



Nevada Branch of AAUW
March 2024



President's Message

Do you know about these Missouri Women????

Louise Stanley (1883-1954) was 'The Mother of Home Economics'. Louise Stanley felt the school system was lacking something: basic home management skills such as nutrition, sewing, cooking, and child development. So Stanley brought her knowledge of food nutrition and home economics to the University of Missouri in Columbia and developed the home economics program seen in schools today, now frequently called family and consumer sciences. Thanks to her, these skills are still staples of a high school education.

Nell Donnelly Reed (1889-1991) was 'The Creator of Stylish Fashion for Women'.

Nell Donnelly Reed didn't like wearing drab, dull house dresses. What woman would? Instead of complaining or doing nothing about it, she decided to make a change. Reed began making and selling stylish dresses in 1916 to replace plain and simple dresses, and by the 1940s, her Kansas City-based clothing company was one of the largest of its kind in the world. She created her label, *Nelly Don*, with the hopes of challenging the idea that it was impossible to create stylish clothing that could sell to more than just privileged women. Reed was also an early champion of employee benefits, offering some health benefits and scholarships for children of employees.

Annie White Baxter (1864-1944) was 'Elected Before Women could Vote'. Almost 30 years before women received the right to vote, Annie White Baxter shocked the community when she was nominated as Jasper County clerk. Even more shocking, Baxter was elected, making her the first woman in the United States to ever be elected to the office of county clerk.

This is just a sampling of outstanding Missouri Women that have made an impact. (Thanks to Clarisse for this idea!)

Sara Compton
Nevada AAUW Co-President

Nevada AAUW Branch Officers for 2023-2024

Phyllis Sprengle/Sara Compton,
Co-Presidents
Allison Fast, Membership VP
All Members, Program VP
Oindrila Roy/Heather English,
Co-Treasurers
Judy Campbell, Secretary

Membership Moment:

Did you fill out a bracket for March Madness this year? Have you ever won a bracket?



Branch Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Center for Women's Leadership,
Cottey College Campus (400 S College St)
5:30 p.m. Social Time
5:50 p.m. Program - Equal Pay
Speaker JoAnn Jones
6:30 p.m. Business Meeting
Hosts: JoAnn Jones and Savannah Hampton



Gender Pay Gap

AAUW

Dues for 2023-24 are \$85 and can be paid to Oindrila or Heather at the March meeting. Make checks payable to AAUW.

MEMBER NEWS

Last month, **Allison Fast** talked about going to see Hairspray in Columbia with daughter, Makenzie, and daughter-in-law, Megan. The show was cancelled, so instead Makenzie found a "boardgame cafe" called Hexagon Alley in downtown Columbia. They participated in a puzzle contest where they competed against 4 other teams in completing a 500-piece puzzle. They did it in 3 hours and came in 2nd! It was reported that it was a blast, and they're ready to do it again.

Judy Campbell spent Spring Break week in Alabama (Tuscaloosa and Dauphin Island) with her daughter Erin and family. She had a very relaxing and enjoyable time.

Sara Compton and husband hosted friends from Illinois. The four made a day trip to Branson, visiting the Dam Visitor's Center, walking on C of O Campus including an ice cream break, and attending the SIX show. Another day they celebrated St. Patrick's day at Keltoi Winery and visited Route 66's Spencer Station.

Nevada AAUW Programs 2023-2024

March 26

Equal Pay

Speaker: JoAnn Jones

Hosts: Savannah & JoAnn

April 23

Equal Rights/ERA

Speaker: Trisha Stubblefield

Hosts: Kim & Sheryl

May 28

Awards Dinner

Location TBA

Hosts: Bev, Sara, Phyllis

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Unless noted, all meetings are held at the Center for Women's Leadership on the Cottey College Campus, 400 S College Street, Nevada Missouri

Legal Advocacy

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

Find more info at aauw.org

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, March 23
Democrat Presidential
Primary In-Person Voting

April 3—May 15
AAUW Membership Re-
quirements Voting

Saturday, May 4
Missouri AAUW Confer-
ence, Columbia

STEAM Camp—Help Needed

The steering committee for the STEAM camp met on Tues, Mar 12, to continue the planning process. First, potential autumn dates were proposed to be presented to Cottey's professor of chemistry, Ganga Fernando. The possible dates are Oct 19, Oct 26, and Nov 9 (with Nov 8 being National STEM/STEAM Day). Cottey's STEM club and AAUW student affiliate members will partner with us. The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Heather English is working on compiling the curriculum. If you have an interest in helping with that area, please let her know.

Allison Fast and Bev Harbit are working on options for creating a logo for t-shirts and publicity materials. If you are creative and would like to help design a logo, or have ideas, please let one of them know.

How else can you help?

1. An AAUW grant is available to help offset costs. We need someone to complete and submit the application.
2. We need photographers to capture the fun and excitement of the day.
3. We need a person to be responsible for snacks and to recruit help as needed.
4. Closer to time, we need people to help with the many logistics of setting up registration, publicity, and preparation of materials.
5. We'll also need help the day of the event.

This is a huge project that will bring positive attention to our branch, and make a difference in Nevada and surrounding communities. The steering committee includes Sara Compton, Heather English, Bev Harbit, Clarisse Teepe-Fryrear, and Allison Fast. Please consider how best **you** can provide assistance, and let one of the committee members know of your interest.

OPEN UP AAUW

1. All AAUW MO members will be receiving a bright yellow post card encouraging them to vote YES to eliminate degree requirement prior to voting period that begins April 3 thru May 15 12 noon ET

2. Journey Through Time: The Evolution of AAUW. The webinar can be accessed at: www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars. It highlights our AAUW history and how we've been opening up AAUW since our organization was founded.



Treasurer's Report: February 2024

Beginning Balance (1/30/2024)		4040.15
Income		3.00
Disbursements		0
Ending Balance (2/29/2024)		4043.15



Branch Minutes

February 28, 2024 - AAUW Minutes

Nine AAUW members were present at 5:30 p.m. on February 28, 2024 for social time at the Cottey Leadership Center. Illnesses and other obligations made for a smaller group than normal.

5:50 - Program: Judy Campbell facilitated a discussion of the nonfiction book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

6:30 - Phyllis Sprenkle called the business meeting to order and thanked hostesses Karen Ebert and Ellen Byergo. Thanks also went to Allison Fast for filling in as secretary in January. Her minutes and the financial report were both accepted as recorded in the newsletter. Random acts of kindness were shared for our Membership Minute as requested by Allison.

Committee Reports:

No Inclusion infusion due to Joann Jones' absence.

The STEM committee will tentatively meet on Mar. 12 at 5:30 with the location to be determined.

The Scholarship committee will distribute forms by early March. All members need to actively help distribute forms for the returning scholarship.

NCCWSL - Heather English has 3 applications to consider which she shared with the members present.

Legislative Retreat - no attendees to report.

STAR Report - Phyllis has worked on it with some input from Sara Compton. She believes we've already qualified in all ten areas.

Nominating committee - Sara, JoAnn, and Savannah Hampton will meet before the next meeting to determine nominees/volunteers for Treasurer, Membership VP, and President-elect. All of these offices need new people to run for these positions. Please reach out to the committee if you are willing to serve.

Phyllis handed out information about the April primary.

Equal Pay Day, which is either March 6 or 12, will be recognized by an article for the paper which Allison volunteered to write.

Girl Empowerment will be March 19. Judy will provide the refreshments for that event.

Update on State President's call - It was decided that no entry from our branch need be submitted for the Woman of Distinction award.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Campbell, Secretary