

October 2019

Celebrating 95 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!

Presidents' Report

Mary Osborne, President

The National Women's History Alliance's motto is "Our history is our strength." As an historian, I couldn't agree with that sentiment more. We can learn much from the past generations of women trailblazers. Their deeds inspire me. They persisted, sometimes at great cost, to demonstrate women's equality. During the first week in October, this vanguard achieved many firsts. For example, Mary McLeod Bethune opened her first school for African-American students in Florida; Barbara Walters became the first woman co-anchor of the evening news at ABC; and Ruth Bader Ginsberg was sworn in as the second woman Supreme Court justice. It is fitting, then, that this month's program invites us to become more familiar with our history. On Tuesday, October 22, we will meet at Market Alley Wines at 7:00 p.m. for an interactive trivia night. Please bring a friend and a snack to share!

Shirley Chisholm



Regional Convention Coming in June!

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Mark your calendars for next year's **multi-state convention**. Illinois and 10 other Midwestern states will meet June 18-20 at the Hyatt Place East Moline/ Quad Cities. There will be pre-convention tours and activities on June 18. Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, and Kendra Davis, senior vp for advancement and partnerships, will join us. Committees are busy planning other great speakers and breakout sessions. Since we're a nearby branch, it's very possible we'll be asked to help during the convention. It has been several years since we have had a regional convention, so this is very exciting! Conventions are where you really find out what AAUW is all about and where you meet lots of wonderful, like-minded women (and men.) So,



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AAUW October 22, 2019 Program

Michelle Holschuh Simmons
Trivia Night

Please join us at Market Alley Wines on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m. for trivia night.

This will be a friendly competition. There is no registration fee.

Although the theme is women's history, men are welcome, too.

There will be a cash bar available. If you would like to bring a snack, please add your name to the [spreadsheet](#) or email Michelle Holschuh Simmons.

November Program Notice

Michelle Holschuh Simmons

Robin Johnson from the Political Science Department at Monmouth College will be speaking on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 PM at Monmouth College in the Center for Science and Business (CSB) room 273. The title of his talk will be Iowa Caucuses 2020. As members of AAUW know, Robin is a knowledgeable and engaging speaker about politics in the Midwest. Please plan to be there, and bring a friend!



AAUW-IL Southern Fall Conference

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Alice Lawson and I attended the conference on Saturday, Oct. 12, in Springfield. As always, one of the best things about traveling to events such as these is having the opportunity to visit during the car trip going and coming back. We don't often have time to socialize with fellow members very much during regular meeting times.

At the conference, we were reminded by a member from the Decatur branch how important community college programs are to many people in the districts

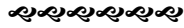
served by each college. Some programs offer certificates that can be earned in a matter of weeks. Richland Community College in Decatur offers a 4-week program toward a CDL license (truck driver training) – 8 weeks if attending part time. Perhaps our branch should become more familiar with what similar programs are being offered at Carl Sandburg College. Awarding a small scholarship to a Carl Sandburg student is something we could consider.

Susan Scott, member of the Morton branch and AAUW-IL co-director of Public Policy, reported on the successful Springfield Day that was held in May. Ten members from around the state were given training and talking points and then were sent to speak with their state representatives. Members who attended spoke of how energized they felt after that day. It is hoped that another Springfield Day will be offered next spring and that even more members will be able to attend.

A highlight of the afternoon was hearing Kim Stratton speak about her work with Caterpillar. Kim received her B.S. from the Univ. of Missouri-Rolla in Aeronautical/Space Engineering in 2007. She is currently a senior engineer on the advanced engineering team at Caterpillar. As a young woman in a male-dominated program of study in college and now with mainly male co-workers at Caterpillar, she is an excellent role model for girls interested in this career. Kim emphasized that success in math and science didn't come naturally to her, but that hard work got her to where she is today.

The afternoon ended with being able to share program ideas with branch members from other districts in our part of Illinois. It's always interesting to hear what other branches are doing, and it's fun to see women who have become our friends through AAUW gatherings such as this.

