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Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

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May 2012

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Thanks for another wonderful year!

KWG PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS FROM KAY MEYER

It is May and the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW Branch can celebrate another successful year. My first year as Branch President has been very rewarding thanks to all the people in our branch who donate their time and talent to make our branch run smoothly. I know that the success of any leader depends on the people behind the scenes and I have been very fortunate to have a hard working board. We had wonderful programs this year starting with our Latin America Potluck and Cuba program. We had members and a number of guests at our first meeting and even gained a new member, Bruce Roberts. Everyone helped to get excellent speakers and programs for our branch meetings. Lynne Roney did an excellent job of coordinating the programs and keeping us on track. Barb Johnson and Phyllis Foster worked together on AAUW Funds. KWG ranked second in per capita giving in the state of Missouri with \$191.52 given per branch member. KWG was also second in the state in total giving and we had 17 people in the AAUW of Missouri Century Club who gave \$100 or more for 2011. Nancy Hutchins did an outstanding job as Public Policy chair. Nancy with the help of Gene Hutchins, also a new KWG member, and Anne Flaherty distributed 215 "Where is the rest of My Cookie" pay equity packets to the members of the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives on Lobby Day in Jefferson City April 17, 2012. Gloria Campion took excellent minutes at the board meetings as well as serving on the Barb Lackritz and Stem Awards committees. Jean Shull makes sure the branch bylaws are up to date; she helps judge at the local History Day event and attends the IBC quarterly meetings and coordinates the Downtown Lunch group. Carol McDonald collects all the branch dues and pays the bills and takes care of membership recruitment. Christine Stricker worked on setting up the May banquet and Mara Perry edits and sends out the Branch newsletter every month. Thank you all for everything you do and continue to do to make the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW Branch a leader in St. Louis and Missouri.

The next KWG AAUW Board meeting will be a Program Planning on Monday June 26 at Lynne Roney's house, 412 Oakley Dr, Clayton, MO 63105. The meeting will be a Potluck Supper starting at 7:15 pm. All KWG members are invited to come to the meeting to help plan the programs for the 2012-2013 AAUW year. If you can't make it to the meeting but have an idea for a program send it to Kay Meyer kicmeyer@yahoo.com Phone :314-962-7487 or Lynne Roney lynnroney@sbcglobal.net Phone 314-727-7175.

AAUW: STEPPING UP TO THE FUTURE

Join us in Oklahoma City next month, June 8-9, at the Embassy Suites (1815 S. Meridian) for a fun and informative conference with AAUW members from six states (Nebraska is joining us and maybe Iowa). Registration is a bargain at \$40 plus \$20 for the luncheon. Linda Hallman, AAUW national executive director, will keynote the conference on Saturday morning. Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW vice president, will be in attendance and make presentations. Special attention will be given to the newly published research report, *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*. The 10 breakout sessions will include, among others, “Grant Writing for Success,” “Using AAUW Electronic Resources,” “One Person CAN Make a Difference,” “Public Policy in An Election Year,” “What AAUW Does For You,” “How to Manage Successful Development and Fundraisers,” and “Revitalizing Your Branch.”

Other special program features include the gala luncheon (featuring an LAF plaintiff or lawyer), fundraisers for AAUW Funds, opportunities for sightseeing adventures, an evening reception and Turkish coffee party, a river cruise, a special presentation on human trafficking, Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival, and several other activities.

AAUW has reserved a block of rooms for attendees. Hotel rates are very reasonable: \$109 per room (occupancy up to four) plus 13.88% tax. The block of rooms will be held at this rate until May 30, 2012. Breakfast is complimentary for hotel guests. Hotel reservations must be made separate of registration at 405-682-6000.

There are multiple pages of information (registration form is attached). Please contact Kay or Carol for copies. Carol is driving and has a van, currently reserved by only three others. Please call if you want to ride along; it holds 7 if there isn't too much luggage :-)

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2012-2013 FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES:

- American Fellowships: Kelly Bickel, Washington University, St. Louis, MO; Jill Anderson, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, IL; Nazgol Bagheri, University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO
- Community Action One-Year Grants: Room at the Inn, St. Louis, MO; Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
- Community Action Two-Year Grants: Safe Connections, St. Louis, MO
- International Fellowships: Safina Abdulloeva, Washington University-St. Louis, MO; Thi Ho, University of Missouri, MO

SPECIAL INCENTIVE RATES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS EXTENDED!

