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Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

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Saturday, March 16, 2013
AAUW Metro Saint Louis Interbranch Council
2013 Annual Spring Event

*Location: Norwood Hills Country Club
#1 Norwood Hills Country Club Drive*

****I-70 and Lucas and Hunt Road to Burrwood Dr to Norwood Hills Country Club Dr. Near UMSL campus in north county.***

The IBC "Spring Fling" will be held this Saturday, March 16, at Norwood Hills Country Club. This is always a lovely event. In addition to the awarding of the 2013 Barbara Lackritz AAUW Service Award, we will get to meet Patrice Billings - author, speaker, pilot, community leader. Patrice Billings was the first female police officer in the country to become a helicopter pilot for a law enforcement agency. Anyone who wants to donate a new or slightly used purse or some item to put in the purse for the Spring Fling Raffle please contact Kay Meyer 314-962-7487 or email kicmeyer@yahoo.com.

The Kirkwood Webster Groves February event was a big success and a very enjoyable evening. A big thanks to all the cooks and people who brought food. A special thanks to Lynne Roney for the delicious baked ham and to Barbara Johnson for the Porter's fried chicken. Our special guest auctioneer was delightful. Mr. Ken Massey came in his auction tux looking very professional. Mr. Massey gave us some background information on how he came to own an auction house and some of the items he has appraised and auctioned over the years. The knowledge that Mr. Massey has acquired about a wide range of items is remarkable. It was very interesting to hear Mr. Massey look at our personal treasures and give us some history about the item and the time it was made and then an estimate of what it might be worth. If ever you need an auctioneer, Ken Massey is the person to hire.

March is Women's History Month, a time to remember and honor all the brave and remarkable women who came before us and helped shape the world in which we live. March 8th is International Women's Day. The Missouri History Museum and some of the schools are having special programs for Women's History month. Check the local papers and Museum websites to see what is being offered.

KWG does not have a branch program in March. We want to encourage you to go to the AAUW Metro Interbranch Spring Fling on Saturday March 16, 2013. I look forward to seeing every at Spring Fling.
~ Kay Meyer, Kirkwood-Webster Groves President

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING MEETINGS in 2013:

* 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, 6:30 p.m., The Brentmoor, 8600 Delmar, guest speaker Bonnie Solomon.

SAVE THE DATE! April 17, 2013 - Equal Pay Day rally in Jefferson City in the Capitol Rotunda. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Visit with the Legislators to follow. 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.) More information to follow Contact Person: Nancy Hutchins 314-631-1962

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, lynnroney@sbcglobal.net or 314-727-7175. AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.

The Adelante book group meets Thursday March 28 and the book is *The Immortal Life Of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. April 25 is *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond* by Lily Ledbetter with Lanier Scott Isom. May 23 is *Submission* by Amy Waldman.

ST. CHARLES "LADIES TEA TIME TRIVIA"

The St. Charles Branch is having their Trivia afternoon Saturday April 13, 2013 from 1:00-3:30 pm.

If anyone is interested in having a Kirkwood -Webster Groves table contact Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or email kicmeyer@yahoo.com. The trivia cost is \$15 for a single ticket. The event will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 2950 Droste Road, St. Charles.

PAY DISCRIMINATION CASE UPDATE

Virginia LeBlanc is the former director of the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program at Indiana University, a scholarship program that primarily serves African American students. She filed a complaint in federal district court against the university claiming gender and pay discrimination after allegedly facing resistance when she tried to resolve the pay disparity internally. AAUW adopted her case in December 2012.

Recently, LeBlanc and her legal team completed their first round of information discovery, and settlement talks are scheduled for March. If necessary, the case will go to trial in April 2014.

AAUW STANDS WITH SURVIVORS OF MILITARY SEXUAL ABUSE

On January 23, the House Armed Services Committee held a hearing on the widespread sexual misconduct at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where all members of the Air Force attend basic training. AAUW Board of Directors member Kathy Braeman and Program Manager Holly Kearl tried to attend the hearing, but most of the seats were reserved for members of the military, so they had to watch it on television from an overflow room.

Kearl wrote a blog post about the hearing that focused on how the Air Force said they did not talk with the survivors who had come forward before they made recommendations for improvement. How can they hope to fix a crime without talking to survivors of that crime? Her post led to an interview and an invitation to write for the Huffington Post about the military sexual assault survivors who are participating in the LAF-supported lawsuits.

NEW MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOKS.

Please let me know which branch functions you will attend, and I will bring your membership handbook 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

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.

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- 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

CLINTON INITIATIVE COMES TO WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

AAUW is pleased to announce that they are a Strategic Partner of the Clinton Global Initiative and the Clinton Global Initiative University. Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative convenes global leaders to create and implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. From April 5-7, 2013, President Clinton will host the sixth annual meeting of CGIU at Washington University in St. Louis, where student leaders, including those from the AAUW community, as well as NGO representatives, topic experts, and celebrities, will gather to address global challenges with practical solutions. More than \$400,000 in funding will be provided to CGIU 2013 student attendees to turn their ideas into action to help confront some of the world's most urgent challenges.

