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MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH

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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 AAUW Friends!

Have a blessed Christmas and relish all the wonderful festivities with family and friends during this magical time of the year.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our December 13th Feliz Naviads buffet at La Fiesta. Many thanks to the program and hostess committees. It will be a festive evening with fellowship, good food, and music.

The Nominating Committee consists of Lynne Walters, Susan Scott, and Joan Rice. They may contact you or, better yet, let me know if you're interested in serving as president or either secretary officer positions. Please keep in mind the good of the branch and remember our members are very helpful.

Wishing you a season of gladness, a season of cheer, and to top it all off—a wonderful new year!

-Judy, Morton AAUW Branch President

December Program News - Olé

Hello Ladies! This year's AAUW Christmas party will be a celebration of Mexican Christmas customs. Please join us at the new La Fiesta near Kroger in Morton at **6:30 pm on December 13th** for a buffet dinner and entertainment. The cost of the buffet dinner will be **\$12 per person**, and you will not need to pay in advance. However, we will need a head count no later than Thursday, December 8th, so please reply by email to Heather, hrwthompson@yahoo.com, whether or not you are planning to attend the Fiesta! – *Paige and Heather, Program Chairpersons*

AAUW Hostesses for our upcoming programs

Hostesses for December Christmas dinner at new La Fiesta are Sharon Farney, Linda Vierling, and Linda Young.

January hostesses for soup supper are Lynne Walters, Sally Davis, Betty Fugitt, Suzanne Ligon, Diane Pflederer, and Laurie Zehr. - *Kay Lindley, Hostess Chairperson*

AAUW Membership News

We have one new member, and an old member who is rejoining us!

Our new member is Alice Barbour. Her address is 47 Lincoln Ct. in Morton. Home phone is 266-6828 Cell phone is 256-4206 E-mail barboam@gmail.com

Our returning member is Elaine Sutter. Elaine lives in CA. so I doubt she will attending our meetings, but we do hope she can surprise us at a meeting when she is back in town. Elaine's address is 7980 Mayten Ave., Rancho Cucamonga CA. 91730 elainejsutter@gmail.com 309-202-1948

In an attempt to help all of us get to know each other better, I've started a new feature at the end of each meeting. I've put all of our names in a bag. Each month I'll draw a name out. If your name is drawn, we want to hear a brief bio about your life. This is meant to be very casual and stress free. I took my turn at the November meeting! I've heard comments from many of the newer members that they don't feel like they know everyone very well. Hopefully this can help!! - *Marilyn Formhals, Membership Chairperson*

AAUW Community News

Just a reminder of what you signed up to bring to the Winter Concert Series on December 12th (Annie Moses) *Bring Items to Bertha Frank at 5:00 PM.

1. Large Bag of M&M's
Marilyn F. Betty F. Jo N.

2. Large Bag of Chex Mix
(Traditional)
Marilyn F. Karen L. Judy G.

3. Two Dozen Cookies
Deb W. Paige H. Pat E.
Deb E. "Mike" G.

4. Large Container of Premium Mixed Nuts
Kay L. Juel B. Judy P.

Drinking Water (Bottled)
(24-36 Count)
Lora K. Jo N.

Ice - Medium Bag
Roberta B. Mary V. "Mike" G.

Workers (Before at 5)
Kay L. Roberta B. Deb E.
Cheri P. Pat E.
Workers at 6:30
(During and Clean Up)
Paige H. Susan S.
Suzanne L. "Mike" G.

Thanks to all that are helping out! - *Cheri and Mike Community /Funds Chairpersons*

Matin-A's

Moana was great! Let me know if there's a movie out there you want to see! - *Patti*

Grant Update

The Morton Branch of the American Association of University Women Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant applications will be at the library by the end of the week. - *Patti*

