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## **MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH**

**October 2016**

**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**

### **WHAT A FANTASTIC START TO 2016-17 AAUW!!**

Fabulous food, fantastic friends, and fellowship. Many thanks to Heather Thompson, Paige Hadsall, and the board for preparing our appetizers and "Meet and Greet." Weren't those young ladies amazing? Thanks to all of you who came and invited women. As we have said many times before, the best way to find new members is by a personal invitation.

Many thanks also goes out to all who volunteered for the Sweet Shoppe at the Pumpkin Festival this year. Busy was an understatement. It is a pleasure to be a part of a community minded group!

I'm excited to see our GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) move full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) ahead and meeting on a monthly basis. The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) have proved to be an awesome partnership. Upcoming sessions include 3-D printing/bridge building, architectural design, and electrical grids to finish off the year.

Fall colors will lead us to our next Branch meeting at the Morton Public Library. It is open to the public, so bring a friend. Men are also welcome to hear the presentation by members of the World Affairs Council concerning Eastern Europe.

The Faye Walker Memorial will take place on November 5, 3:30 PM, at her residence, 907 Sunset Road. The tribute board used at our September meeting will be on display and Janelle has asked me to say a few words about Faye's service to AAUW. More details will be available at our branch meeting; all are welcome.

See you at the library on October 11<sup>th</sup>!

*-Judy*

*Morton AAUW Branch President*

## **Program News**

Our October program is "Eastern Europe After the Fall of the Wall" at the Morton Public Library on October 11th at 7pm.

*-Marilyn Formhals, Vice President/Membership*

## Hostesses for our upcoming programs

October Hostesses are Marti Atwater, Carolyn Neff, Judy Petefish and Janet Schwarzentraub  
-Kay Lindley, Hostess Chairman

## AAUW Community News

Mike and I would like to thank Paige Hadsall, Patti Erwin, Deb Elliott, Roberta Beutel, Betty Fugitt, Marilyn Formhals, Judy Petefish, Joan Rice, and Juel Bennewitz for working at the Pumpkin Festival Sweet Shoppe. A couple of these ladies stepped in when some had to cancel, and we truly appreciate everyone's work that night. If I've forgotten someone, please forgive me. I'm not always running on all cylinders these days. My best to you all, -Cheri and Mike

## Matin-A's Movie news

Members enjoyed Sully and Queen of Katwee this month.

Both movies are highly recommended.

Other movies to see are Pete's Dragon and Snowden, a real eye opener.

-Patti

## Faye Walker Memorial November 5

*Judy Petefish wanted to remind our members that the 3-fold purpose of AAUW was alive in Faye. She believed in the continuing intellectual growth of women, supported the advancement of women, and believed it was a woman's responsibility to give whole-heartedly to the organization to which she belonged and to the community in which she lived. All who were on this journey with her will never forget her.*

Janelle would like us to bake for the memorial. We will have a sign up list at the meeting so we will know how many pans we can provide.

Chewy Caramel Bars  
Bag of Kraft caramels  
2/3 c. evaporated milk  
1c. flour  
3/4 c. oatmeal (Quick Quaker Oats) uncooked  
1/2 c. brown sugar, packed  
1/2 t. baking soda  
1/4 t. salt  
3/4 c. butter  
1c. chocolate chips (milk or semi-sweet, or a combination)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Melt caramels with milk in microwave or in heavy saucepan over low heat.

Combine dry ingredients. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve a heaping 1/2 cup of this mixture.

Press remaining crumb mixture into bottom of greased 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. Sprinkle chocolate pieces over baked crust. Pour caramel mixture evenly over chocolate pieces. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Continue baking 20-25 minutes. Chill 2 hours. Cut into bars. Makes 20-24 bars.

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**Pictures from the 'Exceptional Young Women in our Community' event in September**





