

**AAUW Mission:** AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

**AAUW Vision:** Equity for all.

**AAUW Values:** Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and intersectionality.

*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 social action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and 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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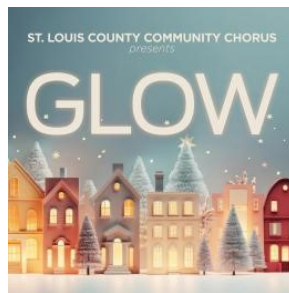
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## ***HOLIDAY CONCERT AND DINNER***

**Sunday, December 10, 3:30 pm**  
**Manchester United Methodist Church**  
**129 Woods Mill Road**



Join Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch members in attending the St. Louis County Community Chorus's festive annual holiday concert, "Glow." Tickets (\$20) for the 3:30 concert must be purchased in advance at [https://stlccc.org/store/front/product\\_display/15](https://stlccc.org/store/front/product_display/15). You should be able to order by clicking "Continue as Guest" without setting up an account. If questions, email the Chorus at [stlccc.marketing@gmail.com](mailto:stlccc.marketing@gmail.com). You're welcome to

order tickets for spouses and other friends to attend as well. The concert will feature the chorus (including KWG member Gloria Champion) and orchestra in an afternoon of holiday music to celebrate the season. The concerts do sell out, so don't delay in ordering.

We'll meet in the lobby area just outside the sanctuary entrance. Parking is on the north and west sides of the church. You should be able to enter through north or west doors. It would be helpful if you would let Lynne Roney (roneyeditorial@gmail.com, 314-223-3426) or Jeanne Webdell (jeannewebdell@gmail.com, 573-754-0943) know that you plan to attend so we can look for you.



After the concert at approximately 5:30 we will have dinner together (payment on your own: \$17.99) at the nearby Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet, 1282 Old Orchard Center, Manchester 63021. The Hibachi Grill has more than 200 items on its buffet, including ribeye steak, salmon, fish, ham, black pepper shrimp, crabmeat, cheese, General T'so's chicken, crawfish, mussels, cold shrimp, clams, spareribs, oysters, sushi, salads, fruit, and desserts.

We hope to see you there!

Dear Branch Members,

The old adage “Put your money where your mouth is” is reported to have first appeared in the 1930’s or 40’s. The idea behind this idiom is that it is easy to talk about doing something, but it is harder to do something about it. The message is the person needs to give practical support to the cause or activities that they believe are right especially by giving or spending money or taking some other action to support what they have been talking about.

As AAUW members we do a lot of talking about equity for women, and we are given opportunities to do more such as taking leadership roles, supporting our programs, and giving our money.

AAUW at the national and branch level is giving us an easy way to take action. At the national level, AAUW has a financial campaign to raise money for the *greatest needs* to support the basic needs of AAUW so the organization can continue. There is a special opportunity this fall to have your gift matched. Gifts can be made online or by mail.

At the branch level we have combined your mouth and giving, through our pecan sales. Profits from your purchase of our Georgia pecans helps to support our STEM scholarship program. The branch has 3 scholarships, one each for Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Affton and Valley Park High Schools. Pecans can be purchased by contacting Kay Meyer using the information to the right.

So put your money where your mouth is – by eating our pecans or by sending a contribution to national. Contributions at the branch level are also welcome. This fall consider putting your money where your mouth is.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy holiday season,  
Lynne Roney and Jeanne Webdell  
Co-presidents

Contributions to the *Greatest Needs Fund* can be mailed to:

American Association of University Women  
PO Box 98045  
Washington DC 20077-7023

Online gifts can be made by going to the AAUW.org website and clicking donations

To make a contribution to our local STEM scholarships, mail your check to:

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

To order fresh Georgia pecans:

Call Kay at 314.962.7487 or 314.225.9149  
Email Kay—kicmeyer51@gmail.com

Or

Write Kay:

Kay Meyer  
2443 Mary Avenue  
Brentwood, MO 63144-2031



## YOU'RE INVITED!

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch has invited KWG to join their **Expressions** group. **Expressions** is a quasi-craft group that meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month 1-3 pm.

At their December 5 gathering they will make Hershey bar snowmen to be offered at the December **Soiree** (their annual FUNdraising event) and make great stocking stuffers. There will be a small charge for materials.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
13014 Olive Blvd, 63141  
Contact Kay Meyer or Debbie Cloud  
to let them know you will attend.

## 2024 International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS)

### About IRLS

For more than 90 years this lecture series has been co-sponsored by the Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) of the Ethical Society of St. Louis and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Metro St. Louis Branches.

