



# Newsletter of the Saint Louis Branch (Since 1893)

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

### Who we are...

The Saint Louis Branch of AAUW supports the broad goals and actions of AAUW by holding public outreach events, engaging in political action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and by supporting area young women and girls directly. We promote a "You Can Do It" approach. We are one of six branches in the Saint Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro Saint Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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### Web Sites:

**Branch Web Site:**  
<http://stlouis-mo.aauw.net>

**IBC Web Site:**  
<http://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net>

**State Web Site:**  
[www.aauwmo.org](http://www.aauwmo.org)

**National Web Site:**  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

## December Brunch

### On Saturday, December 11, 2016

**Arrive at 11 am - Brunch Served at 11:15 am  
Program at Noon (Soloing AAUW)**

### Sue Barley's Condo

4 N Kingshighway Blvd, Apt 5D, St. Louis MO 63108  
Located on the corner of Kingshighway and Laclede.

Parking (free on Sundays) is available on both the east and west side of Kingshighway and south side of Laclede.

Questions? 314-361-2920

Come for a festive brunch at Sue Barley's condo. More information will be coming soon. If you have a guest you would like to be included in the invitation, please send name, postal address, and email, to Sue Barley, barley702@gmail.com.

### Bylaws

Susan Barley, Bylaws and Polices Chair

#### Bylaws Amendments:

**At the December Brunch, hoping to have a quorum of at least 30% of our members, we will vote to amend Article XIII of the branch bylaws, as follows:**

#### ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The Organization shall hold an annual meeting to conduct the business of the Organization, including but not limited to, electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws, and receiving reports. This meeting shall be held in April or in May.

**Section 2. Membership Meetings.** There shall be at least a total of **two (delete: four general)** meetings each year. The Organization board shall determine the time and place for these meetings.

**Section 3. Recording of Minutes.** At each meeting, a secretary shall be appointed by the president to record and keep minutes.

**Section 4. Quorum.** The quorum shall be **20 percent (delete: thirty percent)** of the Organization members.



## Branch Members

**Congratulations** to our **Mary Bruemmer**!! The following article about Mary was written in July 2016 by Joe Holleman, a reporter for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*:

Former Saint Louis University Dean of Student Affairs **Mary Bruemmer** was named a "dame commander" of the Order of St. Sylvester, Pope and Martyr.

Bruemmer, 96, received the honor Wednesday during a party celebrating her 26 years as a volunteer, service she gave after retiring from university employment. St. Louis Archbishop **Robert Carlson** presented



Bruemmer with the cross medallion from the order, founded in 1841 to recognize lay people for apostolic works.

"Mary has been a role model, a guiding light and a moral compass for generations of SLU students and alumni," Carlson said. "She has also served God in so many ways, and this honor from Pope Francis tells the world how she has served Him and her Church." University President **Fred P. Pestello** also was on hand to toast Bruemmer's retirement.

Please note that Mary has moved from her apartment on Skinker Blvd to the St. Agnes Home at 10341 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO 63122, tel. 314-835-9430.

**Welcome** to new members **DAWN MASON, HEATHER SILVERMAN, LISA TAYLOR,** and **SARA KOEHLER.** Dawn joined as a student affiliate. However, shortly after she joined, she notified us that she was moving. A current address has not been received.

**HEATHER** joined AAUW after meeting Pat Shores and Karen Francis, AAUW-MO public policy co-chairs, at a meeting. Heather received a BA in Art History from Bradley University and an MA in Middle Eastern History from Tel Aviv University. She currently is program director for the National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis, which advocates for many of the same things as AAUW: well-being of women, children, and families; individual and civil rights and freedoms; social justice, welfare reform, services to seniors; and that we must hold our elected officials accountable for their actions and their votes. Previously, she was the director of international issues for the Jewish Community Relations Council and a GED instructor for Parkway Adult Education. Heather also volunteers (a lot). She is on the Creve Coeur Planning and Zoning Commission and the J-Pro Board. Previously, she volunteered for the Olivette Board of Adjustment and for the Jewish Federation Committee on Next Gen Engagement. Heather has twin boys who are four and a seven-month-old baby girl. In her free[?] time, she enjoys bicycling and yoga. Her contact information is 11007 Martin Grove, St. Louis, MO 63141, (314) 484-1194, hsilverman@ncjwstl.org. Her birthday is January 12th.

