

MANHATTAN BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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Award Winning Members

The Manhattan Branch ended the year with a grand celebration of its members at the May meeting. This year's **Named Gift Honoree** joins a distinguished list of members recognized for their devoted service and dedication to the Branch. **Vadaline Strohm** joined the Branch in 1953. Through the years, she has contributed in a variety of ways serving as president from 1974-1976 and most recently as reservations coordinator. A contribution to the national organization for national and international fellowships will be made in Vadaline's honor.



Pictured L to R — Vadaline Strohm, Named Gift Honoree, and presenter Jan Freeby



Pictured L to R — Barbara Gatewood, Outstanding Branch Member, and presenter Jan Freeby

The second award, to this year's **Outstanding Branch Member**, recognized **Barbara Gatewood** for her outstanding efforts in membership development. Barbara has been a member of the Branch only since 2010, but her work as the Membership Vice President the last two years has given new life to the group. Read more about branch recruitment success inside.

President Nancy Bolsen was proud to announce a new, special recognition – the **President's Award**. Board members do a lot of the planning and initiation and leadership of the work on behalf of the branch. She noted this special award will be given to a woman who has been an active and engaged leader and organizer, who is a vital and significant part of the branch's success. The inaugural award was presented as a token of her and the branch's appreciation to **Tresa Landis**.



Pictured L to R — President Nancy Bolsen and Tresa Landis, President's Award recipient

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Special points of interest:

- \$357.50 raised from the Silent Auction in May.
- Branch scholarships awarded to: Angel Alvarado, Emily Hess, Shana Schmidt. Read more about them in upcoming newsletters.
- Grocery Coupons and Debit Cards can be purchased from Marilyn Bunyan (Dillon's) and Claudia Jones (Ray's Apple Market).

Branch Meeting—September 9, 2013

A Woman's Guide to Money Matters

Speaker: **DC Hackerott, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones**

Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Ave.
Dinner—6:00 p.m. Program—6:45 p.m.

Cost for dinner: \$12.00. Make checks payable to AAUW.

Make reservations by email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com (preferred) or call Patricia Floros at (814) 441-9229.

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, September 3rd at noon.

If you need transportation, contact Dede Brokesh at (785) 770-3495.



This year we've scheduled a variety of programs to educate and entertain you. Several of our programs surround the topic of the equity pay gap. Our speakers will share everything from the wage gap in the workforce to how it affects personal relationships. Plus we'll have some programs simply to enjoy. We invite you to take part in as many as possible as we learn and have fun together.

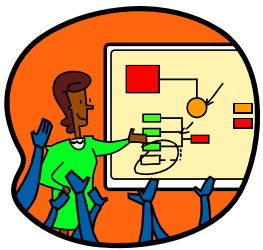
Join a Team and Get Involved

Our branch is definitely growing! Twenty-six new members since July 1, 2011 is something to shout about! You'll read more on that in the October newsletter. We're very excited to have so many members sharing the AAUW experience with others, but a rapidly increasing membership often times comes with growing pains. How are we going to get and keep everyone involved? What do members want to see and do more of? Will our programs and activities keep members interested and engaged? Do we have enough members who want to partici-

pate in the \$tart \$mart workshops and the State Annual Meeting that we're hosting to make these events successful? Our branch leadership is feeling the pains of growing so much so that branch officers held two Saturday morning retreats this summer to tackle these questions and others. The agendas focused on how we can adjust our organizational structure to better include new members while still holding onto the traditions enjoyed by long-time members. The solution we decided upon is a team approach. You'll see from the yearbook that

Standing Committees have now been grouped into these Teams – Executive, Finance, Membership, Communications and Program. For the most part, the same positions are there, but now they've been gathered into functioning teams who can meet as needed to support one another while continuing in the same direction as the branch. You'll see too that there are some blank spots. If you see a blank that you'd like to fill, let the Team Leader know. She'll be glad to plug you in!

GO AAUW TEAM!!!



