



AAUW of Missouri

Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

RE: News

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

February 2013

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Thursday, February 14, 2013 Branch Meeting and Potluck

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

6:00 Setup food and tables (Bring your food by 6:15 at the latest, so that it can be setup!) 6:30 Potluck

Valentine Values: What is it Worth?

Two special events in one! First we'll have our always outstanding potluck dinner with spouses, friends, and guests especially invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Entrees and beverages will be provided by the board. After dinner, our guest presenter is Ken Massey of Massey Auction Service in Maplewood. Bring an antique or collectible, or two, and have Ken appraise it; the fee is \$10 for one item or \$15 for two, with proceeds going to AAUW Funds. RSVP to Kay Meyer at kicmeyer@yahoo.com or 314-962-7487 by Saturday, Feb. 9.

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING MEETINGS in 2013:

* March 16 (Saturday)-St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council Luncheon at Norwood Hills Country Club. Guest speaker Patrice Billings.

* 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.

AAUW CONVENTION 2013 - June 9-12 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel - Top 10 Reasons to Attend the AAUW National Convention:

10. Sharpen your leadership skills
9. Join AAUW members from across the country in advocating for change
8. Be involved in the future of AAUW by attending sessions designed to increase your awareness of current issues impacting women.
7. Learn new program ideas that you and your branch can implement in your community
6. Learn new skills at valuable workshops
5. Attend stimulating plenary sessions and be inspired by distinguished speakers.
4. Share stories and concerns on issues with other AAUW leaders - new and past acquaintances and friends from all over the United States
3. Celebrate the wonderful state and branch innovative programs
2. Enjoy special events such as tours of local historic sights and the 2013 AAUW National Convention banquet
1. Have fun! Sharing the job of an inspiring mission with like-minded women builds camaraderie and strengthens AAUW's Value Promise of breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

SPRING FLING RAFFLE HELP

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Former member Helen Henderson passed away on December 8, 2012 at Bethany Home, Dubuque, IA. A service was held in Iowa on December 15 and a memorial service was to be held at First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood at a later date. If you would like to send a sympathy card or note to her sister: Eleanor Ray 3621 Crescent Court Dubuque, Iowa 52203.

Former member Irene Ward, mother to former member Judy Ward, passed away on January 19, 2013. A service was held on Tuesday January 22 at Summit Memorial Park in Holts Summit, MO. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, 100 E. Adams, 63122 or the Humane Society of Mo.

Mara Perry's Father in Law Bill Perry passed away on January 16, 2013. A service was held in Dixon, Missouri on January 19, 2013.

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 Feb.28 and the book is *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka and the book will be reviewed by Lorna Anderson.

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

LETTER FROM FORMER MEMBER

Dear Kay,

Hello and happy new year! If you have a moment, would you please share our news and warm greetings with the members of the AAUW branch?

I wanted to write with our exciting news: I was offered a teaching position at Bryn Mawr College (a women's college outside Philadelphia, in the Department of History of Art, where I did my undergraduate studies some years ago). We moved over the summer, and I began teaching this past fall, and I'm loving it! It is wonderful to be at an institution with the mission "empowering women"-- a wonderful fit with my feminist art history courses and pedagogy! The students are a joy to teach. I also had the opportunity to present research conducted with the AAUW fellowship at the Feminist Art History Conference at American University this past fall. I will always be grateful for the AAUW fellowship-- this incredible opportunity which made my research possible and opened the door to this next stage of my career. I am grateful to the branch members for so kindly encouraging me at each meeting! I always came home from meetings invigorated and impressed by the feminist energy and dedication of the members.

I wanted to tell you too that I'm passing on your lessons to the next generation (my students and also my 5-year-old son David). David and I went to see the Bread and Puppet theater this fall; they did one performance about the struggle for equal rights (including equal voting rights) in America. Afterwards, David and I talked about work for equal rights, and he said "Like the AAUW in St. Louis, right?" Please know that even though we are far away, we think of you often, keep you in our hearts, and you remain an inspiration for us!

Warmly, Rebecca DeRoo

700 Ardmore Ave, Apt 519 Ardmore, PA 19003

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.)

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

- 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

- 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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed for the Kirkwood Webster Groves Newsletter Editor for 2013-2015. Mara Perry has been putting together the newsletter since 2006 and needs a break. If you think this is something you would like to try please contact Kay Meyer.

WOMEN'S HEART DAY

February 1, 2013 is Women's Heart Day. Heart disease still kills more women than all the cancers combined. Everyone is encouraged to wear Red on Feb. 1 to remind us to take care of our heart.

JEWELRY SALE

Barb Johnson will be having a jewelry sale at the Valentine Potluck meeting. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be contributed to AAUW funds.

AAUW ART CONTEST

It's that time of year again! The fifth annual AAUW Art Contest is upon us. During this time of year, I look forward to coming into work every morning and immediately looking at the Art Contest gallery page to see what new entries have come in. I'm always impressed by the level of artistic talent displayed by the AAUW members who enter, and I'm amazed at the variety of styles and mediums.

