



TAKING ACTION

JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK IN KANSAS CITY, AUGUST 20-26

Celebrating the 97th Anniversary of Women Gaining the Right to Vote!

Don't miss this AAUW-KC WEW co-sponsored event:

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE '60S & '70S

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 / 6 P.M. RECEPTION / 6:30-8 P.M. PROGRAM
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT KANSAS CITY / 400 W. PERSHING ROAD

Starting conversations to find common ground can be a daunting task; and having tools for civility is key to successful interactions whether with family, friends or neighbors. **Rev. Diana Hughes** of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Kansas City, will lead the audience in an interactive session to provide a foundation for courageous conversations. **Riva Capellari** and **Dr. Carol Cowles**, AAUW Public Policy Co-chairs, will offer an historical examination of the steps taken by several coalitions of the '60s and '70s to see how they formed strong grassroots partnerships across a diverse section of society to tackle social justice along with women's and religious issues to forge changes at local and national levels. Their information is based on the book *Feminist Coalitions: Historical Perspectives on Second Wave Feminism in the United States* by **Dr. Stephanie Gilmore**.

Free and open to the public. Reservations requested: 816-268-8010



CLICK HERE
FOR DETAILS ON OTHER
WEW KC EVENTS



You're invited!
DISCOVER AAUW!

Saturday, September 16
1-3 p.m. 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!
Yes, it's time for the annual Fall Fling!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Members are encouraged to bring friends and family.

RSVP TODAY! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

THORPE MENN LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD LUNCHEON

SEE PAGE 5 FOR A LISTING OF THE 2017 NOMINATED AUTHORS AND EVENT AND RESERVATION DETAILS.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we start a new year for AAUW-KC, I am looking forward to another year of growth and positive action from our members. In June, I was inspired at the **AAUW National Convention in Washington, DC** by AAUW 2017 Achievement Award recipient, Associate Supreme Court Justice **Sonia Sotomayor**; Keynote speaker **Judy Woodruff**; and AAUW's new CEO, **Kimberly Churches**. My will to keep fighting for the issues important to women and girls was reignited as I joined more than 700 AAUW members who stormed Congress for the **2017 AAUW Lobby Day** to tell our senators and representatives to protect and strengthen Title IX and to tackle the country's student debt burden which disproportionately impacts women.

At our **June Celebration Picnic**, as your newly-elected president, I shared my vision for AAUW-KC as we continue to "advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." Please join me in using **KEEP MARCHING FORWARD** as our mantra for 2017-2018:

- K**now our mission: Advance Equity for Women and Girls
- E**nergize each other
- E**nlighten our community
- P**ersevere
- M**ake room for new ideas
- A**nticipate a better future
- R**each out to the next generation of women leaders
- C**hallenge misconceptions
- H**old on to core values
- I**nspire creative action
- N**avigate through barriers
- G**enerate passion as we continue to
- F**ight the Backlash
- O**pen doors to new partnerships
- R**enew our commitment
- W**elcome All
- A**bolish fear of failure and
- R**espond to negativity with
- D**etermination and optimism



AAUW-MO Delegation on Capitol Hill. Kansas City Members: Linda Berube, Ellen Johnson, Marian McClellan, Joanie Shores, and Karen Smith.



AAUW-KC Members visit the 2017 Wagyu Grant Recipient, Rightfully Sewn at Paseo Academy. (l-r) Stefanie Hatfield, Nicky Stanke, Ellen Johnson, Sara Pedram, Stephanie Holthaus, Linda Berube, and Jennifer Lapka from Rightfully Sewn.



Linda Berube

AAUW-KC President





SIX RECEIVE 2017 REENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, IBC REENTRY CHAIR

On April 22 the Kansas City InterBranch Council presented the annual **Reentry Scholarship Award** to six outstanding women who returned to the college classroom after an absence of five or more years. While all applicants were worthy candidates, these six women best exemplified the courage and personal resolve to overcome significant barriers to pursue their academic, career and life goals. Each of these women aspires to make a difference in the lives of others and in their community.

