



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

APRIL 2013



TAKING ACTION

100 Kansas City Area High School Girls Honored on April 7

100

High School Girls



One of the biggest events of the year for our branch happens Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. It is our annual 100 High School Girls celebration at Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center (3700 Blue Pkwy., Kansas City, MO). This year we will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships including the new "Against All Odds" scholarship which has been funded by our DOLLARS for SCHOLARS fundraising efforts.

Our special guest speaker will be Missouri State Senator **Yvonne Wilson**. AAUW-KC member **Alice Jenkins** will once again provide entertainment with her impeccable piano playing.

This event illustrates some of the important work our AAUW-KC Branch does in the larger community. It is rewarding for all to see the 100 High School Girls recognized for their academic work, leadership and community service.

In the annual tradition, if you wish to volunteer or contribute cookies, cupcakes and finger foods to the reception table, please contact **Dr. Janice McIntyre** at drmcrcdp1@aol.com or (913) 299-2496 by March 30.

You're Invited!



Reentry Woman of the Year AWARDS BRUNCH

In support of women returning to the classroom after an absence of five or more years, in pursuit of personal and vocational goals.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

9 AM - 12 PM

UNITY VILLAGE

1901 NW Blue Pkwy., Kansas City, MO

Brunch will feature a buffet of freshly-baked breads with fruit preserves, seasonal fresh fruit, yogurt, scrambled eggs, biscuits w/country gravy, pancakes, breakfast potatoes, sausage, bacon, coffee & tea service.

\$20 per person. Reservations/payment due by April 10.

We also welcome tax-deductible donations to the Reentry Woman of the Year Scholarship Fund. (Please make checks payable to AAUW-Raytown. On memo line, indicate AAUW-KCMO.) Mail to: **Connie Turnipseed**, 11803 E. 47th Terrace, KCMO 64133. For more information, please call Connie at (816) 356-1444 or email her at ctseed@ymail.

Sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Interbranch Council of the American Association of University Women



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We ask justice, we ask equality, we ask that all the civil and political rights that belong to citizens of the United States be guaranteed to us and our daughters forever.

—The Seneca Falls Declaration of Rights for Women, July 1876

Following on the heels of two landmark programs in March, we approach the many AAUW activities planned for the month of April with both gratitude and enthusiasm. First of all, our “over-the-top” Dollars for Scholars campaign has been completed with a flourish. The marvelous concert performed by soprano **Riva Capellari** and her colleagues, **Claudette Schiratti** and **Alan Willams**, provided a joyous and beautiful AAUW event in honor of women’s voices and Women’s History Month, and the generosity of our members and friends in attendance brought our scholarship fundraising to a successful conclusion. We exceeded our goal of \$1,650 and are ready to fund the scholarships for both the 100 High School Girls awards and the Reentry Woman of the Year awards. Many thanks to all who contributed to our *DOLLARS for SCHOLARS* activities, and a special thank you to the Finance Committee members for their leadership and hard work (**Ellen Johnson**, chair; **Stefanie Hatfield**, **Ann Kindred**, **Janet Kannard** and **Rose Grinstead**).

Our second March program of note took place on March 14 when the Kansas City branch met with the Kansas City Kansas Community College branch on the KCKCC campus. Four panelists discussed the important role of the community college in our region and our nation and the impact that the community college has on women’s education. The speakers were **Janet McIntrye**, long-time faculty member at KCKCC; **Denise McDowell**, Dean of Enrollment Management; **Karalin Alsdurf**, Director of the Leavenworth Campus of the college; and **Ramona Nelson**, Reentry student at KCKCC, and our participant in the 2012 National Conference of Women Student Leaders sponsored by AAUW.

As presented elsewhere in the newsletter, our April events focus on both education and equality. On April 7 we will present three \$1000 scholarships to outstanding high-school seniors from public high schools in the Kansas City, MO area, and on April 20, we will join with the other AAUW branches in our area to present the Re-Entry scholarships supported by the work of our Interbranch Council. Please make plans to attend both of these programs, which underscore our dedication as a branch to the significance of women’s education for women of all ages.

