



## **KIRKWOOD – WEBSTER GROVES BRANCH**

***AAUW OF MISSOURI*** *AAUW PROMOTES EQUITY FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS, LIFELONG EDUCATION, AND POSITIVE SOCIETAL CHANGE*

This month's program was St. Louis Metropolitan Interbranch Council of AAUW Annual Spring Fling Luncheon at Old Hickory Golf Club, on March 1.

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***April 28, 2014 (Monday):*** Branch meeting Program: "Mini Medical School & Science on Tap?" & presentation of branch's Math & Science awards to WGHS and KHS girls. ***For more news about AAUW supporting and sponsoring STEM programs go to page 3 !!***

Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes, Social and Networking @ 6:30 p.m. and annual business meeting, 7P.M. New!!! Refreshments will be served.

***Guest Speaker:*** *Cynthia A. Wichelman, MD, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Business, Washington University School of Medicine*

Established by Dr. Wichelman in conjunction with former School of Medicine dean William A. Peck, MD, Mini-Medical School (MMS) is one of the most innovative and comprehensive MMSs in the country. Attendees receive a behind-the-scenes look at the medical school and learn about diseases firsthand from faculty. Graduates apply their knowledge to become better health care consumers, and some have changed careers to health-related fields. Each Mini-Medical School consists of eight 2-hour evening sessions covering a wide spectrum of medicine. There are also several unique tours and hands-on laboratories for participants.

Dr. Wichelman received bachelor's degrees from the University of Edinburgh and the University of California, San Diego, and her medical degree from Stanford University, then completed her emergency medicine residency in a program of George Washington University, Georgetown University, and the University of Maryland. She has trained residents and medical students in emergency medicine and provided health care in rural areas of Alaska and to hill tribes in Thailand. She joined Washington University's faculty in 1995.

### **Equal Rights Amendment**

The Missouri Legislature is working on the Equal Rights Amendment. (Mo Bill SCR30) Its sponsors are Senators Jolie Justus D-10, Shalonn Curls D-9, Jason Holsman D-7, Paul LeVota D-11 and Representative Gina Walsh D-13. Only Ms. Walsh is from the St. Louis area (Florissant). The other sponsors are from the Kansas City area. The bill's status in the House is that its second reading has been done. It has had its second reading in the Missouri Senate.



## **Book Groups**

**Kirkwood Webster AAUW Book Group:** The KWG Evening Book will meet March 17, 2014 at the St. Louis Bread Company located in the Greentree Shopping Center at the corner of Woodlawn and Manchester Road. The book is: Why Women Should Rule the World by Dee Dee Myers. Come at 6:30pm if you would like dinner before the discussion starts. The book discussion starts at 7:00pm.

March 17, 2014 Why Women Should Rule the World by Dee Dee Myers  
April 21, 2014 Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles  
May 19, 2014 **Planning Meeting:** Bring your ideas for next year's reading!!  
June 16, 2014 The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World II by Denise Kiernan

**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](mailto:tebrecht@yahoo.com). AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.

Mar 27: The Girls of Atomic City, by Denise Kiernan  
Apr 24: And the Mountain Echoed, by Kalid Kossini  
May 22: The Secret Daughter, by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

### ***The Tuesday Women's Association of Ethical Society And the American Association of University Women Present the 2014 International Relations Lecture Series***

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

*Rabbi Susan Talve, Founding Rabbi Central Reform Congregation and 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](mailto:jshull2@mindspring.com)

March 18 Feasting Fox 4200 South Grand

April 15 Blueberry Hill 6504 Delmar



## STEM NEWS & PROGRAMS

### ***AAUW Sponsoring International Women's Hackathon***

#### ***Organize an International Women's Hackathon on Your Campus***

***Date: April 25-27, 2014***

Peggy Woods-Clark announced that AAUW is sponsoring an event to support college women who are in STEM programs. She writes: We wanted to make you aware of an upcoming event and ask you to help spread the word to your networks, women in STEM groups, or interested students. The web post below gives all needed information: rules, regulations & registration is available at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2014/04/international-womens-hackathon/>.

