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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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Concern about voting rights is an important issue in our country right now. So why not raise the issue of voting and recognize the efforts of people in the past to expand (not contract) voting rights by putting out your sign again? **We suggest the sign be displayed from August 18, when the**

amendment was ratified, through August 26, when it was certified, and ending after the August 28 [March On for Voting Rights](#), which is scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., on the 58th anniversary of the historical March on Washington led by Martin Luther King. Watch for local plans and celebrations.



If anyone asks you about your sign, tell them about your concern about voting rights and that people should be thankful for that hard-won privilege. Encourage people to watch the AAUW of Missouri panel discussion on August 26 (see page 2).



Another project that will give recognition to the importance of the people who fought for the right to vote for women is underway. The National Collaborative for Women's History Sites is coordinating an effort to give recognition to the suffragists and the sites of their activity.

One important site in St. Louis is the mile-long **GOLDEN LANE** along Locust Street. In 1916, during the Democratic convention, thousands of women lined several blocks of the street wearing yellow sashes that read "Votes for Women."

If you know of any suffragists or sites where suffragist activity took place, you can register the site online. The trail will feature the buildings, sites, historical markers, and monuments where women's suffrage activity took place in the United States before August 26, 1920. National Votes for Women Trail is a suffragist recognition project. [See their website for additional information.](#)



AAUW of Missouri is Proud to Sponsor

“Women's Suffrage, Racism, and Intersectionality: One Year After the 19th Amendment Centennial”

August 26, 2021, 7 p.m. Zoom Panel Event is Now Open for Registration

Register Here: [August 26th Panel "Women's Suffrage, Racism and Intersectionality"](#)

Two distinguished speakers: Dr. April Langley and Dr. Carmaletta Williams

Quotes from the speakers' notes about the program:

“Overall, we want to infuse the celebratory discussion of the 19th Amendment with a focus on Black women’s struggle for human rights as precursor to and critical umbrella under which the movement for civic rights was launched. Namely, we want to provide an understanding of how the Black Women’s struggles for human, civic, and civil and human rights intersected but was different from white women’s movement—place, purpose—effective movements.”

“We want to discuss...Black women’s historical and contemporary struggle for equity and human rights as the umbrella under which we can begin to understand women’s suffrage as well as social justice movements for many underrepresented and oppressed peoples....To understand human rights and the injustices endured by black women we need to study herstories.”

Dr. April Langley, chair of Black Studies Department, associate professor of English and Black Studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Langley was a 2001 AAUW fellow. She began teaching at the University of Missouri in 2001, when she joined the faculty as an assistant professor of English in the newly developed area concentration of African Diaspora Studies. Langley specializes in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century African American and American literature and theory. Her courses include such topics as early black narrative forms, eighteenth-century Afro-British American poetics, and nineteenth-century black women writers. Her article *Bonded Justice: Race, Class, Gender, and Suffrage* can be found in the *Missouri Humanities Journal* from Summer of 2019. See more bio details: blackstudies.missouri.edu/people/langley



Dr. Carmaletta M. Williams, executive director of Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City. Carmaletta Williams earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English from UMKC and a PhD in English from KU. She taught for 28 years at Johnson County Community College. She has also taught in Wuhan, People's Republic of China; in Accra, Ghana; Paris, France; Guinea, West Africa, and in The Netherlands. Her publications include *Langston Hughes in the Classroom*; *My Dear Boy: Letters from Carrie Hughes to Langston Hughes 1926-1938*; study guides on Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston; *Of Two Spirits: African American and Native American Racial Identity Formation*; and two children's books. She received an Emmy for her portrayal of Zora Neale Hurston (<https://kclibrary.org/blog/library-life/library-now-multiple-emmy-winner>).

We've lost a dear member.

Zimmerman, Marjorie V. (nee Schmidt) entered into heavenly rest unexpectedly while in Branson, Missouri, on June 6, 2021, at the age of 80, as the result of a hemorrhagic stroke. Condolences to her husband, Carl, and their children. The following is the obituary that was published.

