



*"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 invited to our end-of-year

Celebration and Installation of Officers

Saturday, May 20

11:00 am

LaBonne Bouchée

**12344 Olive Blvd., Westgate Center
St. Louis, MO 63141 ~ 314-576-6606**

K-WG HAS MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE. WE ARE

- **A 10 Star Branch! (Last year we received only 9 stars.)**
- **1st in per capita giving- \$140.42 – among MO branches!**
- **2nd in total giving - \$3,651 – among MO branches!**

K-WG has 4 Century Plus Club members (gave more than \$100 this year):

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| Carol Davis McDonald | Julia Muller |
| Jane Robert | Maurita Stueck |

K-WG has 9 Century Club members (gave at least \$100 this year):

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| Patricia Farrior | Helen Hays |
| Melissa Johnsen | Barbara Johnson |
| Marsha Koch | Mara Minarik-Perry |
| Bruce Robert | Lynne Roney |
| Jeanne Webdell | |

K-WG has 7 Named Gift Honorees:

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| Marsha Koch | Carol Davis McDonald |
| Barbara Johnson | Deborah McWard |
| Jeanne Morrel Franklin | Margaret McKelvie (in memoriam) |

K-WG has a new Legacy Circle member:

Nancy Hutchins

New officers to be installed are:

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| President: | Chris Nobbe |
| Program VP: | Marsha Koch |

Guests are welcome to join in our comraderie and learn about AAUW and our branch. Guests who join at their first AAUW event will pay only 50% of the cost of National dues for their first year of membership!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Every member's vote counts! Every two years members elect officers, board of directors, changes to bylaws, and resolutions. Results of the elections are announced at the biannual conference.

The entire slate of candidates for election to the AAUW Board of Directors is 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>.

Your Vote Is Your Voice. Watch the video on the AAUW website and learn why: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

To vote [online](#): Go to www.aauw.org/resource/national-election and click on the "Vote" button. You will need your **member ID and PIN number** found on the mailing label of your latest issue of *Outlook*.

Sue Barley from the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch is running for re-election as Director. She needs your vote!

Only 18% of K-WG members voted in the last election. Let's beat that number this year! Please vote.

2017-18 Membership Renewal


The AAUW year is July 1-June 30, and current annual memberships expire June 30, 2017. You can renew by:

1. Credit card at [AAUW](http://www.aauw.org/join/) (aauw.org/join/). 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.
2. Sending a check for \$74 (or \$25 if paying only state and branch dues) payable to Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011.

Give a Grad a Gift

As an AAUW member in the state of Missouri, you can gift one year of free AAUW national and state membership to as many recent graduates as you like. Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member.

Registration can be done online by the graduate as long as s/he has your name and ZIP code. Go to the AAUW site, [aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), search for Give-a-Grad-a Gift, click on

the page referencing the form (with this graphic ) and click on the "Give the Gift of AAUW Membership now" button at the bottom of the page.

K-WG Meet 'n Geek

This new, informal technology group meets monthly to help each other learn how to better use social media and collaboration tools such as iPhones, tablets, Google Docs, Facebook, and Twitter. All members are welcome. Bring your tablet or laptop with you. Meeting dates vary.

When: Tuesday, June 27, 1-3 pm

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

Contact: Chris Nobbe or Marsha Koch

St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)

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

IBC Downtown Lunch Group

When: May 16, 11:45 am
(3rd Tuesday each month)

Where: The Garden on Grand
2245 South Grand Blvd., 63104
314-898-3788

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

*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.*

IBC ¡Adelante! Book Group

When: May 25, 1:30 pm
(4th Thursday of the month)
Book: Poisoned Table by Diane Michael Cantor
Reviewer: Linda Roberson
Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center, 1600 Clarkson Road
Contact: [Julie Triplett](mailto:Julie.Triplett@aaup.org), 314-630-9429

IBC International Relations Lecture Series Save the Date – August 8

On August 8 members of AAUW and the [Tuesday Women's Association](#) will meet at the Ethical Society to brainstorm topics for the lecture series in 2018. Participation is open to everyone in AAUW, and the more minds the better! Let President Kay Meyer know if you will be attending and if you would like to carpool.

2016 AAUW MO Accomplishments

- ❖ MO has 17 college/university members
- ❖ 16 MO students attended NCCWSL
- ❖ AAUW members sent 3,068 messages through AAUW's Two-Minute Activist tool
- ❖ MO Lobby Corps made 40 visits to members of MO legislature

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State Conference

“Changing the Climate for Women and Girls”

Kay Meyer, Nancy Hutchins, and Marsha Koch represented K-WG at this year's well-attended state conference on May 6 in Columbia, MO. The speakers were excellent and reminded us why we are so passionate about AAUW. The *Missouri in Motion* will be published in June with full summaries of the events.

Public Policy: Impact Grant—MO Lobby Corps

Plan now to be a part of this MO AAUW group in the next MO Legislative Session. Members will travel once a week January through May 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 June 9

AAUW, as well as many other organizations, volunteers for this project through the St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN). This project observes courtrooms where requests for orders of protection are being heard and monitors the proceedings in an effort to research any problem patterns and issues within the court system.

The monitoring is 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 goals of Court Watch are to:

- create greater safety for domestic violence victims
- accountability for offenders by insuring that the courts hearing Order of Protection cases implement the law correctly
- provide a supportive and safe environment for victims.

A training session will be held on June 9, 8:30-Noon, at Safe Connections, . 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 either:

- Karen Francis, Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW MO, at 314-739-4425 or 314-223-4235 or karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com
- the Court Watch Project Coordinator Carla Maley at courtwatchstl@gmail.com

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2017 AAUW National Election

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

Online voting ends June 15 with results announced on June 16 at Convention.

If you are voting by paper ballot, **your ballot must be postmarked by May 22.**

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>.

2016 AAUW Accomplishments

- ❖ 12 AAUW members attended the White House United State of Women Summit
- ❖ *AAUW in the Statehouse* launched with 1,767 subscribers (subscribe online)
- ❖ 2,786 Lobby Corps meetings were held with Congressional staff
- ❖ AAUW broke the news that 91% of colleges likely underreported incidents of campus rape in 2014
- ❖ AAUW moved to new office space in D.C.

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 issues.

AAUW . . . empowering women since 1881 . . .

- promotes equity for women and girls, because that makes the world a better place for everyone
- awards \$3.7 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

May 2017

- 16 Downtown Lunch Group—The Garden on Grand
- 20 KWG End-of-Year Celebration—LaBonne Bouchée
- 22 Deadline for Mailing Paper Ballot
- 30 IBC Board Meeting
- 31- NCCWSL—University of Maryland at College Park
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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

- 8 Meet with Tuesday Women's Club at Ethical Society to choose topics for next year's lecture series
- 26 Women's Equality Day Brunch

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