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**Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch**

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## Friday, January 11, 2012 Branch Meeting

*Location:* Selvidge Middle School, 235 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin. preceded by dinner at Massa's Italian Restaurant, Manchester Rd at New Ballwin Rd.

### New Horizons in Space

5, 4,3,2,1... Blast Off to an informative and exciting January meeting! On Friday, January 11, 2012 the K-WG branch will be attending the New Horizons in Space Symposium sponsored by the Center for Creative Learning. (Member Christine Nobbe organizes this special event each year for her second graders and their families and friends.) The Symposium is a “mini-conference for space cadets” with a keynote speaker, aerospace exhibit hall, and student projects. The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Anita Sengupta of Mars Curiosity fame! Dr. Sengupta was an engineer on the entry, descent, and landing (EDL) team for the Mars Science Lab, Curiosity. You will want to watch the “Seven Minutes of Terror” video to learn more about the Martian EDL: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/video/index.php?id=1090> To learn more about Dr. Sengupta read this interview: <http://www.womenyoushouldknow.net/women-talk-10-questions-with-rocket-scientist-dr-anita-sengupta/> The event begins at 6:30 with informal viewing of student projects and jostling for the best seat to get a good look at the astronaut. The general session with the keynote speaker begins at 7:00 PM. After the Keynote, explore the Exhibit Hall to examine authentic lunar rock samples, observe the Moon through telescopes, view student projects and artwork, discover space artifacts, interact with aerospace experts, view proposed lunar colonies, & participate in hands-on activities! Plus, talk with Dr. Sengupta & get an autograph. Definitely an out-of-this-world event!

Dinner before the event will be held at Massa’s at 5:00 PM or you can meet at Kay Meyer's House at 4:30 pm to carpool to the restaurant. New Horizons in Space Symposium is being held at Selvidge Middle School, 235 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin MO 63021. Massa’s is on the south side of Manchester just west of New Ballwin Road. Additional parking will be at Holy Infant School, across the street for Selvidge. If you plan on coming to dinner leave a message for Kay Meyer 314-962-7487 or email [kicmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:kicmeyer@yahoo.com).

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### **KWG PRESIDENT’S THOUGHTS FROM KAY MEYER**

January has been proclaimed by President Obama as National Human Trafficking Awareness month. On Thursday, January 10, the St. Louis Rescue & Restore Coalition and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are partnering to host two events. The first event will be a rally at 11:30am to 1:30 pm at the Panera Bread Company in Clayton (10 S. Central Ave) and rally to the Northwest side of Forsyth. At 6:00pm "Breaking the Chain," a panel and candlelight prayer service honoring victims of human trafficking, will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet's Motherhouse Chapel (6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, 63111). Speakers will include Noelle Collins from the U.S. Attorney's Human Trafficking Task Force, Amber Jones, trafficking survivor; and Adel Peterson, Mrs. Missouri International, who has made trafficking awareness her platform. The events are free and open to

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the public. "The problem of human trafficking is advanced through our silence and complacency," says Anna Sandidge, justice coordinator for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Each of must become educated and informed about this problem in order to break the chain of modern day slavery.

On a happier note the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW December Plowsharing event was a big success. Sales for the evening exceeded \$1000 of which 10% will be given to KWG AAUW. After shopping we traveled to Pepe's Apt. 2 for a wonderful dinner. Many thanks to Phyllis Foster for making all the dinner arrangements.

A lot of exciting events are planned for AAUW members for 2013. We have some very interesting KWG programs planned including our February Sweetheart Potluck and Antique Appraisal and the Spring Fling at Norwood Hills Country Club in March. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2013.

## MEMBER NEWS

Marilyn Boettcher has been very ill and is now confined to her home. Marilyn has been a long time member of the St. Louis and Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW branch.

Yvonne Blair has been fighting complications from chemotherapy. Yvonne is a new KWG AAUW member and a long time dual member with the Ballwin Chesterfield AAUW Branch.

Christie Setser has been very ill and unable to come to meetings.

We wish all three ladies a speedy recovery. I am sure they would welcome a card or a call to let them know we are thinking of them. You can find their address and phone numbers in the new KWG directory.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 1 Phyllis Foster  
Jan. 20 Christie Setser

**KIRKWOOD- WEBSTER GROVES AAUW BOARD MEETING** Monday Jan. 7, 2013 at 7:00pm at Jean Shull's house. If you have an item to add to the agenda send the information to Kay at 314-962-7487 or email kicmeyer@yahoo.com.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOKS.

