



TAKING ACTION

JOIN WITH THE HONORABLE JOSEPH PIERRON FOR A FUN, EDUCATIONAL, INTERACTIVE PROGRAM ON HOW THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT WORKS

“YOU BE THE JUDGE”

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20 / 5:30 PM RECEPTION, 6 PM PROGRAM
ANITA B. GORMAN CONSERVATION DISCOVERY CENTER**

4750 TROOST AVE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64110



This program, led by the **Honorable G. Joseph (Joe) Pierron** of the Kansas Court of Appeals, gives the audience a basic understanding of how the U. S. Constitution and the United States Supreme Court work. Two somewhat amusing Supreme Court cases are used to demonstrate how our constitutional protections are applied. The participants enjoy their parts in the program. The program has won local, state and national awards for its educational and entertaining values. Light refreshments will be served.



**Reentry Woman of the Year
AWARDS BRUNCH**

***YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2018
REENTRY WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS BRUNCH***

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21 / 9:30 AM–12 NOON
UNITY VILLAGE DINING HALL**

1901 NW BLUE PARKWAY, UNITY VILLAGE, MO 64065

This annual event is hosted by AAUW-KC and presented by the InterBranch Council (IBC). Scholarships are presented to women who best exemplify the courage, effort and perseverance to return to the classroom after an absence of five or more years.

Come and hear their inspiring stories!

Reservations are \$20. Mail check (payable to AAUW-KC) by **April 10** to: **Stephanie Holthaus, 4433 Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64110** or contact Stephanie at **816-309-8021** or **stephanieholthaus2@gmail.com**. Donations for award recipients' brunch costs and Reentry Woman of the Year scholarships are always welcome!

SAVE THESE DATES



- **100 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION**
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2 PM
PENN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- **THORPE MENN LITERARY EXCELLENCE AUTHOR NOMINATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE – MAY 1 (LUNCHEON–OCT. 6)**
- **AAUW-MO ANNUAL STATE MEETING – SATURDAY, MAY 5, COLUMBIA**

For more information and updates about these events, please visit:

<http://kansascity-mo.aauw.net/>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In a recent discussion with AAUW members a question was raised about the value of AAUW membership. *What do we get for our dues?* With the planned \$10 increase in National dues for 2018–19, now is a good time to answer that question. As a member of AAUW you are part of a national organization that is a leading nonpartisan voice on issues that are important

to women and girls. We have a lobby corps that is on the hill in Washington, DC advocating for these issues. Our National Public Policy office keeps us informed on legislation that is important to women and helps us make our voices heard through the AAUW Action Network. If you have not signed up to receive action alerts, I encourage you to take that step.

Over the past year, AAUW members came together to remind elected officials at every level of government that “women’s rights are human rights.” Our members and supporters weighed in on at least 325 state bills and submitted more than 10,000 comments to the U.S. Department of Education in support of strengthening and protecting Title IX. Our supporters sent over 270,000 messages to lawmakers through our AAUW Action Network. These efforts paid off: in 2017, 42 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico introduced equal pay bills, and five states and Puerto Rico passed new equal pay laws.

We are proud to serve as one of the world’s leading supporters of graduate women’s education. This past year, we awarded \$3.7 million in funding to our 2017–18 fellows and grantees, who compose our 129th class of distinguished alumnae. These 250 recipients represent diverse backgrounds, locations and areas of study but have one thing in common: They all aim to promote equity for women and girls. Recipients join the ranks of past awardees including Nobel Prize-winning scientist **Marie Curie**, journalist **Melissa Harris-Perry, Ph.D.**, and astronaut **Judith Resnik, Ph.D.**, to name a few. We also celebrated 100 years of awarding International Fellowships to more than 3,600 women representing more than 140 countries. Our funding and grants change lives, and our alumna change the world.

The gender pay gap is dominating headlines, from Hollywood to the corporate world. One way we’re taking action is by providing

solutions for working women. In 2017 we trained more than 17,000 people to negotiate their salaries through 600 AAUW Work Smart and AAUW Start Smart workshops hosted across 45 states. There’s still more to be done to help close the gender pay gap, and we intend to keep working until that goal is achieved.

Our national organization continues to produce important research reports on issues that impact women. Recent studies include: *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* (Fall 2017); *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans* (2017); *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership* (2016); and *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women’s Success in Engineering and Computing* (2015).

