

"AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest 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 St Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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Gail Heyne Hafer, PhD

Program: Thursday, September 19, 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, 100 E. Adams

6:30 pm Networking - 7:00 pm Program

Gail will discuss why we might observe the patterns in pay and employment, as well as what we might gain by adding more women to the labor force across a broad spectrum of jobs.



Gail is a professor of economics and statistics in the Dept. of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She earned a B.S. in general business from Hendrix College and a Ph.D. in economics from Virginia Tech. Her fields were industrial organization, monetary theory, and econometrics. She completed additional graduate work at Penn State. In the 1980s, she was the economist at a utilities consulting firm, where she created revenue and rate design models, estimated elasticity, forecasted revenue streams, and testified before public service commissions throughout the U.S. Gail returned to teaching full-time at SIU Edwardsville, then Lindenwood U. before joining the STLCC Meramec faculty in 1999.

Gail participated in the Teaching Innovation Project (TIP) of the American Economic Ass'n where she focused on cooperative learning. She participated in NSF projects related to enhancing the teaching of economics at community colleges (2011) and team-based learning (2018). She currently serves as an active member of the Economic Education Advisory Board of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank and is featured in the Fed's "Women in Economics" podcast series. Past honors include the Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence, the Emerson Award, the Meramec Faculty Lecture Award, and the St. Louis Federal Reserve Educational Advisory Board Educator of the Year. Gail has published several academic articles and policy studies and co-authored two books for teaching economics in early elementary grades—*Do a Zoo* and *The Gingerbread Man*. She has presented her research related to teaching and teaching economics at various national meetings and conferences.

MEMBERSHIP -- by Membership VP Deb McWard

We welcome all returning members and look forward to sharing our year together. We're trying to schedule wintertime programs at times when we avoid having to drive in the dark; and, if driving at all is holding you back from attending activities, please let one of the officers know, and we'll try to arrange rides. Our hope is that all members can participate as much as possible with the K-WG branch. One other thing: Please let me, or one of your branch friends, know of any changes in your address and/or health. Don't be shy about letting us know of achievements, milestones, or any other interesting news you would like to share.

Save the Date



**BOOKFEST
ST. LOUIS**

Opening night - Friday, September 20

Author Meet & Greet - 7pm

Whitmania - Dressel's Public House

Local poets will gather to perform selected readings of Walt Whitman's works in honor of his 200th birthday this year. Following there will be a chance to meet some of the Bookfest authors!

Saturday, September 21, All Day

Central West End

Book lovers of all ages can celebrate St. Louis' literary heritage at BookFest St. Louis. The book festival will bring a diverse mix of locally and internationally renowned writers to St. Louis for this two day event.

September 22, 2019

Sunday, 8 am – 2 pm

*On the grounds of Historic
Hawken House*

1155 South Rock Hill Road,
Webster Groves, MO



All proceeds from the rental of spaces benefit needed repairs of the historic home. Proceeds from the AAUW KWG booth benefit the STEM scholarships.

Please look for items to sell at our indoor booth.

We are focusing on jewelry and purses. If possible, bring your items to our meeting on September 19 or call Jeanne (573.754.0943) to figure a time to get your items to her. ***Let her know if you can work for a couple of hours.***

Upcoming Programs:

October 17 (Thursday) - Better Posture = Better Life. Poor posture can cause wear and tear on your muscles and joints which can leave you in pain and chronic fatigue. Can posture be changed? What is ideal posture? How can you achieve it? Dr. Josh Borgmeyer, physical therapist, specializes in full-body restoration and will provide detailed answers to all these questions. He will debunk some of the

postural myths that have plagued our society for decades, and he will leave you with new practical insights about posture that can be truly life changing. Program at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood on October 19; 6:30pm networking and 7:00pm program.

November 16 (Saturday) -- Domestic violence – the impact of this issue in our community and programs and legislation that can provide some help for victims. Presented by Carla Maley, director of the Court Watch program. Saturday morning, November 16, at Oak Bend Library from 9am until noon.

