

August 2019

*Celebrating 95 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!*

## Presidents' Report

*Mary Osborne, President*

Welcome back! I hope everyone is ready for another enriching year. In June, a group of officers and members met to plan a new slate of programs. Thanks to everyone who attended that meeting and offered input. We will kick off with a potluck hosted by Kathy Lowe-Arthur on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Bring a prospective member and a dish to pass. After a busy summer, I look forward to reconnecting with everyone and meeting new friends. Watch for more details about this year's programs during our meeting and remember to check our website and Facebook page for updates on all things AAUW.



## AAUW August 13, 2019 Program

*Michelle Holschuh Simmons*  
**Kickoff Potluck**

The opening event for the 2019-2020 year will be a potluck dinner at the home of Kathy Lowe-Arthur (405 N. 10th Street, Monmouth) at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, 8/13. Please bring a dish to pass and bring a friend who might be interested in joining the Monmouth branch of AAUW! Sincere thanks to Kathy for welcoming our whole group into her home.

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## AAUW Funds— We made the Top Ten!

*Donna Sproston*

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we received recognition at the Illinois spring convention as a Top Ten Branch in per capita giving to AAUW in the state of Illinois. Our national dues cover a very small part of AAUW's operating budget and outreach, and individual contributions are needed to fulfill our mission of promoting equity for women and girls. Our per capita giving is based on our collective branch contribution and all of the individual donations we made to AAUW last year.

AAUW Funds is a collection of many specific funds, and donations can be made to any of them at any time. However, members are highly encouraged to consider the Greatest Needs Fund when making individual contributions because donations made to one of the many specific funds and fellowships cannot be used for any other purpose. For a review of all the ways our fundraising supports women, check out the variety of funds at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). AAUW continues to be on the forefront of supporting graduate education for women through its fellowships. Community action grants fund branch projects throughout the country. The Legal Advocacy Fund provides case support in cases of gender discrimination. The needs are great, and every dollar contributed is put to good use.

The Monmouth Area Branch collectively raises funds through sales of Rada products and our annual holiday brunch. Contributions given directly to the branch are not tax deductible.

Individual contributions made directly to AAUW through one of the national solicitation campaigns or online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) are tax deductible. Be sure to include the name of our branch on the donation form so it can be part of our per capita calculation. We worked hard to get in the Top Ten, and we want to stay there.

The Action Fund is a separate entity involved in voter education, registration, and lobbying. Because it is used for political purposes, it is not part of the AAUW Funds

umbrella. There is a link to the Action Fund at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).



## Treasurer's Report

*Judy Diemer*

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of May 31: \$1567.15

Reminder invoices were sent to members still owing for 2019-2020 dues. I apologize if you received more than one invoice this month. I was having issues with my computer and wasn't certain that the invoices were actually sent the first time so I sent several again.



## Film Group

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No report.



## ¡Adelante! Book Group

*Vicki Gladfelter*

### Book List for AAUW Book Group, 2019-2020

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| September | <b><u>Can You Ever Forgive Me?: Memoirs of a Literary Forger</u></b> by Lee Israel        |
| October   | <b><u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u></b> by Delia Owens                                      |
| November  | <b><u>The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World</u></b> by Melinda Gates |

- December no meeting
- January **Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly
- February **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah
- March **The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice** by Patricia Bell-Scott
- April **A Death at Tippitt Pond (A Sweet Iron Mystery)** by Sue VanKirk along with the Big Read selection
- May Possibilities include:
- Whisper Network** by Chandler Baker
- Senator Hattie Caraway: An Arkansas Legacy** by Nancy Hendricks
- Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman



## Book Group will meet September 12 *Jan DeYoung*

Our branch book group will begin the 2019-2020 year on Thursday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Vicki Gladfelter's home. We will discuss Can You Ever Forgive Me?: Memoirs of a Literary Forger by Lee Israel. The author had been a successful writer who fell on hard times and embarked on a new career, forging more than 300 letters ostensibly from famous personalities such as Dorothy Parker and Noel Coward, which she sold to collectors and autograph dealers in America. Israel, who died in 2014, was the author of Estee Lauder: Beyond the Magic; Kilgallen; and Miss Tallulah Bankhead before she began her career in forgery and was investigated by the FBI. The book was made into a movie. Our discussion will be a lively one!



## News from Buchanan Art Center

*Kristyne Gilbert*

### Security Savings Bank Photography Show

Call for Entry: Deadline for entry is Saturday, August 17. There is no fee to enter this show. Entry forms and guidelines may be found at [bcaarts.org](http://bcaarts.org) under the "exhibits" tab. Buchanan Center for the Arts proudly presents the Security Savings Bank 38th-annual Photography Show August 27-October 11, 2019. Opening reception is 5–7pm Friday, August 30. Our 2019 juror, Rich Ankeney, will present awards at 6pm. The evening will also feature the music of King Neptune and the culinary delights of our hospitality committee. This event is free and open to the public.

### Easy Does It Yoga for Folks over 50 (or those whose bodies feel like that!)

Wednesdays 5-6 pm in the BCA gallery with yoga instructor Sallee Wade. \$10/session or \$55 for a six-week series (paid in advance). Participants will need to bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. Yoga's a Sanskrit word, meaning union with the divine. Hatha Yoga gently stretches, strengthens all the major muscle groups, allowing the creative intelligence in every cell to be awakened, refreshed and waste products to be removed - including limiting thoughts. In a six-week series, we'll learn breath techniques, simple movements, and postures you can do at home. Plus, we'll have fun! Call 734-3033 and reserve your spot today.

### Old Friends Talk Art at THE FUSION THEATRE

We're taking OFTA on the road! Join us at 10 am on Wednesday, August 14, at THE FUSION THEATRE with Doug Rankin, Monmouth College Theatre Department. Rankin will discuss "The Art of Stagecraft." What a wonderful opportunity to see and learn more about what happens behind the scenes of our local black-box theater. Refreshments will be served, and this event is free and open to the public. See you at THE FUSION THEATRE!

## Artist in Residence Public Art

DON'T FORGET! If you are interested in helping with the BCA mural, please contact us at 309-734-3033! There are lots of opportunities to participate, no matter what your skill level is. #BuildingCommunityThroughTheArts

## Fused Glass with Judi Minor

A favorite for all ages, join us in the BCA classroom to create a Fused Glass Pocket Vase 11am Saturday, September 14. The fee is \$25 and includes instruction, materials, and refreshments. Registration is required. Call 309-734-3033 to reserve your spot today!

## Art from the HeARTland

On display in the BCA gallery through August 16, Art from the HeARTland is a wonderful collection of artwork, representing all mediums from local and regional artists. Artist credit: Cherry Simmons "Bird Bath" 2019 Mixed Media award.

## BCA SURVEY

Your feedback is important to us! Please complete the survey by clicking on the link below. The survey will take approximately five minutes and your feedback is critical as we plan for future programming to enrich lives and promote enjoyment of the arts by offering opportunities for creative and diverse artistic experiences. Thank you!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B38QFNR>



**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](http://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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