UMKC Honors Women’s Center Founder

Women. Girls, Ladies: A Panel on Intergenerational Feminism
Honoring Ruth Margolin, Founding Director of the UMKC Women’s Center
Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Truman Auditorium, Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch
4801 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri

Join the UMKC Women’s Center for a reception and panel honoring the work of Ruth Margolin, founding director of the UMKC Women’s Center. At the panel, Kristal Brent Zook, Gloria Feldt, Courtney E. Martin, and Maria Teresa Peterson – four diverse nationally known authors representing women from Generation Y to pre-Baby Boomer decades – will discuss the changes and common goals within the women’s movement, addressing topics such as power, work, sex, motherhood, pop culture, and the future. Linda Berube, AAUW-MO Secretary, represents AAUW-KC on the board of the Women’s Center and on the event planning committee. AAUW-KC is supporting this event by making it their monthly program emphasis. In addition Brenda Bethman, the UMKC Women Center’s director, is the UMKC AAUW University Representative and a member of the Kansas City Branch. Tickets: FREE. Reserve online at http://www.umkc.edu/adminfinance/businessservices/cto/UMKCWomensCenter or call 816-235-6222.

PUBLIC POLICY IMPACT GRANT UPDATE

In the summer 2008 issue of Missouri in Motion Pat Taylor wrote about exciting news of AAUW-MO receiving a Public Policy Impact Grant. The purpose of the grant was to conduct voter registration on college campuses and small communities, sponsor candidate forums and mail “your vote is important” to newly registered voters. To achieve these goals AAUW-MO would work with Missouri Women’s Leadership Coalition (MWLC) and Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW).

The October 8 deadline for voter registration has passed and our first charge accomplished. AAUW branches held registration on seven college campuses. They either worked independently, like Student Affiliates at Park College, or collaborated with other organizations, like AAUW member Mary Mosley and the Student Democrats at William Woods University. AAUW-Raytown held voter registration at one of the Raytown high schools. Good for them, thinking outside the box. Equally important, we gained greater visibility on college campuses and small communities. We made solid contacts and partnerships that will be an asset in the future.

It is now time to kick off candidate forums. In July AAUW-Independence held a candidate forum at Metropolitan Community College in partnership with the League of Women Voters.

There are currently five other AAUW-sponsored candidate forums planned around the state. If your branch is participating in a candidate forum or has participated in voter registration, please let me know. When we send in our report to Association, we want to acknowledge all the branches that participated. Remember, THE POWER OF ONE VOTE! See you at the polls!

Holly Burgess
Public Policy Chair
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an exciting and historic election year this is—a woman and a black man on the presidential tickets! Such choices were unthinkable just thirty-five years ago. Watch the new TV show “Life on Mars.” You’ll be taken back to a time when many of us have selectively chosen to forget—a time when women and blacks were “token” employees and treated as if they had nothing worthwhile to contribute; a time when men made sarcastic remarks about a woman’s body parts as if it was everyday conversation (and no one questioned it); a time when few places were air conditioned, record keeping was manual, smoking was rampant, and many people were “free spirits.”

Watching that show made me realize how many things have improved. Yes, technology has played a huge part in many of the changes. We now have instant access to people and information that would have taken hours and in some cases many days or months to get 30 years ago. Aside from that, though, AAUW, through its research, programs, and scholarship support for women, has brought about change. Our membership and support is critical to continuing the mission of AAUW.

That’s why your Missouri Board was so excited to celebrate and honor the Springfield branch for its 100th anniversary and to welcome to AAUW the new Drury University branch at a luncheon at Drury University Oct. 11. Take a moment to send them your congratulations, (Donna Medlin, Springfield, djmedlin@aol.com) and to welcome Drury (Jo Van Arkel, jyanarke@drury.edu).

AAUW has also been active in communities across the state holding voter registration drives and candidate forums. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Holly Burgess, Jane Biers, and Grace Butler (Columbia), AAUW was active and involved in this election year helping to get out the vote!

Missouri is hosting the 2009 biannual AAUW Convention in St. Louis June 26-28. The local arrangements committee—Lynne Roney, Pat Shores, Julie Triplett, and Diane Ludwig—has been helping plan events and activities that are sure to make this convention a “must” to attend. Many changes to the structure of AAUW will be presented for a vote on at this convention. Watch your newsletters and our website for details as they become available.

In addition, the St. Louis Interbranch Council (AAUW branches in St. Louis) is holding a pre-convention warm-up event at the convention hotel on March 14. The guest speaker is Jill Birdwhistell from Association, one of the most energetic and enthusiastic presenters I have seen in quite a while! She will present the many changes coming to AAUW. It will be an exciting event that all Missouri and Illinois members are invited to attend.

AAUW provides many toolkits, publications, and resources for your branch activities on its website (aauw.org). Your state board members are additional resources. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them for ideas and assistance.

AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance!

2009 Metropolitan St. Louis Interbranch Council Meetings

Thornhill Library
12863 Willowwyck Dr. St. Louis, Mo. 63146
February 19 August 18
May 19 November 17
FROM THE SOUTHWEST CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

There are some really exciting things happening with AAUW this fall and winter and moving into spring.

You, hopefully, have read some of the proposed bylaws which will be voted on in St. Louis. The national board, at its October meeting, addressed the revisions that resulted from input from membership. The final product will appear in Outlook and be ready for all attendees to react to at the convention.

Use our new value promise in your newsletters and on your promotional material: As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Please take advantage of the briefings being prepared by Association staff titled AAUW Joint Boards Meeting, October 2008. Take them to your branch meetings, give them to prospective members. They are a wonderful review of our policies and activities. Watch for new titles on an on-going basis. Here are the current titles:

#1 Legal Advocacy Fund
#2 Why has the Logo Changed?
#3 Value Promise
#4 Community: A Shared Understanding of Membership
#5 Breaking Through Barriers AAUW’s Unifying Focus
#6 Branch Tax Status After Restructuring
#7 Program in a Box: New tool for Branch Programming Launched
#8 Value of Branches to AAUW
#9 AAUW Membership Pilot Program
#10 Member Showcase

These are available on the web site. Several new ones are in preparation stages.

Program in a Box is available on the web site and contains extensive program ideas for branch programming. Your branch programming would benefit from the great resources available here.

Good News! The National Science Foundation Grant for our National Girls Collaborative Project has been renewed to begin January 1, 2009.

The Every Member Poll results indicate that members think highly of AAUW. 76% were either satisfied or very satisfied. 84% agree or strongly agree with the statement, “AAUW provides an articulate and respected voice on women’s issues.” 67% agree or strongly agree that AAUW effectively addresses all aspects of equity for today’s women.

Each Membership VP should have received a complete resource packet in the last few weeks. If not, she should contact the Association Membership Office immediately.

Note Card Art Work Encourage all the AAUW artists in your branch to submit their art work for possible inclusion in our new series of note cards to be available in the spring. The deadline for artwork is November 3.

NCCWSL will again be held in June 2009. Make plans now to support a student to attend this life-changing event.

Plan to attend the 2009 AAUW Convention in St. Louis. Prices will be reasonable; St. Louis is easily accessible from anywhere in our region. Exciting things will be happening!!! Room rates will be in the $185 range. Three people can room together; four is possible, but a little crowded. There will be an opportunity for reduced registration rates in December. Also, there will be one-day attendance rates. Alert your branch members. If you would be available to volunteer to work at convention, please alert Pat Shores at patriciashores@charter.net or Julie Triplett at julietrip@charter.net. Information in the form of a letter will be available in January concerning convention. This can be used in newsletters.

Member Showcase AAUW has initiated a new feature on its web site. This 18-month calendar will list activities across the country related to AAUW. Each branch should appoint a calendar administrator to post information.

2009-10 Dues will continue at the $49 rate.

AAUW has been granted consultant status with the UN. This is a great “feather in our cap” and allows us to be even more visible and effective in our work at the UN and in international affairs.

CEDAW is still an important resolution. As you know, it must be approved by the Senate...
REGIONAL DIRECTOR FROM PAGE 3

Foreign Relations Committee. Let’s keep up the pressure and get it passed. The United States is among about eight countries that have not ratified. The others include such stellar countries as Iran, Qatar, Tonga, Sudan, and Somalia!

Pay Equity Please call both of your federal senators and ask them to vote for SB1843, the Senate version of the Lilly Ledbetter Act.

Pilot Projects Two completely voluntary projects will be initiated in the next few months. One is the national dues collection project only for those who wish to send their membership this way. The other is a local scholarship clearinghouse. Again, BOTH OF THESE ARE VOLUNTARY.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES

St. Charles The first official meeting of the St. Charles Branch AAUW was held on October 27, 1933, when 26 Lindenwood professors and instructors organized at the St. Charles Public Library. On October 2, 2008 the St. Charles Branch commemorated their 75th Anniversary. Special guests included MO past presidents and local branch presidents and members. A proclamation was presented from Mayor York’s office with Oct. 27 deemed AAUW Day in St. Charles. Regional Director Shirley Breeze read a letter and presented a certificate of honor from National President Ruth Sweetser. The theme of this year’s newsletters features articles written monthly by Historian Barbara Barnett, as decade by decade events are highlighted from our historian’s books. Speaker Dr. Hal Berry, SCC History Professor, continued this theme speaking of the plight of women during World War II.

Christine Stricker

Kansas City Northland The branch will feature author Dorinda Makanaonalani Nicholson for the November 9 program at 2:45-5 p.m. at the North Kansas City Public Library. The local woman has written several children’s books, notably Pearl Harbor Child, and will speak about her experiences as a child on the island when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese.

