



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

APRIL 2014

TAKING ACTION

Women's Rights Action Day in Jefferson City—April 8

Whether you want to call April 8th Equal Pay Day, Women's Equity Day, Equality Day... it is an important day for all women. Many organizations are joining together at the State Capital Building in Jefferson City to show members of Missouri government that we care about the issues that impact women and we will not be silent. Please join us in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 8 for the full day, or any part of the day.

Linda Berube is organizing a van pool leaving Monday evening, April 7. If you want to ride, contact her at ljbauw@hotmail.com / 816-809-0139 by April 4 so room reservations can be made. On the morning of April 8, a bus will be leaving from the parking lot of White Oak Plaza Shopping Center (1132 SW Luttrell

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:45–10:30 AM Legislative Briefing

10:45 AM March for Women's Rights
(gathering at 100 High Street)

11:00 AM March to Capitol South Lawn

11:30 AM Grand Entry into the Rotunda

11:45 AM Program Lobbying for Equal Rights &
Equal Pay in the Rotunda

12:30 PM Visits with State Senators &
Representatives

Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015). To ride the bus or join a car pool, contact Joanie Shores (joaneshores101@aol.com / 660-200-5809) or Jane Crigler (jcrigler@kc.rr.com / 816-523-7781) for departure times and more information.

Supporting Organizations: AAUW of Missouri, Greater Kansas City Coalition of Labor Women, League of Women Voters, Missouri National Organization for Women (NOW), Missouri State Women's Political Caucus, Missouri Women's Network, Missouri Women United, Vision 2020 Missouri and Planned Parenthood.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT: Also on April 8, there's a campus happening for those not Jeff City bound! Our good friends and partners, the UMKC Women's Center, will be having an Equal Pay Day event at Royal Hall, 11 AM–1 PM.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS



Honoring senior high school girls from Kansas City, Missouri public high schools, who show strong leadership skills, academic excellence and active community involvement.

You're Invited!

Sunday, April 6, 2014

2 p.m. / Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center

3700 Blue Parkway / Kansas City, MO 64130

Guest Speaker: Barbara Shelly, Columnist for the Kansas City Star.

Jane McClain's "Wall of Women's Achievements" will be on display and the Jazz Ensemble from Paseo High School will provide music entertainment.

The 100 High School Girls committee is asking you to get involved by attending the event, donating cookies, cupcakes and finger foods, and/or volunteering. Please contact Earline Bentley (816-756-5608/earline_bentley@att.net) or Dana Perry (dana.perry08@live.com).

You're Invited!



Reentry Woman of the Year
AWARDS BRUNCH

Saturday, April 19, 2014

9 a.m.-12 p.m. / Unity Village

1901 NW Blue Pkwy., Kansas City, MO

This annual event, planned by the InterBranch Council (IBC), awards scholarships to women who best exemplify the courage, effort and perseverance to return to the classroom after an absence of five or more years. Come and hear their inspiring stories!

The cost is \$20. Please mail checks to the order of Raytown AAUW to: Marilyn Bosso, 237 SW Winterpark Cir., Lee's Summit, MO 64081 by April 9.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Is it really spring? Many of us were skeptical it would ever come, but here it is. And a true sign of spring, or at least that it's April, is the busy, busy calendar that AAUW-KC lines up for us.

The Board meets on its usual first Thursday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. at the Waldo Library. Let me remind you that each and every member is invited to the Board meetings. If you would like an agenda in advance, please let me know and it will be sent your way!

The annual 100 High School Girls program is on Sunday afternoon, April 6, at the Bruce Watkins Center. The Committee has been hard at work all year, securing the Center for the event, finding a speaker who will inspire the girls and their families to pursue their dreams of a college-educated future, and making sure we are all treated to a tasty and healthy snack spread and some KC-made music after the event.

Then we rally hard on April 8: Equity Day in Jefferson City, and all across the country! The Jefferson City venue is shaping up to be an exciting day, greatly expanded from previous Equal Pay Days with partner organizations wrapping a legislative briefing, a march, and lobbying around the AAUW rally in the rotunda. For those who can't make it to the capital, we have also been working with a student-led group through the UMKC Women's Center (thank you to Brenda Bethman and Arzie Umali) to plan a rally and informational day for all those young people who don't know yet that their rights are in need of full and legal protection.

