



*"AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research"
AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.*

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 KWG's November program . . .

Meet NCCWSL Attendees & Share a Potluck Dinner!

Thursday, November 17

Social 6:30 – Program 7:00

Brentwood Community Center

2505 S. Brentwood, Brentwood, MO 63144

Students who attended the 2016 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and who were supported by our branch through AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council will join us over a potluck dinner and share their experiences at NCCWSL. Invite a friend to join us and connect with tomorrow's leaders!

Bring your favorite dish (homemade or store bought) and come socialize with fellow members. The branch will provide beverages and paper products.

Nancy Hutchins will be collecting donations of personal hygiene items such as men's disposable razors, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, lip balms, hand sanitizer, etc., for donation to a homeless shelter. Call her at 314-631-1982 for more information.

Want to learn what happened when you voted and how this election will affect you? Join us at this AAUW-sponsored event . . .

Election Recap Panel

Thursday, November 10

Social 6:30 – Program 7:00

The Heights - Richmond Heights Community Center

8001 Dale Ave, St. Louis, MO 63117

Panelists

Denise Lieberman, voting rights lawyer

Jo Mannies, political journalist with KWMU

Dave Robertson, UMSL professor

Moderated by Rachel Lippmann, KWMU Radio host

Sponsoring groups

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

League of Women Voters

National Council of Jewish Women

National Women's Political Caucus of Metro St. Louis

Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice

Pecans

Carol Davis McDonald has placed our branch order for Schermer Pecans. If you did not get your order in, please contact her right away. She usually has a few extras, and you can have some reserved for you. Schermer Pecans have been popular in our branch for several decades, and we will continue this fundraising project as long as members are interested. Pecan sales have helped us send officers and members to leadership training, as well as fund our education fellowships over the years. If you have any questions, please call (636-227-0511) or email Carol (davis-mcdonald@juno.com). See the last page of this newsletter for a description of the pecans.

Member News

We are saddened to learn of the passing of member Phyllis Foster's husband on October 6. He had been ill since May 3. Our sympathies to Phyllis and her family.

November Birthdays!	
3—Sandy Morris	25—Nancy Hutchins
14—Julia Muller	25—Lynne Roney
21—Patsy Farrior	

Membership and Giving Reminders

If you have not renewed your membership for 2016-17 by November 30, you will be dropped from the AAUW membership database. Dues are \$71 (\$49 national, \$10 state, \$12 branch). If you aren't sure if you are current, please contact Carol Davis McDonald at 636-227-0511 or davis-mcdonald@outlook.com.

If you would like to make a donation to AAUW Funds, you may do so on line or send a check, payable to AAUW Fund, to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011-4215.

To renew, change membership information, or donate online go to <http://www.aauw.org/join/> or call 1-800-326-2289.

If you mail a contribution directly to the national office, please add KWG's branch identifier (MO7070) on the memo line of your check so that KWG is credited, as well as a note designating the fund to which your donation is to be made. For more information, contact Barbara Johnson or Phyllis Foster.

Member Book Recommendations

The KWG Afternoon Book Group is taking a hiatus this year, and in its place will be book recommendations from members. This month's book and recommendation is from Marsha Koch:

Savage Continent by Keith Lowe. Europe in the aftermath of World War II. © 2012.

This book was highly recommended to me as an excellent source of information about the effects of WWII on non-military residents and their countries after the war. Admittedly, I am not a historical scholar. Reading this book has been eye-opening and shocking to me for two main reasons: 1) the widespread and uncontrollable atrocities of violence against women and children throughout Europe during and after WWII and 2) that such appalling data has pretty much been excluded from school history books. Disturbing as it is to read, I am developing a much better understanding and deeper appreciation for **all** European survivors of WWII. Marsha

Have you read a book that you would like to recommend? Send a brief description for the next newsletter to me at mkwk@outlook.com!

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, and Marsha Koch. All members are invited to attend meetings and participate in IBC activities, which include:

- Planning the Spring Fling luncheon fundraiser to:
 - Sponsor a student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
 - Co-sponsor the International Lecture Series at the Ethical Society
- Sponsoring the ¡Adelante! book group and Downtown Lunch
- Awarding the Barbara Lackritz Service Award
- Supporting local branch programs

The next IBC meeting will be November 29 at 7 pm in the small meeting room at Thornhill Branch library.

