



TAKING ACTION

New Officers and Centennial Awards Presented in June

During the annual Celebration Picnic in June, we installed our 2013-2014 officers and our new president Nicky Stanke presented us with her vision for the upcoming year. We also thanked immediate past president Mary Emily Kitterman for her work and dedication. Introducing this year's slate of officers:

Winnie Weinrich, President-Elect
Pam Burke, Co-Program VP
Renee Carlson, Co-Program VP
Diane Krizek, Membership VP

Stefanie Hatfield, Finance Officer
Joanie Shores, Public Policy
Dana Perry, Co-Secretary
Sara Pedram, Co-Secretary

Beverly Ryan, Fund Chair
Ellen Johnson, Finance Chair
Linda Berube, Communication Co-Chair
Marian McClellan, Communication Co-Chair

The 2013 Centennial Awards were given to two well-deserving candidates. The winners shared their stories, struggles, and accomplishments with those in attendance. Well done Sasha Pearce, Park University and Crystal Wolfe, UMKC.



(L-R) 2013 Centennial award winners Crystal Wolfe and Sasha Pearce.

The Centennial Scholarship Fund was established in 1993 as part of AAUW-KC Centennial celebration. The scholarships are given to two of the year's Reentry Women of the Year Award recipients. Many of these women have children and family obligations and are in need of financial assistance. Kansas City area branches including Independence, Kansas City, Kansas City Northland, Parkville, and Raytown work with area colleges to seek applicants that best exemplify the effort, perseverance and courage of women who return to the classroom after an absence of at least five years in pursuit of personal and vocational goals.



You're invited!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

WALDO BRANCH LIBRARY

201 E 75TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

Enjoy delicious treats as you mingle and get reacquainted with fellow AAUW members after the summer break. Hear about what is happening in AAUW on the local, state and national levels. This is the perfect event to bring friends and prospective members to learn more about what we do to promote equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change. No reservations required.

For more details, please contact Pam Burke at (816) 361-2098 or pamelaburke2729@gmail.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“So just what does AAUW do?”

Do you get that question as often as I do? The very first business I would like to start with, as your Branch President for 2013-2014, is to invite you to our annual Fall Fling on Saturday, September 7. This event will start off the AAUW year with light refreshments and an informative program – “What’s Happening in AAUW: National, State and Local.” At the Waldo Library, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., we will have the opportunity to reconnect with continuing members and to meet and greet new members. In addition, here is your chance to introduce friends and relatives to AAUW, as prospective members or just friends. Hopefully, we will begin to answer that question!

Although we don’t publish a newsletter during the summer months, we don’t exactly sit idle either. The June Celebration Picnic honored two very special re-entry students with Centennial Scholarships for Sasha Pearce at Parkville and Crystal Wolfe at UMKC. For me, our scholarship or grant-awarding events are the most fulfilling as an AAUW member, and these two special young women were no exception. We also honored outgoing President Mary Emily Kitterman for her exemplary year of service to AAUW. For her service, her dedication and her graciousness, I, too, would like to thank Mary Emily for raising the bar for this Branch. It makes my year challenging and inevitably rewarding.



(L-R) Mary Emily Kitterman, AAUW-KC President, 2012-13, and current President Nicky Stanke together at the June Celebration Picnic.

Planning for 2013-2014 started in earnest at the planning “retreat” on June 23 with 15 energetic and vocal members reaching consensus behind the efforts to broaden our membership base, open events to a wider Kansas City community, build on our college connections at KCKCC, UMKC and Penn Valley, and continue our fundamental mission of advancing equity for women and girls with scholarships, recognition, collaboration and advocacy.

So join us at the Fall Fling and hear how AAUW is addressing the issues at all levels – National, State and Local.

