



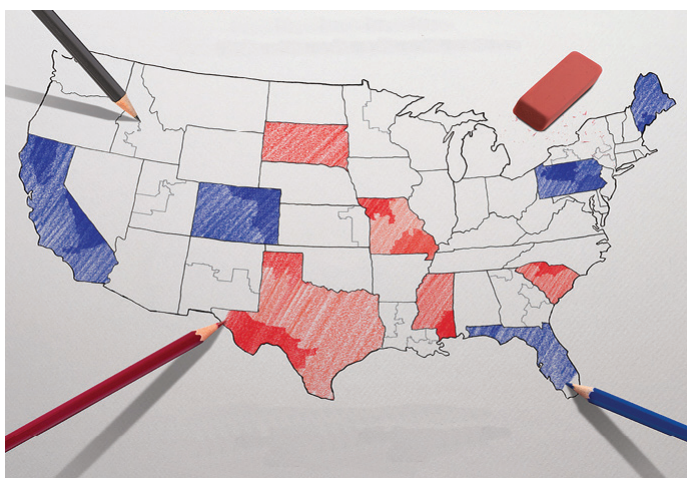
Kansas City, Missouri Branch

JAN/FEB 2018

TAKING ACTION

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM TO KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH MEMBERS OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS & GREATER KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

GERRYMANDERING: HOW IT WORKS AND HOW IT CAN EFFECT ELECTION OUTCOMES



Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Time: 6–8 p.m.

Speaker: Professor Allen Rostron
UMKC School of Law



Location: Community Christian Church
(Basement) 4601 Main Street, Kansas City, MO

Don't miss this timely event! The Supreme Court is even now deciding whether gerrymandering (the dividing of a state, county, etc., into election districts so as to give one political party a majority in many districts while concentrating the voting strength of the other party into as few districts as possible) will be struck down or allowed to continue.

SAVE THESE DATES

- ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
AAUW KANSAS CITY &
SHAWNEE MISSION BRANCHES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018



MICHELLE CARTER WILL SHARE HER BOOK, "FROM UNDER THE RUSSIAN SNOW," A MEMOIR OF HER TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES AS A JOURNALIST IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. THIS IS AN ENCHANTING STORY BY A TALENTED AAUW-KC MEMBER!

Make plans to join us for this annual luncheon and program with the Shawnee Mission Branch. The location is **Johnson County Community College** at 123rd St. and College Blvd. in Overland Park, KS. Watch for further details in early January 2018.

- WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 6–8 PM

DIANA CARLIN PIERSON, AUTHOR OF MICHELLE OBAMA'S BIOGRAPHY AND FACULTY MEMBER AT KU LAWRENCE WILL INSPIRE US WITH TALES OF THE BRAVE WOMEN WHO MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE!

- INTERBRANCH COUNCIL REENTRY WOMAN
OF THE YEAR AWARDS BRUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 9:30 AM

UNITY VILLAGE

1901 NW BLUE PKWY, UNITY, MO

JOIN US FOR A TASTY MEAL AND TO CELEBRATE THE 2018 WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS. THE WOMEN WILL SHARE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF DAUNTING CHALLENGES AND FINAL SUCCESSES UPON RETURNING TO COLLEGE TO EARN THEIR DEGREE.

Further details about these events will be announced on our website, in an email, and by phone.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's that time of year when we reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year and new direction. AAUW-KC has been

successful in reaching out to diverse women and presenting mission-based

programs that inspire us to look to the future and look for actions we can take to make a difference and change the climate for women and girls.

AAUW CEO **Kimberly Churches** is leading AAUW National in the process of developing a strategic plan that will lead us into the future and make sure we are focused on AAUW priority issues of Education, Equity and Leadership. I hope you have had the opportunity to read about where AAUW is headed in the Fall 2017 *Outlook* that is available online and provides valuable information about the importance of maintaining our focus on equity for women and girls.

As we move forward in Kansas City, please be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming programs planned by our program committee. You won't want to miss the **January 16** program on Gerrymandering; the **February 17** annual meeting with Shawnee Mission, the **March 20** program on Women Trailblazers, or the **April 21** KC InterBranchCouncil (IBC) Reentry Awards Brunch.

