



Our Mission: AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, advocacy and education. Our Vision: Equality for all. Our Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Proclamations and Celebrations!

How the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment Was Celebrated in 2020 with the Help of the AAUW MO Board Committee, Chaired by Ellen Irons



County of St. Louis Executive Dr. Sam Page Issues a Proclamation Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Pictured: Nancy J. Miller and Louise T. Wilkerson, Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, Jean Dugan, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, Dr. Sam Page, Jan Scott, AAUW St. Louis and Dr. A. Patricia Shores, AAUW MO



Jefferson City Branch L-R: Branch President Charlotte Parsons, Mayor Carrie Tergin and Peggy Cochran. Back LR: Kathleen Turner Ledgerwood, Betty Cooper, Katherine Connor, Alicia White and Richard Parsons

What an incredible accomplishment! Throughout this issue of MiM you can read about the activities achieved by so many Missouri branches. Despite the pandemic, branches held educational events, arranged for yard signs to be created and distributed, wrote letters to editors, held interviews with worked with radio stations, sister organizations, and more.

A special achievement is that branches asked local mayors and councils to issue Proclamations! In all, 11 branches ended up with 16 proclamations and one resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment: Ballwin, Boonville, Canton, Chesterfield, Clayton, Columbia, Ferguson, Florissant, Independence, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Kirkwood, Manchester, Nevada, St. Louis City, St. Louis County and Webster Groves. Most occurred in the two months before the Aug 26th day of celebration and reflect the hard work and dedication of individual branches. Fantastic work!

The AAUW MO Board Committee was formed in May, 2019, to encourage, educate and inspire branches to focus on the 19th Amendment Centennial. We researched resources, links, ideas and encouragement. *Continued on page 2.*

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From the President

Sue Shineman, AAUW MO

With the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, we lost one of our most beloved role models. She was a pioneer jurist and iconic feminist who blazed new trails, not only in her own life, but in the lives of the countless women she championed and inspired. I know she certainly inspired me. AAUW recognized her commitment to women and awarded her our national AAUW Achievement Award in 1999. We salute her lifetime of accomplishments as we strive to continue her work.



Now that the election is over, we can begin to refocus. It is with great anticipation that we watch new plans unfold. AAUW will continue to stand strong in our mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, advocacy, and education. Our work is cut out for us. Each

branch, each president and each member is encouraged to be a visible leader in their community to advocate for ways to make measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and families.

Our branches made a big impact on their communities by working with city leaders in the writing of Proclamations celebrating the 100th Anniversary of women's right to vote. Eight hundred suffragists signs were planted in yards across many states. A resolution was written to remind city leaders of the need for action on women's rights and to hold them accountable. Radio interviews shared the history of AAUW, the 19th Amendment and how it relates to the status of women today. A celebration honoring Black women suffragists was held in a St Louis cemetery. Programs sharing the history of women's fight for the right to vote touched many members.

Members invested much time and energy in GOTV (get out the vote) efforts for months leading up to the election. AAUW MO partnered with MOVPC (Missouri Voter Protection Coalition) to host 68 attendees at a training for poll monitors who



Jolene Cerveny, Independence Branch President and Sue Shineman with Proclamation from Mayor Eileen Weir

then volunteered on election day. We worked with the League of Women Voters to present Voter Education information to community college students. Working with Clean Missouri and LWV, many post cards were mailed to lapsed voters. "No on 3" signs were placed in yards and letters to the editor appeared in local newspapers. Thank you to each of you for your contribution.

Although parts one and two of the AAUW MO Public Policy agenda have mostly been covered, we will not let up on our persistent efforts to reach our legislators and encourage their support of our mission. The third part of the agenda for this year is social justice. You will be hearing about how your branch and members can be involved. Several branch book groups and your AAUW MO Inclusion and Equity Committee have already started discussions on this topic. Our support and action are both needed to help change the barriers that separate 'them' and 'us' and a better understanding is the first step.

Proclamations and Celebrations! (continued)

We feel great about our committee's role to date and want to tell everyone that the AAUW MO board asked us to continue through 2021! We will share information in the coming months and plan two important documents to share with the branches in March of 2021.

