



Newsletter of the

Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch

Founded April 1971 ~ Celebrating 45 Years!

2016-2017, No. 8

"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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The public is invited to our FREE monthly program . . .

Honoring Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design, Math

Research Presentation by Helina S. Woldekiros, PhD, Research Associate
Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis

and

Honoring Two High School Recipients of K-WG STEM Scholarships

Amra Kardasevic, Affton High School

Mia Rintoul, Maplewood Richmond Heights High School

followed by

K-WG Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, April 27

Social 6:30—Program 7:00

Oak Bend Branch - St. Louis County Library
842 S. Holmes Avenue 63122

Helina's project, entitled *The Afar Caravan Route: Insights into Aksumite (50 BCE-CE 900) Trade and Exchange from the Low Deserts to the North Ethiopian Plateau*, examines the role of local and regional trade in subsistence commodities such as salt in northern Ethiopia from the Aksumite (50 BCE-CE 900) period to modern times.

Mia Rintoul is planning to be at our meeting.

At the KWG annual business meeting, officers for 2017-19 will be approved:
President: Chris Nobbe
Program VP: Marsha Koch

Please bring feminine hygiene products to donate to [Shower to the People!](#)

Guests are Always Welcome

We encourage you to bring guests to our meetings to introduce them to AAUW. If they cannot attend a meeting, ask our membership VP's to contact them; they will send newsletters and links to helpful AAUW information.

New members joining after March 15 get the benefit of membership through June 30, 2018. Additionally, **guests who join at their first AAUW event will pay only 50% of the cost of National dues for their first year of membership!**

AAUW is a non-partisan organization that is working hard for all women's rights. With respect to all, please be observant of non-partisanship at branch meetings and events.

April Birthdays!

7 – Gloria Campion

20 – Bruce Robert

19 – Kay Meyer

Meet 'n Geek

This new technology group met March 24 to begin planning a strategy for developing members' knowledge of and ability to use current technology. A plan with mission and goals and a schedule of hands-on help sessions is being formalized for our branch. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, contact Chris Nobbe or Marsha Koch and plan to attend our next session:

When: Friday, April 28, 1-3 pm

Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters
1640 S. Lindbergh 63131

Contact: Chris Nobbe or Marsha Koch

The County Library system offers free tech classes beginning and intermediate level in a variety of iPad, iPhone, and computer topics including Windows 10, Email, Internet, FaceBook, Twitter, File Management, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. To find classes go to <https://www.slcl.org/events/> and search for event types "Computer Classes" and "Computer Club/Tech Talks."

Membership Renewal for 2017–18

The AAUW year is July 1-June 30, and your current annual membership expires June 30, 2017. [AAUW](http://aauw.org/join/) (aauw.org/join/) accepts online payment by credit card of \$74 annual dues for your national, state, and branch membership. Help paying online is available from national by email or by calling the national office at 800-326-2289. Carol Davis McDonald is also available for assistance.

You may also renew by sending a check for \$74 payable to Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW to Carol.

2016 AAUW Accomplishments

- ❖ 714 resource guides were delivered to Title IX coordinators in 29 states
- ❖ Members organized more than 900 get-out-the-vote events in 46 states
- ❖ 19 AAUW members were elected to state legislatures
- ❖ Members hosted more than 200 Equal Pay Day events nationwide

YWCA Call for Volunteers

The YWCA Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) provides immediate, in-person, 24-hour crisis intervention to survivors of sexual assault at participating hospitals in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Volunteers participate in a 40-hour training program over a six-week period, and a training session for volunteers is beginning in May 2017.

For more information and to volunteer for this program, call the YWCA Women's Resource Center at (314) 726-6665. See flyer at end of this newsletter.

St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)

IBC International Relations Lecture Series

Each program is followed by lunch (bring your own) and further discussion of the topic.

When: April 11, 10:00 am (2nd Tuesday Jan - Apr)
Trade Policy in Turmoil by Dave Robertson, Ph.D.

Where: The Ethical Society
9001 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO 63117

Contact: [Kay Meyer](#), 314-962-7487

IBC Downtown Lunch Group

When: April 18, 11:45 am
(3rd Tuesday each month)

Where: The London Tea Room
3128 Morganford Road 63116
314-241-6556

Contact: [Kay Meyer](#), 314-962-7487

IBC ¡Adelante! Book Group

When: April 27, 1:30 pm
(4th Thursday of the month)

Book: The Sacrifice by Joyce Carol Oates

Reviewer: Deb McWard

Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center, 1600 Clarkson Road

Contact: [Julie Triplett](#), 314-630-9429

IBC Board Meeting

All members are invited to attend meetings and participate in IBC board meetings and activities.

