

Presidents' Report

Geneen Gillen & Alice Lawson, co presidents

Since 1924 AAUW has been active in Warren County. To all of our members I say welcome back to the 94th year. We have some terrific programs with something for those who want to take action, something for those who prefer a traditional meeting and something for those who want to get better acquainted with members who share the mission of AAUW. I also want to thank all of the officers and committee chairpersons who put in long hours to achieve these outstanding programs for 2018-19. We will again have the Adelante book discussion group and the women's film group. Both of these groups invite you join us each month. We hope that you will attend the programs and take part in fulfilling the Mission of AAUW: "AAUW advances equity, for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research." And so we begin - see you at Kathy Lowe-Arthur's home on the 13th.

AAUW August 13, 2018 Program

Lila Blum

Kickoff Potluck

Please join us for our kickoff meeting on **Monday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Lowe-Arthur, 405 North 10th St. in Monmouth.** This will be a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

We'll hear from our co-presidents, Geneen Gillen and Alice Lawson, as we start the new year and catch up on AAUW news. Our branch members have been busy preparing a roster of interesting and varied programs for the '18-19 year which we'll share with you.

The documentary "RBG" on Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be shown at the Orpheum on Thursday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$5.00. This is a must-see for all of us!



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Upcoming Program Note

Michelle Holschuh Simmons

On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the Center for Science and Business Room 273 on the Monmouth College campus, we will have a panel discussion about the rural teacher shortage. Co-sponsored by the Monmouth Branch of AAUW and the Department of Educational Studies at Monmouth College, the title of the panel is "Future of Public Education Panel: Local and National Initiatives to Address Rural Teacher Shortages." Panelists will include Gary Funk from the Rural Schools Collaborative (<http://ruralschoolscollaborative.org/profiles/gary-funk-sixteenth-section-llc>) to represent national initiatives, Toby Vallas from the Farmington School District to represent an administrator's perspective on the teacher shortage, Tammy La Prad to explain the Monmouth College TARTANS program intended to recruit and retain teacher-leaders in rural schools, and Kylee Payne to represent the student perspective in the TARTANS program. Michelle Holschuh Simmons will be moderating. This promises to be a stimulating discussion about a pressing local and national issue, and we hope to see you there! For questions about the event, please contact Michelle Holschuh Simmons at msimmons@monmouthcollege.edu.



GEMS Activity Workshops at Central Intermediate School this fall

Jan DeYoung

We are so excited to be collaborating with Tammy LaPrad of the Monmouth College Educational Studies Department this Fall Semester to provide four STEM

workshops for girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Tammy has selected an Aerospace Engineering curriculum from the AAUW website to use as a basis for the activities. Take a look at the STEM activities on aauw.org. I think you will be impressed!

So far, seven branch members and one prospective member are signed up to participate, but we can use a few more "helping hands" in order to maximize the effectiveness of the lessons. Tammy has five college students in the class, so we are hoping for at least eight AAUW members to be involved. We don't yet know how many middle-schoolers have signed up, but it could be quite a few!

Dates are all Tuesdays: September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11. The girls will come to us right after school, about 3:30, collect their snacks, and be ready to participate in the hands-on activities. We will be able to keep most of the students until 4:45, although a few may have to leave at 4:30 for a bus.

We will have a "meet and greet" with the college students in early September, and probably a more detailed planning meeting near the end of August or early in September.

Please take a look at the curriculum and let me know if you are interested in participating: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/stem-pack-aerospace-engineering>. You are welcome to attend as many of the workshops as you are able. Don't feel you have to be there all four times.

We hope a lot of you will be interested in participating in this program, which is part of our mission!



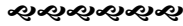
Treasurer's Report

Shirley Daddona

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Film Group



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¡Adelante! Book Group

Vicki Gladfelter

Book List for AAUW Book Group, 2018-2019

September	<u>The Alice Network</u> by Kate Quinn
October	<u>Infidel: My Life</u> by Ayaan Hirsi Ali
November	<u>Little Fires Everywhere</u> by Celeste Ng
January	<u>Free Food for Millionaires</u> by Min Jin Lee
February	<u>The Cailiffs of Bagdad, Georgia</u> by Mary Helen Stefaniak
March	<u>Educated: a Memoir</u> by Tara Westover
April	<u>A Fighting Chance</u> by Elizabeth Warren
May	<u>The Gilded Years</u> by Karin Tanabe



Membership

Marilyn Van Ausdall

When National asked a few members why they continue to renew their memberships and to remain active members of AAUW, the top three reasons were:

- They love the AAUW community and their fellow AAUW members.
- They believe in AAUW's mission.
- They take pride in the impact that AAUW has on the lives of women and girls.

I definitely agree with those sentiments. If you know of a nonmember who you think would also agree, please invite her (or him) to our opening kickoff potluck on August 13, or to one of the other great programs and events we have lined up for the 2018-2019 program year. Encourage those interested in learning more to check out our organization at aauw.org and then begin the process of becoming a member of our branch by clicking on Join at the top of the home page.

