

# MANHATTAN BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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## Branch Meeting Looks At Successful College Financial Planning

The February 10th Manhattan Branch program was presented by Jodi Kaus, the Program Director of K-State's Powercat Financial Counseling (PFC).



It is a student-driven program that provides K-State students with free assistance and counseling on personal finances, helping students become successful money managers.

PFC provides free information and education to currently enrolled K-State students seeking help with

issues such as: budgeting, credit use, saving, identity theft, managing debt, student loan management, and transitioning to work after college.

PFC began in August 2009. It is funded by student government and housed in the K-State Student Union.

In addition to the director, the staff includes two graduate assistants and 16 peer financial counselors. The

peer counselors include students studying personal financial planning, business finance, accounting, and agricultural economics.

Counselors help students review and evaluate the financial options of the cost of education such as, scholarships, grants, part-time work, work-study, gifts and loans.

The peer counselors help students create a financial plan, preferably during a student's first semester and continuing each semester with follow up sessions to monitor financial progress. This helps graduating students understand their financial situation and their education loans enabling them to transition into their careers successfully.

K-State's Powercat Financial Counseling has received recognition both locally and nationally. Secretary of Education, Arnie Duncan, has praised PFC as a financial literacy program to emulate.

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Thanks to Powercat Financial Counseling for being a \$mart Contributor (\$250) to our \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops held in October. In addition, Jodi Kaus is one of thirteen individuals who became trained to present future workshops to K-State students.

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## Branch Meeting — March 10, 2014

***Celebrate Women's History Month With Us***

Speaker: **Dr. Sue Zschoche, Associate Professor, Dept. of History  
Kansas State University**

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

Cost for dinner: \$12. Make checks payable to AAUW.

Make reservations by email to [manhattansaauw@gmail.com](mailto:manhattansaauw@gmail.com) (preferred) or call Connie Noble at (785) 539-5522. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 4th at noon.

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

### AAUW Community — The Good and the Bad of the *Foreign Policy* 100 Leading Thinkers List

Every year *Foreign Policy* magazine produces a list of the people making a difference in the world, **the 100 Leading Global Thinkers**. The magazine's editors compile the list annually from the biggest news stories and trends. In 2013, the list actually includes 134 individuals (or organizations), and sadly, only 40 of them are women, about 30 percent. Let's take a closer look at some of the women who made a difference in the world in 2013.



**The good: More than half of the 21 individuals in the advocates section are women, which demonstrates that 2013 was a year in which issues facing women and girls were at the forefront of the media.**

The world was watching India as advocates protested the culture of sexual violence in the aftermath of the gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old woman on a bus in New Delhi. **Urvashi Butalia** and **Kavita Krishnan** are named for their work pressuring the Indian government for stronger action against sexual violence.

**Malala Yousafzai** stole our hearts in 2013 with her nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize, but kudos to *Foreign Policy* for naming sisters **Gulalai** and **Saba Is-**

**mail** to the list for their work to empower Pakistani girls through their organization, **Aware Girls**. We are pleased to see **four American women, Mary Jennings Hegar, Zoe Bedell, Colleen Farrell, and Jennifer Hunt**, round out the list. All four women served in the military on tours of duty in combat zones, and they filed a suit against the Pentagon to end the combat ban. Be sure to check out the other lady advocates: **Heba Morayef, Navi Pillay, Fatou Bensouda, and Julieta Castellanos**.

**The bad: It's disappointing to see that even on lists like this, women are underrepresented in traditionally male-dominated fields — the categories "Innovators" and "Moguls" have just one woman in each.**

**Noura Al Kaabi** stands out as the only woman in the moguls category for making big waves in the media industry. Kaabi is the CEO of **twofour54**, a company working to train Arabic media talent and develop entertainment content "by Arabs for Arabs". Kaabi was also included on *Hollywood Reporter's* list of the 25 most powerful women in global TV.



Noura Al Kaabi

## AAUW Manhattan Branch KSU Scholarships

### An Endowed Fund of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

The Manhattan Branch's application for Kansas State University scholarships is available for the 2014-2015 academic year and we would like our members to spread the word to eligible women.

You may have a niece, granddaughter, neighbor, someone from your church - or for our younger members – yourself, that may be interested in our \$1,000 scholarships. We have three (3) scholarships available this year. Here are the qualifications for eligible candidates.

§ Female students attending Kansas State University (Manhattan, Salina, or Olathe campuses) for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. Students taking courses *solely* through distance education *do not* qualify.

