

# TAKING ACTION

## Two Annual Events in Support of Women and Girls

*You're Invited!*



### Reentry Woman of the Year AWARDS BRUNCH

**Saturday, April 11, 2015  
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. / Unity Village**

1901 NW Blue Pkwy., Unity Village, MO 64065  
(Access off 470 via Blue Parkway or access off 350 Highway)

This annual event, planned by the InterBranch Council (IBC), awards scholarships to women who best exemplify the courage, effort and perseverance to return to the classroom after an absence of five or more years. Come and hear their inspiring stories!

The cost is \$20. For reservations, mail check (payable to AAUW-Independence) by March 24 to: Judy Austin, 520 Partridge, Independence, MO 64055. You can also make a donation to the scholarship fund or to help pay for scholarship winners brunch. For more details call Judy at 816-836-2014.

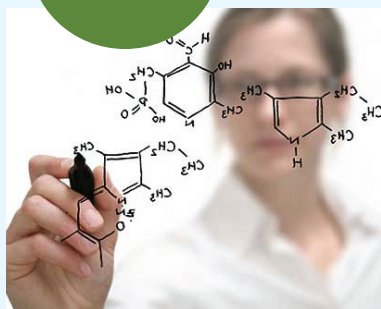


We invite you to join us to celebrate and honor high school senior girls on **Sunday, April 19, 2015**. The event will be held at 2 p.m. at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center (3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130). Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Marjorie Williams**, who served as superintendent of the Hickman Mills School District and has taken an active role in education and community issues and organizations in the Greater Kansas City area. She has taught students in K-12 as well as in higher education. Students from the Paseo Academy of Fine & Performing Arts will provide musical selections. Refreshments will be served.

Since 1931, the AAUW-KC branch has sponsored this program which recognizes high school senior girls from the Kansas City metropolitan area. Senior girls submit essays focusing on their academic performance, community service or leadership experience and a committee of AAUW-KC members select three applicants who are awarded college scholarships. All of the young women who participated in the essay competition and who aspire to reaching their full potential in higher education are celebrated at the event.

We look forward to your attending this inspiring celebration. For more information, please contact Earline Bentley at [earline\\_bentley@att.net](mailto:earline_bentley@att.net) or Maureen Hurley at [maureenhurley36@gmail.com](mailto:maureenhurley36@gmail.com).

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING



### "STEM and the Impact on Women's Equality" TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 / 6:00 PM

Crystal Wolfe, winner of the AAUW Reentry and Centennial scholarships, will present our March program, "STEM and the Impact on Women's Equality" at the National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. Crystal will provide a follow-up from last year's program, "Why So Few Women in STEM?". AAUW continues to promote the science/technology/engineering/math professions for women, as a path for equality. Crystal will also discuss her NASA Internship, including pictures. Come prepared to be impressed with a young woman's accomplishments, as she pushes against the female professional boundaries and provides a path for others to follow.

Also, watch "Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing" launch event live on March 26! (See page 3 for details.)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



NOW WE WELCOME SPRING, WITH  
STEM AND SPRIG AND FLOWER -  
THANK WE ALL THE MOTHER WHO  
GIVES THE EARTH HER POWER  
TO GROW AND NURTURE LIFE WITHIN  
TO SEED AND ROOT GIVE RAIN  
SO FLOWERS BLOOM AND GRAINS BURST FORTH  
AS WE EAT, SING AND PLAY.

(OLDE ENGLISH SONG OF PRAISE TO EOSTRE)

The Spring or Vernal Equinox is on March 20 this year. Traditionally, this is the time of rebirth. Fertility, regeneration, renewal and rekindling, planting seeds and growing hope... in the 8th century, the Venerable Bede wrote of Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon Goddess of Spring, honored in the month of April and from whom our name of Easter was taken.

Likewise, we shall celebrate and welcome seeds that we have sown and the results of our nurturing and care, over the next two months, in many ways: March 24 we will attend a program at the National Archives produced and narrated by our very own Chris Wolfe, past Reentry and Centennial Award winner, who has taken our investment in her and increased it tenfold. Perhaps as we're walking to the venue, or our cars, we might smell the earth warming, or hear the chirping Robin or see a crocus or daffodil along the way.

And in April, two uniquely AAUW-KC rituals come to final fruition within a week of each other! As we gather on Saturday, April 11 to congratulate and celebrate our Reentry awardees at Unity Village, we will have exceptional opportunities to hear chattering squirrels, tweeting chicks, see many nests recently constructed with such care as we have exercised to discern the most appropriate applicants.

Then, Sunday, April 19 at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center we might smell hyacinths or see forsythia blooming while wearing our Easter bonnets (well anchored, mind) to match their lovely colors; and listen to, laugh with, applaud and serve our three 100 High School Girls scholarship recipients.

