



EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

Empowering women since 1940

Vol. 79 No. 3 November 2018

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our year started off with an exciting announcement from Mayor Sly James, accompanied by AAUW CEO Kim Churches and Women's Foundation

President and CEO Wendy Doyle, that Kansas City has adopted AAUW's Work Smart program to train 1,000,000 Missouri and Kansas women over the next five years to successfully negotiate their salaries and benefits. AAUW is currently training facilitators to conduct Work Smart workshops. You're invited to participate! Information about negotiation workshops is available online at <https://salary.aauw.org/ksmo> and to train as a salary facilitator, go to <https://salary.aauw.org/facilitate>. To read more about Work Smart, visit <https://www.aauw.org/article/closing-the-pay-gap-in-kc/>.

This is an impressive beginning to our branch emphasis to achieve universal equity for all women. Gender equity in salaries will improve the lives of women (and their families) in the present and increase their future retirement benefits. Communities will benefit from consumer spending as well as increasing local and state tax revenue.

Each member of AAUW-Independence is valued and has special interests and skills to share as we work towards gender equity. You are encouraged to become more involved in the fellowship and action of our

branch.. Share your expertise by volunteering to serve on a committee. Let's keep this excitement going! There is much work to be done here.

**Sue Shineman,
President**



Meeting and Program

Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30 PM

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

**PROGRAM: Issues of Individuals with
Disabilities presented by Ms. Sharon
Williams**

**Ms. Williams as been very involved in the
community in Eastern Jackson County
and was featured as a 2018 Woman of
Distinction by the Examiner.**

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. The cost for the luncheon is \$25

per person which includes tip and tax. Our program will be presented by Project Linus. Project Linus National Headquarters is located in Belton, Missouri and has chapters are located in all 50 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 to 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 November meeting.

During our November meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet for the December meeting and luncheon. We need a minimum of 25, and reservations are due by November 30. Our choice of entrees is as follows:

- House special chicken spedinì garozzo with choice of amaretto carrots or pasta with red sauce
- Chicken parmesan with choice of amaretto carrots or pasta with red sauce
- Fettuccine with or without chicken
- Deep dish lasagna
- Mostaccoli primavera with white sauce and vegetables

Everyone receives coffee or tea, bread and butter, a choice of House or Caesar salad, and a scoop of spumoni ice cream.

Please join us for our December luncheon and program!

**Karol Palmer,
Vice President, Programs**

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 December 11th *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Ivan Smith will be discussed and Patty Chadwick will be the discussion leader.

**Jane Campbell,
Adelante Book Chair**



DIAMOND CLUB – Let's Do It Again!

Following our successful Diamond Club 2017 campaign, AAUW-Independence is again promoting individual scholarship and program donations. At our May luncheon, we honored the generosity of 18 Diamond Club members and 9 Century Club members, resulting in contributions of more than \$2,300.00.

Qualifications remain the same for 2018 recognition:

BRANCH LEVEL: "DIAMOND CLUB"

\$ 75.00 donation to one of the following:

AAUW Fund – tax-deductible – at the national level. (Checks made to AAUW Fund. Donations may also be made on-line at auw.org.)

Independence School District Foundation – tax-deductible – local high school scholarships. (Checks made to ISD Foundation)

Re-Entry Scholarship – KC-Inter Branch Council project. (Checks made to AAUW-Independence)

STATE LEVEL: “CENTURY CLUB”

\$ 100.00 donation to national AAUW Fund (Diamond level, plus \$25.00)

STATE LEVEL: “CENTURY CLUB PLUS”

\$ 250.00 donation to national AAUW Fund

Contributions to the fund(s) of your choice will be credited for 2018 calendar year.

Deadline for 2018 Diamond Club contributions is December 8, 2018.

Checks may be given to Lois Domsch, Treasurer, or Patt Braley, AAUW Fund Chair.

**Patt Braley,
AAUW Funds Chair**

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Please suggest any good nominees for our annual Woman of Achievement Award. Contact Laura Vernon for further instructions on how to proceed with your nomination.

**Laura Vernon,
Woman of Achievement Chair**

PUBLIC POLICY

The long and strenuous election activity is over; the votes are in and counted. Whether the voters’ decisions were favorable to your liking or not, it is important that we stay concerned as members of AAUW by observing legislative activity in areas that affect our policy positions. Let’s keep our eyes and focused on discussion and proposed laws concerning Title IX, Women’s Rights, Campaign Finance, Presidential Election Process, Pay Equality, Education, to name a few. Empowered and educated women see the opportunities and facilitate changes.

