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Thursday, September 13, 2012 Branch Meeting

*Location: Oak Bend Branch, St. Louis County Library
 SE Corner of I-44 and Big Bend, 842 S. Holmes Ave
 Social time and networking 6:30 p.m., Program 7:00 p.m.*

OUR PROGRAM: "City Seeds Urban Farm" Speaker: Annie Mayrose, City Seeds Urban Farm Coordinator

City Seeds Urban Farm is an urban agriculture initiative providing job training and therapeutic horticulture to homeless and underserved individuals. A collaboration of several local organizations, the farm produces and distributes affordable, healthy, locally grown produce.

City Seeds Urban Farm is located between Market and Pine Streets at 22nd Street. It features 48 raised vegetable beds, a native plant nursery, dwarf fruit tree orchard, ornamental shrub borders, drip irrigation, rainwater catch cistern, outdoor classroom, harvest station, tool sheds, composting bins, a greenhouse and three bee hives. **Food grown at City Seeds Urban Farm** is donated to nearby food pantries, sold at the [Tower Grove Farmers Market](#), and sold wholesale to [Food Outreach](#), a local organization that provides nutritional support and enhance the quality of life of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS or Cancer. **City Seeds Urban Farm received national recognition** in July 2010 when it was awarded \$50,000 from the Pepsi Refresh Project on the NBC TODAY Show's "What do you care about TODAY?" contest.

PLEASE NOTE! MSD has Closed Holmes Avenue at Big Bend Starting Tuesday, August 14, for Three Months: The Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) closed Holmes Avenue in both directions, from the Big Bend entrance to south of the Oak Bend Library, effective Tuesday, August 14. No traffic will be allowed through for approximately 12 weeks.

DIRECTIONS: You can either follow the detour signs which will take you up Big Bend to the intersection with Sappington and then take Melshire Avenue around to Holmes. Or from Lockwood/Adams you can go south on Holmes and take that across I-44 to Melshire and Holmes.



KWG PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS FROM KAY MEYER

It has been a busy summer for AAUW members. In June the Missouri AAUW headed to Oklahoma City to attend the AAUW Regional Conference. AAUW members from seven states met to share ideas and enjoy learning about important issues such as Human Trafficking. A silent auction raised over \$800 for AAUW Funds. It was good to visit with Lucy Whitaker Barrington and her husband Jerry who represented Texas AAUW. Sunday we visited the Oklahoma Western and Cowboy Museum and the Oklahoma City Memorial.

The KWG Evening book group has continued to meet and discuss books and Downtown Lunch has enjoyed checking out new places to eat. The KWG board members have been working on getting interesting and fun programs for the 2012-2013 AAUW meetings. Nancy and Gene Hutchins attended the voter training workshops given by the Ballwin Chesterfield AAUW. We are working with Webster University to provide voter registration to the students and faculty. We also are working with the St. Louis area AAUW branches to bring the movie "The Invisible War" to St. Louis for a special viewing in October. The movie is about sexual harassment in the military. Saturday August 25 is the Equality Day Brunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton. This year is the 92nd Anniversary of women getting the vote and the 40th anniversary of Title IX. Also in August the Interbranch Council will be meeting to start planning for the Spring Fling and decide on other projects to consider for the 2012-2013 year. The Ethical Society Tuesday Women's Association and AAUW will start planning for the International Lecture Series. Nancy Hutchins and I will be on the planning committee to help choose the topics and speakers for the 2013 programs. There is always a lot to do before our first AAUW meeting Thursday September 13, 2012 but the members of the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW do a wonderful job of planning and working together. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Equality day and also at our first meeting in September.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 12 Chris Nobbe
August 12 Jean Shull
August 18 Maurita Stueck
August 22 Debbie McWard
September 26 Ella Bettinger
September 26 Carol Davis McDonald

MEMBER NEWS:

GET-WELL-QUICK WISHES to Patsy Farrior who hurt her shoulder in July and ended up in the hospital. It's hard for her to do anything, including eating since she can't raise her arm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mara Perry on her new job. She is now the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Webster Groves. She can walk or ride her bike to work. What luxury! Good luck, Mara!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Yvonne Blair! Yvonne transferred her primary membership from the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch to K-WG this year. She received her BA in Social Psychology from Washington University, her Master's in Educational Psychology K-12 from Washington University, her Master's in School Psychology, a Master's in Education Administration from UMSL, and a Master's in Gifted Education from UMSL. She belongs to Pi Beta Kappa-MO Chapter, Kappa Delta Pi-MO Chapter, was on the dean's list for four years, MSTA, 7 years executive board, State of MO Counseling Board and held several offices, president of the St. Louis Counseling Association, 5 years. She likes to read, is interested in educational research, women's issues, health, voting rights, scholarships for girls and women, political action, rules and bylaws, and book clubs. She works part time as an educational consultant with UMSL and also volunteers. Please add her to your yearbook: 1518 Banneker Ave, St. Louis, MO 63117-2021, 314-781-3419, yabpsych423rs@yahoo.com.

