



## Newsletter of the

### Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

Founded April 1971 ~ **Celebrating 54 Years!**

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**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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## IBC Annual Spring Luncheon

March 29, 2025 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

### Catering to You

12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO

Mushroom herb baked chicken, roast top round of beef au jus, salad, red-skin garlic mashers, steamed broccoli, rolls, butter, self-serve lemonade/coffee/iced and hot tea

### Registration form on Page 3

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, March 20

**Deadline for Shero Tributes** to be recognized at luncheon: Tuesday, March 18  
Forms available in this newsletter.

**Entertainment:** Mixed Nuts, a women's *a capella* quartet

**Program:** Recognition of branches' Barbara Lackritz Award recipients

Join branch members and other branches at this annual event, the only fundraiser for the Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council, which brings branches together for sharing ideas and sponsoring projects such as college/university relations, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, International Relations Lecture Series, Adelante book club, and Expressions craft group.

KWG Branch will be selling pecans and a selection of vintage jewelry. If you have jewelry items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the luncheon in individual boxes or attached to a card, with suggested price marked. Items should be under \$5. Contact Lynne Roney with any questions: roneyeditorial@gmail.com or 314-223-3426.



*Lynne*

## *Presidents' Message ...*

### *Past and Future*

Thinking about the past this week, as a spirited discussion of *The Women* at our Adelante Zoom call brought back memories of the Vietnam era and the sacrifices made by our relatives and classmates. Some of us back then were inspired by patriotic desires to serve our country, whether in the military or government service. Some of us

protested on college campuses. A bit later, some joined the flood of women "going back to work" in the 1970s. I remember debates with my AAUW branch friends over whether to have another baby or to look for a job.

What will the future look like, with massive changes to the government work force and potentially to the educational system? What will happen to my brother-in-law's and nephew's farms that have supported almost a dozen families for 100 years? What about the already struggling postal service? The IRS? Social Security? National Parks, for heaven's sake?

We are fortunate to live in a progressive community that continues to celebrate Black History Month and Women's History Month and, hopefully, to believe in inclusion and equity. We will celebrate our own "Sheroes" at the IBC Spring Luncheon on March 29. We will continue to speak up and speak out through AAUW's 2-Minute Activist. We will continue to support education and equity for women and girls. We will continue.

*Lynne and Nancy*



*Nancy*

### **CALENDAR**

- Mar 5 National Equal Pay Day
- Mar 6 Presentation on one of the Girl Scouts' four pillars, Girl Scouts of Eastern MO (GSEM) Women's History Month Patch Program. Robotics: **Christine Nobbe**, director STEAM and gifted education specialist MO DESE, 6:00-6:30 p.m. (St. Louis Branch project)
- Mar 8 **International Women's Day—Unite & Resist Peaceful Protest in Brentwood, MO (pg 7)**
- Mar 8 The Montessori Adolescent Program School art exhibit for Women's History Month, 5-8 p.m.
- Mar 11 International Relations Lecture, 10:45 a.m., *Modern Geopolitics: The Ghost of Sir John Mackinder*, Ethical Society building
- Mar 13 **Women's Voices meeting on From Promise to Controversy – Understanding How DEI Became a**

**'Bad' Word in Society, 7 p.m., Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Ave, Clayton ([RSVP here](#))**

- Mar 24 Movie Group, 7 pm, Zoom, *The Piano Lesson*
- Mar 25 Presentation at GSEM Women's History Month Patch Program. STEM: **Christine Nobbe** (St. Louis Branch Project)
- Mar 29 **IBC 2025 Spring Luncheon Honoring Sheroes and Barbara Lackritz Honorees** (pgs 3-4) 150th anniversary of *Minor v. Happersett*
- Apr 1 10-Star Award application due
- Apr 8 International Relations Lecture, 10:45 a.m., *Food Insecurity: Hunger and Famine, Now and in the Future*, Ethical Society building
- Apr 28 Movie Group, 7 pm, Zoom, *The Six Triple Eight*
- May 3 All-members state meeting via Zoom (pg 5)
- May 26 Movie Club (TBA)
- June 23 Movie Club (TBA)

# Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council: 2025 Spring Luncheon

## Honoring Sheroes and Recognizing Barbara Lackritz Award Honorees

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### Registration Form

**Fee:** \$40 - includes meal, program, and entertainment. 50-50 and lotto raffles will also be held!

Registration deadline for luncheon: March 20, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (preferably cell): \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the spring luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying for \_\_\_\_\_ # of guests x \$40 (list names on back) Total for luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Tribute Donation for My Shero

Name(s) of shero(es) to be honored: (Please also include Tribute Form in your envelope)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shero donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Note:** Donations are NOT tax deductible..

