Newsletter of the



Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch

Founded April 1971 ~ Celebrating 45 Years!

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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 KWG's December program . . .

A Celebration of Service!

Thursday, December 15
Optional—Dinner 4:30
Kirkwood Station Restaurant and Brewing Company
105 E. Jefferson

Social 6:30—Program 7:00 Kirkwood Public Library 140 E. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Diane B. Ludwig, immediate past MO State President, former KWG Branch President, member of the national Nominating Committee and past chair of the national Fundraising Committee, will join us to remember the highlights of our 45 years and project what's next for AAUW-KWG and AAUW national.

Plowsharing Crafts Shopping

Once again Plowsharing Crafts will donate to our branch 20% of the amount of purchases by AAUW members made throughout the day 10 am-6 pm on December 15 (be sure to tell them you are an AAUW member).

Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Conference

Tuesday, January 10
Registration 8:30 am—Program 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Spencer Library
427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376

This all new, free program, with complimentary lunch, will help you figure out the puzzle of human trafficking. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information. This is a Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW project. Register at eventbrite.com or Marsha Koch at 636-256-3746 or mkwkoch@outlook.com.

2017 Legislative Retreat

Saturday, January 14 8:30 am—2:30 pm

Location TBD—Columbia or Jefferson City

Hear presentations from women working with legislation and legislators, discover proposed legislation for the 2017 House and Senate sessions, make plans for effective lobbying for women's issues, learn how to effectively work with legislators, determine legislative priorities, and much more. Complimentary continental breakfast will be available; lunch will be purchased by each participant. This event is sponsored by Missouri Women's Network. To register and coordinate carpooling, contact Marsha Koch at 636-256-3746 or mkwkoch@outlook.com.

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December Birthday!

27—Mara Perry Minarik

Monthly Meeting Date Changes

Due to scheduling conflicts at Oak Bend Library, the February and April meetings have been rescheduled to the last Thursdays--February 23 and April 27.

Bring a Guest

Do you know a potential AAUW member? Invite him or her to a meeting! One of our membership officers will provide a welcome packet. Or ask them to join! Our member form is at the end of this newsletter.

2016-17 Budget

A copy of this year's budget is at the end of this newsletter for your review. The budget will be discussed and approved at the December meeting.

Membership and Giving Reminders

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.

Donations may also be made by check, payable to AAUW Fund, to Barbara Johnson, 7501 Triwoods Drive, Unit H, Shrewsbury, MO 63119-5082.

Contact Barbara Johnson at 314-962-3501 if you have any questions.

Pecans

Pecans are in and are being distributed. Due to having to purchase whole cases, extras are usually available. Contact Carol Davis McDonald at 636-227-0511 or davis-mcdonald@outlook.com to inquire.

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 recommendation is from Kay Meyer:

The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules by Catharina Ingleman-Sundberg.

Martha Anderson is 79 and living in a Swedish home for the elderly with several of her friends, but the home has been bought and is under new management. The new owner is more concerned with making money than the happiness of the pensioners, so he cuts back on the quality of food and starts imposing a curfew. Martha enlists the help of her four friends and forms the League of Pensioners. They rebel against all the rules, the bedtime curfew and the bad food. As the pensioners become daring, they plan a cunning break out of the home and move in to a luxury hotel in Stockholm. They plan a robbery of the Stockholm Art Museum to ransom the paintings to get the money they need to start a new life. Their antics are very entertaining and surprisingly successful. The book is humorous but also points out the plight of the elderly and how they are often invisible and dismissed. The book is a fun read and the first in a series of three books with the League of Pensioners as the characters.

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.

Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters

1640 South Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63131

Meeting Room A

When: 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 28

7:00 pm Tuesday, May 30

Contact: Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or

kicmeyer51@gmail.com

¡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 <u>Becoming Nicole</u> by Emily Ellis Nutt

Reviewer: Lorna Anderson

Feb 23 Re Jane by Patricia Park

Reviewer: Janice Rumfelt

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 <u>The Sacrifice</u> 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

Downtown Lunch Group

You are invited to meet and lunch with area AAUW members for good conversation and interesting restaurants! Please register each month with Kay Meyer.