Marjorie was born on Oct. 15, 1940, to William H. and Charlotte (VanAlstyne) Schmidt in Orange, New Jersey. She attended public schools in Chatham, New Jersey, and graduated from high school in 1958. Active in Girl Scouts, she went to Greece that summer to attend an International Jamboree on a scholarship, and then spent her college summers as a Girl Scout camp counselor. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Smith College, with her junior year abroad at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Her first full-time employment was as an actuarial trainee in the insurance business. However, disillusionment with the glass ceiling, together with the prospect of becoming a military wife, led her to obtain a master of arts in teaching (mathematics) from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Marjorie grew up attending Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chatham, and it was there that she married Carl Scott Zimmerman on June 19, 1965. In the first years of their marriage, Marjorie taught mathematics at Central High School in Omaha, Nebraska. She was a full-time mother through her children's early years and much of her husband's career as an Air Force weather officer, though she also taught swimming part-time at a Department of Defense primary school in England.

After living in Colorado, Virginia, Illinois, Alabama and England, the family settled in the St. Louis area upon her husband's retirement from the USAF. She worked for the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) as a geodesist, cartographer and project manager, and eventually retired after it had become the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. She had resided in Kirkwood, Missouri, for the last 18 years. Marjorie was a member of the American Association of University Women and Covenant Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

Marjorie and her husband attended Presbyterian churches as much as possible throughout their lives together. She was ordained an elder while at Faith Presbyterian Church in Papillion, Nebraska, and later served two terms as a trustee for Webster Groves Presbyterian Church in Missouri. While her husband was on active duty with the USAF, they attended Bible studies with the Officers Chris-

tian Fellowship. Later she attended Community Bible Study meetings, and in her last years she was a much-loved discussion leader for a local Bible Study Fellowship group for women.

She was an outgoing person who readily got into conversations with people wherever she went. She kept in touch with extended family, friends and classmates all over the world through cards and notes for birthdays, anniversaries and other significant events. She planned family vacation travels to include visits to far-flung relatives whenever possible, worked together with Carl in genealogical research on both of their families, and compiled photo albums to share via computer disc.

She was a great storyteller, sharing relevant details about not only her own life but those of family, friends and acquaintances, making them real for listeners. She compiled a book of favorite recipes to share, and was a gracious and unassuming hostess to visiting family and friends. She loved nature, though double knee replacement limited her ability to garden in recent years. She came to enjoy and be quite knowledgeable about her husband's love of bells and to be a part of the international bell community. And she cheerfully fought back to full recovery from several significant health issues in her last three decades. Altogether her life was marked by faith, family and friendships.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Richard H. Schmidt. She is survived by her husband, Carl S. Zimmerman of Kirkwood; daughter Lucinda Z. Cook and husband Jeff of Ballwin, Missouri; and son Andrew J. Zimmerman and wife Heather of St. Louis. She is also survived by her brother, William H. Schmidt, Jr. and wife Joan of Fairfield, Connecticut; sister, Patricia Schmidt of Show Low, Arizona; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 10, 2021, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Des Peres (St. Louis County), Missouri, 63131. The service was live streamed — search www.YouTube.com for "Covenant Presbyterian Church St. Louis." Her ashes will be interred privately by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Bible Study Fellowship — www.bsfinternational.org.





Kirkwood Greentree Festival

Look for KWG at the 2021 Kirkwood Greentree Festival!

The KWG Branch will again have an information booth at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival. **Stop by to see us or volunteer to work a short shift!** Contact Jeanne Webdell for more information.

The festival hours are **Friday, Sept. 17:** 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. (no arts & crafts booths); **Saturday, Sept. 18:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and **Sunday, Sept. 19:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Location is Kirkwood Park, 111 S. Geyer Rd.

In addition to the community, arts and crafts, and booths, the Folklife Festival features reenactments, entertainment, and food from another era.

The AAUW booth will share information about our branch and STEM activities. Below is a picture from a long time ago, with Kay Meyer (right) and Carol Davis McDonald "working" a shift.



