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INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our branch participated in the City-Wide Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 5. We netted \$292.25 for our efforts. Funds to be added to our Scholarship Fund. In addition, we made a large donation of items to the Salvation Army. They picked up the remaining items, so we didn't have to transport them somewhere else. YEAH!! AND we did have some great fellowship time.



Thank you to the following for working this event: Karen Johnson, Sue Raymond, Lisa Cox, Kathy Keeton, Sue Russell, Judy Tucker, Jeanne Schneider, Nancy Comtois, Kathy Kelley, Jane Campbell, Jolene Cerveny, Karol Palmer, Linda O'Brien, Lois Domsch and Sue Shineman.

IMPORTANT NATIONAL VOTING IS OPEN

PLEASE look for an email from Kim Churches dated April 1 – subject line: Please vote to shape AAUW future – AAUW National Election: Vote 2019. The contents of that email are below.

Your voice and your vote are vital to AAUW's future. That's why it is so important for you to participate in the 2019 AAUW National Election to elect members to our board of directors and set

Meeting and Program

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - 6:30 PM

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

PROGRAM: *Presentation of Student Awards and recognition of our 2019 Woman of Achievement.*

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. Online voting is now open and will close on May 14 at 6:00 p.m. ET.

We have ambitious work to do towards our mission as we seek to expand AAUW's Work Smart salary negotiation program, support key legislation and partner with employers to implement fair-pay practices. Your vote will determine the board leaders who will guide AAUW as we seek to achieve equity for women and girls.

This year, you'll also be voting on amendments to our 2019–21 Public Policy Priorities, providing the framework for the advocacy work we do at the local, state and national levels.

We encourage you to vote online to ensure your ballot will be received and counted immediately. The deadline to request paper ballots is April 12, and all paper ballots must be postmarked by April 26.

You can find more information about the [candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors](#) and the [2019–2021 Public Policy Priorities](#) on the AAUW website.

Find your ID and PIN in an email sent on April 1. Can't find the email? Contact Connect at 800.326.2289.

We are grateful for all you do, and I encourage you to vote today. AAUW's future is in your hands.

Thank you for standing with us,

Kim Churches, CEO

Thank you to everyone (**34% of our membership!**) that took the time to vote in the last election. It is very important that each member cast their ballot supporting the Mission of AAUW. Lots of great things (and yes changes) are happening with our National Association! Let's make sure the Independence Branch Voices are heard!

I would be happy to talk with you about the candidates and issues. Feel free to give me a call at 816-365-1180.

Sue Shineman
President



WORK SMART

Take AAUW's Work Smart Online course: <https://salary.aauw.org/>

How to Enroll in Work Smart

1. Go to salary.aauw.org/work-smart
2. At the left, click on AAUW Work Smart.

3. On the new page, choose the blue box that says, "Work Smart. Take an Online workshop now!"

4. Follow the prompts to register as a new user.

5. The program will send a confirmation to your email address. You do not need to complete the program in one sitting.

MO STATE MEETING – May 3-4

Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 15



Please consider joining the delegates from Independence attending the MO State Meeting, May 3-4, in Columbia, MO. The total cost per person for double occupancy is \$145. (Room, Friday dinner, Conference Registration-includes breakfast and lunch). Our Branch has budgeted funds to help defray this expense. Each attendee will receive approximately \$100. Contact Sue Shineman as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Work Smart and hear from Kim Churches, National CEO; Wendy Doyle, KC Women's Federation CEO; and successful Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Plaintiff!

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

The recipients of the AAUW Independence Scholarships for 2019 are:

Katelyn Laughlin- Chrisman High
Mary Johnson – Van Horn High
Sydney Knight – Truman High

The Middle School Awardees are:

Carmen Branch, 8th, Bingham
Hannah Findley, 7th, Bingham
Molly Bradshaw, 8th, Pioneer Ridge
Sophia Crimmins, 7th Pioneer Ridge

Nowlin Middle Schoolers to be determined

Carol Kelley,
Student Awards Chair

DUES ARE DUE

Believe it or not...already...



Dues Are Due for 2019-2020

Association-\$59 State- \$10 Branch-\$16

Total-\$85

Please respond by credit card when the notice comes from national**

OR

Mail check payable to AAUW by June 1 to
Lois Domsch, 3349 S. Scott, Independence,
MO 64052

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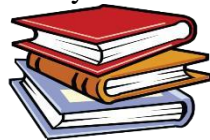
Pay at a meeting

**DO NOT to go the website to renew; you
will receive a renewal notice through a
secured email link in the next week.

Lois Domsch,
Finance Officer

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](http://www.independence-
mo.aauw.net). All members are
welcome to attend.

On May 14 a discussion of *The
Nightingale* by **Kristin Hannah** will be
held.

Jane Campbell
Adelante Book Group

PUBLIC POLICY

Public Policy Prospective on:

TITLE IX - MO SB 259 Sen.Romine
(New due process proceedings for Title IX)
Now on perfection calendar, 32nd position.
MO HB 573 Rep. Dohrman (Creates new
provisions related to rights of accused
college student in Title IX
proceedings). Has been voted "do pass" by
Judiciary Committee and Administrative
Oversight Committee. AAUW is against
both. Please call your legislator to register
your position on the bills.

REAL ID - Beginning October 2020
residents of every U.S. State will be
required to present a "Real ID" or passport
to board federally regulated domestic
flights. The law comes from a 2005 federal
law that focused on fraud protection and
anti-terrorism. Any driver's license office
should be able to provide the new cards or

pertinent info. Your present driver's license is acceptable until October 1, 2020. Learn more at: dor.mo.gov/drivers/real-id-information.

