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## INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

Empowering women since 1940

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

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The message below is from National and outlines how we can support the initiatives for education, training and gender equity.

AND YES, Independence will be taking the ambitious approach with some of those 2019 to-dos in support of AAUW's New Strategic Plan. (*Use Control + click to see the strategic plan.*)



**Sue Shineman, President**

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2019, AAUW is more committed than ever to bolstering our efforts to empower women and girls. That's why we're asking members to make these four New Year's resolutions to promote gender equity:

1. Take AAUW's [Work Smart Online](#) and share it with 20 people you know as part of our [Members Mobilize a Million challenge](#).
2. [Sign our petition](#) to oppose the Department of Education's [proposed changes to Title IX's regulations](#), which would undermine students' civil rights protections and drastically reduce schools' obligations in responding to reports of sexual harassment and violence.
3. Empower a young woman in your community by [giving her a scholarship](#) to attend AAUW's [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#).
4. Give to the [AAUW Greatest Needs Fund](#) or to one of our Strategic Plan priorities to allow AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to emerging challenges facing women and girls.

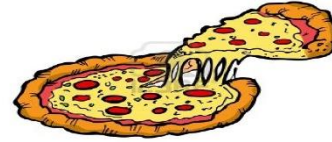
And just in case you're feeling ambitious, here's a list of [10 New Year's to-dos for supporting our new strategic plan](#). We greatly appreciate whatever you can do to join the fight for fairness in 2019. Together, let's make this a banner year for women and girls!

Kendra Davis, Senior VP Of Advancement and Partnerships  
Claudia Richards, Deputy Director, Member Experience

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

Happy New Year!!! Go Chiefs!!! Pizza Ranch!!! AAUW Book Fair!!!

Our pizza project is a few weeks off, but we are reminding you to make plans to eat at **Pizza Ranch** on **January 21 between 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Meet family and friends for a fun and delicious outing while helping add to our Scholarship Fund. Share the attached flyer with your family and friends. Let's make this easy fundraiser another success!!!



**Sue Shineman & Jolene Cerveney**  
**Fundraising**

### ANNUAL BOOK FAIR



The Book Fair Sign up Sheets are ready to be filled!

**Please email or call Patt with the times you can work at the sale and help with set-up.**

Set up will be Feb 27 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Shifts for the sale are Thurs. – Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Let her know if you want morning, afternoon or evening.

Look at your calendar and volunteer now! Don't wait for her to call you. **We are asking for all that are able to cover three shifts.** We have quite a few members who are physically not able to work even one shift, some are still working full time, some are out of town and we have to plan for those who can't help due to illness.

Patt 816-461-8555 or 816-682-2162 or [pattbraley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattbraley@sbcglobal.net)

**Patt Braley,**  
**Book Fair**

### Meeting and Program

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

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

**PROGRAM: Women's Health Issues  
presented by Dr. Kathleen Eubanks-  
Meng.**

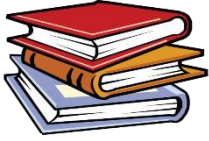
**Dr. Eubanks-Meng of Summit Family  
and Sports Medicine has a special  
interest in preventative health and  
women's health issues.**



**Women's  
Health  
Matters !**

## ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

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



Barnes and Noble on  
39<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Contact Jane  
Campbell at

[delandjane@comcast.net](mailto:delandjane@comcast.net) for further details or see the calendar of events on our website [www.independence-mo.aauw.net](http://www.independence-mo.aauw.net) . All members are welcome to attend.

On January 8 *Daring to Drive* by **Mamal al-Sharif** discussion will be led by Patt Braley.

On February 12 *The Wife* by **Meg Wolitzer** discussion will be led by Doris McCartney.

**Jane Campbell**  
**Adelante Book Group**

## WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

The deadline for acceptance of nominations for our annual award is around the corner, the first week of March. The presentation will be held at our April 23 meeting where, in addition, local middle and high school girls from the Independence School District will also be recognized. We found that

combining these award ceremonies at one meeting worked very well last year. It was a total evening of celebrating successful women of all ages.

We need your help in selecting this year's winner. Please nominate a women from our area who has made a significant difference in either multiple ways or in one particularly significant endeavor. Consider reviewing the list of past awardees in our yearbook for some inspiration. Then, go to our local AAUW Branch website for a nomination form to fill out.



But, it's not imperative that you complete this form. Feel free to phone it in to either of us and we'll gladly take the information from you over the phone.

Thanks for your help.

**Laura Vernon & Carolyn Weeks**  
**Woman of Achievement Chairs**

## MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2018, Branch Meeting  
Independence First United Methodist Church

After enjoying a birthday cake to celebrate AAUW's 137<sup>th</sup> birthday, President Sue Shineman called the meeting to order. Karol Palmer, Program Chair, introduced Sharon Williams. She was named as a Woman of Distinction by *the Examiner* in 2018 for her involvement in the Eastern Jackson County community. Sharon spoke about issues of Individuals with Disabilities with the focus being on disabled adults.

