

TAKING ACTION

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER COMPELLING AAUW-KC PROGRAM

On Wednesday, October 23, Dr. Carole McArthur, professor in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences at UMKC School of Dentistry, will share her experiences and slides about maternal to child disease transmission in developing countries. Dr. McArthur is a well-known international researcher and scholar who has devoted decades of her career to the development



of effective diagnostic approaches for HIV and related diseases. She is Director of the Afrihealth Partnership International (API) and currently conducts research at 47 clinical HIV sites in Kinshasa, Congo. A reception with light refreshments starts at 6:30 p.m. / program from 7–8 p.m.

THE CONTINUING HIV CRISIS AMONG AFRICAN WOMEN: CRITICAL CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6:30–8 P.M.

UMKC DIASTOLE CENTER, 2501 HOLMES, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

Nettie Irene Van Der Veer

WAGY AWARDS & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Join us for this festive event to honor and award local community organizations for their work in advancing education and equity for women and girls.

This year marks the 22nd year of the Wagy Awards, underwritten by a generous bequest from Irene Wagy, a longtime member of the KC Branch of AAUW, and donations from Branch members.



Friday, December 6
Café Trio

4558 Main Street, Kansas City, MO

11:30 a.m. Social

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Awards Program

\$40 per person. Reservations required by Monday, November 25. Mail checks payable to AAUW-KC: Ellen Johnson, AAUW-Wagy, 441 W. 81st St., Kansas City, MO 64114. Questions? Contact Ellen at 816-931-5288 or ellen.johnson@gmail.com or Wanda Perkins, wjperkins@att.net, 816-216-1464.

"One of my favorite AAUW-KC events of the year!"

"It is inspiring to learn about the community organizations who do such good work for women and girls."

"Always a festive event to start the holiday season!"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate, asked:

***"If one man can destroy everything,
why can't one girl change it?"***

AAUW-KC kicked off the 2019-2020 year at the Fall Fling held at All Souls Church September 14. Many, many thanks to all of you who brought food, drinks and other items to share. A very special thank you to **Sara Pedram** for making arrangements for us to, once again, use the meeting area at the church. Also thanks to Sara for arranging for us to hold our Summer Planning Retreat at Oak Hall. **Hortense Burr**, our VP Membership, planned a very engaging program for all to enjoy.

Although, at the time I'm writing this message, it is still very Summer-like outside, we know that it won't be long before Jack Frost makes an appearance to "paint" our plants and leaves and usher us into Fall with all its activities. By the time you receive this newsletter our first big activity officially will be behind us. The Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award luncheon held on October 5 at the Downtown Kansas City Public Library will have occurred and we will have honored the 29 nominated authors of 2019, awarded the winner, and we will have heard from our guest speaker and award-winning author **Carey Gillam**. (Read the Thorpe Menn recap on page 3 to learn more.)

This year, our November meeting will be held on October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the UMKC Diastole Center, 2501 Holmes, Kansas City, MO. "The Continuing HIV Crisis Among African Women" is the topic. Next event is our annual Waggy Awards & Holiday Luncheon to be held at Café Trio on the Plaza on Friday, December 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please note that this event will be held on a Friday not a Saturday and is also our December meeting. We have received several applications for grants from the Waggy Fund and this year's winners will be announced and heard from at the luncheon. We plan on seeing you there!!

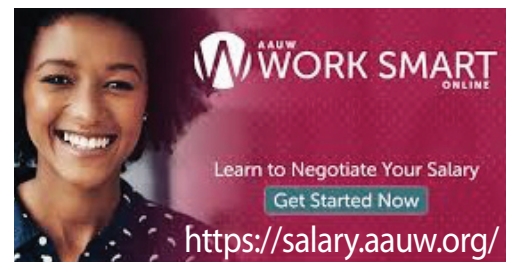
This year we are celebrating the 100th year of the Proclamation of the Women's Suffrage Amendment on August 26, 1920 making it officially law. We were not the first country to give women the right to vote; we were in fact the 27th country. Another interesting fact is that nine states did not ratify this amendment until the 1950s to 1984. **Jane McClain** will be presenting a program in February updating changes for women through the years and AAUW in particular. **Kim Churches**, National AAUW Chief Executive Officer, said it best: "When I think about the status of women today in education, in the workplace, and in our society, I am pleased by our collective progress. But I'm also clear-eyed about how far we still have to go to be truly equal."