**LISA** came to a planning meeting recently and decided to join us. She has a BA in Business Administration from Columbia College (1992), a Masters in Higher Education from UMSL (2013), and will have a certificate in Student Affairs Administration-Leadership in December. She currently is employed as an administrative assistant at UMSL in the College of Nursing. She also serves in a voluntary capacity as vice chair in University of Missouri Extension Division. Lisa said she enjoys spending time with her family. She is the proud mother of a Mizzou Tiger with an Animal Science major, who works at Washington University and is seriously considering going to graduate school. Lisa said she is looking forward to supporting AAUW. Her contact information is 645 Greenway Manor Drive, Apt L, Florissant, MO 63031, (314) 838-2421 (h), (314) 494-1277 (c), (314) 516-7496 (w), lisa-taylor58@sbcglobal.net. Her birthday is December 9th.

Since **SARA** just joined us this past week, we have not received a bio yet. Information on her application shows that she graduated from the University of Chicago with a Master of Social Work in 2010. Her contact information is 4101 Magnolia Ave, Unit 106, St. Louis, MO 63110, (816) 377-2800, sekoe110@gmail.com.



**AMY WEISSER** is writing to us from South Korea where she is visiting her son. She is hoping to join us for the brunch meeting on December 11th. Her "travelogue" is quite interesting:

"I am very much enjoying my stay here. It's a rainy-misty day here, which will delay my daily walk till later. It's so strange being in a place where you can't even recognize the alphabet; but many signs are in English besides Korean, and the country has incorporated the American way of doing things in many areas.

"On Saturday we went to Seoul and toured an ancient palace and a beautiful Buddhist temple that was truly amazing. We also got caught up in a huge demonstration (totally peaceful) regarding the ouster of the current president, who is a woman. As an American, I felt proud to watch the thousands of demonstrators file past, peacefully holding candles, chanting anti-president slogans and waving Korean flags. This has got to be one of the best things the US has exported to this country. There was no shortage of children, even babies in strollers, joining their parents. I took a couple of short videos. I have never seen so many police in one place in my life, however. There were thousands of them present, in full riot gear. I believe they were deployed to keep the demonstration away from the Blue House, which is Korea's White House, as well as to keep order, which I believe they did quite well. Little did we know that the Blue House was not terribly far away from our sightseeing. But all turned out well, and we ducked into

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a convenient Starbucks (of which there are many here) to sip a java chip frappe and devour a lemon scone.

"I will close with my good wishes to you both and the other branch members, and look forward to seeing all at Sue's brunch."

The next day, Amy sent a follow-up message: "My son told me that on election day he was looking at the election news on his laptop at school. One of the brighter little girls came up to his desk and said: "Teacher, no Trump. Trump bad. Say no Trump." He was really surprised that such a young student---3rd grade---would even know of Trump.

"I'm sure they are quite concerned about his election here and what it will mean for future Korean-American relations. I'm certainly no political expert, but anyone can see how progressive this small country is and how it's modeled on the US in so many ways---economic, political, and social as well. But I read that S. Korea is the size of Indiana, and they've got the North Koreans right on their border, as well as the Chinese breathing down their necks. We need to support this country as much as we can. I'm fully in favor of keeping a sizeable force of US troops here as long as the Koreans are fine with it. Ditto Japan.

"Well, that's it for Amy's letter from South Korea, Monday edition. It's after 2, and I'm ready to reheat the left-overs of Chinese take-out we had last night."

## Branch Planning

**Branch leaders have been getting together** to plan future projects and meetings. Some things that the branch will be involved with include:



- Providing a reader for the IBC Barbara Lackritz Service Award applications. The award is presented at the IBC Spring Fling on March 25th. Sally and Ellen have agreed to handle this.
- Working with the St. Louis Press Club on a pay equity program in the spring. Pay Equity Day is April 4th.
- Handling the fundraising responsibility for the IBC Spring Fling. Jobs rotate among the branches - program, venue, registration, publicity, evaluation. We will propose that the raffle baskets at the luncheon again be the fundraiser. If anyone has any ideas to suggest or ideas for our branch's basket, please let us know!
- Possibly developing a program that could be offered to college and university partners during Sexual Assault Awareness month in March. This is a Title IX issue, something AAUW is very interested in working on.
- Reviving our membership directory/handbook
- Co-sponsoring a program with CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women), which is a panel on a successful child care program by the St. Louis Public Schools.