It's inevitable when looking at this artwork, the majority of which is created by female artists, that I think about the lack of women's representation in art history and museums. In fact, only 5 percent of the art currently on display in U.S. museums is made by women artists. This statistic was actually the catalyst for the art collection that eventually became the National Museum of Women in the Arts, founded in Washington, D.C., by Wilhelmina Cole Holladay and Wallace Holladay. NMWA is "the only major museum in the world solely dedicated to recognizing women's creative contributions."

Thanks to the strong relationship between AAUW and NMWA we are happy to say that this year, Wilhelmina Holladay and NMWA Director Susan Fisher Sterling will select a distinction award winner from the six winners of this year's contest! The six winning entries will be featured on a set of notecards sent to tens of thousands of AAUW members throughout the country this spring. The notecard featuring the museum's selection will have a special recognition printed on the back. Additionally, a copy of Wilhelmina Holladay and Sterling's selection will also be hung in the AAUW national headquarters to be admired by staff and visitors for years to come. So please show off your artistic abilities by [entering](#) the AAUW Art Contest today!

Entries will be accepted until February 4, 2013. Then, we invite all members to vote on their favorites between February 8 and March 8. For more information, to submit your artwork, and to see this year's art gallery, please visit the [AAUW Art Contest page](#).

I hope I see your work as I look through the new submissions every morning! *This post was written by AAUW Stewardship Associate Sarah Spencer.*

WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY

JEFFERSON CITY--STATE CAPITOL

House Hearing Room 7

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Tentative Schedule

- 8:30-9:00 Registration House Hearing Room 7
Breakfast for Participants
- 9:00-11:00 Legislative Update/Briefing
- 11:00-1:00 Visits with Legislators

Lunch*

This is a great opportunity to voice your views on women's issues.
Find out what you can do to support Women's Pay Equity.
Learn what your legislator supports and update your knowledge on issues such as
choice, health care, civil liberties, public education,
the environment, immigration, and voting.
Express your views to your legislators

*Lunch on your own.
For information, call 314-831-5359 or 573-642-6354.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. INVITE A FRIEND.

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- Registration Fee (\$10 per person)
This includes briefing materials and breakfast.
- I cannot attend, but here is my \$10 to provide support for a student or a low-income person.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make your reservations before February 24, 2013. Complete the form above and mail to Missouri Women's Lobby Day, 138 Kings Drive, St. Louis County, MO 63034 or fax to 314-831-3288.

For late reservations or more information, call 314-831-5359 or 573-642-6354.

AAUW St. Louis Interbranch Council

2013 IBC SPRING FLING

Saturday, March 16, 2013

11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

at Norwood Hills Country Club

(I-70 and Lucas & Hunt Road, one mile north on west side of street near UMSL in north county) 314-521-0682) Ample free parking

“THE WILL TO MOVE FORWARD”

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. She served for 29 years with the St. Louis County Police Department, acting as Chief Pilot with the Metro Air Support Unit and was also a member of the SWAT TEAM for 10 years as a sniper/precision marksman. She was nominated for an “American All Star Hero Award” by the TV show, *America’s Most Wanted Heroes*. She is currently working on her first fiction novel, inspired by her real-life experiences solving crimes and chasing criminals, due out in 2014.

11:30 a.m. Registration, Ticket Raffle, Cash Bar

12:15 p.m. Welcome, Luncheon and Awards Presentation

Cost: \$25.00 each - Guests Welcome

Menu: Grilled Chicken, Orzo Pasta with Garlic Tomatoes, Caesar Salad, White Wine and Artichokes with Steamed Asparagus, New York Cheesecake with fresh berries, coffee, tea and rolls. Special entrees available: gluten-free and vegetarian (these require one week’s prior notice.)

*IBC is having a Purse-sonality silent auction fundraiser.
Please bring your checkbook.*

Mail the registration form with your check payable to AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011-4215.

If you have questions, contact Carol at davis-mcdonald@juno.com or 636-227-0511.

----- Please detach, send form and check, keep top half for reference-----

IBC Spring Fling Registration Form - Deadline Mar. 7, 2013

(Please Print)

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Home Ph. _____ Cell _____

Indicate special entrée _____ Check Enclosed for _____ persons at \$25.00 each.

Total \$ _____

Please list additional names on back and indicate if guest or AAUW member (Identify branch.)

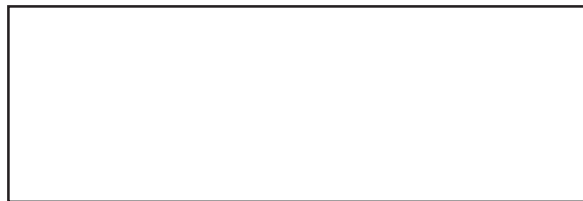
UPCOMING DATES: Put these on your calendar and make plans to attend!

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 February 26: IBC Meeting - Thornhill County Library
 Tuesday February 26: Lobby Day - Jefferson City
 Thursday February 28: Adelante book group, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble 1600 Clarkson

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