



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

St. Charles Branch AAUW September 2017 Newsletter

84 years young! St. Charles Branch AAUW held its first meeting on October 27, 1933.

September 7

Branch Meeting

6:30- 7:00 pm Social Time Desserts and Coffee
2017-18 Directories Available

7:00- 7:45 pm Speaker- Charles Rogers "Writing Your Life Story"

7:45-8:30 pm Business Meeting

Hostesses: *Rose Ann Weeks, Linda Dencker, Grace Poertner, Teri Brecht

Speaker: Charles Rogers is a local retiree. He has self-published three books. Rogers will share about writing with a particular emphasis on creating our own stories.

AAUW October 5th Dinner Meeting at First UMC

(Catered by Concetta's Restaurant)

October 5th 6 p.m. \$11.35 per person Guests Welcome

Menu: (Served buffet style.)

Chicken Daniel (cream and provol cheese sauce with fresh mushrooms and broccoli)
Salad Bread and butter Cookies, Brownies and Mini Cheesecake

Cash or check payable to AAUW. Bring to the September meeting or mail to:
Grace Portner 624 Rebecca St. Charles, MO 63301-1340 by September 21st.
(Contact Marlene about any special food needs)

AAUW MISSOURI GIVING: AAUW FUND HONORS AND AWARDS 2016

Top Branches in Total Giving
(Total all Funds \$47,494.58)

- 1- Ballwin-Chesterfield
- 2- Kirkwood Webster Groves
- 3- St. Charles
- 4- Kansas City
- 5- St. Louis

Top Branches in Per Capita Giving
State of Missouri "per capita" \$67.96
Ferguson- Florissant \$ 166.23
Kirkwood Webster Groves \$140.42
St. Charles \$76.51
Ballwin Chesterfield \$70.20
Maryville \$59.79

St. Charles 2017 Named Gift Honorees: Bonnie Dillard, Marlene Holliday, Betty Knapp

LAF (Legal Advocacy) Barb Olive Paul Thein's 11-year experience with the legal system and California's administrative processes, which he describes as a case of David battling Goliath, is finally over: In May 2017 he was awarded a \$2-million settlement by his former employer, Feather River Community College. Thein and his fellow plaintiffs, Laurel Wartluft and Michelle Henley, filed whistleblower lawsuits against the school in 2006, alleging that the college violated Title IX by retaliating against them for complaining about sex discrimination, among other claims. LAF adopted all three cases in 2007. Wartluft and Henley settled their lawsuits in fall 2015. The Feather River cases highlight the importance of protecting educators who stand up for fairness. (And their persistence!!)

2017 Scholarship Awards Presented in May: Congratulations to Mary Bollinger from Ft. Zumwalt South High School and Mikayla Hardy from Francis Howell High School. Mikayla also received a STEM Math Award in March.

Adelante!

1:30 pm Barnes and Noble Book Store Clarkson Road in Chesterfield
September 22 Reviewer: Betty Takahashi
Flo" Kennedy: *The Life of a Black Feminist Radical* (Sherie M. Randolph)
Bring book titles to consider for the 2017-18 discussion group

¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

We hear about the gender gap all the time — in pay, in math and science fields, in leadership. But one gender gap we don't hear about as often is the literary gender gap. Female authors are much less likely than male authors to have their books reviewed in major publications like the *New York Times* and *Harper's Magazine*. In 2014, 41 percent of books reviewed by the *New York Times* were by women; for *Harper's Magazine*, it was 28 percent. And the numbers are even worse for women of color: 15 percent for the *New York Times* and 7 percent for *Harper's Magazine*. That's why ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club was created: to spotlight engrossing stories and writing by women from all backgrounds. We also connect our members to some of the authors we feature through web discussions.

Thank You- On behalf of my mother, Francis Washington, thank you for the 101st birthday cards. Melva (note Frances' new address in the directory)

GIVE A GRAD A GIFT HONOREE- The St Charles Branch is pleased to welcome Chelsea Branson, 2017 graduate of Washington University. She received her BA in Systems Science & Engineering.