



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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*You are cordially invited to our November program . . .*

## THE STATE OF WOMEN IN MISSOURI WHAT HAPPENED IN 2017 AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2018

**Representative Deb Lavender, District 090**

and

**Representative Gina Mitten, District 083**

**Assistant Minority Floor Leader**

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

**6:30 - refreshments**

**7:00 - program**

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

Join us as Representatives Deb Lavender and Gina Mitten discuss how the work of the 2017 General Assembly affected women, what to expect in the 2018 General Assembly, and how best to affect legislative change that impacts AAUW's priorities.

AAUW's [biennial action priorities](#) are:

- To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity
- To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women
- To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society

**Our programs are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends.**

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**Support Women via [Shower To The People](#)**

K-WG will continue to collect donations of NEW, alcohol-free hygiene products for women. Items brought to a meeting will be delivered by Nancy Hutchins. You can also drop off donations at Plowsharing in Kirkwood and/or donate online at <http://www.showertothepeople.net/donate/>



## Message from President, Chris Nobbe

### The #MeToo Campaign

Harvey Weinstein is not the only person charged with sexual harassment, and many women and men have been sexually abused as children or

as adults. According to [Darkness to Light](#), about one in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. According to the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old. (These statistics are supported by studies with different conclusions.) Sexual assault, rape, and sexual harassment continue to be problems for women (and men) in adulthood. According to [RAINN](#) every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted and on average there are 321,500 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States.

Understanding the enormity of the problem of sexual harassment has been researched by AAUW and reported in *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*. The report can be downloaded at <https://www.aauw.org/research/crossing-the-line/>. AAUW has also studied sexual harassment on college campuses (2005). Learn more at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/sexual-harassment-violence-in-school/>.

A far less formal study, the #MeToo campaign on Twitter and Facebook, seeks to demonstrate just how prevalent the problem is and its impact on females. My Twitter feed and Facebook timeline were full of #MeToo stories or just a simple “me too.” *The Atlantic* reported on the campaign and [their article](#) ended with this: “There’s a monumental amount of work to be done in confronting a climate of serial sexual predation—one in which women are belittled and undermined and abused and sometimes pushed out of their industries altogether. But uncovering the colossal scale of the problem is revolutionary in its own right.”

I encourage each of us to learn more and to take steps to confront and report sexual harassment, abuse, and violence.

### Happy November Birthdays!

3 – Sandy Morris	25 – Nancy Hutchins
14 – Julia Muller	25 – Lynne Roney
21 – Patsy Farrior	

### Let’s Get Social!

Between meetings and special events we can connect and communicate virtually with social media:

- Website:  
<http://kwg-mo.aauw.net/> - Members Only section of the website includes the newsletter archive and can be accessed with the password kwgmember.
- Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWKWG/> - if you are interested in being an administrator to help manage the page, please let us know.
- Twitter:  
[https://twitter.com/AAUW\\_KWG](https://twitter.com/AAUW_KWG) - we are looking for a volunteer to build the Twitter account

Check out our social media sites and post a comment or two.

### Meet ‘n Geek

This group meets periodically 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 for each meeting. Bring your own device and join us!

When: November 10, 1:30-3:30 pm  
Topic: Google Docs including Calendar  
Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters  
East Room, 1640 S. Lindbergh 63131  
Contact: [Chris Nobbe](#), 314-323-0053

### Fundraising for STEM Scholarships

Our **first** fundraiser will be **Plowsharing Crafts** in Kirkwood on December 7! K-WG will earn 15% of the amount of your purchases any time from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 20% if our purchases exceed \$1500. Encourage your friends to shop at Plowsharing on December 7 and mention Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW!

### Holiday Socials

December is always a busy time of year, and meeting at the end of the month makes it especially so. This December in lieu of a monthly meeting we are planning two holiday socials, each of which has an AAUW

component. Join us for each one or both! Guests are welcome.

**“Merry Christmas Connections”** – This holiday show and dinner is presented by the award-winning [Gateway Spotlight ChorUS-Sweet Adelines Women's Barbershop](#).

