



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

CARBONDALE BRANCH IN FOCUS

The Newsletter of American Association of University Women-Illinois, Inc., Carbondale Branch
Volume XXXIII, Number 3, Mary K. Wallace, 618-453-1961; email mreakat@siu.edu November 2005
AAUW website: <http://web.coehs.siu.edu/wed/wallace/AAUW%20page.htm>

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS IN SCIENCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005, BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. RECEPTION; PROGRAM 7:30 P.M. at the

SIUC FACULTY HOUSE,

GRAND & ELIZABETH STREETS, CARBONDALE

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: BRENDA GILBERT, JAN SCHOEN HENRY, BONNIE HEIDINGER

Hear Science Center Executive Director Pam Madden and Board Member Edith Spees describe the Center's extensive activities, emphasizing the SciGirls program.

Get Excited!

Get the Spirit!

December 13

(at First Christian Church)

Imagine the aroma of pine, nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves, the sound of special holiday music, the taste of mouth-watering cookies and warm cider all while shopping!

Let's make this event a big one. Enter the spirit of giving by participating in the Holiday Sale and Silent Auction to raise funds for scholarships and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Donate items from home, treasures from the past, or those trinkets that need a new home.

AAUW CARBONDALE BRANCH GIFT MEMBERSHIP 2005

Five individuals will receive gift membership at large. Kimberly Blair, Makanda, IL; Sara Faye Marten, Murphysboro, IL; Robin Brown, Murphysboro; Rebecca Blackwell, Carbondale; and Carolyn Perry, Carbondale. Let's encourage them to join the Carbondale Branch!

OCTOBER 11 PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Lucy Sloan & Andrea Brown

Thank you to Lucy and Andrea for an insightful expose of information on the status of education in southern Illinois at AAUW's Oct. 11, 2005, program.

INTRODUCING BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006

Over the next few months, branch officers will be introduced. Let's start with our current president, Lelia Marvin, in action at the Oct. 24, 2005, board meeting:



Mrs. Lelia C. Marvin, President

Lelia is an educator -- retired from 45 years, starting as a one-room school teacher at Carbondale Elementary. She also was an SIUC Administrative/Researcher, Illinois Office of Education supervisor, Herrin Director of Student Services; K-12 education consultant in retirement; and a 50-year member of AAUW!



Dr. Carolyn Snyder

Carolyn A. Snyder is immediate Past President of the Carbondale Branch of the American Association of University Women and a member of the Board this year as the appointed representative for bylaws and

parliamentarian. She continues her membership on the Essay Contest Committee and previously served as Program Vice President.

At Southern Illinois University Carbondale, she is Director of Foundation Relations and Professor of Library Affairs. She held the position of Dean of Library Affairs from 1991 to 2000. Carolyn is active in the American Library Association and continues to publish regularly in library literature. She is a Board Member of the Carbondale League of Women Voters and is active in other community organizations.



**Bonnie Heidinger, Membership
Vice-President**

Bonnie Osman Heidinger has a Master's Degree from SIUC in History. She has been retired two years after teaching at Anna-Jonesboro High School for over 30 years, at Cairo High School, and night classes at Shawnee Community College.

Marcia Anderson lived on her street in Carbondale and got her to join in 1975. Doris Turner was a mentor to her and led her to get involved in public policy and work for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Offices held in the Carbondale AAUW Branch include Recording Secretary, Public Policy chair, Newsletter Editor, Program Vice-President, President, and now Membership Co-Vice President.

She has remarked that she has sometimes worked harder in AAUW than at any paid job because she enjoyed it more.

READ ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Take a look at the highlights of AAUW National Convention by clicking on the National website. You can find the AAUW National website link located on the AAUW Carbondale Branch website or just go to www.AAUW.org. Videos of the speakers and other information are available for viewing on your computer. Wow, what a great convention it was. Jehan Sadat, Madeleine Albright and Eleanor Holmes Norton were just a few of the great women to speak on equity issues. Let's plan to go next year!

REMEMBERING DEB MORROW

Deb began her tenure at Southern Illinois University in 1977. She became an integral part of Women's Studies on December 5, 1983. Many in the university community came to know Deb from her campus activities and volunteer work. Women's Studies is honoring her for her service to Women's Studies and SIU.

In memory of Deb, Women's Studies is planning to plant a tree near Morris Library during Women's History Month, March 2006. The cost of the tree, plaque and services will be approximately \$500. Please join them by making a contribution to the Deb Morrow Memorial Fund. Send your donation to the SIU Foundation, Colyer Hall, Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, IL 62901.

All funds in excess of their goal will be allocated to the Women's Studies Development Fund.

