

February 2018

*Celebrating 94 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!*

## Presidents' Report

*Geneen Gillen, co-president*

### Happy New Year

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds all of our members warm, healthy, and ready for 2018! The Monmouth Chapter of AAUW has planned amazing programs for our meetings and I look forward to seeing everyone at them. We also need to plan a time to "make up" our January meeting at the YMCA.

I want to encourage everyone to "tune into" social media. AAUW has an e-newsletter called "Mission & Action". It is full of information of interest to everyone. The latest e-newsletter contained an article called the Feminist's New Years Resolutions. There are updates on AAUW-supported cases fighting discrimination and a link to the February 13<sup>th</sup> webinar about building membership. Two other informative websites are AAUW's Washington Update Newsletter and AAUW in the Statehouse e-bulletin. The link to these can be found in the Mission & Action e-newsletter. This year is going to be a very important one in so many ways so I hope that all AAUW members will be proactive and link up to these websites for the very latest information.



## AAUW Funds

*Donna Sproston*

Thank you to all who contributed to our fall fundraisers. Several members made Rada purchases, and that opportunity is on-going. The annual holiday brunch, our traditional fundraiser for LAF, the Legal Advocacy Fund, was well attended, and members made generous contributions. LAF was established in 1981 to support gender discrimination cases. There are currently six active cases, and two cases were settled in 2017.

In 2017, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in graduate fellowships for women and grants to organizations and branches for a variety of community projects. Our contributions also support AAUW's action projects, including the Start Smart and Work Smart workshops in which more than 17,000 women participated.

A portion of our annual branch contribution went to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This fund was originally multi-purposed, but it now generates a semi-annual convention award to an individual or organization in recognition of their work for equity for women and girls.

For more information on the many funds under the AAUW umbrella, check out AAUW Funds at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

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## AAUW February 12, 2018 Program

*Carol Scotten*

*Knox College Alumni Hall*

*Trustees Room*

*3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 7 pm*

### International Student Panel “Studying in America”

Students from Knox and Monmouth College will share what it is like to be an international woman student studying in America. Students will discuss education in their home country and why they were interested in studying in the US. We'll have refreshments and plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

Alumni Hall is on South Street in Galesburg, the building directly across from Standish Park. There is a circle drive in front, with limited parking, including some handicap parking. There is plenty of parking on Cedar Street along the park and a parking lot on Cedar Street across from the park. You can enter up the grand staircase into the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. (Only the center stair case is functional.) There is a first-floor entrance around the corner of the building on the right. Immediately inside that door of the building is an elevator. The Trustees Room is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Also on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is the Whitcomb Heritage center, a history exhibit on the Lincoln-Douglas debates and more. It is definitely worth a look.

The February program is co-sponsored with the Eleanor Stellyes Center for Global Studies and International Student Services of Knox College

Please see the map of the campus on the last page.



**KNOX COLLEGE**

## Reschedule of January Meeting:

The **new** date for the January program, “Healthy Lifestyles” and tour of the YMCA, is Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. More information about the presenter will come in a separate email.



## Public Policy

*Jan DeYoung*

Seven Feminist Resolutions for 2018

(I have taken the topics listed on the AAUW.org website. For more details, check the website. While you're there, you can also sign up to be a Two-Minute Activist if you haven't already done so.)

1. Know your rights at work. Included are legislation about sexual harassment and salary negotiation.
2. Vote. Before you cast your ballot, inform yourself about candidates' positions on issues important to you, such as equal pay, family leave, and reproductive rights.
3. Negotiate your salary. If this doesn't apply to you, it probably applies to someone in your family. Help bring AAUW salary negotiations workshops to your community.
4. Support the next generation of innovators. There is a serious gender imbalance in enrollment in STEM courses and in employment in STEM jobs. Help improve this situation by supporting STEM activities for girls and young women in Monmouth!

5. Help young women find their voices. Speak out against workplace sexism. Model this assertive behavior for young women.
6. Be an ally. "Social justice is not only for members of marginalized communities." Learn about your own privilege and use it to help others.
7. Get involved. One way to do this is to become a Two-Minute Activist, if you haven't already done so. Go to the AAUW website and sign up. It will only take a few minutes. And, go one step further: text AAUW to 21333 to receive alerts directly to your phone when it is time to take action. Another way to Get Involved is to send a check to AAUW to support our mission. For details, check the website.

Other things to do:

Governor Rauner vetoed the Equal Pay Bill sponsored by AAUW member Anna Moeller. Call the Governor's office (217-782-0244) to express your dissatisfaction with this action. And then call Jil Tracy's office (217-782-8096), Norine Hammond's office (217-782-0416) and Randy Frese's office (also 217-782-8096) to express your concern that neither of them voted to override the Governor's veto! Ask them to support equal pay in the 2018 General Assembly.

The most recent Two-Minute Activist action is to contact our two senators and Congresswoman Cheri Bustos about the DACA Act. All three of them support the Dreamers. They need to hear that we thank them and encourage them to keep up the fight!

## Treasurer's Report

*Shirley Daddona*

No report.



## Film Group

*Nancy Buban*  
February 26, 2018

Film Group will gather at 6:30 on Monday, February 26 to view the 2016 film, "Maudie." Written by Sherry White and directed by Aisling Walsh the film is a biopic about the Nova Scotia folk artist Maud Lewis. Maud is challenged by severe arthritis and, although she lives in poverty, she fills her life with beauty through her art. This is a touching film, well worth viewing. The popcorn will be ready at 207 S. Eighth Street. Please join us.



## ¡Adelante! Book Group

*No report*



## ATTENTION AAUW MEMBERS!!

Below you will find the nomination form for the AAUW Agent of Change Award. We have some outstanding members who are deserving of this award. It's my hope that you all will nominate someone for this award. Wouldn't it be exciting if a member from the Monmouth Area Branch won this award!

### 2018 AAUW-IL AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD

#### Award Criteria:

This prestigious award emphasizes promotion of AAUW's mission and purpose, and will be awarded to a member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change and visibility to AAUW.

Nominees should be outstanding models who have actively promoted change in the areas of education, equity, advocacy, philanthropy, and/or public policy.

The successful nominee's actions should have resulted in increased visibility for AAUW. The nominee's accomplishments should show direct involvement with the member's branch and/or other AAUW national initiatives. This award emphasizes promotion of AAUW's mission and purpose, and will be awarded to a member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change and visibility to AAUW. (Nominations may come from individual members or branch boards. There is no longer a 'during the last year' requirement for accomplishments. Branches may re-submit previously nominated individuals. Current AAUW board members may be nominated.)

**Nominee Information**

Name:

Phone: e-mail:

Address:

AAUW Branch:

**AAUW-IL Member/Branch Submitting Nomination**

Name:

Phone: e-mail:

**2018 NOMINATION FORM**

**AAUW-IL AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. For what activities and/or accomplishments is this nominee being recommended? (Please be concise and specific.)

2. How do the nominee's activities and/or accomplishments relate to AAUW's mission and purpose?

3. How did the nominee bring visibility to AAUW?

**Optional:** A more detailed statement limited to two typed pages elaborating on the above questions may be attached as well as supporting documents (e.g. newspaper articles, publications, etc.)

**Send completed Nomination Form to:**

**Carolyn Schjelderup**

**11305 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ct.**

**Coal Valley, IL 61240**

**OR**

**Email: [cs\\_schj@yahoo.com](mailto:cs_schj@yahoo.com)**

**Postmarked or emailed**

**no later than Thursday, March 1, 2018**



**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](http://www.aauw.org)

**AAUW-Illinois Web site:**

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

**Monmouth Branch Web site:**

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

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