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Missouri in Motion

Missouri/Kansas State Convention



*Dr. Beverley
Byers-Pevitts.*

The beautiful campus of Park University, Parkville, MO provided the setting for the AAUW Missouri/Kansas State Convention on April 20-22, 2007.

AAUW members were welcomed by Park University President Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts.

Leisha DeHart Davis, AAUW EF Fellow, Assistant Professor at Kansas University, shared her research findings at the Educational Foundation luncheon.

Ricky Hirschhorn, LAF Plaintiff, former assistant professor in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Kentucky, spoke of the many struggles involved in her suit for gender discrimination in the denial of tenure and pay inequity in violation of Kentucky state laws. Read about her case online: www.aauw.org/laf/cases/hirschhorn.cfm



*Ricky Hirschhorn with
Julia Triplett,
MO LAF Chair.*

"AAUW Medics on Call" written by Alyse Stoll and performed by the AAUW Theatre Group a.k.a. MO Past Presidents began the convention Banquet with a lighthearted look at AAUW.

As part of the Educational Foundation emphasis an Eleanor Roosevelt Walk was held on Sunday morning, walking along the Missouri riverfront. Linda Berube collected the most pledges and was rewarded the coveted Champion's pin. (see photo page 6)



*Yvonne Morrison, MO EF Chair,
Leisha DeHart Davis, and Teresa
Sullivan, KS EF Chair.*



Alyse Stoll and Grace Butler

Missouri Star Awards

Ballwin Chesterfield	10 Stars	Springfield	6 Stars
Canton	10 Stars	Columbia	5 Stars
Creve Coeur	10 Stars	Northern Clay	5 Stars
Kansas City	10 Stars		
Raytown	10 Stars		
Kirkwd-Webstr Groves	9 Stars		
Maryville	9 Stars		
St. Charles	9 Stars		
Ferguson-Florissant	8 Stars		
Independence	7 Stars		

21st Century Branches

Ballwin-Chesterfield	Platinum
Creve Coeur	Platinum
St. Charles	Platinum
Canton	Gold

New Mission Statement:

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

New Vision Statement:

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a **friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece**—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or her!

- **Expose her to the power** that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

- **Expand her networking opportunities** through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

- **Keep her current on the events and people that affect her life** as she receives Mission in Action, AAUW Outlook, Action Network alerts, and more.

Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer.

<http://svc.aauw.org/join>
Click on "Give a Grad a Gift"

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



"We can feel the energy here!" What a great comment to hear from a national AAUW leader at our state convention at Park University in April. Undoubtedly the same energy will be crackling at the AAUW convention in Phoenix June 29-July 2. AAUW members across Missouri and the nation are energized too by the outstanding media interest in our new research report, "Behind the Pay Gap." To see AAUW research in USA Today and on the front page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch is truly rewarding.

So many people helped to make our joint Missouri/Kansas convention a success. Thanks especially to Marsha Koch, Program Vice President, for her creative and thorough planning. Linda Vestal of Park University and Parkville branch provided everything we needed in the way of facilities. Betty Dusing and other Parkville members pitched in when we needed them. Annette van Blaricum, AAUW-Kansas President; Terri Sullivan, AAUW-KS EF chair; Tresa Landis, AAUW-KS Program Vice President; and other Kansas board members were instrumental in bringing AAUW leaders and speakers.

Yvonne Morrison, MO EF chair, and Julie Triplett, MO LAF chair, were enthusiastic supporters of their funds and raised an amazing amount of money at the convention itself. We've had a banner year in fundraising for EF and LAF, as you can see from the statistics elsewhere in this newsletter. Leisha DeHart-Davis and Ricky Hirschhorn, EF recipient and LAF plaintiff, respectively, eloquently described the continuing need for our support.

Betty Bayless as our Leader to Leader adviser, Linda Bors, AAUW Co-Finance Vice President, and Shirley Breeze, Regional Director, shared the rationale behind plans to streamline the AAUW national-level structure.

