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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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**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

Kirkwood Webster Groves Branch Meeting

Social time 6:30 pm—Meeting 7:00 pm

**November 2020 Ballot Issues and  
Voter Suppression**

Speaker: **Nancy Price** from the St. Louis Metro League of Women Voters

Nancy Price will have a PowerPoint presentation on the pros and cons of the issues that will be on the November 2020 ballot. She will also talk about mail-in ballots and absentee ballots—the differences and how they should be handled. Nancy will also answer questions and talk about voter suppression in Missouri. Please join the Zoom meeting to learn about voting in the November 3, 2020 election.



To attend the meeting, sign on to Zoom as follows: Open your browser (Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Chrome, Firefox, etc.). Then click on this link to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85260795688?pwd=SEUxNmIsRE9SdEQ3RHl3TzdhdzFhUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 6079 5688

Passcode: 864014



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**

*AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves  
will be celebrating our 50th  
anniversary in 2021!*

## A Word from Deb McWard, Membership VP

First, I never wanted a cell phone. Then I squirmed when iPads came along. iTunes? PayPal? Smart TVs? What next? Now it's **Zoom**. But once I gritted my teeth and tried it, it turned out to be an astonishing bit of technology during the pandemic.

Now it's your turn. If you have a computer and email, you can attend all our meetings and even (and please do) invite friends from far off places to come, too.

- ◇ When you get an invitation to a Zoom meeting, you will see a meeting ID and password. Jot those down.
- ◇ Then click on the underlined blue sentence of a lot of weird numbers and figures. It will take you to a page where it will ask you to OPEN in little letters at the top of the page.
- ◇ Next, click JOIN. That's all. Don't install anything or do anything scary. A page will appear asking for a meeting ID and, next page, PASSWORD. IDs are 11 numbers, PASSWORDS 6.
- ◇ Voila! If you don't have a camera on your computer, you will show up as an image of a head.

This can be done on an iPad or phone, too. We'll just be smaller. Try it. If it doesn't work, you can always shut it down. It doesn't cost anything and won't de-program your computer. And you can brag about Zooming to your un-techy friends.

Seriously, we're happy to help if you have any reservations. But wouldn't it be fun to get together? This is as close as it will get for a while, I fear. We value all our Kirkwood-Webster Groves members. There is a reason you chose membership in AAUW. Our values haven't changed. The times have, perhaps, but we can deal with them. Really!



**Don't forget to order  
your pecans by October  
20th (order form attached).**

## BRANCH MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Patricia Burrows Bishop** who was just accepted into UMSL's M.A. in History program!

**Marsha Wedberg Koch's** daughter and son-in-law in Stockholm are expecting their second child. They are the designers of our 19th Amendment 100th anniversary sign. Best wishes for Katie for a safe delivery.

**Debbie McWard** attended her granddaughter's wedding in Omaha in August. Congratulations to the family on the new member to the clan.

**Chris Nobbe** is participating in a clinical trial for a coronavirus drug. As director of Gifted Education for the State of Missouri, she spends much of her time in Jefferson City.

*Share your news! Send articles for the newsletter  
to Carol Davis McDonald*

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**In an excellent program**, the speaker for the September meeting, **Dr. Ed Weisbart**, presented a program on how to converse with people with different opinions than your own. By understanding where the other person comes from, common ground on issues such as health care can often be reached. Some of the resources on which he based his talk include:

**Jonathan Haidt**—*The Righteous Mind* in which Haidt proposes that there are 5 moral pillars: fairness, caring, sanctity, authority, and loyalty. These pillars lay the foundation for decision making.

**George Lakoff**—*Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think*

**Joshua Greene**—*Moral Tribes: Emotion, Reason, and the Gap Between Us and Them*

Dr. Weisbart also used resources from the *Hermann Whole Brain Thinking* and a study by **Arlie Russell Hochschild**, a sociologist who researched why people in oil-rich Louisiana vote against their own financial interest. Check out these resources online.