- A commemorative article with all branch activities, successes and celebrations, including history and photos. This event was a oncein-a-hundred-year occurrence and we want to capture it all!
- A master resource document with all resources and links to programs/ articles/ videos for future use.

Good work AAUW Missouri! Our branches and AAUW MO have much to be proud of in this celebration!



Clayton Mayor Michelle Harris presents Lynne Roney of AAUW with a framed proclamation declaring August 26, 2020, "Centennial of the 19th Amendment Ratification Day."

In Memory of Alyse J. Stoll, 1926–2020 AAUW MO President 1998–2000, Legacy Circle Member

Alyse Stoll put a lot into her 94 years: an AAUW MO board member and leader, Alyse had all the standard skills, plus her own unique skills. She livened events with songs and skits. One couldn't say 'no' to Alyse when she drafted you for a skit or to sing a song she wrote for an AAUW gathering. She was inspirational and full of life–an AAUW Energizer Bunny. Alyse was admired for her creativity, talent, enthusiasm, leadership and her wonderful smile! She was a proud member of the Raytown Branch, and later the Independence Branch.

Alyse worked for the Raytown School District for almost three decades. She also served as Minister of Music and organist for her church for 45 years. She and husband Vic raised two sons in the Raytown area. Alyse was a dedicated community volunteer who helped establish the 1995 Raytown Arts Council, arranged the Poetry and All That Jazz events, conducted the Missoula



Children's Theater, chaired the Raytown Mayor's Council on Aging Board, and served the MO Retired Teachers Association, to name a few.

We have lost a wonderful friend, leader, and role model. We can only hope to live up to her level of activism, enthusiasm and commitment. Alyse always reminded us to 'keep a smile on your lips and a song in your heart.' Good advice for today's world. Thank you, Alyse!

Learning Opportunities

Learning opportunities are abundant for AAUW members. In addition to the <u>2020 Convenings Page</u>, branch programs, the International Relations Lecture Series, the Branch Presidents Focus Group offers presentations by AAUW MO officers to presidents and committee chairs.

Topics to be covered will be:

- Membership Outreach
- o AAUW Fund
- MO Star Award and National
 5 Star Award
- Legislative Action
- **o** Branch Incentive Grants
- Program Planning
- Inclusion and Equity

It is with better understanding that we can share the value and benefits of AAUW Membership.

AAUW of Missouri Inclusion and Equity Committee

AAUW of Missouri has a new committee called Inclusion and Equity formed in response to racial unrest in the United States. The committee's purpose is to become educated about issues of race and its effects on all Americans. Nancy Hutchins is committee chair and Kay Meyer and Mable Davis are team assistants, along with 14 AAUW members located in east, west and central Missouri. The committee meets via Zoom every three weeks to discuss *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. AAUW National has encouraged all states to form an Inclusion and Equity Committee, but only 17 states have done so.

What does that mean to Missouri branches? The committee suggests that all branches consider incorporating Inclusion and Equity by presenting a program on the topic, forming a book group or choosing books for your book group about these issues. Suggestions for reading are as follows:

- Waking Up White by Debby Irving
- White Fragility by Robin Diangelo
- o The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
- A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America by Ronald Takaki
- A Story of Just Mercy: Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- Dear White People: A Guide to Inter-Racial Harmony in Post-Racial America by Justin Simien
- Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination by Toni Morrison

The AAUW Inclusion and Equity Committee's next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on December 2. For questions, or to help plan a meeting or start a book club, please contact Nancy Hutchins or Kay Meyer via <u>https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/.</u>



AAUW Awards Over 200 Fellowships and Grants in 2020–21 Academic Year

At AAUW National, 14 endowments, set up in the name of AAUW Missouri, AAUW Missouri branches, and/or AAUW MO Individuals, are sponsoring seven fellowships and grants. An international fellowship was awarded to Marlen Munoz Franco from Honduras. Marlen is completing a master's degree in chemistry at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph and is working as a graduate laboratory assistant. She is part of the Lenca ethnic group and previously worked for the defense of their education and health rights with a focus on indigenous mothers and children under five years old.