I thank Marsha Koch, Julie Triplett, and Linda Berube for their service on the AAUW-MO state board. Each will be moving to a different board position—Marsha as President-Elect, Julie as Program Vice President, and Linda as Secretary. They are typical of the hard-working board members with whom I have been privileged to work this year and each of whom deserves special thanks.

Besides our philanthropic contributions, AAUW-MO's accomplishments in 2006-7 include

- Gaining members overall for the first time in several years
- Achieving visibility in local newspapers in both large cities and small towns
- Improving contact with our college/university partners and increasing their number
- With diverse partner organizations, educating voters across the state about ballot initiatives
- Establishing a student affiliate branch at Park University and laying the groundwork for others
- Developing a state public policy platform that will be distributed soon
- Improving liaison between branches and the state board
- Awarding two monetary grants to branches for membership development
- Expanding our electronic communication through Yahoo groups and e-mailed newsletters

All these efforts have helped us in our mission of **advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research**. As the Missouri delegation prepares to head for Phoenix, we welcome feedback from branches and members about the changes planned for the national AAUW structure or other concerns. E-mail me at lynnroney@sbcglobal.net, or pass your ideas on to your local members who are attending.

Lynne Roney
President AAUW-MO

FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

On to Phoenix!!

Now that all of our spring conventions/leadership activities have been completed, we are thinking of the exciting events that await us at the national convention in June. We hope many of you can make plans to attend.

With our new mission statement and strategic planning for our reorganization, we have much to think about and make enlightened decisions on. Everyone should feel a part of the decision-making either by attending the convention or by relaying your thoughts to one of the delegates or to a national officer.

Remember, each branch/state has the opportunity to sell merchandise at the convention without cost. The Region is buying a booth for each state. Let your state president know that you need space at the booth for your branch articles.

E-mail me at sbreeze@mindspring.com if you have questions about the bylaw changes, strategic planning, or want more information about the convention.

Shirley Breeze
SWC Regional Director



PEG WITT BRANCH INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Extra! Extra! Read All About It

Extra? Yes. It's all about publicizing our Peg Witt Incentive Grant program. –And, the extraordinary benefits it offers to branches. Read on.

Branches may apply for one of the three grants designed to:

1. Stimulate growth by organizing new branches, including student affiliates or strengthening weak branches (up to \$450)
2. Stimulate member interest in participating at all levels, state, regional, and association to raise awareness and share concepts (up to \$225)
3. Stimulate innovative branch project planning (\$550)

No extra sensory perception required to give your branch a jumpstart for the incoming year. Just stir those AAUW creative thinking pools and use the incentives to enrich our entire AAUW experience.

The “who-where-when-and-how” details and application forms will be mailed to each branch president by July 1. Applications will need to be submitted by October 1 for awards to be made by November 1.

HISTORY DAY 2007

This is AAUW of Missouri's eighteenth year for presenting our women's history special prizes. Once again, all of the entries were wonderful. We commend all of the women's history entrants on their hard work and fine entries.

It is my privilege now to present the women's history special prizes for a junior division performance and for a junior division exhibit.

- For her exhibit in the junior division entitled “Nellie Bly: Triumphant Power of the Pen,” the award goes to Haley Brownfield of Carthage Jr. High, Carthage.

- For her performance in the junior division entitled “A Healing Hand in the Time of Tragedy: The Triumph of Clara Barton,” the award goes to Brittany Golden of Carthage Jr. High, Carthage.

Joan Gones, Women's History Chair

NEW MO STATE OFFICERS ELECTED



Regional Director Shirley Breeze (left) installs the new 2007-2008 Missouri officers: Marsha Koch, President Elect, Julia Triplett, VP Program and Linda Berube, Secretary

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**WINTER
MISSOURI IN MOTION
E-MAILING PROJECT
REPORT**

**Thanks to the cooperation
of all the branches,
a statewide e-mail list
has been developed,
and over half the Winter
issues of Missouri in Motion
were e-mailed out!**

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more copies—saves paper,
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to pursue Association goals.