November 21 Fundraiser (Thursday, all day) - Fundraising for STEM Scholarships at Zee Bee Market, 7270 Manchester Rd in Maplewood. Shop in person or on-line! We will need volunteers to be at the store to talk to customers about AAUW.



Zee Bee Market will donate 15% of their sales on November 21 to KWG. Even family and friends out of town can participate by shopping online. Zee Bee offers free shipping on orders over \$60. If you can pick up your order and it is less than \$60, Zee Bee will refund the shipping charge and keep the product in the store for pick up at a later time (just add in the comments section at checkout).

December (dates TBD) - AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council (IBC) gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble, Ladue location, to support NCCWSL. There will be a sign-up sheet after arrangements are made. This is a fun activity and a chance to spread the word as we wrap gifts for tips.

December Social - Two concert possibilities: (1) December 8 at 4:00pm – Bells and Wind Orchestra at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 4pm, and (2) December 15 at 4pm - Annual Christmas choral concert with orchestra at First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood.

January 18 (Saturday) - Ed Weisbart, MD, chair of MO Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, will speak on "Big Pharma: Market Failure" on January 18th at 9:30 A.M.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (continued)

February - An ACLU speaker about voter suppression.

March 28 (Saturday) - IBC Spring Fling, Greenbriar Hills Country Club, details TBD. (Thank you to members Bruce and Jane Robert for being our sponsor.)

April - Our annual STEM event with our STEM awardees and speaker LaShana Lewis.

PECANS

It's time to pre-order pecans for the holidays. An order form is attached. Orders from your friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers are very much appreciated, as this is our major fundraiser.

Pecans are one of the easiest ways to give your recipes an added boost in flavor and nutrients. From a handful of roasted pecans added to your morning yogurt to an extra crunchy topping in your salad, it's worth keeping your freezer stocked with pecans to make easy, healthy additions to your recipes. Certified by the American Heart Association, pecans are the most antioxidant-rich tree nut and are among the top 15 foods to contain the highest antioxidant capacity. Antioxidants are powerful nutrients that slow the aging process and reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer's. Remember: Pecans can be kept fresh in the freezer for up to two years, so go ahead and get a whole case!



In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn that branch member Jeanne Morrel-Franklin passed away from congestive heart failure on June 24, 2019, at a hospice in Everett, WA, where she and Bob were in assisted living since last winter. Son Chris and daughter Jenny live nearby. A official notice has not been published yet. Jenny said her dad really misses her mother. Jeanne is a past president of the St. Louis League of Women Voters.



Best wishes for improved health for those members who are having health issues:

Marsha Koch, Phyllis Foster, Helen Hays, and Danielle Oudenhoven. Hang in there, ladies! We are thinking about you. Hope to see you back soon.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



STAFFING THE TABLE AT THE BOOKFEST ST. LOUIS 2019

Saturday - September 21
Hours from 11 AM TO 5:00 PM
Central West End

Email Chris at nobbechristine@gmail.com or Christine.Nobbe@dese.mo.gov if you are ready and willing to help out.

STAFFING THE FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER AT HAWKEN HOUSE

Sunday - September 22, 2019
Hours from 8 AM to 2 PM — 2 hour shifts
The Historic Hawken House, 1155 South Rock Hill Road (just south of Big Bend), is sponsoring the flea market.

Two hour shifts are planned. Contact Jeanne at 573.754.0943 or Jeannewebdell@gmail.com if you can help.

DONATING ITEMS FOR THE FLEA MARKET

We have limited space at our inside table, so we are focused on small items such as jewelry and purses. Other new or lightly used items are welcome, too. Bring your items to the branch meeting on September 19 or contact Jeanne at 573.754.0943 or Jeannewebdell@gmail.com to arrange to drop off your items or have them picked up.