I know many of us have felt that the past year has thrown us too many challenges and made us feel like we have been moving backwards on many of the issues impacting women and girls. I want to assure you that we do make a difference when we use our voices to speak up about the importance of equity for women and girls. We make a difference when we support AAUW by contributing to **The AAUW Fund** which helps support research and programs to advance equity for women and girls. We make a difference when we encourage girls to pursue STEM careers and women to take leadership roles in business, government and education. We make a

difference when we provide scholarships for women returning to school and high school girls who are starting their college journey. We make a difference when we invite other women to join us in our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Here is wishing all of you a wonderful and relaxing Holiday Season and Happy New Year! I hope everyone finds time to spend time with family and friends, and are ready for the new AAUW year as we continue to make a difference for women and girls.

Let's Keep Marching Forward Together!

Linda Berube

AAUW-KC President



MEMBERS CORNER

BY TERI WICHMAN, MEMBERSHIP VP

Great programs and events are some of the best tools for engaging current members and recruiting new members. Our

branch offers many great programs and events! Please invite your friends and colleagues to join us at these events so that they may also see the value of AAUW for themselves. The contribution to our community through events like the Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award, Waggy and the Reentry Woman of the Year Awards is impressive. There is always great camaraderie at our programs and events, and among our boards and committees.

We welcome new members and look forward to more. In the words of a song that I learned in Girl Scouts so many years ago, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other, gold." Wishing everyone a friend-filled and meaningful New Year!

JOIN
OR RENEW

MISSION

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

2017-18 ANNUAL DUES: \$79

Dues cover National membership (\$49), State membership (\$10), plus Kansas City membership (\$20). To join and for information, please contact Teri Wichman at **816-868-5536** or teriwichman@gmail.com. You can register and pay online at www.aauw.org.



2017 WAGY RECAP:

BY ELLEN JOHNSON, WAGY AWARDS & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON CHAIR

The Wagy Awards & Holiday Luncheon took place on December 2 at the Grand Street Café. This year's event marked our 20th presentation of the Wagy Awards, which gives funding to local community organizations for their work in advancing education and equity for women and girls. A total of 85 awards have been presented and \$225,575 in Wagy funds have been provided over the past two decades, including this year's five recipients and awards totaling \$10,000.

The 2017 Wagy award recipients and programs:

- **Episcopal Community Services – Nourish: Turning the Tables Empowering Women through Culinary Training**
- **Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri – STEM Girls Outreach Program**
- **The Family Conservancy – Directors Leadership Academy**
- **Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City – The Appointment Project: Equitable Representation of Women on Civic Boards and Commissions**
- **Fractured Atlas – Rightfully Sewn Seamstress Program**



Special guests representing the 2017 Wagy award-winning organizations included (l-r): **Cathy Dean**, Board Member, Women's Foundation of GKC; **Vanessa Van Goethem-Piela**, Grant Writer for Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri; **Victoria Cherrie**, Director of Development, Episcopal Community Services; **April Dion**, Marketing Adviser, Rightfully Sewn Seamstress Program; and **Jenny Brandt**, Director of Quality Initiatives and Professional Development, The Family Conservancy.

FOCUS 2018: TITLE IX, PAY EQUITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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

Our Missouri Public Policy Co-Chairs **Karen Francis** and **Pat Shores** have selected two of the AAUW Advocacy efforts for Missouri's focus in 2018: 1) the **protection and enforcement of Title IX** and 2) the belief that **Pay Equity and Equal Opportunity are a matter of simple fairness**.

Your AAUW-KC Public Policy Co-Chairs have been working to ensure that we are doing our part. **Carol Cowles** met with members of the Maryville AAUW Branch on November 11 to suggest opportunities for interacting with their state senators and representatives. Because opportunities to influence legislation are limited by region and political districts, having a strong AAUW voice in northwest Missouri could bring real change!

We have developed an email distribution list for our branch so that we can encourage involvement in policy issues consistent with AAUW's mission and "activate" our membership.

