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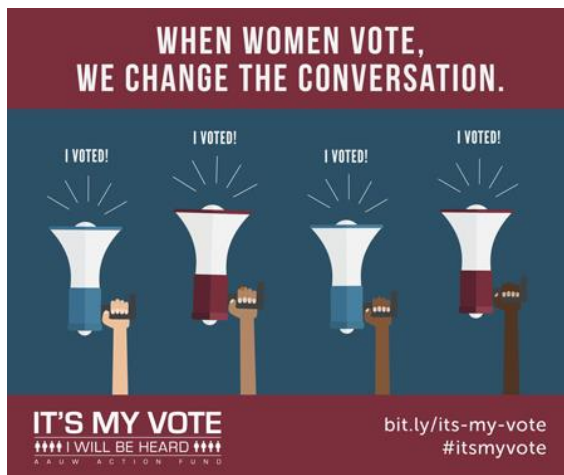
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When I read the AAUW Mission and Action's most recent newsletter I felt that this message was more important for us right now than anything

else I have to say:



Your vote is your voice! Get prepared for the 2018 midterm elections with AAUW Action Fund resources.

It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard

Since 2012, the AAUW and AAUW Action Fund [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard](#) campaign has harnessed the power of AAUW members to register, educate, and turn out young women voters nationwide. Whether it's our paychecks or paid leave, access to reproductive health care or access to the ballot box, there is so much at stake each time we head to the polls – and when women vote, we change the

conversation. During the 2016 election cycle, AAUW members hosted over 900 voter registration and voter education events in 46 states.

GOALS

Increase voter registration and turnout among young women voters, in turn supporting a generation in establishing lifelong voting habits

Advance policies that empower women and girls by introducing them into the election conversation, electing allies to office, and advancing relevant ballot measures

Increase women's electoral strength by helping women voters to understand what's at stake for them at the ballot box and enable them to hold their elected officials accountable

STRATEGY

Our democracy must ensure that all eligible voters have the opportunity and the information needed to exercise their right to vote. To that end, AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund work with state leaders, branches, and coalition partners to implement:

Voter Registration in communities and on college campuses across the country

Voter Education by sponsoring nonpartisan issue forums, debates, and meet-the-candidate events

Voter Protection to ensure voters know the registration rules in their state, their voting rights, and what to bring to the polls.

Follow up strategies to turn out eligible votes on Election Day.

RESOURCES

Contact us at votered@aauw.org for assistance and visit the AAUW Action Fund Homepage at www.aauwaction.org to find:

[GOTV Toolkit & How-to-Guides](#)

[Head-to-Head Candidate Voter Guides](#)

[Ballot Initiative Information](#)

[Congressional Voting Record](#)

As we get closer to Mid-Term Election Day, Nov. 6, I encourage you to share the FB parts related to “Get Out the Vote!” Each one of you can help ensure the female voices are heard at the polls.

**Sue Shineman,
President**

OCTOBER SPECIAL OUTING

Please join us for a special outing on October 16. We will be touring the Mattie Rhodes Center (915 W. 17th St., KCMO) at 10:30 AM with lunch at Chez Elle after the tour. Mattie Rhodes Center is a community development organization dedicated to individual and family well-being through social services, behavioral health counseling and the arts. There is no charge for the



Meeting and Program

Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM

**First United Methodist Church,
400 W. Maple, Independence, MO**

**PROGRAM: Medicare and Medicaid
Issues presented by Dr. Bridgett
McCandless**

**Dr. McCandless is the President and CEO
of Health Care Foundation of Greater
Kansas City and was the 2009 AAUW
Independence Woman of Achievement.**



tour, but donations are welcome. So far we have eight people signed up to attend this event with about 6 of these people willing to drive. So even if you feel you do not want to drive to downtown Kansas City, we will have plenty of rides available. We will meet at the First United Methodist Church (our regular meeting place) at 9:45 AM and plan to leave by 10:00 AM for Mattie Rhodes Center. Please contact Karol Palmer (816-769-1930 or palmer9141@sbcglobal.net) if you did not sign up at our September meeting and would like to attend this event.

