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October to Remember — *Branch Program Highlights*



Pictured L to R - Melissa Kirkwood, Rosalie Thompson inspect grain specimens with tour guide Richard Prudenti.

Members and guests gathered for a brunch and brief business meeting at the First Congregational Church on October 5, then visited the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art for a tour of the Museum of Wonder guided by Richard Dean Prudenti, Special Projects Coordinator. This unique exhibition (February 12 – October 13, 2013) honored Kansas State University's 150th Anniversary with eclectic dis-

plays of artifacts, curiosities, and hidden treasures highlighting the university's diverse fields of study and research since it was founded in 1863.

The Museum of Wonder was inspired by cabinets (or rooms) of curiosities created in the 16th and 17th centuries by wealthy Europeans and merchants to display items collected around the world. These collections were the precursors to museums and ignited people's interest in nature, art, science, and other cultures.

Without traditional exhibit labels, viewers were challenged to make associations between diverse groups of objects, such as wheat-related products and machines, entomological specimens and drawings, scientific and musical instruments, books, maps, decorative art, household items, clothing and textiles, and animal fossils and skeletons. A smaller adjacent installation, the Library of Wonder presented reading materials, computer resources, and hands-on activities related to the Museum of Wonder.

The exhibition was done in collaboration with the K-State Libraries with display objects provided by many units across campus. More information and a video of the exhibition are available at: <http://beach.k-state.edu/explore/exhibitions/museumofwonder.html>.

Appreciation is extended to AAUW branch member Linda Duke, Museum Director; Kathrine Schlageck, Senior Educator; and Richard Dean Prudenti for an excellent tour.



Pictured L to R - Karen Tinkler, Michelle Elkins and Dede Brokesh inspecting the bovine skeleton.

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Special points of interest:

- Over 100 students signed up for K-State \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops in October.
- 13 K-State campus facilitators were trained to conduct future \$tart \$mart workshops.
- Grocery Coupons and Debit Cards can be purchased from Marilyn Bunyan (Dillon's) and Claudia Jones (Ray's Apple Market).

Branch Meeting — November 11, 2013

***Rosie's Legacy: Women in Today's Work Force***Speaker: **Dr. Kerri D. Keller****Director, Career and Employment Services
Kansas State University**

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 Tresa Landis at 785-539-4614.Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, November 5th at noon.

If you need transportation, contact Dede Brokesh at (785) 410-4335.

American women entered the workforce in unprecedented numbers during World War II, as widespread male enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. Between 1940 and 1945, the female percentage of the U.S. workforce increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent, and by 1945 nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home. "Rosie the Riveter," star of a government campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for the munitions industry, became perhaps the most iconic image of working women during the war.

2014 Kansas AAUW Annual Meeting

Branching Out in the Little Apple

Mark your calendars now for the 2014 Kansas AAUW Annual Meeting on Saturday, [April 12](#), in Manhattan.

Hosted by the Manhattan Branch, the meeting will be held in the comfortable new Leadership Studies Building on the Kansas State University Campus.

The theme "Branching Out in the Little Apple" focuses on member-

ship development. National AAUW representative Claudia Richards will engage participants in a workshop on this important topic.

Registration for the 2014 Kansas AAUW Annual meeting is \$25 and includes lunch and refreshments by local favorite Radina's Coffeehouse and Roastery, and all sessions and materials.

For more information about the annual meeting and how to get involved, contact 2014 Kansas AAUW Annual Meeting Branch Planning Committee Chair Olivia Collins at ocollins4662@gmail.com.

Opportunities Keep Blooming for This Scholarship Winner – *Emily Hess*



Meet Emily Hess.

She's the second of our three KSU scholarship winners this year. Emily is currently a senior in Elementary Education with a concentration in Science. She will begin her core coursework this fall and plans to graduate in May 2015. This will be her second degree from K-State, having earned a degree in horticulture in 1997.

Emily grew up near St. Marys. Her mother was a homemaker and her father was a high school English, speech, and debate teacher. She met her future husband in high school and they were married while she was in college. In 1998, Emily and her husband moved to El Dorado for a few years where she was a stay-at-home mom to their two daughters. While there, she worked part-time in the children's library and at the YMCA in the nursery and teaching toddler classes.

The family moved back to Manhattan in 2003 when she and her husband had the opportunity to fulfill their dream of being business owners and purchased Manhattan Floral. She also had the opportunity to put her degree to work. Several years later they realized that sometimes dreams need to be altered or changed com-

pletely and in 2010, they closed the business.

Her husband went to work helping manage his family's ranch near Alma. Emily began substitute teaching at local schools and found that she really enjoyed the children and the structure of the school environment. She began to reconstruct her dreams for the future, taking courses at Highland Community College and eventually coming back to K-State to finish her degree.

The family will have only one income now that she is a full-time student. They live near Alma and Emily will be commuting 70 miles, round trip, four days a week. She is grateful to have received our scholarship, which will be of great assistance to her and her family.

