

TAKING ACTION

JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION ON TITLE IX: VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

On the evening of Thursday, January 12, we will gather for a light reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Title IX program from 6:45–7:45 at the beautiful Diastole Scholar's Center at UMKC (2501 Holmes).

Our speaker is **Michelle Kroner**, UMKC Violence Prevention and Response Manager. Title IX legislation states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." In addition, the Mandated Reporter Requirement of Title IX indicates that "Any employee of the University who becomes aware of sex discrimination is a Mandated Reporter, regardless of whether the recipient of the behavior is a student, employee, volunteer or visitor of the University."

Title IX is mandated and enforced on all university and high school campuses...and in April 2011, the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) added that "sexual violence is a form of sexual harassment." Ms. Kroner will share national statistics on campus sexual assault, such as: One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college; More than 90% of sexual assault survivors on college campuses do not report the assault; plus other startling statistics.

Save the date of Thursday, January 12, to join us for an evening of fellowship with your AAUW sisters and hear an informative program on an issue that is significant to all women and on every college and high school campus! Free parking is available in back of the Diastole Center and also curbside parking.

2016 WAGY AWARDS PRESENTED TO THREE DESERVING KANSAS CITY ORGANIZATIONS:



(l-r) Jennifer Lapka Pfeifer from Rightfully Sewn, Kendra Edwards from Metropolitan Community College Foundation, and Sr. Rose McLarney from Journey to New Life. Read more on page 3.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- **ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE KANSAS CITY &
SHAWNEE MISSION BRANCHES**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017 / 12 NOON



Plan to join us for our annual luncheon and program with the Shawnee Mission Branch on February 18 at Noon. The location is Johnson County Community College at 123rd St. and College Blvd. in Overland Park. Two years ago the Shawnee Mission Branch helped start an AAUW chapter at the college and their culinary students have agreed to prepare a delightful buffet luncheon for us. The cost is \$17 and includes a pasta dish, salad, rolls and beverages.

We are told that the speaker is a "survivor" who will share an uplifting talk. Stay tuned for more details, such as reservation deadline, to whom to mail your check, and specific building/location of the event. Look for a Constant Contact and phone call somewhere between the middle and end of January.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*It's that time of year
when we reflect on
the past year and
look forward to
what is to come.*

First we offer our condolences to AAUW-KC President **Marian McClellan** with the unexpected death of her husband **Patrick Dolan** in late November. We will be there for her as a community of support. We need every member's help to reach out to identify potential new members and grow our community.

For many the tone and outcome of the November elections may have raised concerns about progress on our priority issues that affect women and girls (equal pay, protection of a woman's right to choose, violence against women, Title IX, ERA, and many more). Many may have been disappointed that we still have not cracked that "highest/hardest glass ceiling" for women.

"It is now, after an election, that the real work begins," said **Lisa Maatz**, AAUW vice president of government relations and advocacy. "AAUW will find common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working families. Women want progress on issues that affect them, and AAUW intends to be a fair critic and a valued ally. Most importantly, in true AAUW fashion, we will not hesitate to speak truth to power."

If you have not signed up to join the AAUW action network, I encourage you to do that now by signing up at the AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/actionnetwork>.

AAUW Missouri Public Policy chairs are organizing a Missouri AAUW Lobby Corp. If you are interested in participating, send me an email (ljbaauw@hotmail.com).

Now more than ever it is important for us to keep "Fighting the Backlash" and keep our voices strong in speaking up for all women and girls.

FIGHTING THE BACKLASH

Face the truth

Inspire others

Gather all resources

Hold on to AAUW's mission

Take control of the future

Include diverse partners

Negotiate new paths

Generate passion without negativity

Think of the past to plan for the future

Hear the voices of our sisters

Encourage new leadership

Beware of complacency and internal conflict

Attack the issue (not the person)

Challenge misconceptions with

Knowledge

Laughter

Authority

Solutions

Honesty

Linda Berube

AAUW-KC President Elect



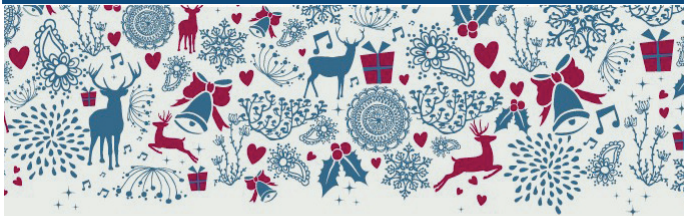
**JOIN
OR RENEW**

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.



SEASON OF GIVING AAUW FUNDS

BY KAY ENGLER AND DORETTA PERNA, CO-CHAIRS, FUNDS COMMITTEE

The holidays are here, and many of you are thinking about holiday and year-end giving. Why not consider a gift to AAUW? Our organization invests in a variety of programs designed to empower women and girls:

- * **The Public Policy Fund** (4337) advocates for policies and laws that are fair to women.
- * **The Legal Advocacy Fund** (3999) protects the rights of women facing discrimination.
- * **The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** (9170) supports research on issues that are important to women.
- * **The Educational Opportunities Fund** (4336) provides scholarships for women and girls.
- * **The Leadership Programs Fund** (4339) develops women's potential to lead in their workplaces, schools and communities.
- * **The AAUW Fund** (9110) provides general support where it is most needed.

There are many other funds accepting contributions, and most are tax deductible. Click on this link: www.aauw.org for more information about AAUW Funds and to give online. You may choose to make your donation in honor of or in support of someone important to you.