We have a short breather before the next inspiring event: The Interbranch Council of the Greater Kansas City area (AAUW-Kansas City, -Independence, -Parkville, and -Raytown) presents the Reentry Woman of the Year Awards. Scholarships are presented to women in the area who have returned to school to pursue a college degree after an absence of five or more years. The annual event is a brunch at Unity Village on Saturday, April 19. Please don't miss this one!

We wind down the month of April, by planning for the annual Membership meeting on Thursday, May 8, when officers for 2014-2015 will be selected and other important operational business will be discussed with and acted upon by the membership. Looks like we'll be seeing a lot of each other over the next month!

Nicky Stanke

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President, AAUW-KC, 2013-2014

**BOARD MEETING REMINDER:
APRIL 3 / 5 P.M. / WALDO LIBRARY**



Annual Membership Meeting to Address Many Important Topics

Our May 8th Membership Meeting will feature a presentation by Barb Womack, Missouri State Women's Political Caucus Chair, on the importance of participation in the mid-term elections. We have invited the League of Women Voters and Greater KC Women's Political Caucus members to join us for this program.

The Nominating Committee (Mary Emily Kitterman, Chair; Mollie Caldwell; Stefanie Hatfield; Bambi Shen, and Winnie Weinrich) submitted the following 2014-2015 slate of officers to be presented at the meeting for a vote:

- Stephanie Holthaus, President-elect
- Earline Bentley, Membership VP
- Pam Burke and Renee Carlson, Co-Program VPs
- Maureen Hurley and Sara Pedram, Co-Secretaries
- Stefanie Hatfield, Finance Officer

Winnie Weinrich our President-elect (2013-2014) will become President, and Nicky Stanke our current President, as immediate Past President, will become Nominating Committee Chair.

Also on the agenda is a recommendation from the Finance Committee and Board that a proposal be presented to the membership to approve a transfer of \$5,000 from our Cumulative Reserve (currently \$87,679.17) to the Special Projects Contingency Fund. This fund is set up under the oversight of the Finance Committee composed of the Finance Chair, Finance Officer, President, and two members at large. The initial use of this fund will be to support the continuation of the Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award event and the 100 High School Girls Awards and Event. Budgets for these events will be set by the Finance committee working with the Chairs for the two events. The finance committee will approve all expense payments

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Chelsea Clinton Inspires Sold-Out Crowd at Starr Hall of Fame Launch



Nicky Stanke, AAUW-KC President; Chelsea Clinton; and Linda Berube, AAUW-MO President

Nicky Stanke and Linda Berube served on the planning committee. To make a nomination or learn more about the Starr Women's Hall of Fame visit www.umkc.edu/starrhalloffame. At the website you will find a Butterfly Garden where (for a donation) you can honor a woman who has made a difference in your life.

Women in Kansas City have a new resource for leadership inspiration – and one of the world's best-known young women came to town to promote the value of such resources. The Starr Women's Hall of Fame launched with great fanfare at a luncheon in February on the UMKC campus. The young woman celebrating its creation was Chelsea Clinton, vice chair of the Clinton Foundation and featured speaker at the event. The new Hall will recognize women from the Metropolitan Kansas City area and preserve the legacy of their accomplishments. In her remarks, Clinton described how members of her generation – and future generations – will benefit. "It's very hard to imagine what you can't see. That's why it is crucial that institutions like this exist," Clinton said. "This will help UMKC students, and other young people, to see what is possible; to shape their dreams and fire their imaginations."

AAUW-KC branch members were well represented at two tables and

DOLLAR\$ for SCHOLAR\$ EVENTS

"Wadjda" Film Screening, Reception & Panel Discussion

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 / CINEMARK PALACE ON THE PLAZA

RECEPTION 5:30 PM / FILM SCREENING 6:30 PM / PANEL DISCUSSION 8:15 PM



Kansas City FilmFest is partnering with AAUW-KC and the Kansas City Women in Film and Television (KCWIFT) to sponsor the award-winning film, "Wadjda", Saudi Arabia's first female directed feature film, written and directed by Haifaa al-Mansour.

