
"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 January program . . .

MakerSpace!

January 21, 6:30 pm

Grand Center Arts Academy

711 N. Grand Boulevard

Andrew Goodin is St Louis's premier MakerSpace Educator working with students at Grand Center Arts Academy and teaching educators in Metro-St. Louis. Andrew will introduce us to his Makerspace, to the process of Design Thinking, and will guide us in creating something. He can also provide information about working in an urban environment with a diverse population of students. Come and learn with Andrew!

Arrive between 6:30 and 6:50. Presentation begins at 7:00.

Street Parking on Grandel Square outside the building or in a GCAA parking lot 3/4 of a block west of Grand on the north side of Grandel Square.

The building is locked, and Chris Nobbe will stay at the door to let people in. Please RSVP to Kay Meyer, 314-962-7487, or kicmeyer51@gmail.com so that we know who to expect. Carpooling will be arranged with those who RSVP.

Andrew teaches at Grand Center Arts Academy in the Makerspace, an open lab for students to maximize their creative genius. Andrew has observed that his students learn best when they create meaning for themselves. As such, each project in the Makerspace permits students to integrate their understanding of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) in a project-based atmosphere.

To learn more about Andrew and his Makerspace before the meeting visit <http://thedisruptiondepartment.org/our-team/> and <https://gcaamakerspace.wordpress.com/>

Kirk Care, the Kirkwood Community Food and Financial Assistance Organization

K-WG will continue collecting 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.)

Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Symposium

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch received a national grant to fund a very important symposium presented by the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT). It will be held at the Spencer Library, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376 on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, from 8:15 am until 1:00 pm. See the attached flyer for more details. It is free, but attendees must register in advance. This is a free event, but you must register at www.stcharlescoalition.com. For more information contact apatriciashores@att.net or 636-938-3958.

International Relations Lectures

The International Relations Lecture Series begins January 12 at the Ethical Society of St. Louis in Clayton. See the attached flyer for full details of each meeting. The meeting begins at 10:45 am in the upper auditorium. 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.

In January, the topic is Politics and Problems of the World's Water Resources. Dr. Robert Criss, MS, PhD, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Washington University, is the speaker. Dr. Criss worked as a geologist with the United States Geological Survey. He is the author of *Principles of Stable Isotope Distribution* (Oxford University Press, 1999). His published papers and editorial commentary encompass many disciplines and have appeared in more than 40 different scientific journals, several government series, numerous books and four newspapers. Touching on his experience Dr. Criss will discuss the water crisis in Mexico, China, and the United States.

Women's Legislative Retreat

State Representative Stephen Webber will be the keynote speaker for the Annual Legislative Retreat on January 16, 2016. Rep. Webber, who is a candidate for the state senate, was the lead sponsor of the most viable pay equity bill in the last session of the Missouri Legislature.

A current issues panel will be another part of the program. The panel will consist of three experts on issues likely to be addressed in the upcoming MO Legislative session:

- Nancy Cross, who is an officer in Local 1 SEIU, will present the negative and positive effects of the Right-to-Work movement
- Denise Liberman, a lawyer and former legal director of the ACLU and an authority on voter suppression, will address that issue
- Martha Stevens, who is running for the Legislature from the 46th District and a long-time advocate for health care access, will explain how Medicaid Expansion is vital to the people of the state.

Legislative priorities will be set and procedures for lobbying for women's issues will be discussed, also.

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.

ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY

A flyer about the 43rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision is included with this newsletter. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016, at the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis.

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
Kay Meyer, 314-962-7487
kicmeyer@yahoo.com

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

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 February 16 at 7 p.m. at Thornhill Branch library. All members are welcome to attend.

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.



- Jan 19 **Nordstrom Cafe Bistro**
47 West County Center, 63131
314-255-2000
- Feb 16 **Mathew's Kitchen**
5625 Hampton Avenue, 63109
314-351-1700
- Mar 15 **Union Loafer's Café & Bakery**
1629 Tower Grove, 63110
314-833-6111
- Apr 19 **Felix's Pizza Pub**
6401 Clayton Road, 63139
314-645-6565
- May 17 **Evangeline's Bistro & Music House**
512 N. Euclid Avenue, 63108
314-367-3644
- June 21 **Lombardo's Trattoria at Drury Inn**
201 S. 20th Street, 63103
314-621-0666

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 Rumpf

Public Policy by Shirley Breeze

Several controversial bills have been pre-filed in the Missouri legislature. Most all of them were addressed in the last session. Among these bills is Voter ID, or more realistically, Voter Suppression.

