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Best wishes to continuing and new members as we enter 2014. I hope your year brings opportunities for engagement, service, festivity, and relaxation. And, I hope that your participation in AAUW will provide you with a venue for all of the above. You are part of a community of over 170,000 members, and your membership in AAUW is a testament to your commitment to empowerment and equity for women and girls. Thank you.

2014 will undoubtedly bring situations in which you will be able to add your voice to the local, state and national discourse on issues important to girls and women.

I urge you to GET INVOLVED, BE INVOLVED, STAY INVOLVED. I invite you to let me and the chapter officers know how we can better engage with you and our community around the AAUW mission. Let us hear from you.

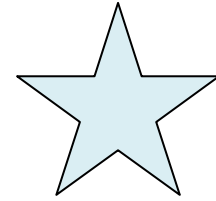
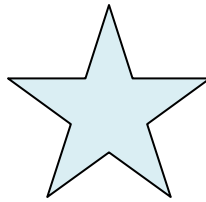
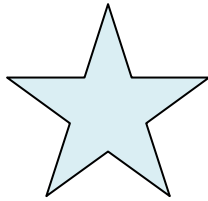
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JOIN US TUESDAY for Drinks and Dialogue

Our next Drinks & Dialogue will be Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 to 8:00pm at Milo's in Southeast Urbana. Sallie Miller will be facilitating discussion on an article entitled "Nobody's Looking at You" by Janet Malcolm. You can contact Nancy Dietrich at nancydietrich01@gmail.com or 337-0334 for the text of the article.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY for Great Decisions

Our next Great Decisions group will meet Wednesday, January 15 at 7 PM at the Champaign Public Library, in the 2nd floor meeting room. The topic for discussion will be NATO, which is topic # 3 in the 2013 book. Norma Johnson will facilitate the discussion.



Getting Involved

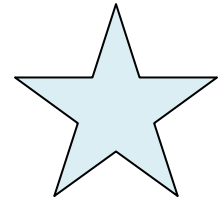
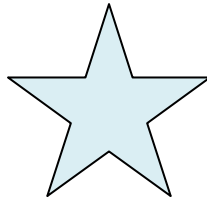
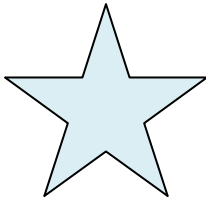
Take a few minutes and visit/revisit the AAUW website and give particular attention to the list *10 Ways to Get Involved* – found at <http://www.aauw.org/get-involved/>

And, celebrate in the accomplishments of 2013 – in the words of a recent communication from the AAUW Action Network (are you subscribed?), “Your advocacy and [financial support](#) have helped AAUW influence public policy and implement successful and exciting grassroots advocacy efforts throughout 2013.”

KNOW A TALENTED PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT AAUW?

- AAUW offers internships
- AAUW posts positions at Partner Colleges and Universities

For more information, visit <http://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/jobs/>



STATE BOARD NEWS

Planning is underway for the State Convention to be held at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL on Friday/Saturday **May 2-3, 2014!** More details will come out in mid-March.

Know Someone Who Is An Agent of Change?

The Agent of Change Award is the most prestigious award given to an AAUW member to honor the powerful work done to promote positive change in education, equity, diversity or public policy in the community.

Nominations may be submitted by individual members or a branch board. The criteria and nomination form can be found on the AAUW Illinois website – <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/about/agent-of-change-award/>

The deadline to submit a member name for nomination is March 1, 2014.

Help us identify and honor a special member with the Agent of Change Award.

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR A WINTER GRADUATE

Honor a winter graduate this season using the [Give a Grad a Gift](#) campaign. Don't forget those interns or student teachers in your life. Give them a free, one-year membership to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Undergraduates attending AAUW college/university partners [join for free](#) as e-student affiliates directly through our [national website](#). Membership is automatically acknowledged and renewed each year at no cost for as long as the college or university remains a partner member. After graduation, the student automatically receives one free full year of regular AAUW membership (\$49 value). <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

2013-2014 C-U MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Programs are open and we encourage members to bring along friends and family members.