For those who haven't been to conference or convention for a while or for those who have never been yet, it would be well worth the effort to attend the multi-state convention next June in East Moline. First-time convention goers are eligible to receive financial assistance through the TRIO program offered by AAUW-IL. Watch the spring LINK next March for more information.



Member Honored

Jan DeYoung

Heartiest congratulations to Kathy Lowe-Arthur on her election to the Monmouth-Roseville Hall of Achievement last week for Distinguished Service. This much-deserved award recognizes some of the many ways in which our own Kathy has contributed to her community over the years. We in AAUW know that Kathy is a quiet, unassuming, but dedicated servant in more ways than we could ever count. We are so proud of you, Kathy, and we wish you many more years of your contributions to Art Presenter, Buchanan Center for the Arts, AAUW, your church, Friends of the Library, the school district, Holy Family Medical Center, and many other organizations which have benefitted from your giving spirit! You are truly a gem!



Membership

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New Branch Member

Please join me in welcoming our newest branch member, Emilee Renwick. Emilee grew up right alongside the college in Monmouth. She graduated from St. Ambrose University with a double major in Public Relations & Strategic Communications and Journalism and a double minor in Broadcast Journalism and Ethics. She has lived in the Quad Cities and Milwaukee and is now back in Monmouth. Although her title at Monmouth College is Director of Digital Media, her Instagram bio reads “campus paparazzi and digital media darling.” You can find Emilee with a camera at all times, chasing #ScottyTheSquirrel around campus or at The 621. She’s an avid thrifter, iced coffee junkie (Hello, Innkeepers!) and amateur gemologist. Emilee lives in town with her husband Kevin and their Corgi puppy Bambee.

Welcome Emilee!



¡Adelante! Book Group

Jan DeYoung

Book group will meet at 3:30 p m on Monday Nov 18 at Jan’s to discuss Melinda Gates’ “The Moment of Lift” by Melinda Gates.



Buchanan Center for the Arts Upcoming Events

Kristyne Gilbert

Clay Classes with Janis Mars Wunderlich

5:30-7:30pm Wednesdays
Monmouth College Ceramics Lab
McMichael Academic Building

\$20 per session includes materials, instruction, and refreshments. This 10-week series is designed for participants 18 years or older and includes basic hand building, wheel work, and opportunities to explore working with clay. You may attend one or all classes. Class size is limited and registration is required. Call the BCA at 309-734-3033 to reserve your spot.

Easy Does it Yoga for Folks over 50

Wednesdays 5-6pm in the BCA gallery with yoga instructor Sallee Wade. \$10/session or \$55 for a six-week series. Participants need to bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. In a six-week series, you'll learn breath techniques, simple movements, and postures you can do at home. Plus, it's fun! Call 734-3033 and reserve your spot today.

Fused Glass with Judi Minor

Fused Glass 4" Plate, Bowl, or Coaster 11am Saturday, October 19. The fee is \$20 and includes instruction,

materials, and refreshments. Class size is limited and registration is required. Students 18 years old and younger are FREE. Call 309-734-3033 to reserve your spot today!

Community Arts Access Grants

Buchanan Center for the Arts is accepting grant proposals from local arts and nonprofit educational organizations. Grant funds are designated to support artists and nonprofit arts and educational organizations in Warren County. All eligible grant proposals are reviewed by a four-member peer panel. Community Arts Access grants are available for visual, musical, performing, literary, and inter-disciplinary arts projects that provide community-based programming. Projects or programs must make a concerted effort to serve diverse and under-represented populations. Eligible projects are those taking place between September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020. Grant applications are available at the Buchanan Center for the Arts (BCA), 64 Public Square, Monmouth, or online at bcaarts.org. Applications must be submitted to the BCA by Friday, December 6, 2019.

64 ARTS

Mark your calendar as we conclude our exhibition year with 64 ARTS National Juried Exhibition on view October 22 - December 13. Opening reception is 5-7pm Friday, October 25, and features all mediums of artwork and artists from across the country. Awards will be announced at 6pm. Additionally, we have a bonus OFTA at 10am Wednesday, October 23, with a special visit from our 64 ARTS juror, Ben Owen, Director of Arts@MSP. See you in the gallery!



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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