

## **KWG Summer Newsletter (new format)**

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## **AAUW National Events Happening THIS WEEK!**

These events were included in this month's Mission & Action Newsletter. Please email connect@aauw.org if you are **not** receiving AAUW's Newsletter. To see all AAUW National's webinar recordings, go to: https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/

### Monday, June 26, 11 am CDT

LIVE EVENT: Delivering on Debt Relief: The Fight for Racial and Gender Justice, ft. Sen. Elizabeth Warren & Gloria L. Blackwell Women—especially women of color—are unfairly burdened by the student loan debt crisis. Join Sen. Elizabeth Warren and other distinguished speakers on June 26 at 11 am CDT for a virtual discussion ahead of the Supreme Court's decision on the impact that Pres. Biden's debt relief program will have on women and families and why we must deliver on debt relief. The time to cancel student debt is now! Register at this link!

Thursday, June 29, 3 pm CDT

It's Time to Reconnect!

Please join us for AAUW's Summer Member Gathering on June 29, 2023, at 3 PM CDT, as it is an opportune time to reconnect. We look forward to celebrating and recapping our accomplishments from this past fiscal year and sharing a preview of our priorities for the year ahead. It is essential that we come together, reconnect, and rekindle our commitment to advancing our mission of empowering women and promoting gender equity. Register at this link.

#### **Next KWG Events**

Additional emails will be sent to confirm dates of summer meetings such as meetings of the board, membership, and program committees. Contact Jeanne Webdell 573-754-0943 for information.

# Tuesday, August 8, 10:30 am CDT

# International Relations Lecture Series Planning Meeting

Join Kay Meyer, Marsha Koch, and other AAUW members and members of the Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) to identify topics for the four spring lectures sponsored by St. Louis IBC and TWA, and pair with a TWA member to secure a speaker. RSVP to Kay Meyer (314-962-7487).

## **Public Policy: Support Gun Violence Prevention**

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KWG Board has voted to support organizations/events working to prevent gun violence in support of one of our Public Policy Priorities "Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes, in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities."

- Ways to show support include attending their events, writing your legislators voicing your desire for change, and donating to their cause
- KWG will include links to events and organizations in its monthly news

#### KWG Year in Review 2022-2023

For a summary of the AAUW MO State Conference with pictures click here AAUWMO web page.

#### **GREAT PROGRAMS!**

Held six programs on community issues:

- Hosted three Get Out the Vote sessions about ballot issues led by a representative from the League of Women Voters (October)
- Let's Talk Patient and Caregiver Advocacy: How to Advocate for What Matters to You (November 17)
- SB 775 Compliance and Navigating Book Challenges (January 19)

#### SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING!

• Race, Gender, and Digital Media (February 16)

Awarded three \$500 scholarships to graduating high school women who will pursue STEM careers. We honored our awardees and met their parents at our April branch meeting:



- Affton High School—Kaniya Hampton, studying Economics to address equity and diversity
- Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School--Annabelle Rayburn, attending Georgia Institute of Technology to study Aerospace Engineering
- Valley Park High School-- Armani Carbbins, attending the University of Memphis to major in nursing and push towards her dream of becoming a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

#### **RECOGNITION!**

- KWG placed in the top 5 of branch total giving and 3rd in per capita giving to AAUW Fund
- KWG received 10 Stars from the state for its work to further the mission of AAUW, the highest number possible
- Member Barbara Johnson was honored for her many years of service to AAUW with a Barbara Lackritz award
- AAUW MO honored member Marsha Koch with its Woman of Distinction award for her leadership and service to AAUW

## **Looking Forward**

## Thursday, October 19-Saturday, October 21

**AAUW Central States Regional Conference** 

Plan to attend and meet members from 11 midwest states, share program and fundraising ideas, and learn more about AAUW.

See the proposed schedule.

AAUW MO is offering registration reimbursement. Additional support may be available through KWG (to be decided at a later board meeting).

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