## A KIRKWOOD SUFFRAGIST: A LIFE OF SERVICE

by Malon Radcliffe Argint

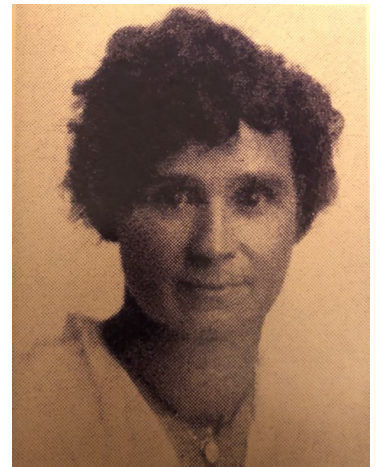
*The author is from Webster Groves. She bought 10 suffragist signs and commented, "All of my signs are out, and every person is very happy to display them." She likes to research and write and shares with us her story of her great grandmother, Minnie Mae Fowler Radcliffe.*

I would like you to meet my great grandmother, **Minnie Mae Fowler Radcliffe**. She was just one of the many women ahead of their time, receiving minimal, if any, recognition for their service. They saw a need, a disservice, a problem, an injustice, and they set out to find a solution. In this wonderful year of 2020—yes it is wonderful because we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women getting the right to vote—let's honor these brave women.

Doing family research, I found out that Minnie Mae participated in The Golden Lane. I don't have her white dress, her yellow parasol, or her sash to show you, but I can share her mission and determination. In 1900 the women of Kirkwood formed a society called the Willing Workers Aid Society to help the needy in the area. My great grandmother was a member. This organization realized the need for an institution devoted to the elderly; to serve people that had no income, no family, no home. A board of directors was formed; **Mrs. Phillip O'Toole** was president, and **Minnie Mae** was one of the vice-presidents. The Kirkwood Old Folks Home became a reality and still exists today as Manor Grove.

In 1916 the United States became involved in a confrontation along the Mexican border. What happens when your son and other Kirkwood boys are sent to Laredo, Texas, to protect the border and they write home saying they are lacking in many comfort articles? You form an organization! Headed by Minnie Mae Radcliffe these women called themselves the Home Guard Circle and made sure the Kirkwood boys were provided for.

Minnie Mae was actively engaged with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Even though I cannot find information regarding Minnie Mae's formal education, given the time period and her family situation, I doubt higher education was available to her; given this assumption, her accomplishments are even more amazing. She held offices at the state level of the organization and traveled throughout Missouri attending conferences and giving speeches. People know the WCTU for their role in the temperance and prohibition movement; but the organization did pursue other platforms such as suffrage, prison reform, and child labor laws. While suffrage was important, Minnie Mae set her sights on prison reform. With her involvement in WCTU, she was able to serve on the "Board of Visitors" for St. Louis County, which had the task of inspecting all corrective facilities in the county. She served with prominent St. Louis men **Joseph B. Greensfelder** and **John E. Mooney**.



*Minnie Mae participated in The Golden Lane at the Democratic Convention in St. Louis.* Let's move on to voting. In 1919 The Tenth Congressional District of the Missouri League of Women Voters held a meeting at the home of Minnie Mae Radcliffe. Their desire was to form a local unit of the league. One of their goals was to visit every eligible voting woman in Kirkwood. Their desire became a reality with **Mrs. George Tittmann** as chairman and Minnie Mae as treasurer. Minnie Mae had the privilege to work with **Mrs. George [Edna] Gellhorn**, president of the St. Louis and Missouri League of Voters [and a past president of AAUW St. Louis]. Minnie Mae was appointed as a delegate to the State Democratic Convention held in Joplin, Missouri, on April 22, 1920. She was also appointed as the judge of the general election for East Kirkwood for the election being held on November 2, 1920. Can you imagine how she must have felt as a woman finally having a voice at a political convention? Imagine how she felt not only being able to vote but also actually being responsible for overseeing the election process? In researching my family, I have read the stories of many strong and determined women who fought courageous battles so that we can have the freedom and opportunities of today. Honor these brave women and realize that you have a voice...VOTE!

## AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH 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 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. All AAUW members are welcome to attend. Contact one of the above branch officers for the log-on code.

### IBC BOOK GROUP - Operation Equity: Reading For Results

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.

**This group is on hold until 2021.** More information will follow at a later date.

### WHAT THE OTHER (IBC) BRANCHES ARE DOING

#### Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch:

Congratulations to the B-C Branch! *They were one of three branches honored on the national website for attaining the five-star recognition for 2019-2020.*

"When we read about the Five-Star program, we realized we were already doing everything required. All we had to do was find the format AAUW desired.

"A large, active branch, Ballwin-Chesterfield is program-driven. We begin branch meetings with the mission statement, and we choose speakers who reflect AAUW priorities. We lobby for pay equity during each Missouri legislative session.

"To advance women and girls, we award four scholarships each year to women seeking to complete degrees, particularly in STEM fields, and work with school girls to encourage them in STEM careers. We advocate for the Work


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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES

### Patricia Burroughs-Bishop

(Kirkwood-Webster, Ballwin-Chesterfield), coordinator of the International Relations Lecture

Series for 2022, advised that the committee has updated their schedule:



January 12	Freedom of the Press Under Threat Speaker: Dr. Yong Volz, UMSL School of Journalism
February 9	Pros & Cons of Reparations for Historical Injustices Speaker: Dr. Stephen Graves, UMSL Department of Political Science
March 9	Artificial Intelligence & Data Security Speaker: Dr. Anshuman Singh, UMSL Department of Information Technology
April 13	Historical Heritage & Racist Monuments Speaker: Dr. Akiko Tsuchiya, Wash U Department of Romance Languages & Literatures

Details will be announced in a later newsletter. The lectures are always very interesting in case you haven't attended before.

Smart salary-negotiation program by working with collaborating organizations, publicizing the online course to friends and family, and holding workshops at local libraries.

"In everything we do, we are working toward gender equity. Your branch may already meet many of the requirements. Look at what you do already. Then you may see where you can add work for pay equity or Title IX, for example. Ask the AAUW National staff for templates and help with the forms."

*Jan Horner and Sage Taber, co-presidents*

Ballwin-Chesterfield committees and meetings have been meeting via Zoom so far this year.

#### St. Charles Branch:

They did not have a meeting in September, but they are planning an UN-AUCTION for this fall. "No need to find room in your home for more 'stuff' like the previous auctions! Sit back, relax with a cup of coffee or tea, and make out a check to support AAUW funds for the year. Know that you will be supporting the many programs of our awesome organization. Congrats 2020-21 Fellows

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and Grantees! AAUW is excited to announce 259 awards and \$3.5 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2020–21 award year. These exceptional recipients, who were notified by email on April 15, will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.”

### St. Louis Branch

They also did not have a September meeting. The upcoming meeting is October 8 via Zoom and will focus on getting out the vote, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, sharing, and planning.

## AAUW of MISSOURI

### Inclusion and Equity Committee

Missouri AAUW has a new committee called Inclusion and Equity. The committee was formed in response to the racial unrest we are seeing in the US. The committee consists of 14 AAUW members located in the east, west and central parts of Missouri, with **Nancy Hutchins** as chair and **Kay Meyer** and **Mable Davis** as team assistants. Currently the committee meets by Zoom every 3 weeks to discuss the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. The purpose of the committee is to become better educated about the issues of race and how it affects all Americans. AAUW National has encouraged all the states to form an Inclusion and Equity Committee, but only 17 states have actually formed a committee.

So what does that mean to the Missouri AAUW branches? We would like to suggest that all Missouri AAUW Branches consider incorporating Inclusion and Equity some way, either by having a program on the topic or forming a book group or choosing books for your book group about the subject matter.

Some suggestions for books to read are:

- *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving
- *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America* by Ronald Takaki
- *A Story of Just Mercy: Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

- *Dear White People: A Guide to Inter-Racial Harmony in Post-Racial America* by Justin Simien
- *Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination* by Toni Morrison

The AAUW Inclusion and Equity Committee meets via Zoom Wednesdays at 3:00 pm on the following dates: October 21, November 11, and December 2, 2020. If you have any questions or would like help planning a meeting or starting a book club, you can contact Nancy Hutchins or Kay Meyer via the Missouri AAUW website.

