

TAKING ACTION

Make a Positive Impact on Women and Girls Make a Donation to AAUW in 2013

Whether you believe it most important to protect the rights of those facing discrimination, to provide educational opportunities, to advocate with a powerful voice, or to support any other AAUW programs – there are many ways you can give. Your gift to AAUW will be put to work in the way that is most meaningful to you.

Following are the different choices you have for directing your donations:

Giving unrestricted gifts to **AAUW Funds (#9110)** is the best way to provide support to AAUW, a 501(c)(3) organization, and where it is most needed for charitable programs. By giving unrestricted gifts to **AAUW Funds (#9110)**, you receive the benefit of a tax-deduction, and make it possible to respond to the most urgent needs and greatest opportunities to break through educational and economic barriers — and you make the biggest impact on women and girls who are working for their fair chance.

Following are descriptions of the individual funds you will support with your unrestricted gifts to **AAUW Funds (#9110)**. It is also possible for you to restrict your tax-deductible gift to a specific fund(s).

- **Legal Advocacy Fund (#3999)** supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination.
- **Educational Opportunities Fund (#4336)** supports educational and lifelong learning

opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success.

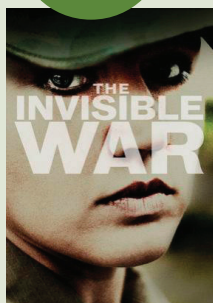
- **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (#9170)** supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls.
- **Public Policy Fund (#4337)** supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women.
- **Leadership Programs Fund (#4339)** supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country.

There are many ways to give to AAUW Funds: you may go online to www.aauw.org/contribute; call the national office at 800-226-2289 or 202-728-3307; or mail a check payable to AAUW Funds at P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045. If you prefer to restrict your gift to a specific fund(s), please indicate the name or number of the fund in the memo section of your check and accompanying documents.

Contributions to all of these programs are fully tax deductible.

Please call AAUW-KC Funds Chair, Bev Ryan at 816-333-2159 if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS/MEMBERSHIP MEETING



- **FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION**
THURSDAY / JANUARY 16, 2014 / 5:30 PM
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT KANSAS CITY
400 W PERSHING ROAD / KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

From Oscar- and Emmy-nominated filmmaker Kirby Dick comes *The Invisible War*, a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of America's most shameful and best-kept secrets — the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. The film

premiered at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival, where it received the U.S. Documentary Audience Award and it was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 85th Academy Awards.

What is the most shameful and best-kept secret in the U.S. military? The epidemic of rape and sexual assault within the ranks. An American female soldier in a combat zone is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. A culture of privilege and impunity has resulted in few prosecutions, and the systematic isolation of women — and men — who dare report these crimes.

On January 16, AAUW-KC, in cooperation with the National Archives at Kansas City, will present *The Invisible War*. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a brief reception followed by the 6:00 p.m. showing and a panel discussion with AAUW and community leaders. The National Archives at Kansas City is located at 400 West Pershing Road, next to Union Station.

RSVP — to ensure a seat — to kansascity.educate@nara.gov or by phone 816-268-8010.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. A highlight of the season for AAUW is the annual Wagy Awards & Holiday Luncheon. For a full appreciation of the meaning of the grants, be sure to read this month's History Corner (page 3) to get a sense of what Irene Wagy committed her energies to. The lunch is December 7, at the Indian Hills Country Club in Mission Hills. For 2013, the Committee had the difficult task of winnowing 19 Statements of Interest, requesting \$68,850 down to seven applications. These applications amounted to requests for \$26,700. Irene Wagy's generous legacy, an added bequest from Helen Brooks, and the kind gifts from you (members and friends) allowed the Committee to allocate \$10,000 to four organizations working with AAUW to "promote societal change through programs benefitting women and girls." The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and AAUW Wagy Committee Chair Jane Crigler deserve a big thanks for administering and guiding the selection process. Make your reservation for the lunch with Pam Burke (816-361-2098/pamelaburke2729@gmail.com) today, and join us when we reveal the recipients!

From the Planning Retreat on June 21 through today, 2013 has been a high-energy year for AAUW-KC. We have celebrated "Women's Equality Week" with like-minded organizations from the greater Kansas City area; we have celebrated the literary excellence of our local authors at the annual Thorpe Menn Award luncheon; and many members are currently involved in gathering and organizing records of AAUW-KC from the last 20 years to build on our 100-year history publication in 1993. Gratitude is in order to each and every AAUW-KC member and friend engaged in the work done to empower women and girls. I thank you.

