

TAKING ACTION

The Nominating Committee has secured the following slate of officers for 2016–2017

President - **Marian McClellan**

President Elect - *Open*

Immediate Past President - **Stephanie Holthaus**

Secretary - **Wanda Perkins**

Programs - **Sara Pedram** and **Judith McGunegle**

Membership - **Stefanie Hatfield**

Finance Officer- **Nicky Stanke**

The committee will continue to seek a nominee for President-elect so that a nomination can be made at the annual meeting on May 17th.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & NOMINATION OF AAUW-KC OFFICERS



• TITLE IX PROGRAM / TUESDAY / MAY 17 ALL SOULS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH 4501 WALNUT ST., KANSAS CITY, MO

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a law to protect people from discrimination in education based on their sex/gender. Some areas included in this legislation are sexual assault, harassment, violence, sexual orientation, and discrimination in sports. Title IX has made a dramatic impact on the number of girls participating in sports at the high school and collegiate levels. Plan to join us on May 17th, to learn about our successes, the areas where we are falling short, and why it is so important to give girls these opportunities.

A reception with light refreshment begins the evening at 5:30, followed by the program from 6-6:45. Co-presenters are **Lisa Diven**, WIN for KC Director and **Sarah Morris**, WIN for KC Advisory Board Chair. WIN for KC provides programming and networking including: "Girls on the Run" – 3rd to 8th grade girls participate in a coach-led program twice a week that combines 5K race/walk training with lessons in self-respect and healthy living; and womentalksports.com – an online network that connects the best blogs relating to women's sports. With the goal of promoting and empowering female athleticism.

The AAUW-KC Annual Meeting with election of 2016-2017 officers will take place promptly following the program, with adjournment by 7:15 p.m.

This is a free event and reservations are not required. For more information and questions, please email Sara Pedram at spedram45@kc.rr.com.

June Celebration Picnic



Come celebrate our accomplishments and achievements and look forward to an exciting new year with the installation of our 2016-2017 officers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016

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

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

Drinks and dinnerware provided. No reservations required.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Reflections of Loyalty and Excellence

Just like a book, movie or life event, the end of a specific responsibility gives one pause to think about what has been accomplished and what remains to be done. A president does not operate in a vacuum and I owe

a huge thank you to the dedicated officers and committee chairs and members who have made all that the organization accomplished so successful this year.

The programs offered throughout this year have been excellent, with a special nod to the April program and **Dr. Kelly Sartorius** for her terrific presentation. Dr. Sartorius guided a rapt audience through a history of deans of women and early AAUW influence on feminism. What a great history lesson!

The organization branched out and experimented with a STEM offering developed by **Marian McClellan**, President-Elect. Her Speed Mentoring event garnered much praise from the participants, female engineering students

mentored by women professional engineers. An expanded repeat of the event next year would be awesome!

The enthusiasm of individual members in reaching out and bringing in new members, which has been especially true in the last few months, is a reflection of the loyalty to the branch, and the desire of its members to continue AAUW-KC's excellent projects. I am excited by the recent growth in branch membership, and I am positive it will continue under the steady and competent leadership of the new president and the officers who will be serving next year.

Thanks to all for allowing me to serve as your president. I am proud and honored to have done so, and I am looking forward to a new year continuing the pursuit of equity for women and girls.

