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

Who we are...

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest study groups, and public outreach events, by engaging in political action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and by supporting area young women and girls directly. We are one of six branches in the St. Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro Saint Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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You are cordially invited to our November program . . .

stEM in St. Louis
November 19, 6:30 – 9 pm
Kirkwood Community Center Room 200
111 S. Geyer Road

This meeting will begin at 6:30 and focus on two engineering and math programs in St. Louis. We'll also be collecting donations of non-perishables for Kirkcare.



At 6:30, Nicholas Kirschman and students from the Statesbots FIRST Robotics team will demonstrate their robots and encourage hands-on interaction. At 7, the students will provide a brief update on their project for the school year.



At 7:30, Cynthia Hoffman and Shelley Propst of Project MEGSSS and Dr. Doug Hunt of IMACS will present information about two math programs in St. Louis: Project MEGSSS and IMACS. The MEGSSS website states, "Project MEGSSS is a nonprofit, mathematics resource for all parents, teachers, and schools. We offer high challenge programming for math-talented students, grades 5 through 8, designed to broaden their mathematics exposure and inspire students to develop solid critical thinking skills." Likewise, IMACS, a for-profit company, provides programming designed to expand a child's mind through the development of critical thinking, logic, and reasoning skills. These programs developed in different ways, a production of the same government-funded educational laboratory in the 1970's, and since then, have provided access to unique programming for talented math students in the region. Be prepared to develop your critical thinking skills with a math activity.

Visit these sites for more info:

www.megsss.org

www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc

hs.webster.k12.mo.us/

A Message from President Kay Meyer . . .

It was so good to see so many members at the October program! Once again, the program was informative and educational! Ted Weiner's presentation ***Fighting Fraud, Scams and Identity Theft*** was packed with helpful information and reminders for safeguarding our online identity, and the materials and resources he provided were excellent!

Because the December program is on the 2nd Thursday instead of the 3rd Thursday, we are including information about it here. Join us and experience Christmas in Kirkwood. Feel free to bring a friend! Call or email your RSVPs to me.



Plowsharing Crafts and Holiday Dinner. This meeting will be held on the **second** Thursday, **December 10**, at Plowsharing Crafts (137 W. Jefferson) and Jefferson Grill in Kirkwood with shopping at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch will make 15% of all sales from 6 pm to close AND during the day our Branch earns money if the purchaser mentions AAUW! What a wonderful opportunity! Buy gifts, help people across the globe with fair trade products, AND earn money for AAUW-KWG! Please invite all of your friends to come and shop! Also, invite friends for dinner! **We do need an RSVP for dinner.** Please contact Kay at 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer51@gmail.com if you can attend the holiday dinner. Visit <http://plowsharing.org/> to learn more about Plowsharing Crafts and <http://www.jeffersongrill.com/> to study the menu at Jefferson Grill.

ATTENTION MEMBERS. September is the month that we traditionally discuss and vote on the operating budget for the current fiscal year. The board has recommended approval of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. Please review it (at end of newsletter) and let me know your questions.

Carol Davis McDonald

Kirk Care, the Kirkwood Community Food and Financial Assistance Organization

K-WG will once again collect donations of nonperishable food items at each of its monthly program meetings. Kirk Care is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization formed by the Kirkwood Ministerial Alliance. Its mission is to help the needy who live within the boundary of the Kirkwood R7 School District. Tax deductible contributions can also be made by check payable to "Kirk Care, Inc."

The need is great! Please bring what you can! (Please do not donate expired or opened items.)

The following donation suggestions came from a Reddit.com survey asking what items people using food banks would most appreciate.

1. Spices. Think about it. People who rely on the food bank eat a lot of canned food, rice, oatmeal, white bread, etc. They love spices. Seasoned salt, cayenne pepper, chili powder, cumin, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, oregano, basil and so on.
2. Chocolate. People don't need it, but think about being in their shoes and how nice it would be to be

given a chocolate bar or brownie mix along with your essentials.

3. Canned meats and jerky. Some food banks struggle to give users enough protein.
 4. Crackers and tortillas. They don't spoil and everybody likes them.
 5. Soup packets. Sometimes you look at rice, beans, instant potatoes, and cans of vegetables and think, "What do I make with this?" Hearty soup is a complete meal.
 6. Canned fruit other than pineapple. Food banks get a lot of pineapple donated. Their clients love it when other kinds of fruit are available.
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Report on AAUW MO Fall Focus, October 31!

Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategy Officer for AAUW National. Mark helps guide many AAUW programs such as Tech Trek, NCCWSL, and Start Smart/ Work Smart.

Member Nancy Hutchins attended the Fall Focus, sponsored by AAUW MO and the St. Louis Inter-Branch Council and presented by Mark Hopkins, Chief Strategy Officer for AAUW National. Mark presented an overview of where AAUW is now and where AAUW is going as well as updates to the Start Smart & Work Smart programs. Nancy was also recertified as a facilitator.

Mark requested that donations to AAUW go to unrestricted giving. He also shared an interesting fact: AAUW women live 10 years longer than women in the general population!

KWG Late Afternoon Book Group

This group meets monthly, and friends, family, and guests are always welcome to join the discussions.

Where: St. Louis Bread Company on Manchester in Kirkwood

When: 4:00 pm the 4th Monday of the month

Contact: Barbara Johnson, 314-962-3501
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- Nov 23 Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle by Fiona Carnavon
- Dec NO MEETING – Happy holidays!
- Jan 25 The Passion of Artemisia by Susan Vreeland
- Feb 22 The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown
- Mar 28 At the Water's Edge by Sara Gruen
- Apr 25 When Men Betray by Webb Hubbell
- May 23 Planning Meeting
- June 27 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
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Downtown Lunch Group (DLG)

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. For reservations contact Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer@yahoo.com.



Nov 17 Old Standard Fried Chicken

1621 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, 314-932-7818

Dec 15 The Restaurant at the Cheshire

7036 Clayton Avenue
St. Louis, 314-932-7818

St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)

Mark your calendar now for the 2016 Spring Fling to be held March 12 at The Highlands in Forest Park! This lovely annual luncheon is an opportunity for AAUW members from all area branches to get together and enjoy a special program. It's the only fund-raising activity for IBC.

The next IBC meeting is December 1 at 7 p.m. at Thornhill Branch library. All members are welcome to attend.

IBC ¡Adelante! Book Group

This group, started in 1996 as a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program, meets in September, October, and January through May to discuss books written from diverse perspectives. AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.

Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center, 1600 Clarkson Road

When: 1:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month
Contact: Teri Brecht, tebrecht@yahoo.com

- Jan 28 Disgruntled: A Novel, by Asali Solomon, 2001–02 AAUW American Fellow.
Reviewer: Deb McWard
- Feb 25 Neverhome, by Laird Hunt.
Reviewer: Julie Triplett
- Mar 24 The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd.
Reviewer: Karen Francis
- Apr 28 Go Set a Watchman, by Harper Lee.
Reviewer: Linda Roberson
- May 26 Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, by Cheryl Strayed.
Reviewer: Janice Rumfelt
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Legislative Retreat

Join women activists from all over the state on January 16, 2016, for the Annual Legislative Retreat. Hear presentations from women working with Missouri legislation and legislators, discover what legislation is proposed for the Missouri House and Senate for the 2016 session, make plans for effective lobbying for women's issues, learn how to effectively work with legislators, determine legislative priorities, and much more.

The Retreat will be held in the second floor conference room at the Hy Vee Grocery, 405 E Nifong Boulevard, in Columbia. It begins at 8:30 and will be completed by 2:30. There is no cost for registration. A free complimentary continental breakfast will be available upon arrival at 8:30; lunch Saturday will be purchased at the Hy Vee Deli by each participant. The Retreat is open to the public. Bring your progressive women friends.

To register call 314-831-5359 or 573-449-8062 or e-mail sbreeze@mindspring.com or gbutler111@aol.com.

Maya Angelou Bust in Hall of Famous Missourians

Remember our excitement when we installed a bust of Virginia Minor in the Hall of Famous Missourians in the State Capitol (third floor) last year? We now need to put this enthusiasm and commitment toward honoring another famous Missouri woman--Maya Angelou.

Maya Angelou is internationally-known as an author whose works include *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and *Mom and Me and Mom*. She also wrote outstanding works of poetry including *Wouldn't Take Nothing for my Journey Now* and *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I die*.

Ms. Angelou was born in St. Louis and spent some of her young life there.

