



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 five branches in the St. Louis, MO area that comprise the AAUW Metro Saint Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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THE K-WG BOARD CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR!

Thursday, August 3, 2017 ~ 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Home of Mara Perry

646 Yeddo Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Join our gathering of AAUW members and friends interested in AAUW for a fun, casual, meet and mingle with like spirited women over “Chocolate-y” good treats; Kă-kā-ō chocolate, chocolate cakes, and chocolate wine will be featured.

This is a by-invitation only event. You will receive an Eventbrite invitation. If you would like to invite someone to participate, please email Marsha Koch and she will send a special invitation. This is a great way to introduce your friends to AAUW and meet fellow branch members! Share your passion for women's issues!

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

Saturday, August 26, 2017 ~ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Clayton Plaza Hotel, 7750 Carondelet

This annual event is sponsored by Missouri Women's Network. AAUW MO is a long-time member of this organization and supports this annual event by purchasing ads in the program. This year's speaker is Janette Dean, coordinator of the passage of the ERA in Nevada. Registration flyer is attached. Members will assist with transportation. Call Marsha Koch, 314-651-0321, to arrange.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 ~ 6:30 pm

Buder Library, 4401 Hampton

St. Louis Branch invites you to attend their meeting to learn about the 2017 Convention from attendees Sue Barley, Julie Triplett, and Marsha Koch.

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.

Happy Birthdays!

June

11 – Lucy Whitaker 13 – Libby Reimers

24 – Nora Beiswenger

July

8 – Barbara Johnson

August

12 – Chris Nobbe 18 – Maurita Stueck

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A graduate of Drury College with a degree in English and a MAT in Communication Arts from Webster University, **Cathy Gilbert** joined our branch this spring. She is retired from Edward Jones and lives in Ballwin with her husband Chuck. Her favorite activity is spending time with her 6-year-old granddaughter. She also enjoys playing bridge with a group of long-time friends. She does a bit of volunteer work and spends a fair amount of time these days keeping up on political news.

Mariann Ruffle attended our February meeting and joined our branch that night. Mariann graduated from Rider University with a degree in Psychology and from Rutgers University with an MSW. She is an active member of the Tuesday Women's Association. She sings with two groups: Women's Hope who perform works by women four times a year, and the Courthouse Singers, who perform at citizenship swearing-in ceremonies. In addition, she is a member of Tesson Ferry Democrats, volunteers with Senior Connections visiting elders in the community, and is affiliated with Concordance, a program to help people transition to life after being in prison. Mariann retired from a career in medical social work at St. Anthony's Medical Center.

Libby Jan Reimers joined our branch this spring. She and her husband, Bob Carpenter, are retired United Methodist ministers. They live in Green Park, South St. Louis County. Libby volunteers at OASIS and Concord Trinity UMC. She received her BA in El. Ed. from Doane College, a graduate certificate in gerontology from St. Louis University, and her MA in non-profit administration from Lindenwood College. She is interested in current events, exercise of all kinds, the flute, small-group leadership and the environment.

Katherine Krizek joined this summer. She lives in Webster Groves. She received degrees in Special Education from Fontbonne University and Webster University. She is retired from her position as a Special Education teacher for the Special School District of St.

Louis County. She volunteers at an elementary school for reading tutorial and, also, at a local animal shelter.

Former branch member **Lucy (Whitaker) Barrington** rejoined as a dual member this spring. Lucy belongs to a Branch in Lubbock, Texas, where she moved with her new husband about ten years ago. She maintains her St. Louis connections, though, and participates in K-WG events when she visits.

Julie Robert joined at the end of last year. She received her BS in Political Science from Washington University (2006) and her JD in Taxation from St. Louis University (2009). She and her husband started PKR Investments, LLC, a financial consulting firm, and she serves as the general counsel working part time. She also stays home with their four children who range in age from 9 months to 3 years old. Julie is passionate about sports and now considers herself a runner. She attended the Women's March on Washington in D.C., and only recently became involved in organizations and groups that promoted equality, dipping her toes into civic involvement.

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 to contact them; they will send newsletters and links to helpful AAUW information.

NEW! Sign up to Help at Greentree Festival!

K-WG will have an informational outreach table at the [Kirkwood Greentree Festival](#) on September 15 and 16 to promote AAUW's mission and K-WG's support of girls in STEM fields. Members are needed to work the table in 2-hour or longer shifts.

When: Saturday, September 16, 9 am-7 pm
 Sunday, September 17, 10 am-5 pm
Where: Kirkwood Park
 Corner of Geyer and Adams 63122
Contact: [Marsha Koch](#), 314-651-0321

NEW! Calling Volunteers for GAP!

A Galaxy Award Project committee has been created to direct the implementation of a STEM project that would qualify K-WG to receive the MO AAUW Galaxy Award. Volunteers are needed to plan, collaborate with other organizations, and coordinate and administer the project. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Chris Nobbe](#), 314-323-0053.

