Newsletter of the



Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

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"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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KWG Awards Luncheon Saturday, May 21, 11:30 am

Sisters Tea House and Gift Shop 505 West Main Street Fenton, MO 63026 636-305-1319

Join us to celebrate another successful year of programs and fund raising and kick off the celebration of our 45th anniversary. Special congratulations to:

- ❖ Maurita Stueck for receiving the AAUW Missouri Woman of Distinction Award
- Christine Nobbe, Kay Meyer, Maurita Stueck and Nicholas Kirschman for receiving named gift awards from the Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW Branch

Lunch will be from the menu (also shown below) and is each person's responsibility. Please RSVP to Kay Meyer 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer51@gmail.com by Sunday, May 15. If you are interested in carpooling, let Kay Meyer know. Guests are welcome.

Sisters Tea House and Gift Shop Menu

All meals come with a choice of hot soup, cold soup or a garden salad. All meals come with a warm croissant.

CHICKEN SALAD - Chicken Tenders in real mayo, tossed with Fuji apples, black grapes, celery and special seasoning.

CRAB SALAD - Flaked tender crab meat mixed with real mayo and tossed in black grapes, celery and special seasonings.

TUNA SALAD – All white Albacore tuna mixed with special seasonings, celery and pickle relish.

QUICHE - Real eggs, mixed with our special ingredients.

LARGE SISTERS SALAD - Mixed greens, chicken tenders, cheese, bacon and homemade dressing on the side.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY - Grape jelly and peanut butter.

GRILLED CHEESE CROISSANT - Cheese melted on fresh croissant.

DRINKS - Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Strawberry Lemonade, Chai Tea, Wine (sold by the bottle or glass), Beer

All meals can be half and half. If you can't decide on one item, split two items. You will get the same amount of food whether you choose one item or half/half two items. Our homemade desserts vary from day to day. Please ask your server.

President's Message

The 2015-2016 AAUW year is coming to a close, and I would like to thank all the members who work so hard to make the Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW Branch a success. Many thanks to Gloria Campion for organizing the Stem Award. Gloria has worked with the schools to find the girls to receive the award and make the program a success. Many thanks to Phyllis Foster who helps with the Stem Award and has agreed to co-chair the Stem Award next year. Phyllis has collected and delivered the items to Kirkcare each month. She also helps with AAUW Funds sending out the donation letters and making the reservations for the Holiday dinner and awards banquet and represented the branch on Barb Lackritz Award Committee. Nancy Hutchins is another member I can always depend on to lend a helping hand. Nancy is finishing her term as Membership VP but will continue on the board as cochair of the Stem Awards. This year Nancy served on the Barb Lackritz Award Committee and has agreed to co-chair the Committee next year. Nancy also helps with the book group and attends Interbranch meetings. Thank you to Barb Johnson who co-chairs AAUW Funds and the book group and serves as the branch By-laws chair. Thanks to Marsha Koch for taking over the newsletter and agreeing to Co-chair Membership VP. The newsletter is so important, and Marsha does a wonderful job. The KWG AAUW Branch owes much of our success to Carol McDonald who takes care of the Pecan Sales and agrees to be our Finance officer year after year. Carol helps write articles for the newsletter and helps keep me on track with Downtown Lunch and IBC meetings. Chris Nobbe has done a great job as Program VP; we have had wonderful, informative and fun programs. She and her husband Nicholas Kirschman come to the meetings early to help set up the projector and make sure the meetings run smoothly each month. Lynne Roney is another AAUW member who helps in so many ways. Lynne is the branch Secretary, our Webmaster and makes sure the meeting notices make it in the Kirkwood Webster Times. Lynne helps with programming and is always willing to help wherever she is needed. Thanks to Maurita Stueck who volunteered to do Public Policy this year. Thanks to Jeannie Webdell who rejoined the KWG Branch and agreed to be the IBC member at large and will be Membership Co-chair next year. She also had the branch board meeting at her newly renovated home. We are a small but mighty AAUW Branch thanks to all of these wonderful members who give their time and expertise. They make my job as KWG President easy because we all share the responsibility of running the branch and we work together as a team. I feel very blessed to be a part of

this phenomenal group of women, and I look forward to working with them next year as we celebrate our 45th year of being an AAUW Branch.