NON-PARTISAN ELECTION

INFORMATION - www.vote411.org (LWV maintains) Names of legislators, district #s, candidates, ballot and forum info. The site is a helpful voter's guide.
- fastdemocracy.com to track status of bills in Legislature. Mo. session ends May 17, 2019. Google with bill number (e.g. MO SB 259)

- LegisScan.com
- Ballotpedia.com

Carolyn Weeks & Laura Vernon Public Policy Co-chairs

MARCH MINUTES

**AAUW Independence Branch
Monthly Meeting at First United
Methodist Church**

March 26, 2019

Jolene Cerveny (AKA Margaret Truman) welcomed everyone and introduced the Outstanding Women of Missouri. Evelyn Trigg became Susan Blow for the evening, sharing points of her life and accomplishments. She was the first Missourian to introduce Kindergarten. Susan gave members a small blackboard and chalk, reminiscent of education days gone by. Rose Cecil O'Neill, creator of the Kewpie doll, was portrayed by Sue Raymond. O'Neill was a renowned artist, poet, political activist, and writer during the early 1900s. Lisa Cox shared information about Luella Agnew Owens from St. Joseph. She studied geology on her own and became the first female speleologist. Finally, Margaret Truman discussed facts about her life as the daughter of a president,

singer, and writer. Members learned many facts about these amazing Women of Missouri.

Lois Domsch, Karen Earnest and Lauren Vernon were thanked for providing treats for the hospitality table. Membership Co-chairs, Jolene Cerveny and Sue Raymond, gave everyone thread and a small piece of fabric with letters to be cross stitched on it. Judy Tyson won the door prize. There were 25 members at the March meeting.

President, Sue Shineman, introduced Carol Kelley who told members the workings of selecting recipients of the Student Awards, which will be given out in April.

Program Chairman, Karol Palmer, announced that 6 members toured the Ennovation Center at Independence School District offices on March 22. They ate lunch at the Westside Café.

The Financial Report was printed in the March newsletter and will be filed for audit. Lois Domsch reminded members that they will soon be receiving reminders to pay their dues.

Minutes from the February meeting were printed in the March newsletter and were approved as printed.

Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Comtois, reported sending a sympathy card to Kathy Vest.

Public Policy Co-chair, Carolyn Weeks discussed various bills that are in the Missouri House. She suggested going to Vote411.org for information on various political elections.

Sue reminded members that the Reentry Brunch is April 20th at Unity Village. Reservation forms are available. The cost is \$25.

April 16 is EQUITY ACTION DAY. Sue asked for volunteers to work at North and South Mid-Continent Libraries and Blue River.

The Book Fair profited \$4033, which is more than the past few years. AAUW will be having a booth at the City-Wide Rummage Sale on April 6th at the Memorial Building. Members volunteered to work different shifts. We will be selling books and other items. Karen Johnson and Sue Raymond will be overseeing it.

Adelante Book Group will meet on April 10th at 9:30 AM at Barnes and Noble. Jane Campbell will be leading the discussion of *The Home for Unwanted Girls*.

Lois Domsch of the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for the coming year. Those nominated are Jolene Cerveny, President; Kathy Keeton, Program Vice President; and Jeanne Schneider, Recording Secretary. Sue Raymond moved that since there were no other nominees, a vote should be taken. Carol Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the presented slate. Officers will be installed at the May 11th Annual Meeting at the

Meadows of John Knox Village. It will begin at 9:30 AM and will cost \$16. Members signed up and will also be able to sign up next month.

Sue Shineman encouraged members to go to the Missouri State meeting on May 3rd and 4th. There will be three speakers: Kim Churches, AAUW CEO; Wendy Doyle, KC Women's Foundation CEO, and LAF Plaintiff, Paul Thein. The cost to attend is approximately \$145.

Newsletter Chair, Jan Horner announced that the Newsletter deadline is April 6th. Jan was congratulated on being elected President of the Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW chapter for the next 2 years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara Leabo
Recording Secretary

March 2019 AAUW Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 2/28/2019			\$465.13
RECEIPTS			
3/4/2019	Transfer from Savings		500
3/12/2019	Deposit 10% Pizza Ranch donation		138.42
	Deposit 2 mbrshps+ Book Fair		
3/27/2019	donations		290
3/27/2019	Deposit 7 May Brunch reservations		112
3/28/2019	Deposit AAUW C&D 1 mbrshp		16
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$1056.42
DISBURSEMENTS			
4568	3/3/2019	Lois Domsch-Book Fair supplies	39.42
		Boy Scout Troop 347 Hauling Fair	
4569	3/3/2019	Books	350
4570	3/4/2019	U-Haul truck rental	72.91
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$462.33
BALANCE ON HAND 3/31/2019			\$1059.22

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 2/28/2019			\$6830.43
RECEIPTS			
3/1/2019	Deposit #3 Book Fair		719
3/1/2019	Deposit #4 Book Fair		362
3/1/2019	Deposit #5 Book Fair		887
3/2/2019	Deposit #6 Book Fair		473
3/2/2019	Deposit #7 Book Fair		450
3/4/2019	Deposit #8 Book Fair		1153.5
3/4/2019	Deposit #9 Book Fair		176.73
3/4/2019	Deposit beginning cash		195
	Deposit \$ from Jolene from 1/2 Price Books to		
3/12/2019	B.F.		33.5
3/31/2019	Dividend for March		1.36
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$4451.09
DISBURSEMENTS			
	lkjkkTransfer to Checking	500	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$500
BALANCE ON HAND 3/31/2019			\$10781.52

TOTAL ASSETS 3/31/2019: Checking \$1059.22 + Savings \$10781.52 = \$11840.74