Where: Varies each month

When: 11:45 am the 3rd Tuesday each month

Contact: Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or

kicmeyer@yahoo.com

Dec 20 Café Provençal

427 S. Kirkwood Road Kirkwood 314-822-5440

Help Gift Wrap!

IBC will be wrapping gifts for Barnes & Noble's customers, and you can help! We will be working for tips using paper supplied by Barnes & Noble. Two wrappers are needed for each shift. Sign up for some holiday fun!

Where: Barnes & Noble

Ladue Crossing Shopping Center 8871 Ladue Road, Ladue, MO 63124

When: Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

Shifts: 11-2, 2-5, 5-8

Sign up: Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or

kicmeyer@yahoo.com

International Relations Series

Each year the St. Louis AAUW branches partner with the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society (TWA) to present four free lectures on aspects of

international relations to the community. Each program is followed by lunch (bring your own bag lunch) and further discussion of the topic. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for a description of each lecture.

Where: The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road

St. Louis, MO 63117

When: 10:45 am the 2nd Tuesday Jan through Apr

Contact: Kay Meyer

Jan 10 Reproductive Justice Worldwide

Feb 14 Russia Today

Mar 14 Immigrants and Refugees from a Global

Perspective

Apr 11 The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Status Update

Spring Fling Luncheon

The annual Spring Fling luncheon is the primary fundraiser for IBC. Money raised is used to send college students to AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C. Last year we sent two students. Plan to attend and participate in the gift basket raffles!

Where: Glen Echo Country Club
When: 11:30 am Saturday, March 25

Speaker: Jessica Woolbright, Children's Program

Coordinator at St. Martha's Hall, Chair of St.

Louis Ending Violence Against Women

Network (SLEVAWN)

Cost: \$28

A flyer and registration form will be in the February

newsletter.

AAUW MO

Public Policy: Impact Grant—MO Lobby Corps

Goal three of the AAUW Impact Grant awarded to AAUW MO is the formation of an AAUW MO Lobby Corps. The MO Lobby Corps will be based on the model used by AAUW's National Lobby Corps in Washington D.C. and trained by national staff. Members will travel to Jefferson City in teams of two with specific talking points about our AAUW issues. Corps members will make a commitment to be in Jefferson City on either Tuesday or Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., for the Legislative session from January through April. With a potential Lobby Corps of 18 people, an individual's commitment would be going to Jeff City two or three times during the 18 days that the legislature is in session. Volunteer now to be part of this very special

group that will have one-on-one conversations with Missouri legislators. If you are interested in being a part of this important new advocacy in action group, contact Karen Francis, Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW MO at karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com.

Public Policy: Court Watch Training

The St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN) Court Watch Project recently trained AAUW volunteers to observe courtrooms where civil domestic violence cases are being heard and monitor 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 United States Department of Justice. The duties of a court watcher are:

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

To volunteer for this program and sign up for the next training session, contact Karen Francis, Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW MO at karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com.

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

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National Convention

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

Charting the Course

The \$1 million dollar fundraising effort has reached 90 percent of its goal.

Living Wage

A recent report by the National Living Wage Institute presented the following figures for states in our area:

Arkansas (Living Wage for 2 Adults, 1 Child, \$19.39-Minimum Wage \$7.50);

Kansas (Living Wage, \$20.36-Minimum Wage \$7.25);

Missouri (living Wage, \$22.91-Minimum Wage \$7.65); Oklahoma (Living Wage, \$20.34-Minimum Wage \$7.25).

Gender Pay Gap

The recent annual report from the World Economic Forum on gaps between men and women in education, health, economic opportunity and political power in 144 countries has some interesting facts on the U.S. First, the U.S. ranked 45 in the world compared to 28 last year. According to the report, it will take 170 more years for the world's women to reach equity with men.

Income Inequality

A recent report by the Economic Policy Institute gave the following information for states in our area:

	Avg Income	Avg Income	What the Top 1% Makes
ST	of Top 1%	of Bottom 99%	Compared to Bottom 99%
МО	\$833,823	\$41,641	20.0 times more
AR	750,101	36,421	20.6 times more
KS	981,279	50,367	19.5 times more
OK	930,201	44,849	20.7 times more

iAdelante!

