi Peterson

October 20, 2014 at 7pm in the Morgan Room of Poling Hall

The F-Word Speaker Series was created by Dr. Marlo Belschner in 2007 to explore the varied feminisms of faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni. The Women's Studies Program is reintroducing this series. Dr. Trudi Peterson, Professor in COMM and Coordinator of the Women's Studies Program will reintroduce the series with a talk entitled "The Roots of My Feminism" based on one of her sabbatical projects.

For Dr. Peterson, "Personally, I see feminism as a means by which an individual may rescue her/himself from the status of cultural casualty and reclaim active agency; it is a liberatory process that promotes informed, educated action aimed at ending intersecting oppressions."

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
Lila Blum

A note of appreciation is extended to **Jonalyn Heaton** and to her fellow Buchanan Center Board Member, **Amy McKenna**, whose efforts have been instrumental in launching the **Art Presenter Program** in the area schools for 2014-1015. Working together with the new program coordinator, Cathy St. George, the program continues its mission to provide experiences in art for primary and middle school students. Thank you, Jonalyn and Amy.

Please contact Jonalyn at jheaton@frontiernet.net or Cathy St George at cathymstgeorge@gmail.com if you wish to participate in the program.



AAUW November 10 Program
Human Trafficking

Pattee Auditorium, Center for Science and Business

Monmouth College
Marilyn Van Ausdall

Tom Colclasure will be the speaker for our November meeting. Tom is CEO/President of Asha for Life Community in Galesburg. He has worked in the social services field for the past twenty years, assisting persons with chronic mental illness as they strive for recovery and reintegration into their communities. Tom holds a Master's degree in History from Western Illinois University. He is married to Heather Hellenga, who teaches 5th grade at Steele School in Galesburg, and they have two children, Harper Lee, 16, and Jackson, 12.

The mission of Asha for Life Community is to provide relief to victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. Asha works independently and also partners with other organizations to fulfill this mission, by educating people about the consequences of human trafficking and the sex slave trade. Additionally, holistic health care, education, housing, and employment training and opportunities are provided to victims.

The issue of human trafficking is one that perhaps we don't think about as being in our communities. Obviously, Asha for Life Community would not have been started by concerned citizens in Galesburg if this were true.

Please put November 10 on your calendars so that we can have a good-sized audience for Tom as he travels to Monmouth to educate us about this very important issue. The Pattee Auditorium is a state-of-the-art classroom in the newest building on the Monmouth College campus. The Center for Science and Business is

conveniently located on East Broadway between 6th and 7th streets. A parking lot is available right in front of the building, and members can take the stairs or an elevator down a floor from the main entrance to get to the Pattee Auditorium.



Branch History, Part 2

Jan DeYoung

In the early days, not all colleges were recognized by AAUW. In 1924 at the annual meeting of the Association of College Deans, Miss Gibson and Miss Barr met with the Recognition Committee of AAUW regarding admission of Monmouth College to the list of colleges approved by AAUW, whose graduates were therefore eligible for AAUW membership. At the time, Monmouth College failed to meet the standards established for physical education in organized sports and for having too few PhD's on the faculty. In 1926 at the AAUW state convention, Miss Hanna spoke with the national executive secretary about admitting Monmouth College to the roster of approved colleges. Standards for admission were tightening, and a plan was set into motion to review all colleges on the AAUW approved list to make sure that they still met the standards.

A member of the AAUW Visitation Committee, Miss Mary Ross Potter, came to Monmouth in February of 1927 to inspect the college for membership, and it was announced at the National Convention that year that AAUW had been approved for admission.

In 1927 the branch began to offer a \$70 scholarship to a Monmouth College woman. Funds were raised for the first scholarship by assessing each member \$5.00 and taking \$10.00 from the treasury. In 1927 the branch raised \$225 for the permanent scholarship fund by producing a play, "Mr. Pim Passes By," by A.A. Milne. Dr. Toussaint of Monmouth College Speech Department directed the production, and Miss Ruth Williams, also of the Speech Department, appeared in a starring role, along with others from the college faculty, the high school faculty, AAUW members, and other members of the community.

In January, 1927, Dean Cleland of the College spoke about the "Roles of University Women in the World." He said that "practically all fields of work are open to women but women should choose those parts for which they are especially fitted by nature to fill."

In October of 1929 the branch voted to admit Associate members, women who had attended but had not graduated from college, and those who had graduated from institutions which had not yet been accredited by AAUW.