Make check payable to AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC. Mail check and form to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr, Manchester, MO 63011-4215. Use this form for lunch only, donation only, or both. It is recommended that you make a copy of your form for your information.



Barbara Lackritz, MO-IL Convention, 2001

## Our NEW IBC Fundraising Approach — Tribute Donations to Honor Sheroes

♥ **Why does the IBC need to raise funds?** For IBC operating expenses and to support the International Relations Lecture Series in collaboration with the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society.

♥ **Our past approach has used raffles.** In the past, each branch donated baskets of items, and then we moved to raffling gift cards. We also have had 50-50 and lottery ticket tree raffles, which will continue.

♥ **Why do we need a new approach?** We have decided not to hold any more raffles or auctions because none of us wants more stuff. We believe the 50-50 and lottery ticket tree raffles are still worthwhile, but they won't raise all the funds we need.

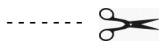
♥ **Our new approach.** We will raise the additional funds needed by honoring our sheroes with direct donations. We hope this becomes a new tradition: honoring important women in our lives, living or in memory, through tribute donations.

♥ **How will this work?** Make a donation to honor a shero in your life. Your shero will receive a card informing them that they have been named, and your shero's name will be a part of a display at the spring luncheon. A final summary of all names will be published at the end of the campaign.

♥ **How much should you donate?** We encourage you to be as generous as you can. Since this is a fundraiser, the minimum amount to recognize a shero is \$10. Any level above that is appreciated.



Please complete the form below to donate. Any donations received before March 18, 2025, will be recognized at the spring luncheon. The campaign will be open until April 3, 2025, with contributions accepted both prior to AND at the spring luncheon. Questions? Contact the IBC spring luncheon committee fundraising chair (Joyce Bluett, AAUW Ferguson-Florissant Branch, or your branch's committee member.



### TRIBUTE DONATION FOR MY SHERO

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My shero's name \_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_

My donation is (pick one): \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of (deceased shero) \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of (living shero)

As part of the recognition, I would like my branch name to be listed: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I would like my name listed as a donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, \_\_\_\_\_ I want my name on the event display \_\_\_\_\_ I want to be in the final published lists

To honor additional sheroes, add the names and amounts on a separate sheet and mail together.

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Note:** Donations are NOT tax deductible.

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## Nancy Hutchins Receives Barbara Lackritz Award

Join us at the IBC Luncheon to recognize Nancy Hutchins as KWG's Barbara Lackritz Award winner! Nancy will be honored at the March 29 luncheon. Not only that, but Nancy was responsible for organizing the venue and luncheon arrangements as our representative on the IBC committee. Thank you, Nancy!

Nancy is the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch's Barbara Lackritz Service Award recipient for 2025. She is currently serving as co-president of the branch.

Nancy received her A.B. degree in history from UMSL, M.Ed. in counseling from UMSL, and M.B.A. in business marketing from SIU-E. She was a counselor for the Riverview Gardens school district before retirement.

Other positions Nancy has held:

- DEI co-chair for the branch
- Administrative assistant/aide-de-camp to president of AAUW MO
- Past co-chair of the DEI committee for AAUW Missouri.
- Past member of Public Policy committee for AAUW MO
- Member of the AAUW Legacy Circle
- Facebook/social media editor for KWG branch and IBC
- Past Facebook/social media editor for AAUW MO
- International Relations Lecture Series planning committee



"There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there."

- [Indira Gandhi](#)

Nancy is also active in other local organizations, including League of Women Voters, Women's Voices Raised, and the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society. Nancy's commitment to justice, equity, and diversity is supported by her actions in these areas.

### SAVE THE DATE AND NEW TIME!

Our April branch meeting with STEM speaker, STEM awards, and brief business meeting, will be April 24 starting at **6:00 p.m.** at Grant's View Branch Library. We have the room beginning at 6:00 p.m. Because libraries are now closing at 8 p.m. **we will need to start the program promptly at 6:30!**

### Women's History Month

The St. Louis County Library marks Women's History Month with more than 90 events. Check out their [calendar](#) for one near you.