(OPPORTUNITIES continued)

BRANCH CHAIR



The branch diversity and inclusion chair (BDIC) develops, implements, and monitors programs

and activities that promote diversity and inclusion at the AAUW branch level. [More information on the AAUW website.](#)

BRANCH CHAIR

The public policy chair advocates for AAUW's public policy priorities and represents AAUW's public policy priorities to policy makers, elected and appointed officials, AAUW members, the public, and the media. They also lead AAUW voter education and turnout campaigns for their branch. [For more information, see the national web site.](#)



LEGISLATIVE ACTION COORDINATOR

This volunteer focuses on bills in Mo. State Legislature and seeks to build a relationship with individual senators and representatives. Works with the state chair, Patricia Shores. Works with Branch Policy Chair.



BRANCH CHAIR

The science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) chair champions women's representation in STEM by encouraging women and girls to pursue these educational and career fields. Chair oversees the KWG Branch STEM scholarship efforts. [More information, on the national web site.](#)



COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT

Debbie McWard

With our location close to AAUW College-University Member Webster University, there is opportunity to work a little more closely with them. I have asked them to keep us abreast of any programs or events we may be interested in. AAUW has lots to offer CU members, including our wonderful National Conference for College Women Student Leaders scholarship funded through IBC. Scholarships, free student memberships, access to our research, and other benefits abound; but we can also benefit from Webster's prominent position in the community - and we can grow from that.

If you think you might be interested in becoming acquainted with Webster's reps and some students and perhaps formulating a couple ways to make our presence known there, speak up. They are busy, as are we, and likely everyone will want to keep it low key. There is nothing more exhilarating than being on a college campus, though, and there is no better place to promote our mission.



Working for Equity for Women and Girls

K-WG Co-President **Chris Nobbe** is pictured with the two STEM scholarship winners for 2019: **Anastasia Juracsik** (lt), a student at Maplewood-Richmond Heights, and **Korey E. Canada** (rt), Affton High School.



Julia Spoerry (lt), a student at UMSL, and **Panashe Gadaga**, a student at Maryville University, were the recipients of AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council scholarships to attend NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). They were **Debbie McWard's** guests at the Equality Day brunch on August 24, 2019.

AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTER-BRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

IBC consists of representatives from each of the St. Louis AAUW branches (Ballwin-Chesterfield, Ferguson-Florissant, Kirkwood-Webster Groves, St. Charles, and St. Louis). The following officers from each branch are members of IBC:

- President
- Program vice president
- Membership vice president
- A member-at-large.

All AAUW members are invited to attend meetings (quarterly, third Tuesday of August, November, February, and May) and participate in IBC activities.

The next IBC meeting will be Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Bridgeton County Library.

IBC MEET N EAT (formerly Downtown Lunch Group) has been disbanded.

IBC 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

Sep 26 *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America*, by Beth Macy
Reviewer: Deb McWard

At the September meeting, bring book titles and authors of books we can review this coming year. You can send them to Teri Brecht <tebrecht@yahoo.com> before the meeting or bring on Sept 26. We will select books and reviewers at that meeting.

IBC BRANCHES - Events

Ferguson-Florissant Branch:

The Ferguson-Florissant Branch kicks off its centennial celebration of women getting the vote with an opening reception on Sunday September 15. The reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, 401 Darst, Ferguson.

Virginia Minor, aka Barbara Kay, will visit and explain her actions in trying to get the vote for women. After unsuccessful attempts in lower courts, her case landed in the Supreme Court, where she was also defeated. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, call 213-522-0413, 314-831-5359 or 313-921-7109. Information will be available at the reception on the many initiatives AAUW pursues for women's rights. Everyone is invited.

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch:

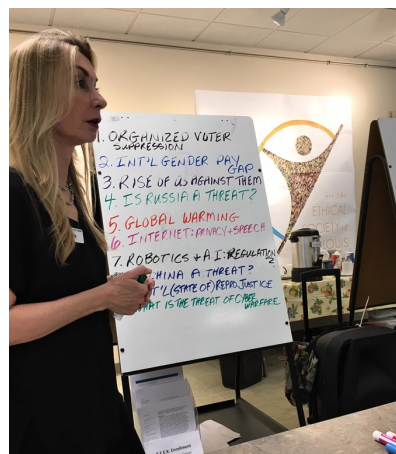
AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield invites members and prospective members to this year's Fall Brunch. They will kick off another outstanding year and get inspired to take the actions necessary to strengthen emphasis on education and training, economic security, and leadership. Everyone is encouraged to wear white to celebrate the day in honor of the suffragists.

