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C-U AAUW Annual Luncheon Meeting and Installation of Officers

Saturday, April 30 at Noon
Location: Kennedy's at Stone Creek
2560 Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana

Lisha Banks,
Executive Director of YWCA of the University of Illinois
Will present

"What's New at the YWCA"

Luncheon includes salad, entrée choice,
coffee or tea for \$14.50
(includes tax & gratuity)

For reservation call Helen Miron at 344-4225 or email
hkmiron@yahoo.com by Wednesday, April 27

April 5 Event at Spurlock Museum

Spurlock Museum has scheduled an April 5 showing of the film, "The Sweetest Embrace: Return to Afghanistan", as part of the museum's AsiaLENS series. The film tells the story of two Afghan brothers who as children were sent to live in Tajikistan to be safe from the chaos that existed following the Russian invasion. They had planned to return in a short while, but in fact it was 16 years later that they found their way back, and the film documents their experiences as they reconnect with their native land.

A group of branch members will be attending the presentation, as it is a wonderful way to deepen our understanding of that troubled country. Lynda Morgan, Sallie Miller and Margaret Stewart heard Greg Mortenson, author of the book, "Three Cups of Tea," when he spoke recently in Springfield. They are anxious to learn more about the country where his organization has been so successful in building schools, especially for girls.

Please join us for the April 5 event at the Spurlock Museum. The program will start at 7 p.m. If you would like to join some of us for dinner at a nearby restaurant before the showing, contact Margaret Stewart either at 217-356-9475 or at mkestewart@aol.com.

Margaret Stewart
International Relations Chair

MORE COMING ATTRACTIONS: Another film of interest is "Motherland Afghanistan." This is a documentary of an American gynecologist of Afghan descent who returns there periodically. While there he demonstrates good obstetrical practice and teaches local health professionals how to make childbirth safer. This DVD will be shown at Margaret's house, 3202 Stoneybrook Dr., Champaign; the tentative date is Tuesday, May 10, in the afternoon. Watch your email for more information.

Would you like to be involved in developing an International Affairs interest group? If so, you are invited to be part of a committee looking into Great Decisions, a study and discussion program created by the Foreign Policy Association. We will be looking into the feasibility of using the program for a group starting in the fall. Again, call Margaret if you are interested.

C-U Branch Calendar of Events

April

- 5 Film—Spurlock
- 7 Drama Group
- 15 Writers' Group
- 17 Parkland Play
- 26 Adelante
- 30 Annual Meeting

May

- 5 Drama Group
- 10 Film—Margaret Stewart's house
- 20 Writers' Group
- 24 Adelante

Equal Pay Day

The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 12, 2011. This date symbolizes how far into 2011 women must work to earn what men earned in 2010.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages.

C-U AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

**Thursday
April 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

Home of Norma Peters
Windsor at Savoy, 401 Burwash, Savoy
363-2387

Discussion Leader: Jackie Terry
Program: *The Little Prince*

Drama Group



**Thursday
May 5 at 7:30 p.m.**

Home of Margaret Stewart
3202 Stoneybrook, Champaign
356-9475

Discussion Leader: Norma Peters
Program: *East of Eden*

Drama Group plans to attend ***The Little Prince*** at the Parkland Theatre on **Sunday, April 17** as a group. The show begins at 3 PM and tickets are (\$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors). Contact Phyllis Cline at 344-4806 to join Drama Group for this play.

The Drama group gets together each month to discuss a selected play. Occasionally the group will host a guest speaker working in the field to discuss a pertinent topic. Once a year the group selects and attends a play together.

New members are always welcome!!!

Drama group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm, September—May.

