



NEWS BRIEF



General Membership Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, October 8 at Noon
Location: Kennedy's at Stone Creek
2560 Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana

"What's Happening at the U of I Women's Resources Center"

Rachel Storm, Program Coordinator, Women's Resources Center at the University of Illinois

The Women's Resources Center (WRC) at the University of Illinois works to improve the campus climate for women and develops and implements programs that address women's issues and gender-related concerns. The WRC provides advocacy and support for women's concerns; initiates and sponsors educational and professional development programs for and about women; provides information, counsel, and advice to women seeking assistance; makes recommendations on policies of concern to women; increases sensitivity in the campus community to gender-based issues; and works to correct gender-based inequities.

Rachel will fill us in on the latest programs the WRC is working on to enhance equity for college women.

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

For reservation call Helen Miron at 344-4335 or email hkmiron@yahoo.com by Wednesday, October 5.

CU-AAUW CO-SPONSOR OF YMCA LECTURE SERIES

"Few Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)? Why, and What To Do"

Ruth Sweetser, Director of Corporate Relations at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago
and former AAUW National and State President

Friday, September 16th 12 noon

Friday Forum at the University YMCA, 1001 S. Wright St. (on campus), Champaign

According to a report by the U.S. Department of Commerce entitled *Women in STEM: A Gender Gap to Innovation*, "Although women fill close to half of all jobs in the U.S. economy, they hold less than 25% of STEM jobs." This percentage has remained steady over the past decade, even as women's share of the college-educated workforce has increased. Why is this true, and what can be done about it—or, should anything be done about it? Ruth Sweetser will be speaking about women in the STEM fields and discussing the latest research on this topic, including AAUW's 2010 in-depth report, "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics."

This presentation is part of the University YMCA Friday Forum fall lecture series entitled, "The Future of Learning: Is Public Education Under Siege?" Lunch is available for purchase. No reservation is needed.

Later that evening, just for AAUW:

Meet & Greet with Ruth Sweetser

6:00-8:00 pm at Wines at the Pines, 2860 S. Philo Rd (next to Milo's), Urbana

Meet Ms. Sweetser in an informal setting with other branch members.

Get that question answered you had from her earlier talk, or just come to give Ruth a warm welcome, whether or not you were able to attend the Friday Forum.

GREAT DECISIONS - NEW THIS YEAR



Great Decisions, a discussion group based on materials prepared by the Foreign Policy Association, is a new interest group, which will begin in September. Meetings will be in

members' homes on the third Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Great Decision briefing book is produced annually starting in January and covers eight topics of international interest. The first meeting will be September 21 in the home of Margaret Stewart, 3202 Stoneybrook Dr., Champaign. The September discussion will be on the Horn of Africa and will be led by Margaret Stewart.

The other topics in the 2011 briefing book are:

- Rebuilding Haiti
- American national security since 9/11
- Banks, governments and debt crises

- Germany's ascendancy
- Sanctions and nonproliferation
- The Caucasus
- Making sense of multilateralism

Since we are beginning late in the calendar year, members at the first meeting will decide which of the remaining eight topics in the 2011 briefing book they want to discuss in the succeeding months before the 2012 issue of the briefing book comes out in January. Study materials will be provided for the meetings in the fall. Thereafter, members may purchase the study guide for \$20.00.

For more information contact Sallie Miller at 356-9214 until September 18. After that, contact Margaret at 356-9475.



DRINKS & DIALOGUE - NEW THIS YEAR

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning on October 11 from 6:00-8:00pm at Wines at the Pines in Urbana. Enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of coffee while discussing current events with forward-thinking women. Each month an article or current event of relevance to women will start the discussion—we'll see where it goes from there! For more information or if you are interested in attending,

contact Nancy Dietrich at 337-0334 or nancydietrich@juno.com.

October's discussion topic: "The End of Men" An article from the Atlantic Monthly, which can be accessed at <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/07/the-end-of-men/8135/>, or if you google "the end of men atlantic monthly" it will come up.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES by Phyllis Cline

The coming of autumn with its cooler weather and the start of a new school term is a good time to make a donation to the branch's three local scholarships, as well as to the national AAUW's Fellowships and Grants, and to its Legal Advocacy Fund. Although we have nearly four months until the end of the calendar year, the days seem to pass more quickly and we will soon be facing those end-of-year giving requests that crowd our mailboxes.



