



AAUW SPOTLIGHT GLOWS IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER OF THE NEW YEAR

The Illinois Symphony Concert Event on Saturday, January 27, 2018

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

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Concert and Dinner Reservations for this amazing evening are DUE the second week of January, 2018 and the Deadline Date is Saturday, January 13, 2018. To secure the desired ticket price and main stage floor seating availability, early requests are recommended. The price of the concert ticket is \$40. per person and the optional Symphony Supper i.e. (pre-concert dinner) is \$32 per person. Members and guests will receive their concert tickets as they are checked-in at 5:00 p.m. for dinner. Further information regarding the selected dining room location will be forwarded via email. The dinner menu is printed at the bottom of this page.

For AAUW members and guests attending the Symphony only, concert tickets will be held in the Auditorium ticket office in the name of the guest and AAUW member 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.

New Members and First-Time Participants are encouraged to attend the concert with family, friends, and AAUW members. The benefits to the Springfield Branch include opportunity to: strengthen our Scholarship Awards Fund, receive a 50 percent return on each purchased full price concert ticket, meet the New Music Director and experience a live symphony concert, dine in fellowship with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Guild, and distribute membership information and brochures to prospective new members.

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 IL, 62704. To simplify seating request, include the name of your guest with your checks and mail in one envelope. **Your reservation check and/or checks for the Symphony Supper is payable to ill. Symphony Guild of Springfield**, and mail to Dr. Ann Abbott-Joseph at 7517 Southport Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711. Include the name of your guest.

During the **Fall Membership Coffee**, members revealed an interest in this event that provided motivation for the Symphony Fundraiser Committee and Chairs i.e., Dr. Delinda Chapman- Event Coordinator, Outreach Table – Dee Dee Gain, Mary Ann DeFend, Ellen Murray and Marcia Wherry – Auditorium Seating. If you would like to attend and have not indicated your interest, you are welcome to call Dr. Ann Abbott-Joseph at 217 697-8274.

Thank you for your consideration and continuous support of our Symphony Event Fundraiser.

Dr. Ann Abbott-Joseph
AAUW & ISO Community Partner Fundraiser Chair
ISOG Vice President – Music Education

THE ADDENDUM:

In reference to the symphony performances, our new Maestro Ken Lam conducts the Illinois Symphony Orchestra with an exuberant interpretation of the music, as evidenced in his Dazzling Debut.

The concert on January 27, 2018 will begin with a tribute to the Anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's 100th Year Birthday. Audience participation and musical surprises are expected. The program will continue with "Serenade" for Violin and String Orchestra based on Plato's Dialogue Symposium. The guest violinist A. Cole Anthony will perform on the world renowned Ab Stradivarius Violin. The concert will conclude with Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 10. Majorly check if the name "Titan" is left blank, the money will be in the Central Fund and used as needed and determined at AAUW headquarters. Majorly check if the name "Titan" is left blank, the money will be in the Central Fund and used as needed and determined at AAUW headquarters. Educational Funds are extensive, and more detailed information on those can be found at www.AAUW.org.

President's Column

January 2018

Dear Springfield Branch Members,

As 2017 comes to a close, this is a chance to thank you all for supporting our efforts this past year. In particular, and most recently, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to Mary Ann Merano and Pam King for the work they did arranging our holiday dinner at Illini Country Club. We who were fortunate enough to attend enjoyed a delicious meal in festive surroundings (and in the most congenial company imaginable!). Please join me in congratulating Judy Gray, who received her AAUW 50-year pin that evening and is now an Honorary Life Member.

A giant bouquet of thanks is also due to Sandy and Jon Hockenyo, their son James, and the employees of Sentinel Insect Control for their many years of help with our used book sale. Thanks to their generosity, we always had a place to store the huge quantities of books that were donated, sort them conveniently, and launch them over to the church. Yes, I'm using the past tense, and that's because the 2017 book sale was our last. The board voted recently to discontinue holding this event, as it has simply become too laborious for us to manage any longer. So please help me applaud the enormous contribution these friends have made to our fund-raising for scholarships through the years.

Of course, we'll be thinking during the next months whether and how to replace this fund-raiser with another event. Suggestions would be very welcome, so if you have a wonderful idea, please let me know or contact Nancy Daugherty or Amy Green. (And let's not have any more heavy lifting!)

