
"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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The IBC Spring Fling luncheon on Saturday, March 12, served as our March monthly meeting, and this newsletter is for both March and April. The next newsletter will be in May.

You are cordially invited to our April program . . .

**AAUW Fellow Rachel Reid and
K-WG's STEM Awardees!
KWG Business Meeting (after presentations)
Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm
Kirkwood Community Center**

Mark your calendar now for our April branch meeting, Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center. Guest speaker will be AAUW Fellow Rachel Reid from Washington University. Our high school STEM awardees and their parents will be invited. This is an important meeting to attend because we will elect several branch officers for the next term and have our brief annual business meeting.

Celebrating 45 Years!

Save the Date for the May Program - Saturday, May 21

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of our branch, and President Kay Meyer has received a congratulatory letter from AAUW National. We plan to celebrate throughout the next year and will invite founding members to participate.



The May branch program meeting has traditionally been an evening banquet and celebration of the end of another successful year of programs and fund raising. This year we will celebrate at a luncheon at Sisters Tea House in Fenton. Luncheon choices will be from their menu and made at the time of the luncheon.

Our year of celebration of our 45th anniversary will be kicked off at this luncheon. Every effort will be made to locate founding members to invite them to the luncheon. If you have contact information for any of the founding members, please send it to Marsha Koch.

The May newsletter will contain details. Be sure to save the date on your calendar! Transportation assistance to the luncheon will be arranged if expressed when RSVPing.

2016-2017 Officers

Three positions become vacant in 2016: membership, finance, and secretary. Carol Davis McDonald and Lynne Roney will continue in their roles as Finance Vice President and Recording Secretary respectively. Jeannie Webdell and Marsha Koch will serve as Co-Membership Vice Presidents.

Confirmation of this slate of officers will be part of the annual business meeting on April 21.

New! Office Depot Store Purchasing Card!

AAUW has partnered with Office Depot and Office Max for a free national discount program available to all members. Save up to 80 percent off preferred products, online and in stores, for AAUW and personal purchases and free next-day delivery on orders over \$50!

Go to <http://www.officediscounts.org/aauw.html> (requires membership login to AAUW) and click on the "Print Free Card" button. Office Depot/Office Max will laminate the card for you.

Please use your card for all purchases for AAUW business. Black and white photocopying is currently only 2 cents per copy.

Support [Kirk Care](#)

Beginning in April KWG will accept cash donations only (not food donations) for Kirk Care at each of its monthly program meetings. Tax deductible contributions can be made by check payable to "Kirk Care, Inc." and a jar will be at each meeting for donations of money.

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. The need is great! Please consider making a donation.

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

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

Suggestions for Programs!

Our program vice-president Chris Nobbe will begin planning next year's programs this summer. If you have an idea or resource for a program that you think would be good for a KWG meeting, please send it to Chris Nobbe.

[IBC](#) (Saint Louis Metro Interbranch Council)

IBC consists of AAUW branches located within the City of Saint Louis, Saint Louis County, Saint Charles County, Jefferson County, and Franklin County. This group promotes member communication and supports students attending [NCCWSL](#), AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Two NCCWSL Scholarships Awarded

St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council has announced the recipients of two scholarships to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) sponsored by AAUW:

- Janet Kagoda, a student at the University of Missouri St. Louis, who will graduate in social work in December 2016 and continue graduate studies.
- Liz Koenig, a student from Webster University majoring in psychology with a minor in gender studies and graduating in May 2017.

The selection committee consisted of a representative from each branch: Shirley Breeze, Kathy Brown, Suzanne Couch, Carol Davis McDonald, Debbie McWard, and Lynne Roney. IBC coordinates donation of funds for the scholarships from branches and individuals. The fund is slightly short of money for extras such as bus fare from the airport and meals during the preconference events, so additional donations are welcome. This was announced at the IBC Spring Fling luncheon. Donors may send checks to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011. NCCWSL is held June 2-4 at the University of Maryland.

