



# TAKING ACTION

## FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS! The Midterm Elections Are Speeding Towards Us

November will be here before we know it. How do we make sense of the information that is already flooding the airways?

Come hear Barbara Womack, Missouri State Coordinator for the Women's Political Caucus, speak on May 8, 2014 at the KC Public Library-Waldo Branch (201 E. 75th St., Kansas City, MO 64114) regarding the 2014 Midterm Elections. She will highlight the political issues impacting women and their families. Do not cast your vote without hearing this vital presentation. A reception will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

The AAUW-KC annual Membership Meeting will precede the program and will start at 5:30 p.m. Business items include the election of 2014-2015 officers, approval of bylaws amendments, and approval of transfer of additional funds from our cumulative reserve to special projects contingency fund. (Please see the April 2014 newsletter for complete details on officer nominations, bylaws amendment, and transfer of funds.) A reception will follow and the program with Barbara Womack will start no later than 7:00 p.m.



AAUW-KC members (l-r) Linda Berube, Sara Pedram, Winnie Weinrich and Ann Kindred attended the "Wadжда" film screening in April to help raise funds for DOLLAR\$ for SCHOLAR\$.

### DOLLAR\$ for SCHOLAR\$ EVENT

#### The Kansas City Women's Chorus Presents "EXCELSIOR [EVER UPWARD]"

**Taking Charge, Making Change, Spreading Hope, Peace and Love**

**SATURDAY, MAY 31 / 8:00 P.M. / THE FOLLY THEATER**

300 W. 12TH ST., KCMO 64105/ DOORS OPEN 1 HOUR PRIOR TO SHOW TIME



"This season's concert is a dynamic presentation of the strength, bravery and inspiration of all the women in our world," said Artistic Director, Michael Patch. "We are also thrilled to debut an original piece commissioned for the Kansas City Women's Chorus featuring text inspired by the story and words of Malala Yousafzai. Our voices will rise in solidarity and support through awareness, action and spirit. To those women who came before us, those who continue to stand and the phenomenal women to come, we thank you; we are with you." You won't want to miss this concert with AAUW-KC members Renee Carlson and Sara Pedram who are members of the Women's chorus. AAUW-KC has purchased group tickets for this event.

Contact Dana Perry at [dana.perry08@live.com](mailto:dana.perry08@live.com) or call 816-255-5283 to reserve your seats. Friends, husbands, sisters, brothers are welcome!

### OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT DOLLAR\$ for SCHOLAR\$

- LEADERSHIP COOKBOOK/\$5
- METROPOLITAN ENSEMBLE THEATER TICKETS RAFFLE\* (1 ENTRY/\$5 OR 3/\$12)
- GIFT OF EDUCATION CHOCOLATES/\$15

Look for a display at the May 8th Membership Meeting and June 5th Picnic to purchase these items, or contact Stefanie Hatfield 816-942-4779 / [sthatfield@everestkc.net](mailto:sthatfield@everestkc.net).

## June Celebration Picnic



*Come celebrate our branch's accomplishments and achievements! We will also be installing our 2014-2015 officers and presenting Centennial Scholarships to two of the 2014 Reentry women.*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014

5:00-8:00 P.M. / LOOSE PARK GARDEN CENTER  
5200 Pennsylvania Ave, Kansas City, MO 64112

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

**\* RAFFLE DRAWING FOR MET TICKETS\***

Drinks and place settings provided. No reservations required. For more details, contact Pam Burke at 816-361-2098 or [pamelaburke2729@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaburke2729@gmail.com)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In this last newsletter of my presidential year, I can't help but reflect on the peaks and valleys we have crossed over the past nine months. We set out, packed with our plans from the retreat to build membership, raise funds, and build coalitions; we marched forward with successes (and a few flops) in all those areas. In the end, AAUW-KC has been strengthened this past year by the tremendous energy and determination of the Board and Committee members. I begin my "farewell address" with a big, heart-felt thank you to all.

