

# Missouri InMotion



## AAUW Missouri Will Keep Moving Forward

### *Fighting the Backlash*

As AAUW Missouri members we have the opportunity and resources to make a difference in the lives of women and girls. As our national logo tagline states we have been “empowering women since 1881.” In Missouri, your state leadership is planning programs to help branches and their members reach out and make a difference.

You need to put on your calendar the following events so you can be part of AAUW’s efforts. On November 9, AAUW Missouri and Illinois State Public Policy personnel will be meeting in Illinois to plan their efforts to work on the 3 state strategy to ratify the ERA. Contact Shirley Breeze ([sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com)) for details if you are interested in attending. For information on how you can be involved, check out the article on the ERA blitz planned for January 27-February 27. After the blitz, on April 8, join us at the Rotunda in Jefferson City for our third annual Equal Pay day rally. Women deserve equal pay!

Plans are coming together for our 2014 state leadership conference and annual meeting. Make sure you reserve, Saturday May 3, for this event to help your branch stay connected with what is happening in other branches, the state and nationally. At the state conference we will also present the AAUW Missouri Woman of Distinction award. Is there someone in your branch who deserves to be nominated for this award due to their outstanding service to the community and AAUW. Branch Presidents will soon receive information on the nomination process from President-elect, Diane Ludwig.

As you plan and implement your branch programs for 2013-2014, don’t forget to start now documenting your achievements to share with other Missouri branches by beginning work on your branch applications for the Missouri Star and Galaxy Awards. These are easy to complete especially if you start filling them out as you complete each of your branch programs (see page 3 for more information).

As AAUW Missouri members, let’s keep moving forward

fighting the backlash!

Linda Berube, AAUW Missouri President



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## DID YOU KNOW.....

.....why an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is necessary?

The Equal Rights Amendment would provide a fundamental legal remedy against sex discrimination for both women and men. It would guarantee that the rights affirmed by the U.S. Constitution are held equally by all citizens without regard to sex.

The ERA would clarify the legal status of sex discrimination for the courts, where decisions still deal inconsistently with such claims. For the first time, sex would be considered a suspect classification, as race currently is. Governmental actions that treat males or females differently as a class would be subject to strict judicial scrutiny and would have to meet the highest level of justification--a necessary relation to a compelling state interest--in order to be upheld as constitutional.

To actual or potential offenders who would try to write, enforce or adjudicate laws inequitably, the ERA would send a strong preemptive message--the Constitution has zero tolerance for sex discrimination under the law.

Joanie Shores, Co-Chair  
State Public Policy

Nominations are needed for two positions on the AAUW MO state board for 2014-15. These are: Vice President for Membership and Finance Officer. Suggestions for possible candidates can be sent to Julia Triplett [julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net) Nominating Committee: Teri Brecht, Ardy Pearson, Toni Thornton, Julia Triplett, and Lorraine Whittington

## Goodbye Christine Stricker and Hello Marian McClellan

With this issue of Missouri in Motion (MIM), we say goodbye to Christine (Roney) Stricker who has served as our MIM editor since July of 2009 and hello to Marian McClellan. Christine's husband has recently moved to a new job in Illinois and she and their children will be joining him in May. In her note of resignation she commented, "I have really enjoyed editing the newsletter. It's fun and it keeps me in the loop for AAUW MO even when I don't have the ability to go to events." She did; however, make sure she left us with a parting gift of a new MIM logo which is being introduced with this issue. Thank you, Christine, for your stellar service to AAUW Missouri. We wish you success as you move to Illinois and hope you will get involved with a branch there!

With Christine's resignation, we welcome Marian as the new MIM editor. Marian joined the Kansas City Branch in June and quickly accepted my invitation to serve as Co-Communications chair with me for Kansas City. When Christine resigned and I asked Marian if she would take on the job as MIM editor, she did not hesitate in saying "yes!" Her comment was; "What better way to get involved and learn about the branch and state then to take on these jobs!" Marian was a member of AAUW in Illinois for many years and is looking forward to getting settled in Kansas City. Formerly a Chemical Engineer with BP, she is in training to become a Chemistry teacher with the dream of teaching in rural high schools. Her blog is [chemteachwannabe.com](http://chemteachwannabe.com).

