

TAKING ACTION

New Officers and Centennial Awards Presented in June

During the annual Celebration Picnic in June, we installed our 2014-2015 officers and our new president Winnie Weinrich presented us with her many goals including these three: 1) Exceed 110 in membership. 2) Offer our Homecoming event in September to former members and invite them to return to AAUW-KC. 3) Identify four college girls (and help with expenses) to attend NCWSL in June 2015.

Introducing the 2014-15 elected and appointed officers:

Stephanie Holthaus, President-Elect
Pam Burke, Co-Program VP
Renee Carlson, Co-Program VP
Earline Bentley, Membership VP
Stefanie Hatfield, Finance Officer

Jane Crigler, Co-Public Policy
Joanie Shores, Co-Public Policy
Maureen Hurley, Co-Secretary
Sara Pedram, Co-Secretary
Mary Emily Kitterman, Funds

Ellen Johnson, Finance Chair
Nicky Stanke, Nominating Chair
Linda Berube, Communication Co-Chair
Marian McClellan, Communication Co-Chair

The 2014 Centennial Awards were given to two well-deserving candidates. The winners shared their stories, struggles, and accomplishments with those in attendance. Well done Lizbeth Lopez Shields and Sunday Hatten!

The Centennial Scholarship Fund was established in 1993 as part of AAUW-KC Centennial celebration. Scholarships are given to two of the year's Reentry Women of the Year Award recipients. Many of these women have children and family obligations and are in need of financial assistance. Kansas City area branches including Independence, Kansas City, Kansas City Northland, Parkville, and Raytown work with area colleges to seek applicants that best exemplify the effort, perseverance and courage of women who return to the classroom after an absence of at least five years in pursuit of personal and vocational goals.



You're invited!

Stop by anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20 at the home of Mary Emily Kitterman

8317 Outlook Lane, Overland Park, Kansas

We will celebrate our history, with the release of the updated, revised and hot-off-the-press AAUW-KC history book, *A Century of Service (Plus 21 Years) 1893-2014*, coedited by members Ardy Pearson and Dana Perry. This precious tome, the result of months of interviews and archival exploration, will be available for purchase at the event for \$20. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Pam Burke at 816.361.2098 or pamelaburke2729@hotmail.com before 9/18. *Friends and potential new members welcome!*

IMPORTANT NOTE: For 2014-15, we will publish the newsletter on a bimonthly instead of monthly basis. The next newsletter will be published at the end of October. Subsequent newsletters for 2014-15 will be published at the end December, February, and April. Please check the website for additional news and updates (www.aauwkc.org) and watch your email for monthly constant contact reminders of upcoming events.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since we last met and celebrated together,

plans have been made, job descriptions written, meetings attended and new information absorbed and assimilated. The upshot of all this *busy-ness* was to find avenues to improve the mutual participation and enjoyment of the AAUW experience. Here are some of the events that stand out at this juncture:

- Everyone should make plans to attend the annual Fall Fling (9/20) at the beautiful home of member Mary Emily Kitterman. We'll unveil our branch's new history book, have a bit of a nibble, and meet new and old friends.
- I'm very pleased with the 2014-2015 Program lineup: The 36th annual Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award luncheon (10/4), looks to be another must-attend Kansas City author and book event (see page 4 for details and reservations); Public Policy presents their very own program on ERA (10/28); Safety on Campus (11/11); Waggy Awards Luncheon on (12/6); and (1/18/15) a "hot-off-the-press" presentation from the AAUW National Research Department, expected to tickle your gray cells while you please your palate with the new concept in barbecue and wood-fire grilling at Q39.

Mark those calendars and get your RSVPs in early, so we can have "full houses" at every event!

My goal is to touch on all of our directives during my presidency – **Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research** – through our programs, events and meetings. A very particular need I feel our branch has is to balance the ages in our membership by bringing on board new younger members. I encourage everyone to look into your community bulletin boards, homes organizations, local papers, work grapevines, and to your granddaughters, nieces and cousins to find these younger ones to "bring along." It does take a village, and we're a very significant group of this (Kansas City) support staff – going on 122 years now!

While on the subject of colleges, I'd like to add a heartfelt congratulations to Kansas City, Kansas Community College (KCKCC) – especially to two of our members, Dr. Janice McIntyre and Patsy Kile, who I'm sure were a part of this campus effort – for being selected by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, as a college that is a leader in innovative approaches to economic and workforce development.