It is truly women who need to continue to fight for change in society...if we don't fight for ourselves who will? Looking forward to aspiring and achieving together.

Don't forget to **Work Smart**.

Wanda Perkins

AAUW-KC President



AN UPDATE:

The Work Smart project continues. This summer AAUW had over 100,000 logins, resulting in Work Smart winning a Coca-Cola grant!!!

We have now been invited to apply for another Coke grant. Please encourage everyone you know to enroll in this beneficial program at: <https://salary.aauw.org/>

**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: Linda Berube, 13020 Grand Ave., Kansas City, MO 64145-1300, 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.



41ST THORPE MENN LITERARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kansas City Public Library Executive Director **Crosby Kemper** welcomed guests and authors to the **2019 Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award** luncheon on **October 5**. Author **Carey Gillam** delivered a captivating keynote address with an informative question and answer session regarding her award-winning book, *Whitewash: The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer, and the Corruption of Science*, which delves into the link of Monsanto and Roundup products to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and related cancers.

The 2019 Thorpe Menn award was presented to **Robert F. Sommer** for his book, *Losing Francis: Essays on the Wars at Home*. First and second runner-ups, respectively, **Pat Daneman** for her book of poetry, *After All*; and **Barbara Loots** for *Windsift*.

Special thanks to presenter and storyteller **Anita K. Parran**, president of KK Charles Communications and Thorpe Menn Event Co-Chair; Reading and Event Committee members; the staff at KC Public Library; and table hosts and volunteers.

We are already making plans for the 42nd annual event set for **October 2020**. If you would like to nominate an author, visit the **AAUW-KC website**, under the "Events" tab, for guidelines and instructions. The deadline for nominations is **May 1, 2020**.



2019 Thorpe Menn Award winner Robert F. Sommer and 2nd runner-up Barbara Loots.

PLENTY OF ACTION FOR OUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE



The committee, headed by Chair **Stephanie Holthaus** and members **Hortense Burr**, **Kay Engler** and **Patti Jachowicz**, jumped into action in August at the "Chill Out" event at UMKC. They handed out brochures and talked to students about and signed some of them up for e-student affiliate memberships. In October, Hortense and Stephanie (pictured) represented AAUW-KC at the "Sister Circle" event at Penn Valley and at UMKC for the "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" event – an important event that brings attention to sexual harassment on college campuses. Members are invited to attend the "Day of the Girl" event at Kansas City Kansas Community College on November 13. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stephanie (816-309-8021 or stephanie.holthaus@gmail.com) who is going to be there to represent AAUW-KC.

It is the duty of the C/U Committee to facilitate and distribute scholarship applications for the ReEntry and National Conference for College Women Student Leaders awards. Watch for details in the winter months.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO WOMEN & CHILDREN TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:30–8 PM, UMKC DIASTOLE CENTER

Donna Busher, LMSW, Mental Health Program Specialists, Health Forward Foundation, will provide an historical overview of how the foundation has worked to expand and improve the availability and delivery of mental health services to unserved and underserved women and children throughout the KC metro area.

ANNUAL JOINT LUNCHEON WITH SHAWNEE MISSION BRANCH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 12 NOON

(Location and RSVP details will be published on our website and in the January/February 2020 newsletter.)

MONTHLY SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY FORUM

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

If you'd like to take part in free-wheeling discussions of topics ranging from current events and world news to literature, science, art and beyond, join us! Bring a cartoon or article of interest from newspapers, magazines, books, etc. For more information, contact **Joan Shores**, 660-200-5809 or joanhores1010@gmail.com.

