



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

MAY/JUNE 2017

TAKING ACTION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CITY UNION MISSION. YOUR CITY. YOUR MISSION.

**CITY UNION MISSION TOUR & PRESENTATION
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 / 6:00 PM
CITY UNION MISSION FAMILY CENTER**

1310 WABASH ST, KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Come and learn about the important and inspirational work of the City Union Mission in the greater Kansas City area. **Sandy Baldwin** will join us to speak about the various services and programs the Mission provides to those in need including meals, emergency shelter, longer-term shelter, youth camp, training, and more.

NOTE: A brief Annual Membership Meeting will follow the program for the election of the 2017-2018 officers. A quorum of 16 members is required to conduct business. Please make every effort to join us and make your vote count in our annual election.

Carpooling is encouraged, due to limited parking.

2017-2018 OFFICER CANDIDATES TO BE PRESENTED AT MAY 16 ANNUAL MEETING:

President—**Linda Berube**

Co-Presidents Elect—**Ellen Johnson** and
Stefanie Hatfield

Secretary—**Wanda Perkins**

Program Co-Vice Presidents—**Joanie
Shores** and **Judith McGunegle**

Membership Vice President—**Teri
Wichman**

Finance Officer (Treasurer)—**Jane
Vincent**

Additional officer nominations will be considered at the Annual Membership Meeting on May 16.

NOTICE: *TAKING ACTION* will resume publication in mid-August 2017. To stay abreast of AAUW-KC news and information, please visit <http://kansascity-mo.aauw.net/>.

June Celebration Picnic



COME CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING NEW
YEAR WITH THE INSTALLATION OF OUR 2017–2018 OFFICERS.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

5:00–7:30 PM

**LOOSE PARK GARDEN CENTER
5200 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64112**

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

Drinks and dinnerware provided. No reservations required.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This has been a year that most of us will never forget. I will always remember the many unexpected and unasked-for blessings that came to me throughout the year.

Linda Berube is on the top of my gratitude list. She was one of the first to welcome me to AAUW-KC when I moved and she has been a true friend since. This year she worked behind the scenes to fill in the gaps, and there were many. She has a big heart and deep expertise in all things AAUW.

And the list goes on:

- the thoughtfulness and work of **Sara Pedram** and **Judith McGunegle** every month as they brought us another year of wonderful programs
- the twinkling energy of **Wanda Perkins** that she put toward 100 High School Girls, meeting minutes and room reservations
- the constant calm of **Stefanie Hatfield** as she tracked and grew our membership and gave us another Fall Fling to celebrate
- the gentle encouragement, positive feedback, and leadership from **Stephanie Holthaus** as she kept us focused on the big picture
- the balanced books and patient answers to all our budget questions from **Nicky Stanke**
- the bright spirit and kindness of **Ellen Johnson** who kept us together with lunches, fundraising, financial planning, and the Thorpe Menn and Waggy traditions
- the sheer determination and attention to detail of **Doretta Perna**, who had big shoes to fill, as she kept all of our funds collected and reported
- the great ideas and commitment of the dynamic duo of **Carol Cowles** and **Riva Capellari**, as they informed and galvanized us with postcards, programs, marches, and buses
- the creativity of **Carrie Maidment** that came to us via beautiful newsletters and helpful email reminders
- the phenomenal multi-tasking of **Patti Jachowicz** who widened our reach every month through Universities and students as she brought scholarships and hope to women who need it the most
- the dependable, welcoming, and well-organized Book Club, thanks to **Jane Hatch**
- the fun of the Friday Forum, with **Joanie Shores**.

My final thanks go to all the members of AAUW-KC. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this unforgettable year. I'm looking forward to seeing what next year holds for all of us.

Marian McClellan

AAUW-KC President



**JOIN
OR RENEW**

MISSION

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

2017–2018 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.

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.



RECAP OF EVENTS: EQUAL PAY DAY 2017

“Busy, busy, busy,” aptly describes April 4 (Equal Pay Day) for many AAUW members! Public Policy Committee Co-Chair **Carol Cowles** organized a bus load of members from AAUW-Kansas City and -Independence, as well as members of the League of Women Voters and several other interested activists to travel to the Capitol in Jefferson City for Equity Action Day, organized by the Missouri Women’s Network. They joined over a hundred women (and a few men) from St. Louis, Columbia and throughout the state to dialogue with, learn from, and lobby legislators. Topics included pay equity, reproductive justice, human trafficking, and the victims’ employment safety and security act. In addition to members of AAUW and LWV, those in attendance included members of Planned Parenthood, National Council of Jewish Women, National Organization of Women, Vision 2020, and Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Following an introduction to Issues of the Day, the group lobbied their senators and representatives. During lunch, legislative briefings by Sen. Lauren Arthur, Sen. Gina Walsh, Sen. Scott Sifton, and Rep. Jean Evans provided opportunities for questions and answers. An afternoon lobbying session and meeting with State Auditor Nicole Galloway concluded the day.

AAUW group on the Capitol steps in Jefferson City.



AAUW-KC's information table at UMKC Women's Center.

Meanwhile, in Kansas City, Public Policy Co-Chair **Riva Capellari** and College/University Partnership Chair **Patti Jachowicz** joined the UMKC Women’s Center, UMKC Career Services and Department of Labor Women’s Bureau to present information on the gender pay gap to UMKC students. Students received an equal pay button (= \$) for their participation. Also, female students were given a large cookie and men a small cookie, with the opportunity to earn more cookies by answering questions about gender pay equity.