Meet 'n Geek

This group meets monthly to expand our knowledge of technology and at the same time develop a social media presence for Kirkwood-Webster Groves. This is an informal group with a planned topic each month. Join us!

When: July 25, 1:30-3:30 pm
Topic: Instagram
Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters
East Room, 1640 S. Lindbergh 63131
Contact: [Chris Nobbe](mailto:Chris.Nobbe@stlouisl.org), 314-323-0053

K-WG Board Meeting

The board will meet on August 9 at the home of Marsha Koch from 1:00-3:00 to continue planning activities for the year. All members are invited to attend. For more information, call Marsha at 314-651-0321.

St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)

IBC International Relations Lecture Series

You are invited to participate with members of the Tuesday Women's Association in the annual meeting to brainstorm topics for next spring's Lecture Series, held the 2nd Tuesdays January through April.

When: August 8, 10 am
Where: The Ethical Society
9001 Clayton Road 63117
Contact: [Kay Meyer](mailto:Kay.Meyer@stlouisl.org), 314-962-7487

IBC Meet & Eat Lunch Group

(3rd Tuesday each month)

When: August 15, 11:45 am
Where: Piccadilly at Manhattan
7201 Piccadilly Avenue 63143
314-646-0016
Contact: [Kay Meyer](mailto:Kay.Meyer@stlouisl.org), 314-962-7487

IBC ¡Adelante! Book Group

(4th Thursday of the month)

No meeting in July or August.

IBC Meeting

All members are invited.

When: August 29, 7-9 pm
Where: Oak Bend Branch Library
842 S. Holmes Avenue, 63122
Contact: [Chris Nobbe](mailto:Chris.Nobbe@stlouisl.org), 314-323-0053

IBC Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Members from all area branches will wrap gifts for tips at the Barnes and Noble bookstore during the holiday season to raise funds for IBC activities. K-WG has been assigned December 16 and 17 to provide wrappers. [Kay Meyer](mailto:Kay.Meyer@stlouisl.org) will be scheduling two-hour shifts. Plan to volunteer for this fun and lucrative activity!

AAUW MO

For AAUW state news, visit the [AAUW MO](http://www.aauw.org) website.

AAUW National

Congratulations to Sue Barley, member of Ballwin-Chesterfield and St. Louis branches, who won re-election to the AAUW Board of Directors!

Resources and materials from the 2017 Convention are available on AAUW's website at:

<http://convention.aauw.org/2017/07/12/2017-convention-materials/>

45th Anniversary of Title IX!

Title IX affects all areas of education, including:

- recruitment, admissions and housing;
- career and technical education;
- pregnant, parenting, and/or married students;
- science, technology, engineering, and math education;
- sexual harassment and assault;
- comparable facilities and access to course offerings;
- financial assistance;
- student health services and insurance benefits;
- harassment based on gender identity; and
- athletics.

Visit AAUW's website to learn more:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/title-ix/>

Calendar

July 2017

- 15 MO Board Meeting - Columbia
- 25 Meet 'n Geek
- 31 Marion Talbot's Birthday

August 2017

- 3 A Chocolate Affair!
- 8 Lecture Series Planning Meeting at Ethical Society
- 8 Panel Discussion on the 2017 AAUW Convention
at Buder Branch Library
- 9 K-WG Board Meeting
- 15 Meet & Eat Lunch Group
Piccadilly at Manhattan, Maplewood
- 26 Women's Equality Day Brunch

September 2017

- 16 K-WG Table at Kirkwood Greentree Festival, 9-7
- 17 K-WG Table at Kirkwood Greentree Festival, 10-5
- 19 Meet & Eat Lunch Group
Guerrilla Street Food, Tower Grove
- 28 K-WG Meeting, Oak Bend Library

October 2017

- 17 Meet & Eat Lunch Group
The Blue Duck, Maplewood
- 26 K-WG Speaker Series #1, Oak Bend Library

November 2017

- 21 Meet & Eat Lunch Group
Baida Moroccan Restaurant, Tower Grove
- 30 K-WG Speaker Series #2, Oak Bend Library

December 2017

- 16 Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for IBC
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- 19 Meet & Eat Lunch Group
Twisted Tree Steakhouse, Crestwood

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

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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

MISSOURI WOMEN'S NETWORK

Presents

30th Annual
EQUALITY DAY
BRUNCH



97th Anniversary of Women
Winning the Vote

Saturday, August 26th, 2017

10:00 am - 2:00 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am)

Clayton Plaza Hotel - 7750 Carondelet - Clayton, MO 63105

Free hotel parking on Orange Level



Featured Speaker:
JANETTE DEAN
*~Coordinated the
passage of the ERA
in Nevada*

Legislative Updates
Legacy Tributes
Equality Day Awards

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