



MORTON, ILLINOIS BRANCH
February 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.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

Hola February!

Old Man Winter sure has sure been busy!! Hopefully you're finding time to read a great book or two for our April book review meeting.

Please be sure to welcome our newest member, Marilyn Formhals. 48 members!!

A Face book event has been created for our next meeting. Be sure to invite friends. An email with the meeting's information will also be sent for you to send to people-old and young!

Happy Lincoln's Birthday, Happy Valentine's Day, Happy President's Day--Enjoy this short filled month!! It's fun to be involved with our AAUW activities.

It is indeed a pleasure to work with our board. Thank you, ladies!

Patti Erwin
President

Local news

Program

February Branch Meeting: February 11, 2014

Location: Morton Public Library
315 West Pershing

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Portrayal of Mary Todd Lincoln's sister by Betty Carson Kay

The program for the February meeting will be given by Betty Carlson Kay. She will do a portrayal of Elizabeth Edwards who was the sister of Mary Todd Lincoln. Betty is an exceptional storyteller who brings characters to life through her attire and presentation style. She is a retired teacher who does a lot of speaking in schools about the people in Abraham Lincoln's life. She's written many books. The program which will start at 7 PM on 2/11/14 will be held at the library and is open to the public. I encourage you to bring a friend to hear this dynamic presentation.

Diane Pflederer
Program Vice President

Below is the website about Betty Carlson Kay, including information about her presentation and the books she has written.

<http://bckay.home.mchsi.com/>

Lunch Bunch

The February Lunch Bunch gathering will be a Saturday breakfast on Feb. 8 at 9 am. Let's get a large crowd and meet at Savory House in Morton. **NOTE THAT FEB. 8 WILL BE THE SATURDAY BEFORE OUR BRANCH MEETING. THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY REMINDER SO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!** I am not able to attend so just show up at Savory House--no need to call me.

Sharon Farney

Hostess Plans

Please review the new AAUW 2013-14 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.

Susan Scott

Book Review

Sue Roth has selected the following two books for our reading pleasure:

The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin is a historical fiction story about Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh .

For much of her life, Anne Morrow, the shy daughter of the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, has stood in the shadows of those around her, including her millionaire father and vibrant older sister, who often steals the spotlight. Then Anne, a college senior with hidden literary aspirations, travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family. There she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the

Atlantic. Enthralled by Charles's assurance and fame, Anne is certain the celebrated aviator has scarcely noticed her. But she is wrong. You'll have to read the book to learn more.

The other book is narrative nonfiction, called **Behind the Beautiful Forevers**, by Pulitzer Prize winner Katherine Boo. With intelligence, humor, and deep insight into what connects human beings to one another in an era of tumultuous change, The reader is carried headlong into one of the twenty-first century's hidden worlds, and into the lives of people impossible to forget. It's a book about Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in Mumbai, India.

BGBG will meet at Suzanne Ligon's, 67 Maple Ridge Drive, on Wednesday, February 5th at 7PM. Please let her know ASAP if you will be joining the discussion of the Round House. Call her at 309 264-1237 or email her at sbligon98@gmail.com

Community

AAUW Funds:

We will be providing concessions at the Winter Fine Arts Concert for American English that has been rescheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014. I have spoken with Susan Piles, and they would like us to provide the concessions. I told her that we would like to. Please mark your calendars, and Judy will reprint our list of items and workers to remind everyone closer to the date.

Cheri Patterson

Grant

Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant applications are available at the Morton Library and due on April 1st. Committee members are Roberta Beutel, Diane Pflederer, Becky Walker and Judy Griffin.

Membership

Recruit a new member before March 15 and she only has to pay half price national dues. That would be \$24.50, making the total dues only \$43.50. What a bargain!! But hurry, this is only good till March 15!!

Sharon Farney, Membership Vice President

Here's the slate of officers for 2014-15.

Program Vice President – Deb Elliott (Jan Martin will help her)

Membership Vice-President – Judy Petefish

Treasurer – Linda Young

Nominating committee

Please welcome a new member: Marilyn Formhals

Formhals33@gmail.com

309 241-7792

Suzanne Ligon's email address has changed:

sbligon98@gmail.com

Education

Five volunteers are needed to go to the elementary schools and to read a book on women's history to just one class. Please let Betty know if you are interested.

Betty Fugitt

Education/women

Jan update:

It was so nice to see Jan at our January meeting!

Jan 17, 2014 5:13pm

Dear family and friends,

We met with Jan's oncologist this afternoon. He is concerned with the elevated results of a blood test that is specific to pancreatic cancer. That being said, Jan will complete her scheduled chemotherapy, and have a PET scan on February 7. The results of the scan will determine what the next line of treatment will be. Radiation therapy, we are told, is a likely option.

We are disappointed, of course, as we anticipated the end of treatment was in sight. But we will move forward once again with whatever is in store knowing that God will give us the necessary strength and healing to conquer this monstrous disease.

We thank you in advance for your prayers.

Faith, Hope and Love,

Chuck and Jan

Newsletter

Here are final 3 names for our newsletter

AAUW Connection

AAUW Pumpkin Gazette

AAUW Update

We will vote at the February meeting.

Judy Griffin

State and National News

The 44th Annual Central Illinois World Affairs Conference will be held on March 8, 2014 at Embassy Suites Hotel Conference Center in East Peoria. Topic for this conference is : "Cybersecurity: Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Age" with Opening Keynote address by Dr. Lori E. Murray, Distinguished Chair for the National Security at the US Naval Academy, and Special Security Advisor to President Clinton. Christopher Finan, Former director for Cybersecurity Legislation and Policy in the Obama White House.

Three distinguished panelists will chair the afternoon discussion on "Metadata, Intellectual Property, Personal Information and more: What's Out There On the Web and How It May Be Used."

The cost is \$60 for all sessions and lunch for PAWAC members. \$45 for sessions only. For non members the cost is \$75 for lunch and all sessions or \$60 for sessions only. Students get the same price as PAWAC members. Phone 677-2454 for more information and to register.

Judy Triggs

Public Policy Report

Short review of the Public Policy Highlights below:

Check out the details of the following topics for The Public Policy Highlights coming in February:

*Tell the President to Act on Equal Pay--Still a Gap!

*Cleared for Take-Off-Flying Time to Full Recognition, 34 years!--Story of Dora Dougherty

*Let's Win the War on Poverty in Our Lifetime--As we mark the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty, three actions are listed for you to help secure a strong economic future for all women and families--join the legacy of AAUW members!

*Education: An Antidote to Poverty-A History Lesson Reviewed

*Take Action-A reminder of the Action Alerts continued in 2014--Communicating with Congress!

Lynda Hootman

Corresponding secretary,
Judy Griffin