Voter ID laws require that all citizens must present identification to vote. Often the ID requires a photo. Those individuals who oppose this legislation state that the US should be finding ways to increase opportunities to vote rather than restricting voting. Requiring a photo ID puts an undue burden on certain segments of society, particularly the elderly and disabled, minority groups, those residing in remote areas of the country, and the poor. Married women, also, often have difficulty because of name changes due to marriage or divorce. However, those who support the practice of requiring a photo ID say that this is just logical to prevent fraud. Photo IDs are required for other major activities in life, such as boarding an aircraft, picking up a prescription, receiving government checks or assistance.

Most people agree that requiring identification for voting is not necessarily a bad thing; however, those with photos are much more difficult to obtain. Should these be required, access to getting them should be easy and readily available and should be free or inexpensive.

Panel on Human Trafficking

On January 29 Rescue & Restore, CATE, & Central Reform Congregation are sponsoring a panel to discuss what you can do about human trafficking in St. Louis. This program will be held at 5020 Waterman at 6:30pm. See the attached flyer for details.

Legislative Action Forum on Sexual Assault, Right-to-Work, and Minimum Wage

On February 27 AAUW St. Louis is hosting a three-person panel forum to discuss these topics at the National, State and Local levels. The program begins at 10 am at Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman Blvd, 2 blocks north of Washington University campus. See the attached flyer for more information.

This event is free but online registration is requested.

Register at:

<http://aauwstlfcb2016forum.eventzilla.net/>. Call (314) 727-9918 if you have questions or to register by phone.

Member Updates

Nancy Gerber, longtime Ferguson-Florissant Branch member and friend of many in AAUW, is living in a nursing home. Nancy would love to hear from her AAUW friends. Her address is:
Life Care Center of Florissant
1201 Garden Plaza Drive
Florissant, MO 63033

Change of Address for Nora Beiswenger to:

575 W. Glendale Rd
St. Louis, MO 63119-3514
314-274-2699

BeiswengerN@gmail.com

Calendar

Jan 12	SCCAT Human Trafficking Symposium (see flyer)
Jan 12	International Relations Lecture (see flyer)
Jan 16	Women's Legislative Retreat, Columbia, MO (see flyer)
Jan 19	Downtown Lunch Group
Jan 21	Branch Meeting
Jan 23	Roe v Wade Anniversary Celebration (see flyer)
Jan 25	K-WG Late Afternoon Book Group
Jan 28	iAdelante! Book Group
Jan 29	Panel on Human Trafficking (see flyer)
Feb 16	IBC Board Meeting
Feb 27	Legislative Action Forum (see flyer)
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 (see flyer)
Sep 3	Re-creation of the Long Yellow Line, St. Louis

Share your news! Send articles and information for the newsletter to:

Marsha Koch, 1742 Connemara Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021
636-256-3746

marshak@gmage.net

St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT)

BREAKING THE CHAINS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016
8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Spencer Library
427 Spencer Road
St. Peters, MO 63376**

Keynote Address

Jillian Anderson,
St. Charles County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Breakout Sessions

Vulnerability and Recruitment

Amanda Mohl, International Institute of St. Louis
Lt. Chris Mateja, St. Charles County Sheriff's Department

Exploitation (Force, Fraud, Coercion)

Deanna McPherson, Safe Connections and The Covering House

Victims

Amanda Colegrove, Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation
Kendan Elliott, Youth in Need

Plenary Session

Recovery

Christine McDonald, Author, Cry Purple

This is a free event but you must register at www.stcharlescoalition.com

For more information contact apatriciashores@att.net or 636-938-3958

This project was made possible in full by a grant from American Association of University Women (AAUW)



**2016
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RETREAT
January 16, 2016**

8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

The second floor conference room at the Hy Vee Grocery,
405 E Nifong Boulevard, Columbia MO

Join activists from across Missouri in working for legislation that will enhance the lives of Missouri's women. The Retreat is open to the public.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: State Representative
Stephen Webber**

Stephen Weber is a candidate for the state senate, and was the lead sponsor of the most viable pay equity bill in the last session of the Missouri Legislature.

Other presentations at the Retreat will include the issues of minimum wage, right-to-work, ethics, Medicaid expansion and more.

Legislative priorities will be set and procedures for lobbying for women's issues will be discussed.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be available upon arrival. Lunch will be purchased at the Hy Vee Deli by each participant.

Registration is required. To register call 314-831-5359 or 573-449-8062 or e-mail sbreeze@mindspring.com or gbutler1111@aol.com.



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

2016 International Relations Lecture Series

Ethical Society of St Louis

9001 Clayton Road

St Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January to April, in the upper auditorium. 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.



January 12, 2016

Politics and Problems of the World's Water Resources

Dr. Robert Criss, MS, PhD, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Washington University, St Louis, MO

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Coordinator: Susan Teicher

Assistant Coordinator: Kay Meyer



February 9, 2016

The Climate Crisis – Status post-Paris

Ken Denson, Climate Change Activist, St. Louis

Ken Denson is a life-long environmentalist, with a heavy focus in recent years on understanding the causes and solutions to the Climate Crisis; he has resided in the St. Louis area since 1980. Following his retirement in 2014 from a technical career, initially in academic scientific research support and then in information technology, Ken has increased his volunteer efforts with several organizations with local to international reach that are pressing for action to address the Climate Crisis. His educational background is in Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry. This presentation will provide an overview of the Climate Crisis and examine where we are following the UN Climate Conference held in Paris December 2015.