AAUW DOWNTOWN LUNCH

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:45am

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

Apr. 16 Eleven Eleven Mississippi
1111 Mississippi

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

ANNOUNCING A NEW STATE LEGISLATIVE TRACKING TOOL

With the 2012 elections over, it's time to hold legislators' feet to the fire. AAUW of Missouri now has a state-of-the-art legislative tracking tool to help us take effective and timely action on policy issues in our state. AAUW MO will implement this tracking tool in the next few weeks.

CQ StateTrack allows the AAUW staff in Washington, D.C., to work with our state leaders to track state legislation that affects our AAUW priority issues. We will use CQ StateTrack to create a profile for our state, which includes a set of keywords, committees, and legislators that will be used in automatic searches of state bills. The searches will automatically generate email alerts when state legislation containing one of our keywords is introduced, being heard in committee, or ready for a floor vote. The search can also generate web reports to give us a snapshot of what the state legislature is considering at any one time, based on our state's keywords and key issues. We have chosen two key words: voter identification & pay equity. We are currently exploring other possibilities.

CQ StateTrack is a game-changer for Missouri's advocacy on AAUW priority issues. Through its policy experts in Washington, D.C., AAUW already has the capability to track federal legislation down to this specific, instantaneous level, and CQ StateTrack will extend that capability to state legislation in our state.

We will embed the CQ StateTrack legislative report on our AAUW MO website so that our site becomes a go-to place for up-to-date information on legislation affecting women and families in Missouri. We will also include summaries from the CQ StateTrack legislative report in this newsletter to keep everyone up to date and ready to take action when needed. With this new service, AAUW of Missouri will be one of the first advocacy organizations in our state to know about pending legislation. We will be able to make quick decisions about taking positions on new bills and taking a leadership role for or against particular legislation. ~ Holly Burgess, Joanie Shores, & Nancy Hutchins

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES

March 12, 2013 - Tuesday morning, 10:45 AM

"Women's Political Representation Worldwide: Progress, Disparities, Benefits, and Consequences," by Farida Jalalzai, associate professor of political science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, whose research analyzes the representation and behavior of women and minorities in politics and the role of gender in the political arena. She has published articles about women prime ministers and presidents, and her book on this subject, *Shattered, Cracked or Firmly Intact: Women and the Executive Glass Ceiling Worldwide*, will be published by Oxford University Press in 2013. Professor Jalalzai chairs the Race, Gender, and Ethnicity section of the Northeastern Political Science Association. She also serves as faculty advisor for the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life Leadership Academy.

April 9, 2013 - Tuesday morning, 10:45 AM

"Sex Trafficking Globally and Locally," to be presented by a speaker from International Crisis Aid. 1.2 million children are trafficked for sex every year. This is in addition to the millions held captive by trafficking. Every two minutes a child is being prepared for sexual exploitation. Almost 300,000 American children are at risk for trafficking into the sex industry. The average age American girls become victims of sex trafficking is 12-14 years old. The total market value of illicit human trafficking is estimated to be in excess of \$32 billion. Awareness is the first step to finding a solution to the problem because you cannot fix a problem you don't know exists. The International Crisis Aid (ICA) is a St. Louis-based non-profit organization that is fighting this battle head on. Pat Bradley, a local businessman, founded ICA in 2000. ICA's work consists of disaster relief, feeding programs, orphanages, medical clinics, and rescuing victims of sex trafficking. ICA has done work and set up safe houses in countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Cambodia, North Korea, Indonesia, Haiti, and the United States. ICA has been rescuing girls from sex trafficking since 2006 and has rescued 145 girls worldwide. ICA is in the midst of opening its first safe home in St. Louis for local victims of sex trafficking. Once rescued and taken to a secure home, the girls receive food, shelter, medical care, legal support, counseling, and education.

Meeting are at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, lower-level meeting room, 9001 Clayton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63117.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Washington D.C. is planning a re-enactment of the Suffragist March to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the historic march. It is also the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act.

March 8, 2013 is International Women's Day. Shirley Breeze will be at the Ethical Society on Clayton Road Sunday March 10, 2013 at 3:00pm to talk about "Women's Political Status in 2013." Shirley will be speaking on behalf of the Women's Leadership Coalition. This event is free and open to the public.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR UPDATE

One of our newest members, Gene Hutchins, has volunteered to be the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW newsletter editor for the next two years. We want to thank Gene for taking on this very important job. Thank you also to Mara Perry for being our newsletter editor for the last 7 or 8 years. We have always gotten compliments on how great our newsletter looks thanks to Mara's hard work. Gene will officially become the KWG Newsletter editor June 1, 2013. Until then Gene and Mara will work together on creating the newsletter for the next three months.