Wadjda is a spunky, entrepreneurial 10 year old girl living in a suburb of Riyadh, whose desire to purchase a bicycle and race her friend, pushes the boundaries of what is societally acceptable. This feature film was the first shot entirely in the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. (Watch the trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3koiguY0HO>)

Prior to the showing of Wadjda, there will be a showing of "Selfie", a seven-minute documentary debuting at Sundance 2014 which challenges us to redefine beauty through selfies – the popular self-portraits we take and share on our smart phones. (View the documentary at <http://www.dovebeautyis.com>)

Tickets are \$22 per person and include a reception of wine, hors d'oeuvres and beverages, the "Wadjda" screening, and panel discussion. (\$20 from each ticket sold will go to provide educational opportunities for young women and girls through AAUW-KC's DOLLAR\$ for SCHOLARS and KCWIFT's GLOW-Girls Leading Our World programs.)

Cinemark Palace is located on the Plaza at 526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112. More details and ticket sales for this event are available at <http://kcfilmfest.org/?page=wadjda-event>.

- **MAY 31: Kansas City Women's Chorus "Excelsior [Ever Upward] Taking Charge, Making Change, Spreading Hope, Peace and Love"**
FOLLY THEATER / WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING IN MAY

- **Tickets to the Metropolitan Ensemble Theater (MET) RAFFLE!**

Win tickets to one of the first productions at the MET in the Fall. Two pairs of tickets will be raffled. (Lowest face value \$50.) Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$12. Look for a display at events over the next three months—we'll take check or cash. Final drawing will take place at the June 5th Celebration Picnic.

Annual Membership Meeting – May 8

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and any requested increase in budget. At the conclusion of each event the committee chair will provide a final report on all expenses.

With the approval of the finance committee and the board, this fund could also support other special branch projects of similar outreach to the community which support the AAUW mission.

Since our bylaws require that any use of Cumulative Reserve funds be approved by a vote of branch membership we are notifying the membership in the April newsletter that we will be presenting this for a vote at the May 8 membership meeting. All members are encouraged to attend in order to vote on this proposal. We believe the use of our cumulative reserve for these events is a good use of those funds.

The following amendment to the AAUW-KC Bylaws will also be voted on:

Article XII. PROPERTY

ADD: Section 2. Records, proceedings, and other historically significant documents shall be archived for the Branch at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City (UMKC). Artifacts shall be held by the Kansas City Museum, Union Station.



History Corner

By Ardy Pearson / Dana Perry

Congratulations Stefanie Hatfield for being selected from the correct entries in last month's History Corner contest. Stefanie guessed that a computer was the gift to Longan School in 1984. A \$20 donation to Dollar\$ for Scholar\$ has been given in her name. Watch for

more information about this gift to Longan school in a future History corner article.



This iron bell was made for an Italian villa. It was purchased in about 1920 for the Sophian Plaza clubrooms, where it was used to call meetings to order. It was appraised in 2009 for \$1200. It was donated to the AAUW National Association in 2009 and now sits in the AAUW board room in Washington, DC, headquarters.

KCKCC Corner

By Patsy Kile/Janice McIntyre

AAUW-KCKCC held a "Spa Day" featuring beauty treatments and gentle yoga sessions for participants. This fundraiser for student scholarships and programs earned approximately \$400. A special thanks to AAUW-KC members Dana Perry, Ellen Johnson, Stephanie

Holthaus and Winnie Weinrich. The Spa Day will be repeated on April 22, 23 and 24. A minute chair massage will be featured.

The Parker Elementary Study Buddies Program is successfully underway. Approximately 30 elementary students are enrolled, and supported by 10 Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences students. The elementary students are tutored in homework, provided with enrichment activities and snacks.

Two students, Dottie Castleberry and Brandy Patterson along with sponsoring branch members Mayre Hoffman and Janice McIntyre, attended the Starr Luncheon in February at UMKC featuring Chelsea Clinton. Dottie and Brandy will share their experiences at a future KCKCC Board of Trustees meeting.

Janice McIntyre will interview past women leaders for information related to KCKCC's past activism. This information will be supplemented with archival information from the KCKCC library and presented to AAUW-KC for the history project.