AAUW's 130th anniversary campaign rates have been extended through November 30th. Please spread the word. Graduate students can join for \$18.81.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES for AAUW Committees and Task Forces. Applications are now available for appointments to AAUW national committees and task forces for 2012-2014. These positions are great opportunities for AAUW leadership and have proved to be a rewarding experience for those who have served in the past. Please visit the AAUW website to review position descriptions and to find out how to apply.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 7 Marilyn Boettcher
May 8 Christine Stricker
May 22 Laura Miller

June 11 Lucy Barrington
June 24 Nora Beiswenger
June 26 Gene Hutchins

2012-13 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL due by NOW! Fill out form and return to Carol Davis McDonald. Pay by check or AAUW on-line *MPP* and use your credit card.

AAUW ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks shopping center, 1600 Clarkson Rd.

When: 1:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

Contact: Teri Brecht, tebrecht@yahoo.com, or Lynne Roney, lynneroney@sbcglobal.net or 314-727-7175. AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.

Upcoming books:

May 24: Reviewer: Lorna Anderson. *Gardens of Water*, by Alan Drew. Powerful, emotional, and beautifully written, Alan Drew's stunning first novel brings to life two unforgettable families- one Kurdish, one American and the sacrifice and love that bind them together. In a small town outside Istanbul, Sinan Basioglu, a devout Muslim, and his wife, Nilüfer, are preparing for their nine-year-old sons coming-of-age ceremony. Their headstrong fifteen-year-old daughter, Irem, resents the attention her brother, Ismail, receives from their parents. For her, there was no such festive observance only the wrapping of her head in a dark scarf and strict rules that keep her hidden away from boys and her friends. But even before the night of the celebration, Irem has started to change, to the dismay of her Kurdish father. What Sinan doesn't know is that much of her transformation is due to her secret relationship with their neighbor, Dylan, the seventeen-year-old American son of expatriate teachers.

September 27- Reviewer- Debbie McWard. *In The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larsen Journey to Berlin during Hitler's first year in power, 1933, in the company of a real-life father and daughter from Chicago who suddenly found themselves transported to the heart of the city. They had no conception of the harrowing days that lay ahead. At the time, nothing was certain. Hitler did not yet possess absolute power, and few outsiders expected his government to survive. The family encountered a city suffused with energy and optimism, with some of the most striking, avant-garde buildings in the world. Its theaters, concert halls, and cafés were jammed; the streets teemed with well-dressed attractive people. But my two protagonists were about to begin an education that would change them forever, with ultimately tragic consequences.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet Monday May 21, 2012 at Marsha Koch's house, 1742 Connemara Dr. Ballwin, MO 63021 to choose the books to read for the 2012-2013 year. This is a 6:00 pm dinner meeting with Dewey's Pizza, salad, drinks and dessert being served and everyone contributing to the cost of dinner. Please RSVP to Marsha home: 636-256-3746 or email marshak@gmame.net. If you have suggestions for books to read send them to Kay Meyer at kicmeyer@yahoo.com. If you have any questions or you would like to car pool you can call Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487.

The Evening Book Group will meet June 18, 2012 at the St. Louis Bread Company located in the Greentree Shopping Center at the corner of Woodlawn and Manchester Road. The book for June will be *Sarah's Key* by Tatianade Rosnay. Join the group at 6:30 pm if you would like to eat dinner before the 7:00 pm book discussion begins.