Nicky Stanke

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President, AAUW-KC, 2013-2014

Reminder to Board Members: AAUW-KC Board Meeting,
4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, September 12, Waldo Library



<h1>JOIN OR RENEW</h1>	<p><i>We are making inroads on education equity, reproductive choice, health care, work place equality, civil rights and more. Join us and continue to make our voices heard!</i></p>	<p>Annual dues 2013-2014: \$79.00 For more details, please contact Diane Krizek at doozek@sbcglobal.net or (816) 313-0202.</p>
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Please visit our website at aauwkc.org for more news, information and calendar of events.





State Corner

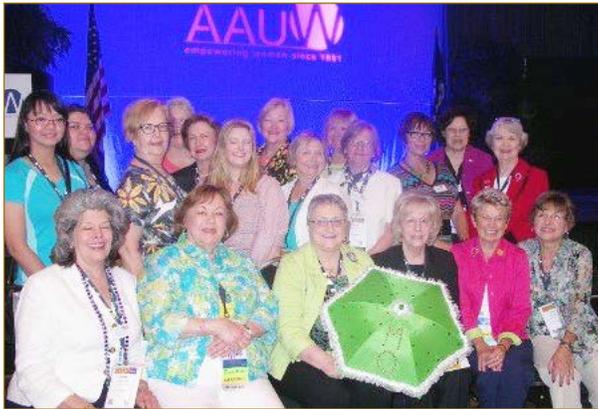


From the desk of Linda Berube, AAUW-MO State President

AAUW-KC and Missouri were well represented at the National Convention in New Orleans. Kansas City was represented by Nicky Stanke, Ellen Johnson, Diane Krizek, Alex Follett and Linda Berube with the KCKCC satellite represented by Patsy Kile, Janice McIntyre, Eva Bett and Phuong Huynh. We all came away energized and inspired to dig deeper and work harder to insure that the generations of women following us have equal opportunity and face less gender discrimination.

At the convention, we learned that AAUW Missouri has been awarded a Public Policy Impact grant to work with Illinois on the three-state strategy to ratify the ERA. Watch for information from Kansas City and State Public Policy Chair Joanie Shores on how you can get involved.

Mark your calendar now to participate in the 3rd annual Equal Pay Rally in Jefferson City on April 8, 2014 and the AAUW Missouri Leadership conference on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

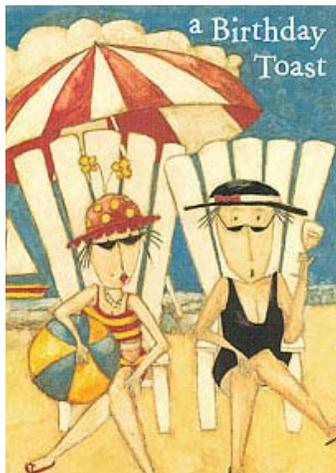


Snapshots from the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans

(TOP LEFT) AAUW-KC and Missouri branch members.

(TOP RIGHT) AAUW Presidents from around the country gathered to take a group picture showing off their colorful parasols embellished with their state initials.

(BOTTOM LEFT) KCKCC satellite branch members Patsy Kile, Eva Bett, Janice McIntyre, and Phuong Huynh. Students Eva and Phuong attended the National Convention through sponsorships from the Kansas City, Kansas Community College.



May your age spots be small, and your wrinkles be few, may you wear a bikini 'til you're 102!

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| Nicky Stanke | 9/8 |
| Linda Berube | 9/9 |
| Jane Crigler | 9/14 |
| SuEllen Fried | 9/18 |
| Betty McDermott | 9/18 |

Another Twenty Years...

Members of the History Committee are hard at work compiling stories about branch activities since our centennial anniversary book, *A CENTURY OF SERVICE*, was published in 1993.

Interviewers will be trained to conduct conversations with members and friends to produce an oral history compilation.

If you would like to be a part of this important project or if you have information, photos or artifacts to contribute, please contact Historian Corinne Mahaffey at (816) 645-1350 or Editor Ardy Pearson (816) 444-6651.