When: 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 30

Where: Mid-County Branch Library
7821 Maryland Ave, Clayton 63105

Contact: [Kay Meyer](#), 314-962-7487

St. Charles (MO) AAUW

St. Charles invites you to their 6th Annual Ladies Tea Time Trivia for fantastic food, fun, and a good time with friends. Questions are topics of interest to women. NO men's sports! Support the two high school scholarships!! See flyer at end of this newsletter.

When: 1:00- 3:30 pm, Saturday, April 22
Where: Fellowship Hall
Faith United Methodist Church
2950 Droste Road, St. Charles
Contact: Rose Ann, 636-946-5226

AAUW MO

Equity Action Day – Tuesday, April 4

From our state public policy co-chairs, Pat Shores and Karen Francis, Co-chairs:

On Tuesday, April 4, Missouri women will gather in Jefferson City to let our representatives know what we care about. Busses will leave from St. Louis and Kansas City (AAUW MO Impact Grant reduces bus cost). The cost of the St. Louis bus is \$30. Participants may order a Panera box lunch for \$11. It will include ½ a sandwich, ½ salad, chips, and a cookie. Although women from collaborating organizations will lobby legislators on different subjects, AAUW members will focus on the gender pay gap to ask legislators' support of legislation to close the gap. Members will be trained on the bus about talking points and will be given a packet of information for their legislators. It is rare to actually meet your representatives in their offices. Usually we leave the material with the administrative assistant. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter or [on line](#). Sign up with Pat Shores NOW (apatriciashores@att.net) to be part of the citizen lobby of committed women and men who represent 12 organizations. We need branch members to support this Equity Action Day as it is more important than ever to have our voices heard.

State Conference – Saturday, May 6

Make plans now to attend our state conference in Columbia, MO. Meet members from across the state, get updates on public policy progress, and hear from a pay equity challenger that AAUW is supporting. See the *Missouri in Motion* or the [AAUW MO website](#) for more Information. Let president Kay Meyer know if you will be attending. There may be opportunities for partial branch reimbursement of the registration cost.

Public Policy: Gender Pay Gap Activity

Don't forget to email or call your local representatives with weekly messages about the gender pay gap. Messages for each week of the MO Legislature session are in the January newsletter.

Public Policy: Impact Grant—MO Lobby Corps

AAUW members travel every week to Jefferson City to lobby for AAUW issues. To be part of the MO Lobby Corps, 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 is planning another training session. AAUW, as well as many other organizations, 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 within 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 and has been recognized as a model program for other cities. The duties of a court watcher are:

- Attend one 4-hour volunteer orientation
- Sign up to monitor one docket a month for six months (more monitors could reduce this)
- Go to the courtroom on scheduled date and monitor the proceeding (complete a checklist)
- 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 314-739-4425 or 314-223-4235 or karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com.

Women's Status in Missouri:

- Female earnings as percent of male: 77.9% (18th lowest)
- Percent management jobs held by women: 40.9% (15th highest)
- Percent 3-4 year olds enrolled in state pre-K: 2.8% (15th lowest)
- Percent legislative seats held by women: 24.9% (25th highest)

Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Conference – Thursday, April 27

This FREE St. Charles Outreach Coalition against Human Trafficking Event is made possible in full by a grant from American Association of University Women (AAUW).

When: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 27
9 - 9:30 Registration with complimentary breakfast
9:30 - 1:00 Program

Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo 63131

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for registration information.

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2017 AAUW National Election

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Online voting for candidates for national offices, bylaws proposals, and public policy program proposals begins April 14 and ends June 15 with results announced on June 16 at Convention.

If you want to vote via paper ballot, **you must request a paper ballot by May 4 and mail your ballot by May 22.**

Several items of particular interest are described here.

Bylaws Change to Eliminate Member Voting on Public Policy Issues

AAUW Bylaws: Article XIII. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP. Section 4. Voting. The AAUW Governance Committee has proposed the following changes to this bylaw.

