



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

MAY/JUNE 2018



# TAKING ACTION

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



From **FOOD INSECURE** to **FOOD SECURE**  
The Food Security Network

**NOURISH KC**

Phase 1

The Immediate Hot Meal

"How to Fill Someone's Stomach"

Phase 2

Preparing the Next Meal

"Food to Take Home"

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 @ 6 PM**  
**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**40TH & MAIN (11 E 40TH ST.) / KANSAS CITY, MO**

Dinner will be provided and prepared by Nourish KC's culinary training program members and the evening's program will offer details about their great work.

A donation of \$10, which will be split between AAUW KC and Nourish KC, will secure your admission to this event. Dinner will be served at 6:00, followed by the program, and AAUW KC's Annual Membership Meeting for the election of officers and sharing of information about National AAUW strategic plan and by-laws amendments.

Please add this event to your calendar. Contact **Joanie Shores** at 1-660-200-5809 or [joaneshores1010@gmail.com](mailto:joaneshores1010@gmail.com) for reservations. Free parking on the south side of the church.

## AAUW KC 2018–2019 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee members **Carol Cowles**, **Sara Pedram**, **Hortense Burr**, **Nicky Stanke** and **Teri Wichman** announce the following officers (2018–2019) to be elected at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2018:

President(s) Elect – **Wanda Perkins**

Co-Presidents – **Stefanie Hatfield** and **Ellen Johnson**

Immediate Past President – **Linda Berube**

Co-Program Vice Presidents – **Patty Cahill** and **Joanie Shores**

Membership Vice President – **Teri Wichman**

Secretary – **Corinne Mahaffey**

Finance Officer – **Jane Vincent**

Bylaws: Article IX: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: The names of the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to every member at least 20 days prior to the election. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

2018 ANNUAL

*June Celebration Picnic*



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOK AHEAD TO AN EXCITING NEW  
YEAR WITH THE INSTALLATION OF OUR 2018–2019 OFFICERS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5 @ 5:30 PM**  
**LOOSE PARK GARDEN CENTER**

**ROSE ROOM / 5200 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. / KANSAS CITY, MO**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

Drinks and dinnerware provided. No reservations required.

**AAUW MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE: MAY 4–5, 2018 / COLUMBIA** It's not too late to make your reservations and attend the AAUW MO State Conference in Columbia, May 4–5. Meet National AAUW CEO **Kimberly Churches** and hear about her vision for AAUW and AAUW's strategic plan. [Click here for complete details and reservation form.](#)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The work of AAUW Kansas City members and leaders is important to advancing equity for women and girls. During this past year AAUW KC pledged to *Keep Marching Forward Together!* Your tireless leadership has helped fulfill this pledge to women and girls in the Kansas City Metro and nationwide.

- We have marched forward with the excellent programs planned by **Joanie Shores** and **Judith McGunegle** and their program committee.
- The Finance Committee led by **Stephanie Holthaus** and **Jane Vincent** has made plans to insure we can continue to march forward in the future by insuring we spend wisely and conserve our resources.
- **Teri Wichman** has led the membership committee in the planning of the Fall Fling and reaching out to find new members to insure our membership continues to march forward.

- **Wanda Perkins** has recorded our meeting minutes and kept our board meeting rooms scheduled so KC leadership can march forward together.
- The Communications Team led by Communications Chair **Sara Pedram** and Newsletter Editor **Carrie Maidment** have provided excellent leadership in producing our newsletter and keeping the website up to date to keep us informed. **Marian McClellan** helped us identify better ways to use social media to inform our membership and the KC community on how we can keep marching forward.
- AAUW Funds Chair **Doretta Perna** has reminded us of the importance of donating to AAUW in order to insure that our national organization can keep leading the march forward.
- **Patti Jachowicz** has led our march forward with our college and university programs, NCCWSL scholarships and by chairing the KC IBC Re-entry committee.
- Our Public Policy chairs, **Carol Cowles** and **Riva Capellari**, have reminded us of the importance of joining the march by raising our voices and letting our elected leaders know the importance of our issues.
- **Earline Bentley** led the 100 HS Girls committee to award scholarships to our future marchers.
- **Carrie Maidment**, **Ellen Johnson**, and **Jane McClain** led the Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award event to keep our engagement with the KC writing community marching forward.
- **Winnie Weinrich**, **Jane Hatch** and **Joanie Shores** led Cuisine Club, 4th Tuesday Books & Brews, and Friday Forum interest groups, which are important to helping our membership come together and be informed.
- Co-Presidents-elect, **Stefanie Hatfield** and **Ellen Johnson**, have been there every step of the march by jumping in to help wherever they were needed...by chairing the Irene Wagy committee, organizing 100 High School Girls, and joining the communication team's efforts to improve our outreach through social media.
- **AAUW KC members** have joined committees, attended program meetings and events, and contributed to AAUW Funds to insure that AAUW KC keeps marching forward.