Co-Chairs: Phyllis Cline 344-4806

Helen Miron 344-4225



Community Outreach



APRIL BOOK

**¡Adelante!
Book Discussion
4th Tuesday of month**

**Afternoon: 2:30 pm
Tuesday, April 26
Tuesday, May 24**

Home of Amy Kummerow,
1805 Pleasant St. Urbana

**Please attend, even if you haven't
read the book!!**

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

Contact Person: Phyllis Cline
344-4806

Absolution by Murder: a Sister Fidelma Mystery

Author: Peter Tremayne (1994)

The author presents seventh century Ireland as a golden age of enlightenment and equality for women. Sister Fidelma, a Celtic follower and legally trained scholar, is asked to investigate when, during an ecclesiastical conclave to settle major divisions between the Roman and Celtic branches of Christianity, the Abbess of Kildare, a Celtic proponent, is murdered. The relationship between Sister Fidelma and Brother Eadulf, her Roman counterpart, adds to the drama and mystery

MAY BOOK-Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month

Country Driving: A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory

Author: Peter Hessler (2010)

No place in the world is changing as fast and at such a scale as modern China. The country is frantically industrializing, with peasants leaving the countryside in droves for the cities, where new problems await them and contradictions are rampant. New Yorker author Hessler guides us through the ambitions, failures, and comedy of a country in which everybody, it seems, is on the move, and no one is quite sure of the rules.

Financial Facts from Phyllis Cline

Wine, Women and Song raised \$1,390 in donations for Local Scholarships, Educational Foundation, and Legal Advocacy Fund! Our thanks to all who responded to this opportunity to raise money for women's advancement in higher education and protection from sexual discrimination. Your generosity added \$880 to our local scholarship account plus \$360 for EF and \$150 for LAF. We also realized a net gain of nearly \$400 from our attendance charges. The Board will determine the distribution of this money among the above categories. 55 guests enjoyed our speaker's program and the delicious wines and hor d'oeuvres from Milo's Restaurant.

You will receive an annual dues notice soon. It will offer another opportunity for supporting our branch's local scholarships and the national office's vital missions of EF and LAF. The AAUW "year" runs from July 1 through June 30, and the national office wants all dues submitted by June 30. I am willing to take post-dated checks if it will enable me to achieve this goal, so please respond promptly when you receive your dues notice.

Writers' Group

**Friday, April 15 & Friday, May 20 1:30 p.m.
Borders Bookstore, 802 W. Town Center Blvd.,
Champaign**

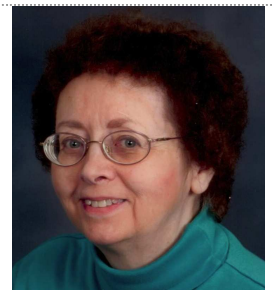
The AAUW Writers' Group meets on the **third Friday of the month** at Borders Bookstore at **1:30 p.m.** We read our writings and exchange information about writer's conferences and local classes, as well as reading our own creations to each other. We usually present the program in December for the general 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

Branch Nominates Phyllis Cline for Agent of Change Award

Submitted by Lynda Morgan

The Agent of Change Award nominees should be outstanding examples of AAUW-IL members who have served as catalysts to bring about positive societal change, especially in the previous calendar year. All efforts that relate to AAUW's missions will be considered, with special emphasis placed on activities that relate to current AAUW priorities and initiatives.



"What would we do without Phyllis?" is commonly heard throughout the ranks of the Champaign-Urbana branch of AAUW. Phyllis Cline is a longtime member who has served the organization in a variety of capacities. Currently, Phyllis serves as the branch financial officer. As the financial officer, Phyllis has managed our money and increased our donations so we can add and support a third scholarship. Further, she has helped support another member who is currently collecting donations for Greg Mortenson's efforts in Afghanistan to educate their women. These donations come from the Champaign-Urbana branch of AAUW.

I first met Phyllis at an Adelante Book Club meeting. I have to admit being intimidated initially by Phyllis's handicap. I thought that offering assistance might offend Phyllis; she seemed quite capable and certainly understood the workings of her "operation" much better than I. I am sure Phyllis sensed my state of bewilderment as she almost immediately began giving me direction. What a relief! Phyllis's ability to direct and facilitate while being sensitive to others has been invaluable to our organization.

Social workers are often referred to as change agents. Phyllis worked as a social worker at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) for 30 years. I, too, did some work as a student at the VAMC. Many of the patients with mental health issues can be violent. Phyllis struck a strong cord of admiration in me when she told about taking schizophrenic patients not on their meds to Public Aid to get benefits. I just couldn't believe. I sat there thinking, "Geez, I steered clear of

those patients in the facility. There's no way I'd be taking them out in public, especially if I were in a wheelchair." Throughout my encounters with Phyllis, I have admired her more and more. She has done more with her life and for this world from a wheelchair than a lot of people have done standing and walking on their own two feet.