Marlen Munoz Franco, AAUW Fellowship recipient

Century Club/Century Club Plus Recognition Deadline

AAUW MO recognizes members who fulfill donation requirements of the MO Century Club (at least \$100) and the MO Century Club Plus (\$250 or more). The deadline for contributions to be credited is December 31. You may check your 2020 contributions in the Member Services Database (MSD) or with Patt Braley, AAUW MO finance officer. Dual members desiring recognition by both branches must make separate contributions to both. Notify <u>connect@aauw.org</u> if a donation is not to be credited to your primary branch. Century Club/Century Club Plus names will be announced at the spring conference and in *Missouri in Motion*.

Missouri Named Gift Honoree Program Discontinued

The AAUW Missouri Board voted at its October meeting to discontinue the AAUW MO Named Gift Honoree program, effective immediately. Originally set up as a branch fundraising incentive, the program was found to no longer be a priority or interest of many branches. Branches are encouraged to continue to honor outstanding branch members who are passionate about the AAUW mission. Award criteria may be determined by each branch.

AAUW Legacy Circle Seeks Members

AAUW would be delighted to welcome you to the Legacy Circle, AAUW's recognition society for visionary members committed to advancing equity for women and girls long into the future. Twenty–two AAUW Missouri members are part of the Legacy Circle. They have notified AAUW of their estate plans that include national AAUW in different ways: a will with a set or percentage amount; as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA; or a gift to AAUW that pays income now. AAUW provides general estate planning information and tax-wise ways to include AAUW as part of your legacy at <u>org/app/uploads/2020/02/Legacy-Circle-Brochure-nsa.pdf</u>.

Incentive Grants

Celebrating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment Incentive Grant Co-Chairs Teri Brecht, Shirley Breeze and Pam Kulp

500 posters designed, printed, And counting KWG* needed funds, The pressure was mounting

They applied for an *Incentive Grant* It was such an easy task, Filled out the application For the committee to then ask...

"How much is needed? Where will funds go?" Let's get this done before the election... Before there is snow.

Orders poured in, printed 300 more As the orders did grow, Posters were sent to cities & states Outside of St. Louis, MO.

Encouraging voting, Suffragettes had planned it, Thanks to the women Marching for the 19th Amendment.

Now every AAUW MO Branch Can apply for an *Incentive Grant* Money is available... Imagine that!

All that is needed Is your branch's written plan. Can you get funds for your project? YES, you can!

For Incentive Grants details Go to <u>www.aauw-mo-aauw.net</u>. AAUW Missouri Reserves & The Fund of Peg Witt

*Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

AAUW MO Membership Marianne C. Fues, Membership VP



EACH 1, Call 1 Membership Campaign

As you know, we are in an unusual pandemic time. Now that it is November, we hope that you have made contact with each of your branch members. We are all trying to think of ways to keep in touch and make it relevant. Keep those contacts going! It is important that a member does not feel left out!

EACH 1, Bring/Invite 1

Now is the time for *each* member to invite at least one new person to branch meetings. If your branch does not grow, soon there is no branch. Even in these unusual times, we must still make contact with new potential members. Ask, ask, ask!

The Shape the Future membership campaign is a tool that branches can use to recruit and retain members. While this initiative has been active for several years, AAUW National has extended it to include all virtual events. With this campaign, branches can offer 50 percent off national dues when prospective members join AAUW at an event or meeting. Branches also earn one free national membership for every two new members they recruit, with a maximum of three free memberships annually–a way to earn more perks to give members. Check the web site for details and to fill out the application.

https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/state-branch/shape-the-future-campaign/.

Discounts and Perks

https://www.aauw.org/?s=discounts+and+perks 10/2020

AAUW National has added Nationwide Pet Insurance to the list, so check the site periodically for updates.

Save the Date! May 1, 2021 Lynne Roney, Program VP

The 2021 AAUW MO state meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Those who do not have Zoom will be able to phone in. Mark your calendars now. We anticipate that the call will last as long as the 2020 meeting. It will include a business meeting, elections, state awards, and a brief presentation by a guest speaker.

We'll learn more about the national AAUW issues to be voted on by April. Stay tuned for more information to come.