Anita Curran! Anita received a Bachelor's in Business from Fontbonne University. She has been attending Webster University and was planning to attend Washington University this past summer. She is an insurance claims specialist, a HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliance officer, a caregiver, and a property manager. She is employed full time with Resource for Human Development. Please add her to your yearbook: 2122 Ann Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104-2708, 314-437-2855, btbucb@yahoo.com.

Rita Kane! Rita received her BS from Boston University and her MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Hawaii. She is retired and is a life member of AAUW. Please add her to your yearbook: 31 N. Old Orchard Ave, Apt 330B, Webster Groves, MO 63119; 314-961-3438, RitaKane@earthlink.net.

MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED
GET-WELL-QUICK WISHES, THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS to Kay Meyer's husband Bruce who had surgery and is still dealing with complications. Once he is home, he will need a lot of recovery time.

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

September 17, 2012 *Confession of a Scary Mommy: An Honest and Irreverent Look at Motherhood, The Good, The Bad, and The Scary* by Jill Smokler

October 15, 2012 *Island Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende

November 19, 2012 *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

December No Meeting Happy Holidays

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 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:

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.

AAUW DOWNTOWN LUNCH

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:45am

Sept. 18 Truffles, 9202 Clayton Road

Oct. 16 Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Motherhouse 6400 Minnesota (10:30 am - 2:30 pm) Cost \$30

Nov. 20 Cafe Osage, 4605 Olive Street

Dec. 18 Matthew's Kitchen, 5625 Hampton Ave.

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

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

Check out the wonderful new website created by our webmaster Lynne Roney:

<http://kwg-mo.aauw.net/>

2012-2013 KWG PROGRAMS

The following is the tentative schedule of programs.

October 11 (Thursday) Branch Meeting—Guest speaker Dr. Anne Flaherty, Assistant Professor of Political Science at SIU Edwardsville, on AAUW history in St. Louis. 6:30 p.m., Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes.

November 8 (Thursday) Branch Meeting— Guest speaker Kim Wolterman on researching your house's history. Ms. Wolterman is author of *Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed(room)?* Researching a St. Louis County, Missouri Home. 6:30 p.m., Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes.

December 13 (Thursday) Branch Holiday Event— Shopping beginning at 5 p.m. at the Kirkwood location of Plowsharing Crafts, and dinner together afterward, restaurant TBA.

January 11 (Friday) Branch Activity—"New Horizons in Space" program 7-9 p.m. at Selvidge Middle School, 235 New Ballwin Rd., Ballwin, hosted by Chris Nobbe. Contact Kay for carpooling.

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.

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, Sunset 44, Kirkwood.

GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS! IT'S PECAN TIME AGAIN!

It's time to start getting into pecan mode. I will need to call in our order in mid October in order to have them in time for (hopefully) Thanksgiving. If you can think of previous members that you know who used to order pecans, please let them know we are taking orders again and pass on a copy of the order form (or take their order).

The order form is in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please call (636-227-0511) or email Carol at (davis-mcdonald@juno.com).

PLAINTIFFS SPEAK OUT ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund works to ensure that everyone is safe from sexual harassment and violence in the workplace. To achieve that goal, LAF is currently supporting two lawsuits focused on ending sexual assault in the military, *Ciaco v. Rumsfeld* and *Klay v. Panetta*. Sexual assault affects 20% of women and 1% of men in the armed forces. The US Department of Defense estimates that as many as 19,000 women were raped in 2010. Of the few rapes reported, only 8% are ever prosecuted, and just 2 percent end in conviction. Ninety percent of accusers, however, are discharged for "personality disorders." However, these rape survivors are no longer staying silent. Kori Cioca and nearly 30 current and former members of the military are suing Donald Rumsfeld, the former Secretary of Defense. They allege that they were raped by other service members and that Rumsfeld's failure to act on the issue of sexual assault in the military amounts to a violation of their constitutional rights. Ariana Klay is one of eight plaintiffs in the case against the military for creating a culture in which sexual assault and rape are tolerated and in which the people who report these crimes face retaliation. Several of the plaintiffs in these two cases share their stories in the documentary "The Invisible War." It premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and won the Audience Award. Don't miss the screening of this documentary on October 23, 2012, 9:30 AM, Landmark Theatre Plaza Frontenac. Nancy Hutchins will be taking reservations for our branch (see flyer in this newsletter).

THE AAUW BOARD HAS APPOINTED A NEW U.N. REPRESENTATIVE.