Judy Kile
LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES cont’d

**Kansas City**  This year’s Kansas City AAUWymn’s (young women members) bachelor auction was another success! They once again raised nearly $3000! However, they want to do more and are reaching out to you for help. If you are able to donate to the 100 High School Girls scholarship fund then please do so. Whether it’s just a dollar or a thousand, the young members are equally appreciative. What an amazing opportunity to give back and be a positive influence in a young woman’s life. If you are able to donate, please make your check payable to AAUW Kansas City and mail to Connie Gray, 16110 W. 79th, Shawnee, KS 66219. Please note that it is for 100 H. S. Girls scholarships.

*Keely Edgington*

**Nevada** branch held a “Listen to the Presidential Debate” party on October 8, attended by both members and spouses. Moderator Sara Compton led a discussion of content of the debate compared with each individual’s political concerns. The group had a very interesting discussion and hopefully, all left with an increased and objective thought process and no hard feelings. Those members who thought they could not control themselves or who did not want any advice truly missed out on a fruitful evening.

*Mary Ann Clark*

**Ballwin-Chesterfield** sponsored “Financing Health Care: Issues and Options, a Community Forum” on Saturday, Sept. 27. Over 120 people attended, and 13 community groups were co-participants. A prestigious panel of physicians and administrators discussed the changing face of health care needs in the St. Louis area and the problems encountered in delivering quality care in an equitable manner in a market-based economy. Branch Public Policy Co-chairs Erlaine Eltomi and Jane Miller organized the event.

*Erlaine Eltomi, Forum Co-Chair*  
*Andrew Ziskind, M.D.  Heidi B. Miller, M.D. Dennis Matheis, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Missouri. James R. Kimmey, M.D. for B-C health care panel.*

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**Following the Fellows**  
There is an ongoing series in AAUW Dialog called Following the Fellows. It is updated each Friday at http://blog-aauw.org/tag/following-the-fellows/feed. The goal is to bring readers up to date on what has happened with various AAUW fellows since they received their awards.

2009 EF brochures from the Association are now available. The list of EF fellowship and grant recipients has been sent to EF chairs. There are three in St. Louis, one in Columbia and two in Kansas. Branches are encouraged to contact these recipients to learn about their studies and perhaps have them speak at a meeting.

Missouri branches participated in the 50th anniversary celebration of EF by sending approximately $3000 to EF in the 50-day period. The goal of the Association was to collect 500 contributions of $50 before October 15. Remember, all 2008 EF contributions are due by December 31.

*Toni Thornton*  
EF Chair

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AAUW Missouri Promotes Membership for Younger Members

AAUW Missouri is hoping to establish student affiliate satellites of branches as well as increasing the number of individual student affiliates in branches.

If your branch is interested in having a satellite of student affiliates attached to your branch, please call Debbie McWard, Membership Vice President, deb-meward@earthlink.net. She will help you and give you guidelines.

Fees for undergraduate students in a satellite are $17 for the Association, with no charge for state fees. It is up to the branch to decide how much to charge for branch membership.

Branches are also encouraged to accept student affiliate individuals into their branch. The fees are $17 for the Association and $3 for the state. It is up to the branch to decide how much to charge for branch membership.

Everyone is encouraged to join in the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift program. You may give a membership to the Association to any graduating student. If the GGG graduate joins a Missouri branch, the state will give a state member dues amount of branch member dues for the first year of membership.

This is an exciting opportunity to bring in younger people with enthusiasm and new ideas to your branch at a reduced cost.

Sue Barley
MO Treasurer

National Convention will be ‘Breaking Through Barriers.’ AAUW-MO and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) in St. Louis are hard at work planning the details of hosting the 2009 national AAUW convention at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, June 26-28, 2009. This historic convention, themed “Breaking through Barriers,” will discuss and vote on issues related to membership requirements, dues payments, public policy issues, and much more. The results will have a momentous impact on who and what AAUW is to be in the coming years. You don’t want to miss it! Check out the AAUW website for full details on the issues and the convention (www.aauw.org/convention).

As a member of AAUW-MO, you’ll want to help us spread our “Show-Me” hospitality and excitement to the hundreds of AAUW members planning to attend. We will need volunteers for a variety of venues and tasks as well as members interested in helping in a new way—as local sponsors. Diane Ludwig, LAC member, has been asked to chair this new venture. “Our conventions have traditionally been financially challenged and we want to ‘break through this barrier’ by raising $20,000 locally to help support the convention and really showcase our Missouri commitment to AAUW,” reports Ludwig. “Our efforts will begin with two of our members presenting a challenge grant of $10,000. Then MO members and branches will help in matching that amount. Gifts of all sizes are welcome.” Pledges may be made with fulfillment prior to May 1, 2009. There will be recognition for all donors and special benefits for major donors of $2,500 or more including discounts off the registration fee ($399 Early Bird or $440 Regular Fee*). All our wonderful local sponsors will be recognized at the March 14 Convention Kick-Off Luncheon hosted by the St. Louis Interbranch Council (IBC) at the lovely convention hotel (cost $25 person). Don’t miss it! For more information, contact Diane at dbludwig22@aol.com or 314-457-1470.