Maurita Stueck: Woman of Distinction

Maurita Stueck, founding member of the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch, was honored April 30 as an AAUW Missouri Woman of Distinction, along with Mary Emily Kitterman of Kansas City and Pat Shores of Ballwin-Chesterfield. Joining right after college via a gift membership from her husband's aunt, Maurita helped invigorate the St. Louis Branch by forming a recent graduates group and then, as the suburbs grew, formed the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch 45 years ago. Maurita has volunteered for and been honored by many organizations including the Girl Scouts, St. Louis Symphony, St. Louis Zoo, Missouri Botanical Garden, Repertory Theatre, Webster Hills United Methodist Church, Washington University, Lindenwood University, Missouri S&T, St. Paul School of Theology, and Epworth Children and Family Services. She has been president of KWG Branch and chair of St. Louis Metro IBC. Congratulations, Maurita!

KWG Receives Awards at AAUW-MO Conference

Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch received certificates for several achievements at the annual AAUW Missouri meeting in Jefferson City April 30. KWG ranks **third** among branches among branches in the state in per capita giving and **seventh** in total giving to the AAUW Fund. At \$83.46 per capita we are above the MO branch average of \$80.22. We were named a 9-Star Branch. Congratulations, Kirkwood-Webster Groves!



Missouri History Day

Saturday, April 30, Nancy Hutchins and Kay Meyer went to Columbia, Missouri to be special judges for Missouri History Day. AAUW of Missouri gives cash prizes for any Senior, Junior and Documentary women's history submissions. Betty Takahashi has organized the Missouri History Day judges for over five years. This year two Junior submissions received the AAUW prizes for their portrayal of Rachel Carson and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

2016 STEM Awardees

Ellen Von Zur Muehlen from Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School plans to study environmental science and biology. Graduating with a 4.1 GPS, Ellen has done a garden internship at her high school and has worked at the Schlafly Farmers Market. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a crosscountry runner.

April Votrain from Affton High School plans to study civil engineering at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Graduating with a 4.1 GPA, April has completed several engineering projects through Project Lead the Way, is a member of the National Honor Society, and volunteers through tutoring and community ministry.

STEM Award Update

Our STEM Awards to high school girls were established in commemoration of our branch's 40th anniversary. The goal was to encourage girls to continue in STEM fields through college. Of our past six honorees, we might ask, "Where are they now? Have our gifts helped?" An unofficial survey via Facebook reveals that most of the girls are still studying in STEM fields. Here is a list of their names, universities, fields of study, and current status.

2013: **Demi Lewis**, Howard University, pre-med. Evidently still attending. Works at The Magic House.

2013: **Paige Krejci**, Missouri S&T, mechanical engineering. Mechanical engineering co-op at Watlow Electric Manufacturing Company and engineer at Kingsford Charcoal. Was a candidate for Queen of Love and Beauty at Missouri S&T.

2014: **Monica Smith**, Brigham Young University, engineering. Doing her LDS missionary service.

2014: **Emily Willis**, Michigan State University, biomedical engineering. Studying in Ireland spring

semester. Member of Phi Sigma Rho, sorority for women in engineering.

2015: **AnnaMarie Pyne**, University of Kansas, mechanical engineering. Studying mechanical engineering at KU.

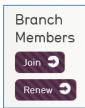
2015: **Autumn Martin**, Pomona College, neurology. Studying neuroscience at Pomona. Works in admissions office and at Office Depot.

2016-2017 Membership Drive

Dues can be paid by check using the attached form. Please send your renewal to Carol Davis McDonald before July 1.

Membership dues can also be paid by credit card using national's online membership renewal. Here's how:

- Go to aauw.org
- Login using your member ID and password
- Click on "Membership" in the top menu
- Click on the "Renew" button



Preparing for 2016-2017

Did you hear a speaker that you'd like to hear again? Is there a topic you'd like to hear more about? Do you have family or friends that would like to share their passion areas? Please forward program ideas to Chris, our program chair, at NobbeChristine@gmail.com. Thanks for your input!

Afternoon Book Group

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

Where: St. Louis Bread Co 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

May 23 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
June 27 Planning Meeting to choose the books to read
for the 2016-2017 year. Please send your
suggestions for books to read to Kay Meyer.

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.