**Karol Palmer,
Vice President, Programs**

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our December Meeting and Christmas



Luncheon will be held at Salvatore's (12801 E. US Hwy 40, Independence) on December 8, at 12:00 noon. The cost for the luncheon is \$25. Our program will be

presented by Project Linus. Project Linus National Headquarters is located in Belton, Missouri. Project Linus chapters are located in all 50 states of the United States. The local chapter is very busy donating an average of 350 blankets every month to children in local hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere a child might be in need of a big hug. We will be collecting donations for Project Linus: 1 ½ yard cuts of fleece, gift cards to Joann Fabrics, yarn and flannel or kid print cotton or poly/cotton fabric. Even if you cannot attend the December luncheon, please consider a donation to Project Linus, and bring your donations to our October and/or November meeting.

At the December 8th gathering, the program will be first and will start at 12:00 noon. We will choose from 5-6 entrees for the luncheon. During our October and November meetings, there will be a sign-up sheet for the December meeting and luncheon. We are working with Salvatore's to see if we can get a list of the entrees so we can place our orders ahead of time and perhaps save time for us and for the restaurant.

ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

This group meets at 9:30 AM on the second Tuesday of each month at



Barnes and Noble on 39th Street.
Contact Jane Campbell at

delandjane@comcast.net for further details or see the calendar of events on our website www.independence-mo.aauw.net. All members are welcome to attend.

On October 9th and the book for discussion is *Forty Autumns* by Nina Willner. Myla Gentry will lead the discussion

On November 13th *Red Clocks* by Leni Zumas will be discussed and Jane Campbell will be the discussion leader.

**Jane Campbell,
Adelante Book Chair**

AAUW START SMART

The American Association of University Women, the Women's Foundation and Kansas City's Mayor Sly James launched the first phase of an initiative to empower 1 million women to successfully

negotiate salary and benefits and close the gender pay gap



in Missouri and Kansas. The initiative will begin in Kansas City where the overall gender pay ratio for the Kansas City metro area is 78 percent. There are several workshops being held this fall in the Kansas City area.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES

AAUW Independence Branch - Monthly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

September 25th, 2018

Hostesses: Judy Tyson, Patt Bradley, Karen Johnson, Jane Campbell.

After enjoying the potluck dinner, **President**, Sue Shineman called the

meeting to order. **Co-Vice President Membership**, Sue Raymond welcomed new members. **Vice President Programs**, Karol Palmer, introduced Jonathan Hyde from Della Lamb. He shared information about The Refugee Services in the Kansas City area. Karol reminded members of the October 16th outing to Mattie Rhoades and had a sign-up sheet.

President Sue Shineman introduced members who joined last spring. Our chapter now has 61 members. Sue Raymond, **Co-Vice President Membership** told about our “Get-To-Know AAUW event in June. She suggests that members invite friends and neighbors to meetings and outings. State Membership VP (Sue Shineman) challenges each branch to increase members by 10%. That means 5 more members before December 31. Thirty members attended tonight’s meeting.

Financial Officer-Lois Domsch, presented the proposed budget as printed in the Yearbook. It was approved as printed. The financial report will be filed for audit. Melissa Morawitz examined the financial records from July 12, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Minutes from the August 29th Board Meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Members need to give motions to be presented for a vote to Barbara Leabo, **Recording Secretary**, prior to making the motion.

Corresponding Secretary- Nancy Comtois sent a card to Carol Kelley. Let Nancy know if cards need to be sent.

Yearbook/Historian- Patty Chadwick handed out the 2018-2019 Yearbooks.

Book Fair Co-Chair-Kathy Kelley announced that Book Fair will be February 27th-March 1st, 2019.

Other fundraising projects include working at Pizza Ranch on January 21, 2019. This is Martin Luther King Day so it might be very busy. We will also have a booth at the Vaile Mansion’s Strawberry Festival in June. Jolene Cerveney is checking on a location for gift wrapping.

Bylaws-Patt Braley announced that Standing Rules approved by Board are available.

AAUW Fund-Patt Braley shared information about the Diamond Club.