Picture L to R are officers Barbara Gatewood, Patricia Floros, Nancy Bolsen, Claudia Jones, Joan Strickler, Tresa Landis and Dede Brokesh. Kathy Borck also participated.



A Fond Farewell to a Valued Member



Marylois (Holm) Smith, age 89, of Manhattan, died July 31, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born May 17, 1924, in Olsburg, Kansas, the daughter of Floyd R. and Lois Wilma (Schlaegel) Holm.

Marylois graduated from Olsburg High School with the class of 1942, and from Kansas State University in 1946 with her bachelors in Home Economics and Education.

She was a teacher at Westmoreland High School for two years, worked at Riley County Clerk's Office for several years, as a social worker for the State of Kansas

We are saddened at the loss of long-time member Marylois Smith. Marylois joined the Manhattan branch in 1956 and had just finished serving as the Branch Historian in addition to assisting with the monthly newsletters.

SRS from 1972 to 1987, and at Even Start in Manhattan from 1990 to 2000 reading and giving books to underprivileged children. She volunteered at Bluemont Elementary for three years in the literary program.

Marylois was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Flint Hills FCE, American Association of University Women, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Boy Scout Leader, First Presbyterian Church Circle, Senior Vision Aid Group and the Crafty Seniors Group.

Mrs. Smith enjoyed watching birds, was an avid reader, and enjoyed her family and sharing in her grandchildren's lives.

On June 15, 1946, at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, she was married to Louis Marshall Smith. Mr. Smith preceded her in death on June 15, 2004. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Betty Kidwell.

Survivors include two sons: Randall L. Smith and his wife Colleen of Milford and Rod A. Smith and his girlfriend Marsha Ralston of Topeka; three grandchildren: Kacy, Kimberly and Kyle Smith; two sister-in-laws: Annie Smith Rossey of Youngsville, PA, and Neta Smith of Jamestown, NY; and two nieces: Beth Myers of Topeka, and Rebecca Furneaux of Portland, OR.

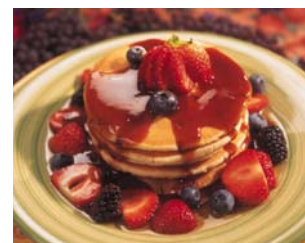
Funeral services were held on Monday, August 5th, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. R. Cam McConnell officiating. Interment was in the Olsburg Cemetery in Olsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the First Presbyterian Church or the Manhattan Public Library Foundation for Large Print Books. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Come Brunch With Us in October

Mark your calendars now for the October Branch meeting. It will be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5** instead of our regular meeting date of Monday, October 14.

We'll meet at the First Congregational Church at 9:30 a.m. for brunch and a business meeting. From there, we'll travel to the Beach Museum of Art where we'll tour the *Museum of Wonder* at 11:00 a.m.



Details will be in the October newsletter.

More May Meeting Memories



Pictured L to R — New Officers Patricia Floros, Claudia Jones, Barbara Gatewood, and Nancy Bolsen.

Much more happened at the May meeting in addition to honoring members. The evening began with the annual **Silent Auction** that brought in treasures of all sorts from a tin of delicious cookies to John Strickler's homemade wine to books and puzzles for leisure time. Proceeds came to \$357.50, one of our best fundraisers in recent years!

Tresa Landis reported on events from the AAUW State meeting held April 13 in Salina. Other branch members attending were Nancy Bolsen, Barbara Gatewood and Claudia Jones. Speakers included Kathy Anton, a director-at-large from Texas, and Dean Verna Fitzsimmons who heads the KSU Salina campus. The Manhattan branch received one of two Kansas Star Branch awards and was commended for being among the top five branches in giving.

President Nancy Bolsen recognized outgoing officers and

installed new leadership. Barbara Gatewood, outgoing VP membership was installed as president-elect. Claudia Jones, treasurer, was installed for another term; and Kathy Borck, outgoing director-at-large was installed as VP membership. In addition, we welcome Patricia Floros as a new director-at-large.

