

The AAUW Spotlight Shines Brightly on our First Fundraiser of the New Year

The Illinois Symphony Concert Event on Saturday, January 21, 2017

at 7:30 p.m. in the Sangamon Auditorium at UIS.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Concert and dinner reservations are DUE beginning on January 2, 2017, and the **Final Deadline Date is Thursday, January 12, 2017.**

The price of the concert ticket is \$40 per person and the optional pre-concert dinner is \$32 per person. A reference to the concert can be found in the November 2016 Branchline and on page nine of our current Membership Directory. The menu for the pre-concert dinner was in the December Branchline. The location for the pre-concert buffet-dinner is the UIS restaurant in the lower level of the PAC building.

The restaurant door will open at 5:00 p.m. and members and guests will receive their concert tickets as they are checked-in. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

For AAUW members and guests attending the Symphony only, concert tickets will be held in the auditorium ticket office in your name starting at 6:30 p.m. Also at this time all members and guests are welcome to browse our table and signage in the auditorium lobby. You may also attend the "Conductor's Comments Session" beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. You can quietly enter the session after it has begun and find a temporary seat.

The Symphony fundraiser event is opened to all AAUW members' family and friends. Participating in this fundraiser event is beneficial to our AAUW Springfield Branch and provides an opportunity to:

- Strengthen our scholarship awards fund.
- Receive a 50 percent return on each purchased full-price concert ticket.
- Introduce membership information and brochures to prospective members, prior to the concert.
- Dine together in fellowship with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Guild.
- Be recognized, from the podium, as a community partner with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.
- Experience a live symphony orchestra performance.

Your check for the Symphony concert ticket is payable to AAUW Springfield Branch and should be mailed to Rianne Hawkins (AAUW Treasurer) at 704 Woodland Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704. To simplify seating request, you may include guest checks with yours and mail in one envelope.

Your reservation check and/or checks for the pre-concert buffet dinner is payable to Symphony Guild of Springfield and mail to Dr. Ann Abbott-Joseph at 7517 Southport Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711.

The AAUW Symphony Fundraiser Chair and Committee Member's are: Dr. Delinda Chapman; Membership Outreach Table – Dee Dee Gain, Mary Ann DeFend and Marcia Wherry, who will also assist as auditorium seating coordinator.

If you would like to attend and have not indicated your interest previously during the Fall Membership Coffee, you are welcomed to call Dr. Ann A. Joseph at 217-697-8274.

Thank you! Your participant in our evening at the symphony is appreciated.

**Drs. Ann Abbott-Joseph & Delinda Chapman
AAUW & Symphony Fundraisers Event Chairs**



Membership Report

as of December 15, 2016

Financial Reports

as of December 15, 2016

Association Members	158
Community Members	8
Student Members	13
Total	179
New members (included in above)	12

NEW ADDRESS

MarySusan Farmer
16 C Eisenhower Drive
Jacksonville, IL 62650

All Membership Directories have been delivered. If you did not receive yours, let me know.

Sally Cadagin, Membership Vice President
cadamyst@sbcglobal.net
546-5840

The January board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 4**, at 5:30 p.m., in Hy-Vee grocery store's meeting room, which is adjacent to the wine cellar in the back of the store. Deanie Brown is the host. All Branch members are welcome to attend. Board members who cannot attend, please inform Sally Vogl and provide a report to her if applicable.

The deadline for the February Branchline is Saturday, January 14, at 6 p.m. Please email your information and/or articles to aboer@cmtengr.com.

All email messages will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please call Ann Marie at 529-8045.

**Membership is everyone's
responsibility
because equity is still an issue!**

Springfield Branch

ASSETS:

Checking Fund

Beginning balance	\$11,912.05
Income	975.00
Expenses	1,038.41
Ending balance	11,848.64

Certificate of Deposit 5,081.82

LIABILITIES: 0.00

Total Assets \$ 16,930.46

Rianne Hawkins, Treasurer

AAUW Springfield Branch Scholarship Fund

Marilyn Lawler, AAUW Funds Co-director

Balance as of 11/15/2016 \$ 9,731

Expanding Your Horizons Committee

Susan Wood, 2016 Co-chair

Total assets as of 12/15/2016 \$2,714

EYH recently received a donation of \$110, thanks to Julie Krehbiel and everyone who bought fair trade items at the November 3 branch meeting!



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January 2017

Issue #1

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO VOLUNTEER FOR EYH

**Expanding Your Horizons (EYH)
Saturday, March 18, 2017
Lincoln Land Community College**

Another exciting Expanding Your Horizons conference is being planned this year for 6th through 8th grade girls. March 18 will be here faster than we realize and your assistance is again needed. Following are the volunteer placements and times.