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

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

May 26 Go Set a Watchman, by Harper Lee

AAUW of Missouri

The annual meeting/conference of AAUW of Missouri was held on Saturday, April 30, in Jefferson City. Lynne Roney, Barbara Johnson, Carol Davis McDonald, and Marsha Koch represented KWG members. Here is a summary of key points of the conference; details will also be in the state newsletter.

Missouri Public Policy – Pat Shores, Karen Francis

The Missouri board has decided to focus its public policy efforts on these issues:

- Pay equity
- Human trafficking
- Campus sexual assault
- Get Out the Vote (GOTV)

National Update - Dot McLane

- AAUW is the best kept secret
- AAUW awards \$4 Million annually in grants and fellowships

- New research "Barriers and Bias, the Status of Women in Leadership" will be available in video (by Cokie Roberts) for meetings
- "Elect Her" is a new program to teach women how to run for office on campus
- "Charting the Course" will raise unrestricted funds for programs

Advocacy as Mission" - Elizabeth Holden

- Advocacy is a marathon, not a sprint
- AAUW is non-partisan and a trusted messenger
- National provides resources and tips (on website) for holding candidate and/or issues forums
- Host tables at community events to spread the word and recruit new members
- Write letters to the editors
- Become Two Minute Activists; sign up on website

Celebrate the Vote Festival September 3, 10 am – 2 pm

This special event at the St. Louis Public Library will celebrate the 100th anniversary of "The Golden Lane," a 'walkless, talkless' suffragist event in St. Louis in 1916. AAUW is a sponsor and will organize ways for members to participate in the festival. More information will be shared as soon as it is available. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for ways in which you as an individual may participate.

Calendar

May 15	DeadlineMandatory Bylaw Revision
May 17	Downtown Lunch GroupEvangeline's Bistro
	& Music House
May 21	KWG Awards LuncheonSisters Tea House
May 23	Afternoon Book Group—St. Louis Bread Co
	(Manchester in Kirkwood), 4 pm
May 24	IBC MeetingThornhill Library, 7 pm
June 3-4	Mid-West Regional Conference, Kansas City
	(see flyer)
June 21	Downtown Lunch GroupLombardo's
	Trattoria at Drury Inn
June 30	Membership renewal due; use the form in
	this newsletter or pay by credit card on line
Sept 3	Celebrate the Vote Festival (celebration of
	The Golden Lanesee flyer)

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Share your news! Send articles and information for the newsletter to Marsha Koch, 1742 Connemara Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021 636-256-3746,

mkwkoch@outlook.com



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Renewing Member Form - 2016-2017

Make check payable to: AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch.

Mail your check and this completed form to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011-4215 (636-227-0511, 314-623-1847, or davis-mcdonald@outlook.com)

Note: If you choose to renew online (www.aauwmo.org), please complete the information portion below, noting changes or the same as the previous year, and send to Carol. (According to the IRS, \$46 (or \$23 if half price) of AAUW membership dues is a charitable contribution. Suggestion: Make a note for your 2015 tax folder.) The AAUW year is July 1 – June 30. Please select from ONE of the dues categories and fees as follows: • Branch Member dues: Association \$49 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$74 Branch Member, Life: Association \$0 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 • Honorary Life (50 year): Association \$0 + State \$0 + Branch \$0 = \$0 Dual Member, Primary Branch in Another State: Association \$0 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 My primary branch/state: • Dual Member, Primary Branch in Missouri: Association \$0 + State \$0* + Branch \$15 = \$15 My primary branch: Student Affiliate (Undergraduate level, currently enrolled): Association \$17 + State \$3 + Branch \$8.50 = \$28.50 (*State dues are waived for membership within Missouri) + According to the IRS, \$46 of AAUW membership dues is a charitable contribution. Suggestion: Make a note for your 2016 tax folder. + ------At this time I would like to make the following AAUW Funds donations, which are tax-deductible charitable contributions and must be paid by separate check. \$ _____ AAUW Funds (please designate which program; programs listed on reverse) \$ Branch Operating Expenses (do not require a separate check) Please **UPDATE** your personal information for the K-WG Branch membership directory. _____ Membership # Address: Municipality Zip Code Home phone: _____ E-Mail Address: Date of Birth: _____ Would you prefer that your branch newsletter be e-mailed ______, mailed _____, or both _____ ____ Employed F/T ____ Employed P/T ____Retired (Title/Job/Retired from______ Company Name/Location: Work phone: Volunteer at: (organizations) New Degree Rec'd Area of Study College or University Year Remarks, AAUW Interests, Awards, Achievements, Hobbies, Interests, Special Skills, Etc. (continue on reverse):