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.

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

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

Public Policy Project - Court Watch Training

Ending violence against women is a major priority for AAUW. Many of your fellow AAUW members have participated in this project. The St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN) Court Watch Project is recruiting volunteer monitors to observe courtrooms where civil domestic violence cases are being heard and monitoring the proceedings in an effort to research any problem patterns and issues with in the court system. The monitoring is being done in both St. Louis City and St. Louis County. This project is funded by the Department of Justice. The duties of a court watcher are:

- Attend a 4 hour volunteer orientation
- Sign up to monitor 1 docket month for 6 months (the more monitors we have could reduce this)
- Go to the courtroom on scheduled date and monitor the proceeding
- Dress appropriately for courtroom
- Follow Court Watch guideline while in courthouse
- Submit completed forms to Court Watch coordinator

The next training is:

Friday, November 18, 8:30-12:30
Woman's Place
8300 Morganford Road, St. Louis 63123

Contact Nina Balsam, Court Watch coordinator, at ninab@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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 26 Becoming Nicole by Emily Ellis Nutt
Reviewer: Lorna Anderson
- Feb.23 Re Jane by Patricia Park
Reviewer: Janice Rumpfelt
- Mar 23 Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Conner and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman
Reviewer: Lynne Roney
- Apr 27 The Sacrifice by Joyce Carol Oates
Reviewer: Debbie McWard
- May 25 Poisoned Table by Diane Michael Cantor
Reviewer: Linda Roberson
- Sep 28 "Flo" Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical by Sherie M. Randolph
Reviewer: Betty Takahashi

AAUW ¡Adelante!

AAUW ¡Adelante! holds free online discussions with authors, and the next ones will be:

- Nov 3, 7:30 pm ET, with Kimberly Elkins, author of What Is Visible
- Dec 1, 7:30 pm ET, The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America by Sarah Deer
- Jan 10, 7:30 pm ET, The Poisoned Table by Diane Michael Cantor

Register by clicking on the "Register" button at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/#events>.

Online discussions of previously reviewed books can also be accessed at this site.

AAUW National News from Shirley Breeze

Linda Hallman is no longer employed by AAUW as its CEO.

National has moved to 1310 L Street, Suite 1000, NW, Washington DC 20005.

AAUW National Convention

Registration for the National Convention, June 14-17, 2017, opened October 1. Be one of the first to register.

Special Membership Pin

The Membership Office is offering a recognition pin to any member who brings in five or more new members. As your branch plans its fall activities, remember to designate as many as possible as Shape the Future events, thereby getting special money-saving dues rates for new members.

Eleanor Roosevelt Award

Nominate a person or program to receive this award by November 15; it will be awarded at the National Convention in June 2017.

Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership

This newest research report makes a good addition to any tabling event your branch participates in.

National Conference of State Legislatures

A new report from the National Conference of State Legislatures compiled by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University has this information about women in government in states in our area: State with the Fewest Female State Lawmakers, Oklahoma; States that have Never Elected or Appointed a Female to the US House of Representatives, Oklahoma; States that have Never Elected or Appointed a Female Governor, Arkansas, Missouri; States with Fewer Female State Lawmakers in 2016 than in 2005, Kansas, Oklahoma.

Fellowships and Grants, Community Action Grants, Etc.

Deadlines are fast approaching for all the special grants AAUW offers. Check <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/> for specifics.

Voting Rights Advancement Act (S1659/HR2867)

This Act is an attempt to undo the various voting restrictions that have passed in over 17 states in various forms. Urge your Federal elected officials to support it.

Simple Truth About the Pay Gap

The new, revised 2016 edition of this great resource is now available. The new national rate for women as opposed to men's salaries for some of the states in our area are these: Illinois, 79 cents; Texas, 79 cents; Arkansas, 79 cents; Missouri, 78 cents; Kansas, 77 cents; Oklahoma, 73 cents.

National Violence Policy Center

This national statistical resource center has released new information on domestic violence. The domestic homicide rate per 100,000 females for states in our area: Oklahoma, 1.94; Kansas, 1.17; Missouri, 1.26; Arkansas, 1.39.

