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AAUW — CHAMPAIGN-URBANA BRANCH

NEWSBRIEFS



C-U AAUW



General Membership Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, October 16 at Noon
Location: Kennedy's at Stone Creek
2560 Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana

Rush Record,
Executive Director of Champaign County CASA
Will present

"Advocating for Kids in the Courtroom—An Overview of Champaign County CASA "

Luncheon includes salad, entrée choice, coffee or tea
for \$14.50 (*includes tax & gratuity*)
For reservation call Laura Keller at 351-8408
or email kellerla@comcast.net
by Wednesday, October 13

General Membership Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, November 6 at Noon
Location: Kennedy's at Stone Creek
2560 Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana

Josephine Underwood, Downstate Organizing
Coordinator for the Campaign for Better Healthcare
Will present

"Healthcare and Healthcare Reform"

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, November 3



Bring a friend and come to socialize!

AAUW Social Gathering at Wines at the Pines, 2860 South Philo Road, Urbana
Friday, October 1, 5:30 to 8:30 pm; Wine tasting from 5 to 8

C-U Branch Calendar of Events

October

- 1 Social Gathering
- 7 Drama Group
- 15 Writers' Group
- 16 Membership Lunch
- 26 Adelante

November

- 4 Drama Group
- 6 Membership Lunch
- 19 Writers' Group
- 23 Adelante

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.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Submitted by Deborah Richie, EF Chair

"For more than a century, AAUW has helped more than 10,000 women from more than 130 countries break through barriers and pursue their dreams of obtaining graduate degrees or making an impact in their communities. Fellowship and grant recipients undergo a highly competitive selection process. Academic excellence, commitment to improving the human condition, and the promise of continued impact are cornerstones of the rigorous criteria."

To learn more about the various fellowship and grant programs, go to the AAUW website http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/index.cfm. We expect you will feel encouraged and inspired by the outstanding work of these individuals and organizations and the power of gifts to AAUW.

We recently received the very good news that 3 students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have received AAUW fellowship awards for 2010-2011. Support of the Educational Opportunities Fund is critical to the ability of AAUW to continue to support the outstanding scholarship and the real financial need of women students from around the world studying at Illinois and other institutions. Here is information about the 3 women at Illinois.

American Fellowship

Name: Melissa Bailes

Degree and Field: Ph.D., English language and literature

Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Location: Champaign, Illinois

Award Year: 2010-11

Project Name: Questioning Nature: Natural History and British Women Writers, 1750-1830

In her dissertation, Melissa Bailes charts the Romantic era movement of British women writers merging literature and the natural sciences. She investigates ways women used natural history to dismantle seemingly fixed categories of identity and suggest alternative or hybrid possibilities for revising existing orders. Her goal is to obtain a position at a university that will allow her to balance her passions for teaching and research.



International Fellowship

Name: Sophie Dewayani

Citizenship: Indonesia

Degree and Field: Ph.D., Education - other

Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Location: Champaign, Illinois, USA

Award Year: 2010-11

Sophie Dewayani is an Indonesian writer. She is interested in hearing the "unheard" stories produced by street children in Indonesia. In her research she will analyze the stories in light of societal discourse of childhood, work, and schooling. Upon obtaining her doctoral degree, she will return to Indonesia and continue to create ways to engage street children in learning literacy.



Selected Professions Fellowship

Name: Marta Baginska

Degree and Field: M.S., Aerospace engineering

Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Location: Urbana, Illinois

Award Year: 2010-11

Project Name:

If the United States is to achieve energy independence and preserve the environment for future generations, battery and electrical energy research is of vital importance. In her research, Marta Baginska focuses on improving the safety of lithium-ion batteries not only to minimize dangerous fires and explosions of consumer electronics, but also to make lithium-ion batteries a viable option for greener transportation.



C-U AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

Thursday

Oct. 7 7:30 p.m.

Home of Doris Jones
1710 W. Windsor, Champaign
352-7472

Discussion Leader: Dana Lamb

Program: *A Body of Water*
by Lee Blessing

Drama Group



Thursday

Nov. 4 7:30 p.m.

Home of Sallie Miller
1101 Foothill Dr., Champaign
356-9214

Discussion Leader: Roma Chenoweth

Program: *The Glass Menagerie*

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, Oct. 26

Tuesday, Nov. 23

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
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OCTOBER BOOK (Disability Awareness Month):

The Water Giver: The Story of a Mother, a Son, and Their Second Chance

Author: Joan Ryan (2009)

At age 16 the author's adopted son Ryan, who had developmental disabilities, suffered a severe traumatic closed head injury. She had felt frustrated by her inability to "fix" him as he grew up, and she became more his relentless reformer than his loving mother. Now she had a second chance at motherhood as he again learned the simple tasks of living. She became more accepting of him as he was, not as she wanted him to be, and in the process came to terms with her limitations and recognized what an amazing, heroic person Ryan was.

NOVEMBER BOOK

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Authors: Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn (2009)

The authors (husband and wife) give a detailed analysis of the plight of women in developing countries, focusing particularly on sex trafficking, maternal mortality, and gender-based violence. They argue that the oppression of women in developing countries is a devastating injustice that demands a moral and political movement to eradicate it, highlighting stories of women who overcame tremendous odds/abuse.