DR. MARSHA RYAN, A WOMAN OF SCIENCE

Emilie True, in 7th Grade in DeSoto last spring, wrote this winning essay about a local woman who combines two careers which link the science of medicine with the law.

Dr. Ryan is a very skilled doctor and surgeon. She comes from a family of doctors. She practices in Carbondale, Illinois, at Memorial Hospital. She has her own practice near the hospital. She has accomplished many things in her lifetime. She has worked hard to achieve many things while raising a family. She is an incredible woman and someone I can consider a role model.

Originally from Oklahoma City, Marsha Ryan has been practicing medicine in Carbondale since 1978. Her father, Dr. Leo Garwin was a retired chemical engineer when he passed away in 2003. He had also earned his law degree. Her mother was a retired professor of sociology.

Her brother, Mark, is also a doctor, practicing anesthesiology, also, here in Carbondale. Marsha and her family live in Carbondale, while her

brother and his family live in Cobden. Marsha's brother, Dr. Mark Garwin, also balances a hectic life while raising a family. His wife, Sylvia, is also a doctor.

Ryan was Chief of Staff at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale from 1987-1989. She received a law degree in 1987, from the SIU School of Law. She is an adjunct professor for the law school, teaching courses in medical malpractice.

She is active in many community organizations, including the Carbondale Community Arts and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. She served the University as a member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, where she served as president for two years. She also serves on the SIU School of Law Board of Visitors.

In 1993, Dr. Ryan's father, Leo, founded the Garwin Family Foundation to foster educational and academic research. The foundation helped to provide funding for many activities, including the Garwin Professor Law and Medicine. Since his death, Marsha and her brother have continued the tradition founded by their father, offering the Leo Garwin, JD/MD scholarship fund.

Marsha Ryan is married to John Ryan, attorney and partner in the firm, Feirich, Mager, Green and Ryan. They have two children, Jack, who graduated from high school in 2003, and Kit, who will graduate this year from Carbondale Community High School. She is a woman who has set many goals and worked hard to achieve them. I believe this is a woman who you might say, has it all.

I think she is a woman that I can admire and look up to as an amazing role model. I can be anything I want to, if I set my mind to it.

Saturday, November 12, 2005

Volunteer to help at the 15th annual Expanding Your Horizons In Science and Mathematics conference for young women in grades 7 through 9 held at SIUC.

JEANNIE KILLIAN LOSES (her shoe)



So here I am running from one meeting to another twenty minutes late. Alright, not running, but walking briskly! When all of a sudden the heel of my navy blue pump catches on the edge of the sidewalk

and offs my left shoe. The shoe does a double back flip with a forward tuck and lands in a storm drain filled with water. The current proceeds to carry the shoe out to rivers, fields, and streams unknown.

Appropriately, I just stood there and watched the shoe float downstream. I heard clapping, looked up, and saw two students applauding my skills. I don't believe my face was smiling, as they quickly scampered away. A young man parking his motorcycle asked if I needed anything as though he could not already assess the damages...missing shoe and misplaced pride. I hobbled to my car and drove to my next meeting. Although questionable whether it is legal to drive barefoot in Illinois or not was not a concern since I never really use my left foot.

After the AAUW board meeting, a couple of members were smiling politely and pointing at my bare foot and offering sincere condolences at the loss of my left shoe. It was, after all, my favorite left foot blue pump. Out of embarrassment, I explained that I did not fully understand the protocol on lost or stolen single shoe fashion etiquette. We were all perplexed because no one could immediately refer to peer-reviewed research findings concerning this dilemma. And then we doubted that Human Subjects would allow us to do such

a study because participants would be teetering from side to side and it would make it difficult for bicycles and skateboards to miss us on the sidewalks.

So I am asking my fellow AAUW members, when one loses a shoe should one just hobble with one on and one off or should one remove both shoes? Please e-mail me at jeannie@siu.edu so that the next time I attempt to leave the confines of my cluttered desk and cubicle I will be prepared to confidently and fashionably face and represent my community of higher learning (minus the left shoe).

BRANCH BYLAWS CHANGE

Carolyn Snyder reported at the Oct. 24th board meeting that by more than the required 2/3 vote of the delegates at the 2005 Convention, the AAUW Bylaws now admit to membership "a graduate holding an associate or equivalent...degree from a qualified educational institution."

The amendment reads: "Individuals eligible to be admitted to membership are those holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution, a degree from a foreign institution recognized by the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), or a foreign degree acceptable as a basis for admission by graduate schools at qualified universities of the U.S.A. who have paid dues on or before July 1 annually."

In general, the additional degrees now eligible for AAUW membership are 2-year associate degrees from community, junior and business colleges and 2- and 3-year RN diplomas.

**AAUW Carbondale Branch
c/o Wallace
One Hillcrest Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901-6211**