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NEWSBRIEF



UPCOMING EVENTS

DRINKS & DIALOGUE: MAY 8, 6 to 8pm, Sun Singer Wine & Spirits, 1115 Windsor Rd., Champaign. The topics for discussion will be two of AAUW's priority issues: passing the Equal Rights Amendment and narrowing the gender pay gap.

GREAT DECISIONS: WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Windsor of Savoy. Come join us for a discussion of "Turkey: A Partner in Crisis". Hope to see you. Questions or comments--call Margaret Stewart at 356-9475 or email Carol Veit at carol_veit@yahoo.com

ADELANTE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 6:30 PM

Urbana Free Library, Satterthwaite Conference Room

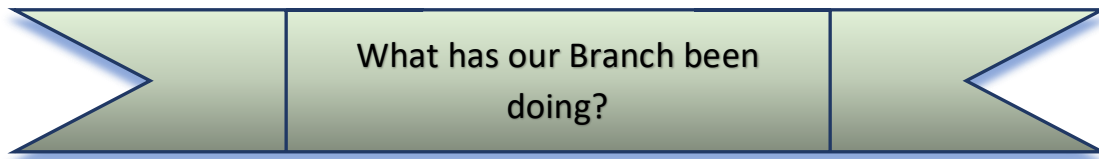
Our May selection for the branch book discussion group is *Then Comes Marriage: United States V Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA* by Roberta Kaplan and Lisa Dickey. Kaplan, the lead attorney in the case, and Windsor, one of the plaintiffs, recount the story of their epic fight for marriage equality and the defeat of the Defense of Marriage Act. The book was cited as a Los Angeles Times Best Book of 2015 and a *Ms* Magazine Top 10 Feminist Book of 2015. The Amazon review calls it "...the momentous yet intimate account of a thrilling victory for equality under the law for all Americans, gay or straight". This should be an interesting and informative read.

We hope you can join our discussion. As always, feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in joining AAUW.

ANNUAL MEETING and SOCIAL, MAY 19, NOON

Kohinoor Restaurant, 6 E. Columbia Ave., Champaign (located where Escobar was previously)
Kohinoor is an Indian restaurant, and you may order off the menu.

At this luncheon meeting we will induct officers for the upcoming year and honor our 2018 Marion Talbot Award recipient. This meeting is a chance to socialize with your AAUW friends and perhaps meet new ones. Feel free to bring friends.



Equal Pay Day

The program, which featured the documentary "Equal Means Equal", was held on April 15 at the Champaign Public Library. The *Los Angeles Times* review stated, "Director, actress and activist Kamala Lopez stumps for women's rights in her searing documentary 'Equal Means Equal'. With a ruthless, surgical approach, Lopez breaks down legal gender inequality in the United States, what she terms the War on Women. Lopez primarily attacks the laws, acts and legislation put in place to prevent gender discrimination that have been gutted and loopholed to death, rendering them useless in protecting women. In going after governmental issues such as equal pay, family leave, welfare and reproductive rights, she illustrates how the system fails women as it demands both their labor under capitalism and their social functions as mothers."

About 18 people attended the viewing including several guests. One of our guests wrote a letter to the News Gazette which was published on April 23 strongly objecting to the Gazette's editorial board that opined on April 16 that our Illinois Senate's vote to ratify the ERA is a mere "symbolic gesture" or, if you prefer, "legislative showmanship in Springfield." Her letter went on to say "Perhaps the board is simply misinformed, like 80 percent of recently polled, well-meaning Americans who believe women are already guaranteed equality under the law."

(<http://equalmeansequal.com/>)

Thank you to the Gender Equity Fund of AAUW-IL for providing the film. The Gender Equity Fund, a 501(c)(3), was formed in 1997 by interested and involved Illinois AAUW members. (<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/gender-equity-fund/>)

Parkland College Scholarship Reception

Elaine Peppers and Bette van Es attended the Parkland College Scholarship Reception on April 18. The reception recognized recipients and donors of the Parkland College Foundation, Trustee, and Academic Opportunity Scholarships. Recipients of the AAUW Amy Kummerow Scholarship, Phylliss Renae Walters, and the AAUW Southwood-van Es Scholarship, Ifeanyi Onyekwe, were present. Both women reported successful academic years and expressed much gratitude for their AAUW awards.

The AAUW Scholarship Committee will meet in May (date TBA) to decide on the Parkland recipients for 2018-19.

Women's Career Institute

Around 50 individuals participated in this event on February 24 that was co-sponsored by CU AAUW (along with Women's Resource Center, Career Center, YWCA of the University of Illinois, and School of Molecular and Cellular Biology). Our Board member, Professor Brenda Wilson, worked with the organizing committee to plan a day full of interesting and useful information. Thanks to Sallie Miller for

for her

participating as a panelist and thanks to Brenda participation.