- a. Each Individual Member in good standing at the time of the meeting notice shall be entitled to one vote on any item of business.
- b. Individual Members shall be entitled to vote on noticed business items ~~by paper or electronic ballot~~ following procedures designated by the Board of Directors. Such votes may include election of the Board of Directors and adoption or amendment of ~~the Public Policy Program~~, resolutions, and amendments to these Bylaws. Individual Members voting are considered to be present at the meeting.

Historically members have voted to determine the public policy issues on which AAUW should focus. Many AAUW MO members commented *against* this proposal. This will be voted on as a freestanding proposed amendment.

All Bylaws changes can be reviewed, along with member comments, at

<http://www.aauw.org/files/2017/03/2017-AAUW-OMOV-Bylaws-Comments-All-nsa.pdf>.

Election of Directors – Vote for Sue!!!



Sue Barley, long-time member of Ballwin-Chesterfield branch, a former officer of AAUW MO is running for re-election. See her bio and video at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors/#barley>.

The entire slate of candidates for election to the AAUW Board of Directors will be detailed in the April *AAUW Outlook* and is also available at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors>.

Dues Increase being Considered

The AAUW Board of Directors is currently considering a motion to increase AAUW's annual national membership dues from \$49 to \$59. If approved, the increase would go into effect starting July 1, 2018. This increase, the organization's first since 2008, is necessary to maintain AAUW's ability to react to current challenges and deliver the services and programs that are a vital part of our mission.

Read more about this proposal at

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/>.

Charting the Course

The national effort to raise \$1 million for AAUW unrestricted funds exceeded that by \$20,000. Contributions came from 1,045 individuals.

45th Anniversary of Title IX

Title IX has a great impact on women in education and especially sports in colleges/universities. June 2017 is the anniversary month of the legislation.

¡Adelante!

Do you have a book to recommend for the [¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club](#)? Make your recommendation by April 30 at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-club-recommendation-form/>.

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Join an online chat with Patricia Park, AAUW American Fellow and author of Re Jane: A Novel:

When: May 2, 7:30 pm EST

Where: [AAUW](#)

Register at

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/03/online-book-discussion-re-jane-by-patricia-park/#register>.

Calendar

April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- 1 Early Registration for NCCWSL Ends
- 3 Opening Day to Request Paper Ballot
- 4 MO Equity Day Rally—Jefferson City
- 11 International Relations Series—The Ethical Society Trade Policy in Turmoil
- 14 Voting Begins Online
- 18 Downtown Lunch Group—The London Tea Room
- 27 KWG Meeting—AAUW Fellow Dr. Helina S. Woldekiros and STEM Scholarship Recipients

May 2017

- 2 Online chat with ¡Adelante! author Patricia Park

- 4 Deadline for AAUW to Receive Request for Paper Ballot
- 5 MO Board Meeting—Columbia
- 6 MO State Convention—Columbia
- 16 Downtown Lunch Group—The Garden on Grand
- 20 KWG Spring Banquet—Program TBA
- 22 Deadline for Mailing Paper Ballot
- 30 IBC Board Meeting
- 31- NCCWSL—University of Maryland at College Park
Jun 3

June 2017

- 14-17 National Convention—Washington DC
- 20 Downtown Lunch Group—LuLu Seafood & Dim Sum
- 23 45th Anniversary of Title IX
- 30 AAUW Fiscal Year Ends

July 2017

- 15 MO Board Meeting
- 31 Marion Talbot's Birthday

August 2017

- 26 Women's Equality Day

*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

LET'S GO TO JEFF CITY!

EQUITY ACTION DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

10:00 am, House Hearing Room 2, Capitol Building

CITIZEN LOBBYING

11:00 am, Visit your Senator and Representative

Noon, Lunch and Legislative Briefing in House Hearing Room 2

1:00 pm, Citizen Lobbying

2:30 pm, Wrap Up in House Hearing Room 2

RESERVATIONS

Email Pat Shores, apatriclashores@att.net, to reserve a seat on a bus from St. Louis for \$80. The cost of the bus is being subsidized by an AAUW NO Impact Grant.

Email Pat Shores to order a Pamera Box lunch for \$11. The box will contain a ½ sandwich (choice of three), a ½ salad, chips and a cookie.

