



AAUW

CONNECTION

**MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH
February 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

Welcome February!

Happy Black History Month! Did you know that seven of the 9 women who signed the charter to found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) were AAUW members? The message sent when they signed that Charter on Feb. 12, 1909, still rings true today: Civil rights and women's rights are human rights. Happy Lincoln's Birthday, Happy Valentine's Day, Happy President's Day, Happy Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday--Enjoy this short-filled month!! It's fun to be involved with our AAUW activities, beginning with our Branch Meeting on Valentine's Day. Please come and enjoy the story of twenty remarkable women and the Silver Streak, a symbol of their youthful independence and spirit.

As officers are being elected at our Annual meeting in April, please think about serving on the board. It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends while giving back to the organization.

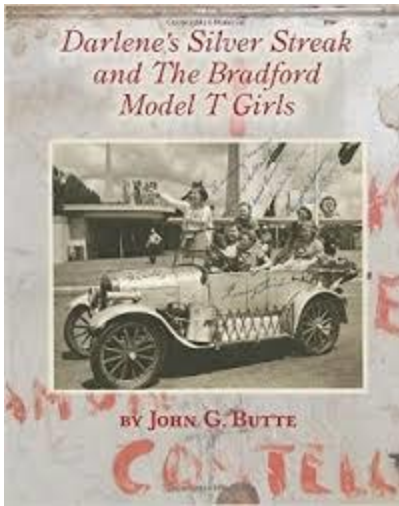
Since we have again received a LEG UP Grant, this time for our ZENTANGLE GEMS session, we have been asked to present/display pictures at the state convention on May 5 & 6 in Champaign to share our successes. Please consider helping at one of our monthly sessions. The enthusiasm of the girls is contagious. Your next opportunity is February 20th at the Morton Public Library, 4-5:30 PM.



Paige Hadsall, our College/University Partnership representative, is going to be trained in the Start Smart program. Please talk with her to find out more about this exciting, empowering program being offered on the Bradley Campus!

Do you see me smiling? I am so proud of our local branch as we continue to provide opportunities for girls and women to become the best they can be! "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." **Gandhi**

- Judy Griffin, Morton AAUW Branch President



February Program News

Please join us Tuesday, February 14th at 7pm at the Morton Public Library to hear John Butte, author of Darlene's Silver Streak and The Bradford Model T Girls.

We plan to have snacks & drinks available when you arrive to help expedite the evening's events.

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

AAUW Hostesses for February

February hostesses are Jan Martin, Lora Kober, Ruth Roth, and Mary Venden - Kay Lindley, Hostess Chairperson

Recording Secretary Needed!!

Want more women leaders in our world? How about YOU? Please consider becoming the Recording Secretary for the next 2 year term. The Recording Secretary simply takes notes at the board meeting and membership meetings. We even have a "If-you're-not-here-back-up-recording-secretary" identified to remove your hesitation to volunteer for this position! Speak to any of us to learn more. - Lynne Walters, Joan Rice, Susan Scott

AAUW Community News

This year **Relay for Life** will be a Tazewell County walk. They are working on 3 dates to be held at the Levee District. Whichever works with the Levee District will be the date for this event. The dates are Sat., April 29, Sat., May 6, or Sat., June 3rd, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM. That is all we know right now. More information to come. - Cheri and Mike Community /Funds Chairpersons



We plan to go to the girl's basketball game, **Friday, Feb. 10th at 7 PM**. Let Judy Griffin (grifjua@gmail.com) know if you would like to attend their last home game. Please wear your AAUW shirts. MMMOR-TTTON-MOR-TON-MORTON- MORTON RAH!

Grant Update

The Morton Branch of the American Association of University Women Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant applications are available at the library. - *Patti*

GEMS update

What do you think you would do with 20 strands of spaghetti, a yard each of tape and string and a marshmallow? On January 24th, SWE (Society of Women Engineers) presented a program for 13 excited girls in 4th through 6th grades. Working in teams, the girls were given 20 minutes to create a pyramid with the marshmallow on the top with the above mentioned materials. It was a challenge for them to create a plan and then build, and rebuild and reinforce and revise. Four teams, four different ideas and in the end, one team successfully displayed a tower that remained in an upright position with the marshmallow on top. Each team was given time to explain their plan and why or why not their plan worked. The next project was creating a catapult with popsicle sticks, rubber bands, tape and a cap lid. Directions were given for this project and as the girls used their catapult to shoot ping pong balls in to buckets, they were able to ask for additional materials to "perfect" their catapult. In the end, there was a ping pong shooting challenge. Two great projects with very enthusiastic participants. An A+ GEMS program!!!! On February 20th, from 4-5:30, a Genetic Scientist will help the participants make DNA necklaces and extract DNA from a strawberry. Come help and enjoy the enthusiasm in the room. The GEMS Committee - *Linda Young*

PAWAC Movies

The Peoria Area World Affairs Council and the Peoria Riverfront Museum are pleased to announce special screenings of international documentaries nominated for Academy Awards during the month of February.

Sunday, February 12 – Screening of the Oscar nominated documentary "Cartel Land," which focuses on the Mexican drug trade. Movie begins at 2:00 PM in the Giant Screen Theater at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. An informal audience discussion on how the international drug trade affects Central Illinois, led by area law enforcement, will follow the showing.

Sunday, February 26 – Screening of the 2016 Academy Award nominated documentary "The Look of Silence," which focuses on the 1965 Indonesian genocide. Movie begins at 2:00 PM in the Giant Screen Theater at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. An informal audience discussion on present-day genocide issues, led by Keith Porter of the Stanley Foundation, will follow the showing.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or in person at the theater

2016 OSCAR-NOMINATED DOCUMENTARIES

CARTEL LAND
SUN, FEB 12 | 2 PM

THE LOOK OF SILENCE
SUN, FEB 26 | 2 PM

GIANT SCREEN THEATER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
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PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM

Reminder of Last Month's Soup Supper and IWU Presentation!

