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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Independence AAUW!

I encourage you to read the most recent Missouri in Motion Newsletter. Jan sent it to you just a few days ago. There is so much great information about AAUW's Work Smart promotion. Work Smart is a product owned by AAUW. It has drawn the attention of several corporations who have given sizable financial grants to help the promotion of this remarkable salary negotiation tool.

Please take the Work Smart course yourself, so you know what it is about. Go to <https://courses.aauw.org/learn>. I took it last week, and it's very good, even for those of us who are retired.

It will be our responsibility to help national meet the goal of training 100,000 by August 1, 2019!

The Missouri Annual Meeting is May 3 and 4 in Columbia. Please consider joining us. Financial assistance will be available again this year.

I look forward to seeing you at our February 26 meeting. Our guest speaker is Dr. Jackie Gill, President of the MCC Blue River Campus.

Sue Shineman
President

Meeting and Program

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 - 6:30 PM

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

**PROGRAM: Dr. Jackie Gill,
President of Blue River Community
College**



Jacqueline Gill joined Metropolitan Community College as president of the MCC-Business & Technology campus in February 2016. She assumed leadership of a second campus, MCC-Blue River in Independence, in January 2018.

BOOK FAIR



Neither rain, nor snow, nor icy roads, nor frigid temperatures can keep our loyal Book Pricing Crew from processing books!!! THANK YOU to the 18 people who have helped on Saturdays either delivering, sorting, or pricing our books. You still have a little time left—NO experience necessary—there is

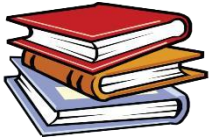
always something you can do to help on Saturdays. Our last pricing session will be February 16, 9:00-11:00 at the 24 Highway UHaul Center. We also need your help with a few other things:

1. A Book Sale flyer is attached and we would LOVE for you to print it and distribute them EVERYWHERE!! Kathy Kelley has some already printed if you need them.
2. We are asking everyone to sign up for at least 3 shifts during the sale-February 28, March 1, and 2. We will also meet at 7:30 on Wednesday, February 27 to set up. Contact Patt Braley if you have not signed up.
3. Finally, if you know of a group that might like to have free books, we invite them to come Saturday night, after 7:00PM to check out the leftover books out. This project is definitely a TEAM effort, and we appreciate everyone's help! Working together, we can do great things for women!

**Jan Keeler & Kathy Kelley
Book Fair Chairs**

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

The Home for Unwanted Girls by **Joanna Goodman** discussion will be led by Jane Campbell on March 12.

**Jane Campbell
Adelante Book Group**

SPECIAL MARCH OUTING

Mark your calendars for a special outing on March 22. We will be touring the Ennovation Center at 291 N. Forest Avenue in Independence with lunch at the Westside Café after the tour. The tour begins at 10:00 AM. The Ennovation Center is a business development incubator housing two business specialties: a shared commercial kitchen space and a business and tech area. There is no charge for the tour. Please contact Karol Palmer (816-769-1930 or palmer9141@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or plan to attend. We will have a sign-up sheet for this outing at the February 26 meeting. Hope you can join us!

**Karol Palmer
V-P Programs**

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

The deadline for acceptance of nominations for our annual award is around the corner, the first week of March.

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. 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. Laura 816-373-2967 or Carolyn 816-254-0338.

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

PUBLIC POLICY

TITLE IX LEGISLATION

Two recent Kansas City Star opinion page headlines attest to the turbulence created by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' proposed changes to Title IX: "Missouri legislation would gut Title IX and use it to discriminate against women" (Feb. 2) and "Betsy DeVos' Title IX proposal can work, with some revisions" (Feb. 6).

Republicans in the Missouri House and Senate have proposed bills that would change how Missouri universities handle complaints under Title IX. MO AAUW Public Policy Committee is reviewing these bills and will soon propose our action step. Stay tuned.

**Carolyn Weeks
Public Policy Co-chair with
Laura Vernon**

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is proud and excited to announce Jolene Cerveny, Kathy Keeton, and Jeanne Schneider as our nominees for President, Vice-President Programs, and Recording Secretary, respectively. The slate will be presented at the February meeting. The actual vote will be at the March regular meeting. We thank these members for agreeing to serve and look forward to their leadership.

**Patt Braley, Lois Domsch,&
Judy Austin
Nominating Committee**

NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE OFFICE



qualify for that.

As you are preparing your tax returns, know that \$56 of national AAUW dues as tax-deductible. Branch and state dues do not

**Lois Domsch
Finance Officer**

RE-ENTRY AWARDS BRUNCH

Mark your calendar to attend the Interbranch Council annual Re-entry Awards Brunch at Unity Village Dining Hall on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

**Kathy Vest,
Re-entry Chair**

January 2019 AAUW Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 1/01/2019

\$735.07

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS

4562 1/2/2019 U-Haul room rentals 254.85

4563 1/5/2019 Indep First UMC rent 7 meetings 105

4564 1/9/2019 Jolene Cerveny Mbrshp VP expenses 58.65

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$418.50

BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/2019

\$316.57

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 1/01/2019

\$6913.83

Total Receipts Dividend

\$0.88

Total Disbursements

\$0.00

BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/2019

\$6914.71

TOTAL ASSETS 1/31/2019: Checking \$316.57 + Savings \$6914.71 = \$7231.28

Independence School District Foundation Scholarship Fund Report

ISDF	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	Yearly Change
AAUW Fund Balance	13003.55	13074.50	70.95

Used Book Sale
February 28-March 2
8:00am-9:00pm
Independence Center
Upper level, outside Macy's
Proceeds fund scholarships for
Independence High School girls

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American Association of University Women

Books can be donated at
any Mid-Continent Library

REENTRY AWARDS BRUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

9:30 A.M. –12:00

UNITY VILLAGE DINING HALL

1901 N.W. Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065

Access off 470 via Blue Parkway or access off of 350 Highway

HOSTED BY THE KANSAS CITY NORTHLAND BRANCH

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT INTER-BRANCH EVENT

COST: \$25

Cost helps pay for scholarship winners' and their guests' meals

Please notify Cela Sullivan the number planning to attend by Tues, April 2

cel1777@sbcglobal.net

Please send payment by Tuesday, April 9th to Cela Sullivan

4341 Northwest Briarcliff Lane, Kansas City, MO 64116 (816-797-8685)

Check made out to: AAUW Kansas City Northland Branch

Name: _____

Branch: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

No. of meals: _____ **Total for meals (\$25 each)** _____

Extra donation toward a guest luncheon: _____

Extra donation toward Reentry Scholarships: _____

