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## **GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

As I enter my second year as the Branch President, I want to report that the Branch Board had a productive summer thinking about the activities for the upcoming year and I am happy to share information about those activities in this first newsletter of the 2014-2015 year.

I enjoy spending time with this group of committed and energetic women and appreciate their dedication to the mission of AAUW and the local community. Here is the list of the outstanding group of women who provide the leadership for the Branch:

Karen Retzer, Secretary	Phyllis Cline, Finance
Brenda Wilson and Helen Miron, Programs	Pam Erickson, Publicity
Laura Keller, Scholarship Committee	Nancy Dietrich, Membership
Sallie Miller, Branch Webmaster and State Board Director, Bylaws and Policy	
Jenny Harvey and Margaret Stewart, International	

I join them in thanking you for your commitment to AAUW, demonstrated through your membership and participation in our programs and interest group meetings. Finally, I encourage you to share information with us, give us feedback about our programs, the newsletter and the website. We prosper through the engagement of all the members – so thank you and welcome aboard for the 2014-2015 year.

### **2014-2015 SELECT EVENTS AT A GLANCE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS** (more information later in newsletter)

- **Drinks & Dialogue – September 9, 6 pm**
- **Uncommon Thoughts about the Common Core State Standards: Perspectives from an Illinois Educator – September 13, Noon**
- **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) – October 14, 6 pm**
- **Sexual Harassment and Assault in Scientific Fieldwork Settings – November 1, Noon**
- **AAUW Illinois Southern Conference – November 8, Springfield, Illinois**
- **Wine, Women and Song – March 7, 2015**
- **AAUW State Meeting – May 1-2, 2015, Bloomington, Illinois**
- **AAUW National Convention – June 18-21, San Diego**



The next **Drinks & Dialogue** will be Tuesday, **September 9th** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Milo's in southeast Urbana. New C-U AAUW member Gail Tittle will facilitate discussion on the topic of gun control. Please come for a glass of wine, cup of coffee, or a meal if you'd like, and join us. Ask a friend to join you, and please forward this announcement to those you think might be interested in attending.

Drinks & Dialogue is a monthly discussion group (usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month) of the Champaign-Urbana Branch of AAUW focusing on a current event or topic specifically of relevance to women, usually with a recent article to start the discussion.

**Upcoming Saturday Luncheon program:** September 13, Noon, at Ko-Fusion restaurant 1 East Main St., Champaign.

The program topic: *Uncommon Thoughts about the Common Core State Standards. Perspectives from an Illinois Educator.*

The speaker is Dr. Donald D. Owen, Superintendent, Urbana School District #116.

Participants will order from the menu. Reservations are requested by Wednesday, September 10. Call Phyllis Cline, 344-4806 or email her at [plcline@comcast.net](mailto:plcline@comcast.net).



## AAUW ILLINOIS NEWS

- Southern Conference, Nov 8, Springfield, Illinois
- TRIO program provides funding for 1<sup>st</sup> time participants at state or national convention
- New President, Carol Heisler

Link newsletter at <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/files/2014/09/Fall-Link-2014.pdf>





## CELEBRATING OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Both Parkland College and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have begun their academic year. With the generous support of members, our branch provides two Parkland students with a \$800 scholarship each academic year, the Amy Kummerow Scholarship and the Southwood Van Es Scholarship. The two Parkland recipients selected by the Scholarship Committee will be profiled in the next newsletter.

No applications were received from Illinois students and the Branch plans to strengthen efforts to publicize the award for the 2015-2016 year.



Each year, graduate students at the University of Illinois successfully compete to receive one of the Fellowship or Grant awards from AAUW. For more information about the fellowship and grant programs go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

We are excited to congratulate this year's outstanding female scholar – Young Jo, who was awarded the AAUW American Fellowship. Jo is a doctoral candidate in economics who studies how family income affects childhood obesity.





# IT'S MY VOTE



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The “It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard” campaign was a great success in 2012, registering and turning out millennial women voters nationwide. AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund are renewing their efforts for the critical midterm elections — a time when young women are less likely to vote.

