



AAUW CONNECTION MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH November 2015

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.

Association website: <http://aauw.org>

Illinois state website: www.aauw-il.org

Morton Branch AAUW website: <http://morton-il.aauw.net/>

Editor: Susan Scott, email: susscott1@yahoo.com

President's message

Time to give thanks! I am thankful for the support and service our Morton AAUW members give to each other and our community. It's now that time of the year to form our Nominating Committee! Three offices are up for election--Program Vice President, Membership Vice President, and Treasurer. Getting involved on the board is a wonderful way to become better acquainted with each other.

I am thankful for our GEMS committee and their hard work and dedication to serve 4-6th grade girls. Our first grant has been submitted by Heather Thompson to the IL State Board to continue and expand the program.

I attended the District Fall Conference in Springfield on October 24th. One thing that I was surprised to learn was that the Springfield Branch has 19 study groups and 100 members. "Welcome to the Real World" is a new STEM program from the U of I Extension that is being promoted by AAUW-IL and targets 6, 7, and 8th grade girls. Online training is available.

Mark December 8th on your calendars to join us for our 40th Celebration! Our committee is working hard to make it a memorable evening.

Don't forget to contact Cheri/Mike about helping/donating at the December 21st Winter Concert. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting. What a wonderful way to raise funds, provide a community service, have fellowship, and raise awareness of AAUW.

A reminder that "Making Their Mark: Illinois Women Artists, 1940-1960" is an exhibit at the Riverfront Museum running until Jan. 17, 2016. The exhibit examines the role of female artists in defining artistic styles developed between 1940-1960.

Please check out our website. Heather Thompson has done a nice job uploading pictures from our 2015 events and much more.

Giving thanks,

-Judy
Morton AAUW Branch President

Program News

Our program this month will be held at the new East Peoria Community Bank in the Levee District. Come and meet a local artist, Mary Ellen Carver, and enjoy her work.

We will meet on the second floor, there are elevators when you come in the main entrance, at 7:00 P.M. Our business meeting and refreshments will follow. Looking forward to seeing you all on Nov. 10th! *-Deb Elliott & Jan Martin*

Preparations are underway for **Morton AAUW 40th Anniversary** celebration on December 8th. Please see the attached PDF for all the details. Checks will be accepted for the 40th dinner. Please make them out to Morton AAUW, reservations are due by November 28. Sign up sheet will be at Nov. meeting. *-Judy Petefish and Faye Walker*

AAUW Funds & Community News

Morton AAUW will be discussing our chapter member's allocation to AAUW Funds during the November meeting.

We are set to work at concessions for the Fall and Winter Concert Series on Monday, Dec. 21 - Swinging with the "Rat Pack"- Sinatra, Martin, Davis Jr. Sounds like fun music. A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

-Cheri and Mike

Hostess News

Hostesses for the November 10 meeting at Hometown Community Bank at Levee District in East Peoria are Roberta Beutel, Juel Bennewitz, Jean Ann Honegger, and Ruthie Roth.

-Kay Lindley

Grant report

The Morton 2016 Grant Application will soon be available online.

It will also be at the library in early December.

-Patti Erwin

Matin-As & Lunch Bunch

No updates. Please share your suggestions with Judy P and Patti E.

Newsletter

A closed Facebook group will be created for our members to easily communicate with one another about AAUW events/topics or other community events. I will be moderating the group. No one outside the group will be able to see our communications.

Please send me your newsworthy articles or updates for our members. We want to promote community and communication. *- Susan Scott*