VGIF FUNDS GEORGIA WOMEN'S CENTER FOR 3 YEARS:

The Georgia Women's Center, one of the first two VGIF projects to receive 3-year funding in April 2011, has already made an impact in the Azerbaijan community. The Azerbaijani, who are 83% of minority residents of Georgia, have struggled to successfully integrate into Georgian society. Women and girls are exposed to many forms of discrimination because they lack an understanding of Georgia's language, institutions, and legislation. The Women's Center has profoundly affected the community by assisting and educating women. Its work with ethnic minority families, volunteers, NGO representatives, and journalists has helped the Center achieve its first-year goal of connecting individuals and addressing major health concerns that affect minority women. For the upcoming year, Women's Center plans to foster partnerships between NGOs, policymakers, lawyers, and the State Ministry for Reintegration to guarantee the protection of legal rights for minorities. For more information on the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, supported in part by AAUW members, visit www.vgif.org.

VIEW AN AWARD-WINNING FILM ABOUT LAF-SUPPORTED PLAINTIFFS. The widespread problem of sexual assault in the military is the subject of the powerful documentary, *The Invisible War*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and earned the Audience Award. The documentary features several of the plaintiffs from the LAF-supported lawsuits *Vioca v. Rumsfeld* and *Klay v. Panetta*. The film will have a limited release in 20 major cities nationwide on June 15, 2012. Please save the date and plan to attend if you're in one of the cities, a list of which will be provided in the May issue of LAF Express. Audience attendance will determine the size and reach of the movie's wider release, and we want as many people as possible to see this powerful film. It explains the problem, shows the bravery of our LAF plaintiffs, and provides action items for us all to undertake to ensure permanent changes in the military.

NEW LAF TITLE IX CASE PLAINTIFF spoke at AAUW of MO Conference, May 5th. In late February the AAUW board voted to accept a new case, *Bull v. Board of Trustees of Ball State University*. Kathy Bull was the head coach for the women's tennis team at Ball State University in Indiana for 21 years. While there she advocated for Title IX issues and mentored young female coaches. She was fired midseason in 2009, allegedly as the result of NCAA violations. Bull argues, however, that she was fired in retaliation for speaking out against a pattern of discrimination in the athletic department. In July 2010 she filed a lawsuit against the university in the US District Court for Southern Indiana, claiming violations of her rights under Title IX. The university filed a motion to dismiss Bull's claims. In December 2011 the court decided not to dismiss the primary claim of retaliation. Bull's trial was set for April 9, 2012.

LAF BOARD VOTES TO DISBURSE \$29,000 TO ONGOING CASES. In February the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to six ongoing LAF cases.

- Cioca v. Rumsfeld, Virginia, \$6,000
- Dukes v. Walmart, \$5,000
- Jaurequito v. Feather River Community College, California, \$4,000
- Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, \$6,000
- Thein v. Feather River Community College, California, \$4,000
- Wartluft v. Feather River Community College, California, \$4,000

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE WOMAN?

If so, let her know that May 31–June 2, University of Maryland, College Park, is the next NCCWSL conference (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). This has proven to be a very rewarding and valuable program co-sponsored by AAUW. Noorjahan Akbar will be a Women of Distinction awardee, and Lilly Ledbetter will be the keynote speaker. NCCWSL workshop proposals are being accepted through February 10, 2012, so please spread the word to potential presenters in your networks. Visit www.nccwsl.org



Today's graduates are facing the toughest economic climate in decades.

Encourage students to attend the
**2012 National Conference for
College Women Student Leaders**
and include funding in your budget.

Save the Date!

May 31–June 2, 2012

University of Maryland, College Park

Pay for a student to attend or donate to
NCCWSL Funds.



MORE AAUW ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

We can be proud of AAUW's impressive advocacy and programmatic achievements. Let your friends know about some of the things we accomplished in 2011. AAUW

- Conducted a lobby day at the 2011 National Convention, where AAUW members heard from Congressional leaders, allies, and AAUW staff about issues important to women. The Big Teal Machine, made up of more than 800 AAUW members, journeyed to Capitol Hill where they lobbied in support of the National Women's History Museum and Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act, and urges their senators and representatives to support Social Security. Since convention lobby day, the National Women's History Museum has gained 20 additional cosponsors to the already robust list of 68, and the Campus SaVE Act has added nearly 100 cosponsors. The Big Teal Machine reinforced the need to preserve the Social Security system and to avoid any benefit cuts.