Newsletter/Facebook/Website-Jan Horner announced that October 5th is the deadline for the October newsletter. President told members to let her know if they aren’t receiving newsletter by email. Evelyn Trigg mails newsletters to those without email. If you have pictures or other information for Facebook or website, send it to Jan.

College/University- Eighteen new voters were registered today at Blue River CC. AAUW volunteers will also be registering voters tomorrow at BRCC. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, October 2nd at Business and Technology CC to register voters. Let Sue know if you can help.

AAUW Work Smart Program-Sue Shineman shared information about the Work Smart Program. There will be free online Work Smart training at 310 W. 19th Terrace, Kansas City, MO, workshops in KC on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Travois Comp., Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Nov. 8 at Women’s Business Center, 4220 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Fairway, KS. Sue will be attending the workshop on October 9th. National is looking for AAUW members who are willing to be trained as facilitators and work at least 2 workshops per year.

Public Policy – Carolyn Weeks discussed State issues that will be on the November ballot. Laura Vernon covers National policy. She will have League of Women Voters’

ballot information next month. Carolyn and Sue Shineman attended the September LWV meeting. Information about Prop B – Raise the Minimum Wage - and Amendment 1 – Clean Up Missouri Politics was available. Laura had members sign up to receive Action Network’s email.

Woman of Achievement – Laura Vernon said to begin thinking about candidates.

Adelante Book Group – Jane Campbell announced that Myla Gentry would be leading the discussion on *Forty Autumns* at 9:30 AM on October 9th at Barnes and Noble. Book Club always meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Jolene Cerveny handed out information about various Missouri women for Women’s History Month.

Membership had a raffle. Those wearing a Royals shirt or blue shirt were able to put their name on a ticket. If a member carpooled, a second ticket was given. Raffle winner was Evelyn Trigg.

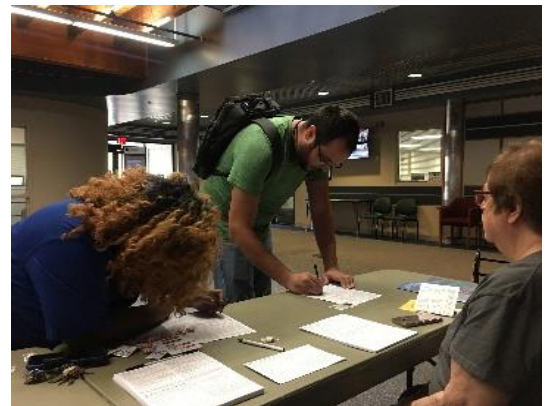
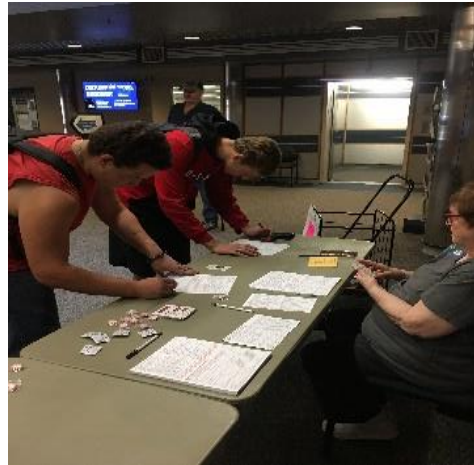
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Leabo,
Recording Secretary**

VOTER REGISTRATION

The League of Women Voters joined our branch for Voter Registration at Blue River Community College in September. We registered new voters, as well as update information for current voters. Thanks to those members of our branch who participated in this activity.



September 2018 AAUW Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
BALANCE ON HAND 8/31/2018		\$561.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Deposit 1 mbrshp (85) 1 mbrshp (26)	111.00	
DISBURSEMENTS		
Judith Tyson - Hospitality supplies	11.13	
Della Lamb guest speaker	40.00	
Patty Chadwick - yearbook printing	64.52	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$115.65
BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/2018		\$557.06
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		
BALANCE ON HAND 8/31/2018		\$7909.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	= September Dividend	\$0.98
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$00.00
BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/2018		\$7910.83
TOTAL ASSETS 9/30/2018: Checking \$557.06 + Savings \$7910.83 = \$8467.89		