It has been a watershed year for women and gender equity. Through programming, research, and advocacy, we pushed for equal educational opportunities, equal pay for equal work, and workplaces free of discrimination. It is work that we have been doing for over 136 years and work we will continue to do until all women and girls enjoy equity in schools and workplaces.

I hope each of you will consider attending the **AAUW Missouri Conference** on **May 4–5**. At the conference you will have the opportunity to meet **AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches** at a reception on May 4 from 7–8 p.m. and hear her speak on AAUW priorities in a keynote address the morning of May 5. Details of the conference and registration form will be on the website and included in the *Winter Missouri in Motion*.

Let’s Keep Marching Forward Together!

Linda Berube

AAUW-KC President



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS—*INVITE A FRIEND!*

BY TERI WICHMAN, MEMBERSHIP VP

While winter may be a quiet time of the year for us, we are always eager to meet with potential new members. Please invite friends who are interested in the advancement of women to join you for an AAUW-KC meeting, program or event!

<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">JOIN OR RENEW</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">MISSION</p> <p style="margin: 0;">AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.</p>
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<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">2017–18 ANNUAL DUES: \$79</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Dues cover National membership (\$49), State membership (\$10), plus Kansas City membership (\$20). To join and for information, contact Teri Wichman at 816-868-5536 or teriwichman@gmail.com. You can register and pay online at www.aauw.org.</p>
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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.



PUBLIC POLICY REPORT FOR MARCH/APRIL 2018

BY RIVA CAPELLARI AND CAROL COWLES, CO-CHAIRS

This is a great time to become active in AAUW's Public Policy agenda and choose an initiative to support! We invite you to join us for these upcoming events in support of women's rights and make your voices heard:

- **April 10, 2018** is our **Equity Action Day** in Jefferson City. For the second year, our state organization will subsidize a bus to travel with ease and at low cost. Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more details.
- On **April 12** we will join with the **Women's Center at UMKC** to bring attention to **Equal Pay Day**. This is an excellent opportunity to recruit college students to AAUW.

Riva and Carol have been busy representing our Branch in the community. On **January 6** Riva attended the second session of **Gov101** and informative event sponsored by **ProgressWomen.com**. **Missouri State Representative Stacey Newman** moderated the event and emphasized the importance of working on the local government level to bring about changes and ways to participate in the **August 7** primary. She informed us on the importance of tracking bills through the legislative process, getting to know and communicate with committee leaders, and attending and testifying in hearings. She encouraged us to participate in lobby days

and continue to gather others and make noise! After a brief discussion on how bills are introduced (already 1,000 since December 1), there was a demonstration of a new website: **FastDemocracy.com** a new tool to track and assess specific bills in targeted areas. You can receive updates and view voting records for each legislator by subject. Additionally, a panel of four women representing **ACLU, Planned Parenthood, PROMO (Providing Equality for all Missourians)** and **Missouri State Representative Judy Morgan**, discussed bills submitted for 2018 that are causing them concerns.

AAUW-KC FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF IN MAY!

BY DORETTA PERNA, FUNDS CHAIR

AAUW provides information, resources and programs on vital women's issues such as the pay gap, students rights under Title IX, gender equity, sexual harassment in the workplace, and more. AAUW provides a platform where joined voices can ensure that these priorities are not ignored. By contributing to the AAUW Funds, you are providing support for these resources and voices.

In May, our branch will conduct an annual Fundraising Campaign asking members to contribute to AAUW Funds such as the AAUW Fund, a general fund for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed; Leadership Programs Fund, providing grants to build mentorship programs and provide networking; Public Policy Fund, advocating for policies and laws that are fair to women; and Get Out the Vote Fund, providing funding for election activities to help us remain compliant under existing regulations and encourage voting by all.

When you receive your fundraising letter, please consider contributing. If you are unaware of the work that AAUW does, visit **AAUW.org**. While you are online, click the **DONATE** button and get your money working right away. Last year 26 of our members added their voice by contributing close to \$3,000 to support the work of AAUW! Thank you for your past and continuing support!



YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE IS HARD AT WORK AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

BY STEPHANIE HOLTHAUS, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee composed of **Chair Stephanie Holthaus, Jane Vincent, Linda Berube, Kathleen Brandt, Lynn Bruner** and **Patti Cahill** are a dedicated group with progressive ideas and recommendations for solid financial policies for the AAUW-KC Branch.