GEMS update

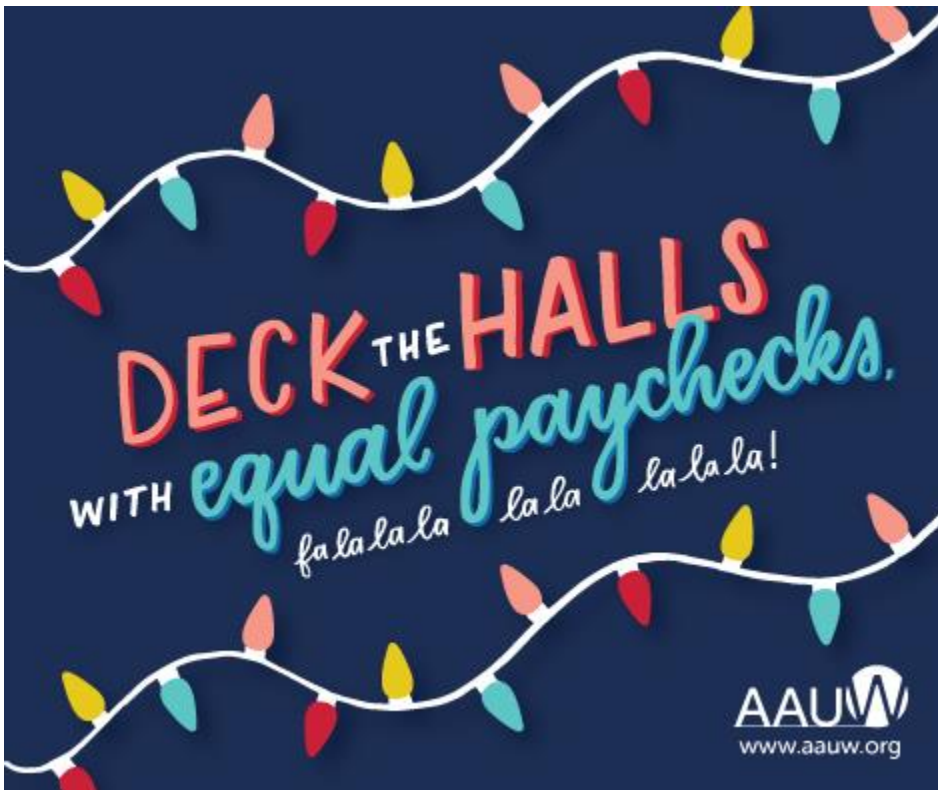
As a girl, did you ever want to design your own bedroom? On November 15th, 22 girls attended the GEMS presentation on exactly that topic. Sue Rose, an industrial designer, presented a program to help the girls understand what was needed to design a room of their very own. She provided architect's rulers, a blueprint, draft paper and to scale furniture cutouts. The girls learned how to convert 1/4 inch scale to a foot, place a closet, doorway and a window in the scale drawing and then have fun rearranging the scale furniture pieces until the room worked for them. There were many imaginative minds and questions.

On December 8th from 4 to 6 PM, our AAUW GEMS group, will be presenting Microscope Mysteries. **We will need some helpers that night.** Please let Linda Young know if you can volunteer.

Thanks for your support.

The GEMS Committee - *Linda Young*

Reminder of Last Month's Program by Lisa Cherry





PUMPKIN CAKE

From Juel Bennewitz 11-8-16

1 box yellow cake mix (save 1 cup for topping)

Add: 1 egg

½ cup melted butter (or oleo)

Mix by hand and pat in bottom of 9x13"

pan that has been coated with oleo or

non-stick cooking spray

In large bowl, mix:

3 beaten eggs

1 ½ cups sugar

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 large (29 oz.) can pumpkin

(not pumpkin pie mix)

Spread evenly over crust mixture

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Crumble: ¼ cup butter (or oleo)

½ cup sugar

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 cup of the reserved cake mix

Sprinkle evenly over the other two layers. Bake 45-50 minutes @325 degrees. Be sure to test center, using Toothpick (it should come out clean) before removing from oven.

Delicious served slightly warm. Whipped cream adds a special touch.

(This recipe was generously given to me by my teaching colleague, Mary Gail Scheid in Washington, IL)

A bit of pumpkin trivia: Did you know that the pumpkin pie recipe on the Libby's label came from Mrs. Dickinson of Washington, IL, whose husband was the owner of a pumpkin plant in Washington until it was sold to Libby's? The large, 2 story yellow home on the right (or east) side of South Main, entering Washington, was their home. I had the privilege of teaching with their daughter, Jane.