



Kansas City, Missouri Branch

SEP/OCT 2018

TAKING ACTION

JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK IN KC, AUG. 19–26

Celebrating the 98th Anniversary of Women Gaining the Right to Vote!

Don't miss these AAUW-KC WEW co-sponsored events:

What is Woman's Work Worth?

The History of the Equal Pay Act of 1963

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 / 6 P.M. RECEPTION /

6:30 P.M. PROGRAM / NATIONAL ARCHIVES

400 W PERSHING RD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

AAUW-KC and the National Archives hosts a presentation on Pay Equity with a diverse group of panelists who will relate their personal experiences in the fight for equal pay. The program will include a re-enactment of an oral history interview between historian Shirley Blum Tanzer and Oregon Representative Edith Green in 1977. Green represented Oregon in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1955–1974 and was an advocate for the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title IX. Learn what has happened since 1963 and “The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap.” Find out how AAUW plans to train 22 million women by 2022 through their salary negotiation programs “Start Smart” and “Work Smart.” Reservations are requested for this free program, RSVP to 816-268-8010 or kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

Barriers and Bias to Women in Leadership

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 / 6–8 P.M.

EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION

4801 ROCKHILL RD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64110

A diverse panel of women will provide personal insight into overcoming challenges they have faced in the labor force and reaction to the AAUW Research Study: Barriers and Bias the Status of Women in Leadership. AAUW-KC member Carol Cowles will make a presentation about the Research Study.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK: August 19th through August 26th, 2018

Programs are free and open to the public. Some require reservations.

| SUNDAY 19 | MONDAY 20 | TUESDAY 21 | WEDNESDAY 22 | THURSDAY 23 | FRIDAY 24 | SATURDAY 25 |
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| Women's Equality Week Kick-off Reception 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. National Archives 400 W. Pershing Rd. Kans. City, MO 64108 816-268-8010 | Employment Discrimination: Impact on Women 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. National Archives 400 W. Pershing Rd. Kans. City, MO 64108 816-268-8010 | What's Possible: Inspiring Women's Leadership 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation 4801 Rockhill Rd. Kans. City, MO 64110 816-268-8010 | Lost in Their Own City: The Intersection of Housing and Transportation 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation 4801 Rockhill Rd. Kans. City, MO 64110 816-268-8010 | How Women's Leadership is Changing the World 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation 4801 Rockhill Rd. Kans. City, MO 64110 816-268-8010 | Shirley Blum Tanzer: A Woman's Story 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. National Archives 400 W. Pershing Rd. Kans. City, MO 64108 816-268-8010 | Women's Equality Week: A Day of Action 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. National Archives 400 W. Pershing Rd. Kans. City, MO 64108 816-268-8010 |

CLICK HERE FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF KC WEW EVENTS



You're invited!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1–3 P.M. AT ALL SOULS CHURCH

4501 Walnut St. / KCMO 64111 (Across from Kemper Museum)

Gather with exuberant branch members and guests and discover what AAUW is all about!

Light refreshments and sparkling conversation will be provided. Members are encouraged to bring friends and family.

RSVP TODAY! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

THORPE MENN LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD LUNCHEON

SEE PAGE 5 FOR A LISTING OF THE 2018 NOMINATED AUTHORS/BOOKS AND EVENT RESERVATION DETAILS.





CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



NATIONAL AAUW STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

VISION

Equity for all.

VALUES

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity.
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

See AAUW President Kim Churches' convention video at: <https://aauw.org/resource/2018-state-convention-presentation/>

ASPIRE, ACHIEVE, UNIVERSAL EQUITY FOR ALL WOMEN

READY, SET, GO! Ellen and I, along with our new officers are ready and excited to begin a new season of AAUW-KC, planning and working together to achieve gender equity. The excitement starts on **August 19** with **Women's Equality Week KC**. AAUW-KC is co-sponsoring programs including *What is Women's Work Worth?* on **Tuesday, August 21** at the National Archives at Kansas City starting at 6 p.m. RSVP to 816-268-8010 or kansascity.educate@nara.gov. We hope to see you there!