It's time to start looking forward to our plans for 2018, beginning with the symphony event coming up on January 27. Meanwhile, I hope each one of you has had a happy and peaceful holiday season.

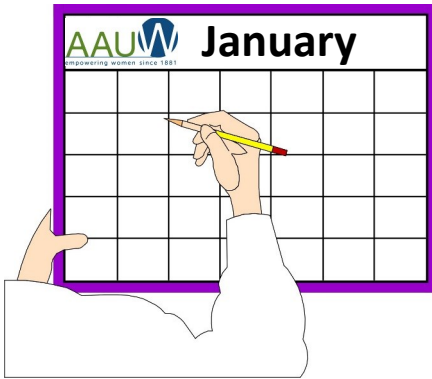
Best regards to all,

Sally Vogl

President

The January board meeting will be held at 5:15 on Wednesday, January 3, in the wine-tasting room at HyVee on South MacArthur. Hostess is Deanie Brown. Other Branch members are welcome to attend (with prior notice to Sally Vogl, please; vogl.sally@comcast.net). Board members who need to be absent kindly also let Sally know and send a report if applicable.

Branch News & Information



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

January 3
January 27
April 14

Board Meeting
Symphony Fundraiser
Traditional Afternoon Tea

2018 Traditional Afternoon Tea

2018 is here and planning is underway for the 2018 Traditional Afternoon Tea. Tablescapers are needed this year as well as volunteers to work in the kitchen. Make 2018 the year that you contribute to the Scholarship Fund by decorating a tea table or help in the kitchen. Don't be afraid. Pinterest is full of ideas! I can't be a Tablescaper this year—Sign up now to take my table! Contact Cheryl Wycoff at 793-0565. Have you ever poked your head in the kitchen at the tea? The ladies are laughing and having a great time as preparations are made to serve the goodies! Join in the fun.....Call Cheryl!

Dues Discount January 1 to March 15!

It's hard to believe the membership year is already half over. From January 1 to March 15, national and branch dues are reduced 50 per cent, so your friends can join for only \$41.50. The national dues are reduced another 50% for those who join at a branch event (like the branch meetings on March 1 and March 29), making their dues \$29.25. Take advantage of this limited time opportunity to introduce someone to the full benefits of AAUW membership at a reduced rate.

Sally Cadagin

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2017 Quilt Raffle Winner

The winner of the quilt raffle is Lori Waters, and she bought her ticket from Diana Stevens. She was so excited when called. We had a very successful Fund Raiser, and a final financial report will be included in the next Branchline. We say **Thank You** to everyone for their contributions of being a quilter, selling tickets, or taking the quilt to an event. Many hands made the success.

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The deadline for the February Branchline is Friday, January 12, at 6 p.m. Please email your information and/or articles to ourpq@yahoo.com.

All email messages will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please call Lisa at 553-8029.

Interest Groups

Interest Group Coordinator

Meise Fahsl 529-4165

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: **NO JANUARY MEETING!**

Location:

Topic:

Bridge - Afternoon

Chair Dolores Farley 787-5744

Meets: Second Monday at 1 p.m.

Date: January 8

Location: Dolores Farley, 45 Tophill Road

Bridge - Couples Marathon

Chairs Marilyn Lawler 787-6914

Lois Strom 546-5325

Additions to the sub list are welcomed throughout the year.

Bunco

Chair Joan McGrath 698-3242

Meets: First Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 4

Location: Cheryl Wycoff, 15 Juniper Ln, Cheryl can accommodate two tables/8 players so get your reservations in as soon as possible. Parking is limited so car-pooling is encouraged. Please make your reservations by phone: 793-0506(H), 836-0506(C) or by email: cwycoff1@msn.com Hoping to see everyone there.

Chic Flix

Chair Amy Green 546-3271

Meets: First Saturday afternoon.

Contemporary Literature

Chair Lynne Ewan 546-9632 or 414-4449

Meets: Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 15

Location: NOTE CHANGE: Lori Cox's home at 1732 Holmes Avenue

Joan McGrath will review "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk"

Couples Gourmet

Chair Jane Brownback 476-8075

The theme for our 42nd year is "Dining Through the Decades".