It is the committee's responsibility to make recommendations to the board concerning the budget, as well as accounts deposited with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. In addition, **Finance Officer Jane Vincent** researches the best possible outcomes in terms of CD interest rates and timing of maturity and reports her findings to the committee with recommendations to the board.

Jane has also looked carefully at the future and reported to the committee on January 18 the necessity for a fundraising group to be formed as soon as possible. It will be that group's job to implement funding plans for the upcoming year. The Board of Directors and the Finance Committee welcome volunteers for this important undertaking. Please contact a board member or member of the Finance Committee with your interest or suggestions.



COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

The 2018 Reentry Woman of the Year and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) scholarship applications have been distributed to partner campuses. If you know of a student attending any of our partner colleges who may qualify for either of these scholarships, please refer her to the campus coordinator listed below. The Reentry scholarship is \$500 and the NCCWSL scholarship is \$1,000. The NCCWSL application deadline is March 12 and Reentry deadline is March 20.

Our partner campuses are gearing up for Women’s History Month and other spring activities focused on breaking barriers for women:



AAUW-KCKCC spring activities will focus on the absence of women in leadership positions in the workplace. The Harvard Implicit Bias instrument will be used to initiate local research and two panel discussions. Resources for leadership development will be collected and distributed throughout the KCKCC campus community. Plans are also underway for an AAUW Start Smart committee to expand workshops and locations, and to especially target tech students.



March 8: “Women in the Arts KC” Exhibition Opening Reception, 4–6 p.m.

Exhibition open through March 23. Free and open to the public!

KCKCC Reentry/NCCWSL scholarship coordinator: **Jennifer Gieschen**, Coordinator of Women and Gender Advocacy, gieschen@kckcc.edu / 913-288-7193



Penn Valley’s Women on the Move and Men of Color jointly

held a reception for Follett Bookstore scholarship recipients. Students received the award based on their participation in campus activities, academic planning, networking with faculty, and fall grades. Students shared moving testimonials about their journeys to new found success in college and in life. AAUW-KC is a proud co-sponsor of Women on the Move, sharing a common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and bringing awareness to men on campus about women’s issues.

Upcoming Penn Valley activities sponsored by Campus Life & Leadership and Women on the Move:

March 2: MCC Leadership Summit

March 8: Women on the Move / Men of Color “Real Talk”

March 27: Breaking Barriers: Student networking reception with women leaders in our community

April 3: The Clothesline Project

April 4: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

April 10: Equal Pay Day Information Table in the Campus Center

April 19: LGBTQI History Tour of Kansas City

MCC Reentry/NCCWSL scholarship coordinator: **Gabrielle Moore-Jones**, Academic Advisor for Project Success, gabrielle.moore@mckc.edu / 816-604-4313



UMKC Women’s Center activities:

March 1–16: Social Media Trivia Contest

Theme: “Nevertheless She Persisted: Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.”

March 9: Feminist Film Friday: Battle of the Sexes

April 10: National Equal Pay Day Information Table in the Miller Nichols Learning Center

April 20: Crafty Feminist Friday Expressing creativity and activism on denim to be displayed on campus.

April 26: Denim Day Co-sponsored by UMKC Violence Prevention & Response Center as a campaign to provide a visible means of protest against the myths surrounding sexual assault.

UMKC Reentry/NCCWSL scholarship coordinator: **Arzie Umali**, Assistant Director of the Women’s Center, umalia@umkc.edu / 816-235-5577

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY – GREAT DECISIONS SERIES

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

- MAR 9 & 23
- APR 13 & 27

Great Decisions is a national grassroots foreign policy discussion program involving study book reading and videos. 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 joanhores1010@gmail.com.

3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- MAR 15 / THE RUSSELL

3141 MAIN ST, KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM

- APR 19 / BROOKSIDE POULTRY CO

408 E 63RD ST., KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM

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

4TH TUESDAY BOOKS & BREWS

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

- MAR 27 / “THE YEAR SHE LEFT US” BY KATHERINE MA

MODERATOR: **KAY ENGLER**

- APR 24 / “OUR SOULS AT NIGHT ” BY KENT HARUF

MODERATOR: **CAROL COWLES**

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.