“History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.”

—Winston Churchill



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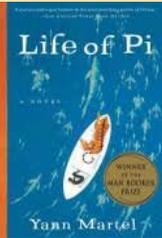
DOLLARS for SCHOLARS FUNDRAISING EVENT

- **TREBLEMAKERS CONCERT**
SUNDAY / OCTOBER 27 / 2:00 PM
AT THE HOME OF STAN & ARDY PEARSON
1012 WEST 66TH TERRACE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

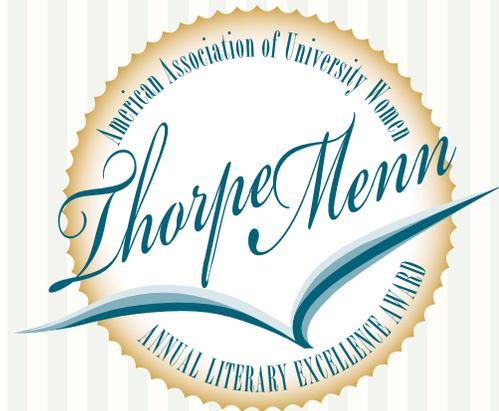
The Treblemakers are a small ensemble of singers from the Kansas City Women's Chorus. Two of our AAUW members - Sara Pedram and Renee Carlson are members of KCWC. Also at this event, we will present a preview of the AAUW-KC history project, celebrating 120 years of the AAUW-KC Branch.

ONLY 25 SEATS AVAILABLE! / \$25 PER PERSON / Reserve your seat by Oct. 7. Please contact Dana Perry at (816) 561-0323 or dana.perry08@live.com. Send checks payable to AAUW-KC, Attn: Dana Perry, 3716 Bell St. Apt. #2, KCMO 64111.

AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

- **SEPT 13 & 27 - FRIDAY FORUM**
 WALDO LIBRARY / 75TH & GRAND / KCMO / 10 AM
 This is an informal discussion group on current affairs, with participants bringing articles of interest or summaries of radio/TV shows to stimulate conversation. Interested? Contact **Joanie Shores**, (660) 200-5809 or joanashores101@aol.com.
- **SEPT 19 - CUISINE CLUB**
 BEST REGARDS BAKERY & CAFE / 6759 W 119TH ST / OPKS / 11:30 AM
 RSVP to **Ellen Johnson** at ellen.johnson@gmail.com or (816) 931-5288 by Sept. 16.
- **SEPT 24 - 4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB**
 WALDO LIBRARY / 75TH & GRAND / KCMO / 6:00 PM

Life of Pi by Yann Martel
 The son of a zookeeper, Pi Patel has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a fervent love of stories. When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a Bengal tiger. The book inspired the recent award-winning movie directed by Ang Lee. **Wilma Major** will lead the discussion. For details, please contact **Jane Hatch**, (816) 838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.

- **SEPT 27 - BRIDGE GROUP**
 10:30 AM THROUGH LUNCH
 Help raise money for AAUW's mission-driven activities by paying a little to play. Please call **Fran Weeks** for location and more information, (913) 649-7048.



You're invited to attend the 35th Annual
AAUW-Kansas City Branch and
Kansas City Public Library

THORPE MENN AWARD LUNCHEON

Celebrating the literary excellence of local authors.

Saturday, October 5, 2013

11:30 Social / Lunch 12:00

Kansas City Public Library-Central Branch
 Helzberg Auditorium, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO

Special Presentation **"35 Authors: Where are they now?"**



In celebration of our 35th year, we will be joined by guest speaker **Vivien Jennings**, Founder and President of Rainy Day Books, Inc., who will provide a fun and informative look at the past 35 Thorpe Menn Award-winning authors.

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Tickets \$35 per person / Catered by Pierpont's

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 -OR- Purchase tickets online at www.aauwkc.org, go to "Thorpe Menn" under the events tab.