

"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 five branches in the Saint Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro Saint Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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www.aauw.org



Holiday Luncheon
December 10, 2017 - 12:00 N
At Sue Barley's Home

Sue is inviting us again to her lovely home on Skinker Blvd for a branch get together. Sue will be sending you a personal invitation, so please respond (yes or no). If you have a guest you would like to be included in the invitation, please send name, postal address, and email, to Sue at barley702@gmail.com. Her need-to-know date is December 7th.

Questions? Please call 314-361-2920.

Branch Meetings

Members have been getting together on the second Tuesday each month to discuss plans and possible projects for the branch. These meetings have been held at 6:30 p.m. at The Pasta House on Delmar at Bonhomme in University City. Ellen Irons has been issuing e-mail notices to members. Please join us. We welcome ideas for activities and events.

New Membership Handbook-Directories Have Been Printed

Yours will be available for pick up at our December brunch at Sue Barley's.

For information, contact Carol at davis-mcdonald@outlook.com or 636-227-0511.



BRANCH MEMBER NEWS

Happy November Birthday!

22—Laura Orthwein

25—Malaika Horne

29—Sally McGowan

Happy December Birthday!

9—Lisa Taylor

25—Homa Zafer

Happy January Birthday!

4—Lynn Voss



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Diane Sher joined us at the Spring Fling luncheon in March. As a member of Glen Echo Country Club, she noticed the IBC Spring Fling on their calendar. She signed up to attend the luncheon and sat with St. Louis Branch members. Diane received her B.F.A. in Fashion Design from Stephens College in 1971; her B.Gen.Studies in Accounting from the University of Missouri-St Louis in 1977; and is a certified public accountant (CPA), a personal financial specialist (PFS), a certified financial planner (CFP), and an accredited investment fiduciary (AIF).

Diane is a senior VP and a senior financial advisor with Krilogy-The Sher Group, 8000 Maryland Ave, Ste 600, Clayton, MO 63105. She has served on several boards and committees, including The Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis and Volunteer Service Council. She is a St. Louis Cardinals fan, enjoys golf, the St. Louis Symphony, the Repertory Theatre, Broadway theater, music (classical, jazz, rock), dance, travel, sports, cooking, gardening, entertaining, and reading.

Diane's contact information is 314-862-6268 and e-mail address dsher@krilogy.com.

Homa Zafer was introduced to the branch by Sally McGowan, who met her on a home inspection. Homa received a B.S. in Communication, Journalism, from Washington University in 2007, and an M.A. in International Affairs, also from Washington University, in 2011. She is employed at Bi-Lingual International Assistant

Services, 1329 Macklind Ave, St Louis 63110, as a community access worker/social worker.

Homa fled Afghanistan during the Soviet invasion at the age of 18. She and her family lived for years in Pakistan, where she worked as a women's rights activist in UN-affiliated offices. She and her family migrated to the U.S. as political refugees in 2000. At Washington University, Homa developed relationships with local non-profits that served foreign-born minorities and began working as an interpreter, advocate, and case worker for BJC, Provident Counseling, and the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma, on whose Board she sat prior to that organization's merger with Bilingual International in April 2016. At Bilingual International, Homa works primarily with Dari, Farsi, and Pashto speakers to help them address social service needs and adapt to life in the US. She appeared on the Oprah Show in 2001 and is a videographer and photographer.

Homa's contact information is 314-487-8742 and hmzafer@yahoo.com.

Adwoa Opong joined us in mid November as a student affiliate. She is working toward her PhD at Washington University. We look forward to learning more about her very soon. Her contact information is 314-546-2251 and adwoa.k.opong@wustl.edu.

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 ¡Adelante! book group and Downtown Lunch Group
- Awarding the Barbara Lackritz Service Award

The next IBC meeting will be Tuesday, November 28th, at 7 PM at BridgetonTrails Branch Library, 3455 McKelvey Rd, Bridgeton 63044. All AAUW members are welcome to attend. We will share information and start planning for the next Spring Fling.

GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

To raise funds to support IBC activities, AAUW members will wrap gifts for tips. Two people are needed to work each shift. Please contact Carolyn Herkstroeter, Ferguson-Florissant Branch, who is keeping the master list (herkcmw@att.net or 314-867-4755), to volunteer a couple of hours for this fun and lucrative activity!



When: December 17 (Sun) -20 (Wed), 9 am – 9 pm
Where: Ladue Crossing Barnes & Noble, 8871 Ladue Rd, 63124, 314-862-6280.

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 4th Thursday of the month

Contact: Teri Brecht, tebrecht@yahoo.com

- Oct 26 *Quiet Until the Thaw* by Alexandra Fuller
Reviewer: Teri Brecht
- Jan 25 *Behold the Dreamers: A Novel*, by Imbolo Mbue. Reviewer: Julia Triplett
- Feb 22 *Then Comes Marriage: United States V. Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA*, by Roberta Kaplan. Reviewer: Deb McWard
- Mar 22 *Little Fires Everywhere*, by Celeste Ng.
Reviewer: Lorna Anderson
- Apr 26 *Stolen Beauty: A Novel*, by Laurie Lico Albanese. Reviewer: Grace Poertner
- May 24 *The Gilded Years: A Novel*, by Karin Tanabe.
Reviewer: Lynne Roney
- Sep 27 *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim*, by Sabeeha Rehman. Reviewer: Betty Takahashi

IBC MEET 'N EAT LUNCH

(formerly Downtown Lunch)

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 and car pooling, contact Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or kicmeyer@yahoo.com.