AAUW in the Statehouse

A brand new monthly state e-bulletin is being published by AAUW. Keep up to date on what is happening in the states and subscribe to this great resource.

Charting the Course

The \$1 million dollar fundraising effort has reached 85 percent of its goal.

Become a Two-Minute Activist

The online AAUW Action Network is the cornerstone of AAUW's e-advocacy efforts. By signing up you will receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your elected officials on important issues including equal pay, education, and ending violence against women, to name a few. With the AAUW Two-Minute Activist Tool it takes just two minutes to make your voice heard. Sign up at:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Share your news! Send articles for the newsletter to Marsha Koch

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Calendar

November 2016

- 10 Election Recap Panel—The Heights
- 15 Downtown Lunch Group—Edge Wild Bistro & Tap
- 15 Deadline to Nominate for Eleanor Roosevelt National Award
- 15 Deadline for Applications for American Fellowships (National)
- 17 KWG Meeting/Potluck—Brentwood Community Center
- 18 Court Watch Training
- 29 IBC Meeting—Thornhill Library

December 2016

- 1 Deadline for Applications for International Fellowships (National)
- 5 Registration for NCCWSL opens
- 5 Deadline for Bylaw, Public Policy, Resolutions Proposals (National)
- 15 KWG Meeting/45th Anniversary Celebration—Kirkwood Library
- 15 Deadline for Applications for Career Development Grants (National)
- 20 Downtown Lunch Group—Café Provençal

January 2017

- 19 KWG Meeting/Program
- 10 Deadline for Applications for Selected Professional Fellows
- 15 Deadline for Applications for Community Action Grants
- 15 Deadline for Applications for International Project Grants
- 15 Last Day for Reduced Rates for Convention Registration
- 31 Deadline for Revised Bylaws

February 2017

- 16 KWG Meeting/Program

March 2017

- 25 IBC Spring Fling (KWG Program) —Glen Echo Country Club

April 2017

- 4 MO Equity Day
- 20 KWG Meeting/Program

May 2017

- 6 AAUW MO Meeting—Columbia, MO
- TBD KWG Spring Banquet
- 31-3 NCCWSL—University of Maryland at College Park

June 2017

- 14-17 National Convention, Washington DC

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

Schermer Pecans sells its pecans to us by the case, which is why there may be extras of some of the types of pecans.

If you did not get your order in or would like additional bags, contact Carol Davis McDonald, 636-227-0511 or <mailto:davis-mcdonald@outlook.com> right away. She will work with you to try to accommodate your order.

Here is a description of the pecans:

- **Fancy Mammoth Halves (shelled)** – fantastic flavor for healthy snacking and holiday baking **\$12.00 per lb**
- **Cinnamon Glazed Pecans** – crunchy Schermer pecans with a cinnamon-glazed coating and a hint of vanilla **\$10.00 per bag**
- **Chocolate Covered Pecans** – smooth milk chocolate and crisp, roasted Schermer Pecans make this a perfect holiday treat, 12 oz ... **\$10.00 per bag**
- **Pecan Caramel Cluster** – crisp pecan pieces, milk chocolate, and creamy caramel, individually wrapped, 16-18 pieces **\$10.00 per bag**
- **Glazed Pecans** – mammoth pecan halves coated with a scrumptious glaze **\$10.00 per bag**
- **Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans** – smooth dark chocolate makes this a healthy snack **\$10.00 per bag**
- **Spiral cookbooks** with more than 300 recipes are also available **\$13.00 each**

STORING PECANS under refrigeration is the best way to retain the fresh aroma, color, and flavor of pecans. The lower the temperature, the longer the pecans will keep, although there is no critical temperature below which pecans must be held. Pecans stored in a refrigerator (38 to 40 degrees F) will keep for more than nine months. In the freezer at 0 degrees F they will remain in good condition for two years or longer. Unused pecans may be refrozen again and again without adverse effect on the quality or texture of the pecans.

The pecans should be delivered before the holiday baking season, depending on the growing season and weather. Please make checks payable to “AAUW K-WG Branch.” Questions? Call Carol at 636-227-0511 or e-mail davis-mcdonald@juno.com