I have been distributing the new directories along with pecans at branch meetings. In order to save my trying to figure out how to send them through the mail (boxes so they don't get crushed), please let me know which branch functions you will attend, and I will bring yours if you haven't already received it. Also, please review your information for errors and additions/deletions. Most people write "same as last year" on their membership renewal form. If you did, this is what I have. Please add to your birthday list at the back of the membership list: August Maurita Stueck - August 18. Sorry, Maurita, I thought I had added it as I went through the pages. Thanks, Carol Davis McDonald davis-mcdonald@juno.com, 636-227-0511

## 2012-2013 KWG PROGRAMS

The following is the tentative schedule of programs.

February 14 (Thursday) Branch Meeting—Valentine's Day potluck dinner at Brentwood Community Center, guest speaker TBA. 6:30 p.m., 2505 S. Brentwood.

March (TBA) (Saturday)—St. Louis AAUW Metro Interbranch Council luncheon at Norwood Hills Country Club.

April 13 (Thursday) Branch Meeting—Guest speaker TBA. Time: 6:30 p.m., Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes.

May 9 (Thursday) Branch Meeting—Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner.

## NEW INTERNET ADDRESS FOR BRANCH WEBSITE

Please make a note and "bookmark" or add to your computer favorites the new web address for the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch website: <http://kwg-mo.aauw.net>. (Note there is no "www" in this address.)

We are dropping the old URL, [kwgaauwmo.org](http://kwgaauwmo.org), in order to go with the standard AAUW address.

If you haven't checked out the page lately, please visit! We think you'll like the colorful, easy-to-navigate page!

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

KWG AAUW Evening Book Group Reading List for 2011-2012

The Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW Evening Book Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the St. Louis Bread Company in the Greentree Shopping Center located at the corner of Woodlawn and Manchester Road unless otherwise indicated. You are welcome to come at 6:30 pm for dinner before the book discussion starts at 7:00 pm. Friends, family and guests are always welcome to join the group discussion.

Contacts: Barbara Johnson 314-962-3501 or Kay Meyer 314-962-7487 kicmeyer@yahoo.com

- January 21, 2013 *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
- February 18, 2013 *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson
- March 18, 2013 *One Thousand White Women: The Journal of Mary Dodd* by Jim Fergus
- April 15, 2013 *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom
- May 20, 2013 Planning Meeting
- June 17, 2013 *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake

## AAUW DOWNTOWN LUNCH

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:45am

Jan. 15 Antonino's Taverna 2225 Macklind

Feb. 19 Dressel's 419 N. Euclid

Mar. 19 Sasha's on Shaw 4069 Shaw Blvd.

Apr. 16 Eleven Eleven Mississippi  
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Please call Jean Shull (314-822-7821) or jshull2@mindspring.com for reservations

**SAVE THE DATE!** April 17, 2013 - Equal Pay Day rally in Jefferson City in the Capitol Rotunda. Help us educate our legislators. Women demand equal pay for equal work. The pay gap must be closed. (The Rotunda is wheelchair accessible. There are elevators and few steps - easy to navigate.)

## 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.

No Adelante meeting in November and December.

The January 24, 2013 selection is *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands*, by Margaret Regan, a reporter based in Tucson. The book was written as a connected series of stories about deaths. The book's title is based on the story of Josseline Hernandez, a 14-year-old girl from El Salvador, who crossed the border with her 9-year-old brother. Her mother worked illegally in California and her father in Maryland at low-wage jobs; she lived with relatives until her parents saved enough money to pay for her trip north with trusted friends. This didn't happen. Josseline was left to die alone on the migrant trail, just one of thousands to perish in its deserts and mountains. With a sweeping perspective and vivid on-the-ground reportage, Regan tells the stories of the people caught up in this international tragedy. Traveling back and forth across the border, she visits migrants stranded in Mexican shelters and rides shotgun with Border Patrol agents in Arizona.