Writers' Group

Friday, Oct. 15 & Friday, Nov. 19 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

AAUW Champaign-Urbana Branch Officers 2010-2011

Elected Officers

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Welcome to our new members!

Patricia Jones

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Illinois State University

Patsy is a former member of the Danville AAUW branch. We are pleased to have her join the CU AAUW branch.

Liz Jackson

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U of Wisconsin-Madison & U of Illinois-C/U
Laura Keller recruited Liz who has interest in joining Adelante.

SUPPORTING OUR PRIORITIES

Education and for women and girls, and combating sex discrimination, are primary AAUW priorities. The C-U branch supports these priorities with its local scholarships plus donations to AAUW national office's Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. By now you have received our annual fundraising letter with its opportunity for giving to these vital services. Your donations will help women reach their goals and achieve equality. We encourage you to respond generously to these needs.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Margaret Stewart, Chair

Greg Mortenson, author of the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, has spearheaded the establishment of 164 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan since 1993. Thirty-seven of these were built in 2010 alone. The schools are serving 68,000 students, including 56,000 girls.

Our board of directors has approved branch support of the work of Mortenson's organization, the Central Asia Institute (CAI), by donating financially. That's why we will be "passing the hat" at some of our meetings and we hope the membership will support this endeavor by contributing to it.

The aims of CAI are consistent with the AAUW mission, **Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls**, and the education of women in those countries may very well be one of the solutions to the vexing question of political stability there. A great deal of CAI's accomplishments is due to working closely with local leaders rather than through the governments of the two countries. As International Relations chair, I hope the membership will join in with this endeavor.

Mortenson was one of the main speakers at a recent AAUW convention, and his second book, *Stones Into Schools* is the January selection for Adelante.

Local Scholarship Recipients

Laura Keller, Scholarship Chair



Ida King Stevens Award Recipient for 2010-11

Sabrina Gosnell

The scholarship committee was pleased to again select Sabrina Gosnell as the recipient of our Ida King Stevens scholarship to the U of I. Sabrina was also the award recipient for 2009-10. Sabrina is a non-traditional student who earned her GED after several years of work and then graduated from Parkland with a 4.0 GPA and honors while working full-time. Currently, she is a junior at the UIUC campus with the ultimate career goal of “promoting the betterment of women’s lives, through whatever means (she) can “, hopefully in a non-profit or in education of some kind.

You may have met Sabrina at one of our functions last year. We’re hoping to see her again this year and wish her all the best in the pursuit of her degree.



Southwood-Van-Es Scholarships Awards for 2010-11

Laura DeAngelis

One of our two scholarships to Parkland this year was awarded to Laura DeAngelis, a nursing student from Mahomet. Laura had applied for our scholarship in a previous year, and the committee was delighted to be able to select her as a 2010-11 recipient. Laura is a single mother with three children. She has earned a 4.0 GPA at Parkland. Laura is very knowledgeable in the field of disability education and she volunteers time to help other parents with disabled children. She hopes to graduate in May of 2011.



Kelli Murphy

Another nursing student, Kelli Murphy, received the second scholarship to Parkland. Kelli lives in Tolono and is a Unity High School graduate. Kelli experienced a terrible personal tragedy when a daughter was killed in an accident in the spring of 2010. With help from Parkland faculty, she persevered and continued to do well in her studies. Kelli also volunteers as an educator for organ donation. She hopes to graduate in May 2012, with the ultimate goal of earning a BA from the U of I.



Classic Scandinavia, St. Petersburg, & Baltic Cruise

Decatur AAUW member Linda Bullock is hosting a cruise to Scandinavia and the Baltic region July 16-29, 2011. Specifically, this unique cruise includes Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, and a two-day visit to St. Petersburg, Russia. As a bonus, the ship also stops in Germany and Estonia. Taking group members from each one of these incredible ports to the next will be the spectacular Emerald Princess. The trip is a great opportunity to experience the history, culture, fascinating sights, and beautiful landscapes of these countries. For information and a brochure, call Linda Bullock at 217-422-0776. Or view the trip on line at: www.TourLinda.com



AAUW Fall Conference

Saturday, October 16
Joliet Junior College
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What's Happening by Co-President Helen Miron

A new season is here, and with it come new opportunities to meet and interact with members of our group. The Wines in the Pines evenings have been very successful, and more are planned for the future.

Our Saturday Luncheon Meetings will host some thought-provoking speakers and timely topics; check out the offerings of the Drama Group and the Adelanate Book Group, and the Writers' Group always welcomes new members. Are there other groups that *you* would like to see or be involved with: bridge, knitting, political issues and action, poetry, Chinese exercise, or others? Tell us what you would like to see happening in our branch. You can call Helen Miron at 344-4225, or contact Phyllis Cline at 344-4806 or plcline@comcast.net and let us know what activities you would like to see offered.

This is also a new season for becoming more involved in our local and state elections. Election day is coming soon, and volunteering to help a candidate of your choice for an hour or two a week is a good way to let our community know who AAUW is and to help elect those candidates who share our social values. We can help break those barriers against women and girls one candidate at a time.

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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