St. Charles AAUW member Teri Brecht sings with this group. Tickets are limited and must be spoken for immediately. Dinner includes:

Roast Beef in Gravy  
Boneless Chicken Breasts in Sauce  
Red Potatoes with Parsley  
Steamed Vegetable Medley (broccoli, cauliflower, baby carrots)  
Italian Salad (Romaine and Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, sliced red onions, grated Parmesan)  
Apple Cake with Caramel Sauce  
Peppermint Chocolate Cake

When: Saturday, December 2, 6 pm  
Cost: \$25 (includes catered dinner)  
Where: Maryland Heights Community Center  
2300 McKelvey Road, 63043  
RSVP: [Marsha Koch](#), 314-651-0321

**“Hang a Shining Star”** – This holiday show is presented by [St. Louis County Community Chorus](#) and features The Children’s Chorale. K-WG member Gloria Campion sings with this group. A room has been reserved at Circa STL Restaurant & Tavern for those who would like to gather for dinner after the concert.

Chris Nobbe will purchase tickets for those who RSVP to her; please make arrangements with Chris for paying her. Please also let Chris know if you will be joining us for dinner.

When: December 17, 3 pm  
Cost: \$12 for show  
Where: Skip Viragh Center at Chaminade  
RSVP: [Chris Nobbe](#), 314-323-0053  
Opt: Dinner on your own after the show  
Circa STL Restaurant & Tavern  
1090 Old Des Peres Road, 63131  
314-394-1196

## Public Policy

*Thanks to Barbara Butchart & Eve LaJeunesse, Co-directors of Public Policy for Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW, for the following update.*

### Stand with AAUW to Keep Title IX Strong

In the 45 years since Congress passed Title IX legislation prohibiting sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs, schools have made huge strides in providing equal access to education by simply creating the same opportunities to learn for all students.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has taken the first step in dismantling protections for survivors of campus sexual assault, claiming that existing guidelines have “failed”. According to this logic, the Secretary sees that schools which fail to adequately protect students provide a reason to weaken Title IX protections, rather than enforce them. Her decision to open up Title IX for changes is a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is in direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.

AAUW stands with survivors and remains committed to defending Title IX. AAUW urges schools to leave in place their current strong policies. We must ensure our nation’s dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. With progress under attack, now more than ever we need to make our voices heard. Subscribe to the Two-Minute Activist (<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minuteactivist/>). Mobile text “AAUW” to 21333

### Events that Support the AAUW Mission

This section will contain information about events sponsored by local organizations that support our AAUW mission. If you know of an event that you would like to see listed here, submit information about it to [Marsha Koch](#), [mkwkoch@outlook.com](mailto:mkwkoch@outlook.com).

### [15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Trade Market](#) – November 18-19 and 24-26, 9 am – 3 pm

Plowsharing Crafts, among many others, will be at the Fair Trade Market held at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Road, 63011. If you would like to help set up for the Fair on November 16 and earn a 10% discount on your purchases, show up anytime between 9 and 12. It's fun and can count toward the AAUW MO STAR award as community involvement in women's equity because Fair Trade recognizes women's

worth in its principles. Contact member [Deb McWard](#), 314-607-2908, if you would like more information.

### **National Council of Jewish Women ([NCJW](#))**

#### **Advocacy in Action 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

(Bring your own) **Lunch & Learn Program**

#### **Violence Against Women – November 16**

Issues of campus sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and workplace sexual harassment continue to plague women in our culture. This session will explore proposals both locally and nationally to combat these problems with special focus on NCJW's legislative work to establish more comprehensive workplace protections for abused women.

When: 11:45 am (see dates below)

Where: NCJW St. Louis  
295 N. Lindbergh

RSVP: <https://www.ncjwstl.org/lunch-and-learn/>.

### **You May be Interested In . . .**

This new section of the newsletter will list local events that members think may appeal to you. Contact [Marsha Koch](#) with your suggestions for events to list in the next newsletter.