In 1930 the famous Cornelia Otis Skinner gave a program, sponsored by AAUW, for which main floor seats cost \$1.00 and balcony seats \$.75. After paying Ms. Skinner her guaranteed \$300 and other expenses, the branch made a profit of \$105.21.

During these years the branch continued to meet in members' homes, including Mrs. Quinby's house, the Association Room at the college library, Sunnyside, and the Terrace, and had dinner meetings at the Colonial Hotel and Hawcock's Café.

Membership grew from 16 in 1925-26 to 42 in 1927. There was a big increase in membership after Monmouth College was accredited by AAUW and after a tea for Monmouth College women graduates who lived in the community.



Public Policy

Jan DeYoung

Marilyn Van Ausdall, Alice Lawson, and Jan DeYoung registered 38 new voters at Monmouth College over the lunch and dinner hours on September 29th. In addition, we enabled 15 or 20 students to check online to be sure that they were registered and gave information on absentee voting over the college's Fall Break to a few more. We felt that the time was well spent. Many thanks to Marilyn and Alice!

Please urge all your family members and friends to vote in the mid-term elections, Tuesday, November 4th. The issues at stake are critical for women and young people.

The representatives whom we send to Springfield and Washington can carry our wishes and support our issues only if we vote!

To see how our Members of Congress voted on issues selected as priorities by AAUW, check out the Congressional Voting Record online at aauw.org, or pick up a hard copy at our next meeting. Among the topics included in the Voting Record are the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84 and H.R.377); Minimum Wage Fairness Act (S. 2223); the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013 (S. 815); The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 47); and the Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act of 2014 (S. 2578).

In Illinois, it is imperative that we send a representative to Springfield who supports passage of the ERA. Since our branch members live in several different districts, we need to find out whether or not our own rep supports ERA. We hope that passage of ERA will come up for a vote in the General Assembly in the November veto session. If it does, I'll be sure to let you know so that you can make that very important telephone call to Ms. Tracy, Ms. Hammond, or Mr. Moffitt. Senator Sullivan did vote in favor of ERA, so please thank him if you haven't already done so! Illinois is one of the target states in the "Three-State Initiative" to get ERA into the U.S. Constitution. Now is a good time to check out your representative's position on ERA, so that you know how to word your phone call in November.

If you will be out of town on November 4th, or if you just prefer to vote early, please head to the second floor of the Warren County Courthouse (or Knox County or McDonough County Courthouse, if appropriate!), and cast your ballot. If, for any chance, you are not yet registered, you can go to the Courthouse and register and vote at the same time. So . . . no excuses!

In District 238, Monmouth-Roseville Community Unit District, there's a very important school tax issue on the ballot, too. There's an informational meeting in the Media Center at Monmouth-Roseville High School on the tax levy on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend this meeting in order to inform yourself on this very important proposal.



Dr. Steve Buban talking about the ERA



Film Group

Nancy Buban

Film Group will view "Fair Game" at **6:30** (please note the time change) on Monday, October 27. The film tells the story of CIA operative Valerie Plame Wilson whose identity was leaked by the government as payback for an op-ed article that her husband wrote criticizing the Bush Administration. Starring Naomi Watts and Sean Penn, it is based on two books, Fair Game: My Life as a Spy, My Betrayal by the White House by Valerie Plame Wilson, and The Politics of Truth: A Diplomat's Memoir: Inside the Lies that Led to War and Betrayed My Wife's CIA Identity by Joe Wilson.

We will once again meet at 207 South Eighth Street.

¡Adelante! Book Group

Jan DeYoung

Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Geneen Gillen's, 151 210th Avenue, to discuss The End of Always by Randi Davenport. You can put your name on the reserve list for the book at Warren County Library. Members are trying to read it

quickly so that everyone has a chance to read the book in time for the meeting. This debut novel, set in early 20th Century Wisconsin, “is a transcendent story of one woman’s desperate efforts to escape a brutal heritage.” Please join us! (Call Geneen for directions, or call Jan for a ride.)



New Member Welcome

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Please extend a warm welcome to Carissa Murphy Schoffner, who joined the branch at our September program. Carissa is a lifelong Monmouth resident. After graduating from Monmouth High School, she received her B.A. in Accounting and Business Administration from Monmouth College, her Masters of Science in Accounting from Bradley University, and she has one course left to take in her doctorate program in Educational Leadership from Capella University. In the spring, Carissa will be starting her dissertation, with the topic being about the relationship between technology, ethics, and leadership, and the gender differences that can be identified in each.

