



NEWSBRIEF

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Greetings from *Newsbrief* Editor Deborah Richie

This issue of the newsletter will be the final one for me as Editor and I want to thank all of you for your interest and support during my tenure. I send a special thank you to Sallie Miller, who helped me assume the role, and to Karen Retzer, who will begin as Editor with the Fall 2016 issue. I look forward to enjoying the skill and perspective that I know Karen will bring to the newsletter.

I begin my service on the AAUW-IL Board this month, and will join Board President Sallie Miller and the other members from branches across the state at our first meeting on July 15-16. Stay tuned to hear more information about board business.

Drinks & Dialogue

July 12, 6 to 8 pm, Milo's, for the discussion of domestic violence and misogyny and its connection to other violence, including mass shootings, in article found at <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/in-orlando-as-usual-domestic-violence-was-ignored-red-flag-20160613>.

Adelante - Summer Reading Invitation

Our branch Adelante group will not meet during the summer, but national AAUW has a discussion webinar planned in July and we invite you to join the virtual discussion group. The participation of members across the country will help make this event a success.

July 28, 6:30 pm (7:30 Eastern time) – discussion of *Soldier Girls: The Battles of Two Women at Home and at War*.

Register at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/07/adelante-soldier-girls/%20>

If you have any questions, please contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **October 15, 2016** - Districts 1, 2 and 3 Southern Conference - October 15, 2016, at Springfield Public Library
- **May 5-6, 2017** – Champaign will host the AAUW-IL Convention - I-hotel & Conference Center, Research Park, U. of I., Champaign, IL

PUBLIC POLICY – CALL FOR ACTION – July 11- 15



AAUW is part of a coalition working to get Senate Bill 1564 signed and members across the state are being asked to call office of Governor Rauner to urge that he sign the Health Care Right of Conscience bill (SB1564), which was sent to him on June 20. The full text of the bill can be found [here](#).

Springfield: 217-782-0244

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The membership year for AAUW runs from July 1st through June 30th.

We value your membership. As a member of the C-U branch of AAUW, you promote equity for women and girls at the national, state, and branch levels. The annual dues cover membership in national, state and C-U branch for the year. Your support is very important in many ways.

Thank you to all who have submitted their membership. For the handful that have not renewed their membership, it is not too late. If you have not yet renewed, we request that you continue your membership in C-U AAUW.

To renew, please send an email to nancydietrich01@gmail.com, and she will email you the link to renew online. Or, you can send a check for \$70 payable to C-U AAUW, to Nancy Dietrich, 2803 S. Myra Ridge Dr., Urbana, IL 61802.

Thank you for your continued support of girls & women through AAUW.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The committee met and reviewed the applications for the scholarships for both Parkland College and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and identified candidates to receive the offer of scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. More information about the recipients will be included in the fall newsletter.

Ida King Stevens Scholarship - Our AAUW branch awards a \$1,000 Ida King Stevens scholarship to a female who is enrolled or accepted to the University of Illinois who has experienced an interruption of at least two years in formal education and has an minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5/4.0.

Parkland Scholarships: Southwood-Van Es; Amy Kummerow; Phyllis Cline – Our branch awards three \$1,000 scholarships to females who are residents of the Parkland District or state of Illinois who have experienced an interruption of at least two years in their formal education, and are enrolled or have been accepted for full or part-time study at Parkland with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0/4.0.



AAUW-Illinois State Board

Two members of the Champaign-Urbana Branch are serving on the state Board – Sallie Miller, President, and Deborah Richie, Co-Vice President for Programs. The Board will hold its first meeting on July 15-16 in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

Our branch is part of District 2 and the new representative on the Board for District 2 is Sharon Lee in Decatur. If you have ideas for the Board, please feel free to contact Sharon at sforanlee@sbcglobal.net or Sallie Miller at millersallie@hotmail.com.



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NATIONAL NEWS

Federal courts are sometimes the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, or health care. This year, the U.S. Supreme Court heard a number of cases with the potential to significantly affect the rights of women and girls.



REGISTER BY JULY 15 to learn about the cases before the Court this term as well as upcoming cases.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is hosting the call on Tuesday, July 19, at 7 pm to discuss
The call is free, but you must register to receive the call-in information – To register,
<http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/07/register-for-the-2016-supreme-court-wrap-up-call/>



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 at 6 pm, Satterthwaite Conference Room, Urbana library. For information, contact Laura Keller at 351-8408 or kellerla@comcast.net. **No meetings in June or July.**

August - *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.



DRAMA GROUP will resume meetings in September



Drinks & Dialogue is open to all members and friends of AAUW and is an informal gathering at a local restaurant for drinks and/or dinner. If you would like to be on the email list, please contact Gail Tittle, gatittle@gmail.com. **Next meeting is July 12.**



GREAT DECISIONS group does not meet in the summer.



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