AAUW-KC membership has grown to 93, edging closer and closer to the benchmark of 100. To some of you long-timers, that may not seem like much compared to the 700 or so in our history, but we have grown steadily for the past three years. I believe that much of this growth is attributable to AAUW's reaching out to the community – partnering with the League of Women Voters, being represented in the United Nations Association-KC, and expanding its relationship with UMKC-Women's Center, KCKCC AAUW Satellite, and other women-focused groups. As we become known as reliable partners in the movement for equity for women and girls, we have been and will be sought out as an organization worth joining!

Looking back, I noted that my first President's Message was an attempt to answer the question, "What does AAUW do, anyway?" The answer is to bring 93 different energies, interests, perspectives, and abilities to bear on empowerment of women in the Kansas City area. Grants, scholarships, memorials, advocacy, study, programming – everything we do focuses on our mission. That's why we joined AAUW and that's why we continue to stay engaged and supportive of AAUW.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of AAUW-KC. I thank you again for nominating and electing me and, most of all, for supporting the Branch throughout the year in oh-so-many ways. We will elect the new officers at the annual Membership Meeting on May 8 and install them at the Celebration Picnic on June 5. Please join me in welcoming these dedicated leaders as we continue to form a "commUNITY of women."

*Nicky Stanke*

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President, AAUW-KC, 2013-2014

**BOARD MEETING REMINDER:  
MAY 1 / 5 P.M. / WALDO LIBRARY**



## Equity Day in Jefferson City and Kansas City

AAUW-Missouri members from across the state (pictured above) rallied for the ERA and Equal Pay on April 8th at the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City. AAUW-KC was represented by Joanie Shores, Linda Berube, Ellen Johnson, Jane Crigler, and Nicky Stanke.

Earline Bentley, Sara Pedram, Stephanie Holthaus and Winnie Weinrich took AAUW-KC sponsorship and recruitment to a whole new level at the Equal Pay Day event on the UMKC campus. While Sara put membership, scholarship and grant information into student and faculty hands, names and contact information was collected by Earline for follow-up. Meanwhile, Stephanie and Winnie (pictured right) canvassed the campus wearing sandwich boards and talking about and shouting about the importance of Equal Pay. Many connections were made with members from the Women's Center, Campus Career Services, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the U.S. Dept. of Labor.





## Congratulations and Best Wishes to these Women and Girls who Received AAUW Scholarships in 2014



On April 6th the 100 High School Girls annual scholarship award program honored 100 young ladies from area high schools on their academic success. The event was held at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center in Kansas City. Three young ladies were awarded scholarships for their community service, leadership skills and academic success. Pictured above, left to right: Dixie Robinson from Northeast High School plans to attend Avila University to study Advertising and Public Relations; Candace Cunningham from Center High School plans to attend the University of

Missouri Columbia to study Occupational Therapy; and Cynthia Odu from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study Computer Science. Thank you to our guest speaker Barbara (Barb) Shelley, a columnist for the *Kansas City Star* and advocate for the education of girls and women.

On April 19th the InterBranch Council presented the annual Reentry Woman of the Year scholarships to six women who

best exemplify the courage, effort and perseverance to return to the classroom after an absence of five or more years. Pictured below, left to right: Ashley Parker, MCCC Longview; Donna Young, UMKC; Angela Blackmon, MCCC Penn Valley; Rachele (Shelly) Hardin, MCCC Blue River; Sunday Hatten, MCCC Penn Valley; and Rebecca Lassiter, MCCC Longview. Everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch at Unity Village and left inspired by the stories shared by the honorees.



## History Corner

By Ardy Pearson / Dana Perry

As you can see from this picture, the arrival of the Apple IIe computer at Longan School in 1984 was a proud day. If AAUW gifted that same computer to a school today, the students would surely laugh at the sheer bulk of the antiquated contraption. Today, students have tablets and laptops that are less than 1/2 inch thin; and instead of sharing a single computer on a cart, students each have their own personal computers that fit easily into a back pack or purse. Instead of costing \$1,396, today you can buy an iPad for \$299. No more bulky electrical cords either – everything is wireless.

As state-of-the-art as our technology seems today, it too will be antiquated in another 30 years – if not before.

This 1984 picture of the computer proudly surrounded by AAUW members was found in the AAUW records that are housed at the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City on the UMKC campus.



