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AAUW — CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH

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C-U AAUW

You are invited to the annual

Holiday Brunch

Featuring

Original Works from The Writers' Group

Saturday, December 4 at 10 AM
at the home of Barbara Scott
5 Bellamy Court, Champaign

Please bring a salad or dessert to share

Join us for this annual favorite!
Good food, good friends, and original works
from the C-U AAUW Writer's Group.



International Affairs News

Margaret Stewart, Chair

The achievements of Greg Mortenson and his Central Asia Institute in building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan have hit a responsive chord with branch members. Members have been very generous in contributing financially to the CAI as we have passed the basket around at meetings this fall. Even non-members of the branch have contributed when they have learned what we are doing. We will continue to solicit support at the December events.

If you are one of those who are not familiar with Mortenson's work, you can read the inspirational accounts in his books *Three Cups of Tea* or *Stones Into Schools*. One of the secrets of his success seems to be that he has worked directly through local people and organizations such as village councils. The result is that the CAI has been responsible for building more than 600 schools, mostly in remote, previously underserved areas.

At the end of 2010, we will send the amount we have collected to the CAI in Bozeman, Montana. If you have not contributed and would like to, and will not be attending any of the December events, you may send a check made out to C-U AAUW, to Phyllis Cline, Vice-President for Finance, at 104 E. Willard, Urbana 61801, by December 31. Indicate in the memo that it is for the CAI.

Thanks for your generous support.

C-U Branch Calendar of Events

December

- 2 Drama Group
- 4 Holiday Brunch
- 10 Jane Addams Day
- 17 Writers' Group
- 28 Adelante

January

- 21 Writers' Group
- 25 Adelante

Jane Addams Day—December 10

On December 10, 1931, Jane Addams, founder of Hull House, brought honor to Illinois by winning the first Nobel Peace Prize ever awarded to an American woman. The State of Illinois now honors Jane Addams' memory with a commemorative holiday on December 10 to remind us of her lifelong commitment to making the country a better place to live

C-U AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

Drama Group

Thursday Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Home of Helen Miron at 612 W. Nevada, Urbana
352-7472

Discussion Leader: Lynda Morgan

Program: *Kashu-jaku Noh Theater*

There is no drama group meeting in January.



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



¡Adelante!

Book Discussion

4th Tuesday of month

Afternoon: 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Tuesday, Jan. 25

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

DECEMBER BOOK

Jan's Story: Love Lost to the Long Goodbye of Alzheimer's

Author: Barry Petersen (2010)

At age 55 the author's beloved wife Jan was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's. With this news the couple was slowly, excruciatingly lowered into a version of hell that enveloped them like a dark, toxic fog. They had pledged themselves to each other forever, but it suddenly and terrifyingly had an expiration date as Alzheimer's disease slowly and cruelly robbed Jan of her memory, and with it their shared life together.

JANUARY BOOK

Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan Author: Greg Mortenson (2009)

The book picks up where *Three Cups of Tea* left off in chronicling the Central Asia Institute's school building progress. Mortenson believes that encouraging literacy promotes trust and understanding, and building schools that girls can attend is especially important to counteract the cultural traditions against educating females. Mortenson gains the trust of local people and engages them in the process of planning and building the schools.

Writers' Group

Friday, Dec. 17 & Friday, Jan. 21 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



Awards for AAUW Champaign-Urbana Branch Members



Jenny Harvey

AAUW-IL presented the Spice Award to Jenny Harvey for bringing enthusiasm and passion to AAUW and adding spice to the Champaign-Urbana branch.

Sallie Miller

In appreciation of her significant contributions to the mission of AAUW, Champaign-Urbana Branch named a gift to the AAUW Funds in her honor.



Of Interest

Josephine Underwood, the speaker at our Nov. 6 luncheon wants to let you know about the Campaign for Better Health Care's December 10 annual meeting. It's at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 W. Mart Center Dr., Chicago. Reservations are due by December 1. The featured speaker is Jonathon Cohn, senior editor of *The New Republic*. Other political leaders and politicians have been invited. The CBHC annual Illinois Health Care Awards will be presented.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

We are fast approaching the time of year when people who support social causes get out their checkbooks and make end-of-year donations. We invite you to put AAUW on your list of worthy causes by making donations through the C-U branch to Local Scholarships, Educational Foundation, and Legal Advocacy Fund.



Make your check payable to C-U AAUW and mail it to: Phyllis Cline, 104 E. Willard, Urbana, IL 61801-6660. In the Memo section specify the category (LS, EF, LAF). If you donate to more than one category, list them with the amounts for each. You may include all donations in one check. Use a separate piece of paper to specify the amounts for each category if needed.

Donations to EF and LAF are tax deductible!

Educational Foundation

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

Legal Advocacy Fund

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace

Welcome to our newest member!

Carmelita Nussbaum

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Webster University BA
Miami University MA

Carmelita is the Executive Director of
Campus Middle School for Girls.

EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY

This spring, our AAUW branch will be hosting a student group from the University of Illinois YWCA Women in Leadership Program. This is a two-semester program for these college women that combine leadership development with hands on internship experience. The program enables students to utilize what they have learned in regards to solving problems through effective teamwork and building trusting relationships.

Our AAUW branch is one of seven local organizations that will be utilizing students who are participating in this YWCA leadership program. Each organization selects a project for the students to research and "solve" during the spring semester. Our board has decided that membership growth is the area on which the YWCA will work with us. Specifically, we think membership growth should be targeted towards newly retired, recently moved to C-U, and newly hired University of Illinois faculty, faculty partner/spouses and graduate students. An issue for the students is how to find these people. We would also like assistance with visibility such as publicity for our events, brochure development, and distribution of brochure.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our branch and we are looking forward to working with the university students. Two of our AAUW members serve on the board of the YWCA of the University of Illinois. They are Nancy Dietrich and Sallie Miller.

What's Happening by Co-President Lynda Morgan

The holidays are here. Our holiday brunch will be December 4 at Barbara Scott's home and promises to be enjoyable, as always. To celebrate Jane Addams 150th anniversary of her birth, there will be a celebration in the newly remodeled and expanded Hull House Museum in Chicago on December 12, and it promises to be a very special event.

When I was in junior high, one of my friends, Gayle, won the Christmas essay contest. Her Christmas wish was that everyone do the best she can with what she has. She reasoned that the world would be a wonderful place if this were to happen. No doubt that she was right.

I'd like to borrow Gayle's idea, but tweak it a bit. I hope this year at Christmas, everyone is happy with what she has. We are a blessed nation. Even with our overwhelming deficit and slow economic growth, most of us have our basic needs met on a daily basis, plus a few extras. It'd be a wonderful life if everyone were happy with this.

AAUW Champaign-Urbana branch has a website!
Check it out at

www.aauw-il.org/champurban

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Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, 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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