In addition to handing out AAUW’s Spring 2017 national report, *The Simple Truth About The Gender Pay Gap*, AAUW gave out PayDay candy bars. A total of 68 students took part. AAUW-KC signed up 33 enthusiastic new student members including quite a few men! In coordination with the event, the UMKC Bloch School of Business presented a workshop on salary negotiation. Riva and Patti enjoyed many rich and fulfilling conversations with the students who attended.

MEMBERS CORNER

BY STEFANIE HATFIELD, MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our newest members: **Lynn Bruner, Laura Everett, Kay Hawes, Anne Hendrickson, Hannah Knuth, Kathi McGowan, Amy Milakovic, Fran Padow, Shannon Peterson, Diane Plunkett** and **Barbara Sanders**.

Please take notice of the 2017–2018 Membership/Renewal Form on page 5. We are asking to have all renewals submitted by June 30, 2017, so we can get the directory out before September.

Invite your friends to join! They can use the same form! Also, let them know that if they attend a branch function and join then, they will receive 50% off the National dues.



100 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



The 2016–2017 100 High School Girls scholarship committee met on March 23, 2017, to read essays submitted by 34 Kansas City high school student applicants. Although there were 37 fewer applicants than last year, the quality of the essays was outstanding. (We had two fewer schools to select from due to the closing of the Southwest Early College Campus and Van Horn moving to the Independence school district.)

The final three 100 High School Girls scholarship recipients

are: **Rapuluchukwu Okolo** from Paseo Academy, **Sylvia Joerke** from Paseo Academy, and **Rae Nia Hill** from Northeast High School. This year we added a book scholarship in lieu of holding an awards event at Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. The winner of the book scholarship is **Chebet Bucker** from Lincoln Academy. Congratulations to all the applicants!

Many thanks to **Paula Coyote Schaaf** who arranged a meeting space at Penn Valley Community College for the committee to read and select our winners. Special thanks to committee members: **Earlene Bentley, Kathleen Brandt, Mollie Caldwell, Riva Capellari, Cynthia Ginn, Stefanie Hatfield, Ellen Johnson, Dodie Murphy** and **Jane Vincent** for their hard work and dedication.

COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/
UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

It was a busy scholarship season for the College/University and Inter-Branch Council committees. Many excellent women student scholarship applications have been judged and decisions have been made to award extremely worthy students who are dedicated to improving their lives through learning and leadership development. These hard-working women will be featured in the next newsletter. Stay tuned!

Our partner campuses celebrated Women's History Month with various workshops, group conversations and programs, many of which were AAUW co-sponsored. Overall student affiliate membership is steadily growing, as is student awareness and commitment to issues that are important to women and their families. Each partner college/university has extremely devoted staff and faculty who support the AAUW partnership and are eager to create new opportunities that empower women on their campus.

For more information and news, visit
<http://kansascity-mo.aauw.net/>

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

- MAY 12 & 26
- JUNE 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

- MAY 18 / RED SNAPPER
8430 WARD PKWY, KCMO / 11:30 AM
- JUNE 15 / GAROZZO'S
526 HARRISON, KCMO / 11:30 AM
- JULY 20 / THE WELL
7421 BROADWAY, KCMO / 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

- MAY 23 / "TWELFTH NIGHT" BY SHAKESPEARE
- JUNE 27 / "THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI"
BY HELEN WECKER
- JULY 25 / "THE BOYS IN THE BOAT" BY DANIEL J. BROWN

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

**2017–2018 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM**

(Membership from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)

<i>Name</i>		<i>Home phone</i>
<i>Address</i>		<i>email address:</i>
<i>City, State, Zip</i>		<i>Work phone</i>
<i>Month & date of birth</i>		<i>Cell #</i>
<i>College or University</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Degree</i>
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<i>Signature</i>		<i>Date</i>

National	\$ 49.00
State (MO)	10.00
Branch	20.00
Total due	\$79.00

Individuals eligible to be admitted to membership are those holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university or a foreign institution recognized by IFUW. Degrees eligible for AAUW membership are two-year associate degrees, community, junior and business colleges and two and three year RN diplomas.

Submit this form
with payment
before the Picnic on June 6th
to be entered
in a drawing for a
FREE National membership

Questions: Stefanie Hatfield,
Membership Vice-President
sthatfield2@gmail.com
816.942.4779

If you prefer to pay by credit card, you
can pay online at
www.aauw.org/membership/.
Click on "Branch members."

**New members who join
at an AAUW KC event
can receive 1/2 off
National dues.**

National	\$24.50
State (MO)	10.00
Branch	20.00
Total dues	\$54.50

Website: aauwkc.org

I would like to participate in these Kansas City MO branch activities:

- ☐ Book Club (4th Tues. 6 pm)
- ☐ Cuisine Group (3rd Thurs. 11:30)
- ☐ Friday Forum Discussion (10 am
-2nd & 4th Friday mornings)
- ☐ Great Decisions Discussion
- ☐ General Membership Meetings
(Varies)

Committees:

- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Funds
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Nominating
- ☐ Public Policy

Special Projects:

- ☐ 100 High School Girls
- ☐ Thorpe Menn Event
- ☐ Thorpe Menn Reading Comm.
- Other/Suggestions: _____

☐ I am interested in participating in the satellite branch at Kansas City KS Community College
For more information on KCKCC activities, please contact Patsy Kile patsykile920@gmail.com



When completed, please send this information with check payable to AAUW—KC
to Nicky Stanke, 1101 Walnut St #905, Kansas City, MO 64106-4203

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