Coordinator: Julie Triplett

Assistant Coordinator: Barbara Jeffries



March 8, 2016

Microeconomics: How Incentives Drive Our Behavior

John Horn, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Olin Business School, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

Microeconomics is the study of how individuals – consumers, companies, government agencies, workers, managers – make decisions. Collectively, these millions of decisions lead to the outcomes we observe in the economy. By understanding why individuals behave the way they do, economics can help us think about what would change if we changed the laws or policies or norms that govern how we interact. This session will give an overview of microeconomic principles and allow for the opportunity to discuss how this can be used to explain specific outcomes in the economy.

Coordinator: Connie Gray

Assistant Coordinator: Charleen Walsh



April 12, 2016

A Global Perspective on Addressing Gun Violence

Ryan D. Kulik, MA, BA Political Science, BFA Theater Arts, Managing Partner RD Kulik and Associates, Head Editor for SeedSing.com

Ryan D. Kulik has spent over 20 years working as a lobbyist, public relations consultant, and policy advisor in regards to gun violence prevention. He specializes in taking controversial issues and creating new partnerships with the goal of implementing positive social change. Through SeedSing.com, Mr. Kulik has created a community of independent journalists who, without influence or bias, spotlight the politics and popular culture of the day. The United States has recently seen a spate of high profile shootings. With an eye toward this violence, Mr. Kulik is going to delve into the issue of how gun laws effect the overall well-being of our global society. Do other industrialized nations have the same public health crisis that the United States is experiencing? How have developing nations dealt with the culture of gun ownership, and what role does this play in their society's rates of violence and injury? The multi-media presentation will try to shed light on the question "Do guns make more, or less, Safe?"

Coordinator: Usha Sathe

Assistant Coordinator: Nancy Hutchins

43RD ANNIVERSARY

ROE V. WADE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis | 5007 Waterman Blvd, St. Louis 63108

2:00-3:30 PM

CELEBRATE 43 years of legal abortion.

HEAR the stories of women and men who needed,
and provided, abortion before and after Roe.

SHARE why you support access.

RECOMMIT to keeping abortion safe and legal for the next generation.



ADVOCATES - Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri



**Missouri Women's
Network**



Any donation is welcome to support pro-reproductive
health citizen lobby days in Jefferson City!

Please Contact Alison
with questions at 314-531-8616

Rescue and Restore, Coalition Against Trafficking & Exploitation, and Central Reform Congregation present:

Panel on Human trafficking

Thursday January 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Central Reform Congregation

5020 Waterman Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

Concerned about human trafficking in your hometown?

Come find out how you can help!

EXPERTS:

Amanda Mohl, St. Louis Rescue and Restore Coalition

The Covering House





St. Louis (MO) Branch

AAUW St. Louis Presents...

**A Legislative Action Forum – on Sexual Assault,
Right-to-Work, and Minimum Wage**

Saturday February 27, 2016 - 10 am – noon

Grace United Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

AAUW St. Louis is hosting a three-person panel forum with a moderator. The topics are Legislative Actions at the National, State and Local levels.

National - Sexual Assault – Field Representative for Senator Claire McCaskill, Divine Shelton, will discuss the status of the bill "Campus Accountability and Safety Act" and other efforts to combat sexual violence.

MO State – Right-to-Work – Presenter - Joe Keaveny, Missouri State Senator District 4, City of St. Louis.

Local - Minimum Wage – Presenter - Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman for Ward 28, City of St. Louis.

Each speaker will share for about 20 minutes and then there will be a moderated discussion.

Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

Light refreshments will be served.

Program Themes and Purpose

Because 2016 is a national election year, the St. Louis Branch is choosing to focus its Feb 2016 event on informing members and interested guests on key legislation that is currently under debate at the national, state and local levels.

We hope this program will get people engaged and inspired to actively work in these legislative areas. At the end of the program, we will ask people to sign up for follow-up interest groups for each of these areas. The AAUW STL Branch will coordinate ongoing needed action in these areas up through the date of the national election in November 2016.

Location: Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112
(2 blocks north of Washington University campus.)

Parking lot is one block north of the church at McPherson and Skinker

[Get Directions](#)

This event is free, but registration is requested. We prefer on-line registration if possible.

Register At - <http://aauwstlfeb2016forum.eventzilla.net/>

Call (314) 727-9918 if you have questions or to register by phone.

JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!



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
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Open Forum

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Recreation/Shopping Adventures
FUN and More!

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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