



TAKING ACTION

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



• WIN for KC – Promoting and Empowering Student Female Athletes – Title IX Program

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 / 6 PM RECEPTION & 6:30 PROGRAM

KC LIBRARY-WALDO BRANCH, 201 E. 75TH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO



Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a law to protect people from discrimination in education based on their sex/gender. Some areas included in this legislation are sexual assault, harassment, violence, sexual orientation, and discrimination in sports. Title IX has made a dramatic impact on the number of girls participating in sports at both the high school and collegiate levels. **Plan to join us on January 19, to learn about our successes, the areas where we are falling short, and why it is so important to give girls these opportunities.**

Co-presenters are **Lisa Diven**, WIN for KC Director and **Sarah Morris**, WIN for KC Advisory Board Chair. WIN for KC provides programming and networking including: “Girls on the Run” – 3rd to 8th grade girls participate in a coach-led program twice a week that combines training for a 5K race/walk with lessons in self-respect and healthy living; and womentalksports.com – an online network that connects the best blogs relating to women’s sports. With the goal of promoting and empowering female athleticism, the website connects sites from across the globe that provide high-quality news, opinion, advice, blogs, data and tools.

A reception with light refreshment begins our evening at 6:00, followed by the program from 6:30–7:15, and Q&A concluding around 7:45. This is a free event with reservations requested to Sara Pedram (spedram45@kc.rr.com) by January 9.

• Joint Luncheon Meeting – Kansas City and Shawnee Mission AAUW Branches



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016 / 11:30 AM

KINGSWOOD SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY / 10000 WORNALL RD. / KANSAS CITY, MO



At this annual meeting we will enjoy a buffet lunch in the Westminster Dining Room at Kingswood, followed by a program presented by AAUW-KC member and award-winning author **Maija Rhee Devine**. She will talk about her research and new writings about Korean “comfort women” who were forced into providing sexual services to Japanese soldiers during WWII—most of whom were ages 12–19. Maija has personally visited with many surviving comfort women at The House of Sharing in South Korea. Pictured (l-r): Gunja Kim, Oksun Lee, Maija, and Oksun Park in September 2015. “They became comfort women when they were 17 or 18. Gunja was hit by a Japanese soldier when she resisted his sexual attack and her left ear drum was permanently damaged. I had to shout into her right ear.” The program will include a reading and a PowerPoint presentation.

A special invitation will be delivered in late January with confirmed luncheon cost (estimated \$15 per person). RSVPs will be required for this event to Sara Pedram (spedram45@kc.rr.com) by February 10.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, we will have had our fill of turkey, ham, stuffing and pumpkin pie and eagerly herald the festive days ahead. Holly, mistletoe, sparkling trees and wreathes, gifts, cards and carols are already here as the New Year closes in. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, maybe we could take just a few moments to think about what AAUW means to each of us.

I believe that finding new friends is a powerful incentive to join this organization. We all look forward to meeting women with whom we can share common interests. In listening to members discuss longtime friendships forged over the years of activities together, I am always moved at the affection and admiration expressed for members present and past. These friendships all share a common link: **AAUW's mission to advocate for women and girls and to change their lives for the better.**

The power to help change the lives of women and girls motivates members to support scholarships and causes at both local and national levels. This year's national annual report reveals Legacy Circle members from our very own branch. At the local level, branch members fundraise in a variety of creative ways. Upcoming events include **Celebration! Wine and Cheese on January 3rd** and, later in the month, **a matinee at the MET (January 24th) to enjoy a play about a remarkable French woman during the Age of Enlightenment.**

Women have always shouldered the duty to volunteer. Where it may be difficult for us to financially support every cause, we make up the difference in (wo)man hours. AAUW-KC simply could not function without these generous members who step up and give up (cheerfully, I might add) their time and energy. Additional volunteers are heartily welcome and needed for branch programs and events, and I hope that your New Year's resolutions will include giving your

valuable time and considerable talents in the service of AAUW.

