

Presidents' Report

Alice Lawson, co-president

Meaningful Memorial Day everyone. Amid all the baseball games, grilling out, and family reunions let's remember the reason for the celebration. Thank you to all of the service people who have given their lives that we may belong to an organization like AAUW and speak out for what we believe. And that we may enjoy time with our friends and families. There are three things on my mind this month.

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank Lila Blum for serving AAUW as program chair for these many years. It is not an easy job and Lila has done it with dedication and efficiency. She deserves a well-earned rest. Thank you, Lila.

Second, I want to ask each of you to be thinking about vibrant program ideas for next year. We will be having a planning meeting soon. Think about what you have liked best the past few years and suggest something that will appeal to our members and further the vision of AAUW. Let's all pitch in to help our new program chair, Michelle Simmons.

Last, I want to remind each of you to renew your membership. You can do it online. Marilyn has put a "how to do it" reminder on the Internet several times. If you still aren't quite sure how, she will have a computer at the meeting the 21st to help us. You may also mail \$78.00 to our treasurer, Shirley Daddona, 453 1/2 North Pleasant St. Galesburg 61401.

See you the 21st at Faith Church.

President's Report

Geneen Gillen, co-president

Thank you AAUW members and officers for all of your help and support this year. You have made my first year as co-president very enjoyable! A special thank you goes out to our retiring Co-Program Vice President, Lila Blum. She has served tirelessly in this capacity for many

years and we will miss her guidance. We are so fortunate that Michelle Simmons has agreed to continue as Program Vice President! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our last meeting of the 2017-2018 year. It is a potluck and will be held Monday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 S. 8th St., Monmouth.

If you haven't already voted for the three bylaw changes that I spoke about at the last meeting, please bring your member number, as well as your PIN number. You should have received both of those in an email marked "Vote today to shape AAUW's future" or in your Outlook magazine. The easiest way to vote is to vote directly from that email by clicking on the "VOTE NOW" green button. We will have a laptop and IPAD to use to vote at our meeting.

Check your email for a notice from Michelle Simmons about our planning meeting for next year's meetings and programs. Everyone is invited to help with the planning. We're going to "mix it up" a bit from the old meeting format for next year!



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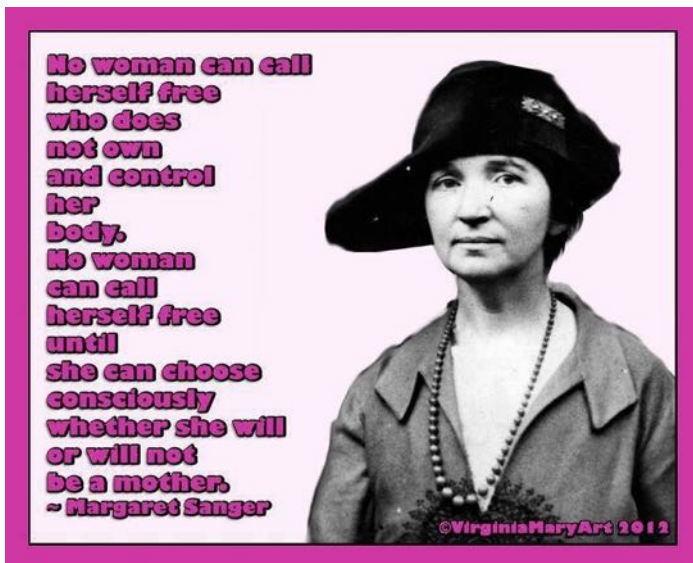
AAUW Potluck/Program May 21, 2018 *Sharon Gilbert*

Margaret Sanger, Birth Control Pioneer

On Monday, May 21, we will have our last program of the year. We will meet at 6 pm at the Social Hall of the Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 South 8th Street for a potluck.

Following dinner, I will endeavor to bring to life an extraordinary woman in American (even international) history, Margaret Sanger.

In a life filled with determination against all odds, controversy and triumphs, Margaret Sanger was at every stage of the struggle for effective birth control. She lived long enough to see the FDA approval of the "pill" as well as a total change of attitude about the entire subject.



**"She thought she could,
So she did!"**

BRANCH PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2018 - 2019 *Lila Blum*

It's time to think about programs and projects for next year. We solicit your ideas for program possibilities to be considered at a program planning meeting in the near future - date TBD.

During the current year, we've had an interesting variety of programs. To refresh your memory: Women in American Politics, The Future of Public Education (panel), Veteran Perspectives on Combat and Peace, Healthy Lifestyles and Tour of the YMCA, panel of Knox/Monmouth International Students, Women's History Month Presentation on Women in Higher Education before 1920, A Journey Through the Nursing Profession, and a Woman in History Portrayal: Margaret Sanger.

Please send your program ideas to Lila Blum, blum@maplecity.com or share them at our next meeting on May 21. Many thanks!

LAF Update *Donna Sproston*

A recent victory for LAF case support recipient Aileen Rizo may have great impact on reducing the wage gap. In 2012, Rizo discovered that she was hired at a lower rank than a male colleague based solely on her prior salary even though her education and experience was superior to his. Rizo filed suit claiming it was in violation of California's equal pay act. If women are paid less than men, then using prior salary only perpetuates the wage gap.

The case was originally tried in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California beginning in 2014. When the initial ruling was unfavorable, *Rizo v. Fresno County of Education* was tried before a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit, again ruling unfavorably. Legal wrangling followed, and the case was heard once again by the Ninth Circuit. In April, the court decided in Rizo's favor that prior salary alone cannot be used by an employer to set wages. AAUW will continue to support Rizo's case as the ruling will no doubt be appealed.

Public Policy

Jan DeYoung

Is It Finally Time for ERA To Be Ratified in Illinois???

ERA was sent to the Illinois House Human Services Committee last week. The bill, SJRCA4, is on the committee's agenda for Wednesday, May 16th. Norine Hammond sits on that committee.

Please call Norine Hammond, 217-782-0416, today, even if you are not in her district (some of us are!), and urge her to vote to support ERA in committee and send it to the House floor with a recommendation to pass it. Then call Randy Frese, if you are in his district, at 217-782-8096, and encourage him to support the bill when it comes to the floor. As you know, our Senator, Jill Tracy failed to vote in support of the bill in the Senate. Fortunately, it passed without her vote.

There are only a couple of weeks left of this session of the General Assembly. Only two more states are required to meet the 38-state requirement for ERA to come back before Congress, since Nevada ratified in 2017. Although the "deadline" for ratification has passed, there is precedent for passing Constitutional Amendments after the deadline has expired.

We have been waiting for far too long to be included in the Constitution! Please make your call tomorrow or Wednesday! Help make Illinois the 37th state to ratify ERA! We are almost there!

Treasurer's Report

Shirley Daddona

Balance in checking. \$589.34 and savings is \$244.17



Film Group

Nancy Buban

The Buban Theater is closing for the season mainly because the film group meeting date is Memorial Day and it is too difficult for me to reschedule. We have seen some interesting films this year and when the doors to the theater (my TV room) open again in the fall we hope to continue the tradition of viewing films directed, written and/or produced by women. Film group has been going strong since 2006 and we happily encourage suggestions for viewing. Enjoy the summer and attend films. "That's All Folks."



¡Adelante! Book Group

Alice Lawson

Book Club will meet Monday May 21st at 1:00 pm (yes, it is the same day as the branch meeting.) We will meet at Alice Lawson's home at 5 Edwardian Court. The book we will discuss is [The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane](#) by Lisa See. We always welcome new members. Please join us. This will be our last meeting until September.





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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