In addition, on both April 9 and April 17 we will participate

with others like us who believe that equal pay for equal work is an issue that deserves serious and ongoing attention. We appreciate the efforts of our Public Policy chairs, **Joanie Shores** and **Jane Crigler**, who are leading our programs regarding this important matter. Please give consideration to joining the rally in Jefferson City where we hope to convince Missouri legislators that this is an issue that merits their full attention. Please enjoy the emerging beauty of Kansas City springtime; it won’t be long before the red buds burst into bloom! And please continue to mark dates on your calendar for the programs of our AAUW branch. At our June picnic we will celebrate the 120th anniversary of our branch, which is the oldest branch in the state of Missouri. We are proud of this heritage and appreciate the work and the support that each of you provides for our ongoing efforts.

Moving Forward...Fighting the Backlash!

Mary Emily Kitterman

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President, AAUW-KCMO

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

Welcome new members:

Maureen Hurley & Ada C. Wright

JOIN OR RENEW	<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>
Annual dues 2012-2013: \$79.00 For more information, please contact Janelle Ramsburg at ramsburg@kc.rr.com or (913) 831-9763.	

Please visit www.aauwkc.org for more information.





Two Equal Pay Day Events Scheduled in April – *EQUAL PAY...It's a Matter of Survival!*

By Joanie Shores, Missouri State Public Policy Co-Chair, joanashores101@aol.com

DID YOU KNOW that college women are graduating to a pay gap?

• **The UMKC Women's Center is hosting a National Equal Pay Day event on Tuesday, April 9.** Participants aim to educate and disseminate the truth about the gender pay gap through games, trivia, prizes, brochures and related literature. Activities start at noon and end at 2 p.m. in Royall Hall (or outside on the Quad, weather permitting). Come have some fun and learn what YOU can do to help advocate for equal pay!

DID YOU KNOW that Missouri women make only \$.77 to their male counterparts' \$1.00?

On Wednesday, April 17, AAUW, together with the League of Women Voters and the National Organization of Women, is sponsoring a RALLY AT THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA. Join us for an event that promises to be inspiring, empowering, and fun too! Starting at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., we'll hear speakers, we'll march and whoop 'n' holler for equal pay! We need a really BIG GROUP! So bring your spouse, children, friends and neighbors!

We'll provide signs. The rotunda is wheel-chair accessible, elevators and few steps, easy to navigate. Lunch will be on your own. Carpooling is available from the Kansas City area. Contact Pam Burke at (816) 361-2098 or pamelaburke2729@gmail.com by April 15 to sign up.

"Our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts."

—Inaugural speech, President Obama



AAUW-KC members at the Equal Pay Day Rally in Jefferson City in April 2012.

"Women's Voices" Concert — A Huge Success!



Riva Capellari (far right) accompanied by Alan Williams, Claudette Schiratti and assistant.

The March 10 concert and reception to celebrate Women's History Month in the sanctuary at Village Presbyterian Church, was a huge success!

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that we met our goal of \$1,650 for the *DOLLARS for SCHOLARS* fundraising campaign, with \$1,000 for 100 High School Girls and \$650 for Reentry Woman of the Year scholarship funds.

Many thanks to AAUW-KC member **Riva Capellari** for sharing her musical talents and to all who attended and contributed!



AAUW members (l-r) Mary Emily Kitterman, Ann Kindred, Ellen Johnson, Stefanie Hatfield, Dana Perry and Earline Bentley



Nominating Committee Report 2013-2014 Officer Nominations

By the AAUW-KC Nominating Committee, Sara Pedram, Chair, Mollie Caldwell, Ellen Johnson, Ardy Pearson, and Nicky Stanke

The Bylaws of the Kansas City, Missouri Branch, in Article V. Section 1 (c) state: "The names of the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to every member at least 20 days prior to the annual branch meeting."

Your Nominating Committee submits the following Slate of Officers for your consideration:

President – **Nicky Stanke**

President-Elect – Seeking Nominee

Immediate Past President – **Mary Emily Kitterman**

Co-Program Vice Presidents – **Pamela Burke, Renee Carlson**

Membership Vice President – **Diane Krizek**

Co-Secretaries – **Winnie Weinrich, Sara Pedram**

Finance Officer – **Stefanie Hatfield**

AAUW-KCMO MONTHLY EVENTS

• APRIL 12 & 26 – FRIDAY FORUM

WALDO LIBRARY / 75TH & GRAND / KANSAS CITY, MO / 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 joaneshores101@aol.com.