## PUBLIC POLICY by Jeanne Webdell

Online Sources:

- The League of Women Voters Missouri publishes a weekly bulletin with information on bills by category such as elections, education, healthcare, gun safety, and social justice. Go to <https://my.lww.org/missouri/resources/legislative-bulletins-alerts> for specific information and weekly updates.
- To get information on the status of pre-filed voting bills, go to the MO Voter Protection Coalition legislative tracker [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LFSXE1cBCKeHqMXV4UAK1n9mmYACNEW-QZGly\\_ufJUY/edit#gid=1623872419](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LFSXE1cBCKeHqMXV4UAK1n9mmYACNEW-QZGly_ufJUY/edit#gid=1623872419)

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## **Voting Rights are Important**

AAUW Missouri held its legislative retreat on Saturday February 24 via Zoom. 17 organizations participated by sharing legislation goals and priorities.

Among the most important issues facing Missouri residents is legislation affecting voters. Denise Lieberman of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition highlighted the importance of some of this legislation including these bills:

- ⇒ **Restoration of voting rights to criminals** after completion of their sentence. *Empower Missouri* also supports this legislation that would automatically expunge records of crimes so that only police departments can see the records. Clean Slate HB 953 provides for a system to remove criminal records more easily. Now only 1% of the people apply for the removal of their record.
- ⇒ **Protection for Election workers.** HB507 establishes the offense of tampering with an election official, thereby creating protection for election workers.
- ⇒ **Protecting the Ballot Initiative Process.** This process is under attack by many legislators who want to limit the power of citizens to place initiatives on the ballot and maintain legislative control over the wording of the issues. Senate Bill 22 (SB22) now in the House limits challenges to summary statements. This bill is opposed by the LWV and MVPC.

**REMINDER ELECTIONS ARE TUESDAY APRIL 8 – LOCAL CITY COUNCIL, MAYORAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS PROPOSITIONS ARE ON THE BALLOT IN DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES.**

### **Pecan Sales Fundraiser**

A decades-long branch fundraiser has been sales of pecans from Schermer Pecans out of Georgia. Check with Kay Meyer if you need more. Here's a recipe you might like, Pecan Pimento Cheese.

1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, shredded  
1 (8oz) package cream cheese, at room temperature  
½ cup mayonnaise, or to taste  
1- 1 ½ teaspoons Tabasco  
1 (7oz) jar diced pimentos, undrained  
1 cup chopped pecans  
Combine the cheddar and cream cheese in a food processor, pulsing to mix. Mix in the mayonnaise and Tabasco. Scrape into a mixing bowl and stir in the pimentos, their juice and the pecans. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with crackers.

Source: Pecans, by Kathleen Purvis (A Savor The South Cookbook)

For more recipes, [go here](#).



Our branch also raises money through RADA KITCHEN STORE.

[Click on this link \(https://radafundraising.myshopify.com/?rfsn=7746743.077a60\)](https://radafundraising.myshopify.com/?rfsn=7746743.077a60) that will ask if you want to donate to AAUW KWG. Your purchases will support the fundraiser for **AAUW Kirkwood Webster Groves**.



## AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

KWG is **one of the five branches** that form the AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council, more commonly known as IBC. They meet 4 times a year, some virtually and some in person. Each branch is allowed 3 voting delegates, and historically the officers of each branch have served as those delegates.

The purpose of IBC is to foster cooperation among member branches and to financially support programs and projects and to open channels of communication among branches for the sharing of ideas and interests.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The website is <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/>. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.

### Metro St. Louis Branch Programs

**Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch**—Ballwin Golf Course Events Center, 333 Holloway Rd, Ballwin. March 13, 2025 9:30-11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Huvona Watkins, executive director, Almost Home Supporting At-Risk Mothers and Their Children: Creating a Better Future Two Generations at a Time.

**Ferguson-Florissant Branch**—Contact [Pam Meyers](#) for meeting information, 314-303-6661.

**Saint Charles Branch**—Meets the first Thursday at 1 p.m. at First St. Charles UMC, 801 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles 63301.

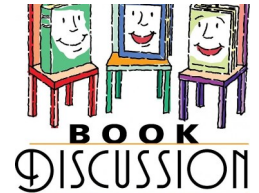
**St. Louis Branch**—The IBC spring luncheon will substitute for a branch meeting.

### Expressions Craft Group

This is a fun group that meets on the 1st Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur. Our focus is to make and learn crafts and projects. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. Contact Kay Meyer at ([kicmeyer51@gmail.com](mailto:kicmeyer51@gmail.com)) or Nancy Hutchins ([bodaciouspsychobabe@yahoo.com](mailto:bodaciouspsychobabe@yahoo.com)). Park in back of church and enter through the last set of double glass doors.