When: Thursday, September 12, 2019, 9:30 AM

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017

How: To reserve your lunch, please contact Eileen Krahman (eakrahman@yahoo.com) by 9-6-2019.

Ballwin-Chesterfield has invited other branches to join them for their annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk on October 15, 2019, at 10:30 AM. It currently is planned for the Des Peres City Park at Ballas and Manchester roads; but the location may change because of construction. All walkers and non-walkers are invited to attend the fundraiser to celebrate Eleanor's birthday and to support AAUW's educational research. Bring a salad or dish to share and stay for a picnic lunch. Water, lemonade, coffee, and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Eileen Krahman (krahmaneileen@gmail.com) or Carol Derington (carol.derington@sbcglobal.net). No fees, but a donation should be made to further research. We are asked to make checks payable to <AAUW Fund> with code 4450 (Education and Training Fund) on the memo line, as well as your branch (K-WG Branch code is MO7070).



KWG Member Tricia Bishop (formerly Scott), International Relations Lecture Series chair, coordinating the selection of programs for the 2020 IRLS, an 80-plus year project of AAUW and the Tuesday Women's Association at the Ethical Society. The series takes place from January through April.

AAUW of MISSOURI

AAUW of Missouri is planning a regional conference to include several other states, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The dates are June 17 (Wednesday) through June 20 (Saturday morning). Conference centers have been booked on the weekends for weddings, so a weekday event was scheduled. Since national conventions will not be occurring in the near future, this is a way to network with other states without the high cost of a convention in a major city. More information will be coming as planning continues, but mark your calendar and plan for a fun women's get together.



Launch of 2020 19th Amendment 100-Year Anniversary Information Sharing Project

In recognition of the importance of the 100-year anniversary milestone next year, the AAUW Missouri board chartered a state board committee to assist in information sharing across the state. The initial committee has developed a handout to share with the branches.



The IBC will be collaborating this year on activities and events to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary.

Members might find interesting the *New York Times* article about the complex history of the women's suffrage movement. ([This link will take you to the article.](#)) For years, the drive for women's suffrage was presented mainly as the story of middle-class white women and iconic national leaders like Anthony and Stanton, but it was more.

PUBLIC POLICY -- provides an opportunity for you to be an informed citizen and have your opinions heard. To advocate for issues doesn't mean that you must attend rallies or walk the halls of the Capitol. You can be an arm-chair advocate. Stay informed and watch out for fake news, speak up at meetings, make phone calls, write post cards, talk about your issues, and donate money. You can also turn your birthday party into a fundraiser for one of your issues or write letters to the editor.

Where can you go to check if the news is fake? Here are a few sites to try: [FactCheck.org](https://factcheck.org), [Snopes.com](https://snopes.com), and [Hoax-Slayer.com](https://hoax-slayer.com). AAUW MO will again focus on gender equity, get out the vote, and Title IX. If you haven't registered for Work Smart online, please do so. Go to salary.aauw.org. AAUW is committed to closing the gender pay gap by 2030. The crowds in the stands cheered when the U.S. Women's Soccer team won the World Cup and shouted, "Equal pay!" It's time! Become involved. "We realize the importance of our voice only when we are silenced." --Malala Yousafzai

VOTING IN 2020

As we enter the next election season, it behooves us to consider some of the controversies surrounding voting in the United States. Two of the major concerns that surface prior to every election are **voter suppression** and **voter fraud**. These two areas are very inter-related. Voter suppression is using various, seemingly valid means to curtail or hamper voting. This includes purging voter rolls, eliminating voting sites, limiting voting hours and days, poll taxes, voter registration schemes, literacy tests, poor preparation of voting personnel, limited staff at polling places, various voter ID systems, out-right discrimination, and a myriad of other actions.

