



AAUW Springfield

Breaking through barriers for women and girls

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

November-December Issue

AAUW Supports Community Events

Project Woman's Diva Night Out was held on Oct. 22, 2015, 6-9:30pm at the Bushnell Building in Springfield. This fundraising event included pampering stations, gift baskets, vendor booths, an online auction and a 'Diva' contest that was a lot of fun! All proceeds benefitted the services and programs to protect, educate and empower women in crisis. AAUW had a table and Peggy Hanna worked our table all night (and donated a gift basket) informing about our organization. Other members helped staff too as shown in the picture, with new member Loleta Collins (who also donated a gift basket).



On Friday, Nov. 6, 6-9:00-pm, **Equality Springfield** held its first fundraiser at the Hub Gallery in Springfield during one of its First Friday events. The evening began with a few of our members & friends grabbing a bite at the Bada Bing Pizza place down the street, many of whom then headed to the Hub for an evening that boasted a silent art auction with works by local artists, a raffle for gift baskets, and a presentations by community leaders including City Commissioner and AAUW member Karen Duncan. Our branch was a \$50 Event Sponsor that evening.



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Meetings, 2nd Mondays, 7 PM



The **Zonta Club of Springfield** held its annual Auction on Thurs., Nov. 12 at the Marriott, and proceeds will go to local projects supporting woman and girls. Six of our members attended: Kathie Harbaugh, Karen Duncan, Ginnie Estrop, Nina Naufahu, Joyce Spangler & Vicki Stalbird.



Pictured right is Bea Smith receiving the honor of 2015 Woman of Distinction award. Well deserved and an amazing woman!



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Our NOVEMBER Meeting: Member Presentation by Barbara Matthies



Barbara Matthies shared a journey she took to Nepal partially as a result of her philanthropic endeavor to improve the life of a child. Plan International USA is part of a global network that partners with donors, children & communities in more than 50 developing countries to end the cycle of poverty. A global initiative of Plan



International, **Because I am a Girl** creates sustainable projects in developing countries to give girls access to the most basic of human rights: clean water, food, healthcare, education, financial security, and protection from violence and exploitation.

Barbara explained that early in her career, following her father's advice to give back to the world, she determined to sponsor children in need. Not having a lot of money to spare at the time, she chose the Plan International USA organization that enabled her to send only so much each month. Plan connected her with a young girl named Sano in Nepal, and after some correspondence and a Rhodes scholar opportunity, she was able to travel & meet Sano, as well as her mother and sister, in their remote village. The experience was very rewarding, and Barbara continued to support the family & their village for some time to come. Brochures and information about the program was shared with our group.



Member Spotlight on Sue Allen

I was born in Tampa, with all the implications of being raised in the South in the 60's. I graduated from nursing school at St. Petersburg College in 1975, and have always loved the profession. I've been married for 37 years (you don't count those brief starter marriages do you?) and we have two grown children with families of their own. I loved raising kids and spent lots of time with 4-H animals and at sporting events. Watching your own children parent is such an education. I'm having a ball being Nana.

I've traveled pretty frequently in Europe, and especially enjoyed doing some genealogy work there. I still have a few sites left on my bucket list. You cease being self-centered once you see how other cultures think and live. But my "go to" place for comfort is any beach.

I've been active in feminist politics since the 80's. I've served in many offices, campaigns, and committees in the local Democratic Party. I was a Hilary delegate to the 2008 National Convention, and plan to run again at the 2016 Caucus. I am one of the organizers of the Party's Women's Issues Group. I was one of the founders of the Clark County for CHOICE group. I have been a past Board member of Planned Parenthood (of SWO), and am currently a member of the local Leadership Council. I belong to Young Women's Mission and am grateful to be a part of their 100 year legacy.

I love antiques, our 1870's farmhouse, photography, entertaining, and gardening. I hate computers and dieting. I worship with a women's spirituality circle. I hope to retire in a couple of years and do more traveling. I'm looking forward to participating in AAUW.



Our numbers continue to grow! Welcome new member:

Anne Kaup-Fett

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Gourmet Group Update

October 24 was German night at Denise and Chris Well's new home. She and Chris were superlative hosts and Chris was a delightful Sommelier. That Grapefruit Wheat beer was really good-much better than it sounds!!



Denise prepared a wonderful beef roulade (flank steak stuffed with pickles, bacon, onions and bread crumbs) and cooked in wine and beef stock. It was accompanied by Spatzel and Red cabbage. Ann brought beer cheese with those wonderful, thick German pretzels. It was Vicki's first meal with us and most certainly not the last. Cheri's Black Forest Cherry Cake was a heavenly finish accompanied by Gevalia coffee .

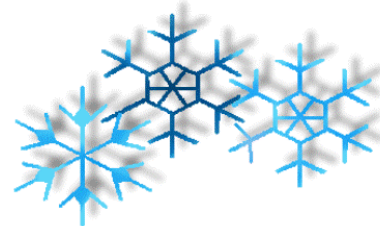
Saturday, November 14 is Russian night at the home of Mike & Cheri. The group has 2 slots open - so come eat, laugh and enjoy great food and great company. We are sharing recipes and maybe we'll put out a branch cookbook!! — Cheri Crothers



Monday, December 7, 6:30-7-ish (time to be confirmed). Cookie and recipe exchange with Project Woman (PW) residents. Snowman craft: Joyce, Loleta, & Denise are Team Snowman. Bring donated items for PW clients to this event. Get info on needs from Nina N. Details of event to follow.

Sunday, December 13, 5 PM: Holiday event with members and guests (men's auxiliary, guests and/or prospective members) at the home of Joan Elder. Joan will provide entree and beverages. We bring hors d'oeuvres, salads or desserts. Joan will email maps soon.

*Don't forget to bring
a friend to all our events!*



Title IX Concerns

Do you know that every school is required to have at least one employee to coordinate the school's compliance with the law?

They are called Title IX coordinators. While many schools have them, some do not know the full scope of their job.

AAUW is leading this charge and if you would like to help all the schools in Clark County become compliant, call **Cheri Crothers, 937-460-7259**.

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