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LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES

Ballwin-Chesterfield was proud to participate in the panel on Membership Success Stories at the joint AAUW-MO/KS convention in Kansas City in April. Our hints: Guests often come to branch meetings, having either been invited by members or learning of our branch through our website. These guests get an assigned “buddy” and are introduced to others right away. New members receive a special name tag, get follow-up phone calls inviting them to get involved in activities they might like, and their “bio” appears in the next newsletter. A strong effort to produce interesting programs is made. A feeling of sisterhood is encouraged through “care notes”, hospitality and a full calendar of varied activities. The result: development of a large talent pool and powerful fund-raising capabilities.

Columbia branch members Liz Bailey, Jane Biers, Janet Groat and Alice Reese joined History Day Chair Joan Gones as judges for the two AAUW MO prizes awarded at State History Day in Missouri on April 14. Jean Shull and Betty Takahashi from St. Louis also participated in the judging. Holly Burgess of the Columbia branch was the Columbia organizer. See report on pg. 3.

Columbia: Save the Date! October 13, 2007—Columbia, Missouri branch celebrates 100 years of involvement in the community: Proud of our Past; Focused on our Future. Celebrate with us at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Ferguson-Florissant and Independence branches remember Harriett Woods

Harriett died of Leukemia at age 79. She was the first woman elected to statewide office in Missouri. In 1982, she lost a close Senate race while being widely outspent. This sparked the idea for Emily's List. Short for Early Money is Like Yeast. She was a leader in National Women's Political Caucus, and founded the Institute for Policy Leadership at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She has been an inspiration to women candidates across the country. She was so thrilled this year to be able to attend the swearing-in of Claire McCaskill, the first woman elected Senator in Missouri to her own six-year term.

Kansas City branch and the **UMKC student chapter** gave a new focus to their 100 High School Girls program this year by awarding scholarships. The scholarship application required an essay about their own experience with: volunteer or community service, overcoming adversity, academic achievements, or leadership experiences. Lisa Martin served as emcee for the event.

The girls and their families were invited to an awards ceremony and reception in Pierson Auditorium on the UMKC campus. Guest speaker Anita Parran, Associate Director of AARP and Spoken Word artist Natasha Ria El-Scari added to the program. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to each of the three finalists.



Michelle McNealy of Hickman Mills HS and Emily Davis and Brittani Powell of Lincoln College Prep. HS.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES (continued)

Lebanon branch held a Community Information Forum on the School Bond Election on Monday, March 19, 2007. It was moderated by the Honorable Judge Christine Hutson.

Maryville branch of AAUW will have its second Adelante book review on May 10; we will discuss Karenna Gore Schiff's book Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America. Earlier this year we had a spirited discussion of The Water Is Wide by Pat Conroy.



Alyse Stoll, Marilyn Cannon, Karen Stelling, Chris Paper, and Pat Law.

Raytown member, Alyse Stoll (left) poses with the math-science coordinator and women professionals who presented vignettes on careers in engineering, technology and medicine to senior high girls in March. Self-interest and one-on-one discussions by the professionals encouraged the girls to plan ahead, to set their goals, and to consider the math and science fields. Stoll initiated the seminar 14 years ago and alternates the program between the two Raytown high schools

St. Charles branch Honors Science and Math Students

On March 1, 2007, the St. Charles AAUW honored sixteen young women from six public and two private area schools nominated by their teacher or counselor as the outstanding female senior science or math student in their high school.

AAUW members hosted a buffet supper with homemade salads and desserts for the student honorees, parents, teachers and AAUW members.

Gender Equity co-chairs Teri Brecht and Linda Dencker presided over the program. Each honoree was introduced along with her parents and teacher. The honorees had prepared short speeches that included her most influential educator or mentor, jobs and volunteer work, interests, college plans, and career path. Career plans included the medical field, research, teaching in various subject areas, youth counselor, and engineer to name a few. UM- Rolla was named as the college choice by several. Each honoree was presented with a special certificate of achievement.