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National Conference for College Student Women Leaders (NCCSWL)



Each year, nearly 800 college and university women and campus professionals from across the United States and around the world attend this meeting held to engage participants in hands-on learning and exploration of leadership. In 2018, the conference will be held from May 30-June 2.

For summer 2018, the Champaign-Urbana branch will provide \$250 toward supporting Elizabeth E. Haywood, a Training Program Fellow in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Illinois on to attend the conference. Congratulations to Libby on her selection for scholarships national AAUW and the CU Branch, along with her academic department! We look forward to hearing from Libby about her experiences. For more information, go to <https://www.nccswl.org/>



In Memoriam

(submitted by Laura Keller)

The Champaign-Urbana branch lost three of its members during the past year:

Janet Anderson

Jan was born in 1934 and died August 5, 2017. She graduated from the Williamsport, Pa., Hospital School of Nursing and spent 25 years active in nursing at hospitals in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Illinois, including Carle and Burnham. She also worked as an office nurse for 17 years of those years. Jan was an active member and leader of many organizations. Among those were Friends of Public Health, Community Health Partnership, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers, First United Methodist Church, League of Women Voters, United Methodist Women, Church Women United, and Common Cause. She was elected to the Champaign County Board and served from 2000 to 2012. In this capacity she served as the Human Services Committee vice chair and Justice and Social Services chair. She was honored with the 2004 Tolly-Cramer award for social action, 2006 CCHCC Government Leadership Award, and 2016 CCHCC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sally Reuter-Radka

Sally was born in 1935 and died November 17, 2017. She earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the U of I, Chicago. Sally was a psychiatric social worker for the Special Education District of Lake County until her retirement. She was a member of The National Association of Social Workers, which declared her a Diplomate in Clinical Social Work, as well as the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association, and the C-U Serra Club. She had also been associated with the World-Wide and United Marriage Encounter Communities and the Rockford Diocese Remarriage Ministry Team.

Mary Temperley

Mary died April 11, 2018 at the age of 91. She earned her bachelor's degree at Wellesley College, her master's degree at the University of Michigan, and a doctorate at Indiana University. Mary taught English as a Second Language (ESL) and the first course in transformational grammar at UIUC beginning in 1956. Over the years she extended her ESL teaching to the Urbana Adult Education program and to occasional courses at Bradley University and Parkland. In 1978 she co-wrote a highly successful ESL textbook. Mary was well-known for her love of singing and was a member of the U of I Oratorio Society for decades as well as caroling as part of the "Temperley Singers" at friends' homes and retirement homes for 60 years.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Jane Tuttle, Champaign.

University of Illinois, BA 1967 and Masters of Education, 1981. Retired teacher who still substitutes at Urbana High School. In her membership application, she says, "I love my work with our young people...I am a backer of C-U Citizens for Peace and Justice...who would like to continue to find avenues to make this community a good place for all our citizens to thrive. I see AAUW as a good base for me to expand my horizons and to contribute..." Ms. Tuttle is interested in both Adelante and Great Decisions. Please welcome Mary Jane! She can be reached at 217 352-8917 or maryjanetuttle1945@gmail.com

Monica Lannom, Rantoul.

B.S., Cal State Northridge; M.S., Cal State LA; currently a doctoral student in Molecular Neuroscience at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In her membership application, she says, "I am extremely interested in issues of gender equality, work-life balance and how to change institutions to be human-centric. I regularly volunteer at Wesley Food Pantry and participated every year in the annual day of giving. Ms. Lannom attended the AAUW-IL State Convention - thanks Monica and welcome! She can be reached at 818 385-5375 or moni_renee19@yahoo.com

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The fiscal year for AAUW runs from July 1st through June 30th. Therefore, it will soon be time to renew your dues for the upcoming year. The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues increased from \$49 to \$59. State and local branch dues have remained the same. **Annual dues for most branch members will now be \$80, which covers National, State, and Branch dues for the 2018-2019 membership year.**

You should soon receive an email from National with instructions concerning payment of your annual dues. You can either renew via credit card online or pay your dues via check. Wait for the email from National before paying your dues online. It will contain identifying information personal to you that will make your renewal quick and easy. ***We would like to encourage you to renew online with your credit card, as it will make the dues renewal process a lot easier for your financial officer.** However, you may still pay via check, if you prefer. If you opt to pay by check, make the check out for \$80, payable to C-U AAUW, and mail to Pam Erickson, 518 County Road 1900 N, Champaign, IL 61822-9522.

If you have any questions concerning membership renewal or donations, feel free to contact Pam Erickson at pam.k.erickson@gmail.com or 217-840-4999.

Donations to National

If you want to donate to the National funds, you can do that at the same time you renew your dues online or visit <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift/>



Our branch will receive credit for those donations.

Donations to Local Scholarships & NCCWSL

If you want to donate to our branch local scholarships or the NCCWSL Scholarship fund, **you will need to send a check via mail to Pam Erickson, our branch VP for Finance, and NOT donate online when you renew your dues** (you can still renew your dues online OR opt to mail your dues with your local scholarships donation).