KCKCC is one of 20 two-year colleges across the nation selected by the Foundation because of its dedication to community support and involvement; the Technical Resource Center, (where the AAUW-KCKCC held Spa Day events) was particularly praised as a space made available to Wyandotte County for innovative and entrepreneurial pursuits, even invention!

Do you know a member or could you use a ride? I'm aware of a few, so there must be others, who would attend our functions if someone provided their transportation. I've proposed a transportation group for this purpose. We need to first update our list of members in need of this transportation. Please call Eva Bett at 913-217-0915 and let her know your address and contact information and of course, please call if you can participate by driving.

In closing, allow me tickle your gray cells a moment by seeing if you can answer this question:

Women's Equality Day, August 26, was instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971; but what does the date itself commemorate? (Answer on page 4.)

"See you in September" (my 1969 class favorite song!)

Winnie Weinrich

AAUW-KC President



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For more details, contact Earline Bentley at earline_bentley@att.net or 816-588-7291.

Please visit our website at aauwkc.org for more news, information and calendar of events.





AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY FORUM

WALDO BRANCH LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 / 10:00 AM

- SEPTEMBER 12 & 26
- OCTOBER 10 & 24

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 joanashores1010@gmail.com.

CUISINE CLUB

- SEPTEMBER 18 - Q39

1000 W. 39TH ST / KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM

- OCTOBER 16 - STROUD'S RESTAURANT

4200 SHAWNEE MISSION PKWY / FAIRWAY, KS / 11:30 AM

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

4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

WALDO BRANCH LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 / 6:00 PM

- SEPTEMBER 23 - *The Facades* by Eric Lundgren

The Facades is a present day dystopic novel set in the fictional midwest city of Trude. The city is as much a character as narrator Sven Norbert who searches for his missing mezzo-soprano wife. Rose Anderson will lead the discussion and conduct a Skype interview with the author.

- OCTOBER 28 - *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent

The Heretic's Daughter immerses the reader in the daily life of the Puritan Carrier family during the Salem witch trials. Historically accurate, a powerful exploration of family ties, the power of gossip and the price of ignorance is recounted by Kathleen Kent, a descendant of Martha Carrier who was hanged in 1692 at the height of the trials. Karen Major will lead the discussion.

For BOOK CLUB details, contact **Jane Hatch**, 816-838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



The first female prime minister of Britain, **Margaret Thatcher** was a controversial figurehead of conservative ideology during her time in office. (10/13)

Nicky Stanke (9/8)
Linda Berube (9/9)
Jane Crigler (9/14)
Betty McDermott (9/18)
Arzie Umali (10/4)
Marian McClellan (10/14)
Suzanne Carroll (10/20)
Anita Parran (10/21)
Rose Grinstead (10/27)
Stephanie Holthaus (10/28)
Marian Wade (10/28)

ANSWER TO WINNIE'S QUESTION: August 26, 1920, was the date of the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920.

KCKCC Corner

AAUW-KCKCC held our first meeting of the academic year on Aug. 19. After the meeting, an AAUW Webinar for Campus Action Grants was presented. We established committees for our scholarship, community action, and fundraising committees. We are also in the midst of planning for our fall membership round-up campaign. Future meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. and a social media connection will be developed for upcoming meetings.

As part of the celebration of Equality Week, August 25-30, "Women, Wages, Equality," concluded at KCKCC on Aug. 27. Featured in the traveling panel were Carla Tillman from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Women's Bureau, who served as moderator; and Barbara Clark-Evans, Patti Jachowicz and Barb Stransky were panel participants. A most notable guest, Bela Abzug, was portrayed by AAUW-KC president Winnie Weinrich, with Dr. Janice McIntyre dressed as a turn-of-the-century suffragette. The panel also presented at Johnson County Community College on Aug. 25 and Penn Valley Community College on Aug. 26. Approximately 120 students were in the audiences at the three campuses.

The AAUW-KCKCC Parker Elementary Study Buddies will begin soon. This is a cosponsored after-school program for students of the Parker Elementary School with students from Sumner Academy, Future Teachers-KNEA at KCKCC, and AAUW-KCKCC all working together to provide grade school students with support in homework and extracurricular endeavors.

We are also cosponsoring a special get-out-the-vote effort, "It's Up 2 Us: A Voter Education and Registration Initiative", Sept. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at KCKCC.

A Tea Dance & Silent Auction will be held on Sept. 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Club House in Bonner Springs, KS. AAUW-KCKCC will be active in their support of the KCKCC Jazz Band's upcoming trip to Cuba in December. (See page 4 for more details.)