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Stephanie Holthaus

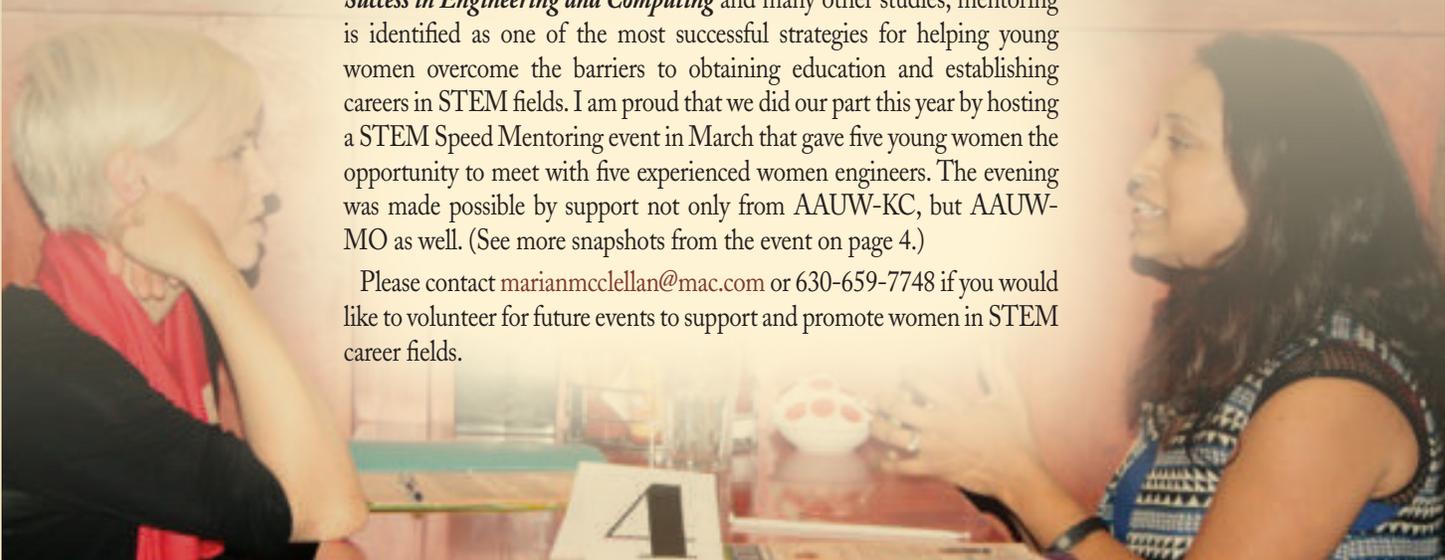
Stephanie Holthaus
AAUW-KC President

STEM Speed Mentoring Event RECAP

By **Marian McClellan**

In the AAUW report *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing* and many other studies, mentoring is identified as one of the most successful strategies for helping young women overcome the barriers to obtaining education and establishing careers in STEM fields. I am proud that we did our part this year by hosting a STEM Speed Mentoring event in March that gave five young women the opportunity to meet with five experienced women engineers. The evening was made possible by support not only from AAUW-KC, but AAUW-MO as well. (See more snapshots from the event on page 4.)

Please contact marianmcclellan@mac.com or 630-659-7748 if you would like to volunteer for future events to support and promote women in STEM career fields.





SAVE THESE 2016 DATES

• KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK AUGUST 21-27

August 26, 2016 is National Women's Equality Day! Join many local organizations for special programs to support and promote women's equality and celebrate women's accomplishments throughout this annual week-long event. Watch for more details at www.aauwkc.org and in the August/September 2016 TAKING ACTION.

IT'S MY VOTE



Join us for upcoming AAUW-KC events to "Get Out The Vote" for the November 2016 election. Volunteer to help register and turn out millennial women voters nationwide at a time when, research shows, young women are less likely to vote.

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

KCKCC Corner

By Patsy Kile / Janice McIntyre

Tilmon served as resource panelists, and **Dean Ed Kremer** served as chair for the event held on March 8th.

Other "Solving the Equation" grant-related events included: "Workplace Fairness-International and Domestic Issues" on April 13th that featured a video summarizing the "Solving the Equation" CAP; and a grand finale two-day event, LUNA FEST, a film festival featuring selected short films "for and about women" and a scholarship fundraising luncheon on April 28 and 29. For more information and important downloads, visit <http://www.aauw.org/research/solving-the-equation/>.

