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Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch

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May Banquet

Let's celebrate a great year!!!

Thursday, May 9, 2013

**Dining Room at the Brentmoor Retirement Community
8600 Delmar at I-170**

The Brentmoor is the high-rise building on the west side of I-170.

Parking is available in front and at the side of the building.

6:30 p.m. Dinner -- 7:15 p.m. Program

OUR PROGRAM: The 10 Most Powerful Two-Letter Words

Guest Speaker: Bonnie Solomon

Join us as we celebrate another successful year with AAUW! Entertaining speaker Bonnie Solomon, Director of Community Relations at The Brentmoor, will amuse and inspire us with her talk on "The 10 Most Powerful Two-Letter Words." We'll honor our Named Gift recipients and install officers for next year. This is always a lovely and enjoyable event.

The menu is a dinner salad, chicken Marsala, baked potato, vegetable medley, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, and tea. To pay in advance, make out the check to AAUW KWG and mail to Kay Meyer, 2443 Mary Ave, Brentwood, MO 63144. The deadline for reservations is Monday, May 6. If you have special dietary needs let Kay know by Monday, May 6. You can also e-mail the information to kicmeyer@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April was a very busy month. Nancy Hutchins and I started the month by going to the Ballwin Chesterfield Expressions group where we learned to make Zipper Pins. We had a great time and met some wonderful AAUW members. On April 9th, Nancy and I presented the final International Relations Lecture at the Ethical Society. We found a wonderful speaker, Stephanie Glore, at Intentional Crisis Aid to talk about Sex Trafficking Globally and Locally. We had a great turnout for all four of the International Lectures this year. AAUW and the Tuesday Women's Association at the Ethical Society have jointly sponsored this lecture series for over 75 years. We are looking forward to collaborating next year starting with the August planning meeting. We are looking for topics for the 2014 year and welcome all suggestions. On April 11th, we had the KWG annual business meeting and also got to meet the two students who received the STEM Award donated by the branch. Thanks to Gloria Campion and her committee for contacting the Webster Groves and Kirkwood High Schools to find our two outstanding Stem Award recipients. We also met one of this years AAUW Fellows, Kelly Bickel who will be graduating from Washington University with a doctorate in Math. Kelly's presentation made us think about math in a new and fun way. Thanks to Lynne Roney for making all the speaker arrangements and thanks to Christine Stricker for supplying the

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technical equipment and expertise. On April 13th, Carol McDonald, Barb Johnson and I represented KWG at the St. Charles AAUW Tea Time Trivia. Our table had some expert help from Diane Ludwig from Fulton, MO.; Linda Berube and Ellen Johnson from Kansas City; and Carol Derrington from St. Charles. We had a great time and enjoyed lots of snacks to fortify our brains so we could answer the trivia questions. Nancy Hutchins, Gene Hutchins and I spent one evening putting together the packets to hand out for Pay Equity Day. We wrapped Pay Day candy bars in special Pay Equity wrappers to give to everyone working at the Capital building in Jefferson City. Of course, we went out to dinner first so we would have the energy to put everything together. The one thing that AAUW members enjoy is eating. On April 17th, we drove to Jefferson City with Betty Takahashi and Karen Francis to participate in Pay Equity Day. Thanks to everyone's hard work and cooperation the event was very successful.

On April 19th, Nancy Hutchins and I headed to Columbia to be judges for the Missouri History Day. We judged two entries in the junior performance and one entry in the senior performance that represented this year's theme of Turning Points in History that Changed Our Way of Life. Missouri AAUW presents a cash award in the junior and senior performance and one in the documentary categories. The senior performance that received the AAUW cash award also won in the state division and will go to the National History Day in Washington DC.

I will be representing KWG at the MO/IL Convention being held in downtown St. Louis. As the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW President I am always proud of the many things our small branch accomplishes thanks to the hard work of all our members. I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 9th KWG AAUW Award Banquet which will be at the Brentmoor Retirement Center. The banquet will close the 2012-2013 AAUW year. It has been a great year of programs and many other successful projects for our branch.