The 2017 IBC Reentry Award recipients are (l-r) **Stephanie Leonard**, Nursing and **Marcia Princivalli**, Mortuary Science, Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC); **Amy Hill-Koleiny**, Teaching, MCC-Penn Valley; **Nancy Russell**, Occupational Therapy, MCC-Longview; Toni Thornton Award recipients: **Jiatong Lynch**, Accounting, Park University and **Debbie Plake**, Paralegal Studies, KCKCC.



Toni Thornton Scholarship recipients, Debbie and Jiatong with John Thornton (center).

COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, AAUW-KC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CHAIR

Kansas City Kansas Community College

KCKCC is hosting its third annual Women's Equality Day luncheon and program, "Women's Equality: Where Are We Now?" The event takes place from 12 to 1:30 p.m.,

Friday, August 25, in the Jewell Student Center Upper Lounge. This event is free and open to the public.

This year's event features and honors **Judy Ancel**, a long-time activist, organizer and advocate for equality, especially in labor and pay. Ancel is the former director of Worker Education & Labor Studies at UMKC. She is also the founder of Kansas City Jobs with Justice and currently coordinates the Heartland Labor Forum, an award-winning weekly one-hour radio show about the workplace and economic issues on community radio in Kansas City KKFI-90.1FM.

KCKCC's **Women's Equality Day** event is co-hosted by Women & Gender Advocacy Services of the Counseling & Advocacy Center, American Association of University Women, and the Intercultural Center. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jennifer at gisechen@kckcc.edu or call 913-288-7193.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

The UMKC Women's Center's mission is to advocate, educate, and provide support services for the advancement of women's equity on campus and within the community. Our branch has been a strong supporter and collaborator for many years. We're hosting an information

table at the **Chill Out with the Women's Center** "welcome back" event on **Monday, August 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Co-sponsoring this event helps us connect to students and promote free student affiliate memberships. If you want to participate at the AAUW table, please contact **Patti Jachowicz** at pattijacho@gmail.com or 224-558-7757.

Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley

After a very successful first year, the **Women on the Move** (AAUW partner) program kicks off year two with orientation/informational sessions on **September 7 and 11**. Students will be introduced to opportunities to find their voice and build self-esteem through an array of semester activities that includes monthly Coffee & Conversations and panel discussions that highlight issues of importance for women students. Participants will be eligible to apply for a Follett Bookstore scholarship. This summer the WOTM committee at MCC-Penn Valley established formal learning objectives for this AAUW sponsored organization.

Through participation in **Women on the Move**, students will:

- understand the language and behaviors of self-empowerment and apply those behaviors in supporting other women.
- learn how to network with peers and professionals, and apply those skills in the academic environment by connecting with the campus and external community.
- develop, refine and apply leadership skills.
- identify and evaluate intended academic and career goals.
- demonstrate knowledge of equity issues, advocacy, and overcoming barriers to achieving goals.



THE 2017 NCCWSL EXPERIENCE!

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, AAUW-KC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CHAIR

Rapulu Okolo from MCC-Penn Valley and **Jolene Morel** from KCKCC received the 2017 AAUW-KC NCCWSL Scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Baltimore in June. These outstanding students also received national AAUW-NCCWSL scholarships. This premier conference for college female students provides a transformative experience that prepares the next generation of women leaders.

Our branch had excellent representation by Rapulu and Jolene as well as **Deja Joyce** and **Eman Al Nuaimi** from KCKCC. Rapulu remarked, "I made it my duty to meet with women who work for AAUW to learn more about their roles in the organization and how I can get more involved on my university campus in the fall." Jolene said, "My second year, my second experience. I was a leader to two other women and learned still from others. I saw myself transform again to a more reserved and receptive leader." All these women were inspired to continue to soar in their leadership roles at school and in their communities!



Rapulu Okolo



(l-r) Deja Joyce, Eman Al Nuaimi and Jolene Morel

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Friday Forum **Joanie Shores**
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2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a friendly reminder, please pay your yearly dues as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. We need to receive by August 31 so that we can update and publish the directory. Renewing members are encouraged to re-submit a **Membership/Renewal Form** to let us know which committees/groups you're interested in joining. Thank you!

We need a chair for 100 High School Girls, please contact **Linda Berube** at 816-809-0139. If your passion is to help provide scholarships, this is a niche that you can fill!

