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MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH

March 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

Each day it is a little lighter in our part of the world. The sun is rising earlier and setting later. We have sprung forward and just returned to "Daylight savings" time. Our AAUW board will spring forward next month with the election of a new president, corresponding secretary, and recording secretary. A big THANK YOU to those members who said, "YES," as well as to those who have faithfully served on our board in those positions for the past two years.

On March 1st, President Donald J. Trump proclaimed March as Women's History Month, following a tradition that has been in place since 1987, when Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women. This year's theme is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business." To read more, please go to <http://nwhp.org>. I hope many of you have had the time to read about our local "trailblazer," Darlene Dorgan...what an amazing story! John and Carmen sold 15 books that night. They generously sent us a check for \$45 toward our local scholarship grant.

I have received word that the AAUW Board of Directors will be voting on a proposed dues increase at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2017. Should the increase pass, it will not become effective until the following fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018. The last national dues increase was in 2008.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our next branch meeting to learn about 3-D printers and their uses and to see one in use. Come learn about the Society of Women Engineers who have presented several GEMS workshops for us.

- JudyGriffin, Morton AAUW Branch President

March Program News

Please join us Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm at Kuhl & Company (enter in the back).

<http://centralillinois.swe.org/> Members from the Society of Women Engineers will present a program about 3D Printing and its future. The evening will include a demonstration of a 3D printer.

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

AAUW Hostesses for March

March hostesses are Heather Thompson, Paige Hadsell, Carolyn Shepherd, Patti Erwin- *Kay Lindley, Hostess Chairperson*

AAUW March Board Meeting – Change from the Booklet

The next Board Meeting is on March 28th at 7pm Cathy Durflinger 121 Timberlane Drive. If you are a board member and you are not planning to attend Feb. meeting, please notify Judy Griffin (grifjua@gmail.com) in advance and send report.

Looking Ahead – April's Meeting – Books and Business

Our April meeting is our annual Book Review and Business meeting. Now is the time to get reading! ***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.

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. At our March meeting, we will pass around a sheet to sign up. We hope many of you can join us that day! We will be on-line soon to collect donations for this event. Thank you much for your support! - *Cheri and Mike Community /Funds Chairpersons*

Grant Update

The Morton Branch of the American Association of University Women Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant applications are available at the library. **Applications are due April 1st.** – *Patti*

GEMS update

On February 20th, there were 19 girls participating in a DNA discovery presented by a genetic scientist. The girls extracted DNA from a strawberry and made a DNA necklace.

The next GEMS presentation will be March 16th from 4PM-6PM. Bonnie Cox, a certified Zentangle Instructor will show the participants the method of Zentangle and show them several patterns that will be applied to eggs that have been blown out and dyed with silk ties.

The presentation is being paid for from a LEGUP Grant from AAUW-IL which the GEMS committee applied for and was awarded. This grant was recognized in the most recent AAUW IL – LINK newsletter – check it out!

Another presentation for GEMS will be on March 27th from 4PM-5:30 PM. Women's History Month will be honored with the participants learning about women whose commitments have proved to be invaluable to society. There will also be a Microscope Mysteries presentation using cheek cells and tulip stems.

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*

Movies

Lion is a wonderful movie, and the proceeds help a worthy cause.

[Charity partner of Hollywood film Lion | Railway Children](#)

Let's plan on going to see Beauty and Beast this month for fun!! – Patti

Cheri Patterson update

Cheri's recent PET scan was clear and she doesn't have to see the Dr. for 3 months. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers and positive thoughts for her during this long journey.

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.

Morton News - Lady Potters Three-peat!

The Morton girls basketball team is now among the greatest programs in IHSA history. With the win, Morton joins exclusive company in the IHSA girls basketball record books, becoming one of five teams to win three consecutive state championships. The Lady Potters (34-3) defeated Rochester 44-37 Saturday afternoon in the Class 3A state championship, winning their third straight title.

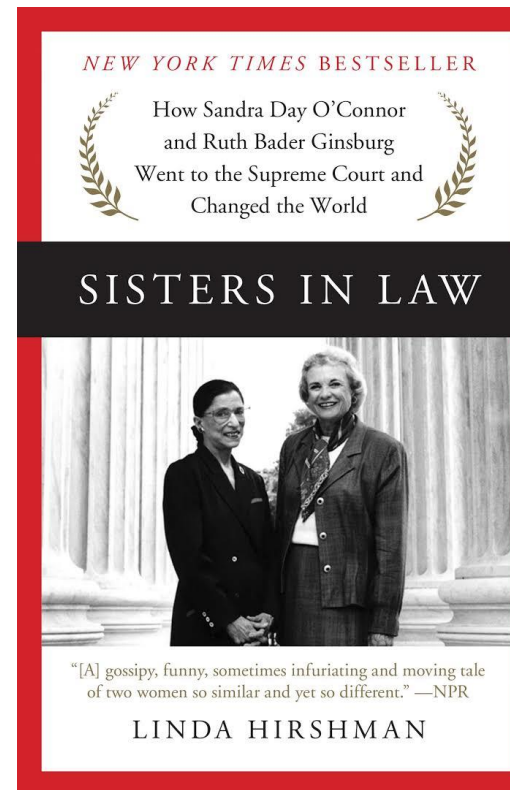
AAUW National Book Club

Join the AAUW National Online Chat with the Author of a New Book on Justices O'Connor and Ginsburg

March 28, 2017 Time: 8:00 p.m. ET **Location:** Online (You just need to [register](#).) **Cost:** Free

Calling all members! Join AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club in celebrating **Women's History Month** by reading *Sisters in Law*, Linda Hirshman's dual biography of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The book not only "tells the life stories of the nation's first female justices, but it is as much about how we got to the present juncture with respect to women's legal rights."

Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg — "Republican and Democrat, Christian and Jew, western rancher's daughter and Brooklyn girl" — prove that there is tremendous strength in difference. As the publisher describes it, these justices "have transformed the United States itself, making it a more equal place for all women. Hirshman's dual biography combines legal detail with warm personal anecdotes that bring these very different women into focus as never before. Meticulously researched and compellingly told, it is an authoritative account of our changing law and culture and a moving story of a remarkable friendship." The book is more relevant than ever as we urge the president and the Senate to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court and prepare for rulings in pivotal cases affecting women and girls.



<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/03/adelante-book-discussion-sisters-in-law/>



Equal Pay Day is on 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.