



WARM WINTER GREETINGS

This is the final edition of the newsletter for 2015, and the Board sends its warmest wishes. The Board members thank you for your support and participation in AAUW and we look forward to spending time with you at future events.

Upcoming Programs – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Drinks & Dialogue – January 12**
- **Wine, Women and Song – Spring 2016**
- **AAUW-IL State Convention – Roosevelt University, Schaumburg - April 29-30**

New Member Orientation – Plans are in the works for a new member orientation in the new year. Those of you who have joined in the past two or three years (and anyone who wants to learn more about AAUW!) are welcome to participate. We'll talk about all the important work that AAUW does, as well as the interest groups and programs you can participate in at the branch level. Stay tuned for more information!

FALL PROGRAM NEWS

Two very interesting programs were held this fall –

- October 31, we heard from **Alejandro Carrillo-Estrada**, 2015-2016 AAUW Career Development Grant recipient who is an MFA student at the University of Illinois. Ms. Carrillo-Estrada presented on her current work: *Weaving through Technology: 3D Printing using Oaxacan Textile Designs*.



- December 5, Sahid Rosado Lausell, Outreach Coordinator at the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois, discussed Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at the University of Illinois.

KUDOS TO AAUW MEMBER MARGARET STEWART

The December 15 edition of *The News-Gazette* featured a piece on local League of Women Voters being honored as 50 fifty-year members, and one woman among that noteworthy group is long-time AAUW member Margaret Stewart. We congratulate Margaret on this recognition and thank her for her commitment to various causes promoting equity and social justice.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

As you know, C-U AAUW has a total of 4 scholarships that we raise money for each year: 3 are at Parkland College (the Southwood-van Es Scholarship; the Amy Kummerow Scholarship; and the new Phyllis Cline Scholarship) and 1 is at the University of Illinois (the Ida King Stevens Scholarship). These scholarships are awarded to women who are returning to school after experiencing an interruption in their education.

We are always happy to accept donations to these scholarships. To donate to any of the Parkland Scholarships, you can make a tax-deductible donation by making your check out to "Parkland College Foundation" with the specific scholarship written in the memo line and sent to: Parkland College Foundation, 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign, IL 61821. To make a contribution to the Ida King Stevens Scholarship at the U of I, make the check out to C-U AAUW with Ida King Stevens Scholarship in the memo line. This can be sent to Nancy Dietrich, Financial Officer, 2803 S. Myra Ridge Dr., Urbana, IL 61802. Donations to the Stevens scholarship at the U of I are not tax-deductible. Parkland Scholarships can also be made out to C-U AAUW and sent to Nancy Dietrich, but if you choose to do this (and not send it directly to the Parkland College Foundation) the donation is not tax-deductible.

Thank you for your generosity for these scholarships!



Thanks to the generosity of several C-U AAUW members & friends, \$955 has been donated to the **Phyllis Cline Scholarship** at Parkland College. This is a great start for this new scholarship.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

2015-2016 Ida King Stevens Scholarship Winners

For the first time, our scholarship committee selected two recipients for the Ida King Stevens scholarship at the University of Illinois. The committee was pleased to be faced with two very qualified applicants in the pool. Since the scholarship was not awarded last year, the committee decided it would be able to award two scholarships for 2015-16. Each \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a woman who has experienced an interruption of at least two years in her education.

Anne Marie Gallahue is a junior at the U of I, majoring in agricultural finance with a goal of becoming a successful businesswoman in the agricultural finance industry. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to pursue a master's degree in finance.

Sarah Walsh's life story includes earning a GED after dropping out of high school and later enrolling in community college. She is now a sophomore at the U of I planning on a double major in anthropology and communications. Her career plans are still being developed, but she hopes that she will be able to travel to different places, learn about different cultures, and make a difference in people's lives.

Congratulations to both of these recipients!

National AAUW News

In a recent message sent to members, AAUW Chief Executive Officer Linda Hallman summarized some of the AAUW accomplishments in 2015 enabled by the support of members like you:

- **Awarded more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants**
- **tackled the gender pay gap on a bigger scale than ever before with the AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation program in Boston**, which will train more than 85,000 women in that city by 2020.
- **fought to keep girls safe in classrooms and on campus** by pushing for enforceable regulations to support the Campus SaVE Act.
- **continued to bring women and girls into STEM fields** through our AAUW National Tech Trek and Tech Savvy programs and our acclaimed research report *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*.



Your support matters a great deal! And, contributions made before the end of the year will be doubled -Thanks to the generosity of the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle, up to \$40,000 total.

Sign up for **LAF Express** to receive the latest news, deadlines, and programming resources related to the work of AAUW in the courtroom to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. <http://www.aauw.org/resource/laf-express/>

And, take time to read the AAUW Annual Report that was sent to members - also available online at <http://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/annual-report/>



State AAUW News

Mark your calendars for the AAUW-IL State Convention in Schaumburg on April 29 and 30, 2016. Participants will stay at the Hyatt Regency across from Woodfield Mall, and the Saturday activities will be at Roosevelt University just down the street.

The TRIO program is available for this meeting and it covers the registration cost for one first time convention attendee per branch.

Details will be explained on the Convention Registration form in the Spring LINK. If interested, please contact the C-U Branch President, Sharon Michalove. We encourage our members to participate and would love to sponsor a first-time attendee.

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

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 GROUP meets on the third Wednesday of selected months at 6 pm, Satterthwaite Conference Room, Urbana library. For information, contact Laura Keller at 351-8408 or kellerla@comcast.net

Upcoming Meeting Dates and Titles:

December 16 – *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power* by Jimmy Carter

January 20 – *Little Princess* by Conor Grennan

February 17 – *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain



DRAMA GROUP meets at 3:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of September, October, November, March, April, and May, at the Windsor Court section of The Windsor of Savoy, 401 Burwash, Savoy. For information, contact Cesaria Lancaster at 384-7798 or fwclancaster@yahoo.com.



Drinks & Dialogue usually meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Milo's in Urbana. Participants take turns facilitating the discussion on a range of topics on current events of interest or relevance to the group. For more information, contact Gail Tittle, gatittle@gmail.com

January 12 topic is friendships in adulthood.



GREAT DECISIONS group meets the fourth Wednesday in January, February, March, April, May, at 7:00 PM, Windsor Court, Savoy. Meetings are hosted by Doris Jones.

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. For more information, call Jenny Harvey, 344-5339 or Margaret Stewart, 356-9475.



If interested in the **WRITER'S GROUP**, contact Barb Scott, 352-7364.



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