CROSSING THE LINE TALK AT THE UNITED NATIONS

LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl, co-author of AAUW's 2011 report, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, will speak about sexual harassment in schools during the 2013 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The theme this year is Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence against Women and Girls, and the panels are held in venues near the United Nations over the two weeks of the CSW meetings. The AAUW panel will take place during the parallel events for nonprofit organizations. Kearl will talk about AAUW's findings and recommendations, and three high school students will join her to share their experiences.

The event is open to the public, and AAUW members are welcome to attend: March 6, 2013, 2:30–4 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues), New York, New York.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to LAF to help balance the scales of justice for women.

EQUAL PAY IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF PRIDE-FOR MANY WOMEN IT IS A MATTER OF SURVIVAL!

.....Speak out on Equal Pay Day, April 9th

.....Participate in the Equal Pay Rally, April 17th

In 2013, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act, which made it illegal to pay men and women different wages for the same work. Yet fifty years after the passage of that act, women are still making on the average twenty to twenty-five percent less than men are for the same job (African American and Hispanic or Latina women tend to make even less). According to the AAUW research report, *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, "when individual women's losses due to the pay gap are aggregated across all working women for a generation, the results are staggering. College-educated women who entered the workforce between 1984 and 2004 have lost \$1.7 trillion in income due to the pay gap." In the 2012 Missouri legislative session, Representative Stacy Newman introduced a bill to set up a commission to study the issue of pay equity in Missouri. As you can guess, the bill never made it to the floor for a vote. One of our male representatives commented to me that it was a "trivial bill." I sincerely doubt he would think it was trivial if his paycheck were less because of his gender. We must continue to fight this narrow thinking. Women's voices must speak in unison demanding financial security for themselves and for their families. I was thrilled when President Obama said in his Inaugural speech, "Our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts." Let's pick up that gauntlet and vigorously participate in activities to enact laws that strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Let's educate the public that there is nothing "trivial" in being denied a fair and equal wage.

The month of April offers two specific opportunities for active participation in the pay equity battle. Tuesday, April 9, is Equal Pay Day. This day symbolizes "the point in the next year to which a woman must work to achieve pay equity for the previous year." This is an opportunity for AAUW branches all across Missouri to "mobilize around the issue to educate your community and continue the process of change." The AAUW Pay Equity Resource Kit has great ideas on activities for that day. It is also an excellent source for facts and figures about pay equity.

On Wednesday, April 17, AAUW, together with the League of Women Voters and the National Organization of Women, is sponsoring a Rally at the Capitol Rotunda. AAUW Missouri is pleased to be participating in this collaborative event with these two organizations. Other organizations and individuals who believe in equal pay as a priority issue for all women are also invited to join the rally. The event timeline is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Following the rally, participants will be invited to deliver special "Pay Day" candy bars to their state representatives and senators. Each branch will receive specific details as we continue to develop plans.

~Nancy Hutchins

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The AAUW Every Member Survey was included in the winter 2013 issue of AAUW Outlook. You can also go to the AAUW website and fill in the survey online. It is important to answer the survey questions so you can share your opinions and help shape AAUW's programs and activities. The survey must be completed by April 2.

Now is the time to recruit people who have shown an interest in AAUW and the KWG branch so they can take advantage of a 15 month membership when they join after March 15, 2013.

The National AAUW has launched their new website with the new logo. You can also join the Chapter Leaders List and participate in Free, 15-minute webinars to help you expand your leadership skills. All sessions are at 1:00 pm Eastern Time. If you miss a session you can review the archives.

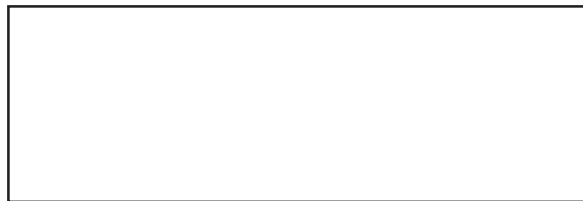
Preparations for the 2013 AAUW National election are underway. All members in good standing will be eligible to vote for the AAUW National officers and on proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. Voting will take place online unless members request a paper ballot. Online voting will open April 15 and close June 10, 2013. Members can request paper ballots between April 1 and May 2, 2013. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 17, 2013.

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

Tuesday March 5: Board Meeting - The Egg & I 11692 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63131. RSVP to Kay Meyer
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.

Tuesday April 9: International Relations Lecture Series - 10:15 am Ethical Society of St. Louis 9001 Clayton Rd.
Thursday April 11: Branch Meeting - Oak Bend Branch Library. Program TBA.
Monday April 15: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center
Tuesday April 16: Downtown Lunch - Eleven Eleven Mississippi 1111 Mississippi

Thursday May 9: Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner.



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