If you prefer, you can mail your check directly to the national office: AAUW Development Department, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, D.C. 20090-8045; or you can send it locally to: Doretta Perna, 4429 E. 109th Terr., Kansas City, MO 64137, we will forward it on to the national office. Please indicate in the "memo" line of your check where you would prefer to apply the donation.

*Thank you for including AAUW
in your holiday giving!*

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

2016 WAGY AWARDS & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

A joyful time was had by all at the annual Waggy Awards & Holiday Luncheon at MissionHills Country Club on December 3. Guests convened for delicious cuisine, good conversation, and to hear from representatives from three wonderful organizations receiving Waggy grants and how they plan to use the funds to help local women and girls.

Congratulations to the 2016 Waggy Award recipients:

- **Journey to New Life** received \$4,000 to provide help for women returning to society from prison. (www.journeytonewlife.org)
- **Rightfully Sewn** received \$4,000 to provide seamstress training for at-risk women. (www.rightfullysewn.org)
- **Metropolitan Community College Foundation** received \$1,000 toward scholarships for disadvantaged women who are attending college to earn a Licensed Practical Nursing and associated degrees. (www.mcckc.edu/foundation/)

MEMBERS CORNER

Warm up your winter by sharing AAUW! Bring a friend or relative to an AAUW-KC meeting/program or special-interest group gathering:

- **Thursday, Jan. 12, 6–8 p.m., TitleIX Reception and Program** with guest speaker **Michelle Kroner**, UMKC Violence Prevention and Response Manager, at the UMKC Diastole Center.
- **Saturday, Feb. 18, Noon**, enjoy a luncheon/program with our Shawnee Mission Branch friends at Johnson County Community College.
- **Friday Forum**, an informal current events discussion group, meets at **10 a.m. on Fridays, Jan. 13 & 27 and Feb. 10 & 24**, 10 a.m., at the Waldo Library (75th & Grand). Afterwards, join with some of the group to go out for lunch.
- **Cuisine Club** meets monthly on the third Thursday for lunch at local restaurants. On **Jan. 19 at 11:30 a.m.** we will sample the cuisine of **Seasons 52** (340 Ward Parkway); and on **Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m.**, we will meet for lunch at **Rockhill Grill** (2000 Grand Ave.)
- **4th Tuesday Book Club** will meet at the Waldo Library (75th & Grand) on **Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.** to discuss *The Buddha in the Attic* by **Julie Otsuka**; and **Feb. 28, 6 p.m.**, to discuss *I'll Give You the Sun* by **Judi Nelson**.

Welcome new member, Laura Everett! Make sure to add her name and contact information to your AAUW directory:

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laurainkc@yahoo.com



COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

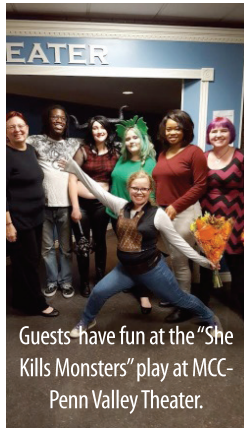
The newly designated “official” AAUW-KCKCC (Kansas City Kansas Community College) student organization is making plans for the upcoming semester to include NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) applications, fundraising activities, and programming for Women’s History Month, Title IX, a community violence review, and Planned Parenthood. Some events may include the Leavenworth campus. Collaborative planning is underway with the campus Women’s Resource Center, Student Activities and Intercultural Center to initiate an AAUW Start Smart workshop.

Branch members **Carol Cowles** and **Patti Jachowicz** promoted AAUW initiatives and branch membership at the **Sisterhood Success Summit**, held at **Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley** on November 4. The mission of this summit is to provide young ladies and women in Kansas City with a platform to achieve personal success by creating an environment of empowerment. It was designed to address matters facing women in their communities, and to foster leadership roles and responsibilities in high school and college.

Our branch supported “**She Kills Monsters**,” a student play at **MCC-Penn Valley** that looked at themes of bullying, LGBTQ issues, loss, closure, and second chances through the fantasy world of a teenage girl. Congratulations to branch member **Paula Schaaf**, her daughter **Jesse Schaaf**, and **Penn Valley students** for bringing this spirited, heartwarming, and thought provoking production to the campus and the community! Members in attendance were moved and inspired by the passionate performance of these young actors!

There will be a Benefit Performance of “**The Vagina Monologues**,” **Thursday, February 16, 7:30**, to help support the important work on behalf of students at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Women’s Center. Non-student tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (UMKC Central Ticket Office: 816-235-6222). Don’t miss this empowering play!

AAUW-KC Reentry Woman Scholarship applications will be distributed to UMKC, KCKCC, and MCC-Penn Valley by January 13, 2017. **The application deadline is March 20, 2017.** This scholarship is awarded annually to women college students who exemplify the effort, perseverance and courage it takes to return to the classroom in pursuit of personal and vocational goals. **2017 NCCWSL Scholarship** applications will also be distributed in January.



Guests have fun at the “She Kills Monsters” play at MCC-Penn Valley Theater.

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

- JAN 13 & 27
- FEB 10 & 24

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 joanshores1010@gmail.com.

3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- JAN 19 / SEASONS 52

340 WARD PARKWAY, KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM

- FEB 16 / ROCKHILL GRILL

2000 GRAND AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO / 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

- JAN 24 / “THE BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC”

BY JULIE OTSUKA

- FEB 28 / “I’LL GIVE YOU THE SUN”

BY JUDI NELSON

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



Just hear that spare change jingling, ring ting tingling, too.

Women overall in the United States typically are paid only 80 cents on the dollar compared to men. Don’t despair! Join the fight for equal pay by telling your members of Congress to take action.

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