Wishing you peaceful holidays and a glorious welcome to 2014!

Nicky Stanke

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President, AAUW-KC, 2013-2014

BOARD MEETING REMINDER:
DECEMBER 5 / 5 PM / WALDO LIBRARY



*Dollars for Scholars concert event with the
Kansas City Women's Chorus in October.*

Welcome Aboard!

NEW MEMBERS SINCE MAY 2013

Beth Lynn Barnett

Heather Brock

Roberta(Bobbi) Peasley

Karisse Whyte

*We are excited to have you as a member and
we look forward to working with you.*

**JOIN
OR RENEW**

Annual dues 2013-2014: \$79.00
For more details, contact Earline Bentley at
earline_bentley@att.net or (816) 756-5608.

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



Guests enjoyed a delicious array of festive treats at the KCWC performance. (l-r) Sara Pedram and Ellen Johnson



Some guests added to the festivities by donning Halloween costumes. (l-r) Ardy Pearson, Dana & Allen Perry.



History Corner

By Ardy Pearson / Dana Perry

Remembering a generous woman, friend and leader



Irene V.D.V. Wagy

Nettie Irene Van Der Veer Wagy was the branch program vice president in the 1970s, and loved her friends at AAUW. She kept up with the news and was happy to share her opinions! Her greatest love was the Garden Group. She was also one of the early leaders of the Cuisine Club when it started.

Trained as a dietitian, she married late and her husband died early, so she was single or a widow for many years of her life. They had bought a Prairie Village bungalow after World War II, and when he died, they did not have much equity in it, but she took the insurance money and parlayed it into a nice living. She watched for foreclosures in her neighborhood, went to Capitol Federal and talked them into loaning her money to fix them up and rent them. The neighbors reported that she was very good to the young people to whom she rented. She encouraged them to go back to school, to get a better job, or to buy the house they were renting.

Her other great interest was DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), a non-profit women's organization for the descendants of individuals who aided in achieving American independence. She belonged to two chapters and helped with research for them. She left one half of her estate to AAUW (approximately \$200,000), and the other half to the two DAR chapters. You can see that the associations she had with her women friends were very important to her.

We are proud to report that \$10,000 will be awarded in four grants in her name on December 7, 2013. Irene would be pleased!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Members of the History Committee are hard at work compiling stories for a 120 year anniversary oral history compilation. If you would like to be a part of this project or if you have information, photos or artifacts to contribute, please call Historian Corinne Mahaffey, (816) 645-1350 or Ardy Pearson, (816) 444-6651.

ERA FACTS By Joanie Shores

Which 15 states have not ratified the ERA?

Answer: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

Have you visited your state representative about ratification? I did, and I can tell you it was FUN! And NOW is the best time, while they're between sessions and in-district.

You will need to make an appointment first, and it may take several phone calls/emails. Be sure to tell them that you're a voting constituent and provide your District #.

Before you meet, visit their website to research their voting record, introduced or co-sponsored bills, etc. Look for a focal point to gain their support.

My representative and I met at a coffeeshop and I treated us to breakfast. I was genuinely friendly, as was she. (Stay warm, keep smiling, don't ever get shrill or defensive!) After some small talk, I made my pitch. Remember, you must make the 'ASK'—*Would you co-sponsor HCR# 36 for Missouri ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment?*

And yes, my legislator said YES!

Next day send them a thank you card/email. Then start planning for a visit with your state senator

In summary:

- **Make an appointment. Be persistent.**
- **Get to know your legislator. Visit their website for research.**
- **Be friendly and SMILE!**
- **Tell a personal story relating to ERA.**
- **Stick to the ERA issue ONLY.**
- **Make the 'ASK'.**
- **Follow up with a thank you.**

We can provide an ERA fact sheet and coach Branch members and friends to prepare for a legislative visit. Please contact Joanie Shores, joaneshores101@aol.com/660-200-5809 or Jane Crigler, jcrigler@kc.rr.com/816-523-7781.

