



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

AUG/SEPT 2016

# TAKING ACTION

## JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK IN KANSAS CITY, AUGUST 21-28

Everyone is encouraged to attend the kick-off event at the **Blue Room in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District** on **Sunday, August 21 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** There will be refreshments and entertainment by **Heartsong from KC Women's Chorus**. During this memorable week AAUW-KC is proudly sponsoring the following event:

### TUESDAY, AUG. 23: POWERFUL SOLUTIONS: WHEN WOMEN LEAD

**National Archives at Kansas City, 400 W. Pershing Road / 6 p.m. Reception / 6:30-8 p.m. Panel Discussion**

A diverse panel will discuss the "messaging" that informs the lives of girls and women, the unique skills that women bring to the table, and the critical importance of building a coalition through mentoring.

Panel members include: **Lee Smithson Burd, Ph.D.**, Executive Coach (moderator); **Ashley Beard-Fosnow**, Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 55; **Rochelle Golliday**, Freelance Graphic Design Artist; **Begonya Klumb**, CEO, UMB Healthcare Services; **Jolene Morel**, Mother, Ottawa University Student, Head Start Parent Advocate; and **Neelima Parasker**, Founder and CEO, SnapIT Solutions.

Reservations required, please email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or call 816-268-8010.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 26: "EQUAL MEANS EQUAL" NATIONAL FILM PREMIER

The big event of the week is the showing of the film **"Equal Means Equal"** on **Friday, August 26** – the actual date of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The film is premiering across the country on this date. **In Kansas City, it will be shown at the Union Station Extreme Screen Theatre. Showtime is at 5:30 p.m.** A talk with special guests will follow.

Please visit the [AAUW-KC website](http://AAUW-KC website) for more details on all activities for the week.



*You're invited!*  
**DISCOVER AAUW!**

Join us from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday,  
September 10 at All Souls Church

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

*Gather with exuberant branch members and guests to discover what AAUW is all about! Speakers will include AAUW-KCKCC members who will tell us about their NCCWSL Experience! (See page 2.) Light refreshments, sparkling conversation and much more will be provided. Members are encouraged to bring friends and family to join in the merriment and Discover AAUW!*

HOSTED BY: 2016-2017 AAUW-KC BOARD/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**RSVP TODAY FOR THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THORPE MENN  
LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

SEE PAGE 4 FOR A LISTING OF THE 2016 AUTHOR NOMINEES AND LUNCHEON DETAILS.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Getting To Know You*

I am a transplant from the South and I love the Midwest. I was raised by engineers (mom and dad) and I am an engineer with 30 years of experience in large corporations. My work these days is with the KC STEM Alliance ([www.kcstem.org](http://www.kcstem.org)), building programs that support women in STEM. I am a proud mom, stepmom, feminist, rancher, hunter, photographer, and writer. I Tweet, Facebook, Snapchat, and Insta every chance I get.

I joined AAUW many years ago when I found myself socially isolated as a single mom, in a new town, working in a male-dominated industry.

I looked at the website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) and I learned that when Marie Curie, a two-time Nobel Prize winner, needed one gram of radium (an element that she had discovered) to continue her research in radiation, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (the predecessor to AAUW) raised the money and arranged for her to travel to the U.S., where President Warren Harding presented it to her.

I was astonished. I was hooked. I joined.

I found a sisterhood in AAUW that was remarkable. Wherever I

moved, there was always a welcoming branch.

The AAUW-KC branch became my first Kansas City friends three years ago. I felt welcomed immediately at the June Celebration Picnic. Since then, I have enjoyed our monthly branch meetings thanks to **Sara Pedram's** tireless programming efforts. I am proud to be a part of a group that supports the KC community of women with scholarships, grants, and political action.

I am serving on the Board because I believe that there are a lot of women in KC that need AAUW-KC but have not heard of us (yet). This year, I will be working with the Board as we learn how to reach more women and have them experience the same welcome and support that we enjoy.

**Now it's your turn: I would like to know what brought you to AAUW-KC and why you stayed.** I'll be reaching out to you in the weeks ahead to hear your stories. I would like to feature them on our website and in our newsletters.

