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Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

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Thursday, November 8, 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: "Researching Your House's History" Speaker: Kim Wolterman

Have you wondered about the previous owners of your home? Who left that silver spoon that you unearthed in the garden, or who left the little green army men in the ivy? Kim Wolterman will share techniques for finding out the answers. Kim is the author of *Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed(room)? Researching a St. Louis County, Missouri Home*.

Kim Wolterman has lived more than 25 years in a Queen Anne style home built in 1902 located in the National Historic District of Webster Groves, Missouri. As the home approached its 100th birthday Ms. Wolterman contacted the Webster Groves Historical Society to find out what was needed to get a Century Plaque for her home. She found all she needed was two pieces of documentation to prove the home was built in 1902. After three years of research she finally got the Century Plaque for her Webster Groves home. Kim proceeded to write two books on researching house history and has a website that removes the frustration and puts the fun into researching a house's history. Besides writing books, maintaining a blog and website, myhousehistory.net, Kim also teaches classes on how to write and publish a non-fiction book. She is the owner of Provenance Publishing LLC. Her other books include *Keys to Unlocking House History* and *From Buckeye to G.I. LeRoy C. Kubler The War Years, 1942-1945*. Kim serves as the Membership chair for the St. Louis Publishers Association. Kim also enjoys genealogy, photography, reading, quilting and spending time with her family. She blogs at <http://kimwolterman.blogspot.com/>

KWG PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS FROM KAY MEYER

October was a very busy month for AAUW. All the St. Louis Branches worked very hard to Get Out the Vote. St. Louis helped register a total of 384 new and updated voters. Nancy Hutchins worked with Pat Shores from the Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW Branch to coordinate the St. Louis and Missouri AAUW efforts. Thanks to all the members who worked to make GOTV such a success.

The KWG Board had a very productive meeting. A big thanks to Carol Davis McDonald and Barb Johnson for providing the delicious snacks. Thank you Anne Flaherty for the wonderful October 11 program presentation on the role St. Louis AAUW played in the civil rights movement. Anne will be publishing a paper about "Gateway to Equality: University Women, Race and Civil Rights in St. Louis".

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October 16 the Downtown Lunch group joined other AAUW members to tour the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse. The Motherhouse is located on a beautiful campus overlooking the river. After the tour we were treated to a wonderful lunch and then spent the rest of the afternoon learning about the human trafficking problem in St. Louis. We heard about the work of the Covering House which is a place on the Carondelet campus that houses girls under the age of 18 that have been rescued from human trafficking. The most important message is that every person needs to become better informed about human traffic in order to find a way to abolish this horrific crime.

On Tuesday morning Oct. 23, 2012 over a hundred people came to see the movie The Invisible War at the Landmark Plaza Frontenac Theatre. Area St. branches raised \$2,000 to send LAF to be used to help the two lawsuits currently supported by AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. After watching this movie about the sexual abuse that is happening in all branches of the military, it is clear that we can no longer be silent.

I hope to see everyone at the November 8, 2012 KWG AAUW branch meeting. I have been disappointed in the attendance we have had at the last two branch meetings. The KWG board members have worked very hard to find interesting and informative speakers for our monthly branch meetings. Please show your support and come to a branch meeting. Our meetings are open to anyone not just AAUW members; so bring a friend, a family member, a neighbor or co-worker - but please come to the November meeting.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

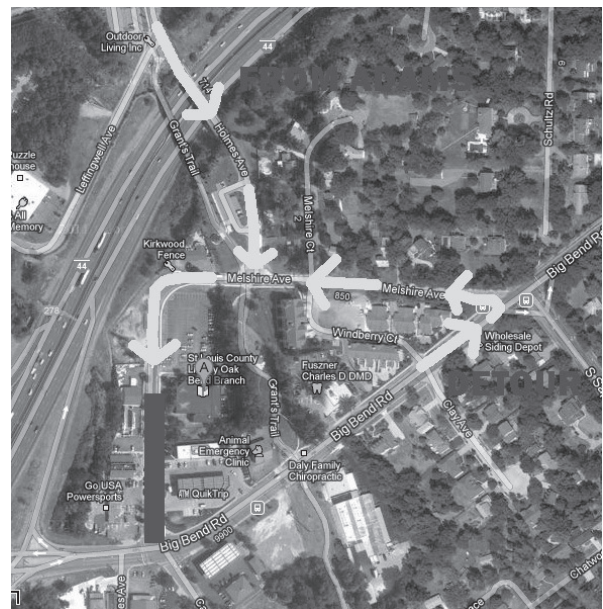
- Nov. 3 Sandra Morris
- Nov. 7 Anne Flaherty
- Nov. 7 Julia Muller
- Nov. 17 Mary Davis
- Nov. 20 Marlene Hunter
- Nov. 21 Patsy Farrior
- Nov. 25 Lynne Roney
- Nov. 25 Nancy Hutchins

CONGRATULATIONS MARY!

