

# TAKING ACTION

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## "GIRLS, WOMEN, AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION"



**JOIN US TUESDAY, MARCH 14 FROM 6-8 P.M. AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT KANSAS CITY**, 400 W. Pershing Road (just west of Union Station) in honor of Women's History Month for a light reception followed by a panel discussion at 6:30 titled, "Girls, Women, and International Education". A Q&A session will conclude the evening.

The panelists and topics will include:

- **Kimberly Connelly Holland, M.A.T.**, Senior International Officer; Office of International Programs, University of Kansas Medical Center. How are girls and women educated abroad?
- **Tom Patterson, Ph.D.**, Director, International Education, Johnson County Community College. Benefits and outcomes of gender parity and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- **Angela Markley-Peterson**, Director of Global Education and Study Abroad, Park University-Parkville Campus. American girls and women study abroad — Overview of inbound and outbound international students.

This is a free event presented in partnership with the National Archives. Reservations are requested for this event by calling 816-268-8010 or emailing [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov).

## BRIDGING THE GAP CELEBRATING SISTERHOOD THURSDAY, FEB. 23

Join in a discussion about current women's issues and explore ways to work together across cultures.

**6:00 P.M. GET ACQUAINTED / REFRESHMENTS**

**6:30 PROGRAM**

**6:45 BREAK-OUT GROUPS**

**7:30 FINDINGS**

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
CENTENNIAL HALL** 601 Main St., Kansas City

Use entrance on south side of the church. Free parking in the multi-level garage south of church. For handicap access, park and enter on north side of church and use elevator to lower level.

**RSVP REQUESTED TO**

[bridgingthegapcelebratingsisterhood.eventbrite.com](http://bridgingthegapcelebratingsisterhood.eventbrite.com)



Since 1931, the AAUW-KC branch has awarded 100 outstanding high school girls from Kansas City public schools annually at a ceremony. Currently, three out of the 100 girls are awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship.

In reviewing the last few years of the 100 High School Girls program, the committee discovered fewer scholarship application submissions (less than 60% of the girls nominated submit applications and essays); lower ceremony attendance (approximately 30% of the 100 girls attend); and added costs to hold the ceremony (i.e. venue rental, roses and awards for the girls, table cloths, decorations, napkins and plates for refreshments.)

Due to these findings, this year we have elected to present the 100 High School Girls scholarships/awards to the girls at their schools instead of holding a ceremony. We will also be putting the cost of the ceremony to better use by providing \$200-\$250 book awards for two additional girls.



## Reentry Woman of the Year AWARDS BRUNCH

### YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2017 REENTRY WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS BRUNCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22 AT UNITY VILLAGE DINING HALL, 9:30 A.M.-12 NOON

(1901 NW Blue Pkwy., Unity Village, MO 64065). This annual event is hosted by AAUW-KC and presented by the InterBranch Council (IBC). It 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-KC) by April 11 to: **Stephanie Holthaus, 4433 Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64110**. Donations for award recipients' brunch costs and Reentry scholarships are welcome! For more information, please contact Stephanie at 816-309-8021 or [stephanieholthaus2@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieholthaus2@gmail.com).

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## Waiting for Spring

Over my life I've written many difficult pieces; from late-night term papers to high-stakes corporate reports. This month's article ranks among the most difficult because this is a time of unprecedented loss and unexpected gifts.

Many have lost home, security and family. With tweets, executive orders and hearings, the reminders of loss are everywhere.

Many have given time, energy and prayers. With phone calls, postcards and protest marches, reminders of blessings are everywhere.

I am grateful for the outreach and grateful to live in this country at a time when so much is at stake. More than ever, I appreciate the sisterhood of AAUW-KC that has thrived since 1893. I know we will be here long after the winter of 2017 has passed, and so will I.

If you haven't already, join us. If you are a member, invite a friend. Where else can you find lively books, good cuisine, stimulating programs, and energetic political activism — all in one community? I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

*Marian McClellan*

AAUW-KC President



# WE CAN DO IT! GET YOUR VOICES HEARD!

BY CAROL COWLES AND RIVA CAPELLARI, PUBLIC POLICY CO-CHAIRS

As the daily political news hits, remember that a personal AAUW response is only a "click" away. A "Two-Minute Activist" tab on the national AAUW website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) is an easy and efficient way to stay in constant contact with your Senators and Representatives.

An important day is coming — **April 4 is Equal Pay Day!** AAUW-KC is participating in two events on this day to help bring change and get our voices heard in regards to equal pay for women:

**#1 EQUAL PAY DAY INFORMATION TABLE** UMKC's Women's Center present a program on April 4, 10 a.m.–12 noon at the Center (105 Haag Hall). The event will provide the opportunity for us to talk with UMKC students about our mission and sign them up for free student memberships. To offer your assistance at this event, contact Patti Jachowicz, College Partnership Chair ([pattijacho@gmail.com](mailto:pattijacho@gmail.com)) or Riva Capellari ([rivacapellari@gmail.com](mailto:rivacapellari@gmail.com)).