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

 Jan 10, 7:30 pm ET, <u>The Poisoned Table</u> by Diane Michael Cantor

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

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

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/

Calendar

December 2016

- 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)
- 16 Webinar on Advocacy and Equal Pay Day
- 20 Downtown Lunch Group—Café Provençal
- 31 Deadline for Century Club and Century Club Plus contributions

January 2017

- 10 Deadline for Applications for Selected Professional Fellows
- 14 Legislative Retreat—Location TBD
- 15 Deadline to Apply for Community Action Grants
- 15 Deadline to Apply for International Project Grants
- 15 Last Day for Reduced Rates for National Convention Registration
- 28 MO Board Meeting—Conference Call
- 31 Deadline for Revised Bylaws

February 2017

23 KWG Meeting/Program

March 2017

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

April 2017

- 1 Early Registration for NCCWSL Ends
- 4 MO Equity Day Rally—Jefferson City
- 11 Equal Pay Day

or 12

27 KWG Meeting/Program

May 2017

- 31- NCCWSL—University of Maryland at College Park Jun 3
- 5 MO Board Meeting—Columbia
- 6 MO State Conference—Columbia
- TBD KWG Spring Banquet

June 2017

14-17 National Convention—Washington DC

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

mkwkoch@outlook.com

636-256-3746

AAUW . . . empowering women since 1881 . . .

- 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

AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017

	2016-2017 Budget		
Carryover	Operating Funds, Include:		
•	Math & Science Award Fund -\$501.36*		
	Jean Shull Memorial Leadership Funds \$495.00		
	Bank account total:	\$	6,743.84
INCOME		Proposed	
11001112	Dues, 24 x \$15	\$	360.00
	Fundraising		
	Pecans	\$	2,100.00
	Plowsharing Crafts	\$	110.00
	Donations	\$	10.00
	Interest from CD	\$	8.00
	In/Out Contribution (AAUW Fund)	\$	100.00
	Estimated income total:	\$	2,688.00
	Carryover	\$	6,743.84
	Total, income and carryover:	\$	9,434.84
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EXPENSES			
	Leadership	\$	495.00
	Contributions		
	International Relations Lecture Series	\$	60.00
	MO Women's Network	\$	30.00
	AAUW, NCCWSL code 2504	\$	200.00
	AAUW Funds, in memoriam (Giles & Shull)		-
	Public Relations/Visibility		
	Equality Day, half-page ad	\$	55.00
	Math-Science Award (2 @ \$350)	\$	700.00
	Communications		
	Newsletter copying, postage (9 issues @ \$1 ea x 6)	\$	60.00
	Directory	\$	-
	Fundraising		
	Schermer Pecans	\$	1,600 .00
	General Meetings		,
	Program speakers (+ pecans)	\$	250.00
	Equipment	\$	10.00
	Meeting room	\$	300.00
	Banquet (e.g., speaker's meal)	\$	100.00
	Miscellaneous supplies, etc.	\$	75.00
	In/Out Contribution (AAUW Fund)	\$	100.00
	Estimated expenditures:	\$	4,035.00
(see below)	Certificate of Deposit (interest auto deposited to checking account)	\$	5,500.00**

^{*}Funds to be transferred from CD when needed

Per back records, on 3-12-2012 our CD at Southwest Bank/M&I/BMOHarris was \$5,490.23. Interest was compounded. Their rates changed, so on 4-24-2012, I transferred the balance, plus a personal check to total \$5,500.00, to a CD at US Bank and arranged for the interest to be send via bank check to me for deposit in our BMOHarris checking account.

Expenditures exceed income by almost \$647 (not counting the STEM awards, which will eventually come from the CD).

Register at Eventbrite.com

St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT)

Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Conference

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Program

Spencer Library, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376

This project was made possible in full by a grant from American Association of University Women (AAUW)

All New Program! Featuring:

Featuring:
Jillian Anderson
Amanda Colegrove
Chief Roy Joachimstaler
Kathy Lloyd
Amanda Mohl
Rumi Price
Kimberly Ritter
Shima Rostami
Kathleen Thimsen

Free Event Complimentary Lunch

For more info contact:
ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org
apatriciashores@att.net
http://www.stcharlescoaliton.com



The Tuesday Women's Association of Ethical Society and the American Association of University Women present the:

2017 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



January 10, 2017

Reproductive Justice Worldwide

Mary M. Kogut, MBA, BSW is President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, a 501 C3 health care organization serving over 45,000 clients annually. Ms. Kogut is also President and CEO of Advocates of Planned Parenthood,

the advocacy arm of the affiliate. She has over 30 years of experience in senior, executive leadership positions in healthcare, specifically women's reproductive healthcare.

