

## Presidents' Report

*Mary Osborne, President*

Happy New Year! As I write this report, a winter storm is approaching. This weather will not affect this month's program, fortunately. Please join us at Maple City Donuts on January 18 at 9:00 a.m. for casual conversation, coffee, and of course, donuts. Given recent current events, there will be no shortage of topics.

Did you know that the donut symbolizes part of women's role in relief work during World War I? In 1917, the Salvation Army sent officers to staff service centers located near the American Expeditionary Force's camps in France. Two of these women, Helen Purviance and Margaret Sheldon, had the idea to provide donuts for the soldiers. After gathering the ingredients from excess rations, they improvised rolling out the dough using discarded shell casings and fried the pastries in a helmet. Very different from what we will enjoy at Maple City, the small donuts were a basic mixture of flour, sugar, lard, baking powder, canned milk, and cinnamon. The soldiers nevertheless eagerly consumed the hot treats. In one day, the women made over 2,000 doughnuts! "The Doughnut Girls" simple act helped boost the morale of men who were far from home.



## Voter Registration, January 21, Volunteers Needed

*Donna Sproston*

Our second voter registration drive at Monmouth College is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, from 11 to 1 in the lobby of the Stockdale Student Center. We are partnering this year with the Associated Students of Monmouth College. They were great recruiters and "grabbers" at our first registration in the fall, and we appreciate their enthusiasm and support.

If you can help from 11 to noon or noon to 1, please let Donna Sproston know by the 18<sup>th</sup>. Email Donna at [sproston@grics.net](mailto:sproston@grics.net).

What a great way to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King. As we hear news of red states purging voter registration lists, let's make sure our community continues to register new voters.



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## Program, January 18, 2020

*Mary Osborne*

What: Coffee and Conversation

When: January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Maple City Donuts

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Maple City Donuts

## Program, February 11, 2020

*Michelle Holschuh Simmons*

Title of event: Census 2020

Name of speaker: Gayle Keiser, Recruiting Assistant with 2020 Census

Date and time: Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 PM

Location: WCPL

Description of the event: Gayle Keiser's presentation will look at how the Census will be conducted in 2020, challenges to gathering an accurate count of the Illinois population, what difference an under count makes for residents of the state, and how every citizen can help with the effort.

## AAUW Funds

*Donna Sproston*

Thank you, Monmouth Area Branch, for your generous contributions to our fundraisers.

The Rada sales continue to generate income. Sharon Jenkins first introduced us to their products, and more than 25 years later our purchases continue to help the branch.

Our holiday brunch continues to be a success with time to enjoy good food and friends while painlessly supporting AAUW. Thanks to the committee for their donations of time and food.

AAUW sent out word by mail and email in December for a match-your-gift campaign. I am sure several members took advantage of that opportunity to double your gift. AAUW reports that it was the best year-end campaign in our history.

Over four million dollars funded AAUW's various scholarships and grants in 2019. These programs continue because of generous support from branches and members all over the United States.

## Film Group

*Nancy Buban*

AAUW January 27, 2020 Film Group

Film group will begin the New Year on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 with the 2017 film. *Lady Bird*. Several members of our group have not seen the film and those of us who have are delighted to view it again. The film received Oscar nominations for Greta Gerwig's original screenplay and directing debut as well as nominations for Best Motion Picture, best actress in a leading role and best actress in a supporting role.

Join us at 207 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and please let me know if you will attend so that I can pop the correct number of kernels.



# Buchanan Center for the Arts

*Kristyne Gilbert*

## ***Fragility of the Sacred & Sin Eaters***

Opening Reception

5-7pm Friday, January 17

Join us in the BCA gallery to view ***Fragility of the Sacred & Sin Eaters*** featuring the collective works of Laura Anderson, Denise Blakeman, Stanley Bly, Amy Denny, Adam Dupuis, Amanda Greive, Beth Shadur, Leslie Stalter, Kevin Veara, and Thom Whalen. We've got a whole lot of talent packed into this show! This event is free and open to the public. Live music by King Neptune with libations and hors d'oeuvres. See you in the gallery! Artist credit: Amanda Greive "Bleeding Heart"

## ***Fused Glass Heart Plate***

11am Saturday, February 1

How sweet it is ... right!?! A favorite for all ages, call 309-734-3033 and reserve your spot today in the BCA classroom to create a fused glass heart plate. The fee is \$15 for adults; children 18 and younger are free. Class includes instruction, materials, and refreshments. Registration is required.

## ***New Work by Brian Baugh***

3-4:30pm Friday, January 17

Len Everett Gallery in the Hewes Library

Our long-standing arts partnership with Monmouth College has grown and flourished during the last three decades. The Buchanan Center invites you to view the ***New Work of Brian Baugh***. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

**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/>

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

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