**Carolyn Weeks,
Public Policy Co-Chair**

SPECIAL OUTINGS

On October 16, six of our members toured the Mattie Rhodes Center in Kansas City. Mattie Rhodes Center is a community



development organization dedicated to individual and family well-being through social services, behavioral health counseling, and the arts. The Mattie Rhodes agency has been serving the greater Kansas City community for 123 years. The facility we toured at 915 W. 17th Street is their art center. The Art Center and Art Gallery offer a wide range of creative programs and opportunities for children and adults. The Art Gallery was decorated in preparation for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. Their exhibit of altars and art work displays was fascinating and beautiful, and we learned much about this celebration. We also toured their workshop area. The passion and dedication of our tour

guides was inspirational. After our tour, we had a very enjoyable and delicious lunch at Chez Elle Creperie and Coffeehouse.

Our next special outing is March 22, 2019, when we will tour the Ennovation Center at 291 N. Forest Avenue in Independence. The Ennovation Center is a business development incubator housing a shared commercial kitchen space and a business and tech area featuring dedicated workspace, offices, office suites, and production labs. After the tour, we will have lunch at the Westside Café. Please mark your calendars, and plan to join our special outing in March!

Karol Palmer
Vice President, Programs

MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2018 Branch Meeting,
Independence First United Methodist Church

Members and guests gathered at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments.

President, Sue Shineman, welcomed all. Guest – Lois Troksel, and new member – Renee Frears were introduced. Margaret Carnahan a long-time member was introduced after several years of absence.

Kathy Kelley, Hospitality Co-Chair, thanked Myla Gentry, Peggy Henry and Deborah Barkley, the hostesses for the evening.

Karol Palmer introduced guest speaker Dr. Bridgett McCandless. She shared information on Medicare, Medicaid and at the request of members, the three medical marijuana issues on the November 6 ballot.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Karol encouraged members to attend and invite

guests to the November meeting. Sharon Williams will be our guest speaker and will address “Issues of Individuals with Disabilities”.

Six members attended the October 16 tour of the Mattie Rhodes Center, learned about the meaning of the Day of the Dead Celebration, and enjoyed lunch at Chez Elle.

Membership Co-Chairs, Jolene Cerveny and Sue Raymond introduced committee members Karen Johnson and Lisa Cox. Karen Johnson and Sue Raymond shared three facts about themselves, which will be a new feature at our monthly meetings.

Each Branch in the State has been challenged by the State Membership VP (that’s Sue Shineman) to increase our branch by 10%. That means we will need to add 5 more new members before April 1. Please invite your friends to a program.

The Financial Report was printed in the October newsletter. There were no questions. Report will be filed for audit. There were no corrections to the September 25 meeting minutes. Approved as printed in the newsletter.

Laura Vernon shared voting information and information on a debate for US Senator for MO.

Patt Braley reminded members to donate to Diamond Club before end of year.

Jan Horner, newsletter editor and website manager, thanked Evelyn Trigg for sending our newsletter by regular mail to those without email. Please notify Jan or Evelyn if you are not receiving the newsletter. Let Jan know if you have information that should be shared on our Independence Branch FB Page. If you have pictures that she can post on our Branch Website, please send those to her via email. Please LIKE us on Facebook!

Laura Vernon reminded us, it’s not too early to start thinking about candidates for recognition as 2019 Women of Achievement.

Sue Shineman shared about info for the online Work Smart course. She encourages all members to take it, so we can know first hand what it is like and be able to promote it. You will get an email with the link as soon as it is available. We will be given a challenge from National for each AAUW member in the State to invite and encourage 20 women to complete this online training. There will be branch-to-branch competition to help meet this aggressive goal of 1 Million. National is looking for AAUW members who are willing to be trained as Facilitators and work at least 2 workshops per year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathy Keeton,
Acting Recording Secretary**



October 2018 AAUW Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/2018				\$557.07
RECEIPTS				
	8/31/2018	AAUW C&D Deposit 1 mbrshp	16	
	10/22/2018	Deposit - bridge cash for AAUW Fund	120	
TOTAL RECEIPTS				136
DISBURSEMENTS				
	4550 10/10/2018	AHT Insurance	185	
	4551 10/20/2018	AAUW Fund	120	
	4552 10/23/2018	VOIDED	0	
	4553 10/23/2018	AAUW Mbrshp 1 new 2 transfers	89	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$394
BALANCE ON HAND 10/31/2018				\$299.07

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/2018				\$7910.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS	=	October Dividend		\$1.01
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$00.00	
BALANCE ON HAND 10/31/2018				\$7911.84

TOTAL ASSETS 10/31/2018: Checking \$299.07 + Savings \$7911.84 = \$8210.91