Political activism draws in members who want to give voice to their principles by participating in the **Pay Equity Event in Jefferson City every April. Cities for CEDAW**, a new United Nations initiative to eliminate discrimination against women, has also captured the interest of branch members who recently convened with other women organizations and representatives with the Human Rights Commission of Kansas City.

In summing up, I would say that AAUW provides members the opportunity to make long-lasting friends, the power to change lives through programs, financial support, political activism, and members' volunteer efforts help us reach our goals to bring about positive change in the lives of local women and girls.

My New Year's wishes are that 2016 is an exceptionally good year for each and every one of you, and that our branch continues to successfully serve women and girls as it has done since 1893.

Stephanie Holthaus
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AAUW-KC President



Looking for Interviewers

We have been interviewing Kansas City members about their experiences as members of AAUW for the archives at UMKC. There are many of us to interview so we are looking for a few members who can connect and conduct interviews to complete this historic project. A meeting to discuss the details is being planned for mid-January. If you are interested, please contact Corinne Mahaffey at corinne.mahaffey@gmail.com or 816-645-1350.

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 national website (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.

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





Membership 2015 Recap

By Stefanie Hatfield

Welcome to these eighteen newest and returning members: **Christie Barron, Melinda Buie, Carol Cowles, Kay Engler, Keri Flanagan, Alicia Hooks, Karen Stakem Hornig, Katie Jones, Bridget Kurkowski, Teri Nelson, Rachel Reeder, Kathleen Roy, Carol Stowe, Patricia Taylor, Pamela Walden, Linda Warner, Marjorie Williams and Joyce Dozier Wright.**

We are eager to meet all of you to advance equity for women and girls through branch projects and programs. Please feel free to contact me for membership information: Stefanie Hatfield, 816-942-4779 or sthatfield2@gmail.com.



Celebration!
WINE & CHEESE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 4-6 PM

Branch members and guests are invited to a 2016 party at the Plaza home of AAUW-KC member Marian McClellan and her husband, Patrick Dolan (4585 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO)

The wine will be provided by Marian McClellan and Nicky Stanke, and the KC Branch will benefit from free-will donations accepted at the door. (\$15 suggested.) Reservations are required. Invite your friends, family and potential members, then contact Ellen Johnson at 816-931-5288 or ellen.johnson@gmail.com with your guest list.

A BIG THANKS to Marian and Nicky for their generosity!

Curtain 2 p.m., Sunday
January 24
by Lauren Gunderson



Emilie
La Marquise du Châtelet Defends Her Life Tonight

A live premier performance at the **Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre** (3604 Main St., Kansas City MO)

Learn about the first published French female scientist and support AAUW!

TICKETS: \$30 / Make checks payable to AAUW-KC and mail to: NICKY STANKE, 1101 WALNUT, #905, KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

KCKCC Corner

By Patsy Kile / Janice McIntyre

Best wishes from AAUW-KCKCC for a grand Holiday Season! A busy productive semester is winding down for AAUW-KC satellite members at KCKCC.

Some of the semester fundraising events included: "My Shelf to Your Shelf" Book sale (raised \$90), Wyandotte County Wine Tour (raised \$250) and the SPA GO (still being collected).

An enthusiastic group of +30 student members met with Patsy Kile this semester. Activities included regular meetings, a Meet & Greet reception, input and planning on CAP grant, and attending the AAUW-KC CEDAW program on women's rights.

The Parker Elementary Study Buddies Program has completed another successful semester of homework assistance, curricular enrichment and other after-school activities.

In Spring 2016, we will receive a CAP grant, "Environmental Attitudes: Workplace Conditions for Women in Engineering and Computing." The steering committee held their first meeting on December 8. In addition to the grant implementation and program planning, other planned Spring 2016 activities include: Nelson Art Gallery Tour, another Wine Tour, and "Get Out the Vote"/Voter Education Projects.

For more details, visit the AAUW-KCKCC Facebook page.



Join with activists from across the state working for legislation to enhance the lives of Missouri's women.

