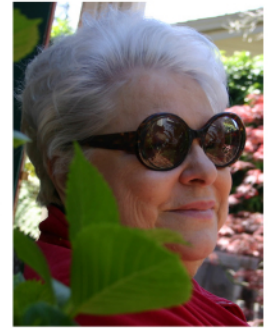


REMEMBERING BARBARA JENSEN-BAILEY

Long-time member Barbara Jensen-Bailey died unexpectedly on January 30. She had been part of our branch since 1997.

Barbara was a voracious reader and an active participant in the Evening Book Group. The group met at her house for years until the group outgrew her space. She was always prepared with her book full of yellow post-it stickers that marked passages that she wanted to refer to or discuss. **Elizabeth Mandel** said, "She was a wonderful, feisty, well-read and politically astute woman. She also cared deeply about women's causes and enlisted others in them."



Joanne Rife remembers, "Barbara read a newspaper article about the plight of raped and homeless women in Darfur in the Sudan. Desperate to do something, she responded by organizing members of Evening Books to contribute on a regular basis to Women for Women International, adopting several women in similar situations in the Republic of Congo."

Those who knew Barbara had great respect for her phenomenal memory and enthusiasm for history and politics. Former member **Marlene Testaguzza** said, "She had a sharp, lively intellect, and the New York Times was Barbara's middle name." Marlene and Barbara debated politics every week by phone. Barbara was frank, spoke her mind, and had a great sense of humor, all of which made any conversation with Barbara most interesting.

Also fascinated by movies, Barbara co-chaired the Movie Group with **Jean Pinard** for many years. She had a terrific memory for the names of actors and directors, and was very insightful and quick in her analyses. Jean recalled, "Barbara was a dynamic, strong, opinionated, honest, generous, outgoing woman. I respected, appreciated and was delighted by this unique lady. Barbara's laugh was infectious. She really appreciated the quirks of human nature and got a kick out of her fellow beings. She could always find the 'big picture' and see with humor her place in it." Barbara also helped start the Great Decisions group in Morgan Hill, along with Jean Pinard and Joanne Rife,

Barbara was stubborn, independent and funny...a delightful and charming woman and one of our AAUW-MH treasures. She loved getting her AAUW newsletter every month and, as her health declined, she kept up as best she could with the activities and members of our branch. To many of us, Barbara was a dear friend and role model, and we will remember and miss her in the years to come.

Barbara's family says that she would be thrilled with gifts in her memory to the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library (660 West Main Ave, MH) or to AAUW for scholarships (Checks payable to ISPF-AAUW, AAUW-Morgan Hill, PO Box 1528, MH 95038).

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