~ Kay Meyer, Kirkwood-Webster Groves President

NEED A RIDE?

If you need a ride to a branch meeting or one of the study groups such as the Evening Book Group you can call Kay Meyer 314-962-7487.

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

Monday May 20, 2013 is the Evening Book Group planning meeting at Marsha Koch's house, 1742 Connemara Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021. We will meet at 6:30 pm and enjoy a pizza and salad dinner followed by dessert and a discussion of which books we will read for the 2013-2014 year. If you have any books you would like the group to consider send the title of the book and the author information to Kay Meyer kicmeyer@yahoo.com or call 314-962-7487 before Saturday May 18. Please RSVP to Marsha marshak@gmage.net or call 636-256-3746 or Kay if you will be attending the planning meeting. If you need a ride to Marsha's house call Kay Meyer. Thank you to Marsha for hosting the book group planning meeting in her home.

The Book Group will meet again June 17 at the Bread Company in the Greentree Shopping Center at the corner of Woodlawn and Manchester Road. Come at 6:30 pm to enjoy dinner before the 7:00 pm book discussion. The book for June is *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake.

AAUW DOWNTOWN LUNCH

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:45am

May 21 Souldard's 1731 South 7th
June 18 Pietros 3801 Watson
July 16 McMurphy's Grill 614 North 11th
Aug. 20 Harry's Restaurant 2144 Market

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

THE ONE THING YOU MUST DO THIS SUMMER: Protect Students from Bullying and Harassment

As the weather warms up and the sun comes out, students around the country can almost taste it: summer. Most kids celebrate the end of school because it means no more homework, no more waking up early, and plenty of time at the beach; but for some kids, it finally means a relief – albeit a short one – from the relentless bullying they encounter in the school hallways, on the playground, in the classroom, and countless other places in the school environment. This summer, take action to make schools free from bullying and harassment so students feel safe all year. Tell our senators: Bullying and harassment has no place in our schools, and it's time for Congress to act.

Although some federal laws address particular kinds of harassment, there is no comprehensive law to address bullying and harassment. The Safe Schools Improvement Act (S. 403) would fill that troubling gap in federal education policy. S. 403 would ensure states, districts, and schools have policies to prevent and appropriately respond to bullying and harassment.

Try the Two-Minute Activist on the web site (www.aauw.org). Urge our senators to cosponsor the Safe Schools Improvement Act (S. 403) today!

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.

May 23 is *Submission* by Amy Waldman will be reviewed by Julie Tripplet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 7 Marilyn Boettcher

May 8 Christine Stricker

June 11 Lucy Barrington

June 24 Nora Beiswenger

June 26 Gene Hutchins

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It is time to renew your AAUW membership. Dues need to be mailed to our Finance Officer, Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011 by June 1, 2013 or you can bring your check and any changes to your KWG directory listing to the May Awards Banquet Thursday May 9, 2013. Total dues are \$74 which is \$49 for the National AAUW dues, \$10 for AAUW of Missouri and \$15 for Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW dues. If you are a dual member with another branch you would only pay the branch dues of \$15. Checks should be made payable to AAUW with 2014 dues written on the memo line. You may also pay your dues by credit card online at www.aauw.org. If you are just paying the branch dues as a dual member you cannot use the online credit card option. If you have any questions you can call Carol McDonald at 636-227-0511.

An AAUW membership makes a wonderful graduation gift for that special person finishing a college degree. AAUW members can give a recent college graduate a FREE one year National AAUW membership within two years of graduation at no cost to the graduate or AAUW member. This free membership applies to graduates receiving an undergraduate, graduate or post graduate degree just go to the www.AAUW.org website and click on the membership site then fill out the online Give-a-Grad-a-Gift form.

