



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

AUG/SEPT/OCT 2015

# TAKING ACTION

## JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK IN KANSAS CITY, AUGUST 23-29

*Celebrating the 95th Anniversary of Women Gaining the Right to Vote!*

Don't miss these AAUW-KC cosponsored events:

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 25: *RUN WOMEN, RUN!—FOR PUBLIC OFFICE*

Women office holders share their experiences and 'how-to tips' from the campaign trail. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Rd., Kansas City, MO. Reception begins at 6 p.m., program 6:30. Attendance is free, but RSVP required. Contact 816-268-8010 / [kansascityeducate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascityeducate@nara.gov).

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 25: *WOMEN, WAGES & EQUALITY*

An informative panel discussion at the KCKCC Tech Center, 6565 State Ave., Kansas City, KS, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26: *EQUAL MEANS EQUAL: WHY THE TIME FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS ACT IS NOW*

Keynote Speaker- Jessica Neuwirth, founder of Equality Now. Central Library, 14 W. 10th St. Kansas City, MO, 6-8 p.m. RSVP to [www.kclibrary.org](http://www.kclibrary.org) / 816-701-3406.

Visit [www.aauwkc.org](http://www.aauwkc.org) for more details about these and many more fascinating events. You can also connect with Women's Equality Greater Kansas City on Facebook / Twitter: @WEGKC

**WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK: AUGUST 23-29, 2015**

**Pushing Back/ Marching Forward**  
Celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Gaining the Right to Vote

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**  
1:00-4:30 PM Reflections on Black Women in the Civil Rights Movement, Presentation by Rev. Margaret, Office of the Bishop, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 400 W. Pershing Rd., Room 113. Parking in the Parking Garage adjacent to Hag Hall.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**  
6:00-8:00 PM Struggling in the Land of Opportunity: A First Person Presentation and Presentation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 400 W. Pershing Rd., Room 113. RSVP required. [www.aauwkc.org/strugglinginthelandofopportunity](http://www.aauwkc.org/strugglinginthelandofopportunity)

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1:30-2:30 PM Women, Wages and Equality: Panel Discussion, Sponsor: U.S. Labor, Women's Bureau, AAUW, Metropolitan Council, KCKCC Tech Center, 6565 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 64122.  
6:00-8:00 PM **RUN, WOMEN, RUN!—for Public Office**, Women office holders share experiences & 'how-to tips' on campaigning, Nat'l Archives, 400 W. Pershing Rd., Kansas City, MO. Sponsor: AAUW, RSVP: 816-268-8010 or [kansascityeducate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascityeducate@nara.gov). Contact: [janebarnes2010@aol.com](mailto:janebarnes2010@aol.com)

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**  
6:00-8:00 PM **Equal Rights Act is Now**, Jessica Neuwirth, founder of Equality Now, Central Library, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, MO. RSVP: 816-701-3406 or [www.kclibrary.org](http://www.kclibrary.org). Contact: [janebarnes2010@aol.com](mailto:janebarnes2010@aol.com)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**  
6:00-8:00 PM **Women Who Made America**, KCP2, PBS Television, American Revolution on the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Movement in the United States.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**  
10:00-11:00 AM **First Women's Home Care Workers Strike**, Presentation by Rev. Margaret, Office of the Bishop, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 400 W. Pershing Rd., Room 113. RSVP: 816-268-8010 or [kansascityeducate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascityeducate@nara.gov). Contact: [janebarnes2010@aol.com](mailto:janebarnes2010@aol.com)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**  
1:00-4:00 PM **Women Make: Women Who Made America**, KCP2, PBS Television, American Revolution on the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Movement in the United States.

## IGNITE YOUR PASSION!

Global Issues  
Scholarships  
Public Policy  
Education  
Literary Awards  
Diversity/Inclusion  
S.T.E.M.

**FALL**  
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MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF

*You're invited!*

Join us from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday,  
September 12 at All Souls Church

4501 Walnut St / KCMO 64111  
(Across from the Kemper Museum)

We will provide exuberant members, light refreshments, sparkling conversation, quick sketches of branch activities, easy parking, and more! Please bring friends and potential new members to join in the merriment!

Please contact Stefanie Hatfield at [sthatfield2@gmail.com](mailto:sthatfield2@gmail.com) or 816-942-4779 to request an invitation to be sent to anyone who may be interested in joining AAUW.

Hosted by the 2015-16 Board and Membership Committee.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***So much to look forward to and so much to do!***

What a summer it has been and what a year we have ahead of us! The Kansas City Branch of AAUW stands proud and poised to deliver outstanding programs promoting equity for girls and women, striving for diversity and inclusion, and celebrating

wonderful camaraderie among new and long-time members. I am honored to serve as your president for 2015-2016 and ever so grateful for the support of an outstanding board and all the dedicated members who work hard to make our branch exceptional.