Phyllis's latest efforts to effect change began in 2009 when a speaker from the Moms and Babies program in Decatur, Illinois, came to speak at her church (For more info about the Moms and Babies program, please see http://www.herald-review.com/news/local/article_0bd8ba4c-bfe2-5185-ba90-5e5ec0e837f2.html). Susan Creek of the Moms and Babies program advises that Phyllis has helped tremendously in many different ways. She has taken brochures and talked to other groups about the program, and speaks to many folks about it. At Christmas last year, she asked people to give gift cards or other needed items to her that she could then donate to the program. Phyllis donated many gift cards and other items. The last two (2) Christmases, in fact, she has brought "tons of stuff" over for the program. The program did a cookbook fundraiser, and Phyllis sold many of the cookbooks. She has been a tremendous help over the last couple of years. Ms. Creek is clearly grateful for all of Phyllis's work.

We, too, in the Champaign-Urbana branch of AAUW are very grateful for Phyllis. She is more than an agent of change; she is a force with which to be reckoned. Her courage in assisting and supporting the vulnerable goes unmatched. The Champaign-Urbana branch of AAUW very proudly nominates Phyllis Cline for the 2011 Agent of Change Award.

YWCA Women in Leadership Internship Program

Kara Lester, Angel Wang, Yubing Shi



These three University of Illinois students have been collaborating with our branch on ways to increase our membership and visibility. We have enjoyed lively discussions with them as they have made various suggestions. They will be developing a recruiting brochure for us.

Additionally they are planning to promote AAUW to university students by working with us to present a program, "**Economic Empowerment**" this April, for the women students living in Lincoln Avenue Resident Hall. Program presenters will be **Nancy Dietrich** and **Brenda Wilson**. Nancy will give the young women information on financial life skills such as budgeting and Brenda will help them with presentation skills.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee presents the following slate of candidates for the 2011-2013 term:

Co-Presidents: **Lynda Morgan** and **Nancy Dietrich**

Co-Program Vice-Presidents: **Helen Miron** and **Brenda Wilson**

Secretary: **Sharon Michalove**

The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 30. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

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

Membership Vice-President: **Jenny Harvey**
Finance Vice-President: **Phyllis Cline**



New Member Welcome—Denise L. Taylor

Address is 111 W. Delaware Ave., Urbana, IL 61801; Cell phone, 312-343-3335. She graduated from the UIUC campus in 1970 with a BS, 1974 with an MS, studied Anthropology, and got an MS in Public Health in 1978 at UIC. She then lived in Chicago until last fall, working in various public and private health care settings. She now cares for her mother in Urbana and is interested in getting to know strong, interesting women, so AAUW is an ideal organization for her.

What's Happening by Co-President Lynda Morgan

On Sunday, December 12, 2010, my very good friend, Donna Fitch, and I braved the gusting winter winds of Chicago and attended AAUW's 4th annual Jane Addams Day historic brunch, commemorating the 150th birthday of Jane Addams.

The brunch was held at the Hull House. Louise Knight, author and expert on Jane Addams, spoke about Jane Addams. Through her research, Mrs. Knight discovered that Jane Addams was distantly affiliated with AAUW. After her talk and the brunch, Mrs. Knight autographed copies of her newest book *Jane Addams: Spirit in Action*.

In addition to Mrs. Knight's talk, Lisa Lee, Ph.D., Director of Hull House, talked about the renovation of it. Both speakers were exceedingly interesting.

Chef Tara Lang prepared an exquisite brunch, which consisted of dishes that would have been served at the Hull House when Jane Addams ran it. Sweet graham bread, baked egg pie and cheese, steamed fruits, and cream toast were the featured items and quite delicious.

I was very impressed at the number of services the Hull House offered when it was up and running. Services included, but were not limited to, daycare, food for the poor, food and care for the sick, and vocational training. The operation, itself, was huge. However, the Hull House available for tour now is a relatively small portion of what once existed. It is well worth a visit, though, if you ever have a chance. The renovation of the portion left includes much of the history of the overall operation. It is well worth a trip to 800 South Halsted St. to see a piece of our history.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

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Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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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