AAUW Funds

- #9110 Gifts that are not restricted to a specific fund support programs with the greatest needs.
- #3999 Legal Advocacy Fund (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) A partial list of programs includes: Legal Case Support, LAF Case Support Travel Grants, Campus Outreach Projects
- #4336 Educational Opportunities Fund (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) A partial list of programs includes: Fellowships and Grants (American Fellowships, International Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, Community Action Grants, Career Development Grants); Fellows Alumnae Initiative; Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse
- #9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) A partial list of AAUW research reports
 includes: Why so Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; How Schools Shortchange Girls;
 Hostile Hallways; Behind the Pay Gap
- #4339 Leadership Programs Fund (formerly a part of the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute) A partial list of programs includes: The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL); Campus Action Projects; Campaign College
- #4337 **Public Policy Fund** (formerly a part of the Association) A partial list of programs includes: Government Relations; Civic Engagement; Field Organizing

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
Award Winning Film
Open Forum
Public Policy Events
Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In
Recreation/Shopping Adventures
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Call 1-866-944-9653 for Reservations, Use Block Code 1606AAUW,
Suite Rooms \$176.86 plus taxes and fees. Sleeps 6 people
For Conference information call 314-831-5359 or 636-938-3958

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September 3, 2016

St. Louis Public Library

1301 Olive Street Saint Louis, Missouri 63103





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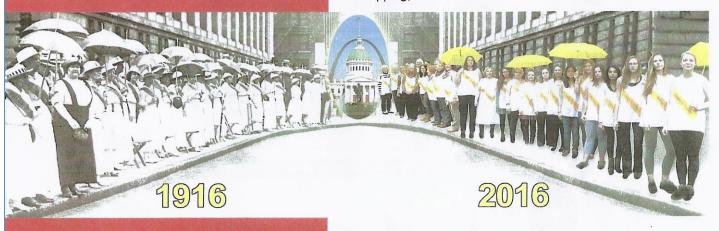
Missouri History Museum

Parade ... Music ... Speakers

A parade and festival celebrating the centennial of the Saint Louis Suffragists of 1916 and honoring the women of today.

Festival ...

Girl Bands, Art, Food, Speakers, Voter Registration, Shopping, and Fun.



Historical Note

In 1916, over 3000 suffragists converged on Saint Louis, Missouri in the sweltering heat during the Democratic convention poised to re-nominate Woodrow Wilson as President. Their sole demand was a plank in the party platform in support of women's suffrage. Wearing white dresses and golden sashes that said "Votes For Women", they lined the street where the delegates would walk from their hotel to the convention center.

The impact of these women, who formed a 'walkless, talkless parade', sometimes called "The Golden Lane" was enormous. They accomplished their objective and got the plank on the platform.

Come celebrate this historic event and let us cheer on the next generation of American Women Leaders! Women and Men of all ages are invited to attend.

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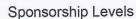
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Susan B. Anthony Presenting Sponsor\$ 10,000

Designation as Presenting Sponsor on all media related to the event. Include logo on all promotional materials and advertising, mention during all media appearances, logo on website and banner at speaker platform and ad in the printed program. Double wide tent space (equivalent of two spaces) for your organization in the festival area. Speaking opportunity to kick off the program. VIP seating at all speaking events for up to 10 persons. Complimentary suffragist sashes for up to 50 persons.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton \$ 5,000

Include logo on website and signage at the event, and in the printed program. Tent space for your organization in the festival area. Speaking opportunity during the program. VIP seating at all speaking events for up to 5 persons and 25 complimentary suffragist sashes



Carrie Chapman Catt.....\$ 4,000

Logo on the website and signage at the event and in the printed program .VIP seating at all speaking events for up to 3 persons, and 10 complimentary suffragist sashes.



Alice Paul \$ 2,000

Logo on the website and signage at the event and in the printed program. VIP seating for 2 and 2 suffragist sashes.



Ida B. Wells \$ 1,000

Logo on the website and signage at the event and in the printed program, complimentary suffragist sashes for 2.



Virginia Minor...... \$ 500

Logo on website and in program.

Edna Gellhorn \$ 100

Name of your choice in the program. This is a great way to honor an ancestor, grandmother, mother, or daughter.

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