Carolyn Donovan, a member of the North Shore (Long Island) Branch, stepped down after serving as our United Nations representative for the past 12 years. She worked tirelessly as AAUW's eyes and ears at the U.N. and has welcomed and introduced hundreds of AAUW members to our important work there on behalf of women and girls. AAUW now welcomes Melissa Guardaro of AAUW of New York as our new U.N. representative. She will serve on U.N. committees and working groups and keep us apprised of the U.N. issues that are relevant to AAUW.

TOP 10 ANONYMOUS WOMEN

provided by Christy Jones, AAUW

In no particular order, these are my top 10 anonymous women:

1. Though she wasn't an anonymous woman, Virginia Woolf credited her unrecognized sisters when she wrote this in *A Room of One's Own*: "I would venture to guess that Anon, who wrote so many poems without signing them, was often a woman."

2. Writer Lucile Aurore Dupin, otherwise known as George Sand.

3. The Brontë sisters, Charlotte, Anne, and Emily, were authors who published under the male pseudonyms of Currer Bell, Ellis Bell, and Acton Bell.

4. "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it" is a sentiment often attributed to the French philosopher Voltaire; it was actually written by Evelyn Beatrice Hall under the pseudonym S. G. Tallentyre in 1906.

5. Writer Mary Anne Evans, otherwise known as George Eliot

6. The term "iron curtain," used by Winston Churchill in a 1946 speech, was originally coined by Ethel Snowden in her 1920 book *Through Bolshevik Russia*.

7. Rahila Khan was supposedly a Bangladeshi girl living in East London who wrote a series of stories, *Down the Road, Worlds Away*, in the 1980s. These were actually written by a middle-aged, white man named Toby Forward, who was furious when he was found out. It's interesting that there's clearly a reverse side of this anonymous coin.

8. For her first novel, *Sense and Sensibility*, Jane Austen wrote as "A Lady" rather than use her own name.

9. Women scientists throughout history. According to Kirsten Anderberg, "Sometimes women scientists published under male names to be taken seriously. The aftermath of this is that many great women scientists have been forgotten, as written works are often what connects us to our past." Marie Curie, for whom AAUW provided the funds to obtain radium for her experiments, is one of the few historical women scientists we do know of. Curie had the courage to be "out" as a woman in that field, though she and her contemporaries were touted as strange exceptions to the all-male scientist rule.

10. James Chartrand is actually a woman writer. She wrote a great piece about "outing" herself as a woman in 2009. The announcement, "Why James Chartrand Wears Women's Underpants," ends without telling her real name. It says, "So please. Just call me James."

JUDGE STRIKES FOR-PROFIT COLLEGE REGULATIONS.

Federal District Court Judge Rudolph Contreras ruled recently that the Department of Education's "gainful employment" regulations of for-profit colleges were too arbitrary for implementation. Under the regulations for-profit colleges and universities had to meet one of three tests to receive federal student aid: At least 35 percent of graduates must be repaying their loans, the estimated loan repayments by graduates must not exceed 12 percent of their earnings, or the estimated loan repayments must not exceed 30 percent of discretionary income. Contreras struck down the 35% debt-repayment standard as lacking sufficient basis. AAUW supported the Department of Education regulations as they were being drafted and when they were finalized. AAUW believes increasing access to higher education for traditional and nontraditional students is imperative to helping women obtain financial security and economic independence. AAUW, however, remains concerned about institutions that overburden students with debt and take advantage of taxpayer-supported financial aid while failing to prepare students for the workforce.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY BULL, a speaker at the Missouri AAUW annual meeting in May and a keynote speaker, along with Lori Flanagan, director of the UMSL athletic department, at the 25th annual Equality Day brunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton on August 25th. Her LAF-supported, Title IX lawsuit *Bull v. Board of Trustees of Ball State University* reached a successful conclusion last month. BSU reached a settlement with plaintiff Kathy Bull, and she was awarded more than \$700,000 in cash and benefits. While she was not reinstated as head tennis coach, she did receive lifetime health benefits. Bull sued the university under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 after BSU fired her midseason in 2009. She argued that her firing from the post she held for 21 years was unlawful retaliation for her advocacy for gender equity in the school's athletics department. Bull told AAUW, "I am proud that I stood up and asked for equity in my department. Because of my advocacy, I know that Ball State athletics is in a better place for my former colleagues and all the current and future female student athletes. Victories in retaliation lawsuits should send a loud message to administrators across the country. Our recent win is a victory for all women who advocate for gender equity."



The Legal Advocacy Fund of the
American Association of University Women
And the AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council



Present

“The Invisible War”
A Crisis in Our Military Institutions

You will not want to miss this important event. Learn how women have earned the right to serve our nation but have been victims of sexual harassment and assault while performing their duties.