April will be an active month for AAUW-KCKCC student career development activities. A "STEM" Corner in the KCKCC Career Fair and a "STEM" Panel Discussion will be organized by Elisabeth Kasckow, Linda Wyatt, and Janice McIntyre.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Maya Angelou, writer and civil rights activist. Best known for her 1969 memoir, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings", which is the first nonfiction best-seller by an African-American woman. (4/4)

- Riva Capellari** 4/6
- Janelle Ramsburg** 4/14
- Patti Jachowicz** 4/17
- Barbara Clark-Evans** 4/26

JOIN OR RENEW

Annual dues 2013-2014: \$79.00

For more details, contact Earline Bentley at earline_bentley@att.net or 816-756-5608.

SAVE THESE DATES:

• APRIL 22: "Wonderwomen! The Untold Story of American Superheroines" Documentary Screening

Presented by Filmmaker/Director Kristy Guevara-Flanagan at the Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch, Truman Forum. A reception starts at 6:00 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Women's Center, UMKC.

• MAY 3: AAUW-MO Leadership Conference & Meeting COLUMBIA / SEE NEXT PAGE SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

• JUNE 5: ANNUAL CELEBRATION PICNIC 5-8 PM / LOOSE PARK GARDEN CENTER

• JUNE 13-14: AAUW MID-WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE / LAKE OF THE OZARKS LAKE OF THE OZARKS/LODGE OF THE FOUR SEASONS

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations. Watch for more details in May's newsletter or email Shirley Breeze at sbreeze@mindspring.com.

Visit aauwkc.org for more news and calendar of events.



AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

• APRIL 11 & 25 - FRIDAY FORUM

WALDO LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST / KCMO 64114 / 10 AM

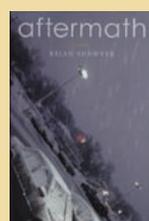
Our lively group convenes every second and fourth Friday in Room A, Waldo Library, 75th & McGee. AAUW members and non-members are welcome. Bring a newspaper or magazine article, cartoon, book, etc. Topics may be educational, controversial, nostalgic, provocative, tragic, or even hilarious! Afterward, there's the option to go out to lunch. For more details, contact Joanie Shores, 660-200-5809 or joaneshores101@aol.com.

• APRIL 17 - CUISINE CLUB

COOPER'S HAWK / 4686 BROADWAY / KCMO 64112 / 11:30 AM
RSVP to Ellen Johnson at ellen.johnson@gmail.com or 816-931-5288.

• APRIL 22 - 4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

WALDO LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST / KCMO 64114 / 6 PM



"Aftermath" by Brian Shawver. One Friday night in the parking lot of a popular chain restaurant in a blue-collar Pennsylvania town a fight erupts between boys from two high schools. The lasting effects touch many lives and reveal unsettling truths about class, family and relationships in contemporary America. Park University professor Brian Shawver strips away layers of denial and collusion in this heartwrenching story. Mollie Caldwell will lead the discussion. (Shawver is one

of her former students.) For more information and to join the Book Club, please contact Jane Hatch, 816-838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.



American Association of University Women Missouri (AAUWMO)

State Leadership Meeting

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Holiday Inn Executive Center

2200 I-70 Drive S.W.

Columbia, MO 65203

Call 1-800-HOLIDAY if you need overnight accommodations - special rate: ask for code "AUW"

Schedule of Events

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration/Coffee/Networking
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Opening Session Presiding, - Linda Berube, AAUW MO State President ERA Update – Jane Crigler, Co-Officer Public Policy AAUW MO Legacy Circle – Susan Barley, Chair Legacy Circle Missouri AAUW Update – Patricia Ho, AAUW President
10:30 -10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Leadership Session Presiding – Julia Triplett, AAUW MO Vice President Program Leadership Training – Mindy Mazur, Principal, Groundswell Public Strategies, Jefferson City
12:45 – 2:30 PM	Lunch Presiding – Toni Thornton, AAUW MO Funds Officer AAUW Student Advisory Council Update – Kelsey Saragmese, Missouri University Student and Council Member LAF Presentation – TBA
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 – 4:30 PM	AAUW MO Annual Meeting Presiding – Linda Berube, AAUW MO State President

Make Checks Payable to: AAUW MO. Deadline: April 28, 2014 Early Bird deadline: April 7, 2014
Detach the form below and mail to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr., Manchester, MO, 63011-4215

2014 AAUWMO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name _____ Address: _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Branch _____ Position _____

Student Affiliate: \$30.00 _____ Early Bird: \$55.00 _____ General: \$60.00 _____

Special Food Needs _____