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WOMEN

AAUW — CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH

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Equal Pay Day will be celebrated on April 28, 2009!

To match men's earnings for 2008, women have to work from January 2008 to April 2009 — an extra four months. In recognition of this inequity, we celebrate equal pay day on April 28, 2009.

Please join us and invite your friends to

C-U AAUW's Annual

Wine, Women and Song

to benefit Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, & Local Scholarships

Saturday, April 18 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Milo's Restaurant

2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana

"Memorable Songs That Touch the Heart"

Musical theater favorites arranged by Dan Perrino and performed by

**Ingrid Kammin, UI doctoral voice student
Accompanied by Rick Murphy, Uni High
music director on keyboard**

Wine, non-alcoholic drinks, hors d'oeuvres



\$20 for the first person,
\$15 for each additional person

Reservations due by April 10 to
Phyllis Cline, call her at 344-4806
or email plcline@comcast.net

Please support this event & come enjoy it!



Legal Advocacy Fund

Margaret Stewart
LAF Chair



In December the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of AT&T vs. Hulteen, a case which involves a group of women who took pregnancy leave before 1978, when the Pregnancy Discrimination Act was passed. The pensions paid to these women were much smaller than those paid to women who took pregnancy leave at AT&T after the act was passed.

AAUW, together with the National Women's Law Center, has signed an amicus brief in support of the women who received smaller pensions. They argue that their pensions should not be based on the older, discriminatory policy.

This case is illustrative of the kind that the Legal Advocacy Fund is now looking to support, namely that of women in any workplace, not just academia that will set precedents to gain justice for the plaintiffs and prevent future discrimination.

Contributions from the branch to LAF support this effort.

Writer's Group

Friday, April 17 and May 15
1:30 p.m.

Borders Bookstore
802 W Town Center Blvd.,
Champaign

Note **new meeting location** for the AAUW Writer's Group which meets on the **third Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m.** We read our writings and exchange information about writer's conferences and local classes, as well as reading our own creations to each other. We usually present the program in December for the general AAUW members with our original works.

All are welcome to attend—beginners as well as more experienced writers.

You may come to listen and offer comments, too—we do not require that you present something at every meeting but hope that we interest and encourage people to create. **Come join us!!**

Chair: Barbara Scott 352-7364

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee presents the following slate of candidates for the 2009-2011 term:

Co-Presidents: **Helen Miron and Lynda Morgan**

Finance Vice-President: **Phyllis Cline**

Secretary: **Pam Erickson**

The election will be held at the Annual meeting on May 2. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

The following officers will continue in their positions for another year:

Program Vice-President: Brenda Wilson

Membership Vice-President: Jenny Harvey

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Stewart, Chair
Jenny Harvey and Mary Temperley

AAUW ANNOUNCES NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT Kick-off Conference



SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

9:00AM to 3:00 PM at Northern Illinois University
1120 E. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL

This workshop will help you find resources and funding to create STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities for the young women in YOUR community.

Cost is \$25 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch.
For more information and to register, go to www.icpsps.ilstu.edu.

You are cordially invited to THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YWCA ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS

Campus Open House Reception on

Thursday, April 2, 2009

From 4-6 PM in

University YMCA/YWCA

1001 S. Wright St., Champaign

R.S.V.P. at 344-0721

Educational Foundation

AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, & self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

Legal Advocacy Fund

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

2009 AAUW-IL Inc. State Convention

**BREAKING
THROUGH
BARRIERS**

April 24-25, 2009

Decatur Conference
Center and Hotel

Mark your calendars!

C-U AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

Thursday

April 2 7:30 p.m.

Program: *R.U.R.*

Discussion Leader:
Roma Chenoweth

Location/Host:
Helen Miron,
612 W. Nevada, Urbana
344-4225
Co-host : Lynda Morgan

Drama Group



The Drama Group gets together on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Sept-May, to discuss a selected play. **New member are always welcome!**

Co-Chairs: Phyllis Cline 344-4806
Helen Miron 344-4225

Thursday

May 7 7:30 p.m.

Program:
Visiting Mr. Green

Discussion Leader:
Norma Peters

Location/Host:
Cesaria Lancaster
1807 Cindy Lynn, Urbana
384-7798

¡Adelante!

Book Discussion

Afternoon: 2:30 pm
Tuesday, April 28
Tuesday, May 26

Home of Amy Kummerow,
1805 Pleasant St. Urbana

The evening group has been cancelled due to closing of Pages for all Ages Bookstore.

Anyone interested in discussing these books is welcome, whether or not you are an AAUW member.

Community Outreach

APRIL Book:

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman (2007)

In Poland during WWII the director of the Warsaw zoo and his wife sheltered over 300 Jews and other resisters in their residence and in the zoo's structures. Despite the risks to themselves and damage to the zoo grounds from German bombs, the zookeepers aided the resistance movement and made life as normal as possible for their guests. A dramatic story that illuminates the profound connection between humans and nature, and celebrates life's beauty, mystery and tenacity.

MAY Book (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month)

The Rape of Nanking: the Forgotten Holocaust of World War II by Iris Chang

Late in 1937 the Imperial Japanese Army captured Nanking, then the capital of China, during the Second Sino-Japanese War. Over the next couple months they engaged in a genocidal attack on the population, raping, torturing and murdering hundreds of thousands of Chinese citizens. Descriptions of the atrocities are graphic and disturbing. Some heroes emerge, including a Nazi living in China for decades who intervened to save many Chinese from death

Contact Person: Phyllis Cline 344-4806



Annual Luncheon Meeting and Installation of Officers

Saturday, May 2 at Noon

Location: Kennedy's at Stone Creek
2560 Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana

Kathy Klemens, AAUW District 2 Director

Will present

"Ordinary Women; Extraordinary Results"

We will have a **silent book auction** with all books beginning at \$1.00.
Bring books that you think other AAUW member would enjoy.

Luncheon includes salad, entrée choice, coffee or tea for \$14.25
(includes tax & gratuity)

For reservation call Sallie Miller at 356-9214 or email millersallie@hotmail.com

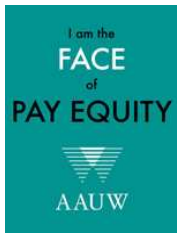
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What's Happening by Co-President Sallie Miller

In addition to our interest groups, we have some events coming up that I hope you will be able to attend. Wine, Women and Song, our annual fundraiser / friend raiser event will be held on April 18 at Milo's restaurant. This event supports our AAUW mission as we raise funds for Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and local scholarships. As an AAUW member, our Wine, Women and Song Committee is asking you to buy a minimum of 2 tickets and, if possible, attend the event. This is one way to support our organization.

Our Annual Luncheon Meeting and Installation of Officers will be held at noon on May 2 at Kennedy's at Stone Creek. I'm looking forward to hearing Kathy Klemens talk - "Ordinary Women; Extraordinary Results." I want to thank Margaret Stewart for chairing the Nominating Committee that has presented us with a slate of candidates for the 2009-2011 term. I have enjoyed serving as Co-President with Helen Miron for the 2007-2009 term. I'm pleased that Helen will continue to serve another term as Co-President and that Lynda Morgan will serve as Co-President with her. Our AAUW branch will have strong leadership moving forward.



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Mission

***Advance equity for women and girls
through advocacy, education, and
research.***

Vision

*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.*

Diversity Statement

*In principle and practice, AAUW values
and seeks a diverse membership. There
shall be no barriers to full participation in
the organization on the basis of gender,
race, creed, age sexual orientation,
national origin, disability, or class.*



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