**#2 LOBBY DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY** AAUW-KC is coordinating this Equal Pay Day event on April 4. AAUW-MO has secured a grant to contribute to bus rental costs to and from Kansas City and St. Louis. Other groups including LWV (League of Women Voters) will join us to get our voices heard on other issues such as promoting anti-violence legislation and expanding voter registration. Contact Carol Cowles at 847-846-3450 or [carolcowles63@gmail.com](mailto:carolcowles63@gmail.com) for more details and to secure your seat on the bus.

Finally, the January 29th Resource Fair at KCKCC proved very fruitful in recruiting new members and generating interest in our organization. It is clear that many are looking for an opportunity to take action in bringing equity and support for women's issues. We need each member, old and new, to do their part in welcoming others into the group and providing support for our public policy efforts.



(L-R) Stephanie Holthaus, Linda Berube and Judith McGunegle help spread the word about AAUW at the KCKCC Resource Fair.

**JOIN  
OR RENEW**

### MISSION

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

### 2016–2017 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.



# 2017 WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON

BY CAROL COWLES



I was fortunate to have participated in the January 21, 2017 Women's March on Washington. I am writing this account about my experience and in response to the question *"What was it really like?"*

## WHY I WENT

I am concerned about the direction our new President is leading us in. I am worried women's rights, reproductive freedom, equal pay, and inclusion will not be a priority. I fear we may move backwards in what I value most: investing in public schools and supporting teachers.

## WHO I WENT WITH

A lifelong friend called and invited me to join her, her daughter, step-daughter and granddaughter. We were comprised of three generations, two races, and one team of passionate women.

## MY EXPERIENCE

Early that morning we arrived at the Judicial Center. By 10 a.m., there were so many people

that we were standing shoulder to shoulder. We were like a tiny organism swaying in an ocean of pink because almost everyone was wearing a pink something. Knitted pink "Pussy Hats", made especially for this event, were everywhere.

What did we do in the hours before the march started? We chanted. One person or part of a group would start a chant and others joined in support. My personal favorites were "It's My Body" (mostly from female voices) and "It's Her Body" (mostly male voices). Some chants were very catchy; some slightly risqué, and some heavy with expletives. One chant didn't last long but made me laugh, "You're gross, you're orange...Damn, nothing rhymes with orange."

We read each other's signs. People held up signs on many different issues: environment, inclusion, racial justice, LGBTQ rights, and many, many more. Most were illustrated with beautiful personally-prepared artwork.

We introduced ourselves and listened to other people's issues (stories) on why they were there. It was a wonderful, powerful, emotional, satisfying way to spend a chilly, damp day among 500,000 folks who had a common goal — calling attention to what needs to change for ALL OF US to be OK.

At about 1:30 p.m. we marched. Amazingly, the enormous, pink-tinged multitude "baby stepped" along, taking care of each other...If it sounds a little mystical — it was!

## MY AFTERTHOUGHTS

My experience differed because of my position in the crowd, I could not hear speakers: Ashley Judd, Cecile Richards, America Ferrera, Gloria Steinem, Maryum Ali, and others. My experience also differed because of my position in life. As a follow-up, I have joined 100 Days of Action ([www.womensmarch.com](http://www.womensmarch.com)) and I am committed to keeping pressure on my Senators and Representatives.

## MEMBERS CORNER

BY STEFANIE HATFIELD, MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

Bruner, Laura Everett, Kay Hawes, Anne Hendrickson, Hannah Knuth, Kathi McGowan, Amy Milakovic, Shannon Peterson, Diane Plunkett and Barbara Sanders.

Due to the enthusiasm and hard work of AAUW-KC members and the renewed focus on women's issues around the country we have recently added 10 new members to our roster. Please join us in welcoming and getting to know these new members: Lynn

## HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE!

AAUW-KC recently sent out a letter asking for your contributions for scholarships: \$1,000 for a local college student to attend the national AAUW conference (NCCWSL) in Washington D.C. and \$650 for the 2017 Reentry Woman of the Year scholarship.

This year we are being (anonymously) challenged by an offer to match all contributions up to \$800 received before February 15. Please help us meet the challenge by sending your contributions, payable to AAUW-KC, to Nicky Stanke, 1101 Walnut St, Unit 905, Kansas City, MO 64106. Thank you.



# COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

The 2017 Reentry Woman of the Year scholarship packets were distributed in January to partner campus coordinators at UMKC,

MCC-Penn Valley, MCC-Business & Technology Center, and KCKCC. **Application deadline is March 20, 2017.**

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship packets have also been distributed to our partner colleges. Our branch awards one scholarship to an emerging student leader for a maximum of \$1,000 to cover registration, room and board, and travel expenses. **Application deadline is March 8, 2017.** Students have been strongly encouraged to also apply for a national NCCWSL scholarship. For more information, please contact Patti Jachowicz at 224-558-7757 or [pattijacho@gmail.com](mailto:pattijacho@gmail.com).

