



AAUW CONNECTION MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH September 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.

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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President's message Hello Morton AAUW Ladies,

Welcome back!

The smell of pumpkins is in the air! That means it's Pumpkin Festival time and the start of our 2016-17 AAUW year!

You'll be receiving your 2016-17 booklet at the September meeting. Take time to mark the meetings on your calendar. Heather Thompson and Paige Hadsall have done a wonderful job of putting together great programs. Be sure to invite a friend to our first evening of appealing appetizers by the board and meet and greet Exceptional young women in our community.

We want to remember the purpose of AAUW, which is "to advance equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." Have you ever been asked "What is AAUW?" Think about why you are an AAUW member and how you would answer "What is AAUW?"

Our GEMS club has been full of STEAM this summer. New exciting sessions are coming up this fall. We have used our grant money to expand the program and to excite young girls in our community about STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.)

Be sure to welcome and introduce yourself to our newest member Carolyn Shepherd. Her information is in our booklet.

Many thanks to Sally, Mike, Cheri, and the many other "worker bees" who did such an extremely wonderful job with concessions for Arts in the Park this summer. Funds raised for our scholarship were phenomenal.

I know our members are passionate about our mission and committed to the success of our organization. For this I am thankful and proud of the great work the AAUW Morton, IL Branch does. I feel so blessed to be able to serve each of you.

-Judy
Morton AAUW Branch President

Program News

Our September 13th meeting is a Meet and Greet. This is the perfect time to invite friends, neighbors, or co-workers to join us in celebrating some exceptional young (local) women. Members and guests will enjoy appetizers and the opportunity to hear about some of our community's exceptional young women and their achievements, including Elizabeth Grimm, an award winning artist, Claire Hawks, organizer of a talent show fundraiser, and the members of the 2016 State Champion Morton Girls Varsity Basketball team. We are hoping to see many new faces at our first meeting of the 2026-2017 year. Help us "fill the house" at the Villas of Hollybrook at 6:30.

Please see attached Flyer! There is also an event on Facebook that you can share with your Fb friends to easily spread the word!

-Marilyn Formhals, Vice President/Membership

Hostesses for our upcoming programs

Attention all board members with Paige Hadsall and Heather Thompson as Chairpersons: Board members, bring finger food appetizers for the September 13 Meet and Greet at Holly Brook.
-Kay Lindley, Hostess Chairman

AAUW Community News

We still need 3 more people to help for Sweet Shoppe on Wednesday of the Pumpkin Festival. September 14th at 4:00. Please let Mike Gunn (mgunn11@hotmail.com) know if you can help out with this fun community event. -Cheri and Mike

Women & Education

Consider becoming an Election Judge for Election Day. Judges in Morton are desperately needed. Training in Morton on September 13th. Call Tazewell County Clerk 309 477-2267

August 25th was Women's Equality Day. It marks the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. Thousands of women and their allies worked for decades to make that day in 1920 possible. It took years of lobbying and demonstrations, passing out pamphlet after pamphlet, publishing editorials, and giving speeches to make it happen.

Celebrate Women's Equality Day

INFOGRAPHIC

Women's Equality Day marks the 92nd anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Celebrate the great sacrifices made by the female suffragists right now!

Step 1 REGISTER TO VOTE.

Are you already registered? Are you sure? Double check at aauwaction.org/my-vote

SEND THE LINK TO FRIENDS.

Step 2

Step 3 MAKE A PEP TALK VIDEO.

Ask a young woman in your life about the issues that she's voting for, then send us the footage.

This is Sarah. She made a video about how she regrets never voting before. Watch her pep talk: <http://twitter.com/ZwinkteLuCr5>

Step 4

FIND OUT WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN YOUR STATE.

Reading it ahead of time will ensure you vote for what you believe in.

Find 2012 ballot measures here: votesmart.org/elections/balot-measures

Peoria Area World Affairs Council A Global Mindset for a 21st Century Education

The Peoria Area World Affairs Council (PAWAC) presents “*A Global Mindset for a 21st Century Education*” on Thursday, September 15, 2016. This free panel event will be held at 6:30 P.M. in Westlake Hall, Room 130 on the campus of Bradley University.

An increasingly globalized economy and world interdependency fueled by rapidly changing technology make a change in the skills needed by our workforce evident. The Peoria Area World Affairs Council will host a panel discussion addressing not only skills required by global companies or organizations, but also some of the most current educational innovations and challenges in Central Illinois and around the world. Panelists include:

- Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat: Superintendent of Peoria Public Schools
- Mr. Chris Yates: Director of Development and Education, Caterpillar Inc.
- Dr. Heljä Antola Crowe: Professor of Education Bradley University

This program is free and open to the public. Advance notice of event attendance strongly encouraged via director@pawac.org to secure seats. This program will be of interest to students, teachers, school administrators, business and political leaders, and anyone interested in the innovations and challenges in today's educational systems. Teachers will be able to apply for CPDU credits by attending this program.