Branch members received a fundraising form and return envelope in the recent mailing that included the Membership/Program Directory and list of Adelante books. We invite you to support all of these important programs with donations now while you are hopefully experiencing a brief break between the high-energy costs of summer air conditioning and winter heating bills. Of course we accept donations throughout the year, and I am willing to process them any time I receive them, but if you want to balance out your giving during the year, this is an ideal time to write a check to C-U AAUW, specify the amounts for each donation, and mail it to 104 E. Willard, Urbana, IL 61801-6660. Donations from non-members are also accepted with gratitude.

AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sabrina Gosnell Chosen as Continuing Ida King Stevens Award Recipient



Sabrina Gosnell, who was the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 recipient of the Ida King Stevens Award, has been chosen to continue as the recipient for the current academic year. Our branch established the scholarship at UIUC in 1970. The \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving female student at the University of Illinois who has experienced at least a two-year interruption in her education. Sabrina is a senior in LAS who, after taking classes during the summer, is planning to graduate in December 2011. Her plans after graduation are uncertain as of now, but she has always expressed the wish to help and support those in need. Many of us have gotten to know Sabrina over the past two years, and we feel certain that she will meet that goal.

Two Chosen for Local Scholarships at Parkland

Our branch established a scholarship for a woman attending Parkland College in 1971. That scholarship was also designated for a woman returning to her formal education after at least a two-year interruption. In 2008, the local scholarship committee recognized that there were many qualified applicants at Parkland with serious financial needs. That year, we committed to a second scholarship at Parkland. The scholarships currently are \$800 per year, \$400 per semester.

The Parkland scholarships were named the Southwood-van Es scholarships in honor of branch members Janet Southwood and Betty van Es. This year, the branch chose to rename one of the scholarships in honor of long-time member and former Parkland instructor Amy Kummerow.



Kelli Murphy

The Southwood-van Es scholarship was awarded again this year to Kelli Murphy. Kelli was also our 2010-2011 recipient. Kelli is a student in the nursing college and plans to go on for a bachelor's degree in nursing. She volunteers as an educator for IL Donate Life and serves as a "table parent" each Wednesday at her church. She plans to graduate in May 2012.



Jennifer McDonald is the recipient of the Amy Kummerow scholarship. We were pleased that Jennifer was able to attend the August Adelante group meeting where she met Amy. Jennifer graduated from cosmetology school some years ago. She works as a hair stylist and a waitress to help put her through school. Jennifer returned to school at Parkland with the goal of studying psychology at the U of I. Her ultimate goal is to complete a bachelors and masters degree in psychology and become a therapist.

Submitted by
Laura Keller

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**CU-AAUW is a co-sponsor for Hot Topics Dialogue**

WHAT: "Relationships and Marriage in my Faith Tradition" An Interfaith Panel

WHERE: Women's Resources Center 703 S. Wright St, C.

WHEN: Monday, September 12th, 2011

TIME: 7:00pm-9:00pm

INFO: As part of the Hot Topics Dialogue Series, we're delighted to bring women of multiple faiths together to discuss practices around relationships and marriage in three distinct

religious traditions. Panelists will discuss their similarities, differences and what makes our traditions unique. We seek to build an interfaith-positive, warm environment in which to discuss these issues. Hot Topics Dialogue, is a series hosted by the Women's Resources Center and the YWCA on campus. Hot Topics seeks to provide a space for dialogue on gender and other social identities and social justice—and occurs every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7-9pm. Refreshments will be provided.



Voluminous thanks goes to **Phyllis Cline** for compiling and mailing the Membership/Program Directory 2011-2012. Please keep it handy and mark your calendar now for the many activities we have scheduled for the year. Hope you have noticed that we have five new members this year.

Pam Socie is a retired teacher, having taught elementary school in the Urbana school district, preschool in Urbana, Champaign and the Virgin Islands, and high school at a Navajo boarding school. Her hobbies include reading, cross stitch, and church work.

Nancy Westcott is a long-time employee of the Illinois State Water Survey. She started as a radar meteorologist and now does research in applied climatology. Nancy was involved with the National Organization for Women's Champaign County chapter for many years.

Rochelle (Chelle) Warfield and her husband travel frequently. Chelle is an avid reader and participates in our Adelante Book Discussion group. She is retired from the University of Illinois.

AAUW sponsors "Give a Grad a Gift" program whereby AAUW members can give a recent graduate a free AAUW membership. We have used this program to give memberships to: **Laura DeAngelis** a recent graduate of Parkland who was the recipient of our scholarship.