How can you help address this issue? Here are two opportunities:

1. Attend the screening of the documentary:

“The Invisible War”

When: Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Where: Landmark Theatre Plaza Frontenac*
Time: 10:00 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.), concession stand open

Following the film, you will have an opportunity to participate in a discussion facilitated by Julie Triplett, immediate past president of AAUW of Missouri.

Reservations are required: Reservation deadline – to Nancy by Monday, October 11, 2012
You are welcome to invite guests to this event.

2. Donate to AAUW Funds to help offset the costs of two lawsuits currently supported by AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* and *Klay v. Panetta*

A contribution to AAUW Funds of \$10 or more is suggested. **Make checks payable to:** AAUW Funds (“LAF” on the memo line. If you want to specify one of the above cases, list it as well.) All donations are totally tax deductible. (Twenty seats are being donated for women veterans. If you are or know a veteran who would like to attend, contact Nancy to make a reservation.) All reservations should be sent to **Nancy Hutchins**, 9447 Radio Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123-5461.

Questions? Contact Nancy at 314-631-1982 or bodaciouspsychobabe@yahoo.com

*Landmark Theatre is located on the second floor of Plaza Frontenac, which is located on the southwest corner of Lindbergh Blvd, and Clayton Rd in Frontenac, MO 63131. There is parking under the plaza with elevator access in the garage and escalators in Saks Fifth Avenue at the north end and Neiman Marcus at the south end. There is easy access to the theater from the west surface parking lot, towards the middle. Enter the building from the center doors and go up the steps. The theater is toward the left.

Please Contact Your Friends, Neighbors, Co-Workers, and Relatives for Orders. Send Orders to Carol Davis McDonald (636-227-0511) by **OCTOBER 14th**

RESEARCH FINDS that pecans are healthy! Adding just a handful of pecans to a low-fat diet can dramatically lower LDL cholesterol as well as triglyceride levels. Pecans have good fats, which lower bad cholesterol, and do not affect good cholesterol. Pecans are naturally cholesterol-free and sodium-free and are high in unsaturated fats that promote and maintain good health. So - add pecans to cereal, salads, entrees, and vegetables; sprinkle them over fat-free yogurt; or even eat them plain as a snack. Enjoy not only their delicious taste but also the added health benefits.

STORING PECANS under refrigeration is the best way to retain the fresh aroma, color, and flavor of pecans. The lower the temperature, the longer the pecans will keep, although there is no critical temperature below which pecans must be held. Pecans stored in a refrigerator (38 to 40 degrees F) will keep for more than nine months. In the freezer at 0 degrees F they will remain in good condition for two years or longer. Unused pecans may be refrozen again and again without adverse effect on the quality or texture of the pecans.

Our AAUW branch is once again selling Georgia pecans (**20+ YEARS CAN'T BE WRONG!**). They are fresh - **Fall 2012** crop - and cheaper than in most stores. The "candied" pecans make excellent hostess, thank-you, or holiday gifts. The prices are as follows:

- **Fancy Mammoth Halves (shelled)** – fantastic flavor for healthy snacking and holiday baking \$12.00 per lb
- **Cinnamon Glazed Pecans** – crunchy Schermer pecans with a cinnamon-glazed coating and a hint of vanilla \$10.00 per bag
- **Chocolate Covered Pecans** – smooth milk chocolate and crisp, roasted Schermer Pecans make this a perfect holiday treat, 12 oz \$10.00 per bag
- **Pecan Caramel Cluster** – crisp pecan pieces, milk chocolate, and creamy caramel, individually wrapped, 16-18 pieces \$10.00 per bag
- **Glazed Pecans** – Mammoth pecan halves coated with a scrumptious glaze \$10.00 per bag
- **Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans** – **smooth dark chocolate makes this a healthy snack**
- **Spiral cookbooks** with more than 300 recipes are also available..... \$13.00 each

The pecans should be delivered before the holiday baking season, depending on the growing season and weather. Please make checks payable to "AAUW K-WG Branch." Questions? Call Carol at 636-227-0511 or e-mail davis-mcdonald@iuno.com (Continue on reverse side as needed)

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

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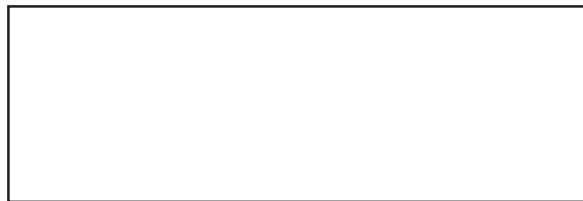
Friday January 11: Branch Meeting - Selvedge Middle School, Ballwin. Program "New Horizons in Space."

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