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RETREAT
JANUARY 16, 2016
8:30 AM-2:30 PM / HY-VEE
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM / 405 E. NIFONG BLVD. / COLUMBIA, MO 65201



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN WEBBER
A candidate for State Senate, and the lead sponsor of the most viable pay equity bill in the last session of the Missouri Legislature.

Issues including minimum wage, right-to-work, ethics, Medicaid expansion, and more will be discussed.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CALL 314-831-5359 / 573-449-8062 OR EMAIL SBREEZE@MINDSPRING.COM / GBUTLER1111@AOL.COM

A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided in the morning. Lunch will be available for purchase in the Hy-Vee Deli.



A joyful time was had by all at the annual Wagyu Awards & Holiday Luncheon at Mission Hills Country Club in December.

Guests gathered for delicious cuisine, good conversation, and to learn about the wonderful organizations receiving Wagyu grants and how they will use the funds to help women and girls. Congratulations to the 2015 Wagyu Award recipients:

- **City in Motion Dance Theater & Apprentice Co.** received \$2,763 for scholarships.
- **Connecting for Good** received \$3,255 for their “Pemberton Park Digital Inclusion Project.”
- **Science Pioneers, Inc.** received \$1,525 for their “Expanding Your Horizons” program costs and scholarships.
- **Hope House, Inc.** received \$4,000 for on-site dental clinics for survivors of domestic violence.



Recipients of the 2015 Wagyu awards (l-r): Andrea Skowronek, City in Motion Dance Theater & Apprentice Co.; Rick Deane, Connecting for Good; LeAnn Smith, Science Pioneers, Inc.; and MaryAnne Metheny, Hope House, Inc.



Wagyu Committee members (l-r): Cynthia Ginn, Jane Crigler, Sara Pedram, Dana Perry, Ellen Johnson and Stephanie Holthaus.

AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY FORUM

WALDO BRANCH LIBRARY / 201 E. 75TH ST. / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

• JANUARY 15 & 29 / FEBRUARY 12 & 26 / 10 AM

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 joaneshores1010@gmail.com.

CUISINE CLUB

• JANUARY 21 / MICHAEL FORBES / 11:30 AM

128 W. 63RD ST. / KANSAS CITY, MO 64113

• FEBRUARY 18 / AVENUE BISTRO / 11:30 AM

338 W 63RD ST. / KANSAS CITY, MO 64113

• MARCH 17 / JJ'S RESTAURANT / 11:30 AM

900 W. 48TH PLACE, SUITE 110, KANSAS CITY, MO 64112

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

• JANUARY 26 / FEBRUARY 23 / 6 PM

For book club details, please call Jane Hatch at 816-838-7626 or email her at janehatch@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

• ONE CONVERSATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE MARCH 2016

AAUW-KC will be hosting a Speed Mentoring Event that will match women engineering students with women engineering professionals at Minsky's/Eggtc on the Plaza. In the AAUW report, “Solving the Equation,” we learned that one conversation with a helpful role model can have a lasting positive impact on a young woman's life. Join me in providing that one conversation. We could use some greeters, administrative support and an evaluator for the event. If you are interested in volunteering and for more information, please call Marian McClellan at 630-659-7748 or email marianmcclellan@mac.com.

• AAUW-MO ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 30

AAUW-MO will host their Spring Conference on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 422 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, MO. Awards, news, and critical information are all part of the day, starting with a continental breakfast and registration at 8 a.m. Elizabeth Holden, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager, will brief us on national AAUW developments and issues and advise us on AAUW activities during this election year. We are all looking forward to a robust and energizing conference!

Outgoing and incoming AAUW-MO board members will convene for dinner, Friday evening, April 29, also at the Doubletree.

For hotel room reservations, call 573-636-5101 and ask to reserve in the AAUW block of rooms. They are all double rooms, at a rate of \$104 per night.

Watch for more details about these events in the next edition of *TAKING ACTION*.

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