Thanks to everyone we will *Keep Marching Forward Together!*

*Linda Berube*

AAUW-KC President



JOIN  
OR RENEW

## MISSION

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

## 2018-2019 ANNUAL DUES: \$89

Dues cover National membership (\$59), State membership (\$10), plus KC membership (\$20). Send \$89, payable to AAUW KC to: **Jane Vincent, 6919 W 101st St., Overland Park, KS 66212**, 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.



## MAKE A DONATION TO AAUW FUNDS

BY DORETTA PERNA, FUNDS CHAIR

The month of May will be your opportunity to donate to the National AAUW Funds. To quote directly from the AAUW website:

**“By supporting AAUW you stand with communities across the country who are demanding that women’s priorities be America’s priorities. We will work together to close the gender pay gap, for all women to have access to health care, stop violence against women, and break glass ceilings in the workplace and in government. There was over \$3.7 million awarded to women and community projects. Pay Equity will be National’s focus next year.”**

In May, our branch will conduct an annual fundraising campaign asking members to contribute to AAUW Funds. Please consider what YOU can do to support the programs of AAUW when your letter arrives!

## MEMBERS CORNER

BY TERI WICHMAN, MEMBERSHIP VP

*We are pleased to welcome our new members!* If you see someone at a meeting or event that you don’t know, please introduce yourself and get to know them. They may be either a visitor or a new member, but let’s show them what a friendly and dedicated group of women we are! And as usual, we encourage you to invite friends, work associates, and family to attend our meetings and events. *Happy Spring!*

## ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

BY JANE VINCENT, FINANCE OFFICER

June is the time we end our fiscal year and look forward to the new 2018–2019 year.

Consider this your invoice for 2018–2019 membership dues. This year we had an increase from National of \$10.00, who hasn’t raised their dues in 10 years. The total amount for the year is **\$89.00**. (Chapter dues are still \$20.00, State is still \$10.00 and \$59.00 goes to National.) There is a one-time discount for new members (total dues \$44.50) who join at one of our meetings or events. If this changes, I will let you know.

Please make your **\$89.00** check payable to AAUW KC and mail by **June 30, 2018** to:

**Jane Vincent**  
**6919 W 101st Street**  
**Overland Park, KS 66212**

Or catch me at a meeting or event to pay by check, or pay online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Women are making such strides so let’s keep up the momentum! Thanks so much for your prompt attention to this matter!

## PUBLIC POLICY RECAP

BY RIVA CAPELLARI AND CAROL COWLES, CO-CHAIRS

April 10, 2018 was AAUW’s Equity Action Day in Jefferson City. AAUW MO organized a bus for travel, and five KC members took advantage. The “Fabulous Five” worked hard representing AAUW’s priorities to state legislators along with other Missouri women (and a few men.) Also on April 10, Equal Pay Day, we joined with the Women’s Center at UMKC and MCC-Penn Valley to bring attention to this issue. It is infuriating that women are paid 79 cents for every one dollar earned by our male coworkers in Missouri!

On March 28, **Carol Cowles** along with members **Alice Kitchen**, **Gail James** and **Stacey Carrow** met with the City Council Finance Committee to discuss the need for an independent gender study of public sector employment. The proposed study will be based on what other cities have done to promote employment, salary equity, promotions, and women/family friendly practices as well as providing baseline data for Kansas City. Our initial request was the removal of a salary history question during the hiring process. Other organizations collaborating in this project are the **Women’s Equality Coalition** and **Midwest 4 Cities for CEDAW**. We returned to the Committee on April 11 with additional information, so stay tuned for further updates!