Annual dues are \$59 for national, \$10 for state, and \$9 for our branch. A credit card can be used online for the \$78, or a check made out to AAUW Monmouth Area can be sent to Shirley Daddona at 453½ N. Pleasant Ave., Galesburg, IL 61401. Thanks for helping our branch grow!

Voter Registration at Monmouth College

Jan DeYoung

Again this year, we will be registering college students, faculty, and staff members on the Monmouth College campus in the first step of an effort to Get Out the Vote for the mid-term elections. Seven branch members are already Deputy Registrars, but there is time for more members to get the brief training at the Warren County Court House if you are interested. At this time, I think two more members are planning to do this so that they can help out with this project. Please let me know if you are interested!

So far, we are scheduled to register voters, or to help voters change their registration, over the lunch hour at the college on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 12; Monday, September 17; and Thursday, September 27. Sessions will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. all three days. On the first date

we will be a part of the Volunteer Fair, held on Dunlap Plaza. On the other two dates we will be in Stockdale Center in front of the main dining room. We have the first dates pretty well covered, though we'll be happy to have extra volunteers. We especially need registrars for Thursday, September 27th, as several of our regulars will be out of town.

In addition, if you are an experienced registrar but want a refresher, Tina Conrad will be happy to review the process with you, individually, or in a group if we find a time to appear together. Please call Tina, 734-4612, or let me know.

We also hope to participate in some voter education events during September and/or October. If you have some good ideas as to how to do this, please let me know. Voter Education would be step two.

The third step will be to get people to the polls on Tuesday, November 6. Any ideas on the best way to accomplish this? We can discuss this at the potluck, or send me an email anytime with your suggestions. Turnout at midterm elections is notoriously low. This year it is particularly crucial that we get people to vote!



Farewell to Janna Deitz

Lila Blum

We say "farewell" and extend best wishes to our branch member and WIU professor, Dr. Janna Deitz, who accepted a new position in Washington D.C. with the American Political Science Association, starting July 30, Janna assumed responsibilities as Senior Director for Professional Development, Public Engagement, and the Congressional Fellowship Program.

Janna has been cited for her many contributions to Western Illinois University and to the Macomb community during her sixteen years of service. She was described as a "deeply engaged" scholar whose interests included American government and politics, legislative policies, campaign finance, and women in politics. Over the years she presented four programs for our branch, including, in 2014, "Enabling Women's Participation: 'Ready to Run in Illinois.'" "This successful

seminar for women preparing to run for office, directed by Janna, will now be led by Debbie Kepple-Mamros and Audrey Adamson, administrative assistants at the WIU-Quad Cities campus who have worked with Janna in conducting previous seminars.

Janna is familiar with Washington, D.C., having spent the year 2011-2012 as the recipient of the prestigious American Political Science Association Fellowship and assigned as a Congressional Fellow in the office of Senator Dick Durbin. Now, seven years later, she will direct this fellowship program.

In departing, Janna said, "I have been inspired by the wise, witty, and fierce women I've been so fortunate to connect with. I will miss you all so very much, but I will carry your energy with me." We thank Janna for the energy and inspiration she gave us and wish her well as she journeys forward.

Donna Sproston, continues...

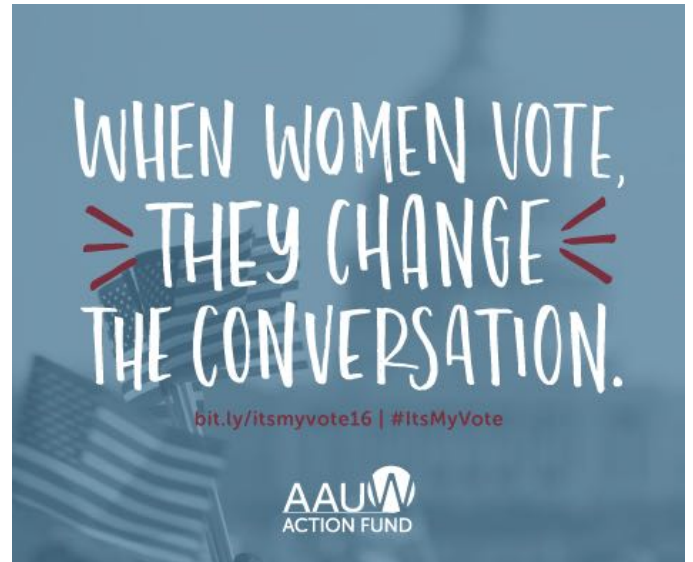
More than 50 people attended a party to bid Janna farewell this week. Tom Carper, who is on the national Amtrak board, was one of the speakers. He reported that Sen. Durbin had told him that Janna was one of the most outstanding fellows to serve in his office, and that they both were delighted that she has this new position. The chair of Poly Sci praised many of Janna's accomplishments in the community as well as the university.

Janna told me earlier that she has received congratulatory notes from several university presidents and presidents of foundations too. Her office will be in the heart of D.C., on DuPont Circle.





Good-bye, Janna.



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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