MO WOMEN'S NETWORK

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

AAUW OF MISSOURI, COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN,
GREATER KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
MISSOURI NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW),
THE MISSOURI WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COALITION,
MISSOURI WOMEN'S NETWORK, NARAL, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN,
NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS-SAINT LOUIS,
PLANNED PARENTHOOD, VISION 2020 MISSOURI



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



April 11, 2017

Trade Policy in Turmoil

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

*St. Charles American Association of University Women
6th Annual Local Scholarship/Education Fundraiser*

“Ladies Tea Time Trivia”

*Coffee, Tea, Soda, Homemade Sweets and Treats Provided
Feel free to bring additional snacks for your table. No alcohol allowed*

Saturday, April 22, 2017 1:00- 3:30 pm Doors open at 12:30 pm

Fellowship Hall- Faith United Methodist Church 2950 Droste Road St. Charles

Directions: I-70 to First Capitol, left to West Clay, right on Droste. Enter parking lot on Norwich.

*Ladies: Experience a unique trivia featuring ten categories of
women's interests and general topics! NO men's sports questions!!!*

*\$120 donation table of 8 \$90 donation table of 6 \$15 donation single ticket
Baskets Mulligan (5/\$10) Brains or Booty (Heads or Tails) Bonus Round*

*St. Charles AAUW Scholarships have been awarded since 1938 to St. Charles County High
School Senior Women meeting qualifications of the Branch Scholarship Committee.*

*Contact's Name _____
Phone contact _____ E-mail _____*

*_____ Table of eight- \$120 _____ Table of 6- \$90
Please send one check per table or send all checks together.
_____ Single- \$15 (Note: Singles will be assigned to a table fewer than 8)*

*Make check payable to: St. Charles AAUW Check number _____ Total _____
Registration and check to: AAUW 600 Breeze Park Dr Apt 305 St. Charles, MO 63303
Questions: Phone contact- Rose Ann at 636-946-5226*

*_____ Enclosed is a donation to the local St. Charles Branch AAUW Scholarship Fund
_____ I would like to sponsor a round for \$25. I've enclosed a business card / information*

Breaking the Chains of **Human Trafficking** Conference Series

A St. Charles Outreach Coalition against Human Trafficking Event

Thursday April 27, 2017

9:00 AM To 9:30 AM Registration

9:30 AM to 1:00 PM Program

ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS
1640 S. LINDBERGH BLVD., ST. LOUIS, MO 63131

Partner Organizations:

- Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- International Institute of St. Louis
- O'Fallon, MO, Police Department
- St. Louis County and City Police Departments (Human Trafficking Task Force)

Sponsor Organizations:



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

Free Event

Complimentary Breakfast

For more information and RSVP contact
SHIMA ROSTAMI

SROSTAMI@LINDENWOOD.EDU

THE ST. CHARLES OUTREACH COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS COMMITTED TO RAISE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION REGARDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY PROVIDING INFORMATION, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

<http://stcharlescoalition.com>
info@stcharlescoalition.com



American Association of University Women - Missouri
ANNUAL STATE MEETING: *Changing the Climate for Women and Girls*

Saturday, May 6, 2017
Holiday Inn Executive Center
2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration/Coffee/Networking
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	OPENING SESSION – Welcome! Jan Scott, President, AAUWMO AAUW Update – Janet Bunger, AAUW Board
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	AAUW-MO Business Meeting & Annual Awards Presiding, Jan Scott, AAUW-MO President (Photos: 11:30-11:45 AM)
12:00 Noon - 12:45 PM	LUNCH
12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	LAF Speaker Aileen Rizo, Plaintiff, <i>Rizo v. Fresno</i>
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	CEDAW – What is it? Gail James
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Public Policy Impact Grant Update: MO Lobby Corps and What's Up in Jeff City? Pat Shores, Karen Francis
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Wrap-Up – Jan Scott, Presiding

Please mail in the bottom portion of this flyer with your check **BEFORE APRIL 6**

Registration fee: \$60.00 (Late registration \$65.00). Make checks payable to AAUW of Missouri, with "2017 Conference" in the memo line.

Send to: ELLEN JOHNSON, 4505 Headwood Dr., Apt. 7, Kansas City, MO 64111

A block of rooms is being held for Friday night. To make a reservation call 573-445-8531 and say you are with American Association of University Women (use 3-digit code 'AAW').

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2017 AAUWMO CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ E MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ BRANCH (if applicable) _____

No. of guests (give their contact information on the reverse side) _____

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ _____



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needs special volunteers to join

SART

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or on becoming a SART volunteer, call the
YWCA Women's Resource Center at (314) 726-6665.**

The SART project is funded by a grant
from the Missouri Department of Public Safety
and the Missouri Department of Health