Building Coordinators (7:45-12:45)
Hall Monitors (7:45-10:00, 10:00-12:45 or 7:45-12:45)
Dining Hall Monitors (8:00-12:45)
Registration (7:30-9:00)
Snack prep and hand-outs (7:15-11:30)
Travel Team (8:00-12:45)
Volunteer Room (7:15-12:45)
Volunteer/Presenter Check in (7:15-10:00)
Nurse (7:15-12:45)

Our branch has been sponsoring and coordinating EYH for over 25 years and has given thousands of girls the opportunity to learn about and participate in STEM-related activities led by women in these fields. Without the assistance of branch members, EYH would not be possible.

Please contact Carol Kerins (787-4440; c.kerins@comcast.net) to volunteer. Just indicate your location and time preference. We'll make every effort to place you in your preferred location. Please don't wait until the last minute to get the volunteer placement of your choice.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon.

**Carol Kerins and Ardina Voelker
EYH Volunteer Co-chairs**

There are three lunches remaining for Illinois Symphony Orchestra conductor auditions. Location is the Sangamo Club. Lunch is \$23 and requires an RSVP via DeeDee Gain (deedee.gain@gmail.com or 572-1372). There is a presentation from each candidate. Dates are Tuesday, January 17; Monday, February 20; and Monday, May 1. Please let DeeDee know if you plan to attend.

It's hard to believe another year is behind us. We can all be very proud of our fundraising and donations to assist women continue their educational efforts.

Many thanks to Lori Cox for planning our Holiday Dinner and Quilt Raffle at Illini County Club. It was a wonderful dinner in a lovely location . . . perfect for choosing the winner of our beautiful quilt. Congratulations to our raffle winner, Ann Marie Boer, who has patiently participated many years waiting for the opportunity to take home one of our quilting group's special creations.

A special thanks to the members of our quilting group for all of their efforts, making it possible for us to have a beautiful quilt to auction and raise funds for scholarships and fellowships. Thanks, also, to those members who sold and purchased raffle tickets, allowing us to raise \$1,501 in ticket sales and donations.

April 22 is our 2017 Afternoon Tea and the date will be here before we know it. Planning is beginning and volunteers will be needed to make the event a success. Information from Co-Chairs Cheryl Wycoff and Barbara McKean will be forthcoming in the near future. Watch for ways you can help to make this another fun and profitable fundraising event.

**Carol Kerins and Marilyn Lawler
AAUW Funds Co-Directors**

"THANK YOU to the AAUW-Springfield Branch Board and Members from the University of Illinois at Springfield for your recent commitment of a scholarship to benefit Springfield students enrolled in the UIC College of Nursing on the Springfield campus. We are grateful for your continued promise to women furthering their education to enhance their future and our community."

Thank you so very much! Happy Holidays!

Lynne Slightom, MPA
University of Illinois at Springfield
Director of Development
Office of Advancement

Vinnie Gupta is selling tickets for **Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast** to be held on **January 16, 2017, 7.30 a.m.**, at Wyndham Hotel , 7th and Adams , Springfield. It supports charitable projects by Frontiers International. The speaker is Anna Jackson, SIU Professor. Tickets are \$25 each. For tickets contact Vinnie Gupta, 217-622-7118, vkguptammd@yahoo.com.

Speedy recovery to

Fran Nagorsky, who had knee replacement surgery in November.



Forget something?

Did you buy an ear bud holder (round leather) at the fair trade market at the November Diversity meeting and then get home and realize you didn't have it? Julie Krehbiel has it and would like to get it to you.

Dear Springfield Branch Members,

I'm sending you greetings from beautiful Vienna, where I've had the great good fortune to experience the pre-Christmas atmosphere and festivities. This was the only thing that could have led me to miss the holiday dinner at Illini, believe me. I know there was a good turnout, and I'm fairly certain a fine time was had by all! Special appreciation goes to Program Vice President Lori Cox for making all the arrangements for the event.

Before you know it we'll turn the corner into 2017 and have additional opportunities for sociability and enjoyment -- the symphony concert fund-raiser and the "Just for Fun" potluck -- before we get down to serious business again with the Expanding Your Horizons conference. The steering committee headed up by Joan McGrath and Julie Haehn has already been hard at work on that event, and I encourage you please to volunteer in support of this signature effort.

