



Newsletter of the

Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

Founded April 1971 ~ 45th Anniversary

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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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29th Annual Equality Day Brunch!

Saturday, August 20, 10 am – 2 pm
Clayton Plaza Hotel
7750 Carondelet

This annual event by the Missouri Women's Network celebrates women's achievements and women winning the vote. Four outstanding Missouri women will be recognized: Jane Crigler (AAUW colleague), The Honorable Darlene Green, The Honorable Jeanne Kirkton and Ann Ross. Registration deadline is August 15, and the registration form is at the end of this newsletter.

In lieu of the regular September meeting, KWG will participate in:

Celebrate the Vote Festival!

Saturday, September 3, 10 am – 2 pm
St. Louis Public Library (downtown)
1301 Olive Street

This event will celebrate the 100th anniversary of "The Golden Lane," a 'walkless, talkless' suffragist event in St. Louis in 1916 when over 3000 suffragists converged on St. 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 was enormous. They accomplished their objective and got the plank on the platform.

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information and ways in which you as an individual can contribute to this celebration.

Carpools and pickups will be arranged so that anyone who wants to attend has safe transportation. Call or email your RSVP and transportation needs to President Kay Meyer who will be organizing KWG's participation.

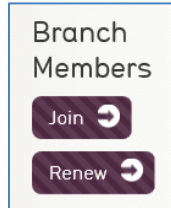
Looking forward - Our Program Chair, Chris Nobbe, has been very busy arranging programs for our meetings. Our October meeting will feature a guest from the League of Women Voters to tell us about ballot issues, in November a student who attended NCCWSL will tell us about her experience, and in December state president Diane Ludwig will help us celebrate KWG's 45th Anniversary.

Dues Reminder

Dues can be paid by check using the attached form and sending to Carol Davis McDonald.

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



Alternatives to the Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group is taking a hiatus this year, and in its place will be book recommendations from members and information about AAUW's online discussions of ¡Adelante! books.

- The Wright Brothers by David McCullough, nonfiction recommended by Marsha Koch.
This is a fascinating and informative look at the personal side of the highly intelligent and focused Wright Brothers. I have a new appreciation for the passion and dedication of the Brothers and the hardships they endured to reach their dream. This is the story behind the story, the details that make the accomplishments of these two heroic inventors even more amazing. David McCullough is easy to read, too. I highly recommend making time to read this book.
- Fiction recommendation from Kay Meyer
The Lost Years by Mary Higgins Clark
This murder mystery is set in New Jersey and New York. A biblical scholar, Jonathan Lyons, is found murdered in his study. His wife, Kathleen who is suffering from Alzheimer's, is found hiding in the study closet, incoherent and clutching the murder weapon. Jonathan Lyons believes he has found the rarest of parchments, a letter that may have been written by Jesus Christ. Stolen from the Vatican Library in the 1500's, the letter was assumed to be lost forever. Lyons has told several other experts about the letter including a woman he has been having a long-term affair. The priceless parchment is missing. It is up to the daughter, Mariah, to clear her mother of murder charges and unravel the real mystery behind her father's death.

- AAUW ¡Adelante! holds online discussions with authors, and the next one will be on July 28, 7:30 pm ET, with Helen Thorpe, author of Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War.

Participation is free. Register by submitting the registration form at

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/07/adelante-soldier-girls/>.

Previous online discussions of these books are available at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>:

- The Cherokee Rose by Tiya Miles
- Disgruntled by Asali Solomon
- Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America by Rachel Hope Cleves

The 2016-17 AAUW ¡Adelante! Book List

See the [AAUW website](http://www.aauw.org) for descriptions of each book.

