



TAKING ACTION

WOMEN IN THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 6:30–8 PM

WALDO LIBRARY, ROOM A, 201 E 75TH ST, KANSAS CITY, MO

Join us for this compelling presentation. A panel of women from Journey to New Life and Journey House, an organization maximizing the quality of life for those returning to the community from prison or other involvement with the justice system. Panelists will describe how they help often-forgotten women make the difficult transition from prison life back to freedom. Light refreshments will be served.

GUEST PANELISTS

Lee Rathbone-McCuan PhD, MSW, Board Member, Journey to New Life

Sher Herbialczyk Resident Manger, Journey House

Laura Kozak LMSW, Social Worker, Journey House

Susie Hope Roling MSW, Director of Operations, Journey to New Life

You're Invited!



Reentry Woman of the Year AWARDS BRUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 / 9:30 AM–NOON

**UNITY VILLAGE DINING ROOM
1901 NW BLUE PKWY, UNITY VILLAGE, MO**

This annual event taking place in the dining room at Unity Village is hosted by AAUW-KC Northland and presented by the InterBranch Council (IBC). Scholarships are awarded 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!

The cost is \$25. For reservations, mail check (payable to AAUW-KC Northland Branch) by April 9 to Cela Sullivan, 4341 Northwest Briarcliff Lane, KCMO 64116. Donations for brunch costs for award recipients and Reentry scholarships are welcome! For more details, contact Cela at 816-797-8685 or cel1777@sbcglobal.net.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Every year since 1931, the Kansas City Branch of AAUW has honored outstanding high school senior girls with college scholarships up to \$1,000. To be eligible for the 2019 scholarships, students must submit an application and essay by March 15, 2019, and be a current student of one of the following area schools: Central Academy of Excellence, East High School, Northeast High School, Southeast High School, Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts, Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, Ruskin High School, Center High School, and Grandview High School.

Help us get the word out! Please share this scholarship/application link with eligible students: <https://kansascity-mo.aauw.net/files/2018/12/AAUWK100HSGIRLS2019APP.pdf>.

Questions? Call **Kathleen Brandt** at 816-729-5995.



(Read more about AAUW WORK SMART on page 2.)



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

“Nevertheless, she persisted.”

AAUW-KC’s *persistent* members **Kay Engler** and **Lynn Bruner** spoke for us in their *KC Star* editorial on the threat to Title IX; **Hortense Burr** engaged Barnes & Noble customers in enthusiastic conversation to acquaint them with AAUW at a gift wrapping event; **Kathleen Brandt** persisted to engage the Kansas City School District to gain their cooperation in soliciting applicants for our 100 High School Girls scholarship program; **Gail James** and **Alice Kitchen** work tirelessly to achieve gender pay equity; **Ellen Johnson** maintains frequent contact with National AAUW to promote the “Work Smart” program for achieving gender pay equity; and the AAUW-KC Board members who meet monthly to report on their endeavors as well as contribute to the general well-being of our branch.

Welcome Kansas City Councilwoman **Katheryn Shields**, who joined AAUW-KC at the Barnes & Noble gift wrapping event.



I am happy to have been asked to introduce myself as a new Member. I am a graduate of UMKC – B.A., M.A. and J.D. I practiced law in Kansas City, and served on the City Council from 1987 to 1995. Then I served three terms as Jackson County Executive from 1995 to 2006. I ran a non-profit that built low-income housing – and returned to the Kansas City Council in 2015.

I am not telling you this to brag, but to answer a question that you may have as to whether the work of AAUW makes a “real-world” difference. It sure made a difference in my life, because AAUW scholarship awards helped enable me to earn those degrees and get the experience that made my career possible.

Thank you, AAUW, from Katheryn Shields.

AAUW WORK SMART: Empowering Working Women in Kansas and Missouri

AAUW Work Smart is designed to help you negotiate for a new job, raise or promotion. In every two-hour online workshop you’ll gain confidence in your negotiation style. Through facilitated discussion and role-play you will learn:

- How to identify and articulate your personal value
- How to develop an arsenal of persuasive responses and other negotiation strategies, including how to get a raise or promotion
- How to conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits
- About the wage gap, including its long-term consequences.

AAUW’s goal is to train One Million Women in Work Smart in five years. A shorter goal is a Coca Cola grant to register 100,000 by September 1, 2019. National AAUW staffers **Kendra Davis**, SVP Advancement and Partnerships and **Gloria Blackwell**, SVP Fellowships and Programs, are spearheading this initiative. Members can help us reach our goals by:

1. Registering and completing AAUW Work Smart online at <https://salary.aauw.org/>
2. Using your networking opportunities to share this resource.
3. Becoming a facilitator to lead workshops.

Good News! The latest from Washington D.C. on pay equity is the introduction of the **Paycheck Fairness Act** in both the House (HR 7) and Senate (S 270) on January 30, 2019. Which was the 10th anniversary of the passing of the **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act**. Get the facts at https://www.aauw.org/article/pfa_factsheet2019/

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.