Lindsey Merz a recent graduate of Illinois State University with a Master of Music degree.

Each year, AAUW selects 10 outstanding college student leaders from around the nation to be AAUW campus ambassadors and to advise AAUW on student issues. SAC members participate in monthly conference calls to discuss leadership and campus issues, contribute to the AAUW blog, <http://blog-aauw.org/>, promote AAUW programs, and build ties to their local AAUW branches. SAC members visit Washington, D.C., in the fall for a two-day retreat and orientation, and they help organize and lead at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders <<http://nccwsl.org/>>. Applications to serve on the SAC are available now and must be submitted by September 30. The new SAC will be announced October 7.

DRAMA GROUP

Thursday
 October 6 at 7:30 pm
 Home of Phyllis Cline
 104 E. Willard, Urbana
 344-4806 or plcline@comcast.net
 Presenter: Denise Taylor
 Program: ***Battle of Angels***



Thursday
 November 3 at 7:30 pm
 Home of Sallie Miller
 1101 Foothill Dr., Champaign
 356-9214 or millersallie@hotmail.com
 Presenter: Cesaria Lancaster
 Program: ***Cabaret***

The Drama Group meets the first Thursday at 7:30 pm in members' homes during September, October, November, December, February, March, April, and May. Programs about plays and other theatrical productions are presented by members. New members are always welcome.

Contact person: Phyllis Cline 344-4806, plcline@comcast.net

**Book Group**

Meets the fourth
 Tuesday at 2:30 PM at
 the home of Amy
 Kummerow, 1805
 Pleasant St., Urbana. It
 features books, both
 fiction and non-fiction,
 that focus on various
 aspects of diversity.
 Contact person: Phyllis
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ADELANTE BOOK DISCUSSION

SEPTEMBER 27—Hispanic Heritage Month

Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, and Coming of Age in the Bronx

Author: Adrian Nicole LeBlanc (2003)

Giving the reader an unvarnished portrait of people living in deep urban poverty, LeBlanc charts the tumultuous cycle of the generations as girls become mothers, boys become criminals, and hope struggles against massive deprivation. She goes behind the cold statistics and sensationalism and skillfully provides a riveting, haunting, and true story, offering a voice to the people who are always at risk of poverty and violence stripping away their hard fought gains.

OCTOBER 25—Disability Awareness Month

An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir of Moods and Madness

Author: Kay Redfield Jamison (1995)

Jamison, an international authority on manic-depressive illness, reveals her own struggle since adolescence with the condition and how it shaped her life. With vivid prose and wit she takes us into the fascinating and dangerous territory of this form of madness and how it can be managed. Now called bipolar disorder, it has been associated with artistic creativity, but untreated it can cause a roller coaster ride through exhilaration and the depths of despair.

WRITERS' GROUP

Friday, September 16 and Friday, October 21 at 1:30 pm
 Barnes & Noble, 66 E. Market View Dr., Champaign
 Meets the third Friday at 1:30 PM at Barnes & Noble, 66 E. Market View Dr., Champaign.
 Members share their writings with the group and present their favorite writings at the December holiday brunch program.
 All are welcome to attend-beginners as well as more experienced writers.
 Contact person: Barbara Scott 352-7364



What's Happening by Nancy Dietrich, Co-President

Earlier this summer, Sallie Miller and I attended a retreat for the local University YWCA, an organization with a similar mission to AAUW (Executive Director Lisha Banks spoke at our meeting last spring), where we took part in a presentation about fundraising. During the presentation, the facilitator said that one way to help promote your organization is to come up with a 30-second "elevator speech" about your organization to tell anyone who asks about your group, or who you think might be interested in it. I thought this was a good idea for any organization, so here's my elevator speech for AAUW: ***"AAUW is an organization dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls. Our branch raises money for scholarships for women, and has lots of interesting programs and interest groups, as well as occasional fun social events. But our overarching goal is to promote equality for women and girls in education, at home, and in the workforce, and we'd love to have someone like you help us achieve that goal!"*** (By joining, of course!)

I'd like to propose 2 goals for our members:

- 1) Come up with your elevator speech for AAUW to help promote our wonderful branch and be prepared to share it with others, and
- 2) Invite a friend or 2 to at least 1 of the fabulous programs or interest groups our branch has to offer, and ask them if they'd be interested in joining.

As you can see from our newsletter, we have a lot of exciting programs this year, including 2 new interest groups you'll definitely want to check out: Great Decisions, and Drinks & Dialogue.

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



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