It's not too early to schedule your January- February Fondue Dinner. Check with Becky Stirrett or Sue Donels, coordinators, if you need to borrow fondue pots, and let them know the date you've set for your dinner. If you know you will be out of town in January or February, please let the coordinators and your hostess know, so that we can accommodate as many regular members as possible before subs are called.

Diversity Book Group

Chairs Connie Frankenfled 553-5708

Pat Braun 679-5756

Meets: Fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 22

Hostess: Connie Frankenfled

Book: Hidden Figures

Reviewer: Cheryl Wycoff

Contact chairs for information.

Globetrotters

Chairs Sue Donels 546-8036

Meets: Fourth Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Date: January 25

Hostess: Sue Donels, 13 Turnberry Place, 546-8036

Co-hostess: Doranne Jacobson,

Co-hostess and fellow traveler: Mary Beaumont

Program: Central Asia (the stans)

Illinois Explorers

Chair: Mary Lou McLaughlin 618-535-4555

Meets: Sunday for December Only

NO MEETING IN JANUARY!

Pinochle

Chair Meise Fahsl 529-4165

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

Date: **NO JANUARY MEETING!**

Hostess:

Interest Groups

Quilting

Chair: Diana Stevens 753-2060
Meets: First Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Date: **January 3 at 7:30 pm**
Hostess: Mary Ann DeFend 546-5941,
89 Andover, Springfield. Please remember to bring your
completed quilt blocks and any leftover fabric to the
meeting. We welcome anyone with sewing skills to help
us finish the 2018 raffle quilt. Please join us!

Lunch Bunch

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

NO LUNCH BUNCH JANUARY OR FEBRUARY!

Mystery

Chair Sharon Ruda 698-6435
Meets: Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Date: January 23
Hostess: Wanda Riseman, 2205 S. Park, 787-2634
Book: Messenger of Athens by Anne Zouroudi

Stitchery - Afternoon

Chair: Leah Duling 726-5153
Meets: Second Thursday at 1:30 or after Lunch
Bunch.
Date: January 11
Location: Caribou Coffee behind the Hy-Vee gas station.
Bring a project and your smile, be ready to enjoy a fancy
coffee and/or dessert as well as conversation. No
reservations are needed.

Stitchery—Evening

Chair: Mary Ann DeFend 546-5941
Meets the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Date: January 10
Hostess Lynn Ewan , 546-9632 or 414-4449, Stone Creek
Clubhouse, 2113 Brookstone
Please let Lynn know if you are planning to attend by
Monday, January 8.

International Cooking

Chairs: Lynne Ewan 414-4449
Jane Hughes-Jackson 725-3418
Meets: Third Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Theme: Southwest—Sombreros Welcome!
Hostess: Sue Bacon 622-6904 726-9520
2600 Parsley Lane, Springfield
subac1@aol.com
Date: January 17
Contact hostess if you are attending and if you want
wine. \$15 with/\$13 without.

Wine Tasting

Chair: Paula Seifert 698-9186
Meets: Third Friday at 7:00 pm
Date: January 19
Contact Paula Seifert, 2435 Haverford, 698-9186 or
622-9187, for information.

**Mix it up this year!
Most groups are open to new
members!!**

American Association of University Women
American Association of University Women - Springfield Branch
Treasurer's Report: December 2017

Period Covered - November 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017

Starting Balance (Checking): \$11,326.95

Expenditures

Lori Cox (Reimbursement) 11/19/2017 \$ 238.70

Total: \$238.70

Ending Balance: \$11,137.25

Starting Balance (Certificate of Deposit): \$5,098.45

Expenditures

None

Total: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$5,098.45

Income

Deposit (Membership) 11/6/2017 \$ 49.00

Total: \$49.00

Rhame Hawkins, Treasurer

Submitted

1/26/2017

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board Meeting Quilting	4 Bunco	5	6
7	8 Afternoon Bridge	9 Antiques	10 Evening Stitchery	11 Afternoon Stitchery	12 Wine Tasting	13
14	15 Cont. Literature	16	17 Int. Cooking	18	19	20
21	22 Diversity Book	23 Mystery	24	25 Globetrotters		27
28	29	30	31			



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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.

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