A board retreat on July 28 gave us the opportunity to gather and get acquainted, review our priorities and calendar, and make new plans. We are emphasizing committees: *the more members we involve in the process, the more continuity and fellowship we will enjoy*. Here's a list of our 2018-2019 officers:

Elected Officers:

Co-Presidents – **Stefanie Hatfield,**

Ellen Johnson

President Elect – **Wanda Perkins**

Past President – **Linda Berube**

Co-Program VPs – **Patty Cahill, Joan Shores**

Membership VP – **Teri Wichman**

Secretary – **Corinne Mahaffey**

Finance Officer – **Jane Vincent**

Interest Group Leaders:

Cuisine Club – **Bev Ryan**

Books and Brews – **Jane Hatch, Carol Cowles**

Friday Forum – **Joan Shores**

Appointed Officers:

Communications – **Sara Pedram**

Finance – **Kathleen Brandt**

Funds – **Hortense Burr**

Public Policy – **Lynn Bruner, Kay Engler**

College/University – **Patti Jachowicz,**

Kathy Kiser

Wagy Fund – **Janelle Ramsburg**

Newsletter/Website – **Carrie Maidment**

Thorpe Menn Event – **Carrie Maidment,**

Anita Parran

Thorpe Menn Reading – **Jane McClain**

Start Smart – Committee to be named

100 High School Girls – **Kathleen Brandt**

BE PROACTIVE! Choose your favorite project and contact the leader today to volunteer!

We are particularly excited for our branch to participate in the AAUW initiative "Start Smart," a national program to teach salary negotiation skills to new job seekers. For more information go to <https://salary.aauw.org/start-smart/>. We are gathering a committee of interested members who work at local Colleges/Universities. Give us a call if you are interested!

'Tis the season of politics! We are proud to announce that we have three AAUW members who are running for state offices: **Joan Shores** is running for Missouri House of Representatives, District 57 (joanshores1010@gmail.com); **Laura Smith-Everett** is running for Kansas House of Representatives, District 17 (www.laurasmitheverett.com); and **Hon. Valdenia Winn** for Kansas House of Representatives, District 34 (<https://www.facebook.com/valdenia.winn.3>). Let's give them our support!

On the business end, we are tightening our financial belt to be good stewards of our funds. Our new Funds Chair, **Hortense Burr**, is aflame with enthusiasm and great ideas for fun fundraising projects. Give her a call to share in the joy of financing our aspirations!

Our "old favorites" programs, events, and interest groups are also included in our schedule beginning with **Fall Fling** on **September 15**, 1-3 p.m. at All Souls Church. On **Saturday, October 6** the Thorpe Menn Award luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Kansas City Public Library-Central Branch. Our monthly Interest Groups continue to meet: **Cuisine Club** on the 3rd Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; **Books and Brews** on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Waldo Library starting at 6 p.m.; and **Friday Forum** at the Waldo Library at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Friday. Those attending Book and Brews and Friday Forum often continue the conversation with lunch or dinner following the meeting. Everyone is welcome—invite your friends and join us!

Looking forward to aspiring and achieving together,

Stefanie Hatfield and Ellen Johnson

AAUW-KC Co-Presidents, 2018-2019

**JOIN
OR RENEW**

MISSION

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

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.

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.



EIGHT RECEIVE 2018 REENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, IBC REENTRY CHAIR

On April 21st the Kansas City InterBranch Council presented the annual **Reentry Scholarship Award** to eight outstanding women who returned to the college classroom after an absence of five or more years. Individual branch members within the IBC made generous donations allowing for an increased scholarship amount and an additional student recipient. Hopefully this upward trend will continue because students' needs are greater than ever. Another bonus this year was the Parkville branch's new reentry scholarship of \$500 in memory of two longtime members. While all applicants were worthy candidates, these women best exemplified the courage and personal resolve to overcome significant barriers to pursue their academic, career, and life goals. Their stories upon receiving their awards were incredibly inspiring! These women are determined to make a difference in the lives of others and the community.

The 2018 IBC Reentry Award recipients are (l-r): **Charity Bishop**, Social Work, MCC-Maple Woods; **Shana Shanteau**, Urban Planning & Design, UMKC; **Crystal Swope**, Social Work, Park University; **Sarah Palmer**, Nursing, MCC-Penn Valley; and **ShaVaughn Holloway**, English, Park University. (Recipients not pictured are **Cherie Servello**, Sociology & Psychology, Park University; **Samantha Kaiser**, Urban Planning & Design, UMKC; and **Jen Bess**, Sociology, MCC-Penn Valley.)



COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, AAUW-KC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CHAIR

Kansas City Kansas Community College presents:
Women's Equality Day 2018
Honoring ...
Dr. Jacqueline Vietti
Program & Award Presentation
Luncheon
Friday, August 24, 2018
Noon to 1:30 pm
Upper Jewell Building
Free and Open to the Public | RSVP Required | 7250 State Avenue | KC, KS 66112

Kansas City Kansas Community College

KCKCC will present a **Women's Equality Week** event on **August 24** from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Jewel Building. The event honors **Dr. Jacqueline Vietti**, who served as interim president for KCKCC in addition to many other accomplishments in higher education. She is a strong advocate of women in leadership roles. This event is hosted by Women & Gender Advocacy, Counseling & Advocacy Center, Intercultural Center, and AAUW-KC. RSVP to lenglish@kckcc.edu or call 913-288-7640. For more information, call **Jennifer Gieschen**, 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. AAUW-KC is represented on the WC Chancellor's Advisory Board and has been a strong collaborator for years. We're hosting a table at the **Chill Out with the Women's Center "Welcome Back"** event on **Monday, August 20**, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Co-sponsoring this event helps us connect with students and bring awareness of the importance of being well

informed about women's issues and learning to be an advocate for positive change. If you want to participate at the AAUW-KC table and inspire students, email **Patti Jachowicz**, pattijacho@gmail.com or **Kathy Kiser**, kkiser8646@gmail.com.

Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley



Women on the Move is a program committed to female student success in college. This exciting and interactive program is focused

on educating and empowering women while helping them advance their academic, personal and career goals. This program works to help students overcome barriers to success both in and out of the classroom. We welcome faculty and staff involvement to support students' pathway to their future.

This Penn Valley program, which partners with AAUW-KC, kicks off its third year with orientation/informational sessions on **August 30** and **September 5**. Students will be introduced to opportunities to find their voice and build confidence through an array of campus activities that include monthly **Coffee & Conversations** and workshops that highlight issues of importance for women students. Our branch participants will tell students about AAUW's mission and invite them to become a member at no cost through the MCC partnership. Participants are eligible to apply for a Follett Bookstore Scholarship and the AAUW-KC Reentry and NCCWSL scholarships. If you want to participate at the AAUW-KC table and inspire students, please contact **Patti Jachowicz**, pattijacho@gmail.com or 224-558-7757.



2018 AAUW-KC
NCCWSL Scholarship
winner, Helene
Slinker.

THE 2018 NCCWSL EXPERIENCE!

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, AAUW-KC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CHAIR

Helene Slinker from UMKC received the 2018 AAUW-KC NCCWSL Scholarship to attend the **National Conference for Women Student Leaders** at the University of Maryland in June. This premier conference provides transformative experience that prepares the next generation of women leaders. Helene is majoring in political science and is passionate about women's advancement and social justice. Helene stated, "Being surrounded by such smart, strong women was extremely empowering. The conference was a great moment of empowerment for me."

The keynote address was titled, Empowerment Through Empathy: Birth of the Me Too Movement, by Me Too creator **Tarana Burke**. Helene was inspired by Burke's passion, humor and ability to relate to the nearly 800 women in the room. Helene said, "I will never forget how she inspired me and all the work she has done for women."



KCKCC participants: Shae Koolay, Iman Al Naemi, Vernetta Pointer, Shai Perry, Adviser for AAUW Student Chapter, Miricle Mayo, and Nadia Vallecillo.

CITY COUNCIL BANS SALARY HISTORY QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

BY LYNN BRUNER AND KAY ENGLER, AAUW-KC PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Following a two-year advocacy effort by AAUW-KC and Women's Equality GKC, the City Council voted on July 26 to eliminate salary history questions on city employment applications.

Salary history questions have been found to be especially discriminatory to women. Statistics show that women make 80% of what is paid to men for the same job, said Women's Equality co-chair **Alice Kitchen**. She went on to say that if you have been underpaid in the past, there's a good chance you'll continue to be undervalued.

Although the ordinance applies only to city employment applications, Mayor Pro-Tem Councilman **Scott Wagner**, who supported its passage, hopes the measure sends a signal to the rest of the community that a person's worth should be based on their skills, not on their salary history.



Councilwoman Jolie Justus; Alice Kitchen, AAUW-KC; Carol Cowles, AAUW-KC; Gail James, AAUW-KC; and Councilman Scott Wagner, Mayor Pro-Tem, Finance Committee Chair.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES REMINDER

We're soliciting 2018-2019 membership renewal dues. You can either reply to the latest email or mail your dues of \$89.00 (payable to AAUW-KC) to:

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

Less than half of the membership has paid their dues. Remember, we need your support to continue offering great programs! If you have questions, please email **Jane Vincent**, Finance Officer, at jane@vincents.net.