International Relations Lecture

Tuesday, April 12

A Global Perspective on Addressing Gun Violence presented by Ryan D. Kulik, MA, BA Political Science, BFA Theater Arts, Managing Partner RD Kulik and Associates, Head Editor for SeedSing.com

The International Relations Lecture Series held on Tuesdays at the Ethical Society of St. Louis in Clayton is sponsored by AAUW. 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.

Downtown Lunch Group

You are invited to meet and lunch with area AAUW members on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:45 am. Good conversation and interesting restaurants! For reservations contact Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer@yahoo.com.



- 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

¡Adelante! Book Group

Note change of books for April and May.

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

Mar 24 The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd.

Reviewer: Karen Francis

Apr 28 Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, by Cheryl Strayed.

Reviewer: Janice Rumpfelt

May 26 Go Set a Watchman, by Harper Lee.

Reviewer: Linda Roberson

Ferguson Florissant I ♥ Authors

Saturday, March 19

Readers and writers are invited to meet local authors, purchase autographed books, and get advice on writing and publishing on Saturday, March 19, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Corner Coffee House, 100 N. Florissant Road in downtown Ferguson. Students are welcome!

See the attached flyer for details.

St. Charles Ladies Tea Time Trivia

Saturday, April 23

St. Charles' annual trivia afternoon raises funds for its scholarship fund. Trivia will feature 10 categories of women's interests and general topics—no men's sports questions!

Kay Meyer is organizing a KWG team. Call Kay to sign up to play with KWG members.

See the attached flyer for more information.

[AAUW of Missouri](#)

This is the state organization of AAUW that consists of AAUW branches located throughout the state of Missouri and sponsors annual activities for all members.

Equity Action Day Tuesday, April 12

Join women from 13 other local organizations in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 12, for legislative briefing and to lobby legislators. A \$36 donation includes bus transportation and lunch.

When you register with Karen Francis or Pat Shores you will be asked to confirm your House and Senate representative's name and office location and, optionally, order a Panera box lunch. The Capitol lunch room will be crowded, and ordering a box lunch is recommended.

See the attached flyer for details and registration information.

Annual Meeting Saturday, April 30

The annual meeting of AAUW of Missouri will be held on Saturday, April 30, in Jefferson City. Join AAUW members from around the state for networking and two leadership training sessions. Register before April 8 to get the early bird pricing of just \$60, which includes a luncheon with AAUW MO Fellow Rachel Reid.

Lynne Roney and several other KWG members will attend, leaving early Saturday morning and returning Saturday evening. If you would like to go and carpool, contact Lynne Roney.

See the attached flyer for details and registration form.

Public Policy

The following important message is from our state public policy co-chairs.

As you know, Ballwin-Chesterfield has received an AAUW Community Action Grant for the next two years, *Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking*.

We would appreciate your support of MO HB 1396, which has been approved by AAUW national.

Representative Tracy McCreery's bill (**HB 1396**), to allow victims of human trafficking to participate in the address confidentiality program, is on the House calendar for debate. Currently, the Secretary of State administers a program to protect victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, or stalking by assigning substitute addresses to such victims. State and local government agencies must accept the substitute address when creating public records relating to a participant in the program. This bill allows victims of human trafficking to participate in the program.

Please contact your state Representative in Jefferson City urging her or him to support this bill.

You can read it here

<http://house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1396I.PDF> or get a summary of it here <http://house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/sumpdf/HB1396C.pdf>

Thank you,

Pat Shores and Karen Francis

AAUW MO Public Policy Co-Chairs

Calendar

Mar 19	Ferguson Florissant I ❤️ Authors (see flyer)
Apr 12	Equal Pay Day/Equity Rally (see flyer)
Apr 12	International Relations Lecture (see flyer)
Apr 23	St. Charles Branch "Ladies Tea Time Trivia" (see flyer)
Apr 30	MO Annual State Meeting (see flyer)
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

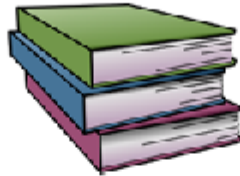
Share your news! Send articles and information for the newsletter to:

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OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

LET'S GET READY!

