

November/December 2022

*Celebrating 98 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!*



## December Gathering

*Sarah Henderson*

Join us Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 9 a.m. at Buchanan Center for the Arts for our Holiday Gathering! Take a moment to celebrate the season and reconnect with friends old and new. This gathering will be a potluck so no one is overly burdened, and everyone can enjoy the day. The BCA has limited kitchen facilities so please keep that in mind when deciding on what to bring. If you have any questions regarding the Holiday Gathering, please let Sarah know.



## President's Letter

*Sarah Henderson*

As we head into the holiday season, our thoughts are of family and friends, cards, and shopping and all that is included in this festive time of year. It may seem odd then that I am asking you to start thinking of our meeting in February and the future of our branch. AAUW has a listing of positions for branches that they believe are important to the success of the branch and organization. Currently several of the positions are open in our branch. Some have been open for a while and some are more recent. The positions include:

- AAUW Funds
- College University Relations
- Diversity
- Programs
- Public Policy
- STEM
- Webmaster
- President (open this spring)

As a branch we will need to determine what we can realistically fill and how to cover positions we cannot. My hope is to give everyone enough time to consider the available positions and to bring their ideas to the February meeting. We will have a discussion after Robin Johnson's presentation. My hope is to have the discussion in February and then wrap up loose ends in April before we break for the summer. It may appear to be a challenging task, but I believe we can tackle it and ensure the continuation of our branch.



## Book Group

Katelyn Audette

Book group will meet next on **Tuesday, November 29 at 10:30 am** on Zoom. Please contact Vicki Gladfelter or Marilyn Van Ausdall to be included on the email list and receive the Zoom links. We will discuss the historical fiction novel *On a Cold Dark Sea* by Elizabeth Blackwell.

"On April 15, 1912, three women climbed into Lifeboat 21 and watched in horror as the *Titanic* sank into the icy depths. They were strangers then...

Con artist Charlotte Digby lied her way through London and onto the *Titanic*. The disaster could be her chance at a new life—if she hides the truth about her past. Esme Harper, a wealthy American, mourns the end of a passionate affair and fears that everything beautiful is slipping from her grasp. And Anna Halverson, a Swedish farm girl in search of a fresh start in America, is tormented by the screams that ring out from the water. Is one of them calling her name?

Twenty years later, a sudden death brings the three women back together, forcing them to face the impossible choices they made, the inconceivable loss, and the secrets they have kept for far too long." (Goodreads.com)



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