



Newsletter of the

Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

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*"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 our October program . . .

What is on the November 8 Ballot?

Thursday, October 20

Social 6:30 – Program 7:00

The Heights (Richmond Heights Community Center)

8001 Dale Avenue

Join us as a member of the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis provides us information about the local ballot petitions, constitutional amendments, and bond and taxation proposals on the November 8 ballot.

When women vote, we change the conversation. AAUW has a long history of holding legislators accountable for how they vote on AAUW priority issues.

AAUW is non-partisan. We do not support any candidate or party, but we do follow the issues important to women and girls and families. AAUW National has sent us three documents to share with AAUW MO members-the [Missouri Governor Voter Guide](#), the [Missouri Senate Voter Guide](#) and the [AAUW Voter Issue Guide](#). The Governor and Senate guides were specifically prepared for our state at the request of Karen Francis and Pat Shores. The Voter Issue Guide has questions that you can ask candidates about AAUW priority issues.

These excellent guides are attached in the email along with this newsletter and are also available on [the KWG website](#).

Seeking Member Input for AAUW 2017 National Convention

The [online comment period](#) is open October 3–December 5 for members to propose amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, suggest changes to the Public Policy Program, and propose resolutions.

October 14 is the deadline to submit your application for [Candidates for Election to the 2017 AAUW Board of Directors](#).

Become an AAUW 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/>

We Celebrated the Vote!

In 1916, over 3000 suffragists converged on Saint Louis, MO in the sweltering heat during the Democratic National 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.

The Celebrate the Vote Festival on September 3 honored past suffragists and celebrated how far we have come. AAUW was one of the many sponsors of this event and was well represented by members from all St. Louis branches. Golden Lane Award recipients honored at the event included Adrian Bracy, Maxine Clark, Ann Geraghty-Rathert, and Dr. Beth Stroble.

Golden umbrellas, white "Votes for Women" t-shirts and gold "Votes for Women" sashes were proudly displayed. Those attending from KWG are pictured below. The large group picture shows all the women who marched in the Festival's parade!



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 Funds, 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.

Pecan Orders Needed by October 18!

It's time to order pecans so that we receive them for Thanksgiving. Pecan sales have helped us send officers and members to leadership training, as well as fund our education fellowships over the years. Fundraising is a way for our branch to have money available for programs and other expenses since branch dues are so low. Schermer Pecans have been popular in our branch for several decades, and we will continue this fundraising project as long as members are interested. If you have any questions, please call (636-227-0511) or email Carol (davis-mcdonald@juno.com). An order form is at the end of this newsletter.

Potluck Dinner November 17!

The November 17 meeting will be a potluck dinner as well as a chance to meet students who attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Invite a friend to join us and connect with tomorrow's leaders!

Member News!

Charter member and 50-year AAUW member Maurita Stueck has moved to 132 Northwestern Ave., Monroe, Ohio 45050. We wish Maurita well in her new home!

AAUW Educational Funding and Awards

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Information about and deadline dates for each of these opportunities can be found at

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

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 recommendation from Lynne Roney will appeal to all Anglophiles:

"Old Filth" trilogy (fiction) by Jane Gardam--includes Old Filth, The Man in the Wooden Hat, and Last Friends.

Edward Feathers was a British judge in Hong Kong (FILTH is an acronym for Failed in London, Try Hong Kong). Stories about him, his wife, his friends, and his enemies are dramatic and touching and give a sense of life in British-run Hong Kong similar to what is being shown now on PBS's Masterpiece about India in Indian Summers."

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
- 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 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.

- 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 Provençal**
427 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood 314-822-5440
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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

- Oct 27 Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova
Reviewer: Julie Triplett
- 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'Connor 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:

- Oct 20, 7:30 pm ET, with Heather Boushey, author of Finding Time: The Economics of Work-Life Conflict
- Nov 3, 7:30 pm ET, with Kimberly Elkins, author of What Is Visible

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

Previous online discussions of the following books are also available at the same site listed above:

- 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 Ones I Bring with Me/Los Que Llevo Conmigo by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd

The 2016-17 AAUW ¡Adelante! Book List

See <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/> for details about each book.

- The Ones I Bring with Me by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd
- What Is Visible: A Novel by Kimberly Elkins
- The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America by Sarah Deer
- The Poisoned Table by Diane Michael Cantor, AAUW national member
- 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
- Florynce “Flo” Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical by Sherie M. Randolph, 2005–06 AAUW American Fellow
- Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman
- The Sacrifice by Joyce Carol Oates
- Re Jane by Patricia Park, 2013–14 AAUW American Fellow
- Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt
- Euphoria by Lily King
- Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams by Margery M. Heffron

AAUW MO

AAUW MO received a \$1000 grant to support activities for the Get Out The Vote project. Pat Shores distributed copies of the application at the July board meeting. Each branch is expected to complete one Get Out the Vote activity and one Gender Pay activity. Doing so will also satisfy one of the criteria for the MO Star Award.

The 1970 March for Equality

On October 18 at 6:30 pm the Veteran Feminists of America will present “A Women’s History Story - The 1970 March for Equality” with featured speaker Carole DeSaram. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for location and contact information.

2017 AAUW Convention

Connect, renew, and explore with AAUW during our AAUW National Convention from June 14–17, 2017!

Registration is now open!

<http://convention.aauw.org/2016/08/01/pledge-to-reg-2017/>

AAUW National Website Links

Here are some of the top links to the website:

Resources (formerly known as the Member Center)

<http://www.aauw.org/resources/>

Member Service Database (MSD)

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/member-services-database>

AAUW Issues

<http://www.aauw.org/issues/>

AAUW Branding Tool Kit

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-branding-tool-kit>

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards>

Research

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research>

Calendar

October Birthdays!