- NOV 8 & 22
- DEC 13 & 27

3RD THURSDAY CUISINE CLUB

• NOV 21 CHARLESTON'S

IN WARD PARKWAY CENTER, 8817 STATE LINE RD, KCMO 64114 / 11:30 AM

• DEC 19 CACAO MEXICAN RESTAURANTE

IN WATTS MILL PLAZA, 1046 W 103RD ST, KCMO 64114 / 11:30 AM

RSVP to **Renee Carlson** no later than 3 days prior to lunch via call or text to 816-237-6979 or email rac609712@yahoo.com.



3RD THURSDAY "BOOKS & BREWS"

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

Co-sponsored with the Kansas City Public Library, our book club, "Books and Brews" meetings are held at the library's Waldo Branch on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Facilitated by **Jane Hatch** with **Carol Cowles** and **Sue Coy** providing assistance. Meetings are lively as diverse opinions and preferences are shared. Books are selected yearly by the membership and members volunteer to lead the discussions. The benefits of this interesting community collaboration are many, including acquainting newcomers to our community with AAUW-KC. New members are always welcome!

• NOV 21 THIS FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT BY ELIZABETH WARREN MODERATOR: SUSAN ABELSON

• DEC 19 THE LIBRARY BOOK BY SUSAN ORLEAN MODERATOR: SUE COY

Questions? Contact **Carol Cowles**, carolcowles63@gmail.com / 847-846-3450

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





JOIN US TO MAKE AN IMPACT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Become a member of the dedicated AAUW-KC Branch and work alongside members across the nation to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Just complete the membership application below and return it with payment or join online at www.aauw.org/membership. Join or renew by December 31, 2019 and receive a unique AAUW thank you!



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2019–2020

(Membership good from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.)

<i>Name</i>		<i>Home phone</i>
<i>Address</i>		<i>email address:</i>
<i>City, State, Zip</i>		<i>Work phone</i>
<i>Month & date of birth</i>		<i>Cell #</i>
<i>College or University</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Degree</i>
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<i>Signature</i>		

National	\$ 59.00
State (MO)	10.00
Branch	20.00
Total due	\$89.00

If you prefer to pay by credit card, you can pay online at www.aauw.org: choose **Branch Member**

Individuals eligible to be admitted to membership are those holding an associate or equivalent baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university or a foreign institution recognized by IFUW. Degrees eligible for AAUW membership are two-year associate degrees, community, junior and business colleges and two and three year RN diplomas.

Questions?
aauwkc@gmail.com

Or
Membership VP
Hortense Burr hjburrkc@cs.com

New members who join at an AAUW KC event can receive 1/2 off National dues.

National	\$29.50
State (MO)	10.00
Branch	20.00

Total dues \$59.50

Website: <https://kansascity-mo.aauw.net/>

I would like to participate in these Kansas City MO branch activities:

- ☐ Book Club (3rd Thurs.. 6 pm)
- ☐ Cuisine Group (3rd Thurs. 11:30)
- ☐ Friday Forum Discussion (10 am -2nd & 4th Friday mornings)
- ☐ Great Decisions Discussion
- ☐ General Membership Meetings (Monthly, dates vary)

Committees:

- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Funds
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Nominating
- ☐ Public Policy

Special Projects:

- ☐ 100 High School Girls
- ☐ College/University
- ☐ Thorpe Menn Event
- ☐ Thorpe Menn Reading Comm.
- ☐ Work Smart **NEW!**
- ☐ Marketing Committee

☐ I am interested in participating in a college/university member campus: Metropolitan Community College ☐ Penn Valley or ☐ Business Technical Center, ☐ University of Missouri, Kansas City, ☐ Kansas City Kansas Community College.

When completed, please send this information with check payable to AAUW—KC to Linda Berube, 13020 Grand Av., Kansas City, MO 64145-1300