Get-A-Ride Give-A-Ride Campaign

Hello AAUW Members and Guests,

Dede Brokesh, your Transportation Coordinator, is ready to coordinate carpooling to our next meeting on November 11, 2013 at 6 pm at the First Congregational Church (for a yummy meal and a fine program).

Give her a call at 785-410-4335, if you would like to carpool. Already signed up to offer rides are Connie Noble, Claudia Jones, Nancy Bolsen, and Dede Brokesh.

Let's save those gallons of gas and breathe in that fresh air! Catch a ride to our next meeting and make some friends along the way.

Let's Carpool!



Branch Hosts Successful \$tart \$mart Workshops and Facilitator Training



Annie Houle, WAGE Project, conducts \$tart \$mart Workshops.

The **\$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops** co-hosted by the local branch and K-State's Career and Employment Services (CES) on October 6 and 7 were a tremendous success with 70+ undergraduate and graduate students attending.

Annie Houle, National Director, Campus and Community Initiatives, WAGE Project, presented in-depth, 3-hour workshops on the knowledge and skills needed by college women to negotiate salaries and benefits they deserve at all stages of their careers.

In addition, a **Facilitator Training session** for 13 faculty and staff was held on October 8.

Negotiating salaries and benefits are a challenge for women, since they are less likely to ask for what they deserve.

Based on AAUW research, "one year after graduation, young women earn just 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn and that the gender gap widens over the next 10 years. A young woman graduating today will earn roughly \$1 million less than her male counterpart over the course of her career because of this gap."

The \$tart \$mart Workshops and Facilitator Training program were developed by the WAGE (Women Are Getting Even) Project - a national organization established to end discrimination against women in the American workplace by helping them take the steps needed to be paid a fair salary. "The \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop is premier among campus programs that offer detailed skill building on pay negotiation," states president Nancy Bolsen.

The workshops were funded by sponsorships from the College of Human Ecology; Housing and Dining Services; School of Leadership Studies; Office of

the Provost; College of Architecture, Planning and Design; Graduate School; College of Business Administration; Powercat Financial Planning; K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering; Institute of Personal Financial Planning; College of Education; and Torrey Dickinson, Women's Studies, as a result of the **diligent work by committee chair Tresa Landis**.

The K-State facilitators will conduct future workshops on campus for students in coordination with Kerri Day Keller, Director of CES (785-532-6506, ces@k-state.edu) under a three-year site license purchased by the donors. "We're excited about developing more opportunities for K-State students to be equipped with the knowledge, resources, and confidence they need to launch a successful start for their careers," Director Keller stated.

Appreciation is extended to the branch committee, **Tresa Landis, Andrea Blair, Nancy Bolsen, Dede Brokesh, Barbara Gatewood, Claudia Jones** and **Katie Kingery-Page** for their dedicated work in bringing such an enriching program to K-State's campus.



K-State students learn skills for negotiating salaries and benefits.



Faculty and staff attend the Facilitator Training session to conduct future \$tart \$mart Workshops.

Spread the Word about AAUW Fellowships and Grants

**Deadlines
are fast ap-
proaching!
Do not miss
this rare op-
portunity.
Spread the
word!!**

The American Association for University Women (AAUW) is one of the world's premier sources of funding for women pursuing advanced degrees, providing nearly \$4 million annually in fellowships and grants!

Manhattan Branch members (<http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net>) please inform K-State women students and faculty about these excellent funding opportunities!

Applications are available at AAUW's website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>.

AAUW 2014-15 Fellowships and Grants brochures can be requested at: <http://www.act.org/aauw/brochurerequest.html>.

Please direct specific application questions to ACT, AAUW's application processing center: p. 319-337-1716 ext. 60, email aauw@act.org or write to the customer service center at AAUW Fellowships and Grants, C/O ACT, Inc., P.O. Box 4030, Iowa City, IA 52243-4030.

AAUW American Fellowships

Deadline: **November 15, 2013**

AAUW International Fellowships

Deadline: **December 1, 2013**

AAUW Career Development Grants

Deadline: **December 15, 2013**

AAUW Selected Professions Fellowships

Deadline: **January 10, 2014**

AAUW Community Action Grants

Deadline: **January 15, 2014**

November AAUW Calendar

AIDS Awareness and Native American Heritage Month

Nov 4	Board Meeting	Noon	Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
5	Sign-up Deadline	Noon	Nov. 11 branch meeting reservation
8	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
11	Branch Meeting	6:00 p.m.	First Congregational Church
	Veteran's Day		Government offices closed.
13	Creative Cookery	11:30 a.m.	For this month's location, contact Carol Dixon at 785-539-7257
14	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center
15	Deadline to submit newsletter articles		
	Deadline to submit American Fellowship applications		
28, 29	Thanksgiving Holiday		Government offices closed.
29	Black Friday		Shop 'til you drop!



Thank a Soldier this month for the freedoms you enjoy every day.

NOTE: Serendipity will not meet in November or December.

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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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