WAGY AWARDS & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013
INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

6824 Tomahawk Rd, Mission Hills, KS 66208



11:30 a.m. Social

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Awards Presentation

\$37 per person (payable to **AAUW-KC**)

RSVP by **December 3** to Pam Burke, 816-361-2098 or pamelaburke2729@gmail.com or mail your check to Pam at 8044 Summit St., Kansas City, MO 64114.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **STARR WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LAUNCH**
MONDAY / FEBRUARY 24, 2014
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY
SWINNEY RECREATION CENTER / 5030 HOLMES ST



AAUW-KC and other organizations from the Kansas City metro area are uniting to form the Starr Women's Hall of Fame, to recognize women from the Kansas City area and preserve the legacy of their accomplishments. **Chelsea Clinton**, vice chair of the Clinton Foundation and daughter of former President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, will be the headline speaker.

AAUW Missouri President Linda Berube has reserved two tables for AAUW. Each table has 10 seats with one reserved for a UMKC student. (18 seats for AAUW members.) Eight seats have already been reserved with ten seats available. Your check for \$33.34 payable to Linda Berube will reserve your seat and help a student attend. Email Linda at ljbaauw@hotmail.com with your commitment to send a check. For more information and to purchase individual tickets, please visit www.umkc.edu/starrhalloffame.

AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS• **DEC 13 & 27 - FRIDAY FORUM**

WALDO LIBRARY / 75TH & GRAND / KCMO / 10 AM

Come join in our free-wheeling discussions on cutting-edge topics. Our lively group convenes every second and fourth Friday at 10:00am in Room A, Waldo Library, 75th and McGee. Sponsored by AAUW, any community members are welcome, as well. If convenient (though not required) participants bring a newspaper or magazine article, cartoon, book etc. Subjects may be educational (yawn), controversial, nostalgic, provocative, tragic or even hilarious! Our talk is well-seasoned with warm camaraderie. Afterward, there's the option to go out to lunch. For more information, contact **Joanie Shores**, (660) 200-5809 or joanashores101@aol.com.

• **DEC 19 - CUISINE CLUB**

PLAZA III / 4749 PENNSYLVANIA / KCMO / 11:30 AM

Annual White Elephant gift exchange. RSVP to **Ellen Johnson** at ellen.johnson@gmail.com or (816) 931-5288.

• **4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB**

NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER. WE WILL RESUME JANUARY 28, 2014.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) lived all of her life in Amherst, MA. She was educated at Amherst Academy and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

While never popular in her lifetime, Emily Dickinson has become one of the most widely known, most revered poets in history. **(12/10)**

Heather Brock	12/5
Diane Krizek	12/7
Ann Kindred	12/10
Ada Wright	12/15
Connie Gray	12/16
Bambi Shen	12/26
Charleen Brain	12/27
Pam Chaudoin	12/27
Anna Nearing	12/27
Beverly Ryan	12/27

KCKCC Corner

By Patsy Kile / Janice McIntyre

The Kansas City Kansas Community College satellite of AAUW-KC is happy to report a 2013-2014 membership of twenty faculty, staff and community members, plus 42 student affiliate members.

The satellite has new student officers: Symone Grantham, Dyan Mackey, Kara Garrouette, Brandy Patterson and Amy Thao.

A semester party will be held December 3, from 12-2 p.m., with a baked potato bar, s'mores, and a blazing fire at the KCKCC Conference Center by the pond.

On Nov. 20 at the Student Union, a co-sponsored program with the KCKCC Women's Resource Center was held on "Understanding the Needs of Women Veterans."

Ten student members received scholarships to attend a Political Advocacy Symposium, sponsored by Pat Pettey, KS Senator, Mark Weibe of Wyandotte, Inc., and Brandi Fisher of Mainstream.

Possible projects for next semester include STEM and Career Ladder programs, collaborations with Parker Elementary and education classes, ASPIRE, Election/Political Seminars, and the KCKCC Women's Resource Center. A "Wine Tour of Wyandotte County" is combining with the Kansas City Kansas Public Library's "Bop the Dotte". More details coming soon.

For more information read our e-newsletter and connect with us on [facebook.com/Kansas-City-Kansas-Community-College](https://www.facebook.com/Kansas-City-Kansas-Community-College).



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014
9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
HY-VEE COMMUNITY ROOM
405 E Nifong Blvd, Columbia, MO 65201

Review of 2013 MO Legislative Session
Preview of 2014 Legislative Session
Set Legislative Priorities
ERA MO Campaign Planning

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