This science and math recognition began in 1996 with three St. Charles schools and six honorees. Over the years it gradually expanded to eight schools and sixteen honorees. Gerry Jacobs is the St. Charles branch president.



Left to right in order of schools shown below. Top row are math honorees and seated are the science honorees.

Duchesne - Kristen Peters in Math, Kristina Wilder in Science; SCHS - Courtney Mitchell in Math, Jennifer Sommerfeld in Science; SC West - Courtney Champagne in Math, Laura Conrad in Science; Lutheran - Kelsey Wagner in Math, Kathleen Borchers in Science; Orchard Farm - Jenna Willbrand in Math, Tifani Palmer- Science; Francis Howell - Ashley Wood in Math, Elizabeth Baldwin in Science; FH Central - Andrea Eick in Math, Laura Meyer in Science; FH North - Allison Jaspering in Math, Megan Goris in Science.

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Creve Coeur

Jayne Kasten

Ferguson Florissant

Shirley Breeze
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Ardyce Pearson

Kirkwood Webster Groves

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Carol Davis McDonald
Kathy Sokol

St. Joseph

Janet Huss

St. Louis

Ella Bettinger
Carol Davis McDonald
Janet Scott

Springfield

Donna Medlin

LAF Branch Awards

	Rank in Total Contributions		Rank in Per Member	
Ballwin Chesterfield	1	\$4,358	2	\$18.98
Kansas City	2	\$ 850	5	\$ 8.76
Kirkwood Webster Groves	3	\$ 824	3	\$16.48
Creve Coeur	4	\$ 547	4	\$10.78
St. Louis	5	\$ 465	1	\$24.47
Independence	6	\$ 340	10	\$ 5.49
St. Charles	7	\$ 287	8	\$ 6.24
Raytown	8	\$ 270	7	\$ 7.11
Ferguson Florissant	9	\$ 217	6	\$ 8.35
Springfield	10	\$ 115	9	\$ 5.75

Also meeting the goal of \$5.00 per member: Canton and St. Joseph

Total Missouri Contributions \$8,961.50



Missouri President Lynne Roney presents Rosann Swaringim with a certificate for Ballwin Chesterfield branch's LAF contribution: they were #1 in total contributions.



Missouri President Lynne Roney presents Amy Weisser with a certificate for St. Louis branch's LAF contribution: they were #1 in contributions per member!

Educational Foundation Eleanor Roosevelt Walkers - Parkville



2006 AAUW MISSOURI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOAL ACHIEVERS

	<i>Branch name</i>	<i>Per member giving</i>	<i>Total Contributions</i>
1.	AAUW Maryville	\$122.32	\$6,972.00
2.	AAUW Independence	\$ 84.57	\$5,327.74
3.	AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield	\$ 80.38	\$18,488.00
4.	AAUW Creve Coeur	\$ 48.43	\$2,470.00
5.	AAUW Northern Clay Co.	\$ 37.86	\$265.00
6.	AAUW St. Charles	\$ 35.57	\$1,636.00
7.	AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves	\$ 33.26	\$1,663.00
8.	AAUW Ferguson-Florissant	\$ 30.19	\$785.00
9.	AAUW St. Louis	\$ 26.53	\$504.00

AAUW MISSOURI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION NAMED GIFT HONOREES 2006 - 2007

MISSOURI

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All Members of the Independence (Missouri) Branch on completion of EF endowment (#1364)
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Connie Stoker