### IBC ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP



*This group, started in 1996 as a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program, discusses books written from diverse perspectives. It currently is meeting virtually.*

Where: Join Zoom meeting:

When: 1:30 pm the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in September, October, January, February, March, April, May

Contact: [PattyMurrayAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:PattyMurrayAAUW@gmail.com)

Zoom access: Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87393625222?pwd=Z8LmoZpCgqVwS6wAZmPoNEcUa0b2Pq.1>

Meeting ID: 873 9362 5222  
Passcode: 922338

Dial by your location 312 626 6799 US

#### Upcoming selections:

**Mar 27** *The Island of Missing Trees*, by Elif Shafak, 368 pages, published November 2021. Lynne Roney, facilitator. Two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, war, and the untangling of years of secrets.

**Apr 24** *Light on Bone*, by Kathryn Lasky, 298 pages, published 9-6-2022. Teri Brecht, facilitator. Kathryn Lasky has written an exciting new adult amateur sleuth mystery set in New Mexico in the 1930s.

**May 29** *Mad Honey*, by Jodi Picoult, 464 pages, published 10-4-2022. Patty Murray, facilitator. A riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves. In development for a series/film.

**Sep 25** *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich, 400 pages, 1-9-2021. Lynne Roney, facilitator. Asks what we owe to the living, the dead, to the reader and to the book. Mystery haunting of a small, independent book store.

**Women's Day—Unite & Resist Protest - PEACEFUL RALLY - sign holding - March 8, 2025,**  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CST International in Brentwood, MO Full address will be provided upon RSVP  
<https://action.womensmarch.com/events/international-women-s-day-unite-resist-protest-in-brentwood-mo>

## Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council News

From the quarterly IBC meeting on February 25:

- New bookmarks listing all area branches will be printed for distribution.
- Branches will work together to share and attend each other's meetings, especially Zoom meetings.
- IBC will have a continuing discussion of issues related to National updates such as dues increases.
- The IBC Facebook page is active again. Nancy Hutchins is the administrator. If anyone wants to post an item there, email it to Nancy.
- IBC is still awaiting details about continuing its practice of sending a local college woman to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The dates are May 28-30, 2025, in College Park, MD.

## MOVIE CLUB

Each of us watches a selected movie on Netflix. The movie is then discussed by the group on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### Upcoming movies:

**March 24**—*The Piano Lesson*

**April 28**—*The Six Triple Eight*

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81582657369?pwd=aqAklCdAvoiebBFwc1t97u8UNDYjua.1>

Meeting ID: 815 8265 7369

Passcode: 168308



An art exhibit for Women's History Month by **AAUW St. Louis Branch Member Ruth Reese** (Montessori Adolescent Program operations director, MS & HS Visual Arts guide) and MAP Gallery, *Making Their Mark: Tapping a New Wave of Women Artists*, will open **March 8** at MAP Gallery, 3840 Washington Ave, in the Grand Arts District.



Ruth opened her own art gallery two years ago—REESegallery, 3410 Wisconsin Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63118,

[www.thereesegallery.com](http://www.thereesegallery.com). She explores the richness of porcelain, black stoneware, and red earthenware in her sculptural work.



Coincidentally, another exhibit with a similar name (*Making Their Mark: Works from the Shah Garg Collection*) and purpose is scheduled for December 2025 at the Kemper Museum at Wash U.

## The 2025 AAUW Art Contest

Congratulations to **Pam Kulp**, AAUW St. Charles and AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, who was one of the five winners of this year's AAUW national art contest.

Her photo submission was *Stunning Water Lilies at MO Botanical Gardens*.



## Save the Date – State Meeting on May 3, 2025

Program VPs Su Bacon and Diane B. Ludwig

Plans for the 2024–25 AAUW MO May state meeting have begun for Saturday, May 3, 2025, via Zoom. Please mark your calendars for this morning event. AAUW MO is alternating its state meetings with in-person meetings in even-numbered years and Zoom meetings in the odd-numbered years.

The May 2025 meeting will include a state business meeting, elections, state awards, a presentation by an AAUW national leader, and a keynote presentation on AAUW MO vital issues. Full details will be in the winter edition of *Missouri in Motion*.





The public is cordially invited to the  
**International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS) 2025**

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

**10:45 am Second Tuesday of January, February, March and April**

The TWA and AAUW invite you to learn from experts about the most critical issues affecting our global community. The 45-50 minute lectures begin promptly at 10:45 am in the upper auditorium and are followed by a question and answer session. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Free parking is available behind the building. In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

*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*

Usha Sathe, Chair

**March 11, 2025 Modern Geopolitics: The Ghost of Sir John Mackinder Kevin Jon Fernlund, Ph.D.**

Kevin Jon Fernlund is a Professor of History at the University of Missouri - St. Louis and is the author of *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America* (2009) and *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West* (2000). From 2001 to 2002, he was a Fulbright Scholar in Vietnam and between 2006 and 2012, he directed the Western History Association. His most recent book is *A Big History of North America, from Montezuma to Monroe* (2023).