Reading left to right: Genevieve Scott, Frances Needles, Beverly Watkins, chairman, Tom Hartley, Director of Computer Education, K. C. No. School District; Lyda Browning, AAUW Branch President; Juana Hishaw, Principal, Longan School, and Hortense Schaller, AAUW Education Representative.

The history committee needs your help – if you were honored as a 100 High School Girl, please contact Ardy Pearson at 816-444-6651 or Dana Perry at [dana.perry08@live.com](mailto:dana.perry08@live.com) so we can include your information in the upcoming history book.



**SAVE THESE DATES:**

• **JUNE 13-14: AAUW MID-WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**"AAUW Advocacy and YOU!"**

LAKE OF THE OZARKS/LODGE OF THE FOUR SEASONS

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations.

Registration forms and conference highlights can be obtained at [www.aauwmo.org](http://www.aauwmo.org) or email Shirley Breeze at [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com). Make room reservations through the Lodge of the Four Seasons at 1-888-265-5500, request main lodge rooms. You can also register online at <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1199419&hotelID=17336>. Please contact Ellen Johnson (816-931-5288 / [ellen.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.johnson@gmail.com)) if you would like to coordinate roommates and/or carpool to the conference.

## Thorpe Menn Nominations

Author nominations for the 36th annual Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award are being accepted until June 1, 2014. The winning author will be honored at a luncheon on October 4, 2014 at the Central KC Public Library. Submission guidelines are at [www.aauwkc.org](http://www.aauwkc.org), under Events/Thorpe Menn. For more details, email [lindadaugherty2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadaugherty2000@yahoo.com).

The Thorpe Menn Event Committee will hold a planning meeting in May. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ellen Johnson at 816-931-5288 / [ellen.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.johnson@gmail.com).

## *In Loving Memory of* **Alice Mae Knight**

AAUW-KC experienced a great loss on April 3, 2014 with the passing of Honorary Life Member Alice Mae Knight. She is survived by her husband William of 58 years. Alice was an active member of the Garden Club and Know Your Gallery. Tax-deductible donations in her honor can be made to the AAUW Leadership Fund, GKCCF, 1055 Broadway, Ste. 105, Kansas City, MO 64015. (Memo: AMER01-Leadership Memorial)

### MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

PAULA SCHAAF	5/2	DODIE MURPHY	6/28
LINDA DAUGHERTY	5/14	KERI FLANAGAN	7/2
JOYCE WHITEHEAD	5/16	MAUREEN HURLEY	7/3
PAMELA BURKE	5/18	ANOLA PICKETT	7/11
PATSY KILE	5/19	RENEE CARLSON	7/12
FERN WELLES	6/2	RUTH ENGEL	7/18
ELLEN JOHNSON	6/4	CARRIE MAIDMENT	7/28
MARY WOLFE	6/11	WILMA MAJOR	7/29
HELEN MONTAG	6/12	FLORENCE PETRIDES	8/11
MARY EMILY KITTEMAN	6/14	JOANIE SHORES	8/14
WINNIE WEINRICH	6/14	BETTY HUTSON	8/15
HORTENSE BURR	6/15	GENE FOSTER	8/18
ANDREA WICKERHAM	6/15	CORRINE MAHAFFEY	8/24
MARY KAY MCPHEE	6/22	KAREN SMITH	8/29
CYNTHIA GINN	6/28	FRANCES WEEKS	8/30

**JOIN  
OR RENEW**

ANNUAL DUES 2014-2015: \$79.00

See renewal form included with this newsletter for complete information and process for joining or renewing.

## KCKCC Corner

By Patsy Kile/Janice McIntyre

•The AAUW-KCKCC "Equity Expo" was held at the Upper Jewel Student Union on Women's Equity Day, April 8th. Co-hosted by a number of campus groups including the KCKCC Career Center, Intercultural Center, Workforce Development, Women's Resource Center, and Victim/Survivor Service Program.

Keynote speakers were Carla Tillmon, Women's Bureau-U.S. Dept. of Labor and Dr. Gail James, Main Stream Coalition who summarized the history, current events, and issues related to pay inequity. Two panels of KCKCC faculty and staff provided career advise for women, employment/ entrepreneurship potentials for women, and the sociological effects on unequal pay to women and minority women.

