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**Kirkwood – Webster Groves Chapter
December 2013 No 4**

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Plow Sharing Crafts, 137 W Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO (314) 909-9401

Jefferson Grill, 127 W Jefferson Ave, St Louis, MO 63122 (314) 966-2663

Program: *January 7 (Tuesday; note date change)*—Branch Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes. Program: "Let's Start: A Program to Help Women Prisoners in Transition." Let's Start aim is to break the cycle of incarceration in families. They work with formerly incarcerated women and their children to support recovery and reentry, mitigate the impact of parental imprisonment, educate the public, and inform policy makers.

Future Programs

February 13 (Thursday): Branch Event. "Heart-Healthy Valentine's Celebration." 6 p.m., Brentwood Community Center, 2505 S. Brentwood. A speaker from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy about statins and other heart health concerns. Potluck dinner featuring heart-healthy food. Reservation information TBA.

March 1 (Saturday): St. Louis Metropolitan Interbranch Council of AAUW Annual Spring Fling Luncheon. Old Hickory Golf Club. Reservation details: Send reservations to Lynda Hendren, 12737 Glenage Dr, Maryland Hgts MO 63043, email: Lynrose@earthlink.net



Future Programs (cont.)

April 10 (Thursday): Branch meeting. Program: "Mini Medical School: What is it?" Plus presentation of branch Math and Science Awards to Kirkwood and Webster Groves High School girls. Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes, 6:30 p.m.

Presidents Message by Kay Meyer

It is hard to believe it is already December and the Kirkwood Webster Groves AAUW Branch is ready for a new year of programs and meetings.

Thanks to our members: we have had some wonderful programs. Many thanks to Lynne Roney, our program coordinator who makes sure our meeting information gets in the Kirkwood Webster Times and our newsletter.

Thank you also to Becky Clausen and Christine Nobbe for October and November programs respectively. Also thanks to Carol McDonald for all the work she does not only as treasurer but also the directory update and the pecan sales.

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There are a lot of exciting programs planned for 2014. The AAUW Interbranch Council Spring Fling in March when KWG Member Anne Flaherty will be the speaker. April we will march on the Missouri capital in Jefferson City for Pay Equity Day. The first week of May will be the AAUW of Missouri meeting in Columbia.

The next KWG AAUW board meeting is **February 3 2014 at 10:30AM** at the Egg and I Restaurant located at 11962 Manchester Road.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Jefferson Grill in December. Have a wonderful Holiday and a joyful new year!!



New Member News: Welcome ELINOR GENT! Our newest branch member: Elinor transferred into our branch from her at-large status. She is an honorary life member. Elinor received her B.S. in Liberal Arts from the University of Utah (1960) and her M.Ed. in Counseling from the University of Missouri-St. Louis (1980). Her contact information is 385 S. Taylor Avenue, #518, Kirkwood, MO 63122, phone number 314-966-1030.

Kay also shared this recipe which she recently learned at the Missouri Botanical Garden:

Mint Hot Fudge Sauce (yield 25 servings or 3 ½ cups) Serve over ice cream, cake, cookies or eat with a spoon.

Ingredients:

2 cups heavy cream

½ cup dark brown sugar, packed,

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces

½ teaspoon peppermint extract, or more to taste.

Steps:

Place cream in a large saucepan set over medium heat. Bring cream to a simmer and allow it to cook slowly until reduced by half. (This will take 15 to 20 minutes).

Add the brown sugar and stir until it dissolves.

Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chocolate and butter. Stir the mixture until smooth. Cool the sauce for 10 minutes, and then add the peppermint extract.

Serve warm. If not immediately serving, follow these steps for storing.

Divide the sauce between 4 ½ pint containers and allow to cool. Cover tightly and refrigerate for up to one month or freeze for up to 3 months.

Reheat: by removing lid and placing jar in a sauce pan containing 2 inches of water and bring to a simmer. Continue simmering until mixture is pourable. Or remove lid and reheat in the microwave on medium power until melted and warmed.



Legislative Retreat for Women's' Issues

A Legislative Retreat has been announced by AAUW Missouri. It is scheduled for January 11, 2014 in the Community Room at Hy-Vee Supermarket, 405 East Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO.

For more information and reservations contact:

Grace Butler, 531 W. Botner Rd., Columbia, MO 65202 Tele: 314-831-5359 or 573-449-8062; FAX 314-831-3288 Email: gbutler1111@aol.com

The schedule and agenda is:

- 9:00-9:30 *Coffee, Juice, Rolls*
- 9:30-9:45 *Welcome, Introductions,*
- *Review of 2013 Legislative Session*
- 9:45-12:00 *Speaker/Presentations/*
- *ERA Working Session*
- 12:00-12:30 *Lunch at Hy Vee (You purchase lunch from Hy Vee's buffet)*
- 12:30-2:30 *Set Legislative Priorities*

The organizers are requesting reservations be made by January 7, 2014.