2020–21 AAUW of Missouri Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 28	AAUW Bi	rthday (established in 1881)
December 31	AAUW Fund 2020 Donation Deadline	
March 1–31	Women's History Month	
April 1	AAUW MO Star Award application deadline	
AAUW of Missouri		
January 23, 10 a.m.–12:3	0 p.m.	Board meeting via Zoom
April 24 or 30, TBD		Board meeting via Zoom
May 1		AAUW of Missouri Annual Meeting

Keep Up with AAUW National Karen Francis, National Liaison

At its October meeting, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase individual member dues \$3 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, \$5 for FY 2023, and \$5 for FY 2024, making the dues for those years \$62, \$67, and \$72, respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remain tax deductible. AAUW Board President Julia T. Brown states "this measure is essential for AAUW to continue our mission to achieve gender equity. With prudent budgetary management, AAUW has been able to keep its dues flat since July 2018. Current life members will not be affected by this change. New life memberships acquired after July 1, 2021, will reflect the higher dues amounts. College and university membership fees will remain unchanged."

In Spring, 2021, members will vote on the membership education requirement. AAUW's gender issue is equity, but the degree requirement is seen as a barrier and also could be a hindrance to receiving grants and sponsorships, which have been impacted by Covid. Many think it is the right thing to do. AAUW members' average age is 72; younger people look for inclusion and equity in organizations and we need them! Members should use AAUW instead of American Association of University Women, which doesn't reflect our status as an international organization with male members and various professions. To pass, this change would require a five percent member quorum and 66.7 percent vote in favor.

AAUW of Missouri Strategic Plan

The AAUW Missouri Strategic Plan is based on the AAUW National Strategic plan and focuses on Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership and Governance and Sustainability.

Diane Ludwig and Pat Shores will monitor the progress of each Missouri branch in meeting the AAUW of Missouri Strategic Plan goals by gathering the quantifiable and qualitative metrics of each goal and objective over the next year. At the end of the year we will report on how our branches have advanced gender equity.

https://ww3.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/

A Wealth of Webinars from AAUW

After offering weekly webinars for many months, AAUW has built an impressive library of content for members to explore at any time. Visit the <u>2020</u> <u>Convenings Page</u> to hear recordings from fellow AAUW branch and state leaders in the following webinars:

- Managing Burnout Through Self-Compassion
- Justice Ginsburg's Legacy and the Future of the Court
- AAUW Virtual Board Town Hall: Dues and Education Requirement
- Policy vs Practice Continued Fight for Equality
- Holding Space and How to Start and Continue Conversations on Race, Equity, and Inclusion
- Programming During a Pandemic

These webinars can also be shared during a branch program.

International Relations Lecture Series Patricia Burroughs-Bishop, 2021 Chairperson

AAUW and The Tuesday Women's Group of the St. Louis Ethical Society invite AAUW MO members to enjoy the 2021 lecture series. Each lecture will begin at 10:45 a.m. Currently we expect all events to occur on Zoom; access each lecture by clicking <u>https://zoom.us/j/3844225785</u>.

January 12 Freedom of the Press Under Threat, Dr. Yong Volz, UMSL School of Journalism

February 9 *Reparations to Redress Historical Injustices,* Dr. Stephen Graves, UMSL Department of Political Science

March 9 Artificial Intelligence & Data and Regulation, Dr. Anshuman Singh, UMSL Department of Information Technology

April 13Historical Heritage & Racist Art,Dr.AkikoTsuchiya,WashingtonUniversityDepartment of Romance Languages & Literature

Honoring Black Suffragists at Greenwood Cemetery, Hillsdale, Missouri

Greenwood Cemetery, organized in 1874, is the final resting place for over 50,000 African Americans. Greenwood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2004 and was declared a St. Louis County Landmark in 2016. Civil rights leaders, educators, musicians and other key individuals associated with the development of Black St. Louis are buried here.

The September 2, 2020 event honored African-American Suffragists interred at the cemetery. Attendees were members of AAUW, the community and politicians. AAUW Missouri members participated in the program: Welcome, Karen B. Francis, Marsha Koch, Jeanne Webdell; History of Greenwood, Etta Daniels and Shelly Morris; Honoring our Suffragists, Etta Daniels, Greenwood Historian; Mary Ford Pitts, Maria L. Harrison, and Arsania Williams; Closing Remembrance: Jeanne Webdell.