Please join us in St. Louis! Plan now to send branch members and delegates to convention by budgeting for it, appointing delegates early, discussing the issues and bylaws, and determining how your branch can participate in volunteering and/or local sponsorships. Treat yourself to a mini-vacation at the historic Renaissance Grand Hotel (spa treatments, great restaurants, and lots of extras await you) as you use the “power of one’s vote(s)” to help shape AAUW’s future. Don’t forget to invite your AAUW family and friends from across the country to “meet me in St. Louis” as we continue to ‘break through barriers’ for women and girls.

LAC members: Lynne Roney, chair (lynnoreroney @ sbcglobal.net), Diane Ludwig - sponsorships (dbludwig22@aol.com), Pat Shores - volunteers/hospitality (apatriciashores@charter.net), and Julie Tripplett - volunteers/hospitality (juliatripplett@charter.net)

*There is a SPECIAL ‘Best Value’ registration fee of $375 for those who register between December 1, 2008 and January 15, 2009. This is the exact same rate as the Phoenix convention two years ago! PLAN AHEAD and take advantage of this great deal!
2007 AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND - MISSOURI

Legal Advocacy funds are coming in slowly this calendar year. Only 26 donors have met the Key to Equity pin requirements this year, compared to the 37 winners last year. If last year’s donors want their new key, get $100 or more in. Donations for the year are now at over $7,000, a little more than half what was given in 2007.

Several Missouri Branches have not contributed this year. Branches should try to reach the goal of $5 per member that is suggested for each branch in Missouri. Have a fundraiser, program, pass the hat or better yet put it in your yearly budget.

Missouri had four major donors listed in LAF Major Donors Summer LAF/Update. Shirley Breeze, Sue Barley, Ruth Griffin and Dorothy Ricketts are commended for helping break through barriers for women and children which is very important for AAUW’s Value Promise.

2008 is the second year for Key to Equity Pins. To obtain this pin, it is necessary for AAUW members to make a donation to LAF for $100 or more in the calendar year. If you are one of the 37 ladies who obtained the pin last year and give $100 or more this year, you will get a key to add to your pin. Donate and wear your pin proudly showing you support equality for women.

Mary Ann Clark
LAF Chair

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

AAUW-MO proudly celebrated two AAUW milestones on Saturday, October 11, at Drury University in Springfield. It was a wonderful recognition of the old and the new and an exciting time for AAUW Missouri!

Drury University provided a fully-equipped meeting room along with refreshments and snacks for the board’s all-day meeting and made arrangements for a celebratory luncheon at the President’s House. We were welcomed by the President of Drury, Todd Parnell, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Charles Taylor. Betty Parnell, wife of the president, and Krystal Compas, Alumni and Development, also greeted us.

Springfield Branch celebrated its 100th Anniversary! Five members of the Springfield branch listened attentively as Shirley Breeze, our Regional Director, presented a proclamation and certificate from Association. Each Springfield member was also presented with an AAUW lapel pin.

Drury University branch formed July 1, 2008! Eight members of the Drury University branch were welcomed to AAUW by proclamation from Association presented by Shirley Breeze and were each presented with an AAUW lapel pin.

Send Springfield your congratulations and welcome Drury University to AAUW! Donna Medlin, Springfield, djmedlin@aol.com; Jo Van Arkel, Drury University, jvanarke@drury.edu.

Marsha Koch
President
MEMBERSHIP STRATEGIES

The Association has recently sent packets to all branches with new membership information. I encourage you to look at it to see how you can implement it. One exciting thing, especially if you are a branch in or near a college or university that is an AAUW partner, there is now an E-Student Affiliate opportunity for undergraduates. This was outlined in the information packet, or you can contact me about it. You might consider starting an AAUW student affiliate group on campus and working with the students on equity projects. Then you might work them into branch and state membership. Their energy is contagious, and we can offer them our AAUW experience.

The College/University members are: Lindenwood University, Drury University, Missouri Baptist, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Stephens College, University of Missouri at KC, St. Louis and Columbia, University of Central Missouri, Washington University and Webster University. Any undergraduate of any other college/university can still join at the $17.00 student affiliate rate. Let’s get on campus!

Debbie McWard
Membership VP

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Correction: In the listing for LAF in the Summer Missouri in Motion, St. Charles should have been listed as 10th place in giving for 2007.