• APRIL 18 – CUISINE CLUB

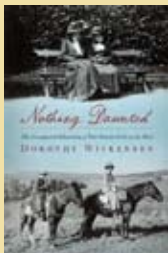
PROVIDENCE NEW AMERICAN KITCHEN / 1329 BALTIMORE AVE / 11:30 AM

Fine dining amid the history of antique lighting, mirrors, reclaimed wood and colored prints paying homage to America's past. RSVP to **Ellen Johnson** at ellen.johnson@gmail.com or (816) 931-5288 by April 15.

• 4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

WALDO LIBRARY / 75TH & GRAND / KANSAS CITY, MO / 6:30 PM

April 23: *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in*



the West by New Yorker executive editor **Dorothy Wickenden** chronicles the transforming effect a school year teaching the children of homesteaders on the western slope of the Colorado Rockies just before World War I had on the lives of her grandmother, Dorothy Woodruff, a fellow Smith College graduate, Rosamond Underwood, the students and several unforgettable local characters. Discussion Leader: **Eloise Weatherford**

Copies of featured books are available on reserve at the Waldo circulation desk, 30 days in advance to its club date. AAUW members and general public are welcome. For more details, please contact **Jane Hatch**, (816) 838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.

• APRIL 26 – BRIDGE GROUP

10:30 AM THROUGH LUNCH

Help raise money for our mission-driven activities of the branch by paying a little to play. Interested? Please call **Fran Weeks** for location and more information, (913) 649-7048.

Calling All Members:

Spring is here...and so is your opportunity to share your talents and ideas with AAUW-KC. Appointments for the 2013-2014 year are underway, so if there is an activity you have been eager to contribute to, now's your chance.

AAUW members are needed for the following committees: Legal Advocacy, Thorpe Menn Award Event, Communications (Newsletter), and Public Policy. If there are other areas not named here that you want to participate in, please let incoming President **Nicky Stanke** know; there is always room for more! Call (816) 753-0812 or email nickystanke@sbcglobal.net.

As educated women, we are all leaders and obligated to use our strengths to advance girls and women however we can. Thanks for your contributions!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

• ILLINOIS-MISSOURI CONVENTION / MAY 3-5 / ST. LOUIS *ILLuminating & MOtivating Together*

Discussion topics will include fundraising, the need for women engineers, women's health issues, and more. Keynote speaker: AAUW Executive Director **Linda Hallman** will present "Defending the Flag," spotlight on a military sexual assault case.

Early bird registration of \$75 is due by April 8 and hotel reservations must be made by April 12. Call 1-877-845-7354 or visit www.aauw-il.org or www.aauw-mo.aauw.net

(If you want to join a carpool or share a room, contact **Ellen Johnson**, (816) 931-5288 or ellen.johnson@gmail.com or **Stefanie Hatfield**, (816) 942-4779 or sthatfield@everestkc.net)

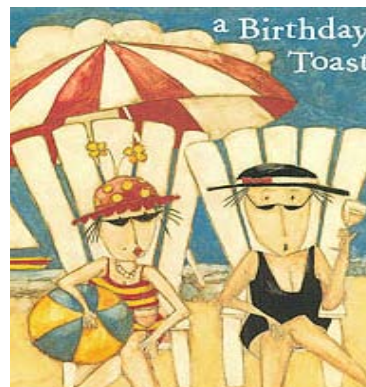
• AAUW-KC ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS MAY 9 / 5:30–7:30 PM / THE BEACON TAVERN

5031 Main St., Kansas City, MO (downstairs) / \$10 per person / Heavy Appetizers

WE NEED YOUR VOTE to elect our new officers, so please plan to join us! Reserve your seat by May 6 by calling **Pam Burke** at (816) 361-2098 or email pamelaburke2729@gmail.com

• AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION / JUNE 9-12 / NEW ORLEANS 2013 - LEADING ACROSS GENERATIONS

Read more and register online at <http://convention.aauw.org/>



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

JANELLE RAMSBURG
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