Under the leadership of AAUW members: **Alice Kitchen**, **Riva Capellari**, **Carol Cowles**, and several **board members**, we are preparing a proposal to eliminate collection of salary history data as part of the application process of City of Kansas City, MO government employment. We plan to present the proposal

in soon to the City Council Finance Committee. Analysis of relevant data shows that basing a worker's salary offer on their wages from a previous job can perpetuate the current wage inequity of women. This proposal is one step toward ensuring Kansas City becomes a CEDAW City. CEDAW is the acronym for Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women.



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COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/
UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR



Janice McIntyre



Congratulations to **Janice McIntyre**, AAUW-KC member and AAUW-KCKCC advisor, for her election to the KCKCC Board of Trustees

on November 7! As a Trustee, she is required to relinquish all faculty positions, but she is looking forward to assisting KCKCC at the organizational leadership level. Janice taught at KCKCC for 40 years in the Humanities and Fine Arts Division, and taught yoga in the Wellness and Fitness Center. Her background includes a Ph.D. from UMKC centered on

Adult Education/Curriculum and Instruction with dissertation research on community college student success strategies.

Jennifer Gieschen and **Linda Warner** from the Women's & Gender Advocacy Center completed an AAUW "Start Smart" Salary Negotiation Program at the Tom Burke Technical Education Center on November 15 for nine students. This program will be held again in the spring.

AAUW-KCKCC Spring 2018 plans include activities related to the absence of women in leadership positions in the workplace. The Harvard Implicit Bias Project will be utilized to initiate local research and two panel discussions. Resources for leadership development will be collected and distributed throughout the KCKCC campus community.



Patti Jachowicz facilitated a Coffee & Conversation group and a panel presentation on Self-Empowerment through Career Planning, focusing on the power that active engagement in career planning has on building self-confidence and academic success. Students participated in hands-on activities to highlight and recognize their gifts and strengths. They also learned about how four professional women on campus overcame barriers such as gender and racial discrimination, English language deficiency, lack of role models, and job dissatisfaction, and attained the fulfilling and successful careers they enjoy today.

The Women on the Move Committee at Penn Valley has been busy identifying recipients of the Follett College Bookstores Scholarship, awarded based on a student's participation in campus activities, academic advising, connection with faculty, and fall

grades. Other events planned for the spring semester include a Women Rock Showcase and Equal Pay Day programming.



Congratulations to **Makayla Hancock**, UMKC student leader and recipient of the 2016 AAUW-KC NCCWSL scholarship, for taking another leap forward in her leadership by winning the 2017 Ink's 30 Under 30 award! This award went to 30 of Kansas City's most inspiring young innovators, bright rising stars and leaders of tomorrow who are transforming the world. AAUW has indeed played a vital role in empowering this dynamic young woman!

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM – GREAT DECISIONS SERIES

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

- JAN 12 & 26
- FEB 9 & 23

Friday Forum continues till January 26 when it shifts to Great Decisions, a national grassroots foreign policy discussion program involving study book reading and videos. This year's topics range from Russia's foreign policy to China, Turkey, global health issues, etc. Friday Forum will resume this summer after conclusion of Great Decisions. For further details, contact **Joanie Shores**, 660-200-5809 or joanashores1010@gmail.com.

3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- JAN 18 / CHARLESTON'S RESTAURANT
8817 STATE LINE RD / KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 / 11:30 AM
- FEB 15 / THE OLIVER
4807 JEFFERSON, KANSAS CITY, MO 64112 / 11:30 AM

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

4TH TUESDAY BOOKS & BREWS

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

- JAN 23 / "THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS"
BY **VANESSA DIFFENBAUGH**
- FEB 27 / "THE JAPANESE LOVER"
BY **ISABEL ALLENDE**

Literary and noteworthy fiction and nonfiction. Members of the group take turns picking and facilitating an optional dutch treat chat, chew and brews session following at a nearby restaurant. Cosponsored by AAUW. For more information, please contact **Jane Hatch**, 816-838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.