I'm looking forward to learning and growing as a branch and as a leader in 2016-2017. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

*Marian McClellan*

AAUW-KC President



## THE NCCWSL EXPERIENCE!

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, AAUW-KC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CHAIR

**Makayla Hancock**, UMKC student leader and communication studies major, received the 2016 AAUW-KC NCCWSL scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Baltimore in June. This premier conference for college women students provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders.

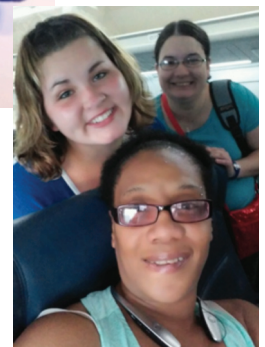
Our branch had exceptional representation by Makayla and four other student leaders from Kansas City Kansas Community College. They are **Maddie Nesselhuf**, **Haylee Richmond**, **Jolene Morel**, and **Nadza White**. Maddie, AAUW-KCKCC president, presented at the conference on Women in STEM. Makayla remarked, "This conference was definitely an eye opener for me as I got to learn how to become a better leader, how to dare myself, and how wonderful it was to learn about other cultures. I am here to tell you that anything is possible if you put your heart and mind to it."

*Come hear these future leaders share their experiences and inspiration at the Fall Fling on September 10!*



Makayla Hancock, at the NCCWSL in 2016.

Members of AAUW-KCKCC on their journey together to the NCCWSL.



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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.



## AAUW FUNDS REPORT

BY DORETTA PERNA, AAUW-KC FUNDS CHAIR

This past May, we held our annual AAUW Funds drive. Each member received a letter, listing the various National Funds to which contributions may be made. These include the **General Fund**, the **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** (for research), **Tech Savvy and Tech Trek** (providing girls with hands-on activities in STEM fields), and **Elect Her** (training for women to run for student government and future political office), among others. Thank you all who contributed so generously to the different funds. We have contributed over \$2,000 to various National Funds so far, with over 20 donations to the AAUW Fund, which is used as necessary with existing programs. **You can donate to these funds any time online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).** Each gift is tax deductible, and goes to help fulfill our mission: "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

Last Spring, at the state meeting, our branch was recognized as 3rd in the State for total giving, and 7th in per capita giving at \$55.27/member. There was also a party to celebrate the full funding of the **Richardson Fund**.

I would like to take this time to thank former Funds Chair **Mary Emily Kitterman**, for all her hard work and dedication. We miss her, but know her family is overjoyed to have her and her husband, Gary, settled in their new home in Virginia, closer to them.

## AAUW-KC MONTHLY EVENTS

### 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

- AUG 12 & 26
- SEPT 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](mailto:joanashores1010@gmail.com).

### 3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- AUG 18—TREZO MARE

4105 N MULBERRY DR, KANSAS CITY, MO 64116

- SEPT 15—VIVILORE

10815 E WINNER RD, INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052

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

- AUG 23—*GO SET A WATCHMAN* BY HARPER LEE
- SEPT 27—*AN ASTRONAUT'S GUIDE TO LIFE ON EARTH* BY CHRIS HADFIELD

For BOOK CLUB information, please contact **Jane Hatch**, 816-838-7626 or [janehatch@yahoo.com](mailto:janehatch@yahoo.com).

## KCKCC Corner

All of AAUW-KCKCC is preparing for the big Women's Equality Celebration on Friday, August 26! We will be celebrating with guest speakers and second presentation of our AAUW-KCKCC Equality Award. Please check out our Facebook page for the latest developing details.

Also on our Facebook, the AAUW-KCKCC NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) video presentation, developed with the Spring 2016 CAP Grant, is now available for viewing. It features information on our research, presentation, program panelists, and students who attended NCCWSL.

A successful planning retreat was held on June 27 where we made plans for Fall 2016. Topics addressed included the Women's Equality Celebration and Award event, the Voter Education and Programming with the League of Women Voters, the Mary Emily Kitterman Library Project, the Parker Study Buddy Program, continuing our student scholarship programming, and growing our membership.

