

December 2019

Celebrating 95 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!



December Brunch

Donna Sproston

Our annual holiday brunch on Saturday, December 7th, at 9:30 a.m. at Holt House is our major branch fund raiser. Cost is \$10. There will be quilted candle mats for purchase, too. All proceeds go to our branch donation to AAUW. Guests are welcome.

Please let Donna Sproston know by Wednesday, December 4th if you plan to attend. (563-6782 or sproston@grics.net)



Giving Tuesday

Thanks to the largest-ever matching gift in our history from AAUW's Board of Directors, every donation AAUW receives until December 31 will have TWICE the impact. Please, help fight for our future by giving generously today and spread the word by sharing this link: <https://aauw.us/givingtuesday>.

Rada Fundraiser

Marilyn Van Ausdall

If you've been circulating a catalog, please bring your completed order sheets to the brunch on Saturday. I'll be entering the orders online next Sunday. We need to meet a minimum dollar amount for the order, so I will need all order sheets when I start entering the order. A late order might not meet that minimum.

Prospective customers can also be encouraged to enter orders online themselves through our website (at any time of the year.) If they google AAUW Monmouth area, they can just go to the Rada Cutlery Fundraiser tab on the website. All orders made online through the link given there automatically benefit our branch.

Thank you for helping with our fundraiser!



Public Policy

Jan De Young

Voter Registration Collaboration

4 branch members and about six members of the Associated Students of Monmouth College worked together on November 21st to register about 35 new voters. It was great to meet the enthusiastic students, under the leadership of their president, Magdalyne Bruckner and vice president Jazzmine Howlett, to sign up almost three dozen students to vote for the first time in 2020. Other students who participated were Jared Hankinson, Kyla Baker, Karl Wilson-Bahun, and Maddisen Nelson. Branch members participating were Lila Blum, Mary Osborne, Donna Sproston, and Jan DeYoung.

We will have another opportunity to register new voters in January, probably on Martin Luther King Day, prior to the Primary Election, and then again in the Fall, before the General Election. Donna will lead the effort in January while Jan is in Arizona. If you would like to participate in January, please contact either Donna or Jan. It is really fun to work with the college students and meet so many new people!

A big thank you to Michelle Holschuh-Simmons for putting us into contact with Magdalynne Bruckner, the president of ASMC, and to Maggie for following through! This is another example of our branch's efforts to maximize opportunities for collaboration in promoting equity for women and girls.



Film Group

Nancy Buban

No film group in December



New Member

Marilyn Van Ausdall

Please join me in welcoming our newest branch member, Sarah Henderson. Sarah has worked in higher education her entire professional life, either in Student Affairs, or in the Library. She is currently the Director of Hewes Library at Monmouth College. Sarah is originally from Mason City, Iowa, proud home of Meredith Wilson and *The Music Man*. She lives with her husband, John, in Monmouth, and she enjoys reading, movies, and working in the yard.

Come to our brunch on Saturday to meet Sarah!



¡Adelante! Book Group

Jan DeYoung

Although book group will not meet in December, we have already set a date for our January discussion. The book is Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. This heartwarming story of friendship and survival during difficult times has been a best seller. The lives of New York socialite, Caroline Ferriday; Polish teenager, Kazla Kuzmerick; and young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser intersect when Kazla is sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp. You are sure to enjoy reading this gripping historical novel.

We will meet on Monday, January 6th, at Sarah Hall's home, 1328 East Broadway, at 1:00 p.m. If you are still on Winter Break from Monmouth College, this would be an ideal time for you to join the discussion!



From Our Local Author

Susan Van Kirk

I thank everyone for their interest and encouragement in my "retirement career," writing mysteries.

On **December 7**, from 1-3 p.m. I'll be at the Warren County Public Library selling and signing books. This is a great pre-Christmas idea if you have readers on your Christmas list. No program, just sitting at a table ready and able to sign books!



Buchanan Center for the Arts

Kristyne Gilbert

Holiday Open House

It's that time of year! Buchanan Center for the Arts is pleased to host our local artists for the annual Holiday Open House. This year's event is 3-7pm Friday, December 6, during Christmas on the Square. Meet local artists, enjoy refreshments, purchase unique, handcrafted gifts this holiday season, and register for door prizes. See you in the gallery!

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. Applications must be submitted to the BCA by Friday, December 6, 2019.



Association Web site: www.aauw.org

AAUW-Illinois Web site:

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

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