**CONSIDER ATTENDING** the Missouri Women's Network's "Women's Issues Legislative Retreat," a weekend with friends, food, and politics. Learn how the new legislators will make an impact in Jefferson City and what can be expected from the 2013 legislative session.

Location: Rickman Center, off Hwy 54 south of Jefferson City

Friday, January 11, 8:00 p.m. - workshop and legislative discussion

Saturday, January 12, 8:00 a.m. - breakfast, followed by welcome, introductions, review of 2012 legislative session, speaker, lunch, setting legislative priorities

Singles room (Friday night), \$55; double/triple, \$38; breakfast \$10, lunch \$10

Bring a progressive friend. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carol, Kay, or Nancy for a copy of the registration form, due January 8, 2013.

Tuesday Women's Association and the  
American Association of University Women present:

# 2013 International Relations Lecture Series

Ethical Society of St. Louis  
9001 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. in the lower meeting room. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but a contribution is appreciated. Free parking is available at the rear of the building.

The 45-50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, call (314) 991-0955, ext. 224.

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## INDIA, AN EMERGING SUPERPOWER

**Dr. Sudarsan Kant**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Harris-Stowe University in St. Louis, and lecturer on the History and Politics of Modern India, and Politics of Development at Webster University. Dr. Kant's 2011 Ph.D. was in Political Science, UMSL, where he specialized in International Relations and Political Economy. His research focuses on some of the most salient issues in political economy today. The ability of small economies to build a fair, equitable, and inclusive society depends on the development of institutions that enable them to fully utilize limited resources. The focus of his inquiry centers around democracy and development, globalization and survival of marginal societies, and development of public policies that create incentive mechanisms to advance social and economic opportunities. He will address the ability of India to position herself as the "indispensable nation" she desires to be.

Chair: Karen Francis, AAUW

Co-chair: Mallika Ballal, TWA

February 12, 2013

## WORLD HEALTH CARE: WHERE'S THE GOLD?

**Dr. Ed Weisbart**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis, is a family physician who volunteers in a variety of safety net clinics. After 20 years practice at Chicago's Rush Medical Center, he moved to St. Louis to become Chief Medical Officer for Express Scripts (2003-2010). In retirement, Dr. Weisbart is an active organizer of Physicians for a National Health Program, a group that advocates for improving Medicare and providing it to all Americans. He has had several articles published in national medical journals regarding healthcare needs of the uninsured. His articles about single payer healthcare have appeared in several St. Louis Post-Dispatch OpEd columns, and the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy honored him with a Grassroots Advocacy Award.

Chair: Joy Pierce, TWA

Co-chair: Kim Redeker, AAUW

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

Monday January 7: Board Meeting - Jean Shull's House, 7 p.m.

Tuesday January 8: International Relations Lecture Series - 10:15 am Ethical Society of St. Louis 9001 Clayton Rd.

Fri.-Sat. Jan. 11-12: Legislative Retreat - Rickman Center, Jefferson City

Friday January 11: Branch Meeting - Selvedge Middle School, Ballwin. Program "New Horizons in Space."

Tuesday January 15: Downtown Lunch - Antonino's Taverna 2225 Macklind

Monday January 21: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center

Thursday January 24: Adelante book group, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble 1600 Clarkson

Tuesday February 12: International Relations Lecture Series - 10:15 am Ethical Society of St. Louis 9001 Clayton Rd.

Thursday February 14: Branch Meeting—Valentine's Day potluck dinner at Brentwood Community Center

Monday February 18: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center

Tuesday February 19: Downtown Lunch - Dressel's 419 N. Euclid

Tuesday March 12: International Relations Lecture Series - 10:15 am Ethical Society of St. Louis 9001 Clayton Rd.

Saturday March 16: St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council Spring Fling luncheon at Norwood Hills Country Club.

Monday March 18: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center

Tuesday March 19: Downtown Lunch - Sasha's on Shaw 4069 Shaw Blvd.

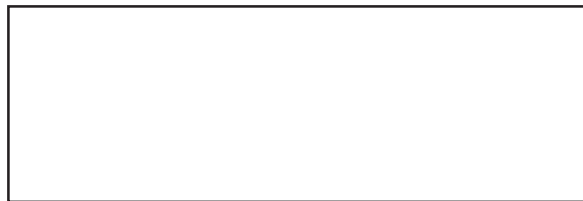
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