

March 2018

Celebrating 94 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!

Presidents' Report

Alice Lawson, co-president

So many topics, so little time

I was checking the "Two Minute Activist" the other day and found enough Public Policy topics to keep us busy for literally years. We have incorporated many of them in our programs. However, there is one topic on all of our minds right now - gun control. We must not allow the anger to die. We need to stand with the brave students in Florida and across the nation. They have so many very good ideas. Call your Senators and Representatives, both National and State, to call for sensible gun control legislation. I have heard there is to be a march on this topic in Galesburg, but I have not been able to find anything about it online. If anyone knows the when and where, please get in touch with me. We also need to start planning to register voters for November, and we need to plan activities to GET OUT THE VOTE big time. Now that winter is slowly loosening its grip on the Midwest it's time to get out and get to work. In AAUW we aren't alone. We have many sisters, many hands and hearts. Together we can make a difference.



Don't Forget to Vote

Illinois Primary

March 20, 2018!!!!



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AAUW Program **March 3, 2018** *Kristyne Gilbert*

50th Town & Country Art Show
BCA Gallery, February 27-April 7, 2018
Opening Reception 2-4 p.m. Awards 3 p.m.
Best of Show Award sponsored by AAUW

45th Anniversary of Art Presenter Program

The Buchanan Center for the Arts is celebrating the 45th anniversary of our Art Presenter program. Please join us in the gallery for Old Friends Talk Art (OFTA) at **10 am Wednesday, March 14**, to hear from the program's founders and the current program coordinators, as well as view the wonderful collection of history and artwork. Coffee and refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

Full Circle: Women of Warren County

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture, and transform." — Diane Mariechild
The Buchanan Center for the Arts, The Stewart House, and the Warren County History Museum are partnering to create an opportunity to join in a dialogue about our community's past and design a temporary "pop-up" museum that will be on display in the BCA gallery May 8-10, 2018. *Full Circle: Women of Warren County* will underscore the influence and commemorate the contributions of women in the Warren County region. If you or someone you know would like to share stories or artifacts as part of this original pop-up museum, please complete and return the attached form by **Saturday, April 7, 2018**. Criteria for the exhibit:

- 1) They lived in Warren County at one point in their life (including going to Monmouth College); not necessary to have been born here;
- 2) Their time in Warren County profoundly impacted their later life and contributions to their field(s) in some noticeable way;
- 3) Their contributions and status are well-recognized in their respective field(s).

Exhibitors will be contacted by the Buchanan Center for the Arts to make delivery arrangements of artifacts. Questions? Call the Buchanan Center for the Arts at 734-3033. Application form on page 5 of this newsletter.

AAUW Spring Programs *Lila Blum* **March 21 Program**

In celebration of Women's History Month, Christine Myers, Assistant Professor of History at Monmouth College, will present "**Access & Advocacy for Women in Higher Education before 1920.**" Our meeting will be held at Stewart House, Birthplace of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, 1015 East Euclid Ave. Monmouth, IL. at **7 p.m.**

Future Programs for Spring 2018 - Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, **April 17**, "**More than an Occupation: A Journey Through the Nursing Profession**" by Carrie Green, BSNRN, Community Health Coordinator, Warren County Health Dept. at Monmouth College Center for Science & Business, Room 273, at 7 p.m.

Monday, **May 21**, Potluck & **Woman in History Portrayal (Margaret Sanger) by Sharon Gilbert** at Social Hall, Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 South 8th St., Monmouth, 6 p.m.

Important Statement from AAUW National Board

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in the respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

You can direct any questions or concerns to connect@aauw.org.

Respectfully,
Your AAUW National Board of Directors



Public Policy

Jan DeYoung

Greetings from sunny Arizona! Even though I'm far away from you, I'm still checking the AAUW website regularly and sending lots of notes to Senators Duckworth and Durbin and Representative Bustos. It's soooooo easy! Just go to AAUW.org and find the Take Action button. Click, and you will be rewarded with a

menu of options. There are several choices of topics. Select a couple that are close to your heart, click, and you will find a letter. Personalize it a little bit, fill in the information about your name and address (which AAUW will save for you for next time), and click on Submit. Voila! You've taken action along with many other AAUW members and friends. I'm working my way through the menu, a few items at a time. Maybe you will consider doing this, too!