"Each person must live their life as a role model for others." Rosa Parks



Etta Williams, Greenwood historian, Karen Francis, and Shelly Morris, Greenwood Preservation board member



Honoring Black suffragists at Greenwood Cemetery Memorial Section. In the back is the memorial to Harriet Robinson Scott, Dred Scott's wife. AAUW members: Pat Shores, Angie Janik, Marsha Koch, Jean Weddel, and Wilzetta Bell



Leaves from the Branches

Every year the Joplin Branch of AAUW sponsors a Holiday Auction to raise funds toward the Dorothea B. Hoover Scholarship for tuition to benefit a junior or senior woman student at Missouri State Southern University. This year's auction will be a Stay-at-Home event. One of our 29 previous scholarship recipients shared this with us: "I was a nontraditional student, married with a baby—we were very young and very poor. When I received the notification that I was the recipient of the Dorothea B. Hoover Scholarship, I was so blessed! After receiving my degree, I worked for Doane, Sunbeam, Crossland Construction, and then I was named Senior Project Manager to build the new \$500,000,000 Mercy Hospital. My degree and opportunities for work would not have been possible without the Dorothea B. Hoover Scholarship." What a privilege it is to invest in the lives of young women who otherwise would not be able to finish their schooling.

Leaves from the Branches



Marsha Koch reports that the Kirkwood-Webster Groves branch yard sign initiative reached North Dakota. The Devils Lake branch bought 30 signs, used at a branch sponsored event, and signs were posted in the community. Kirkwood-Webster Groves Centennial Celebration Project Seed money was granted by Missouri Women's Network and AAUW MO. Designs were created by Jeanne Webdell and Chris Nobbe. Marsha Koch's daughter and son-in-law came up with a striking sign that mimics those of 100 years ago and uses the suffragist-movement colors. For the complete article, see <u>https://kwg-mo.aauw.net/files/2020/09/1-2020-2021-No.-1-</u> <u>September-for-web.pdf</u>.

Signs were delivered to seven AAUW MO branches. Organizations that purchased signs were Issues & Actions, St. Louis; League of Women Voters St. Louis; Kansas City Athenaeum; Missouri NOW; St. Louis Metro Business Women; and the Tuesday Women's Association-Ethical Society of St. Louis. Also Kirkwood, Ladue Horton Watkins, and Lindbergh High Social Studies educators requested signs. Complimentary signs went to Aisha Sultan, Manchester city officials, Kirkwood City Council members, and the Webster Kirkwood Times.

* THANK YOU * SUFFRAGISTS 100¹¹¹ ANNIVERSARY #111 19¹¹ AMENDMENT CELEBRATE WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE!



Choney Wangmo, student volunteer Nevada branch



City of St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson issued a proclamation celebrating 100 years of women having the vote. L-R: Patricia Shores, AAUW Missouri and Janet Scott, AAUW St. Louis; Nancy J. Miller and Louise T. Wilkerson, Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, Jean Dugan, Executive Director, LWV The Nevada Branch of AAUW is delighted to have a student volunteer from Cottey College to assist with branch publicity. Choney Wangmo, from Bhutan, is a second year student majoring in international relations. She wanted to join AAUW because "It's a women's association whose mission and goal is to empower and embrace women like me and women all around the United States who aspires to bring change in the history of women."

We are saddened to share the passing of Carolyn Thornton, age 95. Carolyn had been a member of AAUW since 1951, held multiple branch offices, and received the 2017 AAUW Missouri Woman of Distinction Award.

The branch's September program was on the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. The speaker was Will Tollerton, museum curator at the Bushwhacker Museum, and local history scholar. He focused on the women in Nevada's history who played significant roles in politics and the public arena to support the movement to give women the right to vote.

St. Louis Branch reports that in the last weeks before the August 26th celebration, 100-year celebration proclamations for the 19th Amendment were obtained from both the City of St. Louis and County of St. Louis. Patricia Shores assisted our branch to reach this milestone, and the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis was our co-signatory. We also held a Fall Gathering on October 8 and have outreach projects and a monthly movie club planned.

Leaves from the Branches

The Columbia Branch of AAUW is staying active! On August 26, 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, the branch invited former member, Mary Mosley, now living in Idaho, to join us via Zoom for a cup of tea and a look back at the suffragists and their work. Locally, president Linda Evans had the official AAUW proclamation signed by the Columbia mayor, and branch members displayed many 'Thank You Suffragists' signs.