• AAUW-KCKCC co-sponsored with the KCKCC Women's Resource Center and Career Center a "Prep for the Career Fair: Dress for Success Day with SWAG" on April 9th.

• The KCKCC Career Fair on April 16th featured an "AAUW-KCKCC Supports Women" table. Membership information was provided to visitors as well as pamphlets related to pay equity, STEM careers, and career ladders.

• AAUW-KCKCC held another successful Spa Day on April 24th. We pampered guests with beauty treatments and chair massages. Contact Mayre Hoffman at 913-334-1100 for details on upcoming dates.

• Parker Elementary "Study Buddies" are continuing on Wednesday afternoons with a growing number of students attending.

• Marissa Gray and Janice McIntyre will present and co-host an AAUW-KCKCC Workforce Development workshop for the KCKCC Leavenworth Center before the end of the semester.

## AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

### • MAY 9 & 23 - FRIDAY FORUM

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

Our lively group convenes every second and fourth Friday in Room A at the Waldo Library. 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 / [joaneshores101@aol.com](mailto:joaneshores101@aol.com).

### • MAY 15 - CUISINE CLUB

LA BODEGA / 703 SOUTHWEST BLVD / KCMO 64108 / 11:30 AM

RSVP to Ellen Johnson at 816-931-5288 / [ellen.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.johnson@gmail.com).

### • MAY 27 - 4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

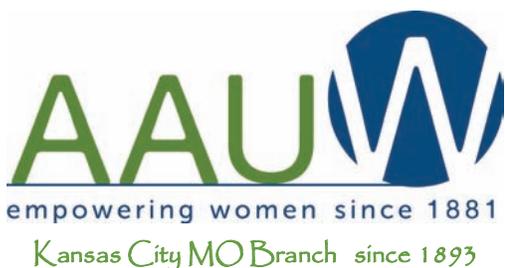
William Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" is the KC Heart of America Shakespeare Festival feature for (June 17-July 6) 2014. Rachel Reeder will lead the exploration of this classic recounting of two royal households. For more information and to join the Book Club, please contact Jane Hatch, 816-838-7626 / [janehatch@yahoo.com](mailto:janehatch@yahoo.com).



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# Renewal application for AAUW KC MO branch membership for 2014-2015!

**\*Information for 2014-2015 directory:**

Name	Home phone	
Address	email address:	
City, State, Zip	Work phone	
Month & date of birth	cel phone #	
College or University	City, State	Degree
College or University	City, State	Degree
Signature	Date	

**Annual Dues:**

National	\$49
State (MO)	10
Branch	<u>20</u>
<b>Total dues</b>	<b>\$79</b>

**\*Please verify your personal information as it appears in the 2013-14 Directory and note any additions or changes above.**

Individuals eligible to be admitted to membership are those holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university or a foreign institution recognized by IFUW. Degrees eligible for AAUW membership are two-year associate degrees, community, junior and business colleges and two and three year RN diplomas.

For your convenience you may add your Annual tax deductible gift to AAUW Mission \$\_\_\_\_\_



Questions: Earline Bentley,  
Membership Vice President  
816.756.5608  
Cell 816.588.7291

\*\*Fund # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unrestricted #9110  
Legal Advocacy Fund #3999  
Education Opportunities #4336  
Public Policy #4337  
Eleanor Roosevelt #9170  
Leadership Programs #4339  
\*\*For more information on AAUW Funds, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

I would like to participate in these Kansas City MO branch activities:

<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Tuesday Book Club	Committees:	Special Projects:
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> 100 High School Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuisine Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Thorpe Menn Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Forum Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Thorpe Menn Reading Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Decisions Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	Other/Suggestions:
<input type="checkbox"/> General Membership Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in participating in the satellite branch at Kansas City KS Community College		

**Total Payment \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Note: \$46.00 of national dues is tax deductible.

For more information on KCKCC activities, please contact Patsy Kile [patsykile920@gmail.com](mailto:patsykile920@gmail.com)

When completed, please send this information with check payable to AAUW—KC to Stefanie Hatfield, Treasurer, 10811 McGee, Kansas City, MO 64114

If you prefer to pay by credit card, you can pay online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**