EQUITY ACTION DAY



TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

**STATE CAPITAL BUILDING
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
8:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

**HOUSE HEARING ROOM 2, CAPITOL BUILDING
8:30 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOR PARTICIPANTS
8:45 A.M. TO 10:45 A.M. LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**

CITIZEN LOBBYING

**11:00 A.M. TO NOON VISIT YOUR STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE
NOON LUNCH IN HOUSE HEARING ROOM 2 OR THE CAPITOL
1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. VISIT YOUR STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE**

RESERVATIONS

**CALL PAT SHORES AT 636.448.4387 OR KAREN FRANCIS AT 314.223.4235
WITH YOUR NAME, POSTAL ADDRESS, AND EMAIL ADDRESS.
AN OPTIONAL PANERA BOX LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.**

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

**AAUW OF MISSOURI, COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN, LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS,
MISSOURI NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW), MISSOURI WOMEN'S NETWORK, NARAL,
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS,
VISION 2020 MISSOURI, THE MISSOURI WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COALITION**



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.

REMAINING MEETINGS:



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

*St. Charles American Association of University Women
5th Annual Local Scholarship/Education Fundraiser*

“Ladies Tea Time Trivia”

*Coffee, Tea, Soda, Homemade Sweets and Treats Provided
Feel free to bring additional snacks for your table. No alcohol allowed*

*Saturday, April 23, 2016 1:00- 3:30 pm Doors open at 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall- Faith United Methodist Church 2950 Droste Road St. Charles
Directions: I-70 to First Capitol, left to West Clay, right on Droste. Enter parking lot on Norwich.*

*Ladies: Experience a unique trivia featuring ten categories of
women's interests and general topics! NO men's sports questions!!!*

*\$120 donation table of 8 \$90 donation table of 6 \$15 donation single ticket
Baskets Mulligan (5/\$10) Brains or Booty (Heads or Tails) Bonus Round*

*St. Charles AAUW Scholarships have been awarded since 1938 to St. Charles County High
School Senior Women meeting qualifications of the Branch Scholarship Committee.*

*Contact's Name _____
Phone contact _____ E-mail _____*

*_____ Table of eight- \$120 _____ Table of 6- \$90
Please send one check per table or send all checks together.
_____ Single- \$15 (Note: Singles will be assigned to a table fewer than 8)*

*Make check payable to: St. Charles AAUW Check number _____ Total _____
Registration and check to: AAUW 600 Breeze Park Dr Apt 305 St. Charles, MO 63303
Questions: Phone contact- Rose Ann at 636-946-5226*

*_____ Enclosed is a donation to the local St. Charles Branch AAUW Scholarship Fund
_____ I would like to sponsor a round for \$25. I've enclosed a business card / information*



American Association of University Women - Missouri

ANNUAL STATE MEETING

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel

422 Monroe St, Jefferson City, MO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration/Coffee/Networking
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	OPENING SESSION – Welcome! <i>AAUW Update</i> – Dot McLane, AAUW Board
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 Noon	LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION I <i>Advocacy as Mission</i> – Elizabeth Holden, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager
12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	LUNCH <i>AAUW MO Fellow</i> – Rachel Reid
1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	AAUW MO STATE MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break – Celebrate the Richardson Fund!!
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION II <i>GOTV – Get Out the Vote!</i> Elizabeth Holden, AAUW
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Wrap Up

Please mail in the bottom portion of this flyer with your check **BEFORE APRIL 8**

Registration fee: \$60.00 (Late registration \$65.00). Make checks payable to AAUW of Missouri, with "2016 Convention" in the memo line.

Send to: ELLEN JOHNSON, 4505 Headwood Dr., Apt. 7, Kansas City, MO 64111

A block of rooms is being held for Friday night. To make a reservation call 573-636-5101 and say you are with American Association of University Women (Code 'AAUW').

2016 AAUWMO CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ E MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ BRANCH (if applicable) _____

No. of guests (give their contact information on the reverse side) _____

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ _____

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