As it says on our website, "You provide the voice. We'll provide the megaphone"



Membership

Marilyn Van Ausdall

It's been 10 years since there's been an increase in dues for AAUW national membership. On January 31, an email was sent to all members from Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches and AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown, containing a link to a short video detailing why a dues increase is now necessary. The video can be viewed through this link: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/>.

Effective March 16, 2018 (Memberships valid through June 2019):

National Dues will be raised to \$59.00 from \$49.00. As before, all but \$3 of the national dues amount is tax deductible.

Life memberships for AAUW national have been available for many years for 20 times the going national dues rate. Three of our branch members chose to become life members several years ago, so each year they only pay \$19 to cover our state and branch dues. If you happen to have \$980 you're wondering what to do with, and you plan on AAUW membership for more than 16 more years, you'll save by becoming a life member now before the dues increase on March 16. Life memberships are FULLY tax deductible. (I'm thinking I might actually do this — I feel like I've got more than 16 good years left in me. ☺)

In It for Life? Make It Official.

Put your values into action and empower women and girls for generations to come!

[Contact AAUW](#) to upgrade

from annual to [lifetime membership](#) today and you will receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly, knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission.

Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift for \$980. **Take advantage of this opportunity to become a life member at this rate before March 16!**

Newest Member

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Please join me in welcoming Laura Hutchinson, who joined the Monmouth College administration this school year as Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students. Laura joined the Monmouth Area Branch at our November program at Buchanan Center.

Laura has worked in student life for more than 25 years, coming to Monmouth from Earlham (Ind.) College, where she was most recently Vice President for Student Life. According to Monmouth President Clarence Wyatt, "Laura was the clear choice among a very strong field of candidates. Laura made a very strong impression because of her broad experience, strong character, empathy and sense of humor. She is a student-centered professional who will enhance Monmouth College's already strong and vibrant student life program."

Laura's contact information can be found on our branch website in the Members Only section. Visit the Monmouth College website to learn more about our newest member. Welcome, Laura!



Treasurer's Report

Shirley Daddona

Checking	\$608.34
Savings	\$244.17
CD	\$802.41



Film Group

Nancy Buban

March 26, 2018

It is time once again for a comedy, so we will view the film, "If I Were You," which is written and directed by Joan Carr-Wiggin. A surprise friendship between a wife and her husband's mistress leads to what one critic called, "An insightful comedy built largely on irony." I should mention that Shakespeare's "King Lear" adds a wonderful twist. Same time - **6:30**, at 207 South Eighth Street. The corn will be popped.



¡Adelante! Book Group

Alice Lawson

The next meeting of the book group will be March 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Vicki Gladfelter's home. If anyone needs a ride, please call Alice at 569 8447. The book to be discussed is "Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams by Margery M Heffron. Those who have started to read it say that it is very engaging and a good read.



Full Circle: Women of Warren County
 Buchanan Center for the Arts Gallery, Monmouth
 May 8-10, 2018

Exhibitor Application

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Exhibitor Information	
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Artifact Information
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PLEASE NOTE RESTRICTIONS: No firearms, alcohol, drugs, or food are permitted as exhibits.
Artifacts must be delivered by Saturday, April 28, and picked up by Thursday, May 17.

RETRIEVAL

You must retrieve your work from the BCA gallery no more than seven (7) days after the closing of the exhibition. Work left in the gallery after this period will not be insured. Work left after 30 days will become property of the Buchanan Center for the Arts to be dispersed as it sees fit. The exception is if the exhibitor, along with the gallery executive director, chooses to turn works over to the sales gallery for exhibition and sale. That work would then be covered under the sales gallery rules and contract.

Exhibitor’s Signature:



Return form to:
 Buchanan Center for the Arts
 Attn: Kristyne Gilbert
 64 Public Square, Monmouth, IL 61462
 Email: buchanancenter@mtcnw.net



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/>

Monmouth Branch Web site:

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

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