Before then, however, I hope each one of you will have a joyous holiday season. Wishing you peace,

Sally Vogl, President

Thank you to all 66 of you who attended the Holiday Dinner at Illini Country Club on Sunday, December 11. I truly believe that everyone enjoyed themselves. The food, decor and service at Illini CC was impeccable. The song stylings of Phil Steinberg wrapped up the evening. I am also happy to say that the beautiful quilt this year found a great home with our own Ann Marie Boer!!

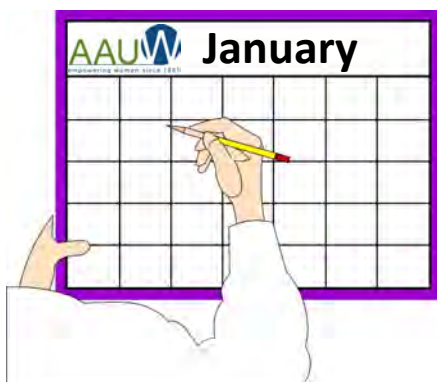
As we start 2017, please make a resolution to attend MORE AAUW BRANCH events. Put the ILLINOIS SYMPHONY event featuring Gershwin's Porgy and Bess (Summertime) with Symphonic Selections on January 21,

2017, at 7:30 at the Sangamon Auditorium on your to-do list. See page 1 or contact Drs. Ann Abbott-Joseph and Delinda Chapman for details!

Then we hope you can join us for the JUST FOR FUN POTLUCK on Saturday February 4, 2017 at Noon at the Pine Creek Villas Club House! More details on that soon.

I hope your holidays are wonder-filled and that you start off the NEW YEAR by joining your AAUW friends at these exciting events.

Holiday Hugs to you all, Lori Cox



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

January 12

Deadline for Symphony reservations

January 21

Symphony Fundraiser (see page 1)

February 4

Just for Fun Potluck

March 9

Education Event & Branch Meeting

March 18

EYH

March 29

Pay Equity Program & Branch Meeting

Interest Groups

Interest Group Coordinator
Robin Coats Gauss - 793-2263

All AAUW members are welcome at any group—
just give the hostess a call so that there are
enough chairs and refreshments for everyone.

Antiques and Collectibles

Chairs Caroline Nelson 793-2128
Pat Veseling 546-2032

Meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 10

Hostess: Paula Seifert, 2435 Haverford, 698-9186

Program: Cake Plates

Speaker: The Interest Group

Bridge - Afternoon

Chair Dolores Farley 787-5744

Meets second Monday at 1 p.m.

Date: January 9

Hostess: Dolores Farley, 45 Tophill Lane, 787-5744

Bridge - Couples Marathon

Chairs Marilyn Lawler 787-6914
Lois Strom 546-5325

December/January hosts: Strom, Davis, Donels,
Ransdell. This group is looking for new members, so if
you and your spouse are bridge players, we would love
to have you join us.

Bunco

Chair Joan McGrath 698-3242

Meets first Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

No meeting in January.

Chic Flix

Chair Amy Green 546-3271

Meets first Saturday afternoon.

Date: January 7

Call chair for information. If you would like to be on the
email list for announcements of movies and time, call
Amy.

Contemporary Literature

Chair Lynne Ewan 546-9632 or 414-4449

Meets third Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 16

Hostess: Lois Strom, 1708 Clearview Dr.,

Book: *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah

Reviewer: Lois Strom

February book: *Orphan Eight* by Kim VanAlkemade

Couples Gourmet

Chair Jane Brownback 476-8075

Winter Brunch hostesses should have scheduled

brunches and contacted their guests for January or

February. Please call Carolyn Houston or Fran

Nagorsky, brunch coordinators, when your dates are

set. It's not too early for "Spring Fling" hostesses to

schedule March/April dinners.

Diversity Book Group

Chairs Connie Frankenfeld 553-5708

Pat Braun 679-5756

Meets fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 23

Hostess: Connie Frankenfeld, 2629 Baronne Drive

Book: *Half of the Sky* by Nicolas Kristof and Sheryl
WuDunn

Reviewer: Connie Frankenfeld

February book: *Just Mercy* by Brian Stevenson

Family History

Chair Paula Seifert 698-9186

Meets third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 17

Hostess: Carol Kerins, 3009 Arlington Dr., 787-4440

Program: "Pimm and Proper?? The Pimm family's link
to Lincoln"

Speaker: Tara McClellan

Globetrotters

Chair Sue Donels 546-8036

Meets fourth Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Date: January 26

Hostess: Sharon Ryuda, 2009 Barberry Dr., 698-6435

Co-hostess: Irene Reischel

Program: Barbara McKean will talk about cruising the
Northwest Passage

Please let chair know if you plan to attend.

