

September Thoughts

Top 10 Reasons Why Voting is Important:

1. The Millennial generation accounts for one-third of the electorate.
2. Fewer than 50 percent of eligible young voters ages 18 to 29 cast a vote in 2012.
3. 19 percent of all votes cast in 2012 came from young voters.
4. In 2012, 4 percent more young women voted than young men.
5. Young voters are more likely to support issues such as legalizing same-sex marriage, supporting a pathway to citizenship for immigrants and legalizing abortion than other age demographics.
6. 40 percent of millennials identify as non-white, making them the most diverse voting generation in history.
7. In most communities, the turnout for voting is less than 50 percent.
8. Every vote matters. There have been several cases in U.S. history where this has been seen. A New Hampshire Senate race was decided by two votes out of 223,363 in 1974. A Massachusetts gubernatorial election was decided by two votes out of 102,066 in 1839. And the Alaskan congressional race was decided by a single vote out of 10,035 cast in 2008.
9. Through voting you have the opportunity to influence the government.
10. In most state and national elections, you need to be registered to vote anywhere from 10-27 days before the

actual election. That is why it's important to regularly check if you are eligible to vote in your district.

In all, voting is a constitutional right and privilege that Americans have. It's best to make use of that right instead of squandering it and disregarding what our Founders stood for.

—Alysha Biemolt



Monmouth Area (IL) Branch

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AAUW October 24, 2018 Program

Michelle Holschuh Simmons

On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the Center for Science and Business Room 100 Pattee Auditorium 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.

Fall Project Report

Jan DeYoung

AAUW members will be participating in two different community activities this fall. I have listed participants for each activity and each date. If other members want to join us, please call or email me, and we'll fit you in. Also, if you are listed incorrectly, please let me know!

GEMS Workshops at Central Intermediate School

Tuesday, September 11 3:30-4:45 p.m.: Alice Lawson, Denise Mann, Donna Sproston, Marilyn Van Ausdall, Jan DeYoung

Tuesday, October 9 3:30-4:45 p.m.: Vicki Gladfelter, Sarah Hall, Alice Lawson, Denise Mann, Donna Sproston, Joanie Larsen, Jan DeYoung

Tuesday, November 13 3:30-4:45 p.m.: Vicki Gladfelter, Sarah Hall, Denise Mann, Donna Sproston, Marilyn Van Ausdall, Jan DeYoung

Tuesday, December 11 3:30-4:45 p.m.: Geneen Gillen, Vicki Gladfelter, Denise Mann, Donna Sproston, Marilyn Van Ausdall, Jan DeYoung

Voter Registration at Monmouth College

Wednesday, September 12 11:00-1:00 at the Volunteer Fair, Dunlap Plaza: Carol Bowman, Alice Lawson, Donna Sproston, Marilyn Van Ausdall (12:15-1:00), Ruth Wright, Jan DeYoung

Monday, September 17 11:00-1:00, Stockdale Center: Lila Blum, Carol Bowman, Rebecca Eaton, Alice Lawson, Mary Osborne, Marilyn Van Ausdall, Susan Van Kirk, Ruth Wright, Jan DeYoung

Thursday, September 27 11:00-1:00, Stockdale Center; Lila Blum, Nancy Buban, Rebecca Eaton (11:00-12:00), Laura Hutchinson (11:00-12:00), Joanie Larsen, Alice Lawson (12:00-1:00), Carolyn Weber, Jan DeYoung





Film Group

Nancy Buban



AAUW Film Group September 24, 2018

Nancy Buban

In early August at friend's in Dayton, Ohio I viewed the film RBG directed by Julie Cohen and Betsy West, and I thought it would be perfect for film group. Since the Orpheum has shown it and CNN has shown it, with commercials, so many people have seen it. Nevertheless, for those of you who would like to see it again, without commercials, or view it for the first time, I will show it on **September 24th**. It will be in my small TV room so please let me know if you are coming. If no one responds I will not pop the corn. Most of you know that it is a documentary about the incredible Ruth Bader Ginsburg who should be an inspiration for us all. We will meet at 207 S. 8th Street at **6:30**.



¡Adelante! Book Group

Katelyn Audette

Date and time: Monday, September 17, 1:30pm
Address: 61 Public Square, Apt. 1A, Monmouth (two doors to the left of Market Alley Wine)
Book: The Alice Network by Kate Quinn



Membership

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Meet Our Newest Members

We had two guests at our kickoff potluck who joined our branch!

Tammy La Prad is an assistant professor in the Educational Studies Department at Monmouth College. Tammy earned her Bachelor's Degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University and a Master of Education degree in social foundations from the University of Virginia. Tammy is currently completing her doctorate at WIU in Educational Leadership, where her research is the narratives of influence on K-12 students to enter the teaching profession. She and her husband, Jim, have a son who is a freshman at Macalester this fall, and they also have triplets (!) who are currently sophomores at Macomb High School. Tammy taught elementary school for many years and believes that teaching is a "highly creative profession." We are thrilled to have Tammy heading up our GEMS workshops at Central Intermediate this fall, along with the students in her science methods class. Tammy is so tech savvy; she joined our branch right on her phone at the kickoff. Very impressive. Welcome, Tammy!

Katelyn Audette and her husband, Andre, moved to Monmouth a year ago with their new baby son, Linus, where Andre joined the political science department at the college. Katelyn and Andre both grew up in Rice Lake in northern Wisconsin. Katelyn first earned a cosmetology license and then a B.A. in music from Indiana University South Bend. She teaches piano and clarinet lessons, and also loves to read, paint, sing in her church choir, and stamp handcrafted greeting cards. Katelyn even graciously volunteered at our kickoff to host the first book group meeting of our new program year! Way to jump right in! Welcome, Katelyn!

How lucky our branch is to have Tammy and Katelyn join us!



AAUW Fall Conference

Geneen Gillen

FALL CONFERENCE

I hope as many as possible will be able to attend with me. Please read the details below and click on the link for the enrollment form. **REGISTER BY OCT. 15!**

Southern Conference

- Remarks by President Jennifer Urish
 - Title IX Compliance and Initiatives
 - Start Smart/Work Smart
 - Our Branches: Mission-Based Programs
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- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, October 27
Lincoln Public Library, Carnegie Room North,
326 S. 7th St., Springfield

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

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AAUW-Illinois Web site:

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

Monmouth Branch Web site:

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