In Champaign-Urbana, the League of Women Voters of Champaign County (LWVCC) is hosting a number of events before the November election, and our branch is happy to share information and encourage the participation of members, family and friends:

## **Candidate Forums:**

**Wednesday, Oct 8, 7:00 p.m., Champaign City Building -- Champaign County Clerk**

**Wednesday, Oct 8, 8:00 p.m., Champaign City Building-- Champaign County Board (3 seats)**

**Thursday, Oct 9, 8:00 p.m., Champaign City Building-- 103rd State Rep.**

**Thursday, Oct 16, 8:00 p.m., studios of WILL - 13th Congressional District candidates.**

**LWVCC Candidates Forums are co-sponsored by NAACP, LWVCC, & News-Gazette)**

Public Informational Meeting on the Champaign School Referendum will be held at the LWVCC meeting on September 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson A & B



The membership in the Champaign-Urbana Branch remains steady and strong, with around 60 members each year. This year, we are happy to welcome three new members: Sharon Collins-Masel , Carol Veit and Gail Tittle.



**Ms. Collins-Masel** joined the Branch in early 2014, so this is a belated introduction – thanks to Sharon for her patience. She received her BA at San Jose State in 1968 and the MSW in 1984 from Illinois. During her career she worked for Family Service of Champaign County and The Children’s Center in Danville. She currently works part-time at Dioxide Materials at UI Research Park. Sharon is a long-time participant in Adelante whose interests include traveling, painting and reading medieval mysteries.

**Ms. Carol Veit** earned her BS from Marquette University in 1964, and has participated in several Drinks and Dialogue meetings during this past year. Welcome Carol.

**Ms. Gail Tittle** received her MSW degree in 1996 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## 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](mailto:plcline@comcast.net). The full reading list for 2014-2015 is:

- September 23: *My Beloved World*, Sonia Sotomayor, 2013.  
A powerfully compelling and emotionally intimate memoir about identity and coming of age by the first Hispanic justice on the United States Supreme Court. From her childhood in a Bronx housing project she would go on to Princeton, Yale Law School, the Manhattan district attorney's office, private practice, appointment to the Federal District Court, and ultimately to the Supreme Court.
- October: *Roads Less Traveled*, James Warfield, 2009.
- November: *Lost Kingdom: Hawaii's Last Queen, the Sugar Kings, and America's First Imperial Adventure*, Julia Flynn Sile, 2012.
- December: *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help and How to Reverse It*, Robert Lupton, 2011.
- January: *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Tracy Kidder, 2003.
- February: *The Bill of the Century: The Epic Battle for the Civil Rights Act*, Clay Risen, 2014.  
*An Idea Whose Time Has Come: Two Presidents, Two Parties, and the Battle for the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, Todd S. Purdum, 2014.
- March: *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*, Denise Kieman, 2013.
- April: *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital*, Sheri Fink, 2013.

May *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*, Peter Hessler, 2006.  
 June *Behind the Kitchen Door*, Sarumathi Jayaraman, 2013.  
 July *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope*, William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, 2010.  
 August *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*, Katherine Boo, 2012.



**Drama Group** meets at 3:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of

September, October, November, February, March, April, May, at the Windsor Court section of The Windsor of Savoy, 401 Burwash, Savoy. Contact person is Phyllis Cline, 344-4806.

September 4 - Shakespeare and More - *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *Elizabeth Rex* (by Timothy Findley). The program is presented by Betty Cook.

October 2 - *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Finley, and the Guthrie Theatre. The program is presented by Margaret Stewart.



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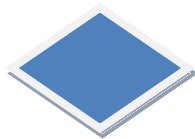
## Great Decisions

Topics are chosen from the publication of the Foreign Policy Association. The September 17 topic is Chapter #7, China's Foreign Policy Meetings held at Windsor Court, 401 Burwash, Savoy, at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May. Contact person is Jenny Harvey, 344-5339, [jennyharvey@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyharvey@yahoo.com). To obtain a copy of chapter #7, contact Phyllis Cline, 344-4806, [plcline@comcast.net](mailto:plcline@comcast.net).



## Writers Group

meets at Windsor Court, 401 Burwash, Savoy, at 1:30 PM on the third Friday. This is a location change. Members are encouraged to present their writings and resources for writers are offered. Contact person is Barb Scott, 352-7364.







## WHAT ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES AT AAUW?

- Getting Out the Vote
  - Pay Equity
  - STEM Education
  - Sexual Violence
  - Supporting Women Students and Scholars
- And More...

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Go to <http://www.aauw.org/issues/> to read more
- Become a “Two-Minute Activist” – sign up at <http://www.aauwaction.org/>
- Share information with others
- Donate – our Branch has a goal of \$1,000 for Fellowships and Grants and \$500 for Legal Advocacy Fund. Contact Phyllis Cline, Branch Financial Director at 344-4806, [plcline@comcast.net](mailto:plcline@comcast.net)

### 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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