- Sent over 7,000 messages to Congress about the Campus SaVE Act and almost 18,000 messages supporting Social Security through our Action Network. Thank you, Two-Minute activists!

- Awarded eight Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Campus Outreach Grants to AAUW branches across the country, who held programs on local campuses focused on issues like pay equity, dating violence, Title IX and athletics, and gender discrimination in the workplace.

- Testified before the Consumer Product Safety Commission regarding restrictions in reselling children's books; most of AAUW's recommendations were accepted, allowing AAUW branch book sales to continue without onerous restrictions.

AAUW DOWNTOWN LUNCH

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:45am

May 15 Mama Josephine's 4000 Shaw Blvd. (3 blocks E. of Mo. Bot. Garden)

June 19 Charcoal House 9855 Manchester Road

July 17 Hwy 61 Roadhouse & Kitchen 34 South Old Orchard (In Webster Groves)

Aug. 21 JackSon's 6655 Manchester

Please call Jean Shull (314-822-7821) or jshull2@mindspring.com for reservations

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NAMED GIFT HONOREES:

Debbie McWard
Nancy Hutchins
Gloria Campion
Christine Nobbe
Diane Ludwig
Elizabeth Halpin

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS:

Mary Davis, Secretary
Nancy Hutchins, Membership VP

2012 AAUW FIVE-STATE CONFERENCE

**June 8-9, 2012
Embassy Suites
1815 S Meridian
Oklahoma City, OK
405-682-6000**

Registration Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
BRANCH _____

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Branch President

Branch Member

Current State President

Student Affiliate

Other

State AAUW Board

National Member

Former State President

College/University Rep

First AAUW Conference

_____ Conference Registration* \$40.00 _____
_____ Student Registration 20.00 _____
_____ Gala Luncheon 20.00 _____

(Rosemary chicken, salad, vegetable, starch, beverage, rolls, dessert)

_____ Donation for a Student Conference Registration _____
Total _____

(*This includes Reception Friday evening, all conference materials, breaks,
Turkish Coffee event, and other miscellaneous conference expenses.)

(Separate registrations are required for the cruise and the Run/Walk/Sleep In)

If you have special needs, please list below.

Make checks payable to: AAUW Five-State Regional Conference

Deadline: June 3, 2012

Mail to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Berquist, Manchester MO 63011

Information: Contact sbreeze@mindspring.com

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 405-682-6000.

See separate sheet on hotel and other arrangements.

25th ANNUAL EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

**JOIN WOMEN ACTIVISTS
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!**

***Celebrating the 92nd Anniversary of
Women Getting the Vote***

Presentations include Special Well-Known Speaker

- Election and Legislative Issues
- Political Action
- Awards
- Women's Equity

Special Drawing for

A Three-Night, Four-Day Stay in an Adobe House in Santa Fe

(Tickets must be purchased and will be available day of event.)

Saturday, August 25, 2012

10:00 am-2:00 pm

(Registration begins at 9:30 am)

Crowne Plaza Hotel/Clayton MO-7750 Carondelet-Crystal Ballroom

Free hotel parking on orange level. For information, call 314-831-5359

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Sign up for

Brunch and Program	\$37.00*
Students	15.00
Educational Fund Donation	_____
Scholarship Fund Donation	_____
Total	\$_____

Make checks payable to Missouri Women's Network; mail to Joyce Guard Schuetz, 909 Parkview Valley Drive, Manchester MO 63011. Call Shirley Breeze (314-831-5359) or Pat Shores (636-938-3958) for additional information or late reservations. Limited number of late reservations. *Scholarships are available.

Deadline August 18, 2012.



AAUW – KIRKWOOD-WEBSTER GROVES BRANCH

Renewing Member Form - 2012-2013



Make check payable to: AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch.

Mail your check and this completed form to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011-4215
(636-227-0511, 314-623-1847, or davis-mcdonald@juno.com)

If you choose to renew online (www.aauwmo.org), please complete the information portion below and send to Carol.