- Linda Berube, AAUW Missouri President

## AAUW National Student Advisory Council

Congratulations to **Kelsey Saragnese** who has been appointed to the National Student Advisory Council (SAC), a committee of ten students chosen from applicants throughout the country. Kelsey is the 2013-14 president of the AAUW Student Organization at the University of Missouri--Columbia. She is majoring in Women's and Gender Studies with minors in Spanish, linguistics, sociology, and multicultural studies. She will graduate in May 2014. She will attend a leadership retreat in Washington, D.C., in the fall and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in June 2014, participate in the conference planning process and serve as a leader during the event. Her responsibilities will also include participating in monthly conference calls with AAUW staff, joining online discussions with fellow SAC members, participating in AAUW's social media strategy, and working to promote AAUW's mission on campus. Kelsey has strong leadership skills and is a good public speaker. At the Equal Pay rally in the Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri, in April 2013 she spoke in the Rotunda. Her talk, titled *We Are Not Worth Less*, was well prepared and well delivered.

## Legacy Circle

Missouri's newest AAUW Legacy Circle's member is Pat Shores of the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. She received the beautiful Legacy Circle pin at the September branch meeting. Pat, a long time AAUW supporter, worker, and volunteer, has made the commitment to continue to support AAUW in the future through estate planning. The total number of Legacy Circle members from Missouri is now eight.

Sue Barley, National Legacy Circle Chair of Missouri, would like to tell you about how you can make a commitment to help make a huge difference for women and girls in the future. There are many options such as providing for AAUW in your will, designating AAUW the beneficiary to your life insurance policy or retirement plan, or creating an AAUW Charitable Gift Annuity that can provide you with tax savings in income during your lifetime. Additional information can be found on [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). Sue is very willing to talk for 5-10 minutes about the Legacy Circle at your branch meeting. If you have any questions or want to know more, please call her at 314-361-2920 or [barley702@gmail.com](mailto:barley702@gmail.com).



Pat Shores and Sue Barley



## AAUW MISSOURI GRANTS AND AWARDS 2013-2014



AAUW Missouri is pleased to announce the continuation of both the AAUW Missouri Star and Galaxy Awards for 2013-2014. The Star Award is designed to help branches gain recognition for and document their accomplishments in ten AAUW priority areas. Branches can earn from one to ten stars for their accomplishments during the 2013-2014 program year. The Galaxy award is the "extra mile" of the AAUW Missouri Star program. To earn the Galaxy award branches submit a write up of their best branch project, event, or program that promotes education, or equity in their community. They also must attend the state leadership conference on May 3, 2014 to bring a display of their project or program. Complete details of both programs are available on the website.

If you think you missed our Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to apply for one of AAUW Missouri's Incentive grants keep planning for this year or maybe next year. It is not too late to send in an application. If you have a project that needs support we will accept applications after November 1. We have also set a March 1, 2014 deadline for applying for assistance to attend the May 3 State Leadership Conference. We want to support you! So give us a call if we can help in any way. We want to support you. We will be flexible AND prompt in processing all applications this year. Contact Pam Kulp [kulpp@centurytel.net](mailto:kulpp@centurytel.net) 636.219.2969 or Alyse Stoll [ajstoll@prodigy.net](mailto:ajstoll@prodigy.net) 816.353.3593 with any questions.

Go to the member section of the state website or follow this link <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/> to find all the forms above. The password for the member section is: **member info**.

