



CONNECTION

MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH

October 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.

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

Illinois state website: www.aauw-il.org

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

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

Hello Friends!

What a superb start to 2014-5!! Fabulous food, fantastic friends, and magnificent music. Many thanks to Heather Thompson and the board for preparing our salad/supper program.

A warm welcome to Pam Westerman, our newest member! We are so happy to have you in Morton AAUW!!

A kind, wonderful person needs to chair the Community committee.

Look ahead dates:

Lunch Bunch-October 21st @Salt

Matin-A's- Gone Girl Date and time TBA

BGBG-November 5th at Roberta Beutel's Discussion

October 14th Branch meeting @ Morton Tourism Building

“Starting Your Own Business” with Katie Vandenburg

October 28th Board Meeting @ Judy Petefish's home

November 8th – District 2 & 3 joint fall conference in Springfield.

Fine Arts Concert-February 9, 2015

Take care,
Patti

Local news

Program

October Branch Meeting: October 14, 2014

Location: Morton Tourism Office (downstairs)
206 South First Avenue (additional parking in the rear)

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: "Starting Your Own Business" by Katie Vandenburg

Have you ever wondered about starting your own business? Come to our October meeting and hear Katie Vandenburg talk about her experiences opening Eli's Coffee Shop. She is a young business woman who grew up in Morton and has really given back to our community. It should be a great meeting. Hope to see you there.

Deb Elliott/Jan Martin
Program Chairs

New Member

Please welcome our newest member Pam Westerman! Pam is known to many of us and we are so glad to welcome her aboard. Please add her information to your booklets:

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Judy Petefish, Membership VP

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.

Hostess Plans

Please review the new AAUW 2014-15 Directory to find where you are assigned to be a Hostess or Co-Hostess. If you have a conflict with the date you are assigned, please find a friend to switch assignments, and then let me know so I can update my records.

Matin-As

We are going to kick-off the Matin-As with *Gone Girl* (book read by Morton AAUW BGBG). Be on the look out for a separate email later this month with the theater location, date and time. If you have any recommendations for movies let me know

[Gone Girl Movie I In Theaters October 3rd](http://www.gonegirlmovie.com/), check it out:
<http://www.gonegirlmovie.com/>

Susan Scott

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, October 21, noon, at SALT, 4542 N Prospect in Peoria Heights. Please RSVP by noon on Monday the 20th. Depending on the numbers we can meet there or car pool. I will send out an e-mail by Monday evening. Hope to see a good response. Email bjpetefish@cs.com if interested.

Judy Petefish

Community

Our date to do concessions at the Winter Concert Series is February 9, 2015. The Cats Pajamas will be playing. This is one of our fundraisers for the scholarship fund. Please mark your calendars.

Mike Gunn

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.

Corresponding secretary,
Judy Griffin

Sweet Shoppe volunteers, Linda and Roberta