2006 AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION – MISSOURI

Branch Name	Goal	Actual \$ Giving	\$ Per Member	Century Club Goal	Actual Century Club	Century Club Goal Met Goal (*) Exceeded Goal (★)
Ballwin-Chesterfield	\$5,725.00	\$18,488.00	\$80.38	10	46	★ 46
Belton	\$ 325	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	1	0	
Boonville	\$ 575	\$ 24	\$ 1.00	1	0	
Canton	\$ 425	\$ 50	\$ 2.94	1	0	
Cape Girardeau	\$ 125	\$ 40	\$ 8.00	1	0	
Columbia	\$1,125	\$ 445	\$ 9.89	2	1	
Creve Coeur	\$1,275	\$2,470	\$48.43	3	8	★ 8
Ferguson-Florissant	\$ 650	\$ 785	\$30.19	2	2	★ 2
Houston	\$ 375	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	1	0	
Independence	\$1,575	\$5,328	\$84.57	3	2	
Jefferson City	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	1	0	
Joplin	\$1,350	\$ 140	\$ 2.59	3	1	
Kansas City	\$2,425	\$2,115	\$21.80	4	7	★ 7
Kansas City Northland	\$1,125	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	2	0	
Kirkwood-Webster Groves	\$1,250	\$1,663	\$33.26	2	9	★ 9
Lebanon	\$ 225	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	1	1	* 1
Maryville	\$1,425	\$6,972	\$122.32	3	6	★ 6
Nevada	\$ 325	\$ 30	\$ 2.31	1	0	
Northern Clay County	\$ 175	\$ 265	\$ 37.86	1	1	* 1
Parkville	\$ 650	\$ 273	\$ 10.50	2	1	
Raytown	\$ 950	\$ 425	\$ 11.18	2	1	
Rolla	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	1	0	
St. Charles	\$1,150	\$1,636	\$ 35.57	2	4	★ 4
St. Louis	\$ 475	\$ 504	\$ 26.53	1	4	★ 4
Springfield	\$ 500	\$ 255	\$ 12.75	1	2	★ 2
Warrensburg	\$ 325	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	1	0	
Missouri		\$ 149		1		
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Adelante!

AAUW's Book of the Month Club

May [Kira-Kira](#) (Nebery Medal Book)
by Cynthia Kadohata (2004)

June [Beyond Acceptance: Parents of
Lesbians & Gays Talk About
Their Experiences](#)
by Carolyn W. Griffin and
Marian J. Wirth (1997)

July [Smoke and Ashes: The Story of
the Holocaust](#) (Revised Edition)
by Barbara Rogasky (2002)

August [Through My Eyes](#)
by Ruby Bridges (1999)

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Click on Adelante! Book Club

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT

In the November/December 2006 issue of Foreign Affairs, there is a very good essay, "The New Global Slave Trade" by Ethan B. Kapstein. He states that "the same factors that contribute to economic globalization have given rise to a booming international traffic in human beings, often with the connivance of national governments. . . The time has come to tackle the slave trade once and for all, in the interest of not only the people most directly affected but the broader public as well. As usual when it comes to politics, Abraham Lincoln said it best: 'In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free.' Halt the global slave trade today, and all citizens of the world will benefit. Allow the practice to continue, and all will ultimately suffer." And folks, this isn't happening beyond the shores of the United States—it is happening here, too. I cannot believe I am writing this in the year 2007, let alone ever.

And on this same subject, I would also like to direct everyone's attention to The Salvation Army's efforts to combat global sexual trafficking/human trafficking, and the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child and women. The program is called While Women Weep 2007. The Salvation Army's U.S. and International web sites are a wealth of information and resources should a branch wish to present a program to their membership on this subject. <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>; <http://www1.salvationarmy.org>

It can never be said too many times, the AAUW web site, the International Corner, is always the best resource for information, resources, and materials for any branch officer or member to access and use—it is all there at your fingertips. www.aauw.org/international_corner/index.cfm

Linda Vestal, International Affairs Chair

AAUW MISSOURI CALENDAR 2007-2008

June 29-July 2 AAUW National Convention— Phoenix, AZ
July 14 State Board Meeting - Culver-Stockton College, Canton, MO
Oct. 13 State Board Meeting - Columbia, MO
2008
Jan. 26 State Board Meeting - Jefferson City, MO (tentative)
May 3 State Leadership Conference (date tentative)
June Southwest Central Regional Conference, Overland Park, KS

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