The Speaker of the Missouri House determines who gets a bust in the Hall and the methods used to make this happen. There is a new Speaker so the process has been delayed somewhat. However, his office asks people promoting an individual to send him an e-mail requesting a person be considered with a short statement about the attributes of the person being nominated. These should be sent to Speaker of the House Todd Richardson at todd.richardson@house.mo.gov. The final decision is not expected until spring 2016. However, it helps to solidify the choice of Maya Angelou to have a great response early in the process.

Should Maya Angelou be chosen as one of the nominees, private money would need to be raised (about \$10,000) to hire a sculptor, and provide funds for the pedestal and the installation of the bust. She would be only the ninth woman in the Hall; there are 36 men represented.

AAUW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov 3 | Election Day |
| Nov 10 | Deadline--Nominating Title IX Champion |
| Nov 15 | Deadline--American Fellowships Applications |
| Nov 17 | Downtown Lunch Group |
| Nov 19 | KWG Branch Program: stEM in St. Louis, 6:30 |
| Nov 23 | Late Afternoon Book Group, 4:00 |
| Dec 1 | IBC Meeting, 7:00
Deadline--International Fellowships Applications |
| Dec 10 | KWG Branch Program: Plowsharing Crafts and Holiday Dinner, 6:30 |
| Dec 15 | Downtown Lunch Group
Deadline--Career Development Grants Applications
Deadline--International Project Grants Applications |

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| Jan 16 | Legislative Retreat, Columbia, MO |
| Mar 12 | IBC Spring Fling |
| Apr 12 | Equal Pay Day/Equity Rally |
| May 15 | Deadline--Mandatory Bylaw Revision |
| Jun 3-4 | Mid-West Regional Conference, Kansas City |
| Sep 3 | Re-creation of the Long Yellow Line, St. Louis |

Share your news! Send articles and information for the newsletter to:
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MIDWEST TEN STATE AAUW BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

June 3-4, 2016

(noon Friday to Saturday Late Afternoon)

Great Wolf Lodge
Kansas City, Kansas

Nationally Known Speakers
Inspiring Workshops
Ongoing Networking
AAUW Funds Money Making Opportunities
Award Winning Film
Open Forum
Public Policy Events
Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In
Recreation/Shopping Adventures
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Suite Rooms \$176.86 plus taxes and fees. Sleeps 6 people

For Conference information call 314-831-5359 or 636-938-3958

AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

2015-2016 Proposed Budget			
Carryover	Operating Funds	\$ 7,159.70	
	Leadership Development Fund	\$ 376.05	
	Math & Science Award Fund	\$ - 1.36	
	Jean Shull Memorial Funds	\$ 495.00	
	Deposit error by bank	\$ - 0.88	
	Bank account total:	\$ 8,028.51	
INCOME		Proposed	2014-2015 Actual
	Dues, 24 x \$15	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
	Banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Fundraising		
	Pecans	\$ 2,300.00	\$2,244.00
	Plowsharing Crafts	\$ 110.00	\$ 101.95
	Donations	\$ 40.00	\$ 355.00
	Jean Shull memorial	\$ 0.00	\$ 495.00
	Interest from CD	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.22
	Estimated income total:	\$ 2,844.00	\$3,590.17
	Carryover	\$ 7,159.70	
	Total, income and carryover:	\$ 10,003.70	
EXPENSES			
	Leadership	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
	Contributions		
	International Relations Lecture Series	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	MO Women's Network	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00
	AAUW, NCCWSL code 2504	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	AAUW Funds, in memorium (Giles & Shull)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	Public Relations/Visibility		
	Equality Day, half-page ad	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
	Math-Science Award	\$ 550.00	\$ 500.00
	Communications		
	Newsletter copying, postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 84.03
	Directory	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.97
	Fundraising		
	Scherner Pecans	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,414.08
	General Meetings		
	Program speakers	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00
	Equipment	\$ 60.00	\$
	Meeting room	\$ 210.00	\$ 100.00
	Banquet (speaker's meal)	\$ 100.00	\$ 28.00
	Miscellaneous supplies, etc.	\$ 200.00	\$ 29.07
	Estimated expenditures:	\$ 4,120.00	\$3,385.32
	2016-2017 estimated carryover:	\$ 5,883.70	
	Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,500.00	\$5,500.00