## AAUW MISSOURI CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

## 2013

Nov 1	Missouri Incentive Grant Applications Due
Nov 9	Joint Illinois-Missouri Public Policy Meeting on ERA
Nov 30	Membership cutoff –branch members who have not renewed will be removed from Active Records
Dec 1	2012 Donations to AAUW Funds due to Funds Officer
Dec 10	ERA first introduced in US Senate in 1923
Dec 13	ERA first introduced in US House in 1923

## 2014

Jan 1 – Mar 15	Half Year National Dues (\$24.50) for new members
Jan 11	Legislative Retreat – Jefferson City
Jan 15	Deadline for Community Action Grants Applications
Jan 27- Feb 27	ERA Blitz of the Missouri Legislature
Jan 25	State Board Meeting, Central Methodist University, Fayette
Jan 28	Articles due for Winter Missouri in Motion
Jan 30	NCCWSL Early Registration Open-Sponsor a MO Students
Feb 14	One Billion Rising National Events – Plan a Program on Violence Against Women
Feb 15	Winter <i>Missouri in Motion</i> distributed
March	Women’s History Month – Plan Women’s History Program
Mar 1	Missouri Incentive Grant deadline for funds to help attend state conference
Mar 8	International Women’s Day
Apr 1	AAUW-MO Galaxy and Star Award applications due
Apr 8	Equal Pay Day Rally – Rotunda, Jefferson City
Apr 26	Mo History Day Event- Columbia
May 2	State Board Meeting – Columbia
May 3	AAUW Missouri Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting
May 6	Articles due for Spring Missouri in Motion
May 15	Deadline for submitting mandatory bylaws changes
May 20	Spring <i>Missouri in Motion</i> distributed
Jun 5-7	NCCWSL 2013
June	44 <sup>th</sup> AAUW Midwest Regional Convention- Date coming soon
June 30	Shape the Future 2013-14 Free Memberships Expire

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The Missouri state website has been reorganized. Please visit the site soon and explore the interesting information and resources at [aauwmo.org](http://aauwmo.org)

The MEMBER CENTER, accessible by the password ‘memberinfo’, is now under the HOME tab. There is a tab to view photos, PHOTO ALBUM, and a new area, "MEETINGS". A new item has been added: Missouri Honorees.

Here's a quick reference list - tabs in caps and subcategories following:

HOME - member center

CONNECT - state board contacts, Missouri in Motion issues, College partners

ADVOCATE - MO legislative corner, Two-minute activist, public policy

ABOUT- History, State Bylaws, State Policies, MO Honorees

MEETINGS - Meeting Minutes and State officers’ annual reports

Please send comments and suggestions to Joyce Katz, WebManager at  
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## WOMEN'S ISSUES LEGISLATIVE RETREAT

### *A Day of Friends, Food, and Politics*

Saturday, January 11, 2014, 9:00 am--2:30 pm  
Hy Vee Grocery Store Community Room  
405 E Nifong Blvd, Columbia, Missouri

Review of 2013 MO Legislative Session  
Preview of 2014 Legislative Session  
Set Legislative Priorities  
ERA MO Campaign Planning

*No Registration Fee*

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## AAUW Funds

Contributions at the end of the third quarter of 2013 are \$21,621.75. The total at this time in 2012 was \$20,493. Missouri Research and Project Grant endowment in process is: #4037 F. Elaine Richardson. See description of uses for Missouri grants below.

2013 recipients of Missouri grants:

### *International Fellowship*

Alise Tifentale, Latvia, Ph.D. Art History and Criticism, City University of New York, New York City. (Sponsored by #1148 Blanche H. Dow.)

Phung Anh Pham Ngoc, Vietnam, J.D. Law, Creighton University, Omaha, NE. (Sponsored by #1168 Choe Millikan.)

### *American Fellowship*

Naomi Clark, Ph.D. English, University of Missouri, Columbia. (Sponsored by #1608 Leona Beckmann.)

### *Career Development*

Helen Barcay-Lind, Huntington College of Health Sciences, Knoxville, TN. (Sponsored by #1364 Independence Branch and #1768 Shirley Breeze/Ferguson-Florissant Branch.)