## EVENTS RECAP

AAUW-KCKCC held a planning meeting for the Spring 2017 semester in January. Plans include assisting students with NCCWSL/Reentry scholarship applications. Several new sponsors will assist in a showing of “Equal Means Equal,” as well as the presenting of the third season of the Luna Film Fest. Women’s History Month in March will feature programs coordinated with the KCKCC Intercultural Center and Student Activities Offices. Details are forthcoming.

The Pioneer Career Center/KCKCC in Leavenworth held an introductory meeting for future AAUW-KCKCC students in early February. A second meeting is planned for **March 3 at 2 p.m., Pioneer Career Center/Room 154.** Dr. Janice McIntyre facilitates these meetings.

AAUW-Penn Valley and Women on the Move hosted a “Coffee & Conversation” for women students on February 7 in the Campus Center. Students learned about spring programs and scholarships available from Follett Books, AAUW-KC and NCCWSL. The Coffee & Conversation series will take place throughout the semester for networking, support and special topic discussions. **April’s session topic will be on “The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap”** based on AAUW national research.

UMKC presented a benefit performance of “The Vagina Monologues” on February 16 at the UMKC Union Theater. Proceeds benefitted the UMKC Womens’ Center.

There are many spring events coordinated through the Penn Valley Campus Life & Leadership Office for students to get involved in such as Behind Student Closed Doors, a student-focused group dedicated to the education and inclusion of the MCC-PV community through open and honest dialogue; MCC Leadership Summit – Cultivating and Sustaining Leadership; The Clothesline Project; The Facts about Domestic Violence presented by the Rose

Brooks Center; a showing of “Audrie & Daisy”, a documentary about four cases of rape; LGBT 101 and LGBT History Tour of KC; and fundraising for the PV Scout’s Cupboard food pantry.

**Good news!** Discussions are underway to launch AAUW activities and student membership at the MCC Business & Technology Center, (Front St., Kansas City). Women on the campus are pursuing degrees and certificates in “nontraditional” applied career fields that are in demand in the Kansas City area.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Nominating Committee met on February 13 to consider officer positions to fill for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. Committee members included **Chairperson Stephanie Holthaus, Kathleen Brandt, Carol Cowles, Patsy Phelan and Janelle Ramsburg.**

The positions to be filled include President Elect, Program Co-Vice-President, Membership Vice-President, and Finance Officer. The committee encourages and will gladly consider names that branch members wish to submit for consideration. Please contact any of the committee members with recommendations.

## MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

### 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

- MAR 10 & 24
- APR 14 & 28

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](mailto:joaneshores1010@gmail.com).

### 3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- MAR 16 / COAL VINES  
616 WARD PKWY., KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM
  - APR 20 / SUMMIT GRILL  
520 W 75TH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM
  - MAY 18 / RED SNAPPER  
8430 WARD PKWY., KANSAS CITY, MO / 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 BRANCH LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST / KCMO 64114 / 6-7 PM
- MAR 28 / “KITCHENS OF THE GREAT MIDWEST”  
BY YVETTE DESMARAIS
  - APR 25 / “CHAPERONE” BY LAURA MORIARTY/KAY ENGLER
- For BOOK CLUB information, please contact **Jane Hatch**, 816-838-7626 or [janehatch@yahoo.com](mailto:janehatch@yahoo.com).



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN-**MISSOURI**

**ANNUAL STATE MEETING:  
“CHANGING THE CLIMATE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS”**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017**

**HOLIDAY INN EXECUTIVE CENTER**

(2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration/Coffee/Networking
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	OPENING SESSION – Welcome! – Jan Scott, AAUW-MO President AAUW Update – Janet Bunger, AAUW Board
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM	AAUW-MO Business Meeting & Annual Awards Jan Scott, Presiding
(Photos: 11:30-11:45 AM)	
12:00 Noon – 12:45 PM	LUNCH
12:45 PM – 1:15 PM	LAF – Speaker Aileen Rizo, Plaintiff, Rizo v. Fresno
1:15PM – 1:45 PM	CEDAW What is it? – Gail James
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Public Policy Impact Grant Update: MO Lobby Corps and What’s Up in Jeff City?– Pat Shores, Karen Francis
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Wrap-Up – Jan Scott, Presiding

Please mail in the bottom portion of this flyer with your check **BEFORE APRIL 6**.  
Registration fee: \$60.00 (Late registration \$65.00). Make checks payable to AAUW of Missouri,  
with “2017 Conference” in the memo line.

Mail to: ELLEN JOHNSON, 4505 Headwood Dr., Apt. 7, Kansas City, MO 64111  
A block of rooms is being held for Friday night. To make a reservation call 573-445-8531 and say  
you are with American Association of University Women (use 3-digit code ‘AAW’).

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**2017 AAUW-MO ANNUAL STATE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW BRANCH (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of guests (give their contact information on the reverse side) \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_