Roe V Wade's 44th anniversary is January 2017. Planned Parenthood turned 100 in October, 2016. Yet the state of reproductive healthcare, particularly for women, is still in question both nationally and internationally. Ms. Kogut will explore the experience of women and families worldwide and the hope of the future.

Coordinator: Pam Ross Assistant Coordinator: Karen Francis



February 14, 2017

Russia Today

Dr. Ellen Carnaghan, Professor of Political Science and department chair at St. Louis University, teaches and conducts research in Russian politics, the politics of post-communism and political change in many aspects, including democratization and social movements. Her recent book, *Out of Order: Russian Political Values in an Imperfect World*

examines how the political values of Russian citizens have been shaped by the disorderly conditions that followed the collapse of communism. She is currently working on a new book, *Constructing Citizens: Mass Protest in Autocratic Regimes*, which explores methods of overcoming obstacles to democratization in post-communist regimes that has involved field research in Georgia, Ukraine, and Russia.

Coordinator: Sharon Poe Assistant Coordinator: Julia Triplett



March 14, 2017

Immigrants and Refugees from a Global Perspective

Uma A. Segal is professor and baccalaureate program director in the School of Social Work at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Dr. Segal served 2007-2015 as resident scholar on migration on the Advisory Board of the Katherine A. Kendall Institute (KAKI), an

international arm of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). She was editor in chief of the *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* from 2004-2012, and is coeditor of the book *Immigration Worldwide: Policies, Practices, and Trends.* Dr. Segal has participated in research projects on cross-national comparisons of migration in Athens, Greece, Sofia, Bulgaria, and Tokyo, Japan, and has been an invited speaker in several Asian and European countries. In addition her research has taken her to Brazil, India, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

Coordinator: Sara Salbego Assistant Coordinator: Nancy Hutchins



April 11, 2017

The Trans Pacific Partnership: Status Update

Dave Robertson, PhD, Professor and chair of the Political Science Department, University of Missouri St. Louis and University of Missouri Curators Teaching Professor. Dr.

Robertson's areas of specialization are American institutions and Politics, Political History, American Social and Economic Policy Political Economy, U.S. Constitution, Environmental History, Policy & Politics, Labor Politics, Policy Analysis, and Missouri Politics.

How familiar are we with American trade agreements? Have our two major political parties clearly articulated positions on American trade policy? How are trade agreements negotiated and how do they impact foreign policy? This presentation will give us a contextual overview of American trade policy, recent trade agreements and seek to explain who the drivers are.

Coordinator: Kayla Vaughan Assistant Coordinator: Carolyn Herkstroeter



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New Member Form - 2016-2017

Make check payable to: <u>AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch</u>. (*According to the IRS, \$46 of AAUW membership dues are a charitable contribution. Suggestion: Make a note for your tax folder.)

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

 Branch Member dues (submitted March 16-December 31): Association \$49 + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$74 Dual Member, Primary Branch in Another State: Association \$0* + State \$10 + Branch \$15 = \$25 My primary branch/state/membership #: Dual Member, Primary Branch in Missouri: Association \$0* + State \$0* + Branch \$15 = \$15 My primary branch/membership #: 				
Please provide your personal information for inclusion in the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch membership directory. Information will help us to know each other and to recognize some of the accomplishments of our members.	Γhis			
Name: Date of Birth:				
Marital Status: Single Married/Partnered (Spouse's name:				
(Street) (City) Zip Code Home phone: E-Mail Address:				
Would you prefer receiving your branch and state newsletters via: E-Mail, USPS, or both Employed F/T Employed P/T Retired (Title/Job/Retired from				
Company Name/Address: Work phone:				
Self-employed: full time part time (Business) Homemaker Unemp	oloyed			
Volunteer at:				
(organizations) <u>Degrees Held Area of Study</u> <u>College or University</u> <u>Year</u>				
Remarks, AAUW Interests, Awards, Achievements, Hobbies, Interests, Special Skills, Etc. (continue on reverse)	:			