The 6th annual Holly Burgess Public Policy Forum was held via Zoom on October 12. In collaboration with the League of Women Voters, Boone County and the Daniel Boone Regional Library, the event featured Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon, AAUW of Columbia (MO) Branch member, whose presentation was titled *Make Your Plan for November, Voting Options for* 2020. Many branch members also joined other AAUW MO members to view 'RIGGED, The Voter Suppression Playbook' in early September.

Upcoming Zoom events include a visit with the Boone County Public Health Department on the 'Status of the Coronavirus and Recommendations', and the annual December Red Stocking Tree fundraiser for the AAUW Fund. A fun treat was added on October 30 when members 'zoomed' to a Masked Halloween Happy Cauldon Hour, complete with decorated masks, 'bewitching' hats, Halloween virtual backgrounds, and something to sip from their favorite cauldron.

St. Charles AAUW Announces 2020 Local Scholarships

Since 1938, the St. Charles Branch has awarded scholarships to high school senior women. A record 50 applications were received by mid-February from high school students in St. Charles County. Normally the committee reviews applications, and then the two recipients and their parents attend the May branch meeting, which did not occur because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Scholarship ecipients are Natalie Hall, Francis Howell Central High School, who is attending University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Hannah Reeb, Wentzville Holt High School, who is attending the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Since members were unable to meet in person, certificates were sent to the graduates at their respective universities and each sent a photo.



Mary Mosley AAUW of Idaho Branch visits the Columbia branch via Zoom.



AAUW Cape Girardeau Branch members pose for a picture to show the Suffrage sign. L-R: Jean Cairns, Peggy Hill, Joan Gones, and Avon Crocker



Hannah Reeb

Leaves from the Branches

The Canton Branch is active each year in a Dress for Success Fall clothing drive, which results in women students trying on clothing and talking with Culver Stockton College faculty and staff about which items look professional. Only professional clothing is collected and the Canton Branch always contributes slightly used clothing and is available the day of the event to register and to consult with students.

In addition, we sponsored a town/gown event to celebrate Ruth Bader Ginsburg's award of the National Medal from the National Constitution Center (NCC). We helped everyone sign up on Zoom and watch the RGB award event sponsored by the NCC. Sadly, the next day RBG died.



AAUW of Canton Missouri Branch Dress for Success Fall clothing drive



Ferguson-Florissant AAUW Branch Proclamation from Florissant's Mayor Timothy J. Lowery, September 16, 2020. R-L: Joyce Bluett, Shirley Breeze, Pam Meyers, Mayor Lowery, Wilzetta Bell and Patty Murray



Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Octoberfest gathering. L-R: Joyce Katz, Susie Teicher, and Sue Lancaster

Since April 2020, the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch has held board meetings, conducted business sessions, listened to speakers, and attended book clubs and interest groups with ZOOM. It is wonderful to have this technology and the opportunity to safely continue our programs.

However, one beautiful Saturday in October about 60 branch members gathered on a church parking lot with lawn chairs and face masks. We enjoyed delicious box lunches, collected books to raise funds for scholarships, purchased raffle tickets for branch fundraising, received voting information and wrote checks for AAUW Funds. The opportunity to visit with our friends and fellow members is especially important to everyone.



AAUW MO State Board For 2020–21

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Newsletter items are requested for branch news, announcements and photographs. Please send to Editor Mary Jermak, Inystl@gmail.com. Send a copy of your branch newsletter to State Historian Jane Biers, biersj@missouri.edu; Webmanager Lynne Roney, lynneroney@sbcglobal.net; and AAUW MO President Sue Shineman, sueshineman46@gmail.com. *Missouri in Motion* and branch newsletters are available for download at <u>aauw-mo.aauw.net</u>.

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Update your contact information at <u>aauw.org/</u>. Click on 'Member Services,' then on 'Member Services Database' for your personal profile.

See us on Facebook at AAUW-MO. Submit items to Nancy Hutchins.

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Kansas City Branch Resolution passed by the Kansas City Council, August 20, 2020

Alice Kitchen organized and sponsored the Women's Equality Coalition and Councilwomen Andrea Bough and Ryana Parks-Shaw read into the minutes information giving context and background on the 19th Amendment, which was provided by AAUW.