AAUW IBC CHOCOLATE TASTING PARTY MAY 15, 2013

There is still time and space to sign up for the May 15 Chocolate Tasting Party at the Kakao Chocolate Factory located at 7272 Manchester Road, Maplewood, MO 63143. The Chocolatiers of Kakao will present an evening about the delectable, exciting, luxurious world of chocolates at a special event for AAUW members, family and friends. The evening will include wine and soft drinks, information about the history of chocolate, the proper way to eat chocolate, and a lot of tasting many different chocolates all for the reasonable price of \$20 per person. The party starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday May 15, 2013. Send your money and reservations to Nancy Hutchins, 9447 Radio Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123 or call 314-631-1982 or email bodaciouspschobabe@yahoo.com before Friday May 10. Make checks payable to Metro St. Louis AAUW Interbranch Council or IBC AAUW.

EQUAL PAY DAY APRIL 17, 2013

Wednesday April 17, 2013 started out as overcast and foggy as we drove to Jefferson City, Missouri to rally for Equal Pay Day. This year AAUW was joined by our friends from NOW and the League of Women Voters to help hand out specially wrapped Pay Day candy bars and pay gap information to all the Missouri Representatives, Senators and Administrative assistants. All the volunteers wore white shirts with a sticker from AAUW and a sticker from the League of Women Voters to show we were a unified coalition rallying for the same cause. Equal Pay Day is a symbolic day when women's pay catches up to men's from the year before. It takes a few extra months each year for a women's pay to catch up to the amount a man gets paid thanks to the pay gap. Equal Pay Day is about educating the community and mobilizing around the issue. If people and especially our law makers don't know the facts about the gender pay gap how can we ever hope to fix the problem? When we left Jefferson City it was sunny and warm and we all felt that we had made our voices heard plus AAUW and the League of Women Voters had made an important connection. Thanks to Nancy Hutchins, Holly Burgess and Joanie Shores who worked to make Equal Pay Day a success.

AAUW'S LISA MAATZ, AAYW DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC POLICY AD GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, SPEAKS AT STOP ACT PRESS CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) held a press conference to announce her reintroduction of the Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act (STOPAct), which would help fight sexual assault in the military. AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz spoke at the event about the need to engage everyone to pass the STOP Act (H.R. 1593).

LAF-SUPPORTED PLAINTIFFS SPEAK AT AAUW STATE CONVENTIONS

The heart of LAF lies in the courageous plaintiffs we support and in the wonderful AAUW contributors who make the program possible. Through the LAF Case Support Travel Grant, AAUW members from 10 states will meet current or former LAF plaintiffs and hear their stories at spring AAUW state conventions. The Illinois-Missouri combined state convention, May 3-5 at the Ballpark Hilton in St. Louis, will feature Daniele Hoffman whose case is Hoffman v. Panetta.

VOTING AND PAYING: HOW TO VIA THE INTERNET

Every member has a voice and a chance to vote on the AAUW National by-law changes, President, Vice President and vote for 10 directors for the 2013-2015 term of office. The first step is to go to the AAUW website at www.AAUW.org. To pay on-line select Member Center, then scroll down to the bottom and click on Member Tools. Click on the visit here button near the bottom of the Member Services Database. You will be invited to click on enter member services database, click on it. If your name and data pop-up this is your personal data page. Review your information and change anything that is incorrect. Then, click on renew my membership. Fill in the credit card data. The \$74 dues are shown. Here you may also contribute to a fund. Click NEXT to continue. You will see review so you can check the information you just entered. Now click only once on submit. You will see an immediate thank you receipt and a confirmation will be emailed to your inbox. If your name does not pop up you may see a log in page that asks for your Member ID and Password, you will need to re-enter your information, even though the boxes look filled in. Just click on the boxes which will delete the text. Then, type in the information. Use links on this page if you need to jog your memory. This is for those who have registered before, but have not revisited the site for a while. If you have NOT logged in before, click need to register right below the log in-in boxes. Follow the directions and be sure to write down your password.

