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## Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch Newsletter

# **January 2015 No. 5**

Note: No branch meeting in January, but plenty of other activities are taking place, such as Book Groups, Downtown Lunch, and International Lecture Series. Check details below. Mark your calendar now for the February 12 branch meeting with guest speaker, civil rights attorney Denise Lieberman.

#### INTEREST GROUPS

# **AAUW KWG Evening Book Group**

Meets third Mondays. Contact Kay Meyer, 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer51@gmail.com, for more information.

January 19: *The Goldfinch,* by Donna Tartt. The meeting will be on the mezzanine level of the Schnucks store at 12332 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO 631431. Book discussion starts at 7 p.m.

February 16: *The Whistling Season,* by Ivan Doig March 16: *The Scarlet Sisters,* by Myra MacPherson

April 20: Still Foolin' Em, by Billy Crystal

May 18: Planning and book selection meeting June 15: *Peace Like a River,* by Leif Enger

# **AAUW Adelante Reading Group**

Meets fourth Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Contact Teri Brecht, tebrecht@yahoo.com, for more information.

January 23: Orphan Train, by Christina Baker Kline. Reviewer: Julie Triplett

February 26: The Round House, by Louise Erdrich. Reviewer: Sharon Gill

March 26: My Beloved World, by Sonia Sotomayor. Reviewer: Linda Roberson

April 23: Calla Lilies, by Kay Corbett. Reviewer: Phyllis Guberman

May 28: The Faith Club, by Rayna Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, Priscilla Warner. Reviewer: Carol Davis

McDonald

# **AAUW IBC Downtown Lunch Group**

Meets third Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. Contact Kay Meyer for reservations: 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer51@gmail.com.

January 20: Giovanni's Kitchen (Italian), 8831 Ladue Road, Ladue 63124 (in the Colonial Marketplace shopping center) (314-721-4100)

February 17: Ranoush (Syrian), 6501 Delmar Blvd., University City (314-726-6874)

March 17: Rooster (Crepes), 3150 S. Grand, St. Louis, 63118 (314-772-3447)

April 21: Hendel's Market Café (American), 599 St. Denis Street, Florissant, 63031 (314-837-2304)

May 19: Ferguson Brewing Company (American), 418 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, 63135 (314-521-2220)

June 16: Three Flags Tavern (American), 4940 Southwest Ave., St. Louis, 63110 (314-669-9222)



#### **International Relations Lecture Series**

Meets second Tuesdays January-April at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd. (see flyer attached)

January 13: "The End of the Ottoman Empire" February 10: "The Status of Women in the World" March 10: "Will 3-D Printing Change the World?"

April 14: "The State of Our Oceans"

#### **NEWS**

### **Memorial Service**

The memorial service for Jean Shull will be January 17 at 1 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 W. Adams. A dessert reception will follow. Memorial donations to AAUW in Jean's memory may be sent to Phyllis Foster or Barbara Johnson. Link to her obituary: http://www.websterkirkwoodtimes.com/Obituary-6552.114137-Mary-Jean-Shull-nee-Hatch.html#axzz3NQvvsG8h

## **AAUW Dues**

Reminder: If you haven't renewed yet, you can do so online through www.aauw.org, or mail dues with your check made out to AAUW (not Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW) to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr., Manchester, MO 63011. Dues are \$74 (\$49 national, \$10 state, \$15 branch).

#### **CALENDAR**

January 6: Branch board meeting, home of Gloria Campion January 9-10: Legislative retreat, Columbia (see flyer attached) January 24: AAUW Missouri board meeting

February 12: Branch meeting, Oak Bend Library. Guest speaker: Civil Rights Attorney Denise Lieberman March 21: St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council Spring Fling luncheon at The Highlands Golf and Tennis Clubhouse in Forest Park, 5143 Clayton Ave., St. Louis 63112

April 9: Branch meeting, Oak Bend Branch Library. STEM awards to high school girls. Speaker TBA. May 14: Annual Awards Banquet, the Jefferson Grill

#### **WEBSITES**

Branch: kwg-mo.aauw.net

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

## 2015 International Relations Lecture Series

Ethical Society of St Louis 9001 Clayton Road St Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 in the lower meeting room. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45 – 50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224

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January 13, 2015

# The End of the Ottoman Empire, the Creation of the Modern Middle East

Speaker: Dr Tahmineh Entessar, Retired Assistant Director of the Graduate Program in International Relations, Webster University.

What role did the politics of oil and the politics of containment of communism play in the creation and maintenance of the modern Middle East? How did the fall of the Soviet Union change the focus of the Western influence in the Middle East? How did these political events create the conditions for the development of terrorist groups? Dr Entessar will answer these questions and enlighten us on how these issues affect us and the world.

Coordinators: Marcia Cline, TWA; Roz Marx, AAUW

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February 10, 2015

## The Status of Women in the World

Speaker: Dr. Farida Jalalzai, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

This talk will focus on trends in women's office holding worldwide. Dr. Jalalzai will analyze the factors related to women's ascension to legislative and executive office holding and potential effects of women's inclusion on policy outcomes and institutional practices. She will conclude that women's presence in political offices offers tremendous democratic benefits for societies.



Coordinators: Carolyn Herkstroeter, AAUW; Kay Meyer, TWA & AAUW



March 10, 2015

# Will 3-D Printing Change the World

Speaker: Warren Doherty, Market Wide Format Specialist at Konica Minolta

The present possibilities of 3-D Printing are both alarming and inspiring, from the printing of working guns by individuals in homes to creating complex prosthetic body parts. How will such manufacturing be regulated? How will it affect economics, politics, war? Mr. Doherty, from a background of 23 years in the printing and copying field, will explain how this revolutionary technology works, what it has produced in the past, what it is doing in the present, and how it could affect our world in the future.

Coordinators: Susie Teisher, AAUW; Kayla Vaughan, TWA



April 14, 2015

## Shattered Arctic Ocean in Peril

Speaker: Randall Hyman, Fulbright Scholar in Journalism

Randall Hyman has covered the Arctic environment since 1980 for a range of publications, from Smithsonian Magazine to National Geographic Books. In 2013 he traveled four months across the High Arctic as a Fulbright Scholar and guest of the Norwegian Polar Institute, and then returned in August 2014 as a guest of the National Science Foundation. With each trip to the High North, he has found another reason to return, drawn by the region's austere beauty and perilous future. The Arctic Ocean, in particular, serves as a crystal ball for the rest of the planet, a reservoir of change, vast yet fragile, and severely impacted by global human activity. In his presentation, Mr. Hyman examines warming waters, melting sea ice and the secret lives of deep-water clams as harbingers of the future we are forging for our entire planet

Coordinators: Ruth Hyman, TWA; Kathy Kendrick, TWA



# WOMEN'S ISSUES LEGISLATIVE RETREAT

"The State of Politics for Women in Missouri"

Saturday, January 10, 2015\* 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Hy-Vee Grocery Conference Room 405 E Nifong Blvd. Columbia MO (573-442-8595)

The agenda will include a review of the 2014 MO Legislative Session and a preview of the 2015 Session.

The 2014 mid-term national and state elections will be analyzed.

Legislation Priorities for the upcoming session will be determined.

\*For those wishing to travel to Columbia the night before, the Stony Creek Inn is nearby.

To receive more information, e-mail <u>sbreeze@mindspring.com</u> or <u>mmosley@tranquility.net</u>