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This issue of the newsletter will feature a number of pieces focused on policy. Hope you enjoy it – and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

BE HEARD – IT'S YOUR VOTE

AAUW's campaign IT'S MY VOTE – I WILL BE HEARD is promoting voter registration and participation in the upcoming election. I urge all Branch members to be active – be informed – and vote on November 4.



**JOIN US FOR THIS
IMPORTANT
EVENT**

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA): What it is, and Why it Matters Now!!

Tuesday, October 14, 6 to 8 pm

Pizza M/Cafeteria & Co., 208 W. Main St., Urbana (private room in the back)

Find out about the ERA at this program hosted by C-U AAUW and co-sponsored by AAUW Decatur Branch, League of Women Voters of Champaign County, YWCA of the University of Illinois, Progressive Democrats of America Central IL Chapter, UIUC National Organization for Women (NOW) Campus Affiliate Group, and Women's Resources Center.

The speaker is Marti J. Sladek, Attorney, who describes herself as a "recovering litigator" and Crone. Ms. Sladek speaks, consults, writes and trains on women's concerns, work, public policy and the law. She has a background in public and private sector management, and 15 years of law practice. Sladek is the Public Policy Chair of Jane Addams online branch of AAUW, is on the AAUW-IL ERA grant committee, and member of a national ERA coalition task force.



The **AAUW Action Fund** advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization. There are multiple ways you can join the effort – become informed – become an advocate. Visit the website <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/> for more information about the efforts of AAUW and the opportunities for you.



AAUW can help inform voters – Link here to The [AAUW Action Fund's Congressional Voting Record](#) for information on the positions of senators and representatives on the issues that are important to the Action Fund's mission.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases.

This information is pulled from a recent email sent to Deborah Richie and other AAUW members:

*The U.S. Supreme Court is back in session, and the cases on its docket this year will significantly impact the rights of women and girls across the country. Access to contraception, freedom from pregnancy discrimination, and voting rights all hang in the balance. As the court's term begins, join the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund for a members-only call on **Wednesday, October 22, at 8 p.m. ET** to hear analysis of the court's most important cases this term.*

As an AAUW member, you're invited to join this *exclusive conference call* for an overview of the Supreme Court's most important upcoming cases.

Questions? E-mail laf@aauw.org.



UPCOMING PROGRAM

Sexual Harassment and Assault in Scientific Fieldwork Settings

November 1, Noon, Ko-Fusion, 1 E. Main, Champaign.

Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Clancy, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

BRANCH NEWS

C-U AAUW Audit Report 2014

Elaine Peppers and Nancy Dietrich met Tuesday, August 19 to perform an audit of the Financial Officer's books. The full audit report can be found on the "Members Only" page of the Branch website <http://champaignurbana-il.aauw.net/>

C-U AAUW Scholarship Committee

Chair of the Committee, Laura Keller, brought the committee together on September 18 to discuss the local scholarship programs. The agenda included a discussion of the amount of the awards, the marketing of the awards, and the selection process. A sub-committee was appointed to develop specific rubrics for the selection. The recommendations from both meetings will be taken to the full Branch Board for consideration.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a welcome via email or when you meet our two new members –

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Donald D. Owen, Urbana, IL. BA from Carleton College, 1988; MA in History from Illinois State University, 1997; M.Ed. (2005) and Ed.D. (2013) from the University of Illinois. Email: owendo@me.com



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.

Upcoming selections:

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.



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.

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Program: *All the Way* by Robert Schenkkan. Presenter: Jackie Terry



Drinks and Dialogue is a monthly discussion group (usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month) that meets 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Milo's in southeast Urbana. Discussion focuses on a current event or topic specifically of relevance to women, usually with a recent article to start the discussion. **Note: Tuesday, October 14 is the ERA event, instead of usual Drinks and Dialogue event.** Contact: Nancy Dietrich, 217-337-0334, nancydietrich01@gmail.com



GREAT DECISIONS

Meets the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM, Windsor Court, Savoy in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May. Discussions utilize a DVD and written materials from the Foreign Policy Association on issues of international interest. Each year the Foreign Policy Association chooses eight subjects and prepares a book covering each one in depth. All are challenging subjects involving issues of international concern.

October 15: Islamic Awakening.

November 19: Israel and the US.

C-U AAUW members are welcome to attend whether or not you have attended Great Decisions before. If you do not have a copy of the book and want to read the lesson in advance, contact Phyllis Cline, 217-344-4806, or plcline@comcast.net.



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



STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

State Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 8, 10:30 am to 1:30 p.m., Carnegie Room, Lincoln Public Library, 326 S. 7th Street, Springfield. Topics: \$tart \$mart, Marketing Your Branch, Fundraising Directives and the IRS and more. For more information and registration form, see the Fall *Illinois Link* <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/files/2014/09/Fall-Link-2014.pdf>

For information on making a **lifetime gift to AAUW**, contact Catherine Heffernan at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877-357-5587 or heffernanc@aauw.org

The State Board has approved **Trio Program** funds to help cover the cost of first-time attendees to the AAUW-IL State Convention or the National Convention in 2015 to be held June 18-21, Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. More information can be found in the *Link* - <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/files/2014/09/Fall-Link-2014.pdf>.

National Convention information can be found at <http://convention.aauw.org/>

AAUW Sites:

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