Suggested by Tandy Thompson:

#### **[Archeological Investigations in New France](#) (in Ste. Genevieve)**

When: November 15 (Wednesday), 7 pm

Cost: Free

Where: Lee Auditorium, Missouri History Museum  
Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park

From Tandy: Robert Mazrim has been conducting archaeological digs [in New France] for the last three years. I've heard him speak a couple of times and really enjoyed his presentations. No doubt he will give you a good overview of why "New France" and what's the big deal with our French Heritage.



### **St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)**

#### **IBC Meet 'n Eat Lunch**

(formerly IBC Downtown Lunch)  
(3rd Tuesday each month)

Please arrive at the restaurant between 11:30 -11:45 am. If you would like to carpool, let Kay know.

When: November 21, 11:45 am

Where: Baida Moroccan Restaurant  
3191 S. Grand Boulevard, 63118  
314-932-7950

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

#### **IBC Meeting**

All members are invited.

When: November 28, 7-9 pm

Where: Bridgeton Trails Branch Library  
3455 McKelvey Road 63044

Contact: [Chris Nobbe](#), 314-323-0053

#### **IBC Gift Wrapping Fundraiser**

To raise funds to support IBC activities, AAUW members will wrap gifts for tips. K-WG's day to wrap is December 19, and Chris Nobbe has volunteered to work during the day from 9 to 4; she could use a partner. Two people are needed to work from 4 - 9. Please contact Chris to volunteer a couple of hours for this fun and lucrative activity!

When: Tuesday, December 19, 9 am – 9 pm

Where: Ladue Crossing Barnes & Noble  
8871 Ladue Road, 63124  
314-862-6280

Sign up: [Chris Nobbe](#), 314-323-0053

#### **IBC ¡Adelante! Book Group**

(4th Thursday of the month)

The next book discussion will be in January.

When: January 25, 1:30 pm

Where: Barnes & Noble  
1600 Clarkson Road (Chesterfield)

Book: [Behold the Dreamers: A Novel](#)

Author: Imbolo Mbue

Reviewer: Julie Triplett

## **AAUW MO**

Hold the date May 5, 2018, to attend the AAUW MO Leadership Conference in Columbia, MO. You can choose to arrive on Friday and attend the board meeting activities or arrive early Saturday morning.

An AAUW national leader will be our guest speaker and multiple sessions on social media, diversity, and position leadership will be offered.

Marsha Koch, 314-651-0321, state program vice president.

*Missouri in Motion*, [AAUW MO's](http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/) newsletter, is available on the state's website along with other state news and past newsletters at <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/>.

## **AAUW National**

### **Join the AAUW Two-Minute Activist Team**

"Members of AAUW's Action Network receive urgent e-mail notices when their advocacy is needed most and spring to action. Last year, Two-Minute Activists sent over 200,000 messages to their members of Congress, ensuring our mission of gender equity was heard in the halls of power."

AAUW is thrilled to announce the next step in AAUW advocacy: Two-Minute Activist Mobile.

Register by clicking [here](http://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/) and scroll about half way down the page to register for emails. Visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/> to register for the mobile option or simply text the word "AAUW" to phone number 21333.

Did you know . . .

- Women hold 20% of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate
- Women hold 19.5% of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives

For more statistics, go to the Sue Shear Institute's website:

<http://www.umsl.edu/sueshear/files/pdfs/Wom>

## **Calendar**

### **November 2017**

- 10 Meet 'n Geek, 1:30, County Library Headquarters
- 15 Deadline, American Fellowship Applications
- 16 NCJW Lunch & Learn, 11:45, NCJW St. Louis
- 21 Meet & Eat Lunch Group, 11:45  
Baida Moroccan Restaurant
- 28 [AAUW's 132<sup>nd</sup> Birthday](#)
- 28 IBC Meeting, 7:00, Bridgeton Trails Library
- 30 K-WG Meeting, 6:30, Oak Bend Library

