

President's Report

Donna Sproston

One AAUW. One Mission. One Fund

The AAUW Fund advances our mission by supporting and sustaining all of our programs and activities. Our dues pay salaries and rent, but it is our gifts that provide for AAUW's programming and outreach.

The AAUW Fund is the monetary umbrella that funds the special components that advance our mission of equity for women and girls. It is sustained by our gifts. These funds given as individual donations or through collective fundraising efforts make possible a large variety of programs.

Our Public Policy Program works at the local, state, and national level on lobbying and grassroots efforts to empower women and girls. The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports the research on equity which drives our public policy decisions.

Several projects involve work on college and university campuses. Campus Outreach Grants provide funding to local branches to sponsor events on unfair pay, Title IX violations, and sexual harassment and assault. Campus Action Projects Grants provide funding for college women to design projects that will empower women to confront barriers. Elect Her is the only national program that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is the premier annual conference that prepares attendees to be campus and community leaders.

The Legal Advocacy Fund is under the AAUW Fund umbrella. It challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace by providing funding for plaintiffs. The LAF Case Support Travel Grants provide travel expenses so that our branch members can learn of LAF success at state conventions and conferences.

New programs are developed through the support of the AAUW Fund. Branch member Marilyn Van Ausdall is a \$tart \$mart facilitator and provides training for college women to learn how to negotiate their starting salary. Starting smart, women will not lag behind men for pay and pensions. Tech Trek supports weeklong camps which encourage attendees to enroll in STEM courses and consider STEM careers. Tech Savvy supports daylong conferences to interest girls in grades 6--9 in STEM fields.

The AAUW Fund also helps keep our members informed through support of the biennial national convention, the publication of *Outlook*, and member leadership training opportunities.

AAUW confronts barriers on many fronts, and the AAUW Fund financially supports these efforts.



Dining for AAUW aka Dinner at Donna's

Donna Sproston will hostess a supper in support of the AAUW Fund and local projects in November. Stay tuned for an email announcing the date, minimum donation, and menu.

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AAUW October 26, 2015 Program Update

Lila Blum

Our scheduled speaker for October, Lobie Stone, has had a change in plans and will be out-of-town on October 26. We hope to re-schedule her presentation in the spring.

We are very pleased to announce a replacement program: **Kristyne Gilbert Bradford**, the Executive Director of Buchanan Center for the Arts, will present **“Creating a Visual Dialogue”** in the Buchanan Center Gallery where the “64 Arts National Juried Exhibit” will remain on display an additional day.

Kristyne came to Buchanan Center in January 2015 with a diverse background of work and study. She holds a BA in Business Administration from Monmouth College and an MA in English from Western Illinois University. Her research and interests include grant writing, technical communication, networking communities, and the multimodal approaches to the learning and creation processes of fiber artists. Her work experience has been equally varied: Program Coordinator at Galesburg Civic Art Center, Executive Director, United Way of Knox County, Marketing Director at Galesburg Downtown Council and at the Galesburg Clinic. Her interest in art ranges from instruction to theory to practice. She is a photographer and mixed media artist and has had several solo exhibits. Among the awards she’s received is the “Best of Category” (floral) in the 2011 Buchanan Center photography show.

We are delighted that Kristyne’s journey has brought her back to Monmouth to continue the important work at Buchanan Center and to encourage our appreciation and participation in the artistic process. Please join us on Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. at Buchanan Center for Kristyne’s presentation. Bring a friend!

November Program Update – New Location and Time

The program, “Brains, Determination, and some say Blind Faith: Women Creating and Owning Local Businesses” on November 19, 2015, will be held at the **Warren County Public Library** starting at **6:30 p.m.**

Treasurer’s Report

Shirley Daddona

(This is repeated from our last newsletter as there have been no changes since then. Ed.)

7/31/15:
\$834.21 + \$136.00 = \$970.21 - \$266.00 (liability insurance) for a balance 8/31/15 of \$704.21.

AAUW Funds has a balance of \$81.85 Need to have good Rada sales or we have little for AAUW Funds.

CD will mature 12/11/15 with a balance of \$801.20
We have 32 paid members.

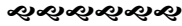
Speaking of RADA...

RADA Fundraiser

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Please bring your completed RADA order forms and checks made out to Monmouth Area AAUW to the October 26 meeting at the Buchanan Center for the Arts. If you’re unable to attend the meeting call me (734-3917) to make arrangements for me to pick up the form from you before the 26th. Ordered products will be delivered at the November 19 meeting, which is now scheduled to be held at the Warren Country Public Library at 7 pm.

Thank you so much for helping support AAUW Funds. Anyone wishing to make a donation rather than purchasing any RADA products is welcome to do that on the 26th, too!



New Members

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Remember to check out the branch website often for the most up-to-date information. Under the Members Only tab this month (password Initiative90) you will notice three new names: Bethany Morath, Kathryn Keesecker, and Carissa Van Ausdall. Please join me in welcoming our newest members!



Film Group

Nancy Buban

The usual fourth Monday for film group will now be our regular meeting so we will have film group on October 27th at 7:00 at Monmouth College. The Art Department has been showing films on Tuesday nights and the one on the 27th is "Frida." This is a 2002 film that I assume many of you have viewed, but if you want to see it again or haven't seen it, this is your opportunity. It is a film that was recommended by WITASWAN and is directed by Julie Taymor. It covers thirty years in the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. It will be shown in room 107 of McMichael Academic Building---the building just west of Wells Theater. Your best parking option will be on Broadway. No popcorn from me but I hope some of you will attend this interesting biographical film.



¡Adelante! Book Group

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Book group will meet at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, October 28, at Vicki Gladfelter's home, 861 – 210th Avenue, Monmouth, to discuss Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town by Jon Krakauer. Missoula is "[a] case study of the widespread problem of campus rape....Krakauer's book is worth reading." — *Time*

"Research shows that incidents of sexual harassment and its most extreme form, sexual assault, are shockingly prevalent on college campuses nationwide." — aauw.org

Eight(!) members met last month for a lively discussion about The Pearl that Broke its Shell. We're hoping for an equally good turnout this month. Check out the Groups tab on the branch website for the book that will be discussed each month. If you're interested in attending, but need the time to be evening, that can be arranged!



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.

Association Web site: www.aauw.org

AAUW-Illinois Web site:

<http://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

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