AAUW-KCKCC also manned recruitment and information tables at the KCKCC Job Fair and the WYCO Ethnic Fest in April.

The SPA & SAVE program is available through May 13th. Participants receive 50% off spa services and support AAUW-KCKCC. \$10 discount tickets are available at the KCKCC Tech Ed center or the Intercultural Center. (Services not available on Mondays.)

For reservations to the Wyandotte Wine Tour on May 6th, please contact Janice McIntyre at drmcrdtp1@aol.com or 913-299-2496.

AAUW-KCKCC is busier than ever this semester. For more information, stay tuned to our activities on Facebook.

The "Solving the Equation" grant is in full swing at KCKCC. Our first event featured a panel of women in the computer and engineering fields who discussed their experiences, job histories and retrospectives in their work world.

Marian McClelland and **Carla**

Welcome New Members

The following new members have strengthened our branch and are joining us in pursuit of equity for women and girls: **Robynn Andracssek, Kathleen Brandt, Patricia Cahill, Marie P. Hepford, and Patricia Phelan.**

We also welcome renewing members **Janet Kannard** and **Jane Vincent!** **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CURRENT MEMBERS,** for enthusiastically sharing AAUW with your friends and neighbors!

A Call for Authors

Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award nominations will be accepted until May 1, 2016.

The award, presented by the AAUW-KC and the KC Public Library is given to a local author in recognition for their excellence in writing. The award will be presented at a luncheon in early October 2016 at the Central Library and includes a \$500 check and a framed certificate of recognition.

For nomination guidelines and more information, visit www.aauwkc.org.



AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY FORUM

WALDO LIBRARY / 201 EAST 75TH ST / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 / 10 AM

• MAY 13 & 27 / JUNE 10 & 24

If you enjoy current events, if you laugh lots and have a good sense of humor, then you are indeed qualified to join the group! If convenient, you're invited to bring an article to share from a newspaper, magazine, cartoon or book. Moderator, Joanie Shores, 660-200-5809 or joaneshores1010@gmail.com.

THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

• MAY 18 / MAGNOLIA'S CONTEMPORARY SOUTHERN BISTRO / 11:30 AM

9916 HOLMES RD. / KANSAS CITY, MO 64131

• JUNE 16 / McCOY'S PUBLIC HOUSE (ON THE PATIO)

4057 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. / KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

• JULY 21 / THE HOMESTEADER CAFE

100 E 7 ST, #100 / KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

RSVP to Ellen Johnson at ellen.johnson@gmail.com or 816-931-5288.

4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

WALDO LIBRARY / 201 EAST 75TH ST / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 / 6 PM

• MAY 24 / TWELFTH NIGHT, SHAKESPEARE

• JUNE 28 / THE GOLEN AND THE JINNI, HELEN WECKER

• JULY 26 / THE BOYS IN THE BOAT, DANIEL J BROWN

For additional Book Club details, please contact Jane Hatch, 816-838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.



SNAPSHOTS FROM MARCH/APRIL:



Five young women (pictured above) were provided the opportunity to meet with five experienced women engineers (right) during the STEM Speed Mentoring event in March.



Committee members, STEM Speed Mentoring event.



AAUW members from Kansas City and Missouri showed our elected officials what we stand for— **passing the ERA, pay equity, reproductive rights, social justice, violence against women, voter's rights, right-to-work, and public education** — at the Annual Women's Equity Day Rally on April 12th at the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City.



At the March 29th Membership Meeting we recognized long-time member **Mary Emily Kitterman** for her service to AAUW. We will miss her and wish her the best on her move to Virginia.

**JOIN
OR RENEW**

MISSION

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

2015-2016 ANNUAL DUES: \$79

Dues cover National membership (\$49), State membership (\$10), plus KC membership (\$20). Send \$79, payable to AAUW-KC to: Nicky Stanke, 1101 Walnut St., #905, Kansas City, MO 64106, or you can pay online at national website (www.aauw.org).

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.