- *Judy Triggs*

Historian/ Publicity

Anyone with pictures, articles, awards, or other memorabilia that should be added to the scrapbook for the 2015-2016 year should bring such items to the September meeting or give to me soon. I would like to finish up the scrapbook, so that I may pass them along to Lora Kober, our new Historian/Publicity Officer. Thanks!

- *Heather Thompson*

Matin-A's Movie news

Light Between Oceans, a book we read in BGBC will be released early September. Hopefully a local theater will carry it. Look for an email. The Jane Austin *Love and Friendship* movie only played a week at Landmark.

-*Patti*

Membership / Treasurer News

Invite your friends to our September 13th Meet and Greet.

-*Sharon Farney*

Grant report

Judy Griffin and I met Brittany Burk at the library. We were happy to meet her and very impressed. She was able to travel to Ireland and Scotland in May to research their health systems.

The Morton Branch of the American Association of University Women awarded its 2016 Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant to Brittany Burk.

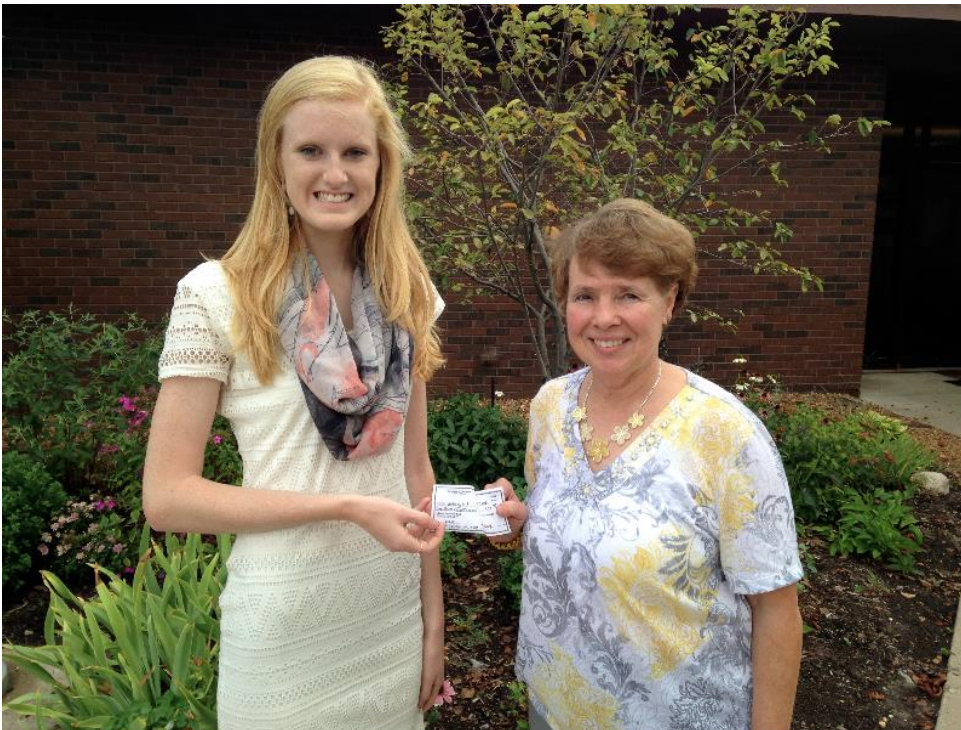
Brittany Burk, a 2011 graduate of Morton High School, receives a \$1000 check from Morton AAUW President, Judy Griffin, for Morton AAUW's 2016 Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant.

Brittany graduated Summa Cum Laude from Augustana College in 2015 with a Dual Bachelor's Degrees in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology with a minor in Sociology. She has completed her first year at Texas Christian University majoring in a Master's of Science Degree in speech-language pathology. Brittany was involved during her collegiate years with Alpha Phi Omega, Augustana Dance Marathon, Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Student Alumni Council, dance troupes, gospel choir, and worked in the Admissions Office. Brittany was awarded the Dr. Donald C. Davis and Lois Family Scholarship, and Dahl Leadership Scholarship. She has worked with Braking Traffik and teaches ESL to immigrants in the community. During her senior year she pursued three different research opportunities.

Brittany Burk, B.A.
Texas Christian University '17
M.S. Speech-Language Pathology

Thank you, Becky Walker, Judy Griffin, Roberta Beutel, and Diane Pflederer for your hard work as the Grant committee.

-Patti





**The Morton Branch of the
American Association of University Women
Presents....**

Exceptional Young Women in our Community

The Morton Branch of the American Association of University Women will open its 2016-2017 year with a fun and informal program celebrating some of the young women accomplishing great things right here in our own community. Come enjoy appetizers, meet these outstanding young women, and learn more about AAUW!

AAUW was founded in 1882 and is the oldest women's organization in the United States. It advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Membership is open to any graduate with an associate or equivalent degree or higher. Any qualified person interested in joining AAUW is invited to attend. Monthly meetings are held September through May. For further information, call 826-3862.

6:30 pm September 13th

The Villas of Holly Brook, 1709 North Main Street

Morton AAUW

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Pictures from 2016 Arts in the Park

