*AAUW advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research*

Kirkwood – Webster Groves Chapter

November 2013 Newsletter No 3

Program : **Thursday, November 14, 2013 Branch Meeting**

**Our Program: Statesbots Robotics Team from Webster Groves High School and the FIRST Tech Challenge competition.**

**Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes**

6:30 pm: Social time and networking, 7 pm: Program

Christine Nobbe provided this additional information from the Webster Groves H.S. Statesbots: Hello! We are the Statesbots Robotics Team at Webster Groves High School. Thank you for your interest in our team. Our goal as a team is to promote the fields of science, engineering, and math to the student body at Webster Groves through community outreach, student involvement in a group environment, and collaboration with professionals in those fields. We hope that you will be able to help us achieve this goal.
            This year we have roughly the same amount of females and males on the team. This is a large improvement from last year, when we only had three girls and about twelve boys on the team. We hope that this trend will continue with more women becoming interested in robotics and the related fields due to our team's influence.
            Thank you for your interest in our team, and we hope to continue our association with you for many years to come.

The Statesbots

Book Group: **KWG AAUW Evening Book Group**

The KWG Evening Book will meet Monday Nov. 18, 2013 at the St. Louis Bread Company located in the Greentree Shopping Center at the corner of Woodlawn and Manchester Road. The book discussion starts at 7:00pm come at 6:30pm if you would like dinner before the discussion starts. The book for November is Every Day Is a Good Day: Reflections by Contemporary Indigenous Women by Wilma Mankiller. The book group is opened to all AAUW members and their guest. If you need a ride to the Monday book group meeting or if you have any question contact Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer@yahoo.com.

December the KWG AAUW Evening Book Group does not meet. We will meet again Jan.20, 2014. Have a wonderful holiday.

Human Trafficking**– A Challenge to Action November 8, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Come broaden and deepen your understanding of provocative and sensitive issues by attending Lifelong Learning @ UMSL at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, North Campus, 8001 Natural Bridge, Normandy, MO. The aim is to create learning communities for older adults (50 and older) who have a love of learning and seek to be more active and engaged.

The first will be a symposium November 8, 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, at the UM-SL JC Penney Conference Center. A light breakfast will be served.

The topic is: Human Trafficking – A Challenge to Action. Dr. Ruth lyob, UMSL professor and noted author in the field, will deliver the keynote address along with three panelists who are practitioners: Rebecca Feldmann, attorney, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, and Amanda Colegrove, director, Rescue and Restore, a coalition under the auspices of Catholic Charities. These two aforementioned agencies assist victims in addition to fighting various aspects of this horrendous crime. The third panelist is Kimberly Ritter, senior account manager for Nix Conference and

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONT.

Meeting Management and leading the company’s initiatives in combating trafficking in hotels.

Lifelong Learning @ UMSL is designed to enrich the group by empowering individuals as they grow and learn together. By attending these sessions, participants will be engaged in extraordinary discussions, inspiring reflections, and actions.

We’re also happy to announce a budding partner-ship with AAUW, as addressing human trafficking is a big concern for this important organization. The major funder of this program is Zonta Club of St. Louis.

Registration of $30\* has been extended to November 6. The student fee is $10. Go to the UMSL PCS website (http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/lifelong-learning.html) and click on Register. To register by phone, call Mattie Lewis, 314-516-5655. For more information, contact Malaika Horne, director, Lifelong Learning @ UMSL, 314-516-4749 or hornem@umsl.edu.

A Networking Event invitation from AWIS

The Association for Women In Science (AWIS) is hosting a networking reception with the National AWIS Board at the Vino Gallery, Saturday November 9 from 7 – 9 PM.

Additional information is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/awisstlmirror/data/awis_nov9_flyer.pdf?attredirects=0>

An Opportunity for Diabetes Research

Peters Marketing Research has a study coming up that you or someone you know may be interested in. They are looking for MALES AND FEMALES AGES 35-74 WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES.  Those who qualify and participate in this study will receive $100.

An Opportunity for Diabetes Research CONT.

 Click here for more information about the qualifications [https://www.petersmktg.com/questionnaire/674-1.php?rn=davis-mcdonald@juno.com&version=735155-46291](https://www.petersmktg.com/questionnaire/674-1.php?rn=davis-mcdonald%40juno.com&version=735155-46291)

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone you know who may qualify. Even though this e-mail is addressed to you specifically, the included links are available to anyone.  Thanks to Carol McDonald for forwarding this.

Mo AAUW Seeks Applicants for Awards & Votes for a Famous Missouri Woman

Pat Shores AAUW – MO Communications Officer informs us that AAUW Missouri Star Award Applications ( in PDF and Word Format) and AAUW Missouri Galaxy Award are now available on line at <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/> At the member center, the password is “ memberinfo “.

Pat also reported:  The AAUW MO Board recommends that we all vote for Virginia Minor, who represents our early fight for equality, which continues today with our work for the passage of the ERA.

The Hall currently has 41 individuals with only 7 of them women.   Voting started September 30 and continues until October 31. Voting instructions and Biographies of the candidates can be found at  <http://www.house.mo.gov/FamousMissourianVoting.aspx>. Let’s add an eighth worthy woman to the Hall.

Virginia Minor, suffragist (1824-1894) is a finalist for the Hall of Famous Missourians.  Minor, a suffrage activist, is best remembered as the plaintiff in *Minor v. Happersett,* an 1874 United States Supreme Court case in which Minor unsuccessfully argued that the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution gave women the right to vote.

MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE PLANNING

Because of great interest by AAUW members in the mid-west, as some of you already know, we are planning a Midwest AAUW Regional Conference next year.  These conferences are normally held on the off years of the national conventions.   Missouri will be the host state; the conference

will probably be in Branson or at the Lake. The first major regional in this region was in 1926; there have been 43 since that first one.

Please alert the members of your branch about this conference.

At this point, it looks as if the second week in June 2014 is the least busy for our members, according to a poll of the board members of the major states involved.

Lisa Maatz, VP for Government Relations at AAUW's national office has agreed to keynote the conference!!  Anyone who has heard her speak knows how effectively she presents policy issues and how well-informed
she is about all issues concerning women and girls.  We are fortunate she is coming.

If you are interested in working on this conference and wish to be a member of the steering committee (or work on a committee), please let me know by November 15 at sbreeze@mindspring.com.  Some of you have already expressed an interest and I appreciate that support.  Much of the conference work will be accomplished by conference calls.

Downtown Lunch Group Here are the places to be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:45 AM. Please join us – we have lots of good conversation:

Nov. 19 Nico 6525 Delmar Loop

 Dec. 17 Lemp Mansion Restaurant 3322 DeMenil Pl.

For reservations contact Jean Shull at 314-822-7821 or jshull2@mindspring.com.

AAUW İAdelante! 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. AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.

Upcoming books:

Nov 28 No meeting (Thanksgiving)

Dec 26 No meeting

Jan 23 Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead, by Sheryl Sandberg

Feb 27 Mom & Me & Mom, by Maya Angelou

Mar 27 The Girls of Atomic City, by Denise

Kiernan

Apr 24 And the Mountain Echoed, by Khaled

Hosseini

May 22 The Secret Daughter, by Shilpi Somaya

Gowda