2019–2020 ANNUAL DUES: \$89

Dues cover National membership (\$59), State membership (\$10), plus Kansas City 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.



PIVOT ON DUES DATES

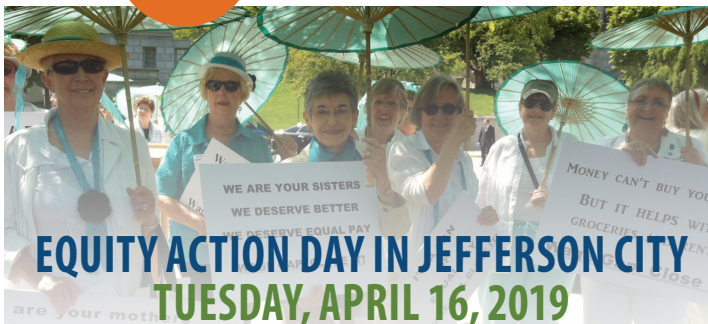
BY JANE VINCENT, FINANCE OFFICER

As you probably know, AAUW membership dues run according to our fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. It used to be that National would accept half year dues from January 1 to June 30. They have eliminated this option and they are now nudging us to start billing members in mid-March with the hope that we will have our dues turned in by June 30 of any given year.

It may seem like we just billed you for the current year, but we are aiming to get payments aligned with our fiscal year, rather than the calendar year. 2019–2020 membership dues are \$89 per year with \$59 going to AAUW National, \$10 to AAUW Missouri, plus \$20 to our Kansas City Branch. Membership dues provide so many amazing opportunities and programs. New members who join at an AAUW-KC event receive 1/2 off the National dues making their cost \$59.50.

Thanks for your continuing support!

SAVE THESE DATES:



EQUITY ACTION DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

Join women from across the state to hear from legislators about what is happening in Missouri government. Lobby your senator and representative on the Equal Rights Amendment and Equal Pay for Women. We will organize a carpool from Kansas City. If you want to join us, please email **Linda Berube** at ljbauw@hotmail.com.

PICTURED: EQUITY ACTION DAY 2012 IN JEFFERSON CITY. (L-R) JOANIE SHORES, ELLEN JOHNSON, SARA PEDRAM, JANE CRIGLER, NICKY STANKE, STEFANIE HATFIELD, AND LINDA BERUBE.

STATUS OF WOMEN SPECIAL REPORT TUESDAY, MAY 14 / 6:30–8 PM

Join us at **Minsky's Pizza** (5101 Main St., KCMO) to hear a timely report from AAUW-KC members **Gail James**, **Alice Kitchen** and **Joanie Shores**. Having attended the annual March session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the principal global body dedicated to promotion of gender equality and empowerment, they will share their impressions and experiences. Pizza and salad available, payable by separate checks.

AAUW-MO ANNUAL STATE MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 4, COLUMBIA

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



MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY MORNINGS – GREAT DECISIONS SERIES

WALDO LIBRARY / ROOM A / 201 E 75TH ST / KCMO 64114 / 10–11 AM

- MAR 8 & 22
- APR 12 & 26

In lieu of Friday Forum, Great Decisions will meet every 2nd and 4th Friday through midsummer. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs, providing background information for study and policy options. This year's topics are:

- **Refugees and Global Migration**
- **The Middle East: Regional Disorder**
- **Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?**
- **The Rise of Populism In Europe**
- **Decoding U.S.-China Trade**
- **Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics**
- **The US and Mexico: Partnership Tested**
- **State of the State Department and Diplomacy**

For course workbooks, contact **Ardy Pearson**, 816-444-6651 or pearson@kc.rr.com.

For more information, call **Joanie Shores** at 660-200-5809 or email your questions to joaneshores1010@gmail.com.

3RD THURSDAY – CUISINE CLUB

- MAR 21 / **LIDIA'S**

101 W 22ND ST, CROSSROADS DISTRICT, KANSAS CITY, MO / 11:30 AM

- APR 18 / **TATSU'S FRENCH RESTAURANT**

4603 W 90TH ST, PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS / 11:30 AM

RSVP five days prior to the event by calling **Bev Ryan** at 816-333-2159.

PLEASE NOTE: If KCMO schools close, Cuisine Club will be cancelled.

3RD THURSDAY – BOOKS & BREWS

WALDO BRANCH KC PUBLIC LIBRARY / 201 E 75TH ST / KCMO 64114 / 6–7 PM

Our new 3rd Thursday of the month meeting date brought several new members to the group in January. In fact, 15 women and men continued the book discussion over food and drink at Gov. Stumpy's. Books & Brews meetings are held at the KC Public Library Waldo Branch, facilitated by **Jane Hatch**, with **Carol Cowles** and **Sue Coy** providing assistance. Meetings are lively as diverse opinions and preferences are shared. After the one-hour book discussion, those who wish, relocate to **Governor Stumpy's Grill House** (individual choices and checks). New members are always welcome!