Mary Bruemmer is a 50 year member of the St. Louis AAUW. Mary is being honored as one of this year's Ageless-Remarkable St. Louisans. Mary has been associated with St. Louis University for more than one-third of its 194 year existence. She continues to volunteer at SLU at the age of 92, assisting with fundraising and student and faculty committees. This is the 10th annual Ageless-Remarkable St. Louisans Gala to be held on November 11 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. The event has raised over \$1.6 million to help meet the needs of the older population in the St. Louis area, while also playing a critical role in changing the face of aging in the region.

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 (will have to turn around on Sappington) around to Holmes. Or from Lockwood/Adams you can go south on Holmes and take that across I-44 to Melshire and Holmes.



GO AROUND BARRICADE TO GET TO THE LIBRARY THE ROAD IS STILL OPEN

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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- 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 DOWNTOWN LUNCH

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:45am

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

NAME CONTEST FOR THE BOOK GROUP

Several members have commented that the KWG Evening Book Group needs a different name. We are asking KWG members to submit your ideas for a name for the book group. Send your suggestions by December 15, 2012 to Kay Meyer kicmeyer@yahoo.com and the group will pick their favorite. The winning name will receive a \$10 Panera gift 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.

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.

HERvotes - Top Ten Historic Advances for Women's Lives Now at Risk:

1. Women's Right to Vote (1920). Threat: Instead of advocating a 21st century voting system that is inclusive, conservative legislatures in 30 states are attempting to turn the clock back to the 19th century when only privileged white males were allowed to vote. Newly imposed ID requirements target students, people of color, and women. As many as 32 million women of voting age do not have documentation with their current legal name.
2. Social Security Act (1935). Threat: Bills introduced by conservative members of Congress would gut the current Social Security program and disproportionately impact women's economic security. The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction could propose benefit cuts, such as a reduction in the annual cost-of-living adjustment that would especially hurt women, or an increase in the retirement age.
3. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Threat: Recent rulings by the conservative majority of the Supreme Court have weakened employment discrimination laws, placing women's rights in the workplace in jeopardy, and actions by conservative senators have undermined efforts to restore these acts and strengthen employment protections for women, including filibustering the Paycheck Fairness Act in 2010.
4. Medicare (1965). Threat: The conservative majority of the House of Representatives passed a fiscal year 2012 budget bill that will effectively end Medicare and replace it for those now under 55 with a voucher to buy private insurance. It would increase out-of-pocket health care costs, limit benefits, and severely restrict the choice of doctors.
5. Medicaid (1965). Threat: Under the conservative House budget, Medicaid was targeted for deep budget cuts and converted into capped block grants to states. Medicaid still faces threats as the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction deliberates and identifies at least an additional \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts.
6. Title X, The National Family Planning Program (1970). Threat: For the first time in history, the US House of Representatives voted to completely defund Title X in 2011. Nine states have reduced family planning funding through legislative action and one (NJ) has eliminated it through the governor's veto.

PUBLIC POLICY

Please VOTE on November 6!!!!

More info for the November 6, 2012 election may be obtained for propositions and candidates at www.lwvstl.org/elections.html

On October 24 the AAUW national office has released *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation*.

Graduating to a Pay Gap explores the earnings difference between male and female college graduates working full time, one year after graduation, using the latest nationally representative data available. The report compares "apples to apples" by looking at the pay gap after controlling for various factors known to affect earnings, such as occupation, college major, and hours worked. The report also looks at one immediate effect of the pay gap for many women, high student loan debt burden. It is available as a PDF file now.

2012-2013 KWG PROGRAMS

The following is the tentative schedule of programs.

December 13 (Thursday) Branch Holiday Event— Shopping beginning at 5 p.m. at the Kirkwood location of Plowsharing Crafts, and dinner together afterward, restaurant Peppe's Apt. 2, 800 S. Geyer Rd. .

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 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.

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

Thursday November 8: Branch Meeting - Oak Bend Branch Library

Monday November 19: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center

Tuesday November 20: Downtown Lunch - Cafe Osage, 4605 Olive Street

Tuesday November 27: IBC Meeting, 7 p.m. Thornhill St. Louis County Library

Thursday December 13: Branch Holiday Event—Shopping beginning at 5 p.m. at the Kirkwood location of Plowsharing Crafts, and dinner together afterward, Peppe’s Apt. 2, 800 S. Geyer Rd.

Tuesday December 18: Downtown Lunch - Matthew’s Kitchen, 5625 Hampton Ave.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday April 13: Branch Meeting - Oak Bend Branch Library. Program TBA.

Monday April 15: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center

Thursday May 9: Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner.



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