The **AAUW National Convention in San Diego** this past June was truly memorable. Linda Berube, Ellen Johnson and I were among the thousand plus registrants filling the hallways and meeting rooms and engaging in learning about and debating the many important issues affecting women and families throughout the nation. The convention was exhilarating, energizing, exhausting and always motivating. Excellent workshops offered tips and tools on many topics so important to our members. AND we scored kudos for our newsletter and Linda Berube was selected to serve on the Branch Program Resources Committee! Thank you AAUW-KC board and members for making it possible for me to attend. I will always be grateful for your generosity and will try to do my very best to make it worth your while.

Onward to the upcoming year of events...Sara Pedram, Program Vice President, has been working hard to develop engaging and educational programs for members and the public. The program calendar is packed with exciting speakers discussing topics such as:

"Diversity and Inclusion: How Does Kansas City Rate?", "Win for KC-Girls in Sports (Title IX)", "Cities for CEDAW" and "Deans of Women & Feminist Movement". You will also want to be present for author Maija Rhee Devine's presentation about her newest writings on the comfort women of WWII at the Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award Luncheon on October 3. Be sure to familiarize yourselves with the schedule of events and mark your calendars. You won't want to miss a thing!

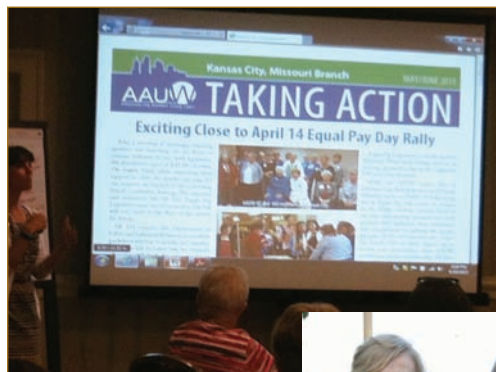
Change is coming! Please note the new diversity statement that graces our newsletter. AAUW is proud of its diverse membership and prouder still to make its diversity and inclusion policy public whenever and wherever possible.

Another change in the wind is the development of an event that will assist female engineering students and recent female graduates of engineering to connect with potential employers. The "Speed Mentoring" experience, proposed by the very capable Marian McClelland, promises to be another feather in the sponsorship cap of AAUW-KC. Look for more details in future issues of the newsletter.

Members, this is the year to become more active and step up your volunteer game! Let our Fall Fling at All Souls Church on September 19, "*Ignite Your Passion!*" for doing great things with AAUW-KC.

*Stephanie Holthaus*

AAUW-KC President



KC newsletter displayed as example of "Outstanding Newsletter" during a breakout session at the AAUW National Convention.



KC members Ellen Johnson and Linda Berube enjoy a cool beverage at the AAUW National Convention in sunny California.



**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 [www.aauw.org](http://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.

Please visit our website at [aauwkc.org](http://aauwkc.org) for more news, information and calendar of events.







## AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

## 2ND &amp; 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

WALDO LIBRARY / ROOM A / 201 E 75TH ST / KCMO 64114 / 10 AM

- AUGUST 14 & 28
- SEPTEMBER 11 & 25
- OCTOBER 9 & 23

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 joanashores1010@gmail.com.

## 3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- AUGUST 20 / WESTSIDE LOCAL

1663 SUMMIT ST / KCMO 64108 / 11:30 AM

- SEPTEMBER 17 / VIETNAM CAFE

2200 W 39TH AVE / KCKS 66103 / 11:30 AM

- OCTOBER 15 / REPUBLICA

4807 JEFFERSON ST / KCMO 64112 / 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 / KCMO 64114 / 6-7 PM

- AUG 25 - *The Voices of Heaven* by Maija Rhee Devine

The devotion and secrets of a family living in Seoul at the cusp of the Korean War. (2014 Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award winner.)

- SEPT 22 - *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride

A slave unites with John Brown in Brown's abolitionist mission.

- OCT 27 - *Still Alive* by Lisa Genova

Alice Howland, a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a world-renowned linguistics expert, suffers early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

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

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**IN THE WORKS:** We are promoting Women's Equality Week by presenting our first AAUW-KCKCC Women's Equality Award to Valdenia Winn, for strongly resisting legislation as to who qualifies for in-state tuition. The award will be presented following the Women's Center Brown Bag program on August 26, 12-1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Patsy Kile ([patsykile920@gmail.com](mailto:patsykile920@gmail.com)). Also, we are retaining and adding new members, strengthening promotions and publicity through a monthly calendar, and possibly working with a student intern. We are pursuing AAUW Campus Action Projects and other grants, recruiting students for membership at the Back to School Bash on August 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Partnering with other student organizations in common causes, such as a voter registration. We are raising scholarship funds by selling note cards featuring KCKCC students' art work; sponsoring a Wine Tour on October 23, 1-5 p.m.; and Spa Bingo in October and November, which will feature reduced rates for KCKCC cosmetology services and prizes for completed bingo cards. Finally, we will continue sponsoring and volunteering for Study Buddies, a Wednesday afternoon tutoring program for Parker Elementary Students.