The AAUW year is July 1 – June 30. Please select from one of the dues categories and fees as follows:

- **Branch Member dues: Association \$49 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$74** \$_____
- Branch Member, **Life:** Association \$0 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 \$_____
- Honorary Life (**50 year**): Association \$0 + State \$0 + Branch \$0 = \$0 \$_____
- Dual Member, Primary Branch in Another State: Association \$0* + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 \$_____

My primary branch/state: _____
- Dual Member, Primary Branch in Missouri: Association \$0* + State \$0* + Branch \$15 = \$15 \$_____

My primary branch: _____
- Student Affiliate (Undergraduate level, currently enrolled): Association \$17 + State \$3 + Branch \$8.50 = \$28.50 \$_____

● According to the IRS, \$46 of AAUW membership dues is a charitable contribution. Suggestion: Make a note for your 2012 tax folder.

At this time I would like to make the following donations: AAUW Funds donations are tax-deductible charitable contributions and must be paid by separate check.

\$ _____ AAUW Funds (please designate which program; programs listed on reverse) \$ _____ Branch Operating Expenses

Please provide your personal information for inclusion in the K-WG Branch membership directory. This information will help us to know each other and to recognize some of the accomplishments of our members.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth: _____

___ Employed full time ___ Employed part time - Title/Job _____

Company Name/ Address: _____ Work phone: _____

Self employed: full time ___ part time ___ (Business _____) Homemaker ___ Unemployed ___

Retired ___ Volunteer at: _____

(organizations)

<u>Degrees Held</u>	<u>Area of Study</u>	<u>College or University</u>	<u>Year</u>
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Remarks, AAUW Interests, Awards, Achievements, Hobbies, Interests, Special Skills, Etc. (continue on reverse):

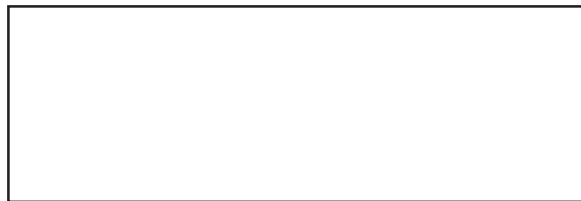
AAUW Funds

- #9110 - **Gifts that are not restricted** to a specific fund support programs with the greatest needs.
 - #3999 - **Legal Advocacy Fund** (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) - A partial list of programs includes: Legal Case Support, LAF Case Support Travel Grants, Campus Outreach Projects
 - #4336 - **Educational Opportunities Fund** (Formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) - A partial list of programs includes: Fellowships and Grants (American Fellowships, International Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, Community Action Grants, Career Development Grants); Fellows Alumnae Initiative; Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse
 - #9170 - **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** (Formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) - A partial list of AAUW research reports includes: Why so Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; How Schools Shortchange Girls; Hostile Hallways; Behind the Pay Gap
 - #4339 - **Leadership Programs Fund** (Formerly a part of the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute) - A partial list of programs includes: The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL); Campus Action Projects; Campaign College
 - #4337 - **Public Policy Fund** (Formerly a part of the Association) - A partial list of programs includes: Government Relations; Civic Engagement; Field Organizing
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(Space to add information continued from the reverse side- please designate section that you are continuing)

UPCOMING DATES: Put these on your calendar and make plans to attend!

- May 10 Annual May banquet and awards evening at Sunset 44 in Kirkwood
- May 31-June 2 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), University of MD, College Park
- June 8-9 Five-States Conference, Embassy Suites, Oklahoma City, OK, with Linda Hallman, AAUW executive director; Patricia Ho, national vice president; Dr. Catherine Hill, AAUW research director; Turkish coffee ceremony, optional river cruise, and film showing of Miss Representation
- June 26 Program Planning meeting - 412 Oakley Dr, Clayton, MO 63105. The meeting will be a Potluck Supper starting at 7:15 pm. RSVP to Kay Meyer kicmeyer@yahoo.com Phone :314-962-7487 or Lynne Roney lynneroney@sbcglobal.net Phone 314-727-7175.



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