Thus we'll welcome Spring, with our own AAUW-KC ritual celebrations! I'll see you there, *won't I?*

*Winnie Weinrich*

AAUW-KC President

**BOARD MEETINGS:** TUESDAY, MARCH 3, PLAZA LIBRARY, SMALL MEETING ROOM, 5:30 PM  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, PLAZA LIBRARY, SMALL MEETING ROOM, 5 PM  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, WALDO LIBRARY, ROOM B, 5:30 PM



*In Memory*  
Pamela S. Burke



**AAUW-KC RAFFLE IN MEMORY OF PAM BURKE**  
\$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets earns you a chance to receive one of Pam's AAUW bags or her "Women in Charge" hat with five AAUW pins.

See Dana Perry at future AAUW events to purchase raffle ticket(s). Drawings will take place at the annual June Picnic.



## 2015-2016 AAUW-KC Officer Nominations

The Board has approved the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the 2015-2016 year. They are as follows:

President-Elect	Marian McClellan
Membership Vice President	Stefanie Hatfield
Program Vice President	Sara Pedram
Secretary	Dana Perry
Finance Officer	Nicky Stanke

Winnie Weinrich will become the Past President, and Stephanie Holthaus will serve as President for the year ahead. Voting will take place at the May 19 Membership Meeting, so mark you calendars.

## Stream the "Solving the Equation" Launch Live!

On March 26, the research team who brought you "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics" comes a deeper dive into engineering and computing, fields that offer 80 percent of STEM jobs but still boast dismal numbers of women students and workers.

Watch the launch event for "Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing" live from the new Samsung headquarters in Silicon Valley to find out why women aren't in these fields — and what we as employers, educators, and parents can do about it.

A panel of experts from the industry and academia, moderated by leading gender-in-science researcher Londa Schiebinger, will discuss the report's findings and what they mean.

Registration is open through March 24. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/event/2015/03/stream-the-solving-the-equation-launch-live/> to register and tune in to the launch event on March 26.

## A Loving Reminder

Don't forget to respond to the AAUW-KC Valentine asking for your kind and timely donations that will help fulfill the program plans for 2015. Mail your love, however large or however small, to AAUW-KC, P.O. Box 8831, Kansas City, MO 64114-8831. *The Finance Committee thanks you!*

## KCKCC Corner

By Patsy Kile / Janice McIntyre

AAUW-KCKCC professional members will hold meetings on Thursdays, March 26, and April 30 at Casa Agave in the Legends. Starting at 4:30 p.m. with a social ½ hour and business at 5 p.m. We have a private area reserved in back of the restaurant.

**LATE BREAKING NEWS:** KCKCC has been accepted as a "LUNAFEST Film Festival" host to celebrate a Women's History Month Grand Finale on March 30 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Room 2335. A festive Pu Pu Platter and tea luncheon will be available for a donation. This scholarship fundraiser will show selected award-winning short films filled with stories of "reflection, hope, and humor... by, for, and about women." For more information, please call Janice McIntyre at 913-299-2496 or 913-302-4246.

The AAUW-KCKCC Scholarship Committee will host another workshop for students on March 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. As collaboration with many groups on campus, we will use AAUW scholarships as models for applications, and provide students with additional resources and opportunities to work with scholarship professionals.

Another Spa Day is in the workings for April. Contact Mayree Hoffman at KCKCC for more information, 913-334-1100.

Our famous Wine Gran Tour of Wyandotte County for scholarship funds will be May 1, from 3-6 p.m. Call Janice McIntyre, 913-299-2496 or 913-302-4246, for more information, questions and reservations.

May 7 at the KCKCC Conference Center, from 4-6 p.m., we will have our end-of-the-semester celebration. At the event we will establish goals for the upcoming academic year and take a retrospective look at our activities from the 2014-2015 semester, and may include local barbecue and an ice cream machine! Plans are in the making...

## Member News



### Maija Rhee Devine named top contender in AAUW National Art Contest

Congratulations to Maija Rhee Devine! Her watercolor, "Parks of the Roses, Columbus, Ohio," is in the top 50 in the AAUW National Art Contest. Maija is a new member of the KC Branch and the 2014 Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award winner for her book, *The Voices of Heaven*. We are also excited to announce Maija will be our keynote speaker at the 2015 Thorpe Menn Award luncheon on Saturday, October 4.



### Nicky Stanke Nominated to serve as AAUW-MO Vice President for Programs 2015-2017

Nicky moved to Kansas City in 2005, after retiring as Director of Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library in California. She joined the AAUW-KC Branch as a haven of shared values and common interests. Since joining KC, she has served as Cuisine Club coordinator, convener of the Thorpe Menn Reading Committee, Membership Vice President and Branch President. Her B.A. is from Grinnell College in Iowa, and her M.A. is from the University of Iowa. Election will be held at State Meeting and National Leadership training on Saturday, May 2 in Columbia, MO.