## 2015-2016 AAUW-KC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS CONTACT INFORMATION

President: Stephanie Holthaus ([steffi64110@yahoo.com](mailto:steffi64110@yahoo.com))President-elect: Marian McClellan ([marianmcclellan@mac.com](mailto:marianmcclellan@mac.com))Immediate Past-President/Nominating Chair: Winnie Weinrich ([winnieweinrich@gmail.com](mailto:winnieweinrich@gmail.com))Secretary: Dana Perry ([dana.perry08@live.com](mailto:dana.perry08@live.com))Program VP: Sara Pedram ([spedram45@kc.rr.com](mailto:spedram45@kc.rr.com))Membership VP: Stefanie Hatfield ([sthatfield2@gmail.com](mailto:sthatfield2@gmail.com))Finance Officer: Nicky Stanke ([nickystanke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nickystanke@sbcglobal.net))Communications Chair: Linda Berube ([ljbaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:ljbaauw@hotmail.com))Finance Chair: Ellen Johnson ([ellen.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.johnson@gmail.com))Funds Chair: Mary Emily Kitterman ([mekgik@aol.com](mailto:mekgik@aol.com))Public Policy Chairs: Joanie Shores ([joanashores1010@gmail.com](mailto:joanashores1010@gmail.com)) andRiva Capellari ([rivacapellari@gmail.com](mailto:rivacapellari@gmail.com))

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**8/26/2015** marks the 95th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. It also marks the victory of the women's suffrage movement in the United States—a seventy-year battle.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Florence Petrides	8/11	Jane Crigler	9/14
Betty Hutson	8/14	Brenda Kelly	9/17
Joanie Shores	8/14	Heidi English	9/22
Gene Foster	8/18	Arzie Umali	10/4
Corinne Mahaffey	8/24	Marian McClellan	10/14
Jean Phillips	8/25	Suzanne Carroll	10/20
Karen Smith	8/29	Anita Parran	10/21
Fran Weeks	8/30	Rose Grinstead	10/27
Nicky Stanke	9/8	Stephanie Holthaus	10/28
Linda Berube	9/9	Marian Wade	10/28



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### • DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: HOW DOES KANSAS CITY RATE?

**THURSDAY / OCTOBER 15**

**6 PM RECEPTION / 6:30 PROGRAM**

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT KANSAS CITY**

**400 W PERSHING RD / KCMO 64108**

AAUW-KC and the National Archives will host a presentation by a distinguished panel of local experts who will address this question from many different view points. Panelists include: **Amy Conger**, ADA Compliance Manager for Kansas City, Missouri; **Lewis Diuguid**, *Kansas City Star* Editor and Columnist; **Judy Hellman**, Jewish Community Relations Bureau; **Stuart Hinds**, Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America (GLAMA) and Assistant Dean of Special Collections and Archives at UMKC; **Bette Tate-Beaver**, panel moderator and Executive Director for National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME); and **Arzie Umali**, Assistant Director, Women's Center UMKC.

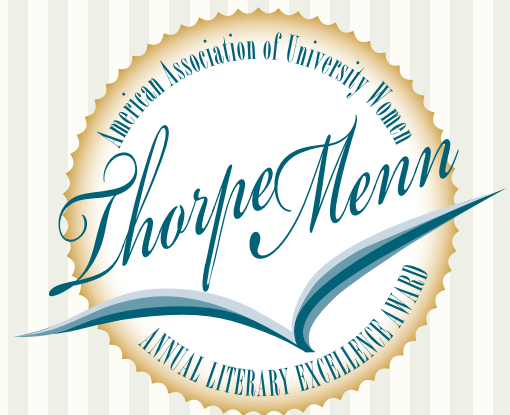
Each panel member will review the history of the community he or she represents, rate KC's openness to inclusion and answer prepared questions posed by the moderator. Following the presentation, there will be a Q & A session with audience participation. The event promises to be stimulating and thought provoking, and we hope that the guests will leave with a new understanding and appreciation for the diversity that is Kansas City.

You don't want to miss this outstanding presentation at the National Archives on October 15. Reservations are required. Please email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or call 816-268-8000.



At the annual June picnic we celebrated our accomplishments and achievements, installed the 2015-2016 officers, and enjoyed a potluck dinner together.

*June Celebration Picnic*



You're invited to attend the 37th Annual  
AAUW-KC and KC Public Library

## THORPE MENN AWARD LUNCHEON

*Celebrating the literary excellence of local authors.*

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

**11:30 a.m. Social / Lunch 12 noon**

**Kansas City Public Library—Central Branch**

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



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### MAIJA RHEE DEVINE

Korean-born writer and Korean War survivor, Maija Rhee Devine, will join us to talk about her multi-award-winning

novel *The Voices of Heaven* (including the 2014 Thorpe Menn Award), about a family living in Seoul at the cusp of the Korean War. She will also share her current writings about Korean comfort women – the title Koreans endow on the elderly women of WWII.



This year, we honor Vivien Jennings, President of Rainy Day Books, for her generous support of the Thorpe Menn Award and local authors.

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

**RSVP by Friday, Sept. 25** to Ellen Johnson at (816) 931-5288 or mail your check payable to: **AAUW-KC, Attn: Ellen Johnson, 4505 Headwood Dr. #7, Kansas City, MO 64111-3439.**

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

*WATCH FOR FORMAL INVITE IN YOUR MAILBOX SOON!*