Nov 21 **Baida Moroccan Restaurant**, 3191 S. Grand Blvd, 63118, 314-932-7950 (Middle Eastern)

Dec 19 **Twisted Tree Steakhouse**, 10701 Watson Rd, Sunset Hills, MO 63127, 314-394-3366

(Future locations and dates will be sent to you when they are received).



We Are Invited to the November Program of the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

THE STATE OF WOMEN IN MISSOURI: WHAT HAPPENED IN 2017 AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2018

Representative Deb Lavender, District 090, and Representative Gina Mitten, District 083, Assistant Minority Floor Leader

Thursday, November 30, 2017

6:30 - refreshments — 7:00 - program
Oak Bend Branch Library, 842 S. Holmes Avenue, 63122

Join us as Representatives Deb Lavender and Gina Mitten discuss how the work of the 2017 General Assembly affected women, what to expect in the 2018 General Assembly, and how best to affect legislative change that impacts AAUW's priorities.

2018 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES The Ethical Society Auditorium, 9001 Clayton Rd, 63117

AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council joins with the Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) to present four free lectures to the community on aspects of international relations. Gather at 10 a.m. for coffee and social time. Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch and stay afterwards to further discuss the topic.

Jan 9: The Power of Political Cartoons and Media Standards

Feb 13: The History of the Korean Crisis

Mar 13: Human Trafficking

Apr 10: The Fate of Democracy in a Changing World

In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0995, x224. Please note that the driveway is heated!

NOW IS THE TIME FOR GIVING

AAUW is in the middle of our 2017-2018 budget. This year's budget was cut by \$3.8 million and is funded by investments, contributions from corporations, branches, individuals, and from dues. In the past, AAUW's national membership dues covered the costs of managing and running mission-based programs. Though membership numbers have remained steady the past several years, membership dues have remained the same, while program costs have risen annually. AAUW national membership dues cover just 30 percent of the funds needed to support the mission-based programs and advocacy efforts that are fundamental to AAUW's ongoing effectiveness.

Contributions to the AAUW Fund are needed now. Your tax-deductible gift will be used when and where it is most needed. This prevents overfunded and underfunded areas that keep AAUW from reaching our full mission potential. By donating to the AAUW Fund, you are helping incubate and grow our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs, such as [Tech Trek](#) and [Tech Savvy](#), [Start Smart and Work Smart](#), the [Legal Advocacy Fund](#), the [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#), [research](#), and other initiatives.

You may use your credit card and make your donation on line at www.aauw.org. Go to the "Member Services Database," "Individual Contributions." If you want to know how much you have contributed so far this year, stay in the MSD and click on "My Profile/ My Membership Card." You may also pay via check, made payable to AAUW Fund, and send to AAUW Development Department, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DD 20090-8045.

Please be generous. AAUW Missouri will recognize all Century Club donors of \$100-\$249 and all Century Club-Plus donors of \$250 or more. By supporting AAUW, you stand with a community across the country who are demanding that women's priorities be America's priorities. We will work together to close the gender pay gap, for all women to have access to health care, stop violence against women, and break glass ceilings in the workplace and in government.

AAUW's biennial action priorities are:

- § To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity
- § To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women
- § To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society

Our programs are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends.

AAUW MO

Hold the date May 5, 2018, to attend the AAUW of Missouri Leadership Conference in Columbia, MO. You can choose to arrive on Friday and attend the board meeting activities or arrive early Saturday morning.

An AAUW national leader will be our guest speaker and multiple sessions on social media, diversity, and position leadership will be offered.

Call Marsha Koch, 314-651-0321, state program vice president, for additional information.

Missouri in Motion, AAUW MO's newsletter, is available on the state's website along with other state news and past newsletters at <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/>.

Public Policy

Thanks to Barbara Butchart & Eve LaJeunesse, co-directors of public policy Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW, for the following update.

Stand with AAUW to Keep Title IX Strong

In the 45 years since Congress passed Title IX legislation prohibiting sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs, schools have made huge strides in providing equal access to education by simply creating the same opportunities to learn for all students.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has taken the first step in dismantling protections for survivors of campus sexual assault, claiming that existing guidelines have "failed." According to this logic, the Secretary sees that schools that fail to adequately protect students provide a reason to weaken Title IX protections rather than enforce them. Her decision to open up Title IX for changes is a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is in direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.

AAUW stands with survivors and remains committed to defending Title IX. AAUW urges schools to leave in place their current strong policies. We must ensure our nation's dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. With progress under attack, now more than ever we need to make our voices heard. Subscribe to the Two-Minute Activist (<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minuteactivist/>). Mobile text "AAUW" to 21333.

upcoming **events**

MO WOMEN'S NETWORK LEGISLATIVE RETREAT SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

Location to be announced
Contact Dr. A. Patricia Shores:
apatriciashores@att.net or 636.938.3958

MO WOMEN'S NETWORK EQUITY ACTION DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Contact Karen Francis:
karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com or 314.739.4425

MO WOMEN'S NETWORK 30th ANNUAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018 CLAYTON PLAZA HOTEL CLAYTON, MO

Contact Dr. A. Patricia Shores:
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see **you** there!