Participating in collaborative projects and belonging to coalitions is the best way to amplify our voices to protect our rights and move our agenda forward. Our longstanding partnership with **League of Women Voters** and our developing association with the **Greater Kansas City Justice Coalition** provide us opportunities...but it is up to each of us to represent AAUW within her own spheres of interest and influence!





## NEW COMMUNICATION TEAM ASSEMBLES

Your new Communications Team held its inaugural meeting on March 27. Team members are: **Kathleen Brandt, Cindy Farrow, Stefanie Hatfield, Carrie Maidment, Sara Pedram** and **Linda Berube** (Advisor). Our mission: To communicate more effectively in the age of social media.

Topics discussed included outreach to current members; recruiting new members; starting up a Facebook page and content; distribution of our *Taking Action* newsletter and email communications; and maintaining the branch website. Soon after our meeting, **Kathleen Brandt** (who agreed to manage our FB communications) had set up our page at [www.facebook.com/KCAAUW/](http://www.facebook.com/KCAAUW/) or search AAUW Kansas City on FB. Upcoming events, invitations and other real time news will be posted there.



FOLLOW US ON  
**facebook**

The team also explored communicating via “text message” to alert/remind members of upcoming programs and events. Members privacy is extremely important. So, if you wish to receive text messages, please give your consent by emailing your cell phone number to [aauwkc@gmail.com](mailto:aauwkc@gmail.com).

Special thanks to past president **Marian McClellan** who connected with a professor at UMKC teaching a marketing class. Students came up with social media marketing plans for AAUW KC as a class assignment.

Stay “tuned in” and up to date with AAUW as we march forward together with adventurous and innovative ideas to expand our horizons through communication!

## COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/  
UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

It was another busy scholarship season for the College/University and Inter-Branch Council committees. Excellent applications for the NCCWSL (National Conference for Women Student Leaders) and IBC Reentry scholarships were judged and awarded to extremely worthy students who are dedicated to improving their lives through learning and leadership development. These hard-working women who continue with classes, internships, career-building jobs, volunteering, and caring for family will be featured in our fall newsletter. Stay tuned!

Our partner campuses celebrated Women’s History Month well into April with various workshops, film fests, group conversations and activities, many of which were AAUW cosponsored.

AAUW student affiliate membership is growing steadily, as is student awareness and commitment to issues that are important to women and their families. Each college/university partner has devoted staff and faculty who support AAUW and are eager to create new opportunities that empower women on campus. If you’d like to learn more about these campus activities, please visit the following websites:



**KCKCC Counseling & Advocacy/  
The Women’s Resource Center**

<http://www.kckcc.edu/campus-life/student-services/counseling-advocacy-center>



**MCC Penn Valley Campus Life &  
Leadership/Women on the Move**

<http://mcckc.edu/clubs-orgs/campus-life-leadership/>



**UMKC Women’s Center**

<https://info.umkc.edu/womens/>

## MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

### 2ND & 4TH GREAT DECISIONS SERIES

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

- MAY 11 & 25
- JUNE 8 & 22

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 [joanashores1010@gmail.com](mailto:joanashores1010@gmail.com).

### 3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

• MAY 17 / CHAZ ON THE PLAZA  
RAPHAEL HOTEL / 325 WARD PARKWAY, KCMO / 11:30 AM

• JUNE 21 / SPIN PIZZA  
CROWN CENTER (FIRST LEVEL), KCMO / 11:30 AM

RSVP to **Teri Wichman** at [teriwichman@gmail.com](mailto:teriwichman@gmail.com).

### 4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

WALDO BRANCH LIBRARY / 201 E 75<sup>TH</sup> ST, KCMO / 6–7 PM

- MAY 22 / “MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING”  
BY SHAKESPEARE / MODERATOR: **ARDY PEARSON**
- JUNE 26 / “FORTY AUTUMNS”  
BY NINA WILLNER / MODERATOR: **CECILIA LEUGERS**
- JULY 24 / “THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE”  
BY LISA SEE / MODERATOR: **JANE HATCH**

Members of the group take turns picking and facilitating an optional dutch treat “CHAT, CHEW & BREWS” session following at a nearby restaurant. Cosponsored by AAUW. For more information, please contact **Jane Hatch, 816-838-7626** or [janehatch@yahoo.com](mailto:janehatch@yahoo.com).

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