Be sure to like us on Facebook (Kansas-City-Kansas-Community-College-Chapter-of-AAUW).



AAUW-KC members Ellen Johnson and Dana Perry (seated right) greet participants at the "No Boys Allowed" RUBIES event.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

• TEA DANCE & SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY / SEPTEMBER 14 / 2:00–4:00 PM

LAKE FOREST CLUB HOUSE

100 LAKE FOREST, BONNER SPRINGS, KS 66012

KCKCC Jazz Band musicians will be playing Big Band melodies and a Silent Auction will be conducted by AAUW-KC to help raise funds for both AAUW-KC and KCKCC. Volunteers are needed to help set up auction tables, total bid sheets, package and get items to winning bidders, and auction shut down. If you are interested in helping with the auction, please call Winnie Weinrich at 816-808-7926. For more details about the dance, please email Mayre Hoffman at mhoffman@kckcc.edu.

• AAUW LEGACY CIRCLE COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

TUESDAY / SEPTEMBER 30 / 3:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF STAN & ARDY PEARSON

1012 WEST 66TH TERRACE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64113

Have you heard about the AAUW Legacy Circle? The Legacy Circle is how AAUW recognizes and honors members and individuals who have provided for AAUW in their estate plans. This may be done by leaving AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, retirement plan, insurance policy or creating an AAUW Charitable Gift Annuity. Many AAUW members have taken this opportunity to ensure that the work of AAUW continues into the future.

Ardy Pearson is hosting an afternoon coffee to meet Sue Barley, National Legacy Circle Team member, who will share information about the Legacy Circle, answer questions, and tell about the special honors Legacy Circle members receive. If you are interested in attending, please call Ardy, 816-444-6651 or pearson@kc.rr.com.

• AAUW-KC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Equal Rights Amendment—Unfinished Business!

TUESDAY / OCTOBER 28 / 5:30–7:30 PM

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201 E 75TH ST, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

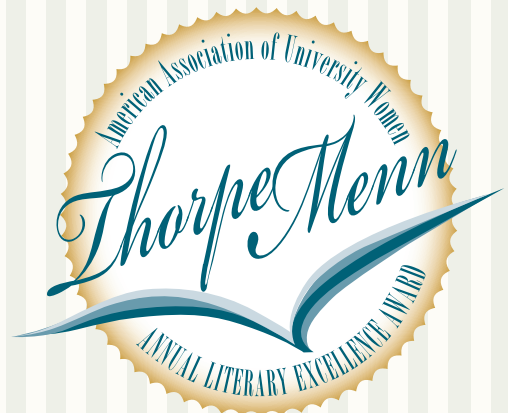
DID YOU KNOW... That women are NOT equal under the U.S. law?...That right here in Missouri our state legislature has passed numerous laws hostile to women? And yet, most of the public mistakenly believes the Equal Rights Amendment passed some years back and has been in effect since.

THE TRUTH IS... The ERA in 1972 was passed by Congress but when it was sent out for the final step of states' ratification, only 35 states approved it, leaving three states short of the required 38. It is now hoped an alternative route, the three-state strategy may succeed, with ERA finally becoming law.

Presentation includes informational videos on history of the ERA and it's current status followed by a short Q & A, and a discussion on how each of us can help get out the vote for the general election in November 2014.

BYOB—Bring your own Brown Bag dinner - While no refreshments will be served everyone is encouraged to bring their own brown bag meal!!

For more details, contact Joanie Shores, 660-200-5809 or joanashores1010@gmail.com.



**You're invited to attend the 36th Annual
AAUW-Kansas City Branch and
Kansas City Public Library**

THORPE MENN AWARD LUNCHEON

Celebrating the literary excellence of local authors.

Saturday, October 4, 2014

11:30 Social / Lunch 12:00

Kansas City Public Library—Central Branch

Helzberg Auditorium, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO



“Legendary Kansas Citians: Authors, Artists and Leaders”

Guest speakers Crosby Kemper III, Kansas City Public Library Chief Executive and Mary Sanchez, *Kansas City Star* Editorial Columnist will join us to talk about their work and the many famous authors, artists and leaders who were born, lived or worked in Kansas City.

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Tickets \$35 per person / Catered by Pierpont's

RSVP by Oct. 1 to Ellen Johnson at (816) 931-5288 or mail your check payable to AAUW-KC Thorpe Menn Award, Attn: Ellen Johnson, 4505 Headwood Dr. #7, Kansas City, MO 64111-3439.

Your payment is your reservation. Free parking with ticket validation.

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