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 3:00 to 5:00 pm WINE WOMEN AND SONG

Location: Milo's Restaurant, 2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana, beverages and light food

Entertainment: Margaret O'Brien, singer

Saturday, April 5, Noon, Ko-Fusion, ANNUAL MEETING

Speaker: Jenni Purdue, Legislative and Political Consultant, state of Illinois

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

Participation is welcome by members and non-members. Invite others to join us and introduce them to the variety of interests shared by the members of our branch.



ADELANTE BOOK DISCUSSION

Meets the fourth Tuesday at 2:30 PM at 104 E. Willard, Urbana. The books, primarily non-fiction, focus on a wide range of diversity issues in the US and abroad. Contact: Phyllis Cline 344-4806, plcline@comcast.net. Complete reading list is available at <http://champaignurbana-il.aauw.net/groups/>

Upcoming Meetings:

January 28: *And the Mountains Echoed*, 2013, Khalid Hosseini. The bestselling author has written a new novel revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers.

FEBRUARY 25: *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys and the Dawn of a New America*, 2013, Gilbert King. In this Pulitzer prize-winning book, King draws on a wealth of never-before-published material on the Groveland case files to shine new light on this remarkable civil rights crusader.

DRAMA GROUP

The meetings are held at 3 pm on the first Thursday of February, March, April and May. Light refreshments will be available before the meetings. Please notify the hostess in advance if you plan to attend. Contact: Phyllis Cline 344-4806, plcline@comcast.net.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 6 - University Place Christian Church, 403 S. Wright St., Champaign.
Hostess: Jackie Terry, 367-6755
Program: ***The Normal Heart***
Presenter: Margaret Stewart

March 6 - 401 Burwash Ave., Savoy.
Hostess: Norma Peters, 363-2387, normarpeters@comcast.net
Program: ***Monty Python's Spamalot***
Presenter: Betty Cook

DRINKS & DIALOGUE

Meets the second Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Milo's Restaurant, 2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana. Each month an article or current event of relevance to women is discussed. Come enjoy a glass of wine or cup or coffee (food, too, but not required!), and join in the discussion, even if you don't have a chance to read the article. Please invite friends, and forward this to anyone you think would be interested. Contact: Nancy Dietrich, 337-0334, nancydietrich01@gmail.com

Upcoming Meeting:

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GREAT DECISIONS

Meets the third Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 PM eight times a year at the Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign.

Discussions are based on materials prepared by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) covering eight topics of international interest. The Foreign Policy Association is a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1918 that is dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world. Each year, the FPA selects eight areas of global concern for study and discussion. Our resource materials are a "Briefing Book" (available for \$20.00) and a DVD to see at each session containing background material and statements of varying positions on policy by citizens, scientists, and humanitarian and foreign service professionals from around the world. The 2014 series has been ordered and they will be available at the January 15 meeting

Upcoming Meetings:

January 15 - 2nd floor, Champaign Public Library.

Topic: NATO, which is topic # 3 in the 2013 book.

Facilitator: Norma Johnson.

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Topic: to be announced at January 15 meeting.

Contact: Jenny Harvey, 344-5339, jennygharvey@yahoo.com



WRITERS GROUP

Meets the third Friday at 1:30 PM at the Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign. Members share their writings with the group, and present the program at the December Holiday Brunch. Contact: Barbara Scott 352-7364

Upcoming Meetings:

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WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming Susan and Joan – email or call them to introduce yourself and invite them to join you at AAUW activities.

- Susan C. Hopkins, 107 W. Mumford Dr., Urbana, 61801
 - Home phone 328-3791,
 - Cell phone 217-840-5709,
 - email: urbanares72@sbcglobal.net
 - Susan received her BA degree from Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA, and her MA degree at Johns Hopkins.
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- Joan Huber, 310 Floral Park Dr., Savoy, 61874-9754
 - Home phone 398-0415
 - Cell phone 217-390-7212
 - email: jhuber1@illinois.edu
 - Joan received her BS in Biology from Wayne State University and her PhD in plant physiology/biochemistry from the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID.
 - Dr. Huber's experiences provided opportunities to collaborate with scientists, students, teachers and community organizations dedicated to STEM education. She has a particular interest in preparing students for science careers that may be less traditional (i.e. not research-intensive).

STAY INFORMED

AAUW Sites:

Champaign-Urbana Branch: <http://champaignurbana-il.aauw.net/>

AAUW-Illinois: <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

AAUW: <http://www.aauw.org/>



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