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

- SEP 8 & 22
- OCT 13 & 27

Current events discussions cover everything from amazing to zany! A good sense of humor and lots of laughter define our group. Bring a current events story/article to share. In January, we switch to a Great Decisions series to learn more about the world. Moderator **Joanie Shores**, 660-200-5809 or joanshores1010@gmail.com.

3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- SEP 21 **JASPER'S**

1201 W 103RD ST, KCMO 64114 / 11:30 AM

- OCT 19 **CAFE TRIO**

4558 MAIN ST, KCMO 64111 / 11:30 AM

RSVP to **Winnie Weinrich**, winnie_weinrich@live.com or 816-808-7926.

4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

WALDO BRANCH LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST, KCMO 64114 / 6-7 PM

- AUG 22 **Americanah** by **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
Moderator **Yvette Desmarais**

- SEP 26 **The Things They Carried** by **Tim O'Brien**
Moderator **Carol Cowles**

- OCT 24 **Sarah's Key** by **Tatiana de Rosnay**
Moderator **Sue Coy**

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



You're invited to attend the 39th Annual
AAUW-KC and KC Public Library
THORPE MENN AWARD LUNCHEON

Celebrating the literary excellence of local authors.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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
PATRICK DOBSON



Award-winning writer, scholar and poet **Patrick Dobson** will join us to tell stories about his life on the fringes of the Great Plains as penned in his books ***Canoeing the Great Plains: A Missouri River Summer*** and ***Seldom Seen: A Journey into the Great Plains***. Dobson is a professor at Johnson County Community College and a union ironworker in Kansas City. He earned a doctorate in History and American Literature at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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

RSVP by Monday, Oct. 2 by calling **Ellen Johnson** at **(816) 931-5288**

—OR— Mail your check payable to **AAUW-KC:**

Ellen Johnson, 4505 Headwood Dr. #7, Kansas City, MO 64111-3439

—OR— Reserve and pay online at:

<http://kansascity-mo.aauw.net/events/thorpe-menn-literary-award/>



2017 THORPE MENN NOMINEES

Real Love, No Drama by Danny Alexander

Royals: From Worst to First by Del Black, Sid Bordman, Joe Henderson, Jim Murray and Bob Sands

Our Home, Kansas City by Scott Brown

Tyrabbisaurus Rex by Amy Culey

Sehmah's Truth by Amy Culey

Bigger Bombs for a Brighter Tomorrow by John M. Curatola, Ph.D. Lt. Col. USMC (ret.)

Kansas City Beer by Pete Dulin

Sid the Sasquatch by Wendy Elliott

Pug meets Pig by Sue Lowell Gallion

Truthsong by Elisabeth Hamill

Dirt Sweat and Diesel by Steven L. Hilty

Now I'm Found by Theresa Hupp

Hard Times in the Heartland by Sally Jadlow

For Arms: A Civil War Sea Saga by Hibberd V.B. Kline III

Freedom, Inc. and Black Political Empowerment by Micah W. Kubic

Heart Deco by Norm Ledgin

Angels with Angles by Loring Leifer

It's A Sunny Life by Gary Lezak

State of Grace by Sandra Moran

The School the Aztec Eagles Built by Dorinda Makanaonalani Nicholson

Paper Birds Don't Fly by Al Ortolani

Beyond the Shores by Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, M.D.

Global Discontent: The Mosaic of Cultural Diversity by Manouchehr (Manny) Pedram

Connecting in the Land of Dementia by Deborah Shouse

Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror by Angela D. Sims

A Great Fullness by Robert F. Sommer

The Value of Doubt by Bill Tammeus

Sorrial Promise: Book I of the Mindforce Saga by Christopher Vaughan

Zero Meridian, Five Degrees North, A Man of Service by Priscilla H. Wilson

The Coaster by Erich Wurster

We regret any errors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

• **WOMEN IN THE MEDIA PANEL DISCUSSION** **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17** **LOCATION AND TIME TBA**

You won't want to miss this timely presentation by a panel of prominent women journalists from different medias including TV, radio and publishing. AAUW member and moderator **Patty Cahill**, General Manager of FM Radio KCUR for 25 years, will pose probing questions to the panel about career opportunities for women, prejudices and barriers women in the media face, gender pay equity, and other issues.