If you are interested in joining our steering committee or have ideas that might be instituted, please do not hesitate to let your voice be heard. Call us. Or e-mail us for starters.

## AAUW Fund Donations: The Philanthropy Section of Our Mission Statement

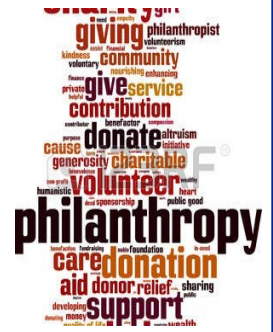
Sue Barley, AAUW Fund Chair

The AAUW Fund supports all of the AAUW programs and is made up entirely by contributions from members and supporters. No portion of members' dues is used to finance the programs. It takes a lot of donations to keep Elect Her, Start Smart, Work Smart, NCCWSL, Tech Trek, etc. going. It is hoped that all St. Louis Branch members are able to make a donation during this calendar year. Seven of our members have already done so, giving a total of \$645.

You may make a tax-deductible gift with your credit card at [www.aauw.org/contribute](http://www.aauw.org/contribute) or send a check (or your credit card information) to AAUW, PO Box 98045, Washington DC 20090-8045. Help make the world a better place for women and girls through a gift to the AAUW Fund!

### Charting the Course Campaign

The Charting the Course campaign for undesignated funds, with a goal of one million dollars, will end December 31. There is still time to make a donation. If you have already pledged, be sure you have honored the pledge by the end of the year. The campaign is close to reaching the goal as we go into the final stretch of 2016. To find out more, please go to [www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/](http://www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/).



## INTERBRANCH COUNCIL UPDATES

The AAUW St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council (IBC) consists of representatives from each of the St. Louis AAUW branches. The following officers from each branch are members of IBC: president, program vice president, membership vice president, and a member at large. All members are invited to attend meetings and participate in IBC activities, which include:

- Planning the Spring Fling luncheon fundraiser
- Sponsoring a student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- Co-sponsoring the International Lecture Series held at the Ethical Society building
- Sponsoring the iAdelante! book group and Downtown Lunch Group
- Awarding the Barbara Lackritz Service Award
- Supporting the Ferguson-Florissant Branch in its robotics mentoring and Oasis tutoring in Ferguson and operating an information booth at the Ferguson Farmers' Market

The next IBC meeting will be November 29 at 7 PM in the small meeting room at Thornhill Branch library off Fee Fee Road in Creve Coeur.

## BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BRANCH

The St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT for short) has done amazing things in its short existence. This will be a very interesting program. If you attended last year, you will be surprised at the new projects, publicity, and attention it has received this year.

### Save the Date!

#### **St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking**

Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Conference

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Spencer Library, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376

*This project was made possible in full by a grant from AAUW*

#### All New Program Featuring:

Jillian Anderson - Amanda Colegrove - Kathy Lloyd  
Amanda Mohl - Rumi Price - Kimberly Ritter - Shima Rostami

#### Free Event - Complimentary Lunch

For more information, contact ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org or  
apatriciashores@att.net

## IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

You are invited to meet and lunch with area AAUW members on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:45 am. Good conversation and interesting restaurants! For reservations contact Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer@yahoo.com.



Nov 15 **Edge Wild Bistro & Tap**, 12316 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur 314-548-2222

Dec 20 **Café Provençal**, 427 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood 314-822-5440

## IBC ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

This group, started in 1996 as a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program, meets in September, October, and January through May to discuss books written from diverse perspectives. AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.



Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center, 1600 Clarkson Road

When: 1:30 pm the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

Contact: Teri Brecht, tebrecht@yahoo.com

Jan 26 *Becoming Nicole* by Emily Ellis Nutt  
Reviewer: Lorna Anderson

Feb.23 *Re Jane* by Patricia Park  
Reviewer: Janice Rumpfolt

Mar 23 *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* by Linda Hirshman  
Reviewer: Lynne Roney

Apr 27 *The Sacrifice* by Joyce Carol Oates  
Reviewer: Debbie McWard

May 25 *Poisoned Table* by Diane Michael Cantor  
Reviewer: Linda Roberson

Sep 28 *"Flo" Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical* by Sherie M. Randolph  
Reviewer: Betty Takahashi

## AAUW ¡Adelante!

AAUW ¡Adelante! holds free online discussions with authors, and the next ones will be:

Nov 3, 7:30 pm ET, with Kimberly Elkins, author of *What Is Visible*

Dec 1, 7:30 pm ET, *The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America* by Sarah Deer

Jan 10, 7:30 pm ET, *The Poisoned Table* by Diane Michael Cantor

Register by clicking on the "Register" button at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/#events>.

Previous online discussions of the following books are available at also available at the same site listed above:

*The Cherokee Rose* by Tiya Miles

*Disgruntled* by Asali Solomon

*Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America* by Rachel Hope Cleves

*The Ones I Bring with Me/Los Que Llevo Conmigo* by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd

## 2017 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES



The Tuesday Women's Association of Ethical Society and the American Association of University Women present the:

### 2017 International Relations Lecture Series

Ethical Society of St Louis, 9001 Clayton Road  
St Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, January to April, in the upper auditorium. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45 - 50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224. The program schedule in on the next page.



January 10, 2017

## Reproductive Justice Worldwide

Mary M. Kogut, MBA, BSW is president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, a 501(c)(3) healthcare organization serving over 45,000 clients annually. Ms. Kogut is also president and CEO of Advocates of Planned Parenthood, the advocacy arm of the affiliate. She has over 30 years of experience in senior, executive leadership positions in healthcare, specifically women's reproductive healthcare.

*Roe v. Wade's* 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary is January 2017. Planned Parenthood turned 100 in October 2016. Yet the state of reproductive healthcare, particularly for women, is still in question both nationally and internationally.

Ms. Kogut will explore the experience of women and families worldwide and the hope of the future.

Coordinator: Pam Ross

Assistant Coordinator: Karen Francis



February 14, 2017

## Russia Today

Dr. Ellen Carnaghan, professor and chair of Political Science and department chair at St. Louis University, teaches and conducts research in Russian politics, the politics of post-communism and political change in many aspects, including democratization and social movements. Her recent book, *Out of Order: Russian Political Values in an Imperfect World*, examines how the political values of Russian citizens have been shaped by the disorderly conditions that followed the collapse of communism. She is currently working on a new book, *Constructing Citizens: Mass Protest in Autocratic Regimes*, which explores methods of overcoming obstacles to democratization in post-communist regimes that has involved field research in Georgia, Ukraine, and Russia.

Coordinator: Sharon Poe Assistant Coordinator: Julia Triplett



March 14, 2017

## Immigrants and Refugees from a Global Perspective

Uma A. Segal is professor and baccalaureate program director in the School of Social Work at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Dr. Segal served 2007-2015 as resident scholar on migration on the Advisory Board of the Katherine A. Kendall Institute (KAKI), an international arm of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). She was editor in chief of the *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* from 2004-2012, and is co-editor of the book *Immigration Worldwide: Policies, Practices, and Trends*. Dr. Segal has participated in research projects on cross-national comparisons of migration in Athens, Greece, Sofia, Bulgaria, and Tokyo, Japan, and has been an invited speaker in several Asian and

European countries. In addition, her research has taken her to Brazil, India, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

Coordinator: Sara Salbego

Assistant Coordinator: Nancy Hutchins



April 11, 2017

## The Trans Pacific Partnership: Status Update

Dave Robertson, PhD, professor and chair of the Political Science Department, University of Missouri St. Louis, and University of Missouri curators teaching professor. Dr. Robertson's areas of specialization are American institutions and politics, political history, American social and economic policy political economy, U.S. Constitution, environmental history, policy & politics, labor politics, policy analysis, and Missouri politics.

How familiar are we with American trade agreements? Have our two major political parties clearly articulated positions on American trade policy? How are trade agreements negotiated and how do they impact foreign policy? This presentation will give us a contextual overview of American trade policy and recent trade agreements and will seek to explain who the drivers are.

Coordinator: Kayla Vaughan

Assistant Coordinator: Carolyn Herkstroeter

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## 2017 AAUW National Convention

Connect, renew, and explore with AAUW during our AAUW National Convention from June 14-17, 2017, in Washington, D.C. Registration is now open.