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| 5—Jeanne Morrel-Franklin | 25—Helen Hays |
| 15—Margie Zimmerman | 26—Marsha Koch |

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| Oct 15 | AAUW MO Board Meeting Columbia, MO |
| Oct 18 | Downtown Lunch Group—Katie's Pizza & Osteria |
| Oct 18 | A Women's History Story - The 1970 March for Equality |
| Oct 20 | KWG Meeting/Program—Ballot Issues The Heights, 8001 Dale Avenue |
| Nov 15 | Downtown Lunch Group—Edge Wild Bistro & Tap |
| Nov 17 | KWG Meeting/Potluck Brentwood Community Center |
| Nov 29 | IBC Meeting Thornhill Library |
| Dec 15 | KWG Meeting/45 th Anniversary Celebration Kirkwood Library |
| Dec 20 | Downtown Lunch Group—Café Provençal |
| Jan 19 | KWG Meeting/Program |
| Feb 16 | KWG Meeting/Program |
| Mar 11 or 25 | KWG Program—IBC Spring Fling |
| Apr 20 | KWG Meeting/Program |
| May 6 | AAUW MO Meeting |
| May TBD | KWG Spring Banquet |

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*

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

Order Form for FRESH GEORGIA PECANS, a Fund-Raising Project of the AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

Please Contact Your Friends, Neighbors, Co-Workers, and Relatives for Orders. Send Orders to Carol Davis McDonald (636-227-0511) by **OCTOBER 18**

RESEARCH FINDS that *pecans are healthy!* Adding just a handful of pecans to a low-fat diet can dramatically lower LDL cholesterol as well as triglyceride levels. Pecans have good fats, which lower bad cholesterol, and do not affect good cholesterol. Pecans are naturally cholesterol-free and sodium-free and are high in unsaturated fats that promote and maintain good health. So - add pecans to cereal, salads, entrees, and vegetables; sprinkle them over fat-free yogurt; or even eat them plain as a snack. Enjoy not only their delicious taste but also the added health benefits.

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.

- **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**

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 (Continue on reverse side as needed)

| Name | Phone/E-mail | Fancy Mammoth Halves | Cinnamon Glazed | Chocolate Covered | Pecan Caramel Clusters | Glazed Mammoth Halves | Dark Chocolate Covered | Spiral Cook-book | Total Cost |
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| Eric Greitens (R) | Where the candidates stand on | Chris Koster (D) |
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| Support | Using taxpayer dollars to fund private or religious schools | Oppose |
| Unknown | Ensuring women's access to contraception without co-pay or cost-sharing, no matter where they work or go to school | Support |
| Unknown | Passing state or local measures requiring employers to provide earned, paid sick days to all employees | Unknown |
| Unknown | Improving existing state laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap | Support |
| Unknown | Maintaining the current minimum wage with no annual adjustments for inflation or increases for tipped workers | Oppose |
| Unknown | Supporting <u>state</u> laws that would invalidate <u>local</u> efforts to pass laws that advance women's equality (often called preemption laws) | Oppose |
| Unknown | Increasing resources to vigorously enforce Title IX and other civil rights laws pertaining to education | Unknown |
| Unknown | Increasing state funding for higher education | Support |
| Unknown | Amending the U.S. Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women | Unknown |
| Unknown | Reducing barriers to voting like closing polling locations, eliminating early voting, and requiring voter identification | Oppose |

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Unknown: The candidate has taken no explicit or compelling public position.

Mixed: The candidate has made conflicting statements and/or votes on the issue or has taken a nuanced position.

| Jason Kander (D) [Challenger] | Where the candidates stand on | Roy Blunt (R) [Incumbent] |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Support | Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap | Oppose |
| Support | Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs | Mixed |
| Unknown | Increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting sexual harassment and violence in schools | Oppose |
| Oppose | Changing or privatizing Social Security to lower recipient benefits or limit participation in the program | Support |
| Support | Raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10, pegging future increases to inflation, and raising the tipped minimum wage | Oppose |
| Support | Ensuring women's access to contraception without co-pay or cost-sharing, no matter where they work or go to school | Oppose |
| Support | Passing federal legislation requiring companies to allow employees to earn paid sick days | Mixed |
| Support | Using taxpayer dollars to fund private or religious schools | Support |
| Support | Amending the U.S. Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women | Unknown |
| Support | Passing a federal law to address bullying and harassment against all students, including LGBT and gender-nonconforming students | Oppose |
| Unknown | Reducing barriers to voting, like closing polling locations, eliminating early voting, and requiring voter identification | Oppose |
| Support | Confirming federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established legal precedents | Mixed |

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To learn more about the AAUW Action Fund, please call 202.785.7793 or visit www.aauwaction.org.

Veteran Feminists of America presents

A WOMEN'S HISTORY STORY

The 1970 March for Equality



First Congregational Church
6501 Wydown Blvd. Clayton, MO 63105

Featured Speaker: **Carole DeSaram**

October 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Carole DeSaram is a VFA board member who is living history in the Second Wave of feminism front lines of the 1970's. Got a credit card in your name alone in your wallet? We all need to thank Carole, because in 1970 banks would not issue credit to single women. She was the first New York state director of NOW and the driving force to end credit discrimination against single women in 1974. On August 26, 1970 she was a lead organizer for the Equality March in New York City attracting over 100,000 women and some men to march down Madison Avenue. The modern women's movement became a national mass movement on that day.

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