If you need to vote you will start with www.AAUW.org type vote in the search box. You should have received an email with your pin number to use to vote that is emailed from EON Support, subject 2013 Ballot. Be sure you check your SPAM folder. The PIN is also on the mailing labeling of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook. All voting will take place online unless a member sends a request to AAUW for a paper ballot. The online voting period is April 15 to June 10, 2013

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Extra handbooks are available for \$8. Contact Carol Davis McDonald at davis-mcdonald@juno.com or 636-227-0511.



AAUW – Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

New Member Form – 2013-2014



Make check payable to: AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch. (*According to the IRS, \$46 of AAUW membership dues are a charitable contribution. Suggestion: Make a note for your 2013 tax folder.)

Mail your check and this completed form to: *Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011-4215*
(314-623-1847 or davis-mcdonald@juno.com)

The AAUW year is July 1 – June 30. Please select from **one** of the dues categories and fees as follows:

- Branch Member dues (submitted March 16-December 31): Association \$49 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$74 \$ _____
- Dual Member, Primary Branch in Another State: Association \$0* + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 \$ _____
My primary branch/state: _____
- Dual Member, Primary Branch in Missouri: Association \$0* + State \$0* + Branch \$15 = \$15 \$ _____
My primary branch: _____
- Member-at-Large transferring to branch/state membership, if national dues are current: State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 \$ _____
- Student Affiliate (Undergraduate level, currently enrolled): Association \$17 + State \$3 + Branch \$8.50 = \$28.50 \$ _____
- Half-year Student Affiliate (submitted January 1-March 15): Association \$8.50 + State 3 + Branch \$4.25 = \$15.75 \$ _____
- Give-a-Grad-a-Gift Campaign (submitted anytime): Association \$0 + State \$0** + Branch \$15 = \$15.00 \$ _____
- College-University Representative Branch Member: Association \$0* + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25.00 \$ _____
(*Association dues covered by C-U partner dues) (**State dues are waived for membership within Missouri)

Please provide your personal information for inclusion in the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch membership directory. This information will help us to know each other and to recognize some of the accomplishments of our members.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: Single Married/Partnered (Spouse's name: _____)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) Zip Code

Home phone: _____ Cell phone _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Would you prefer receiving your branch and state newsletters via: E-Mail____, USPS____, or both____

Employed F/T Employed P/T Retired (Title/Job/Retired from _____)

Company Name/Address: _____ Work phone: _____

Self employed: full time part time (Business _____) Homemaker Unemployed

Volunteer at: _____
(organizations)

<u>Degrees Held</u>	<u>Area of Study</u>	<u>College or University</u>	<u>Year</u>

Remarks, AAUW Interests, Awards, Achievements, Hobbies, Interests, Special Skills, Etc. (continue on reverse):

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

Fri. - Sun. May 3-5: AAUW Illinois-Missouri Joint Conference 2013

Thursday May 9: Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner.

Wednesday May 15: IBC Chocolate Tasting Party

Monday May 20: Evening book group, 7:30 p.m., Planning Meeting Marsha Koch's house

Tuesday May 21: Downtown Lunch - Soulard's 1731 South 7th

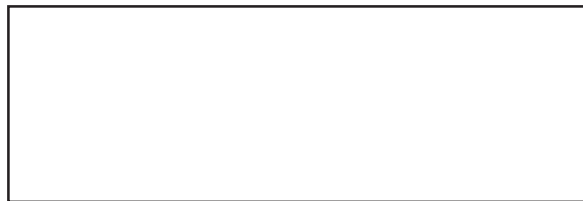
Thursday May 23: Adelante book group, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble 1600 Clarkson

Monday June 17: Evening book group, 7 p.m., St. Louis Bread Co., Greentree Center

Tuesday June 18: Downtown Lunch - Pietros 3801 Watson

Tuesday July 16: Downtown Lunch - McMurphy's Grill 614 North 11th

Tuesday Aug. 20: Downtown Lunch - Harry's Restaurant 2144 Market



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