

 **AAUW CONNECTION**

 **MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH**

 June 2014

**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.

Association website: <http://aauw.org> Illinois state website: [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)

 Morton Branch AAUW website:  [http://morton-il.aauw.net/](http://morton-il.aauw.net/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

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**PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:**
Hello Friends,

With loving hearts and helpful hands we helped our sweet, gracious friend, Jan Kinney, make her final journey.  Her family appreciated her AAUW friends’ help.  Like Roberta said, it would’ve been so much better if we were planning a program meal to be shared with her on her deck.  At the May board meeting we shared fond memories of Jan, which included her warm smile, friendly welcome, positive attitude and so many more. We were so blessed to know her.

As we have done in the past, AAUW will donate a book to Morton library in Jan’s memory.  Mary Venden is contacting the library to purchase a book on music, hummingbirds or wildlife.  If you have any suggestions, please let Mary know.

Welcome to our newest member…Linda Vierling.

Last year was a busy year for Morton AAUW!  Many thanks to all our wonderful members and especially our board members.  Thank you to Sharon and Diane for serving on the board.

The position for Community is still awaiting a chairperson.  Please let me know if you want to be involved and enjoy the group even more.  We are a very helpful group.  Hopefully somebody will step forward for Community.  It’s fun to be involved.

Congratulations to Judy for once again winning the State Branch Newsletter Award.  (I think it was the gold!)  Well done, Judy!!  We also received another award of Recognition for International Affairs Programming.  Thank you to our expert, Sharon Farney, for attending the state conference and sharing information.

Did anyone else buy a hummingbird feeder after Lois White’s program?  I’m looking forward to visiting her haven and don’t forget to get rid of the red syrup.

Hope to see you at our summer events:

May 31st-Relay for Life  (Will be over but hope you joined the team for a walk.)

June 4th –BGBC @ Lynne Walter’s home discussing Fort of Nine Towers with Susan

June 17th-Program Planning- Be sure to send Deb/Jan your ideas.  (Board only)

July 8th-Budget planning   (Board members)

July 10th-Arts in the Park-It’s work but fun!!

August 2nd  - Hummingbird Haven Summer Outing

Lunch Bunch- SALT in Peoria Heights, June 11th

Matin-As- See you in September

Have you thought about being the Community chair?  Please let me know.

Really…it’s good to be involved and you will have help.

Take care,

Patti

**Local news**

**Program**

Summer Outing:

If you missed Lois White’s presentation at our last branch meeting or just want to learn even more about Hummingbirds and their care, join us for our summer outing on Sat. **August 2nd** to Hummingbird Haven west of Lewistown. If you would like to car pool we will meet in K-mart's parking lot at 9:00 A.M.  We will arrive there around 10:15 and visit for about 1 1/2 hours after which we will eat lunch at Bernadotte Cafe where you can watch hummingbirds feed.  If you would like to join us for lunch please let me know by Thurs. July 31.  Hope to see you.  :)

Deb Elliott (dkelliott4@hotmail.com)

Program Vice President

**Lunch Bunch**

The June Lunch Bunch will be at **SALT** in Peoria Heights on June 11th. We can car pool from the K-Mart parking lot, meeting at 11:15 AM or meet us there by 11:45 AM. Peoria Heights is a fun place to walk around and if some want to stay after lunch to browse around, that would be great. I can drive and take four people with me. RSVP by Monday,

June 9th ( bjpetefish@cs.com ) or call 309 699-5524

Judy Petefish

Book Review

The following books have been selected by Sue Roth for our book review next April:

A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power by Jimmy Carter and The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, a novel about the so-called orphan trains that ran from the cities of the east coast to the farmlands of the Midwest between 1854 and1929, based on fact. More information will follow.

**BGBG**

The BGBG will be meeting at Lynne Walters’, 126 Maple Ridge Drive, on Wednesday, June 4th at 7 PM. Please join us for a discussion on A Fort of Nine Towers lead by Susan Scott. Please let Lynne know if you plan to attend ASAP for the wine glass count. Her email is danlynne1968@yahoo.com

The following list of books has been selected for the next reading season:

Light Between the Oceans, fiction novel by M.L. Stedman

The Goldfinch

Margaret Fuller, a new American Life, biography

The Invention of Wings, historical novel by Sue Monk Kidd

The Orphan Master’s Son, fiction by Adam Johnson

Wild, autobiography

**Community**

**AAUW Funds:**

**ARTS IN THE PARK  - JULY 10, 2014 - LOOSE SHOES**

**DONATIONS:**

**12 Pkg of soda - If you can refigerate them the day before, that would be great, if not please bring them to me that week and I will take them to my church for a night in the frig.**

Reg. Pepsi or Coke - Judy Petefish (2)

Reg. 7-up or Sprite - Mike Gunn

Reg. A&W - 24 cans Bev Shull with cooler and ice

Diet Coke - Cathy Durfinger (24)

Diet Pepsi - Jan Martin

Diet A&W  - Deb Elliott

Diet 7up - Lynne Walters

Diet Orange - Lynda Hootman

Diet Mountain Dew - Betty Fugitt

Arnold Palmers - Cheri Patterson

Water - 12 pk. - Judy Petefish

Water - 12 pk. - Peggy McDonald

Water - 12 pk - Lora Kober

sm, bag of ice/ w. cooler -  Mike Gunn

sm. bag of ice/ w. cooler - Suzanne Ligon

sm. bag of ice/ w. cooler - Diane Pflederer

sm. bag of ice/ w. cooler -  Roberta Beutal

**Rice Krispie Squares- 6 to a pan**

1.Karen Loudermilk

2. Bev Shull

3. Marilyn Formhals

**Candy Bars - Keep in a cooler if chocolate**

1.Juel Bennewitz

2.Linda Vierling 3.