Elizabeth Murphy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. (Sponsored by #1465 Missouri State Division Anniversary and #4009 Missouri Diamond Jubilee.)

### *Community Action Grant*

Kansas Children's Discovery Center, Topeka, KS. (Sponsored by #4286 Ballwin-Chesterfield Silver Anniversary.)

Latino STEM Alliance, Jamaica Plain, MA. (Sponsored by #4280 Opal Eckert/Maryville Branch.)

Memphis Museums Inc, Pink Palace Museum, Memphis, TN. (Sponsored by #1639 Dora Johnson/Kansas City Branch and #4112 Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch.)

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund section of the AAUW website offers information on employee rights through the Know Your Rights at Work and Know Your Rights on Campus resource pages.

Toni Thornton. MO-AAUW Funds Officer

## PUBLIC POLICY

### *Set Your Sights on Equal Rights: an 18 day ERA blitz*

By building a huge coalition of organizations that will join with AAUW, together we'll mount a major push to secure ERA passage by the Missouri legislature during the upcoming session.

How does our campaign work? We'll blitz each representative and each senator on a given day with visits from a team of constituents, and 20 or more 'hits' (phone calls, emails, faxes, letters, tweets) to their respective offices. We'll show them they have lots of constituents out there who care a lot about seeing Missouri pass an ERA ratification.

Our campaign will start the third week of the session with blitzes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Duration would be Jan 21 through February 27, a six-week run.

WE NEED YOU! Since Missouri has 34 Senators and 163 Representatives, we'll need LOTS of volunteers to make phone calls, send letters, emails, faxes, or tweets.

My special thanks to Jane Crigler and Janelle Ramsburg who drafted this exciting campaign. Let's all join in and see our Missouri Legislature make history by ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

Contact Joanie Shores at [Joaneshores101@aol.com](mailto:Joaneshores101@aol.com) or cell phone 660-200-5809

## Leaves From The Branches

Ballwin Chesterfield welcomed 160 members and guests to our Fall Brunch, "An Apple a Day- AAUW is on the Way", as this began a busy and productive year! Everyone at the brunch received a handout of: "So You Think You Know AAUW", our condensed version of AAUW's history of advocacy since 1881. In October, we changed our program format and held a panel discussion on "Human Trafficking in the St. Louis Metro Region" – it was well received! We are looking forward to continued collaboration with organizations that are working to educate the community and assisting the victims of human trafficking- including the launch of the "Life Long Learning @ UMSL", where AAUW is highlighted as the major organizer for their inaugural program- "Human Trafficking- A Challenge to Action". We are excited about supporting the MO-IL grant activities to pass the ERA and have just completed our annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. Our next big fundraising events are Individual Giving for EOF, our "Women of Courage" Champagne Brunch that will support LAF and PP, and a Trivia Night in March. Fun with a purpose for everyone!



**Cindy Malott,**  
YWCA St. Louis



**Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh,**  
St. Louis County Police



**Lt. Chris Mateja,** St. Charles  
County Sheriff's Dept.

### St. Charles Branch AAUW Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Many members arrived to the October meeting wearing pearls, hats, gloves, and clothing from different decades. An array of chicken salad, ham salad, and cucumber finger sandwiches- no crusts, please- were offered at the buffet table. A lovely flower bouquet enhanced the table as Eleanor Roosevelt gave a nod from the cake. Punch was served. All was delish! The program rounded the evening with old-fashioned dress display and antidotes, a 20 question quiz about Eleanor Roosevelt, and a walk through the decades perusing historian binders and branch reminiscences from October 27, 1933- present.



The Ferguson-Florissant Branch hosted a public forum on Bullying for its October meeting. Eight administrators from the two prominent school districts in North County (Ferguson-Florissant and Hazelwood) addressed the policies and procedures in their districts, plus the educational materials and methods used to prevent this destructive activity from occurring. Bullying trends in schools throughout the country were also reviewed. Attendees included parents of children in the schools, school resource officers, and community leaders.