## AAUW FUND

### *AAUW is Counting on Your Support*

Do you know that your AAUW dues are only 18% of the national AAUW budget?

As a member-supported organization, AAUW relies on donations from members to support our budget and necessary expenses to help AAUW and our mission.

Contributions are needed for staff, travel, rent, technology, electricity, programs such as work Smart and Start Smart, training, board meetings, supplies, etc. Donations are needed to ensure visibility and relevance. AAUW needs to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy to critical issues that affect women, as the national dialogue shifts.

Please go to [aauw.org](https://aauw.org) (donate button on top right) to make your donation. It is tax deductible, and it will be soft credited to our branch. AAUW is counting on its members' support!

"I write for those women who do not speak, for those who do not have a voice because they were so terrified, because we are taught to respect fear more than ourselves. We've been taught that silence would save us, but it won't."

— Audre Lorde (1934-1992), American writer, feminist, womanist, librarian, and civil rights activist.

## PUBLIC POLICY



We all want our vote to count for this November 3<sup>rd</sup> national election. Here is some key information that is being shared by our AAUW MO Public Policy Committee.

### KEY DATES

- ♦ October 7 – Last day **to register** to vote
- ♦ October 21 – Last day **to request** absentee or mail-in ballot
- ♦ November 2 – Last day **to vote absentee in person**
- ♦ November 3 – ELECTION DAY

### WHERE & HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE OR MAIL IN BALLOT?

Everyone must request an absentee ballot through an application process.

#### **St. Louis County**

Go to the County's Board of Elections webpage and click on the ABSENTEE / MAIL IN BALLOT APPLICATION link. It will take you to a fillable form.

<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/board-of-elections/>

Do NOT check the box at the bottom requesting a Mail In ballot unless you need to do a NO EXCUSE ballot.

#### **St. Louis City**

Print the application below and mail ASAP.

<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/documents/request-mo-absentee-ballot.cfm>

### FREE NOTARY SERVICES

Get your absentee ballot notarized. The *Post-Dispatch* gives the link to its site as:

<https://graphics.stltoday.com/maps/notaries-2020/>

## VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 3

AAUW takes positions on state propositions and ballot issues when our national public policy aligns with a particular position. For the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, AAUW has signed on to "Vote NO on Amendment 3." Here's why:

The 2018 Clean Missouri Amendment 1 passed by an almost **2-to-1 margin**, after a year-long signature gathering effort by Missouri citizens and a statewide campaign. The fair map reforms in Amendment 1 earned endorsements from Republican, Independent, and Democratic reformers — and endorsements from every major anti-gerrymandering organization.

The most important element of the initiative was redistricting reform. It changed the process for how Missouri legislative districts are to be redrawn after every census. It created a less partisan process, using more objective criteria that reduces the ability of politicians to gerrymander the legislature to their advantage. The hard work on policy development, signature gathering, and talking to friends and neighbors paid off: Amendment 1 won a majority of the vote in every state senate district, from rural communities to big cities. Overall the constitutional amendment passed by 62% of Missouri voters.

But certain political special interest groups have opposed implementing the 2018 Clean Missouri Amendment 1 specifications and, instead, have forwarded an alteration to the Amendment which offers enticements in the form of small reductions to gift rules and campaign contributions while actually aggressively dismantling the gerrymandering provisions of Clean Missouri. Specifically:

- It would eliminate the **nonpartisan** state demographer and use a **bipartisan** commission **appointed by the governor** for legislative redistricting.
- It alters the criteria used to draw district maps in ways which **would re-introduce** the option for the same gerrymandering that was eliminated by Clean Missouri to occur.
- It would limit citizens' rights to challenge newly drawn district lines in court

Don't be fooled by the language used in the Amendment 3 text. This Amendment would be a complete take away for Missouri citizens. For more information, visit <https://www.cleanmissouri.org/>

### VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 3

## LOCAL VOTING INFORMATION HELP

**Marsha Koch's** alderwoman, **Megan Denell Huether**, City of Manchester, MO (314.323.4524, Facebook: [MeganHuetherMO](#)) asked her to share this information:

The City of Manchester put together information to help the community navigate the voting process for the November election. The following resources are available:

**1) A series of videos exploring voting options** (registration, in-person, absentee and mail-in) and how to go through the process for each one. All videos are available on the City of Manchester website. We will also be publishing them on the city's Facebook page (@manchestermo) and on my Ward 2 page (@MeganHuetherMO).

<https://www.manchestermo.gov/878/Voting-Videos>

**2) Complete written information for registration and voting options is located at the link below:**

<https://www.manchestermo.gov/865/COVID-19-Voting>

**3) The City of Manchester is also hosting two Ballot Notary Drives**, on Sat., 10/10/20 and Sat., 10/24/20, where folks can "drive thru" by the Aquatic Center in Schroeder Park and have their ballot notarized from the car.

<https://www.manchestermo.gov/879/Ballot-Notarization-Drives>

These materials have been compiled by a dedicated team, under the leadership of our City Clerk, Justin Klocke. We were excited that the St. Louis County Board of Elections shared one of our videos today on their Facebook account! (<https://www.facebook.com/StLouisCoVotes>)

I know that you all are dedicated to the democratic process and are connected with groups such as the LWV and AAUW. I would be very appreciative if you'd be willing to help us spread word of these resources throughout your networks, so that nonpartisan voter education information is available to voters in the area. It is easy to forward videos via the city's Facebook page, or directly from the website.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

## VOTING QUIZ

(compliments of Jeanne Webdell)

**1) In what year did Massachusetts become the first state to require voter registration?**

1782    1800    1820

**2) Who controls the qualifications for voters?**

Federal Government    State Governments  
Both

**3) When did the organized effort to get the right to vote for women begin?**

1800    1848    1910

**4) What woman was arrested for voting in the 1872 election?**

Sojourner Truth    Alice Minor    Susan B. Anthony

**5) In 1890, what state was the first to grant women the right to vote?**

New York    Illinois    Wyoming

**6) In 2012 research by Pew Charitable Trust estimated that \_\_% of eligible voters were not registered to vote.**

15%    24%    30 %

**7) The main reason Pew felt many people were not registered was:**

Not interested in voting    Don't know they are eligible  
Difficulty in registering

**8) How many states automatically register voters through various ways including driver's license or personal ID renewal?**

6 States    11 states    19 states

**9) In the disputed 2000 presidential election, the State of Florida was decided by \_\_\_\_ votes.**

5,000    930    327 votes

**10) The Motor Voter Act was passed in \_\_\_\_ that allowed people to register at various public places such as libraries and motor vehicle license offices.**

1980    1985    1993    2005

(Answers on another page)

Protests, such as those in favor of labor rights, women's suffrage, civil rights and gay rights, helped to make America as great as it is. — Max Boot

## A Note From Karen Francis, AAUW Missouri and National Liaison, Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch

I know we're all busy, and trying to keep up on all the information coming our way isn't easy; but I want to share a few websites:

1. Here is the website where AAUW members can find resources following the webinar on the "Perspectives from LAF on RBG":

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/fight-for-a-just-fair-supreme-court/social-media-scotus/>

The webinar should be up in a few days

2. Website to to view the 9/22/2020 AAUW Board Town Hall- focusing on Dues and Educational requirements:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/membership/initiatives/2020-convening>

PLEASE feel free to reach out if you have any questions about GOTV, voting, positions, notaries. Voting is your voice and power. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO AAUW  
Karen Francis, 314-223-4235

"[Having a female president] matters. It matters because we have half the population that has given so much to building this country, to making it work, and of course I want to see a woman in the White House. Because, if I look at my friends and former colleagues who are now in the Senate, it was the women senators on both sides of the aisle who finally broke the fever over the government shutdown and debt limit debate. They have been working across party lines, and we need more of that.