September 2016

National Hispanic Heritage Month

The Ones I Bring with Me by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd

October 2016

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

What Is Visible: A Novel by Kimberly Elkins

November 2016

Native American Heritage Month

The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America by Sarah Deer

December 2016

The Poisoned Table by Diane Michael Cantor, AAUW national member

January 2017

National Mentoring Month

Finding Time: The Economics of Work-Life Conflict by Heather Boushey, 1997–98 AAUW American Fellow

Presence: Bringing Your Boldest Self to Your Biggest Challenges by Amy Cuddy

February 2017

Black History Month

Florynce "Flo" Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical by Sherie M. Randolph, 2005–06 AAUW American Fellow

March 2017

Women's History Month

Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman

April 2017

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Sacrifice by Joyce Carol Oates

May 2017

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Re Jane by Patricia Park, 2013–14 AAUW American Fellow

June 2017

LGBT Pride Month

Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt

July 2017

Euphoria by Lily King

August 2017

Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams by Margery M. Heffron

Check the AAUW website for [online discussions](http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/):
<http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>

St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)

The Interbranch Council consists of representatives from each of the St. Louis AAUW branches. KWG representatives are Kay Meyer, Chris Nobbe, Jeannie Webdell, Marsha Koch, and IBC secretary Lynne Roney. All members are invited to attend meetings and participate in IBC activities, which include:

- Planning the Spring Fling luncheon
- Sponsoring a student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
- Co-sponsoring the International Lecture Series
- Sponsoring the ¡Adelante! book group and Downtown Lunch
- Awarding the Barbara Lackritz Service Award
- Supporting the Ferguson-Florissant Branch in its robotics mentoring and Oasis tutoring in Ferguson and operating an information booth at the Ferguson Farmers' Market

The next IBC meeting will be held on August 23 at 7 pm at Thornhill Branch library.

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

The schedule of books to be discussed will be available in the September newsletter.

IBC 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.

July 19 **Bowood Farms Café Osage**
4605 Olive Street
St. Louis 314-454-6868

Aug 16 **The Barn at Crestwood**
1015 S. Sappington Road
Crestwood 314-966-8387

Sep 20 **Weber Grill Restaurant**
1147 St. Louis Galleria
Richmond Heights 314-930-3838

Oct 18 **Katie's Pizza & Osteria**
9568 Manchester Road
Rock Hill 314-942-6555

Nov 15 **Edge Wild Bistro & Tap**
12316 Olive Blvd
Creve Coeur 314-548-2222

Dec 20 **Café Provencal**
427 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood 314-822-5440

IBC International Relations Lecture Series

AAUW IBC sponsors this lecture series in partnership with the Ethical Society of St. Louis, and Kay Meyer will be chairing this year's lecture series. A planning meeting to choose topics for the January to April 2017 lectures is on Tuesday, **August 8, 2016**, at 10:30am at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117. If you have suggestions for topics or questions and can't make it to the planning meeting, please let Kay Meyer know.

AAUW Regional Conference

More than 30 Missouri AAUW members attended the Ten-State Midwest Regional Conference in Kansas City, KS, June 3 and 4. Theme of the conference was "AAUW—Working Today for the Women of Tomorrow." Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch members attending were Yvonne Blair, Carol Davis McDonald, Lynne Roney, and Maurita Stueck.

The meeting was kicked off by a screening of the film *The Hunting Ground*, a powerful report about sexual assault on college campuses and the attempt to hold colleges responsible for investigating these assaults. It is available to borrow from Karen Francis and will be shown later this year on PBS.

Dr. Catherine Hill, AAUW vice-president of research, was the keynote speaker. She emphasized practicing an "elevator speech" about what AAUW is and does. Some of us had the immediate opportunity to use our speeches in the hotel! Dr. Hill explained the importance of various sources of funding for AAUW's research and projects, including foundation and corporate grants and unrestricted member giving.

Katie Simon, AAUW associate director of field operations, presented on "Get Out The Vote." AAUW will be focusing especially on millennials, unmarried women, and people of color, 75% of whom did not vote in 2014. Goals are to increase voter registration and turnout, create informed voters, and promote AAUW policies.

Among several outstanding breakout sessions was a presentation by Dr. Kelly Sartorius of the University of Kansas on the historical importance of deans of women and women's student government in Midwestern universities, the forerunner of today's AAUW-sponsored National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

A presentation on membership by Felisha Perrodin of Arkansas, cochair of the national membership committee, featured a Google Hangout (similar to Skype) online appearance by Claudia Richards, national senior branch relations manager. Some ideas for recruiting, engaging, and retaining members are to

- Develop relational recruitment
- Have events with like-minded groups
- Use Give a Grad a Gift program
- Survey interests of new members
- Keep up with what's new at AAUW such as the Diversity Inclusion Toolkit and webinars
- Involve members in programs such as Adelante Diversity Book Group
- Thank and recognize people for their membership and their work
- Give a gift membership to speakers
- Use technology such as Google Hangout for speakers, including AAUW staff; Facebook branch pages

The Legal Advocacy Fund plaintiff speaker was Paul Thein, whose case is *Thein v. Feather River Community College*. A description is at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/feather-river-community-college-cases/>.

