

Rock Island-Moline Branch Commemorates 100th Birthday!

On November 7, 2009, the Rock Island-Moline Branch of AAUW celebrated its 100th birthday with a special brunch and very full program entitled "Reaching for the Second Century."

- Special guests were state president Linda Henning-Cohen and state outreach director Marla Kim Benzinger.
- During the brunch at tables beautifully decorated with member-created centerpieces , attendees answered a quiz.
- Through the marvel of WiFi and a power point projector we introduced our new web page.
- We gave special recognition to our 50 year members, two of whom are over 100 years old
- We applauded the unveiling of our new banner.
- Citing the barriers they had broken, we gave "woman of excellence awards" to a college president, a corporation vice-president/chief compliance officer, and a community activist.
- We gave thanks for and recognition to our past presidents.
- Our play-readers group presented "From the Sitting room to the Board Room -100 Years of Branch History in Ten Minutes."
- In another way four branch members told the history of the branch in 25 year segments, each lighting a candle to represent that period. Then branch president Sheila Fitts gave a vision for the future of the branch and lighted a fifth candle.
- Finally, each member lighted the candle on her cupcake and we all sang "happy birthday" before blowing them out.

Mementos of the occasion were laminated bookmarks in AAUW teal proclaiming AAUW's commitment to Equity, Advocacy, Education, Fellowship, Philanthropy and Lifelong Learning.



Former Presidents of Rock Island-Moline branch