—[Hillary Clinton](#)

## CALENDAR

### 2020

- Oct 15 Branch meeting via Zoom
- Oct 24 AAUW MO board meeting, 10 am -12 noon via Zoom
- Oct 28 KWG board meeting, 1-3 pm
- Nov 19 Branch meeting via Zoom
- Nov 24 AAUW Interbranch Council meeting
- Dec 17 Branch meeting via Zoom

### 2021

- Jan 12 International Relations lecture via Zoom, 10:45 am
- Jan 21 Branch meeting via Zoom
- Jan 23 AAUW MO board meeting, 10 am – 12 noon via Zoom
- Jan 27 KWG board meeting, 1-3 pm
- Feb 9 International Relations lecture
- Feb 24 KWG board meeting, 1-3 pm
- Mar 9 International Relations lecture, Artificial Intelligence & Data/Ethics & Regulation
- Mar 24 KWG board meeting, 1-3 pm
- Apr 3 AAUW MO board meeting
- Apr 13 International Relations lecture, Historical Heritage & Racist Art
- Apr 28 KWG board meeting, 1-3 pm
- May 1 AAUW MO annual meeting

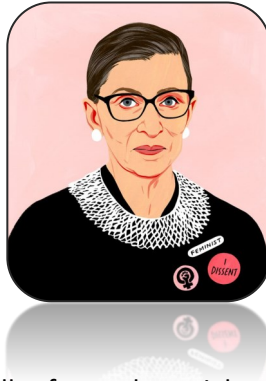
## ANSWERS

- 1) It was in 1800 that Massachusetts required voter registration.
- 2) The federal government has left many voting requirements and procedures to the states but has passed amendments and laws to guarantee the right to vote to all adult people.
- 3) It was in 1848 that the Women's Rights Convention met in Seneca Fall, N.Y. The following year a national convention was held.
- 4) Susan B. Anthony was arrested for voting. Sojourner Truth tried to vote but was turned away.
- 5) When Wyoming became a State in 1890, the right for women to vote was in their new Constitution. Although New Jersey had given women the right to vote in the 1700s and took it away in the early 1800s.
- 6) & 7) Pew Research found the difficulty in registering had kept many people (24%) from registering.
- 8) 11 States and the District of Columbia automatically register voters through various means such as through the DMVs.
- 9) The State of Florida was decided by 930 votes.
- 10) The National Voter Registration Act was passed in 1993.



## AAUW NATIONAL

On September 18, we [lost Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#), one of our most beloved role models, a [pioneering](#) jurist and an iconic feminist. In 1999 we honored Justice Ginsburg with an AAUW Achievement Award. Today we honor her legacy by advocating for a full and fair vetting process for the next U.S. Supreme Court justice, to ensure her seat is filled by someone who will safeguard our rights and advocate for AAUW's priorities.



### **Act — Take action on the most pressing policies**

AAUW believes that, as with all Supreme Court nominations, a full and fair vetting process is vital to determine the nominee's qualifications and temperament. Our nation is reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, an economic crisis, reckoning with our long and painful history with racism, and how to access the vote in a critical election year. With the election well underway and all the other critical issues the Senate has yet to address, this is fundamentally impossible to achieve in the abbreviated time frame proposed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Urge your Senators to oppose all considerations of Justice Ginsburg's replacement until after the inauguration and [fight for a just and fair Supreme Court](#).

Every day is Election Day from now until November 3 — help everyone you know [make a plan to vote](#)! Before you mail in a ballot or head to the polls, learn how to protect your vote and what to do if something goes wrong. And after you make your own plan, reach out to your networks and help others do the same:

- Register or check your voter registration.
- Find out how to vote in your state—whether in person or by mail, and how to do both successfully. Commit to calling five friends today to make a plan together.