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## Leaves From The Branches

JOYCE GUARD SCHUETZ

*CREVE COEUR BRANCH'S FIRST 50 YEAR AAUW MEMBER*

The Creve Coeur Branch honored Joyce Guard Schuetz as our first 50 Year AAUW member! Joyce joined AAUW in 1962 with the Cloquet, Minnesota Branch, which became one of several branches due to moving over the years. She also has been a member of the St. Cloud, MN, Tampa, FL, Lafayette, MO, and then the Creve Coeur Branch. During her active membership, she and her husband Joe raised 5 children which included twins! While in Tampa, Joyce returned to full time career utilizing her chemistry degree as a Chemist working for the water department testing for pesticides, herbicides, and trihalomethanes.

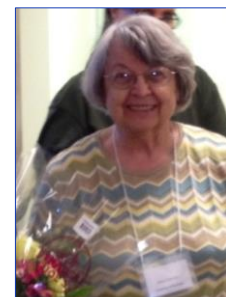
While in St. Louis, she expanded her career as an tax accountant, having her own business until the age of 75, as well as, being office manager for the League of Women Voters until age 70. During these years, she guided her 5 children to very successful, professional careers of their own, as well as, raising their own families which has provided Joyce 8 grandchildren to enjoy and be involved in their lives.

Throughout her AAUW membership she remained active in AAUW, holding officer positions and being involved in interest groups, especially bridge and study groups. Her main efforts in the Creve Coeur Branch is our Public Policy Chair, but also has served as President and Finance Officer.

Upon asking Joyce why she joined AAUW, she responded that it provided her not only a way of meeting new people whenever they moved, but also to become better informed on issues of the local communities and states which she found herself newly relocated. She learned of AAUW through Rochester University, her hometown college, which had an AAUW branch meet at their Women's Student Center.

We recognized Joyce Guard Schutz at our September Kick-Off Meeting for her 50 Year Anniversary, presenting her an engraved charm bracelet memorializing this achievement and dedication to AAUW. Thank you Joyce for your constant involvement with the Creve Coeur Branch, as AAUW recognizes you for your valued membership and dedication to its mission.

- Donna Eichman, Creve Coeur President



### Newsletter Items

News items, announcements, and photographs are welcome. Please submit, along with corrections, to Marian McClellan [marianmcclellan@mac.com](mailto:marianmcclellan@mac.com)

Submit news items for the next **Missouri in Motion** by **January 28, 2014**.

### Remember to send a copy of your branch newsletter to:

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Branch newsletters are now shared across the state on our state website, [aauwmo.org](http://aauwmo.org). Click on Membership, then Branch locator.

### Address changes

Please send address and email changes to: AAUW Records Office  
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OR make changes online at <http://www.aauw.org/> click on "Member Services" then on "Member Services Database"

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## Leaves From The Branches

### Thorpe Menn Event Honors Past and Present Authors

Authors, members and guests gathered at the KC Central Library for the 35th Annual Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award on Oct. 5. The award was established in 1979 by AAUW-KC to honor Thorpe Menn, longtime book editor of *The Kansas City Star*, who supported all aspects of Kansas City's cultural life, especially local authors and artists.

The 2013 Award was presented to **Samuel Arbesman** for his book *The Half-Life of Facts*. The finalists were: **Hughes Keenan**, *The Harvest Is Past* and **Debra McArthur**, *A Voice for Kansas*. *AAUW Parkville members turned out to support their member and finalist Debra McArthur.*



(l-r) 2013 Thorpe Menn Award finalists Hughes Keenan and Debra McArthur. Ben Paynter accepted the winning award for Samuel Arbesman.

### 2013-2014 AAUWMO State Board

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### SHAPE THE FUTURE

Branches are encouraged to use The Shape the Future program, a national membership campaign, to recruit prospective members. With this campaign, new members and students can take 50 percent off the national dues rate when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually.

### ERA FACT

#### The Equal Rights Amendment

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by a state on account of sex.