

President's Report

Alice Lawson, co-president

Happy New Year one and all. As we start a new year, I thought it would be good to look at what our State and national AAUW have in store for 2019. Here are some of the things they are working on and hope we will join in.

Start by taking the on-line work smart course. Even if it doesn't apply to you, it will give you a good idea what it's all about. Another eye-opening adventure is to become a Two-Minute Activist. Here you will find all kinds of action that needs to be taken. A few of these are: Public School Funds for Public Schools – oppose private school vouchers, tell Congress to pass the Dreamers Act., Take action on Title IX improvements to strengthen Title IX. The Higher Education Act reauthorization is coming up and needs support. Stem education needs more support. These are just a few of the things you will find on the AAUW National and AAUW-IL websites.

Here we go on the second half of our current year. If we each do a little it adds up to a lot to empower women and girls. Oh yes, I almost forgot The Illinois State Convention is May 3-4 in Springfield. Be sure to put it on your calendar.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Diemer

The membership voted at the November meeting to combine our two checking accounts at F & M Bank and to withdraw the \$802.81 from the Wells Fargo CD when it came up for renewal on December 11th.

A total of \$580 was collected from the Holiday Brunch/fundraiser with the only expense being \$35 for rental of the Holt House. A check for \$800 for the Greatest Needs Fund was mailed 12/20/18 to AAUW. RADA sales income for 2018 was \$167.54.

The checking account balance as of 12/31/18 is \$1562.65.

I want to thank Shirley for all her help in making the transition to treasurer and to Marilyn for her help with the RADA orders and fundraising checks.



**Be a
Two
Minute
Activist!**



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January 19, 2019 Program

10:00 a.m.

Buchanan Center

Mary Osborne

“Uncovering an Unconventional Woman of Warren County”

Join us at the Buchanan Center for the Arts on Saturday January 19 at 10:00 a.m. to learn about a recently discovered member of the Stewart family. Mary Osborne will discuss the exploits of Ada M. Mariner, a woman who defied societal expectations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

February 9, 2019 Program

10:00 a.m.

Stewart House

Geneen Gillen

February 9th will be our Coffee and Conversation Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Stewart House, 1015 E. Euclid. This will be an informal meeting to get to know each other and the discussion topics will be left up to the members. Check out our Facebook page as well as our website for discussion ideas. Our website is monmoutharea-Il.aauw.net. Our Facebook page is aauw monmouth area - il. I hope to see everyone at the January and February meetings.



Public Policy

Sharon Gilbert

**Thank you, Bernice “Bunny” Sandler,
1928-2019**

A woman prominent in sex equality died this week and I thought a little insight into her contributions was appropriate. The following is excerpted from her obituary in the Chicago Tribune.

In 1969, her newly-earned doctorate in hand, Bernice Sandler hoped to land one of seven open teaching positions in her department at the University of Maryland. When she learned she had not been considered for any of them, she asked a male colleague about the oversight. “Let’s face it,” was his reply. “You come on too strong for a woman.” “I don’t think I would have noticed if they’d said you come on too strong,” she said. The problem was that phrase “too strong for a woman.”

In another situation she was told a research department did not hire women as they have too much time off taking care of children. An employment agency reviewed her resume and said she was “just a housewife who went back to school.”

Running headlong into sex discrimination, she realized she was not alone and eventually changed the law with the passage of Title IX, which banned sex discrimination in federally-funded educational institutions.

Sandler investigated and found that there was no federal law prohibiting sex discrimination against women in educational fields. There was, however, an executive order signed by Lyndon Johnson that prohibited sex discrimination by organizations with federal contracts.

“It was a genuine ‘Eureka’ moment,” she later recalled. “I shrieked aloud as I realized that many universities and colleges had federal contracts and were therefore subject to the sex discrimination provisions of the Executive Order, and that the Order could be used to fight sex discrimination on American campuses.”

She worked with Women’s Equity Action League, and a House sub-committee including Rep. Patsy Mink and Rep. Birch Bayh to finally effect the passage of the bill. She was referred to as the “Godmother of Title IX.”





Requests & Items of Interest

Kathy Lowe-Arthur

The Achievers at Warren Achievement Center could use new & old Christmas cards. They do craft projects with the cards as well as recycle them into cards which are sent to the Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle, IL, Jamieson Center Meals on Wheels daily delivery & the Aledo Rehabilitation & Health Care Center.

I could also use canceled stamps I send to the organization in rural PA. that uses the stamps as a learning tool.



The Buchanan Center for the Arts is producing the play "Savannah Sipping Society" Friday & Saturday, February 8th & 9th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per guest and include admission, wine, and hors d'oeuvres prior to the curtain. Doors open at 6:30pm. Stop by Buchanan and pick up your ticket today!



"The Wolves" at Monmouth College written by Sarah DeLappe & directed by Doug Rankin - Feb. 21-23, Thu., Fri., Sat., 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24, Sun., 2 p.m. Wells Theater, 850 E. Broadway. Synopsis below:

Nine members of an American high school girls' indoor soccer team just want to score some goals. From the safety of their suburban stretch circle, the team navigates big questions and wages tiny battles with all the vim and vigor of a pack of adolescent warriors - or Wolves! This play, a finalist for the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, is a portrait of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for nine American girls who just want to score some goals .



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Film Group

Nancy Buban

AAUW Film Group January 28, 2019

Film Group was cancelled in November because of the weather so we will try to get together this month and view the documentary, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Directed by Morgan Neville, IMDb calls the film an "Exploration of the life, lessons and legacy of iconic children's host Fred Rogers." The wisdom imparted by this gentle man is so amazing that it matters not if you or your children or your grandchildren watched the original shows. It is a truly uplifting film. The corn will be popped by 6:30 at 207 S. 8th Street on Monday, January 28th.

AAUW Film Group February 25, 2019

On Monday, February 25th Film Group will view, "Learning to Drive", a film written by Sarah Kernochan and directed by Isabel Coixet. Two middle-aged people with entirely different backgrounds aid each other in their times of crisis. Starring Patricia Clarkson as a Manhattan writer and Ben Kingsley as a Sikh taxi driver and driving instructor, one critic has called this film, "A giant metaphor for individualism, overcoming odds and trying something new." The corn will be popped at 207 S. 8th St. at 6:30.

one or two years prior... but **36 years before**, in 1947!

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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