**Brownies - 3x4 inches**

1.Linda Young 2. 3.

**Peanuts in Shells -** Mary Vendon

**8 pk buns - from Kroger plain - bring that night**

1.Laurie Zehr - 2 pkgs

2.Suzanne Ligon  2 pkgs

3 Linda Young

4 Patti Erwin - 4 pkgs

5.Elaine Sutter - 2 pkgs

6.Judy Griffin - 2 pkgs

**Bags of Chips: -** Sharon Farney

**WORKERS:**

5-6 Set up

1. Deb Elliott

2 .Mike Gunn

3. Laurie Zehr

4. Suzanne Ligon

5. Cheri Patterson

6 . **Sally Davis - Chef Sally is making the BBQ again this year.-  Thank you Sally!!!**

6-7 7-8

1. Karen Loudermilk 1. Diane Pflederer

2. Marti Atwater 2. Betty Fugitt

3. Lynne Walters 3. Roberta Beutal

4. Juel Bennewitz

8-9

1. Susan Scott

2. Sharon Farney

3. Patti Erwin

4. Cheri Patterson and Sally Davis will be there for the evening.

There are a few blanks for Brownies and Candy Bars if anyone would like to call me and volunteer for those that would be great!! Cheri

**2014 RELAY FOR LIFE**

Morton Relay for Life was May 31, 2014 from 3:00 PM-10:00 PM at the Apostolic Church on Jefferson in Morton. Relay for Life went very well on Saturday.    The picture only included a few of the members.  Team members were:  Judy Griffin, Patti Erwin,
Faye Walker, Judy Petefish, Carol Ricketts, Jennifer Daly, Cheri Patterson, Suzanne Ligon, Deb Elliott and Linda Young.  We also had other AAUW members walking with us throughout the event.  Our team to date raised over $2000.  Actual totals are not in yet.  We received a check for $220 from Eli’s. Thank you to all who participated either in donation and/or attending the event and Eli’s for hosting a fundraising day.

Linda Young

**Membership**

Membership news from the national AAUW

**Retention**

As the AAUW year comes to a close, it’s time to renew our memberships and demonstrate our commitment to achieving equality for women and girls. We ask ourselves, is this commitment worth it? Of course it is, because together, through AAUW, we continue to make such an impact on the lives of women and girls in so many different and remarkable ways.

* Our national [STEM](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) programs and countless branch programs, camps, and conferences on topics such as mentoring, [Title IX](http://www.aauw.org/tag/title-ix/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), and self-esteem improve the lives of girls. We effect positive change for college women through our [research](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and [campus leadership programs](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). And with the [Younger Women's Task Force](http://www.aauw.org/membership/ywtf/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), women in their 20s and 30s have a safe space to make their voices heard. The newest chapter is just getting started in Baltimore, Maryland!
* AAUW provided $3.7 million to 245 women for graduate and postgraduate studies this year, and our branches sent dozens of undergraduates to the [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](http://www.nccwsl.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).
* The lives of women in the workplace are improving thanks to our [legal advocacy](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). President Barack Obama signed two [executive orders](http://www.aauw.org/2014/04/08/equal-pay-victory/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), which get us closer to fair pay, and Congress reauthorized the [Violence Against Women Act](http://www.aauw.org/2013/03/08/violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-is-law/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
* And we simply can’t forget the stories from AAUW leaders. Leaders like Kate Skegg of the AAUW Jane Addams (IL) Branch, who said that working on her local Dare to Dream: Get Educated! conference for Latina middle school girls gave her the confidence to lead a [Tech Savvy program](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-savvy/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). Kate and her branch will be reaching even more girls this November through the one-day STEM conference.

And if those aren’t enough reasons to renew, AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)(3) charity, and $46 of your national dues is [tax deductible](http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-national-dues-fees-and-tax-deductibility-flyer/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

**Which Leadership Position Is for You?**

Are you ready to step into a leadership position but are just not quite sure which position is right for you? We encourage you to visit the AAUW [web page](http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-state-and-branch-leadership-positions/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) ([http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-state-and-branch-leadership-positions/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-state-and-branch-leadership-positions/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)) on national, state, and branch leadership positions. It will provide you with the information you need to decide which position is for you.

Welcome to our newest member…Linda Vierling.

Here is Linda’s information to put in your booklet:

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Sharon Farney

Membership Chair

**Recipe from Betty Fugitt**

CRUSHED PRETZEL SALAD

1 stick of butter (I use margarine)            8 oz. cream cheese

1/3 cup sugar                                        1/2 cup sugar

1 cup crushed pretzels                           8 oz. cool whip

                              20 oz. crushed pineapple

Melt stick of butter and 1/3 cup sugar over low heat.  Remove from heat and add a cup crushed pretzels.  Bake on cookie sheet at 400 degrees for 7 minutes--let cool.  Break up and place in airtight container.  In a bowl mix with mixer 8 oz. cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, 8 oz. cool whip, 20 oz. crushed pineapple, drained.  Cool in refrigerator.  Add pretzel mixture right before serving.

**Announcements**

Congratulations to first time Grandmother Marilyn Formahls—Annabelle Kate arrived on June 2nd, just as cute as can be!!

AAUW Members are to reserve Saturday, October 11th for Morton’s Oktoberfest.

Corresponding secretary,

Judy Griffin