



***** **MEETINGS**

Branch Meeting and Potluck Dinner - Thursday, September 12, 2013

Brentwood Community Center, Room 103 (2505 S. Brentwood, 63144)

6:00 pm: Set up food and tables (bring your food by 6:15 at the latest)

6:30 pm: Potluck Dinner

7:30 pm: Program

Program Guest Speaker: Dr. Carol Diaz-Granados
"Missouri's Ancient Rock Art"

We kick off the fall with our always outstanding potluck dinner with spouses, friends, and guests especially invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite appetizer, entree, side dish, or dessert. Plates, dinnerware, and beverages will be provided by the board.

After dinner, our guest presenter is Dr. Carol Diaz-Granados, Research Associate and Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Washington University. Missouri's caves, shelters, and rock outcrops still display traces of the beliefs and stories of prehistoric American Indians. The presenter has documented more than 100 prehistoric carvings (petroglyphs) and paintings (pictographs) left by Missouri's earliest American Indian populations. She will share her interpretations of these enigmatic designs, which include human figures, animals, geometric and abstract designs, as well as records of celestial phenomena.

Please RSVP with what dish you will bring and number of attendees to Lynne Roney at lynneroney@sbcglobal.net or 314-727-7175 by Monday, Sept. 9.

KWG Board Meeting: The next KWG AAUW board meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 10:30 am at the Egg and I Restaurant, 11692 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO 63131. RSVP to Kay Meyer 314-962-7487 or email kicmeyer@yahoo.com.

***** **President's Message by Kay Meyer** *****

September has arrived, and Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW is ready to start another year of programs and participate in events that will make a difference in our member's lives and our community as the AAUW mission states. By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance. That is the AAUW promise.

Even though KWG AAUW did not have any branch meetings over the summer months, AAUW members have been busy. The evening book group met and discussed books. The Downtown Lunch Group also met and enjoyed discovering new restaurants while visiting with AAUW

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members, and of course we all attended planning meetings throughout the summer. Women's Equality Week August 24-31 celebrated the 93rd Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. There were many events across Missouri that celebrated Equality Day, with St. Louis hosting the 26th Annual Equality Day Brunch on Saturday Aug. 24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton.

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Our KWG AAUW branch is very lucky to have so many dedicated members who give their time and energy to making sure we have great programs and all the paper work is done that keep the branch running smoothly. The hardest part of being the branch president for me is writing the newsletter article every month.

Many thanks to the following people for all they do. **Carol Davis McDonald** is the finance officer, not only for KWG but also for the Interbranch Council and Missouri AAUW. In her spare time Carol helps plan meetings and contributes articles to the newsletter, takes care of the branch directory, and is in charge of pecan sales. Thanks to **Lynne Roney** for being program coordinator, taking care of the KWG website, for getting the program information in the *Webster Kirkwood Times* and our branch newsletter. Thanks to **Jean Shull** for assuring the branch bylaws are up to date, attending IBC meetings, and making all the arrangements for the Downtown Lunch Group. **Gloria Champion** chairs the Math-Science Senior Award program and the IBC Barbara Lackritz Service Award committee and offers great ideas and support to the branch. **Mary Davis** is new to AAUW but is already giving her time by being the Branch secretary and recording meeting minutes.

Nancy Hutchins is working very hard as Public Policy chair and Membership VP. Nancy also volunteered to serve as Public Policy Co-chair for MO AAUW. Nancy has helped with programs and also fundraising projects. **Barb Johnson** is helping with the book group and AAUW Funds and program planning. **Phyllis Foster** co-chairs AAUW Funds and helps with arrangements for our banquet and December events. This year returning member **Becky Clausen, Deb McWard**, and **Chris Nobbe** helped with program planning. Last but not least, thank you **Gene Hutchins** for not only helping with program planning but for volunteering to publish the KWG newsletter. Without the support of these people, there would not be a KWG AAUW Branch. They make my job as president easy.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September 12 branch program and potluck.

***** AAUW Interbranch Council News

The Spring Fling will be March 1, 2014, at Old Hickory Golf Club, 1 Dye Drive, St. Peters, MO. The speaker will be Dr. Anne Flaherty, assistant professor, political science, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

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Deb McWard and Karen Francis (Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch) will be working with UMSL on a joint project called Lifelong Learning@UMSL. The purpose of the group is to enrich and empower the individual via the learning center. They seek to serve ages 50 and older. The School of Professional & Continuing Studies will offer a half day seminar on Human Trafficking: A Challenge to Action on Friday, November 8, 2013, 8:00am-12:30pm at the JC Penny Conference Center. Early registration is from 9-15-2013 to 10-25-2013 at a cost of \$20 person. For more information contact Malaika Horne, PhD, director, 314-516-4749 or email hornem@umsl.edu

The next IBC meeting will be November 26, 2013 at the Thornhill County Library. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.

***** **Book Club News**

AAUW Interbranch Adelante Book Group

When: Thursday, Sept. 26, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Center, 1600 Clarkson Rd., 63017

What: *This Child Will Be Great*, by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (first woman president of an African country). Reviewed by Linda Roberson.