If you need a ride to any interest group meeting, call
either Robin Coats Gauss, the Interest Group
Coordinator, or the chair of the group, and a ride will be
arranged for you.

Interest Groups

Illinois Explorers

Chairs Nancy Daugherty 546-6795
Mary Lou McLaughlin 618-535-4555

Meets the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

This is a new group. They will be taking day trips to experience interesting places in central Illinois.

No meeting in January.

International Cooking

Chairs Lynne Ewan 546-9632
Jane Hughes-Jackson 793-3646

Meets third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Date: January 18

Hostess: Chris Kennedy, 512 Tecumseh Trail

Theme: Brazilian cuisine

Please RSVP by January 11 to Robin Coats-Gauss at rgauss15@gmail.com or leave a message at 793-2263.

Please indicate whether or not you want a Brazilian cocktail and wine.

Lunch Bunch

Chairs Sue Garland, 546-3693, sbgarl@gmail.com
Leah Duling, 726-5153, leah@duling.org

Meets second Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch is taking a winter break allowing for vacations and bad weather. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, at Fire and Ale in Sherman. Keep watching your Branchline and email for potential changes in plans.

Mystery

Chair Sharon Ruda 698-6435

Meets fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 24

Hostess: Sally Cadagin, 461 Chris Drive, 546-5840

Book: *Triptych* by Karin Slaughter

Sleuth: Sally Cadigan

February book: *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson

Pinochle

Chair Meise Fahsl 529-4165

Meets third Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00.

Date: January 19

Hostess: Carol Kerins, 3009 Arlington, 787-4440

Quilting

Chair Diana Stevens 753-2060

Meets first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Date: January 4

Hostess: Mary Ann DeFend, 89 Andover, 546-5941

Please remember to bring your completed quilt block and any left-over fabric to the meeting. We welcome anyone with sewing skills to help us finish the 2017 raffle quilt to raise funds for local scholarships. Please join us!

Stitchery - Afternoon

Chair Leah Duling 726-5153

Meets second Thursday at 1:30 or after Lunch Bunch.

Date: January 12

Location: Caribou Coffee behind the Hy-Vee gas station

No reservations are necessary. Just bring yourself, your smile, perhaps a project, and a desire to get out of the house in winter.

Stitchery - Evening

Chair Mary Ann DeFend 546-5941

Meets second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 11

Hostess: Lynne Ewan, 3948 Waterstone Way, 546-9632, lynne.ewan@sbcglobal.net. Please let Lynne know if you are planning to attend by Monday, January 9. If you would like to car pool from Schnuck's, please call or email Mary An (defend121@yahoo.com).

Tastings

Chair: Shari Stahl 652-3509
sasedshari64@yahoo.com

Meets second Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Date: January 9

Hostess: Sue Bacon, 2600 Parsley Lane, 726-9520, subac1@aol.com

Co-hostess: Robin Coats Gauss

Program: Citrus

Please RSVP by January 6 to Sue. New members are welcome.

Wine Tasting

Chairs Sally Cadagin 546-5840
Ann Marie Boer 529-8045

Meets the third Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 20

Hostess: Paula Seifert, 2435 Haverford, 698-9186

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 Board Meeting Quilting	5	6	7 Chic Flix
8	9 Afternoon Bridge Tastings	10 Antiques	11 Evening Stitchery	12 Deadline for symphony reservations Afternoon Stitchery	13	14 Branchline Deadline
15	16  Contemporary Lit.	17 Family History	18 Int'l Cooking	19 Pinochle	20 Wine Tasting	21 Symphony Event
22	23 Diversity Books	24 Mystery	25	26 Globetrotters	27	28
29	30	31	February 1	2	3	4 Just for Fun Potluck

Events for 2017

Music Event—Illinois Symphony

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017, 7:30 pm

Just For Fun Potluck

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017, 12 noon

Branch Meeting—Educational Event

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017, 4 pm

Expanding Your Horizons in Science, Math and Technology (EYH)

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Branch Meeting—Pay Equity Program

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 5:30 pm

Garage Sale—LAF Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017

Traditional Afternoon Tea—EOF Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

AAUW-IL State Convention

Dates: Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, 2017

Spring Brunch

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017

Springfield AAUW Branch - Names and Numbers

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Mission Statement: AAUW advocates equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

AAUW Educational Fund provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Symphony Fundraiser

January 21