Sue thanked Jane Campbell and her committee: Nancy Comtois and Kathy Keeton who provided our birthday treats. She then had members introduce guests and new members were recognized.

Karol Palmer reminded members about the Christmas Brunch at Salvatore's on December 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 22 signed up, but 25 are needed. Cost is \$25. Members were encouraged to contact those who might join us. The program will be about Project Linus. Members are asked to donate fabric or gift cards from Joann's to be used in making blankets. Project Linus donates 350 blankets every month to children in need.

Jolene Cerveny and Sue Raymond, Membership Chairs, presented birthday cards to members as they came in the meeting. Members were to have someone put their address and birthdate on the envelope and return it to the one who gave it to them. Everyone will receive a birthday card on their birthday from an AAUW member. Karol Palmer and Barbara Leabo received prizes for their participation. Lisa Cox, a new member, and Judy Tyson, a "not new" member were called on to share 3 things about themselves so members could become better acquainted. There were 22

members attending our November meeting, in spite of the snowy conditions.

Financial Chairman Lois Domsch said the financial report was in the newsletter. There were no comments. It will be filed for audit.

Minutes from the October meeting were in the newsletter. There were no corrections. Minutes stand as printed.

Corresponding Secretary Nancy Comtois reported that she had sent a Get Well card to Nancy Burke and a Thinking of You card to Judy Tucker. Members were encouraged to send cards of encouragement to Myla Gentry, who is dealing with an illness.

Laura Vernon, Public Policy co-chair, shared information about what's going on with Title IX. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos plans to make major changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have significant implications for students' civil rights. If you are not receiving Two-Minute Activist from AAUW, please go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click on Issues to read more.

Members signed up for picking up books for Book Fair from area libraries. Kathy Kelley announced that pricing would begin on January 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at 24 Hwy U-Haul. Lois Domsch shared information from the new owners of the Independence Center. They want it to look professional – no boxes showing. They will make signs for us.

Diamond Club and Century Club were discussed. Lois Domsch took money contributions and will give it to Patt Braley.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Barbara Leabo**  
**Recording Secretary**

November 2018 AAUW Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

**BALANCE ON HAND 10/31/2018** **\$299.07**  
RECEIPTS

	Deposit - 6 reservations Dec	
11/2/2018	Luncheon	100
11/13/2018	Deposit 4 bridge couples	80
11/29/2018	Deposit 1 mbrshp Sarah Wimberly	85
11/29/2018	Deposit 11 Dec lunch reservations	275

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$540**

DISBURSEMENTS

4555	11/13/2018	AAUW Fund Couples Bridge	80
4556	11/27/2018	Sharon Williams - Nov speaker	40
4557	11/29/2018	VOID	0
4558		void	
		Sarah Wimberly = refund national	
4559	11/29/2018	dues	59

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$179**

**BALANCE ON HAND 11/30/2018** **\$660.07**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

**BALANCE ON HAND 10/31/2018** **\$7911.84**

**BALANCE ON HAND 11/30/2018** **\$7912.82**

**TOTAL ASSETS 11/30/2018: Checking \$660.07 + Savings \$7912.82 = \$8572.89**

## December 2018 AAUW Financial Report

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

<b>BALANCE ON HAND 11/30/2018</b>				<b>\$660.07</b>
RECEIPTS				
	12/7/2018	Deposit 3 luncheons	75	
	12/8/2018	Deposit 5 luncheons	125	
	12/12/2018	Deposit 2 luncheons	50	
	1/1/2019	Transfer from Savings	1000	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>				<b>\$1250</b>
DISBURSEMENTS				
	4560	12/8/2018 Salvatores - Luncheon	625	
	4561	12/20/2018 AAUW Fund	550	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>				<b>\$1175</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND 1/01/2019</b>				<b>\$735.07</b>

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

<b>BALANCE ON HAND 11/30/2018</b>				<b>\$7912.82</b>
Total Receipts Dividend			\$1.01	
Total Disbursements		Transfer to Checking	\$1000.00	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND 1/01/2019</b>				
<b>\$6913.83</b>				
<b>TOTAL ASSETS 1/01/2019: Checking \$735.07 + Savings \$6913.83 = \$7648.90</b>				

# Eat Pizza to Raise Some Dough!



Calling on friends and families of  
the American Association of University Women:

You are invited to dine on

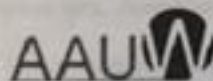
**MONDAY, January 21, 2019**

**5-8pm**

at PIZZA RANCH,

4660 S Bass Pro Drive, Independence.

10% of the net proceeds and any other contributions from  
5pm to 8pm will be donated to  
American Association of University Women,  
Independence Branch.



Proceeds fund scholarships awarded  
to Senior girls attending one of the  
Independence High Schools.