Lectures are held in the upper auditorium:

Ethical Society of St. Louis  
9001 Clayton Road  
St. Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting begins promptly at 10:45 the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January through April. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45-50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

### January 9, 2024

*Rising costs of Health Care in the U.S.: Why is our System the Most Expensive in the World and is that Changing?*

#### Dr. Timothy McBride

Dr. Timothy McBride is the Bernard Becker Professor at Washington University in the Brown School and co-Director of the Center for Advancing Health Services Policy and Economics Research (CAHSPER) in the Institute for Public Health (IPH). Dr. McBride is an influential health policy analyst and health economist shaping the national agenda on the uninsured and health insurance markets, rural health care, health reform, Medicare and Medicaid policy, long-term care, and health economics. For two decades, he has been active in working with the U.S. Congress and state policymakers, providing policy advice on a regular basis on health reform, Medicare, Medicaid, and rural health policy. He was the first Associate Dean for Public Health at Washington University, leading the initial development of the Brown School's Master of Public Health (MPH) program to accreditation in 2011. He led the creation of the first Health Policy program at Saint Louis University. A member of several national committees and Boards, Dr. McBride is currently serving as Vice Chair for St. Louis Board of Health and serves on the Justice Services Board for St. Louis County. He is past Chair of the MOHealthNET Oversight Committee, which serves in an advisory role for the state of Missouri's Medicaid program. In 2012, Dr. McBride was awarded the Outstanding Rural Health Researcher of the Year by the National Rural Health Association and a "Health Care Hero" by the St. Louis Business Journal in 2007.

Committee: *Elaine Miller (TWA), Pam Meyers (AAUW)*

## AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC

### ¡Adelante! Book Group

January 25, 1:30 pm by Zoom

**Sold** by Patricia McCormick, Reviewer Patty Murray

The powerful, poignant, bestselling National Book Award Finalist gives voice to a young girl robbed of her childhood yet determined to find the strength to triumph. Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small hut on a mountain in Nepal. Though she is desperately poor, her life is full of simple pleasures. But when the harsh Himalayan monsoons wash away all that remains of the family's crops, Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family. He introduces her to a glamorous stranger who tells her she will find her a job as a maid in the city. Glad to be able to help, Lakshmi journeys to India and arrives at "Happiness House" full of hope. But she soon learns that she has been sold into prostitution. An old woman named Mumtaz rules the brothel with cruelty and cunning. She tells Lakshmi that she is trapped there until she can pay off her family's debt—then cheats Lakshmi of her meager earnings so that she can never leave. Lakshmi's life becomes a nightmare. Still, she lives by her mother's words—Simply to endure is to triumph—and gradually, she forms friendships with the other girls that enable her to survive in this terrifying new world. Then the day comes when she must make a decision—will she risk everything for a chance to reclaim her life?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85338959790?pwd=NFNKS01FMXh6bXpiaXh0ci80VC9rUT09>

Meeting ID: **853 3895 9790**, Passcode: **614379**

Dial by your location: **312 626 6799**

### Branch Meetings

**Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch**—Thursday, Dec 14, 11-1  
**SASSY SOIREE annual FUNdraiser \$25 includes lunch from The Art of Entertaining and performance by the St. Louis Strutters, [Winter Party Flyer 2023](#), contact Sandy Kalin**  
Ballwin Golf Course Events Center  
333 Holloway Road, Ballwin 63011

**Ferguson-Florissant Branch**—Contact President Patty Murray, 314-838-7887, [pattymurray2011@gmail.com](mailto:pattymurray2011@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**St. Charles Branch**—Thursday, Dec 7, 1 pm  
**"Tis the Season" with Pianist Sheila Fletcher**  
First St. Charles United Methodist Church  
801 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles 63301

**St. Louis Branch**—Contact President Ellen Irons, 314-727-9918 or [ironnew@msn.com](mailto:ironnew@msn.com) for meeting information.

Our scholarship elves have been hard at work selling a lot of pecans at several events!



Jeanne Webdell womaned a table selling pecans at the Affton High School Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 11. Others who worked that day included Lynne Roney, Barbara Johnson, Marsha Koch, and Kay Meyer. Member Dee Loris arranged for our table which was conveniently located by the entry!

Kay Meyer, Barbara Johnson, Lucy Barrington, and Deb McWard represented us at the Pecanapalooza in Ste. Genevieve. Our members have been supporting us as well, buying bags of pecans as hostess or holiday gifts. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed their time to help us raise scholarship funds!

Kay Meyer represented KWG at a community open house sponsored by the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission, of which Jeanne Webdell is a member. Kay provided brochures about KWG AAUW and our scholarship program



We have much to be proud of in Missouri as this news and content of our outstanding regional conference resonates throughout all of AAUW. This issue of *Missouri in Motion* celebrates the success of the AAUW MO Central States Regional Conference.

<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2023/11/2023-Fall-Missouri-in-Motion.pdf>

Visit our state website (<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/swap-shops-sharing-branch-projects/>) to read about the many swap shops shared at the conference and learn what other branches are doing.. AAUW is very much alive and well in our region!



Branch members Lucy Barringer, Marsha Koch, Kay Meyer, Charlotte Parsons, Lynne Roney, and Jeanne Webdell shared their information from the Regional Conference at our October Branch meeting. Notes were included in the newsletter as well.

## CALENDAR

### 2023

- Dec 10 KWG Branch Holiday Outing  
Manchester UMC STL County Community Choir followed by dinner

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### 2024

- Jan 9 IRLS—Rising Costs of Health Care in U.S.  
Jan 18 KWG Branch Meeting via Zoom  
Feb 13 IRLS—Generative AI  
Feb 15 KWG Branch Meeting via Zoom  
Mar 12 IRLS—Global Migration Trends and Implications for the US Asylum System