**One campus registered through AAUW has the chance to win a \$300 gift certificate.**

The deadline for official hackathon [team registration](#) is March 24.

If you're in the AAUW community and would like to organize a hackathon on your campus, please fill out the form below. You will be entered to win a \$300 gift certificate, which will go to a randomly chosen, registered hackathon team.

***AAUW & Alcoa Foundation Team Up for STEM Programming:*** it was announced on 2/19/2014, that AAUW was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation to expand its successful Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics programs to girls at new sites, where Alcoa has operations: Székesfehérvár, Hungary, and Barberton, Ohio, in the United States. Over the next two years, this collaboration will give hundreds of middle school girls the chance to participate in fun, experiential STEM programs that demonstrate the opportunities and benefits for women in these fields.

### ***FIRST Robotics Championship is seeking volunteers to help staff its event on Thursday and Friday April 24, 25.***

*Christine Nobbe* is asking us to consider helping FIRST, an acronym "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". Their stated mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

The particular need at the FIRST Championship is help staffing the Safety Glass Stations. They like to have groups of 6 to 8 work together to share the work. Some work while others enjoy the competition, then they rotate. If this is of interest to you, then please contact Mike and to work out details on days and times. There are other possible volunteer opportunities depending on the days you have available. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mike Gambill, (St Louis FRC FIRST Volunteer Coordinator, 636 675-1217) <http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/vision>



## Other News & Items

**Health Literacy:** *In Missouri, limited health literacy affects 1.6 million, with an increasing number of studies linking limited health literacy to poor health.* Lifelong Learning @ UMSL is hosting a symposium is to encourage and promote health insurance literacy and its processes to promote better healthy decisions. Come discuss with specialists in the field how we can be more literate and more involved in promoting this essential area of health care.

Topics are: Health Insurance Literacy, Identifying Awareness, & Promoting Healthy Communities. This event is sponsored by Missouri Foundation for Health, Des Lee Collaborative Vision In cooperation with AAUW.

For more information, contact Malaika Horne, PhD, Director, UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium, 314-516-4749 email: hornem@umsl.edu

*Date: Friday, March 28, 2014 Time: 8:00 AM—12:30 PM at J.C. Penney Conference Center;  
Early Registration before 3/14: \$10 Registration after 3/14: \$20  
Light breakfast and snacks will be served.*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** It's now possible to get an AAUW branch, state, and national membership online. New or renewing members can pay for their membership at the link <http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/>. It's as easy as ordering a book from Amazon or Barnes and Noble! Previously, new members could only join online as national members. Since both Missouri AAUW and Kirkwood-Webster Branch participate in AAUW's membership payment program, our branch is eligible for this service.

**AAUW MID-WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE:** This event is scheduled for June 13-14, 2014 at Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks Missouri. The keynote speaker is Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations. There is a choice of 11 different breakout sessions; public policy panel, open forum, an all-participant opening reception, along with other events & activities. Contact: Shirley Breeze, [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com)

**AAUW Art Contest:** In this year's AAUW Art Contest there were some local entries. A member of B-C branch entered two photos. They are titled: "End of a Dream" and "Painting with Flowers". St. Charles also has two painting entries: "Seaside View" and "Winter Woods".

Members were allowed to vote every week through *February 28 for their 6 favorite entries. The winning pieces will appear on the 2014 spring note cards. Here is a link to the gallery:*  
[https://svc.aauw.org/contests/NoteCardEntries\\_wp.cfm](https://svc.aauw.org/contests/NoteCardEntries_wp.cfm)

Go to AAUW Art contest. You will need your AAUW Number (on your Outlook magazine) and a password.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Our deepest sympathies go out to former branch member, *June Waters* on the death of her husband Dick.