Carissa has been teaching courses in business and accounting at Knox College since 2006, and recently added a freshman preceptorial course on leadership. Prior to Knox, she worked for a while in public accounting, including a few years preparing taxes at Lovdahl and Shimmin in Monmouth. When not grading papers or doing research, Carissa enjoys spending time with her husband, Quienten, and their 1½-year old, Teagan.

We’re thrilled to have Carissa as our newest member. Here’s to YOUTH and another Knox College connection. Welcome, Carissa!



AAUW-Illinois Southern Conference *Donna Sproston, District 3 Director*

Join members from the branches in Districts 1, 2, and 3 in Springfield on Saturday, November 8, from 10:30 to 1:30 for the Southern Conference. It will be held at the Lincoln Public Library (Carnegie Room North), 326 S. 7th Street, Springfield, 62701.

There will be a continental breakfast, time for conversation, and a variety of topics discussed including Marketing Your Branch, \$tart \$mart, and ERA and Public Policy. We will also be sharing branch success stories and program ideas. Changes in fundraising policies, IRS compliance, and our new simplified award system will be explained. All this for only five bucks!

Former Monmouth resident Kay Titchenal will lead the marketing workshop. Many state board members will also be attendance and want to meet and greet you. Marilyn Van Ausdall and Donna Sproston will gladly provide your free transportation. We will stop for Dutch treat lunch on the way home.

Reservations should be sent to arrive **no later than October 25th**. The registration form was in the Fall Link, and in case you missed it, Marilyn recently sent a second copy. If you sent that one back into cyberspace, just include your name, branch, telephone and e-mail and send it to Carol Kerins, 3009 Arlington Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. Include a check for \$5.00 payable to AAUW-IL. Please let Marilyn or Donna know that you are going.



AAUW National Convention

Registration opened October 1, with the best rate being available until January 15. The convention will take place at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina June 18-21. More information can be found at

<http://convention.aauw.org>. Remember, AAUW-IL offers the TRIO program whereby the state organization will pay 1/3 of a first-time convention attendee's registration and the member's branch will pay 1/3. The TRIO award is limited to one member per branch as funds allow. Application for TRIO assistance can be made for state or national convention.

Membership

Marilyn Van Ausdall

National has a business card template that I would highly recommend. It can be downloaded at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-business-cards>. Each card contains the AAUW empowering women since 1881 logo, along with the national website URL and whatever contact information you'd like to share with a prospective member. Feel free to use my information if you'd like. You'll be able to easily print out a sheet of 10 cards and then separate them, put a rubber band around them, and keep them in your purse for just the right opportunities for handing them out. If you'd like some business cards, but are unable to print them on your own, just let me know and I'll be glad to supply you with some.

Fellow member **Trudi Peterson's "F Word" program** on October 20 would be a **great meeting to which guests could be brought**. Our monthly gatherings give us an opportunity to be able to share more about AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls with prospective members. Remember, anyone with an Associate's Degree, RN, or higher is eligible for membership. Hope to see you (and someone new) on the 20th!



IT'S RADA FUNDRAISER TIME!

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Hope you're getting lots and lots of orders. Catalogs and order forms were distributed at the September meeting and orders will be collected at the October 20 meeting. If you don't have a catalog, just go online to

helpourfundraiser.com, log in with Internet Ordering #500207 and password aauw, browse the online catalog, and write down on a piece of paper what you'd like to order. Add 50 cents for processing, write a check for the total amount made out to AAUW Monmouth Area Branch, and try to get it to me by the 20th (call me and I can pick it up from you, if that's preferable.) I'll put in the orders soon after the 20th and plan to have items available by the November 10th meeting.

The RADA products are really great. I've had friends continue to order every year for all the years we've been doing this. They always ask me to let them know when we're selling. It's not necessary to wait for just once a year, though. We can benefit from orders that are placed anytime during the year as long as the above Internet Ordering number and password are used. It's just that we only place the orders and cover the shipping once a year. Any other time during the year, customers can use a person credit card, pay the shipping, and have items delivered directly to their homes.

RADA will be our only fundraiser this year, so it's important that everyone try to participate. I'm going to email friends and relatives with the ordering information above. Please feel free to do that, too. Thanks for your help with this!

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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AAUW-Illinois Web site:

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