Members from all AAUW branches are welcome. Books for the rest of the year will be selected at this meeting. A list of AAUW's recommended books to choose from is at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list/>. For further information contact Teri Brecht, tebrecht@yahoo.com or 636-723-7915.

AAUW KWG Evening Book Group Reading List 2013-2014

Meets the third Monday of the month at the St. Louis Bread Company in the Greentree Shopping Center at the corner of Woodlawn and Manchester Road. Dinner at 6:30 pm Book Discussion at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions contact Kay Meyer 314-962-7487 or email

kicmeyer@yahoo.com

September 16, 2013 The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

October 21, 2013 The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

November 18, 2013 Every Day Is a Good Day: Reflections by Contemporary Indigenous Women - By Wilma Mankiller

December 15, 2013 No Meeting Happy Holidays

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January 20, 2014 The Big Roads: The Untold Story of the Engineers, Visionaries, and Trailblazers -Who Created the American Superhighways by Earl Swift

February 17, 2014 The Absolutist by John Boyne

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March 17, 2014 Why Women Should Rule the World by Dee Dee Myers

April 21, 2014 Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles

May 19, 2014 Planning Meeting

June 16, 2014 The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World II By Denise Kiernan

***** DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

Please note the schedule for the AAUW Downtown Lunch restaurants for fall/winter:

Sept. 17 Boathouse (in Forest Park) 6101 Government Drive Oct. 15 Russell's 5400 Murdoch Ave

Nov. 19 Nico 6525 Delmar Loop Dec. 17 Lemp Mansion Restaurant 3322 DeMenil Pl.

FOR RESERVATIONS : >>>>> Please call Jean Shull (314-822-7821) or email jshull2@mindspring.com

***** Other Events

National Archives to Offer Panel Discussion 3-State Strategy: Understanding the Equal Rights Amendment During Women's Equality Week

On Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m., the National Archives at Kansas City in partnership with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters will host a panel discussion, 3-State Strategy: Understanding the Equal Rights Amendment, highlighting the history of the Equal Rights Amendment as a part of National Women's Equality Week, August 25-31, 2013. This program will take place at the National Archives at Kansas City. A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede the panel discussion.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution designed to guarantee equal rights for women. The ERA was originally written by Alice Paul and, in 1923, it was introduced in the Congress for the first time. In 1972, it passed both houses of Congress and went to the state legislatures for ratification. The ERA failed to

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Panelists will present a history of the ERA; explain what the 3-state strategy is and what it means in 2013; and discuss the overall importance of voting. Panel presenters include **Barbara Clark-Evans**, Director of Intercultural Center at Kansas City, Kansas Community College; **Judy Morgan**, Missouri State Representative, District 24; **Mary Mosley**, co-chair of ERA NOW-Missouri; and **Deleta Williams**, former Missouri State Representative, District 121.

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To make a reservation for this free event call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

Calendar

September 2013

- Sept. 2 Labor Day
- Sept. 12 KWG Branch Meeting and Potluck
Brentwood Community Center 6:30pm
- Sept. 16 KWG Evening Book Group 7:00pm
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Sept. 17 Downtown Lunch Forest Park Boathouse 11:45am

October 2013

- Oct. 10 KWG Branch Meeting Oak Bend Library 7:00pm
- Oct. 12 MO AAUW Board Meeting
- Oct. 15 Downtown Lunch Russell's 11:45am
- Oct. 21 KWG Evening Book Group 7:00pm
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

On **Saturday, October 26, 2013**, the American Association of University Women ([AAUW](#)) is hosting the first national gathering of educators who teach women's and gender studies in middle and high school, the [AAUW Gender Studies Symposium, Creating Classrooms of Justice: Teaching Gender Studies in School](#). Featuring high school teacher and esteemed activist Ileana Jiménez ([Feminist Teacher](#)) and an exciting array of panel discussions, this one-day event at the **University of Missouri, St. Louis**, is open to attendees from across the country.

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The AAUW symposium is an outstanding opportunity for those currently teaching women's and gender studies, both in college and at secondary schools, to connect in person and to form a supportive, nationwide network. Sessions will focus on providing educators who want to introduce women's and gender studies into their schools' curricula with guidance on how to do so. In addition, the event will offer a platform for school administrators, academics, and activists to connect with teachers to generate ways to collaborate.

We are very pleased to invite you to join the conversation, learn, and share your vision for bringing women's and gender studies to today's classrooms. Each panel session will have time set aside for participants to engage in exciting dialogue with women's studies teachers and professors as well as activists. There will also be a networking lunch and an afternoon session on creating collaborative partnerships.

Please forward this invitation to educators, professors, activists, and other people you think would be interested in joining the conversation.

The list of speakers is being finalized and will be added to the website in the next week or so. For more information, go to <http://www.aauw.org/gender-studies/> .
[Register](#) to attend by October 5, 2013.

Cost: The \$25 [registration fee](#) includes a full day of sessions, breakfast, and a networking lunch.

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