Dr. Fernlund's presentation is "Donald Trump, America First, and the Ghost of Sir Halford John Mackinder, the Father of Modern Geopolitics," an evaluation of US foreign policy in the second Trump Administration.



Mackinder is often credited with introducing two new terms into the English language: "manpower" and "heartland." The Heartland Theory and more generally classical geopolitics and geostrategy were extremely influential in the making of US strategic policy during the period of the Cold War. Dr. Fernlund spoke earlier this year of how geography shapes global politics, echoing Paul Kennedy's insights on "how distance and terrain and climate affect the affairs of states and men."

*Committee: Kathryne Meyer*

**April 8, 2025 Food Insecurity: Hunger and Famine Now, and in the Near Future Patricia Wolff, M.D.**



Pediatrician Patricia Wolff founded the U.S. non-profit *Meds & Food for Kids (MFK)* in 2003 and served as Executive Director until 2020. Since its inception, MFK has saved the lives of almost 1,000,000 children seen in over 50 clinics in Haiti and with Haitian-made Ready to Use Therapeutic Food exported to 17 countries. The MFK approach is to use local labor and local resources to manufacture Medika Mamba, a treatment for malnutrition, which in turn develops the local economy.

For many years, Dr. Wolff spent half her time in Haiti to develop *Meds & Food for Kids*. She is a pediatrician, endocrinologist, and served as President of Forest Park

Pediatrics. Dr. Wolff's many awards include the St. Louis Women of Achievement (May 2017) and the St. Louis Bar Foundation Humanitarian Award (October 2015).



Meds & Food  
 For Kids   
 mfkhaiti.org

*Committee: Elaine Miller*

# National News

From Susan Barley  
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1. NCCWSL  
Link to NCCWSL page on NASPA website: [Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#)  
Dates: May 28-May 30 2025, College Park, MD
2. NotebookLM (If you are interested in checking out AI opportunities.)  
[Google NotebookLM | Note Taking & Research Assistant](#)

3. Advancement Criteria Branch Reports  
Will start being sent to branches as early as February 19 regarding membership numbers and financial contributions.
4. AAUW Strongly Opposes Linda McMahon's Nomination for US Secretary of Education (Press Release)  
[AAUW Strongly Opposes Linda McMahon's Nomination for U.S. Secretary of Education – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)
5. Reminder about our online store – Shop AAUW  
<https://aauw.source4.com/b2c/sites/AAUWMember/Home.asp>

## The Missouri Legislative Session is in full swing.

Committees have been established, and bills are beginning to be reviewed. The following websites are reliable resources to obtain information on bills passing through the legislative process and their status:

- ⇒ Fast Democracy - <https://fastdemocracy.com/>
- ⇒ MO Voter Protection Coalition - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LFSXE1cBCKeHqMXV4UAK1n9mmYACNEW-QZGly\\_uflJUY/edit?gid=770402993#gid=770402993](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LFSXE1cBCKeHqMXV4UAK1n9mmYACNEW-QZGly_uflJUY/edit?gid=770402993#gid=770402993)
- ⇒ League of Women Voters STL Metro - <https://my.lwv.org/missouri/resources/legislative-bulletins-alerts>
- ⇒ State of Missouri Senate Bills - <https://www.senate.mo.gov/BTSSearch/Default>
- ⇒ Legiscan - <https://legiscan.com/MO/legislation/2025>
- ⇒ State of Missouri - <https://www.mo.gov/government/legislative-branch>

## ACT NOW TO SUPPORT BIPARTISAN WOMEN'S HEALTH BILL

Below is a link to a petition from Action Network urging the Missouri Legislature to pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill now!

Last session, this critical women's health bill was just one vote from final passage; but despite wide bipartisan support - including from House leadership - this bill failed to pass due to dysfunction in the Missouri Senate. Both sides of the aisle strongly support this legislation that would treat and prevent disease, including congenital syphilis, increase access to contraception, and improve Missourians' health and wellbeing. Sign below to tell our lawmakers to prioritize and pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill now!

Take action by using this link. Click here: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/urge-moleg-to-pass-the-bipartisan-womens-health-bill-now?source=email&>

You can contact your individual representative or senator as well.

If you would like to find out the status of bills and their progress through both Houses, presentation to the President, if he signs the bill, and when the bill becomes a law, check out this fascinating website: <https://www.congress.gov>.