Mark your calendars.

The Kansas State Annual Meeting will be in Manhattan on April 12, 2014.

THIS AND THAT

We've Got a New Look

In February of this year, AAUW unveiled a new logo and a new look. You might have noticed that our branch website has been updated and now the newsletter is being revamped to reflect that fresh new feel.

All members will receive a hard copy of this September newsletter. It will also be posted on our website.

The October newsletter will be emailed to those on the email list. Those who receive a hard copy of the newsletter will receive a black and white version through the mail.

If you have any difficulty receiving your newsletter, send an email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com with the subject NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR.

Newsletter articles should be submitted before the 15th of the month. Send them via email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com with the subject line NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR.

More Changes

We welcome new member Meaghan Morton as our Branch Webmaster. Meaghan takes over this position from Barbara Gatewood who did an outstanding job in getting the website up and running over the last two years. Thank you Barbara!

Meaghan will be responsible for posting new information and keeping the website fresh.

Communication with Meaghan should be sent to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com with the subject line WEBMASTER.

Branch President Elected to State Office

Dr. Nancy Bolsen, Director Emeritus at K-State, was selected as the president-elect of the Kansas American Association of University Women (AAUW) at the 2013 State Annual Meeting in Salina on April 13. Her two-year term will begin July 1.

Nancy is currently the president of the Manhattan Branch of AAUW and has provided leadership in expanding branch membership and

relevant monthly programs, promoting AAUW scholarships, and strengthening the partnership with K-State.

The branch was honored as a Kansas Star Branch for its achievements at the annual meeting. Previously, Nancy held the position of Director of Adult Services at K-State and was affiliated with the Center for Child Development and College of Human Ecology.



Branch to Host **Start Smart** Workshop for K-State Women

The local branch is pleased to bring the first Start Smart workshop to campus on October 7, 2013.

In cooperation with Kansas State University, our college/university partner, and the WAGE Project, AAUW will host this workshop that equips

college women who are approaching the job market with the knowledge and skills they need to negotiate salaries and benefits.

On October 8, a Training of Trainers workshop will be held to instruct participating faculty and staff on

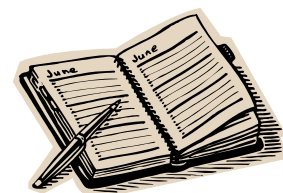
how to conduct future workshops. K-State purchased a three-year site license that allows it to present an unlimited number of workshops during that period.

Funding was provided by a number of K-State colleges, departments and offices.

"The Start Smart workshop presents valuable information that provides the critical skills women need to negotiate salaries and obtain benefits."

September Branch Calendar

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| 2 | Labor Day Holiday | | |
| 3 | Board Meeting | Noon | Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd. |
| | Sign-up Deadline | Noon | Sep. 9 branch meeting reservation |
| 9 | Branch Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | First Congregational Church |
| 11 | Creative Cookery | 11:30 a.m. | For this month's location, contact Carol Dixon at 539-7257 |
| 12 | Great Decisions | 10:00 a.m. | Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center |
| 13 | Book Talk | 10:00 a.m. | Manhattan Public Library |
| 15 | Deadline | | Turn in newsletter articles |
| 24 | Serendipity | 11:30 a.m. | For this month's location, contact Florence Schwab at 539-0796 |
| 27 | Sign-up Deadline | Noon | Oct. 5 branch meeting reservation |
| 30 | Board Meeting | Noon | Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd. |



These are the regularly scheduled meetings. Please contact the chair listed in the yearbook/website for the most up-to-date information on Interest Groups.

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The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is a nationwide community with more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 local branches, and 500 college and university (C/U) partners. Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In the 2012-13 academic year, for example, AAUW has committed more than \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants to outstanding women, AAUW branches, and community nonprofit organizations. It continues to have a dynamic influence on policymakers, educators, employers, and communities to break through barriers and enhance opportunities for women.

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