- MAR 21 / **LAST DAYS OF NIGHT**

BY **GRAHAM MOOR** MODERATOR: RITA GIENAPP

- APR 18 / **LINCOLN IN THE BARDO**

BY **GEORGE SAUNDERS** MODERATOR: CAROLYN CONNOR

- MAY 16 / **"SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE"**

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE BY HEART OF AMERICA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Questions? Contact **Carol Cowles** at carolcowles63@gmail.com or 847-846-3450.



COLLEGE CORNER

BY PATTI JACHOWICZ, COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

The 2019 **Reentry Woman of the Year** and **NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders)** scholarship information was distributed in January 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 scholarship coordinator listed below. The Reentry scholarship is \$500 minimum and the application deadline is March 15, 2019. The NCCWSL scholarship is \$1,000 and application deadline is February 15, 2019. If you're interested in helping judge scholarship applications, contact **Hortense Burr** at hjburr@cs.com or 913-599-0781.

Our partner campuses are gearing up for **Women's History Month**, **Equal Pay Day**, and other spring activities. All branch members are welcome to attend AAUW supported and public campus events!



Scholarship Coordinator: **Jennifer Gieshen**, Coordinator of Women & Gender Advocacy, gieschen@kckcc.edu or 913-288-7193

March 4: Women Who Serve Politically Panel, AAUW Student Chapter Event, 12-1 p.m., Room 2325

April 2: LUNAFEST and Equal Pay Day Awareness

In 2000, LUNA Bar created LUNAFEST – a traveling film festival celebrating, showcasing and championing women in film.

Check out the AAUW-KCKCC student organization Facebook page for other news and upcoming events!



Scholarship Coordinator: **Gabrielle Moore-Jones**, Academic Advisor for Project Success, gabrielle.moore@mccck.edu or 816-604-4313



Branch members **Carol Cowles**, **Hortense Burr**, and **Patti Jachowicz** led the Women on the Move Celebration at Penn Valley. Carol presented an inspiring yoga session to help calm

student nerves before finals. Hortense and Patti told students about the benefits of joining AAUW as a student e-member, signing up as a Two-Minute Activist, and applying for AAUW scholarships.

Penn Valley's Women on the Move, Men of Courage, Culture, and Civility, and MCC Leads jointly held informational meetings in January to kick off the spring semester. Our branch will join the Campus Life & Leadership Office on Equal Pay Day in April with activities to make students aware about the gender pay gap and its

consequences, which is even more significant for minority women. Community college education and training programs play a critical role in providing equal economic opportunity for women, many of whom continue to struggle with economic insecurity and wage discrimination. Spring events at MCC-Penn Valley to raise awareness of women's issues:

March 7: Mid-Day Matinee, *Iron Jawed Angels*, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Room ST 101 Fiery American suffragette Alice Paul lights a fire under the older women leaders in Washington DC. President Wilson refuses to give all women the vote, but Paul is prepared to go to prison for her cause.

April 2: The Clothesline Project, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Campus Center Lobby Created to bring awareness to the issue of violence against women, men and children. It is a means of expressing emotions by decorating a t-shirt.

April 2: Equal Pay Day Awareness, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Campus Center

April 3: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, 12 noon, Campus Center

April 4: Mid-day Matinee, *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*, Time TBD, Room ST 101

Filmmakers re-examine the 1992 death of transgender legend Marsha P. Johnson, who was found floating in the Hudson River. Originally ruled a suicide, many in the community believe she was murdered.



Scholarship Coordinator: **Arzie Umali**, Assistant Director of the Women's Center, umalia@umkc.edu or 816-235-5577

You are invited and bring a friend to a benefit production of *The Vagina Monologues*. Help AAUW support this inspirational and entertaining performance at our partner campus, UMKC.

Time: Resource Fair at 6:30 p.m.; Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; Performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

February 21: UMKC Student Union Theatre, 5100 Cherry St. Advance tickets: \$10 for students, \$25 for non-students, \$5 each for groups of five or more students. At the door: \$15 for students and \$30 for non-students.

February 22*: UMKC Spencer Theater, James C. Olson Performing Arts Center, 4949 Cherry Advance tickets: \$10 for students, \$35 for non-students, \$5 each for groups of five or more students. At the door: \$15 for students and \$40 for non-students.

*This performance includes a special post-performance **Audience Talkback** with the cast

Tickets can be purchased through the Central Ticket Office. Proceeds from all activities benefit the UMKC Women's Center, UMKC Violence Prevention & Response Program, and V-Day's 2019 spotlight campaign. For more information, visit <http://info.umkc.edu/womenc/programs/v-day-umkc-2019/>.