You can propose amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, suggest changes to the Public Policy Program, and propose resolutions to be voted on at the convention. The [online comment period](#) is open October 3-December 5.

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## AAUW Educational Funding and Awards

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Information about and deadline dates for each of these opportunities can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>. Two students attending Washington University, have been awarded AAUW Fellowships. They are **Elyse Singer**, who is working on her Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology, and **Helina Woldekiros**, who has received a Publication Grant, Archaeology. The women are two of more than 230 women and projects who are receiving \$3.7 million in funding from AAUW in 2016-2017. Thank you to our members who contributed to the Educational Opportunities Fund and to the AAUW Fund. You have made it possible to support deserving women as they pursue their careers and become role models for women and girls.

## AAUW of MISSOURI UPDATE: October 15th Board Meeting Highlights

- **Sue Shineman**, membership vice president, reported that there are 783 Missouri members listed on the national Website, 659 paid, 129 unpaid at present and these members will be dropped as of 11-30-16 if they remain unpaid. There are 431 National members living in Missouri, 85 have not paid their dues.
- **Julia Triplett**, AAUW Fund chair, reported that the Century Club and Century Club Plus deadline for contributions is December 31st. A member can find how much she has contributed to date by going online, using membership name and number.
- **Joyce Katz**, communications/web manager, would like to encourage people who like Facebook to like the AAUW MO page.
- **Karen Francis** and **Pat Shores**, public policy co-chairs, said that there are 27 female legislators who proclaim to be AAUW members. It was agreed that they should be invited to join AAUW MO. AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho sent a complimentary letter to Karen for her public policy letter that was printed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The letter was sent to branch presidents suggesting they send it to their local newspapers. The proposed 2017-2019 public policy revisions are on the national web site, and members may go on line to make comments. Pay equity day is April 4th. A sign-up list for a new state lobby corps was circulated.
- **Nicky Stanke**, program vice president, discussed her draft of the May 6th annual members' meeting in Columbia. An application has been submitted for an LAF plaintiff to attend.
- Discussion of the strategic plan was led by **Diane Ludwig**, immediate past AAUW MO president, and **Jan Scott**, current president..
- **Jane Biers**, historian, said she will be turning materials from branches and the board over to the state archives.
- **Pam Kulp**, branch incentive grant co-chair, reported that there have been no applications received. Deadlines are in November and March. Updated application process information and application were sent to branch presidents.
- **Marianne Fues**, governance/bylaws, reported that additional mandated bylaws changes were received from the national office. Changes are to be sent directly to national by January 31, 2017. The major change is referring to branches as "affiliates," but there are bylaws sections where the term "branches" is used, and we can still refer to our branch by name. National is also working on six proposed bylaws amendments which will be voted on by membership at the June 2017 convention.
- The nominating committee needs nominations for president-elect, program vice president, and secretary. Names should be sent to **Linda Berube**.
- The next board meeting will be by conference call on January 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

### Calendar

Nov 29	IBC Meeting, Thornhill Library
Dec 5	Registration for NCCWSL opens
Dec 11	Brunch at Sue Barley's
Dec 20	Downtown Lunch Group - Café Provençal
Jan 10	International Relations Lecture
Jan 14	MO Women's Network legislative retreat
Jan 26	Adelante book group
Feb 14	International Relations Lecture
Feb 23	Adelante book group
Mar 14	International Relations Lecture
Mar 23	Adelante book group
Mar 25	IBC Spring Fling (St Louis, Fundraising) Glen Echo Country Club
Apr 4	MO Equity Day
Apr 11	International Relations Lecture
Apr 27	Adelante book group
May 6	AAUW MO Meeting, Columbia, MO
May 25	Adelante book group
May 31-	NCCWSL, University of Maryland
Jun 3	at College Park
Jun 14-17	AAUW biennial convention
Sept 28	Adelante book group

### AAUW . . .

- promotes equity for women and girls, because that makes the world a better place for everyone
- awards \$4 Million **annually** in grants and fellowships
- supports research on social, economic, and education issues such as bullying, equal pay, safe campuses, and STEM opportunities
- is the leading nonpartisan voice for issues that affect women and girls, which affects families
- levels the playing field for women and girls