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## 2016 THORPE MENN LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEES



*From the Guys Who Were There* by Bill Althaus

*Fountain and Furnace* by Hadara Bar-Nadav

*Thanks for Noticing: The Interpretation of Desire* by Vern Barnett

*Adam's Needle* by Beth Lyon Barnett

*The Saturday Night Massacre: What Really Happened on October 20, 1973* by James K. Davis

*Canoeing the Great Plains: A Missouri River Summer* by Patrick Dobson

*Screaming Times* by Natasha Ria El-Scari

*The Reluctant Warrior: The Journey Begins* by Charley Green

*Racism in Kansas City: A Short History* by G.S. Griffin

*Jubilee Manor* by Bethany Hagen

*Life's Too Short for Anything but Love and 101 Other Musings, Essays and Sundry Pieces* by Bob Hill

*Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage* by David W. Jackson

*Poverty, Prison, Positive* by Rachel Leonard

*Carried Home* by Heather Manning

*The 116: The True Story of Abraham Lincoln's Lost Guard* by James P. Muehlberger

*Fieldhouse* by Scott Novosel

*Callahan Crossroads* by Anola Pickett

*The Sweden File: Memoir of an American Expatriate* by Alan Robert Proctor

*Ireland's Weather* by Susan Rieke

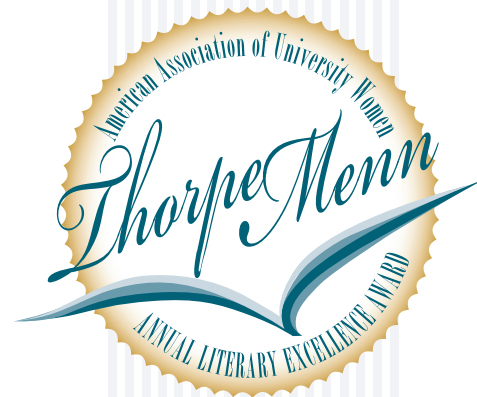
*The Pebble: Life, Love, Politics and Geezer Wisdom* by Mark Scheel

*Snootchie Woogums Presents...* by Christopher Vaughan

*Decker's Dilemma* by Jack Ambraw

*The Boy Who Became Buffalo Bill: Growing up Billy Cody in Bleeding Kansas* by Andrea Warren

*Armageddon Paradox* by P.F. Winkler



You're invited to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual  
AAUW-KC and KC Public Library  
**THORPE MENN AWARD LUNCHEON**

*Celebrating the literary excellence of local authors.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**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 **BARBARA STUBER**

Award-winning author (*Crossing the Tracks* and *Girl in Reverse*—2015 Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award Winner) and Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art docent **Barbara Stuber**. She will share insight into her world as an author and about her "Novel Art Tours" she conducts at the Museum.

TICKETS \$35 PER PERSON / CATERED BY PIERPONT'S

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 23 to Ellen Johnson at (816) 931-5288 or mail check payable to: AAUW-KC, Attn: Ellen Johnson, 4505 Headwood Dr. #7, Kansas City, MO 64111-3439. (Your payment is your reservation.)



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### • **BARRIERS TO THE BALLOT**

**TUESDAY / OCTOBER 11 / 6–8 PM**  
**NATIONAL ARCHIVES**

**400 W PERSHING RD / KANSAS CITY, MO 64108**

AAUW-KC is pleased to partner with the National Archives and the Black History Study Group to offer you this timely program — four weeks prior to the 2016 presidential election. The evening will begin with a reception, then the showing of the documentary "Field of Vision — The Black Belt," the story of Alabama's closing of 31 DMVs in predominantly black counties in 2015 due to budget cuts, directly impacting voter enfranchisement in a state that requires photo IDs at the polls. The film will be followed by a panel discussion by local voting rights activists including **Delores Furtado**, League of Women Voters; **Anita Russell**, NAACP; and **Quinton Lucas**, KU Professor and City Councilman, plus a moderator.

This program is free and open to the public. However, because the National Archives is a federal facility, you must make a reservation by emailing [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or calling 816-268-8010.