Here are instructions to make a donation to our local scholarships/NCCWSL (which you can do at any time of the year):

The C-U Branch has three scholarships for Parkland College students: Southwood-van Es; Amy Kummerow, and Phyllis Cline (\$1000 each). In addition, our Branch has a new scholarship of \$600 to help send a young woman to AAUW'S National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Donations to the NCCWSL scholarship are not tax deductible. Donations to the Parkland Scholarships are tax-deductible if the check is made out to Parkland College Foundation. To receive a tax deduction for a Parkland scholarship donation, write a separate check made payable to Parkland College Foundation and in the Memo section specify the scholarship you are supporting—Southwood-van Es, Amy Kummerow, or Phyllis Cline. You can send the check to Pam Erickson, 518 County Road 1900 N, Champaign, IL 61822-9522. NCCWSL scholarship donations can be sent to the same address but make your check out to C-U AAUW with NCCWSL in the memo line.



NEWS FROM AAUW-IL (<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>)

STATE CONVENTION

On April 27 and 28, around 100 women from around the state came together for the state convention. The theme this year was "Make a Difference" and the program featured outstanding speakers, including Gloria Blackwell, AAUW Senior Vice President of Fellowships and Programs who talked with us about "Beyond Aspirations: AAUW's Future". Many thanks to Ms. Blackwell for her thorough and inspiring message about the future of AAUW.

Three members from CU-AAUW were in attendance: Monica Lannom, Sallie Miller, and Deborah Richie. Sallie and Deborah have finished their current terms on the State Board – Sallie as President and Deborah as Co-VP for Programs. Sallie played an active leadership role in the convention, along with chairing the final Board meeting for this group and convening the state business meeting. Sallie has been an outstanding leader for the state and she will continue serving on the new board as Nominating Chair. Thanks to Sallie for your continued commitment to CU AAUW and AAUW-IL!



Gloria Blackwell



Sallie Miller

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NEWS FROM AAUW (<http://www.aauw.org/>)

Vote in AAUW Election on Resolutions

You should have received an email dated April 25 with the subject “AAUW Election” from National AAUW. If you have not already voted, we would like to encourage you to participate in this important election. The National AAUW Board has proposed three amendments to the bylaws that they believe will help us "expand our impact and ensure that AAUW will continue to help countless future generations of women and girls". They feel strongly that these changes are necessary for the health of our organization.

At the AAUW-IL state convention on April 27-28, the state Board communicated their support of the three amendments.

Voting on-line is easy and takes only a few minutes. If you log on via the email, you will be immediately logged in with your PIN and ID and be able to vote. You have until June 9 to vote on-line. **Our local C-U AAUW Board discussed these proposals at our latest meeting, and we support each of these amendments.**

Your vote is important.

Congratulations to AAUW’s 2018–19 Fellowships and Grants Awardees!

On April 16, AAUW announced its 245 awards and \$3.8 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2018–19 award year! This exceptional group of recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

For 130 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$100 million in fellowships and grants to more than 12,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world.

The 2018–19 award year kicks off on July 1, 2018, with the release of our updated online [Fellowships and Grants directory](#), in which you can find out more about the remarkable women and organizations from your area! To learn more about AAUW’s fellowships and grants programs and past awardees, visit our [fellowships and grants web page](#) and read our [Following the Fellows](#) blog series.



Branch Special Interest Groups

Adelante Book Discussion - Summer Reading

Contact Sallie Miller millersallie@hotmail.com or Laura Keller

For most of the year, Adelante, our book discussion group, concentrates on nonfiction books dealing with topics of diversity or equity. For the months of June, July, and August, we've chosen some lighter reading. Each of these books, however, is still topical and fits our diversity theme. Multiple copies are available at the Champaign and Urbana libraries. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at the Urbana Free Library, Satterthwaite Conference Room. This might be the perfect time to join us for a great discussion!

Our summer selections will be:

- June 20: *Euphoria* by Lily King. This novel is inspired by events in the life of Margaret Mead and concerns three young anthropologists in the 30's involved in a love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and their lives.
- July 18: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. Whether you're rereading this classic dystopian novel or reading it for the first time, it will have an impact on you. The second season of the Hulu series based on the novel was recently released.
- August 15: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. This memoir by the popular Daily Show host recounts his life as a biracial child in South Africa.

Drama Group

1st Thursday, 3 pm Windsor Court, Savoy

Contact Cesaria Lancaster fwclancaster@yahoo.com or 217 384-7798

Drinks & Dialogue

2nd Tuesday, 6 pm

Contact Nancy Dietrich nancydietrich01@gmail.com>

Great Decisions

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Discussions for this program utilize a DVD and written materials from the Foreign Policy Association on issues of international interest. The remaining topics for 2018 are:

- Turkey: a partner in crisis
- U.S. global engagement and the military
- South Africa's fragile democracy
- Global health: progress and challenges

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