



To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Equity for all.

AAUW St. Charles Branch

December 2025 Newsletter

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

December 5 Guests Welcome!!

1:00-1:30 pm Social Time Snacks

1:30- 2:00 pm Program- Holiday Honey Singers *Welcome the Season!*

2:00- 2:30 pm Short Business Meeting

Program- Holiday Honey Singers will entertain with a variety of seasonal songs sung in 4-part a capella harmony. Sit back and welcome the season with pop, traditional, and entertaining tunes. AAUW's own Teri Brecht is a member of this quartet.

Guests are welcome!

Annual (UN)Auction for AAUW Funds The total donated on November 7 was \$1,743 for AAUW Funds "Greatest Needs". There are several Century Club members. Thanks to all who donated, attended the un-auction, and provided a great variety of items. Members enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of snacks, socializing and sharing. Treasurers will share more information at the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council Spring Fling Annual Event Luncheon

March 29, 2025, 11 a.m.–2 p.m

Celebrating Barbara Lackritz Honorees Entertainment: Women's A capella Quartet

Catering to You 12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63033

SAVE ANOTHER DATE

State Meeting on May 3, 2025 9 am-Noon Program: VPs Su Bacon and Diane Ludwig

. . AAUW MO is alternating its state meetings:

Zoom meetings in the odd-numbered years In-person meetings in even-numbered years

Weather Watch

Please Note:AAUW is canceled if *City of St. Charles Schools* are closed.

Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking helps communities see the hidden crime of human trafficking. Programs build a path to more equitable understanding of the problem since, as a multi-culture criminal activity, human trafficking is more than just a single subject to be taught. To fight against it, we should eliminate every issue that makes people vulnerable to being targeted by traffickers, including, but not limited to, violence, abuse, poverty, and houselessness.

Debt bondage is a hidden form of human trafficking where victims are forced to work to “repay” a never-ending debt. Traffickers use this tactic to control and exploit, making escape feel impossible. Let’s raise awareness and fight to end this cycle.

2025 International Relations Lecture Series The flyer with topics and speakers should be available in early December. In the past several members have carpooled to the lectures held on the 2nd Tuesdays in January- April at 10:45 am- Noon at the Ethical Society in Clayton. Watch for email information.

¡**Adelante!** 2025 Adelante! Book Group (Now on Zoom) All are welcome
January 23, 2025 *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. Deb McWard, discussion leader

A NOTE FROM AAUW OF MISSOURI’S PRESIDENT

Dear Missouri AAUW Member,

The 2024 election is in the books. Regardless of how we voted, we find ourselves with diverse emotions, some are hopeful, and others are concerned. There were wins in some areas and losses in others. As we continue to advocate, collaborating with like-minded organizations, we will gain strength in defending the rights of women and families. We will not go back!

Thank you to everyone who provided voter registration and education, carried petitions, worked the polls, displayed yard signs, shared on social media, wrote letters to the editor, marched in the Nov 2 Women’s March, or talked with friends and family about the values of women’s rights. You made a difference! A woman’s right to reproductive health care in Missouri once again is approved.

The work of AAUW members and the fight for equity, inclusion, and rights of women will continue for years to come. We are reminded that as AAUW members we all have the same vision – Equity for All. Together we are stronger and have a greater impact.

Sue Shineman, President AAUW MO

Reminder: No January Branch Meeting. Branch board meeting TBA in January.

Happy Holidays! Wishing all the best for 2025 !!