An AAUW Tradition Continues in North Carolina By Lynne Roney

Many of us remember AAUW book sales. Through a family friend, I've heard about a very successful continuation of this tradition in the lovely mountain town of Brevard, NC, and thought it would be interesting to share.

The Brevard AAUW Branch of only around 30 members conducts a 5-day sale that raises as much as \$35,000 for scholarships! This year's sale dates were July 25 through 29. They've been doing this for 51 years.



The 2020 book sale was canceled because of the pandemic, but the 2021 sale featured more than 30,000 books. The event is held in a gym on the Brevard College campus.

Proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for girls and women in Transylvania County, NC. Elementary, middle school, and high school students receive scholarships to STEM programs and leadership development events. Women students at Brevard College and Blue Ridge Community College are selected by their colleges to receive scholarships.

A quilt raffle was held simultaneously to support a high school science program. The Brevard Branch also hosts an online sale throughout the year on eBay at [ManyBooksLittleTime](https://www.ebay.com/str/manybooks).

Considerable publicity was given to the safe gathering guidelines being followed, including social distancing, mask wearing, and limiting the number of attendees at one time.

Thanks to the *Brevard Times*, Betsy Grant, and Branch President Rhae Mozley for this information. Congratulations to the Brevard Branch!

From Deb McWard IBC Co-Chair

The student IBC selected to attend the National Conference of College Student Leaders in 2020, **Leatrice McNeal**, sent this note to her IBC supporters. Leatrice is from Webster University and will be entering her senior year. As you may know, the conference was cancelled and rescheduled for 2021, but only virtually. She elected to attend anyway, missing out on the travel experience and a chance to meet many, many other students from across the country. It sounds like she got a lot out of the workshops and other opportunities to grow her leadership skills.

"Thank you so much to AAUW and St. Louis IBC for granting my scholarship to attend this wonderful event and for creating the event in the first place to help disadvantaged college women like myself. I loved the financial literacy and civil engagement panels; they were informative on how to save money for the unforeseeable future and how to better engage with the community. If I wasn't graduating this year, I would definitely attend again."



Do you remember (or did you know)...

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch, in conjunction with the Missouri Historical Society, promoted Women's History Month by sponsoring an annual contest for high school students who completed projects relating to women's history. The Branch supplied prize money for the winners. In addition, Branch member and state legislator Emmy McClelland personally provided the prize money for an annual "Real Woman" essay contest for middle school students, in which they described the woman who had the greatest positive influence on their lives.



Members participated in state-sponsored projects, such as VOLT (Volunteer Leadership Training) workshops, Women's Work/Women's Worth, and the initiative for Educational Equity. Several members also contributed articles or compiled material for *Pause in Missouri* (1979) or for *Show Me Missouri Women* (two volumes), both published by AAUW of Missouri.



We sincerely hope you will plan to attend KWG's 50th anniversary celebration, a brunch at Greenbriar Hills Country Club in Kirkwood. Please put Saturday, **October 16th**, 11–2 p.m., on your calendar. (More information to follow.)

CALENDAR

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| Aug 9 | 50th anniversary planning committee meeting, 2 pm |
| Aug 9 | Branch board meeting, 7 pm, Zoom |
| Aug 10 | International Relations Lecture Series planning, 10:30, Ethical Society bldg |
| Aug 26 | 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration Panel, Zoom event, 7 pm |
| Sep 13 | KWG board meeting, 7 pm, Zoom |
| Sep 16 | Preparation for Greentree Festival |
| Sep 16 | Branch monthly meeting, 6:30 pm |
| Sep 17 | Preparation for Greentree Festival |
| Sep 18 | Greentree Festival |
| Sep 19 | Greentree Festival |
| Sep 30 | Updates due for AAUW MO directory |
| Oct 13 | KWG board meeting, 7 pm |
| Oct 16 | KWG 50th ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH, 11 am |
| Oct 31 | Membership renewal deadline |
| Nov 6 | Pecanapalooza in Ste. Geneviève, MO |