Related to voter suppression is the whole issue of **redistricting (or gerrymandering)** to design a voting district in favor of one party. Voter fraud is the out-right misuse or mismanagement of voting itself. This includes voting more than once in a single election, voting on someone else's credentials, and other schemes.* Many people who study voting strongly believe that the way we handle elections in

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the US needs to be changed. They believe that voting times, places, and days should be extended, giving voters more options and thus more people the opportunity to take advantage of their voting rights. Voting is at the very basis of our democracy. We should be ever vigilant about its proper management and accessibility.

*Legislators who want to limit election access frequently state that there is rampant fraud. This surfaced in Missouri's 2000 election. After several allegations and investigations, a very, very limited number of cases was found. In the 2,361,586 votes cast in that election, only six cases of fraud could be validated.

AAUW NATIONAL



Reach for the Stars — All 5 of Them!

AAUW recently launched a Five-Star Recognition Program to acknowledge the work of our states, branches, and other affiliates to advance gender equity in their communities. Earn stars — and perks! — for supporting AAUW's mission in each of five vital areas:

- Advancement
- Communications
- Programs
- Public policy and research
- Governance and sustainability.

Review the Bylaws



As we look ahead to the next AAUW election, you're invited to propose bylaws changes to the Governance Committee for consideration for the spring 2020 national vote. Please include the article and section numbers and send proposed amendments in their amended form to aauw-governance@aauw.org for consideration no later than 6:00 PM ET on Monday, September 16.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Victories in the Courts

LAF Supported Case, [Portz v. St. Cloud State University](#), Decided in Favor of Female Student Athletes

In early August, a judge in the U.S. District Court in the District of Minnesota [found in favor](#) of a class of female student athletes at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) who alleged gender discrimination in violation of Title IX.

In March 2016, the SCSU athletic department announced plans to cut six teams from its athletic program, including both the women's tennis and Nordic skiing teams. At the same time, the school also unveiled a roster management plan — a way to cap participation on men's teams and pad participation on women's teams — designed to achieve Title IX compliance. Plaintiffs who are, or recently were, members of SCSU's women's tennis and Nordic ski teams, allege that SCSU violated Title IX. They represent a class of all present, prospective, and future female students at SCSU harmed by sex discrimination in the allocation of athletic opportunities and benefits.

The case went to trial in December 2018. In August, the judge issued an opinion agreeing with the plaintiffs and finding that SCSU did not meet any of the three prongs of the [test to determine compliance with Title IX's](#) anti-discrimination provisions, meaning SCSU must maintain the women's tennis and Nordic skiing teams, improve the facilities of women's sports teams to create equity with the men's teams, and take other relevant steps to provide female students with equitable athletic opportunities. He stated that, while mindful of financial difficulties faced by public universities, the school can implement a cost-savings plan that does not result in discrimination against women.

[AAUW is proud to support](#) the students in their lawsuit. *We will continue to monitor this case if SCSU decides to appeal. AAUW hopes that this judgment will reaffirm that equal access in all areas of education must be protected and respected both on and off the field.*

Transgender Student Rights Upheld in Virginia Case

On August 9, U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia sided with transgender student Gavin Grimm, [ruling](#) that his former high school's refusal to let him use the bathroom that aligned with his gender identity constituted discrimination under Title IX and violated his rights under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Originally filed in 2015, Grimm's case made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. However, the case was sent back to the lower courts to be reconsidered after the Trump administration rescinded previous guidance pertaining to the rights of transgender students under Title IX.

AAUW signed onto an [amicus brief](#) supporting Grimm at an earlier stage in the case.

upcoming events

- **MO WOMEN'S NETWORK LEGISLATIVE RETREAT**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020
(If cancelled due to weather, event will take place on January 25)
HyVee, Columbia, MO
Contact Dr. A. Patricia Shores:
apatriciashores@att.net or 636.448.4387
- **MO WOMEN'S NETWORK EQUITY ACTION DAY**
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020
Jefferson City, MO
Contact Karen Francis:
karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com or 314.739.4425
- **MO WOMEN'S NETWORK 32ND ANNUAL EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020
Clayton Plaza Hotel, Clayton, MO
Contact Dr. A. Patricia Shores:
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See you there!