



CONNECTION

MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH

December 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.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

HaPpY HoLiDaYs!!

Looking forward to our December meal together. Don't forget to place your reservations.

The Nominating Committee may be contacting you or better yet let me know if you're interested in serving as president or either secretary officer position. Please keep in mind the good of the branch and remember our branch is very helpful.

Grant applications will be available at the library within the week.

It's with a very heavy heart I write this message. Katherine Readon, Mike Gunn's mother, has tragically passed. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

BGBC- Discussion 12/3/14 @ Kay Lindley's Light Between the Oceans

Branch meeting- 12/9/14 @ Savory House

Board Meeting- 1/27/15 @ Linda Young's

Fine Arts Concert-2/9/15

God Bless,
Patti

Local news

Program

December Branch Meeting: December 9, 2014

Location: Savory House
Main Street

Time: 6:00 PM

Program: A Christmas surprise by Deb and Jan

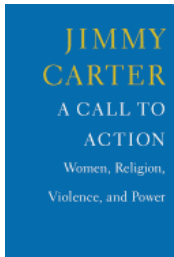
Dinner will be a buffet of baked chicken, pasta with 2 different sauces, salad, vegetable, baked potato and a beverage. The cost is \$15.50 per person which includes tax and gratuity. After we eat we will partake in some Christmas merriment.

At our last meeting some of you prepaid for your dinner. These are Cathy Durflinger, Paula Stevensen, Judy Petefish, Betty Fugitt, Mary Venden, Linda Young, Marti Atwater, Laurie Zehr, Deb Elliott. If you have not paid, please do so by Tues. Dec. 2nd. Our treasurer Linda Young is collecting the money. Her address is 138 N. Louisiana. We will need a final count by Wed. Dec. 3rd. See you soon,

Deb Elliott/ Jan Martin

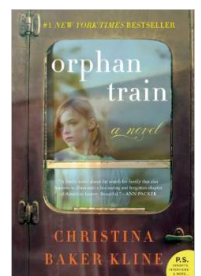
Book Review

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



A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power by Jimmy Carter "The world's discrimination and violence against women and girls is the most serious, pervasive, and ignored violation of basic human rights: This is President Jimmy Carter's call to action. President Carter was encouraged to write this book by a wide coalition of leaders of all faiths. His urgent report covers a system of discrimination that extends to every nation. Women are deprived of equal opportunity in wealthier nations and "owned" by men in others, forced to suffer servitude, child marriage, and genital cutting. The most vulnerable, along with their children, are trapped in war and violence. A Call to Action addresses the suffering inflicted upon women by a false interpretation of carefully selected religious texts and a growing tolerance of violence and warfare."

The second book, The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, is 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 and 1929, based on fact. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse...As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories; Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life – answers that will ultimately free them both.



A BIG "thanks" to the Morton Public Library for purchasing several copies of these books for us. Please extend your thanks when you check out a book.

Lunch Bunch

There will be no Lunch/Breakfast Bunch in December. I will be gone January and February, so if anyone would like to organize one for the months I am gone, feel free to do so.

Judy Petefish

Community

Looking ahead - our branch will provide the concessions on Feb. 9 at the Fine Arts Winter Concert. The Cats Pajamas is the group performing that evening. Sign up at the Dec. and Jan. meeting. Our members usually provide the ingredients for a trail mix that we make there, and some members make cookies and brownies, etc.

Thanks everyone,
Cheri and Mike

Website

Please check out our local AAUW website: <http://morton-il.aauw.net/>
We thank Heather Thompson for her outstanding work. Click on links to view the current newsletter, BGBG information, photos, events, and much more.

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