The needed information is: Name, Address, Telephone, & E-mail.

Book Group: KWG AAUW Evening Book Group

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

The KWG Evening Book will meet January 20, 2014 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 January is The Big Roads.

December 15, 2013 No Meeting Happy Holidays

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



KWG AAUW Evening Book Group (cont.)

February 17, 2014: The Absolutist by John Boyne

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

Thank You from the Family of Shirley Schmidt

The Fredrick M. Schmidt and Family sent a note of thanks the Kirkwood Webster Groves Branch of the AAUW for our gift to the AAUW Fund in memory of Shirley Schmidt.

News from Ella Bettinger

Miss Ella sent a letter thanking everyone for their cards and letters for her 87th birthday. She has a wonderful caregiver Barbara, who reads her mail to her since her eyesight is completely gone. Barbara drives Ella to church, the doctor and wherever she needs to go. Also she fixes all her meals and takes very good care of Ella. Even though Ella now needs a walker to get around her mind is still sharp and her spirit is strong. She says keep those cards and letters coming because she really enjoys hearing from her St. Louis family. You can send a note to Ella Bettinger, 2315 Blackmore St., Madison, IN 47250

The Tuesday Women's Association of Ethical Society and the American Association of University Women

Present the 2014 International Relations Lecture Series

January 14, 2014: Five Privacy Myths

Neil M. Richards, Professor of Law, Washington University, St Louis, MO

Neil Richards is an internationally-recognized expert in the fields of privacy, First Amendment, and information law. His recent work explores the complex relationships between free speech and privacy in cyberspace. Public discussions about privacy are often dominated by a series of beliefs, such as "Privacy is Dead," "Young People Don't Care About Privacy," "If You Have Nothing to Hide You Have Nothing to Fear," "Privacy Is Censorship" and "Privacy Is Bad For Business." Unfortunately, all of these statements turn out to be incorrect, and putting these privacy myths to bed is the only way we can protect our privacy in the digital age.

February 11, 2014 Sustainable Agriculture in the 21st Century

Dr. Gillian Acheson, Chair and Associate Professor of the Department of Geography, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL



Tuesday Women's of the Ethical Society of St. Louis & AAUW (cont.)

March 11, 2014 Israel/Palestine: Is Peace Possible?

*Rabbi Susan Talve, Founding Rabbi Central Reform Congregation
Mazen Badra, Teacher, Entrepreneur, Peacemaker*

April 8, 2014 Arab Spring and Its Future

Dr. Hayrettin Yucesoy, Associate Professor of Arabic & Islamic Studies, Department of Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (JINELC), Washington University, St Louis, MO

Downtown Lunch Group

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

The 2014 schedule for AAUW Downtown Lunch starts:

Time: 11:45 am (Third Tuesday of each month)

- Jan 21 Element, 1419 Carroll St. (east of Lafayette Square)
- Feb 18 Rigazzi's, 4945 Daggett Ave.
- Mar 18 Feasting Fox, 4200 South Grand
- Apr 15 Blueberry Hill ,6504 Delmar

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

Note: the Adelante Book Group will not meet in December!!! Next Meeting is January 23, 2014

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



Other Issues & Concerns

(From Becky Clausen: Originally in Slate 2013, published in St Louis Post-Dispatch 11/4/2013)
Republican attempts to use voter identification laws to [suppress voting](#) by people more likely to vote for Democrats has created a class of victims it probably was not intended for. Women.

The GOP (has done this by) claiming that voter ID laws are necessary to prevent voter fraud. The real reason,(according to progressives), is to make voting more difficult for blacks, Hispanics, the young, the elderly and the poor, who traditionally tend to vote for Democrats.

There is a new focus on women because nearly 90 percent of women change their names when they get married or divorced and frequently wind up with discrepancies on various pieces of identification necessary to get a government-issued voter photo ID.

A 2006 survey by the [Brennan Center for Justice](#) shows that 34 percent of voting-age women do not possess a proof-of-citizenship document that reflects their legal name because of marriage or divorce.

A woman who updated her voter registration after she got married, but not her driver's license or passport, could be denied the right to vote. While it is legal, is wrong.

All Americans who believe in our democracy need to fight against discriminatory voting laws. But while they are in place, ***women need to make sure they have the identification necessary to vote.***

The Proposed Budget

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