FOR YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH



AAUW

- promotes equity for women and girls, because that makes the world a better place for everyone
- awards \$4 Million **annually** in grants and fellowships
- supports research on social, economic, and education issues such as bullying, equal pay, safe campuses, and STEM opportunities
- is the leading nonpartisan voice for issues that affect women and girls, which affects families
- levels the playing field for women and girls

Calendar

Jul 19 Downtown Lunch Group—Bowood Farms
Café Osage
Jul 28 AAUW ¡Adelante! Online Book Discussion
Aug 16 Downtown Lunch Group—The Barn at
Crestwood
Aug 20 29th Annual Women’s Equality Day Brunch
(see flyer)
Aug 23 IBC Meeting—Thornhill Library
Sep 3 KWG Program—Celebrate the Vote Festival!
(see flyer)
Sep 20 Downtown Lunch Group—Weber Grill
Restaurant
Oct 18 Downtown Lunch Group—Katie’s Pizza &
Osteria
Oct 20 KWG Meeting/Program—Ballot Issues

Nov 15 Downtown Lunch Group—Edge Wild Bistro
& Tap
Nov 17 KWG Meeting/Program—
Dec 15 KWG Meeting/Program—45th Anniversary
Celebration
Dec 20 Downtown Lunch Group—Café Provencal
Jan 19 KWG Meeting/Program
Feb 16 KWG Meeting/Program
Mar TBD KWG Program—IBC Spring Fling
Apr 20 KWG Meeting/Program
May TBD KWG Spring Banquet

Share your news! Send articles and information
for the newsletter to Marsha Koch
1742 Connemara Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021
mkwkoch@outlook.com



AAUW – KIRKWOOD-WEBSTER GROVES BRANCH



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)

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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.

Name: _____ Membership # _____

Address: _____
Street 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: _____

Self-employed: F/T ____ P/T ____ (Business _____) Homemaker ____ Unemployed ____

Volunteer at: _____
(organizations)

<u>New Degree Rec'd</u>	<u>Area of Study</u>	<u>College or University</u>	<u>Year</u>
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Remarks, AAUW Interests, Awards, Achievements, Hobbies, Interests, Special Skills, Etc. (continue on reverse):

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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

Missouri Women's Network Presents

29th Annual

EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

Saturday, August 20th, 2016

10:00 am - 2:00 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am)

96th Anniversary of Women Winning the Vote

*Presentations include Legislative Updates, Legacy Tributes and
Equality Day Awards to the following outstanding women:*

Jane Crigler
The Honorable Darlene Green
The Honorable Jeanne Kirkton
Ann Ross

Clayton Plaza Hotel - 7750 Carondelet - Clayton, MO 63105
Free hotel parking on Orange Level

Registration Form:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

E-mail

Phone

Sign up for:

Brunch and Program	\$39
Brunch and Program - Student Rate	\$15
MWN Educational Fund Donation	
MWN Scholarship Fund Donation	
MWN Membership Dues (1 year)	
(Organization \$30 / Individual \$20)	

Total included \$

Make checks payable to: Missouri Women's Network
Mail to: Julie Triplett, 401 Oakmont Circle, Ballwin, MO 63011
DEADLINE - August 16, 2016 - Scholarships available

Celebrate the VOTE FESTIVAL

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September 3, 2016

10 A. M. – 2 P. M.

St. Louis Public Library

**1301 Olive Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103**

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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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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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- ☐ Virginia Minor.....\$ 500
- ☐ Edna Gellhorn.....\$ 100

Contact Information:

Organization Name: (As you would like it to appear)

Contact:

Address:

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Email:

Return this form and payment to:

League of Women Voters STL

8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104

Saint Louis, MO 63144

Phone 314.961.6869

Additional information or questions contact the Office

Phone: 314-961-6869 Email: league@LWVstl.org

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