### **December 2017**

- 1 NCCWSL Early Registration Opens
- 1 Deadline, International Fellowship Applications
- 2 "Merry Christmas Connections" show, 6:00
- 15 Meet 'n Geek, 1:30, County Library Headquarters
- 15 Deadline, Career Development Grant Applications
- 17 "Hang a Shining Star" concert, 3:00
- 19 Gift Wrapping, Ladue Crossing Barnes & Noble
- 19 Meet & Eat Lunch Group, 11:45  
Twisted Tree Steakhouse

### **January 2018**

- 10 Deadline, Selected Professions Fellowship Applications
- 13 MO Women's Network Legislative Retreat
- 15 Deadline, Community Action Grant Applications

### **February 2018 – Black History Month**

- 22 K-WG Meeting, 6:30, Webster Library
- 27 IBC Meeting, 7:00

### **March 2018 – Women's History Month**

- NCCWSL Early Registration Ends
- NCCWSL Regular Registration Opens
- 8 International Women's Day
- 22 K-WG Meeting, 6:30, Webster Library

### **April 2018**

- NCCWSL Regular Registration Ends
- 10 MO Women's Network Equity Action Day
- 21 IBC Spring Fling

### **May 2018**

- 5 AAUW of MO Annual Meeting  
Leadership Training, Columbia, MO
- 22 K-WG Meeting, 6:30, Webster Library
- 31 -June 3 NCCWSL (tentative)

### **August 2018**

- 25 MO Women's Network 30th Annual Women's Equality Day Brunch

*Share your news! Send articles for the newsletter to Marsha Koch*  
[mkwkoch@outlook.com](mailto:mkwkoch@outlook.com) ~ 636-256-3746



## **AAUW – KIRKWOOD-WEBSTER GROVES BRANCH**

### **New Member Form – 2017-2018**

*Welcome to Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch! Please provide the following membership information:*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name for Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City) (Zip) (mm/dd)

Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method for receiving branch and state newsletters: \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_ USPS

Degree	Area of Study	College/University	Year

<b>The AAUW year is July 1 - June 30. Membership paid after March 15 extends through June 30 of the following year; i.e., 2018.</b>	Association (National)	Missouri (State)	Kirkwood- Webster Groves	Total	Choose One
<b>New Member</b>	\$49*	\$10	\$15	<b>\$74</b>	
<b>New Dual Member</b> Primary Branch: _____	n/a	\$10 or n/a	\$15	<b>\$15</b>	
<b>Special 2017 Membership Campaigns</b>					
Shape-the-Future (join Mar 16-Dec 31)	\$24.50*	\$10	\$15	<b>\$49.50</b>	
Current Graduate Student	\$18.81*	\$10	\$15	<b>\$43.81</b>	
Give a Grad-a-Gift (min. 2-year Associate)	\$0	\$0	\$15	<b>\$15</b>	
<b>Undergraduate Student Affiliates</b>					
Student's school is an AAUW C/U partner member	Free online	\$3	\$6	<b>\$9</b>	
Student's school is <b>not</b> an AAUW C/U partner member	\$17*	\$3	\$6	<b>\$26</b>	
Representative at an AAUW C/U Partner Member joining branch/state	Incl in C/U Membershi p	\$10	\$15	<b>\$25</b>	
Current AAUW Member-at-Large joining branch/state	Incl in MAL dues	\$10	\$15	<b>\$25</b>	
*IRS regulations allow that \$46 (or \$23 if half price) of AAUW membership dues is a charitable contribution. Suggestion: Make a note for your 2017 tax folder.					

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**Want help with this form? Call K-WG Finance VP Carol Davis McDonald:  
636-227-0511**

**Mail this completed form with your check payable to AAUW to:**

**Carol Davis McDonald  
827 Bergquist Drive  
Manchester, MO 63011-4215**

*Optional: Please provide additional personal information for the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch membership directory to help us learn more about you and your accomplishments.*

Employment Status: ☐ Retired from Job Title/ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed ☐ F/T ☐ P/T ☐ Self at Company Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer work:

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What would you like us to know about you? (e.g., family, AAUW interests, publications, awards, achievements, hobbies, interests, special skills, etc.)

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