**SAVE THESE 2015 DATES**

- MARTHA J. STARR WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME  
FRIDAY / MARCH 13**

AAUW-KC has been supporting and participating in the Starr Women's Hall of Fame since its beginning last fall, 2013. The hope of the Committee is that the Hall of Fame will serve not only as historical markers for the extraordinary women in our community but also as an inspiration for the young women today and tomorrow. Seven women make up the inaugural class: **Marjorie Powell Allen, Kay Barnes, Myra J. Christopher, Adele Hall, Shirley Bush Helzberg, Dorothy H. Johnson, and Martha Jane Phillips Starr.** Their induction will take place on March 13 at a luncheon featuring Robin Roberts as keynote speaker. **The event is sold out.** For more about the women and the Starr Hall of Fame, please visit [www.umkc.edu/starrhalloffame](http://www.umkc.edu/starrhalloffame).

- WOMEN'S EQUAL RIGHTS ACTION DAY  
TUESDAY / APRIL 14 / JEFFERSON CITY**



Let's show our elected officials what we stand for and join with women across the state for our 4th Annual Women's Equity Day Rally on April 14 at the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City. In collaboration with other women's organizations, we will have our voices heard on important issues including **passing the ERA, pay equity, reproductive rights, social justice, violence against women, voter's rights, right-to-work, and public education.**

Tentative Schedule:

**8:45 a.m. Legislative Briefing** (Continental breakfast provided)

**11 a.m. March for Women's Rights to Capitol South Lawn**

**12 p.m. Women's Equity Rally Under the Dome**

**1:30 p.m. Citizen Lobbying - Visit with Legislators**

Representative Judy Morgan and Senator Jill Schupp will sponsor an ERA session in their respective houses during our visit.

Contact Linda Berube at [ljbaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:ljbaauw@hotmail.com) or 816-809-0139 if interested in joining a caravan to Jefferson City.

**MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

*"It is our time to have wage equality once and for all and equal rights for women."*

—PATRICIA ARQUETTE

Actress Patricia Arquette, 4/8

Doretta Perna	3/10
Janet Kannard	3/16
Marion Shippee	3/28
Carol Duncan	3/29
Riva Capellari	4/6
Janelle Ramsburg	4/14
Patti Jachowicz	4/17
Jennifer Gieschen	4/23
Barbara Clark-Evans	4/26

- "WE SING HER SONG" CONCERT PRESENTED BY  
THE KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S CHORUS  
SUNDAY / APRIL 26 / 4 PM / ROSE THEATER**



Join us for a special Sunday afternoon performance by the Kansas City Women's Chorus featuring songs written by women songwriters.

Tickets are \$25 each. To reserve your seat, please contact Dana Perry at 816-561-0323 or [dana.perry08@live.com](mailto:dana.perry08@live.com). The Rose Theater is located at Rockhurst High School, 9301 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO.

Please take time to read the latest *Missouri in Motion* for important information about the State Leadership Meeting on May 2 in Columbia, AAUW's National Election, and AAUW National Convention June 18-21 in San Diego, CA. You can go to the AAUW Missouri website to register for the AAUW Missouri Conference (<http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2012/08/2015-AAUWMO-convention-rev-5.pdf>).

**AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS****FRIDAY FORUM**

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

- MARCH 13 & 27 / APRIL 10 & 24**

An informal discussion group on current affairs. Participants bring articles of interest or summaries from newspapers, magazines, radio and TV to stimulate discussion.

Through May 2015 we will hold discussions based on *Great Decisions*, a briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association, using video presentation. Meetings will take place at the Waldo Branch Library at times determined by participants to discuss controversial topics on the international scene.

Contact Joanie Shores for details, 660-200-5809 or [joanashores1010@gmail.com](mailto:joanashores1010@gmail.com).

**CUISINE CLUB (THURSDAY)**

- MARCH 19 / LULU'S ASIAN BISTRO**

2701 W 47TH / WESTWOOD, KS 66205 / 11:30 AM

- APRIL 16 / COAL VINES**

616 WARD PARKWAY / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 / 11:30 AM

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

**4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB**

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

- MARCH 24 / APRIL 28**

For Book Club details, please contact Jane Hatch, 816-838-7626 or [janehatch@yahoo.com](mailto:janehatch@yahoo.com).

**JOIN  
NOW**

**New members can join for 2015-2016 and get 16 months of membership for the annual rate of \$79.00.**

For more details, contact Earline Bentley at [earline\\_bentley@att.net](mailto:earline_bentley@att.net) or (816) 756-5608.

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