### **Learn — Dig deeper into the issues that matter**

Case Western Reserve University hosted the first 2020 presidential debate, with questions posed about the Affordable Care Act, the Supreme Court vacancy, the coronavirus response, and rebuilding the economy. Unfortunately very little substance could be gleaned as continued interruptions and heated exchanges characterized the majority of the evening. What was clear from the responses provided is that President Trump will continue to push for the speedy confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett, doubt the legitimacy of mail-in ballots and the integrity of the election, revoke the Affordable Care Act and fail to condemn white

supremacy. Vice President Biden will follow the lead of scientists and experts in his coronavirus response, bring together community members and law enforcement to address excessive use of force, advance the Affordable Care Act and trust the results of the election.

The AAUW Action Fund launched [Policy Insights](#) to focus on unique perspectives and targeted analysis of the presidential candidates' positions on key issues this election. In the past two weeks, we have taken a closer look at [essential workers](#), [voter suppression](#), [student debt](#) and [school reopenings](#). Be sure to review the AAUW Action Fund Fact Sheets on each page for a deeper dive on where both presidential candidates stand on these critical issues facing women and families.

To learn more about where candidates in key races across the country stand on issues at stake this election year, check out the [AAUW Action Fund's Head to Head Voter Guides](#). These nonpartisan guides describe the candidates' positions on issues that impact equity like equal pay, voting rights, educational access and reproductive rights.

### **Engage — Share the important work we're doing**

Join us on Thursday, October 1, to mark [Native Women's Equal Pay Day on social media](#). It takes Native and Indigenous women 10 additional months to make what white men earned in the previous year alone. This #NativeWomensEqualPay Day, we demand more #EquityForNativeWomen.

AAUW thanks all who engaged their members of Congress on the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA). In an incredible bipartisan win, the House passed the PWFA with huge support: 329-73. With this victory, we are one step closer to ensuring there is a federal law that protects pregnant workers nationwide — now [it's time for the Senate to act!](#)

The U.S. House of Representatives released an update to the [HEROES Act](#) to address needs that have arisen since the chamber passed the bill in May. This update maintains key provisions from the original bill and includes additional funds to bolster education and child-care.

The U.S. Senate confirmed Jocelyn Samuels to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) with a 54-42 vote. Samuels, whose [nomination was supported by AAUW](#), is a well-qualified civil rights lawyer who most recently worked as the Executive Director of the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law. Two other commissioners were also recently confirmed, giving the EEOC a full complement of five commissioners for the first time during the Trump administration.

## Order Form for FRESH GEORGIA PECANS, a Fund-Raising Project of the AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

Send Orders to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr, Manchester, MO 63011-4215 by **OCTOBER 20th**



**STORING PECANS** under refrigeration is the best way to retain the fresh aroma, color, and flavor of pecans. The lower the temperature, the longer the pecans will keep, although there is no critical temperature below which pecans must be held. Pecans stored in a **refrigerator** (38 to 40 degrees F) will keep for more than nine months. In the **freezer** at 0 degrees F they will remain in good condition for two years or longer. Unused pecans **may be refrozen** again and again without adverse effect on the quality or texture of the pecans.

The pecans should be delivered before the holiday baking season, depending on the growing season and weather. **Please make checks payable to "AAUW K-WG Branch."**

Questions? Call Carol at 636-227-0511 or e-mail [davis-mcdonald@outlook.com](mailto:davis-mcdonald@outlook.com)

- **Fancy Mammoth Halves (shelled), 1 lb** – Fantastic flavor for healthy snacking and holiday baking
- **Cinnamon Glazed Pecans, 10 oz** – crunchy Schermer pecans with a cinnamon-glazed coating and a hint of vanilla
- **Caramel Pecan Clusters, 10 oz** – crisp pecan pieces, milk chocolate, and creamy caramel, individually wrapped, 16-18 pieces
- **Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans, 12 oz** – smooth dark chocolate makes this a healthy snack

(Continue on reverse side as needed)

Name	Phone/E-mail	Fancy Mammoth Halves (\$13/lb)	Cinnamon Glazed (\$11)	Pecan Caramel Clusters (\$11)	Dark Chocolate Covered (\$11)	Total Cost
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