

January 2017

*Celebrating 92 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!*

## Presidents' Report Happy New Year! Happy 135th Birthday! *Donna Sproston, co-president*

On January 14, 1882, 65 alumnae of eight colleges met in Boston to organize the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the predecessor of AAUW. The purpose of the organization included the "collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education." In 1885 the ACA released its first research study, *Health Statistics of Women College Graduates*. Contrary to public opinion, the data indicated that higher education did not adversely affect the health of women college graduates. In 1890, ACA collaborated with the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics and Labor to analyze the wages of college educated women and concluded that women were paid significantly less than men for doing the same work. If that sounds familiar, wage gap research continued to be released in 1896, 1906, 1938, 2007, 2012, and 2014, and the conclusion remains the same. Along the way we have addressed a great many other societal issues including home sanitation, poll taxes, sexual harassment, and the environment.

Our research continues, and we continue to influence elected officials and provide community programs based on the conclusions. We have a well documented history of activism, and 2017 will provide many opportunities for that to continue.

# Happy New Year!

## Program, January 7, 2017 *Lila Blum*

### LOCATION CHANGED FOR JANUARY 7 BRANCH COFFEE

Our original Saturday morning coffee host, Donna Sproston, will have knee surgery this week and is therefore unable to entertain us at her house. While Donna is recuperating will meet at **SEAGRAMS' BREW COFFEE HOUSE at 120 S. A Street in Monmouth.** (Seagrams is part of Danny's Tap and Grill). This change of plan will give us a chance to support this new downtown Monmouth business while we enjoy a post holiday chat. Please join us at **9:30 a.m.** for some good coffee and conversation.

Good luck to Donna as she undergoes surgery on January 5!

## Opportunity *Marilyn Van Ausdall*

A fellow member recently made me aware of this: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-march-on-chicago-tickets-30449045916>. Just wanted to make sure the rest of you knew, too. Hotel rooms are cheap in Chicago this time of year. Train tickets are right now, too.

I'll be there!



## Meet Another New Member!

*Marilyn Van Ausdall*

Carol Scotton currently serves as Associate Professor of Economics and Business and Management at Knox College. Carol earned an Associate Degree from SUNY Canton, a BA from UT Chattanooga, and both a M.Ed. and PhD from Georgia State University. She came to Galesburg from Atlanta in the fall of 2005, after having worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 1989-2005. Carol's work there began with capacity building with State and Local Health Departments, and included a project on Data for Decision Making with Bolivia.

Starting in 1994, Carol was involved in HIV/AIDS prevention activities with the health departments and community based organizations, mostly centered around program evaluation and how the Federal funds were allocated. Prior to her work at the CDC, she worked in various private industries in Atlanta: at a trade association for Life Insurance doing management and organizational training and development; at an engineering firm; and at a manufacturing printing company. Carol adds that she did "lots of waiting tables and other jobs" as she worked her way through college.

Carol grew up in a big family in Buffalo NY. While some of her family still lives there, the rest are scattered around the country. Carol and her husband met in Atlanta in 1980. After having always been "city people" they are now living on a farmstead between Galesburg and Knoxville with their dog, Auggie (who Carol says has taught her more than she can say.)

Her interests in economics are along the heterodox spectrum addressing land, labor, health and general aspects of social provisioning. "It is the public (or collective) I find most compelling. A small contribution in this is serving on the Board of Health for Knox County."

I know branch members will agree that we have another fantastic new member. Welcome, Carol!



## Film Group

*Nancy Buban*

January 24, 2017

Film Group was waylaid by illnesses in November so we will begin the New Year by viewing the 2015 film, Grandma, starring Lily Tomlin. This film deals with mother/daughter relationships, an unexpected pregnancy and the death of a partner. It is a comedy/drama. We will view the film at 6:30 on **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 207 South Eighth Street. Please note that this is the fourth **Tuesday** instead of the fourth Monday. See you at the movies.

## Treasurer's Report

*Shirley Daddona*

### AAUW Funds Contribution

In December our branch sent \$475.00 to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and \$475.00 to the Legal Advocacy Fund for a total of \$875.00. The dollars came from a number of sources, since we had a major fundraiser. Donations came from individual members, Rada profits, Branch 92nd birthday fundraiser in May 2016, and the Holiday Brunch. Thanks to all who contributed.

Checking \$602.4/savings \$260.60/CD \$801.60

**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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