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

- SEP 14 & 28
- OCT 12 & 26

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 **Joan Shores**, 660-200-5809 or joanhores1010@gmail.com.

3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

- SEP 20 THE BLUE MOOSE BAR & GRILL

4160 W 71ST ST (71ST & MISSION), PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS 66208 / 11:30 AM

- OCT 18 JASPER'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

1201 W 103RD ST (EAST OF STATE LINE), KCMO 64114 / 11:30 AM

RSVP to **Beverly Ryan** via phone at 816-333-2159.

"BOOKS & BREWS"

4TH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

- AUG 28 *Lilac Girls* by **Martha Hall Kelley**

Moderator: **Andi Palausky**

- SEP 25 *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*

by **Lisa See** Moderator: **Jane Hatch**

- OCT 23 *Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by **Sandy Tolan**

Moderator: **Susan Abelson**

Members take turns picking and facilitating an optional dutch treat "BOOKS & BREWS" session following at a nearby restaurant. Cosponsored by AAUW. For more details, contact **Jane Hatch**, 816-838-7626 or janehatch@yahoo.com.



You're invited to attend the 40th Annual
AAUW-KC and KC Public Library

THORPE MENN AWARD LUNCHEON

Celebrating the literary excellence of local authors.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

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 LORING LEIFER



Loring Leifer is a former design editor for *Interiors* magazine, she has written several books for Richard Saul Wurman, the creator of TED Talks, including *Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Learning to Give, Take, and Use Instructions*; *Who's Really Who? The 1000 Most Creative Individuals in the USA*; and others. In 2017, Loring was the winner of the

Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award for her book, *Angels with Angles: The Rogue Nuns Behind Operation Breakthrough*. She also co-wrote *Younger Voices, Stronger Choices* with then 18-year-old **Michael McLarney**, now in his thirties.

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON / \$400 TABLE FOR 10

RSVP by Monday, Oct. 1 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/>

2018 THORPE MENN NOMINEES

Mountain Lines: A Journey through the French Alps by Jonathan Arlan

Dark Side of the Museum by Randy Attwood

We Seek Asylum by Gustavo Adolfo Aybar

Well of the Three Sisters: A Presumption of Death by Ron Benedict

Changing the Tune: The Kansas City Women's Jazz Festival, 1978-1985
by Carolyn Glenn Brewer

Fireflies in the Gathering Dark by Maril Crabtree

Our Fathers: Making Black Men by Lewis W. Diuguid

Whitewash: The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer, and the Corruption of Science
by Carey Gillam

The Servitude of Love by Diane Glancy

QWERTYUIOPASDFGHJKLZXCVBNM: The Keyboard Letters by Diane Glancy

Murder Wears Mittens by Sally Goldenbaum

Fowl Language: The Struggle Is Real by Brian Gordon

A Storied Life: Tales of Toil & Grace by Ozella Hampton

The Great Puppy Invasion by Alastair Heim

Navigating a Life: Henry Bloch in World War II by John Herron and Mary Ann Wynkoop

Fairy Floss: The Sweet Story of Cotton Candy by Ann Ingalls

Mayor Sly and the Magic Bow Tie: A Kansas City Adventure
by Aja James, Audrey Masoner and Mayor Sly James

Soaring With Vultures by Dan Kelly

Noelle: A Novel by Greg Kincaid

My Lame Life: Queen of the Misfits by Jen Mann

Working with People I Want to Punch in the Throat: Cantankerous Clients, Micromanaging Minions, and Other Supercilious Scourges by Jen Mann

Working with Really Stupid People: The Congregants by Cindy McDermott

One Hundred Years' Journey: The Greenway Fields Neighborhood
by Elizabeth Noble, Ph.D. and LaDene Morton

Feet of the Messenger by H.C. Palmer

Hemingway at Eighteen: The Pivotal Year That Launched an American Legend
by Steve Paul

Last Call: The History of Kansas City's CODA Jazz Fund by Steve Penn

As It Is, When It Was by Brandon Pomeroy

The Lost Tribes: Safe Harbor by Christine Taylor-Butler

Waking on the Moon by Alarie Tennille

To The Land of Opportunity: A Grandfather's Journey by George Varghese, M.D.

Hidden History of Kansas by Adrian Zink

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

WAGY AWARDS & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

GRAND STREET CAFÉ / 11:30 A.M.

For more information and news, visit

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

