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## MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH

**April 2017**

**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.

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## President's message

Greetings ladies!

As spring rains refresh our lawns, flowers, and trees; refresh yourselves with chocolate, wine, and cheese at our Annual Meeting to be held at Lynne Walters'. It will be a fun and stimulating night as we discuss **Handmaid's Tale** and **My Life on the Road**. This is an important meeting for accepting the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. Many thanks to those who said "yes."

Our two GEMS sessions in March were a big success. We have received many positive comments from parents and community members about the STEAM topics that we have given the girls an opportunity to experience. Many thanks to Deb for presenting Famous Women in Science. Did you know that it was a woman who developed the APGAR test for newborn babies? The girls enjoyed learning 7 ZENTANGLE patterns and had fun with the tie-dyed eggs. Many thanks to our egg blowers!! Cheek cells and plant stems were topics in the second session. We still have an excellent safety record...despite razor blade use. The girls learned what a microtome was and how to use it. Check out attached pictures.

We have secured **July 6<sup>th</sup> for our Arts in the Park** Concessions. Our menu may need some adjustments from the past. Our resident Chef can no longer get the tasty BBQ that was conveniently packaged and easy to prepare, as well as discounted. We need to explore alternative procurement and preparation that is in compliance with the Health Department. Many thanks to Sally who has been able to provide us with a very popular food item and all her hard work in its preparation for so many years.

*- Judy Griffin, Morton AAUW Branch President*

## April Program News & Hostess information

Hostesses for April meeting are: Lynne Walters, Cheri Patterson, Deb Sommer, Bev Shull, Judy Triggs, Becky Walker. Book Review with wine, cheese, and chocolate is April 11 at 7:00 P.M. at home of Lynne Walters, 126 Maple Ridge Drive.

Our April meeting is our annual Book Review. Now is the time to get reading! The books we are discussing this year are:

***My Life on the Road*** by Gloria Steinem—writer, activist, organizer, and inspiring leader—now tells a story she has never told before, a candid account of her life as a traveler, a listener, and a catalyst for change.

***Handmaid's Tale*** by Margaret Atwood - Set in a dystopian future, a woman is forced to live as a concubine under a fundamentalist theocratic dictatorship.

This is also our Annual Meeting. This is an important meeting for accepting the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. Perhaps you want to remember your checkbook to pay for next year's membership!

If you are a board member and you are not planning to attend April meeting, please notify Judy Griffin (grifjua@gmail.com) in advance and send report. – *Paige and Heather, Program Chairpersons*

## AAUW Community News

Our Relay for Life of Tazewell County will be April 29th. It will be from 1:00-9:00PM at the Levee District in East Peoria We hope many of you can join us that day! **We will pass an envelope at our next meeting if anyone would like to donate to the team.** Please make checks out to American Cancer Society. We will give you more info at next meeting.😊 Thank you much for your support!

**Looking at July 6th for Arts in the Park.** Please keep that date in mind for one of your summer activities.

- *Cheri and Mike Community /Funds Chairpersons*

## Grant Update

The Grant Committee is reviewing 3 applications for the Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant Many thanks to Judy Griffin, Roberta Beutel, Diane Pflederer , and Paige Hadsall for evaluating the candidates.

– *Patti*

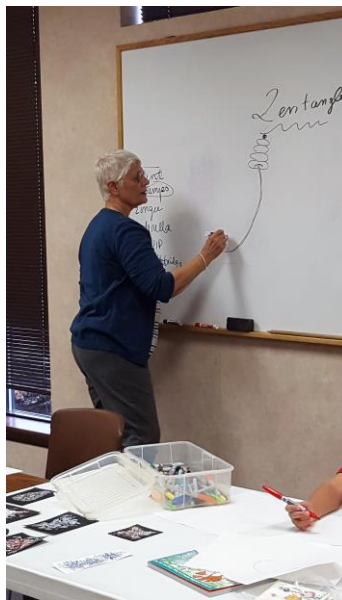
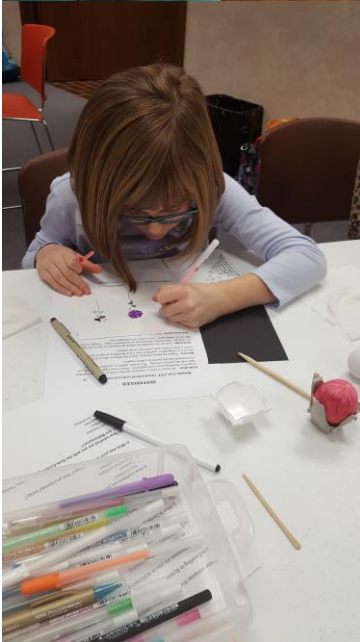
## GEMS update

March 16th was the Zentangle Program for GEMS. This program was funded by a grant written for and received from AAUW-IL. Fifteen girls participated and enjoyed learning zentangle methods and then applying them to hollow eggs.

March 27th was the Women's History GEMS Program. Deb Elliott talked about Women in History and then Judy Griffin led a program using the GEMS microscopes. The participants spent time looking at prepared slides of plants and animals. They then prepared and observed their own cheek cells and also cells from a tulip. 14 girls were in participation.

Some of the participants have been to every one of the GEMS programs, so we have sparked an interest in the STEM program for sure.

April 18th from 4-5:30, the program will be presented by BUGS (Biology undergraduate students) from Bradley. There will be stations related to soil and water chemistry and biology. As always, we can always use some help. Please let Linda Young know if you would be able to provide help. Thanks. The GEMS Committee - *Linda Young*



## AAUW State Convention

Consider attending the Illinois AAUW Convention - ***BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP***  
Friday - Saturday, May 5-6, 2017 | Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL 1900 S. 1st St.  
Contact Judy Griffin if you are interested.



## Equal Pay Day is TODAY! Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Each year, Equal Pay Day is recognized world-wide to bring greater awareness to the wage gap experienced by women and minorities. In the US, the April date symbolically marks how far into a new year the average woman must work to earn as much as a white man did in the previous year.