§ Must be returning to school after at least a three (3) year lapse in education. Applicants may have already entered or returned to college after this time lapse.

§ Must have at least two (2) complete semesters of credit remaining before graduation.

§ Must be a Bachelor Degree candidate enrolled for a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester or Graduate Degree candidate enrolled for a minimum of nine (9) credit hours per semester or six (6) credit hours per semester with a Graduate Assistantship.

**Deadline for submission of all materials (application, references and transcripts) is April 1, 2014.**

An electronic copy of the scholarship application is available at: <http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net/scholarships/applications>

If you have someone you think may be interested, please give them this information. Questions should be directed to Claudia Jones, Scholarship Chair, at [interiors1@cox.net](mailto:interiors1@cox.net) or (785) 565-8870. Claudia also has flyers with the above information that she can provide to you or interested candidates.

## Giving Basket for AAUW Funds

Each year our National AAUW office encourages members to give funds to support AAUW programs. Gifts to the AAUW Funds are tax-deductible. By giving money to the AAUW funds you support the following programs:



### **The Legal Advocacy Fund**

(3999)-supports women's legal rights who are facing discrimination.

### **The Educational Opportunities Fund** (#4336)-

supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women's success.

**The Public Policy Fund** (#4337)-supports advocacy for public policies and laws fair to women.

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** (#4339)-supports research to provide analysis, data and accurate information about issues important to women and girls.

**The Leadership Programs Fund** (#4339)-supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities and country.

Please make all checks payable to AAUW Funds. If you prefer to restrict your gift to a specific fund, indicate the name or number of the fund in the memo section of your check or any accompanying document. Your contribution can be sent to Claudia Jones, Treasurer, or placed in the "**Giving Basket**" at the March/April/May branch meetings.

## Annual Community Fair Booth



Several branch members spent Saturday, February 1st, at the Manhattan Town Center talking to people about AAUW. Pictured L to R are Joan Strickler, Patricia Floros, Tresa Landis and Nancy Bolsen. Others participating were Claudia Jones and Candi White.

## Interest Group Spotlight on *Serendipity*

The popularity of the AAUW Manhattan branch's Serendipity interest group is attributed to the exciting diversity of the monthly luncheon programs and opportunity to socialize with members in a relaxed atmosphere. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. This interest group is full of "delightful surprises." Claudia Jones is the chair of the group, but to keep it "serendipitous," members sign up about once a year to host a meeting and select a topic and luncheon location. It is an excellent compliment to the more issue-based programs at the monthly branch meetings.

The friendly atmosphere was readily apparent at the January 28th meeting. Members highlighted their enthusiasm for Serendipity, which has been meeting for over 25 years. "People just come," Marilyn Bunyan stated, and Helen Janes added, "you don't have to study – just show up and you get to enjoy a variety of restaurants!" Claudia commented "it is a wonderful venue for getting to know branch members and guests." "We meet and enjoy each other," said Jan Freeby.

A wide range of topics are presented, which make the meetings very exciting! Examples mentioned were Karen Tinkler's talk on "dog breeders and dog kennels" and "how to dye fabrics in the snow" by the area quilter Harriet Janke. K-State faculty and students often come and talk about issues and projects of interest.

Kayla Harwood, a graduate student living at Meadowlark Hills for the semester, spoke briefly at the meeting about her project in Digital Ethnography. She and five classmates will be observing and interviewing residents for an anthropological documentary.



**Kayla Harwood**  
K-State student



**Seated L to R: Helen Janes, Marilyn Bunyan, Claudia Jones, and Lois Deyoe.**

**Standing: Joan Strickler, Elsie Hall, Mary O'Laughlin, Florence Schwab, Jan Freeby and Helen Whiteman.**

**Members not present: Vadaline Strohm and Karen Tinkler.**

After enjoying a luncheon with engaging conversation, Polly Ferrell, a retired K-State home economist and popular area speaker, gave a delightful talk on Kansas Day, which commemorates the state's admission into the Union on January 29, 1861. "People all over the state love Kansas!" Polly stated. She traced the state's history, symbolism in the flag, and how yellow sunflower trails were created when wagon wheels dropped seeds as they moved across the prairie. Polly concluded with an interesting quiz on the official state animals, plants, and song.



**Polly Ferrell talks on Kansas Day.**

So for "fortuitous happenstance," fun and friendship, attend one of the upcoming Serendipity luncheon meetings. Locations change monthly, so be sure to contact Claudia Jones ([interiors1@cox.net](mailto:interiors1@cox.net), 785-537-4442) for details. Kathy Borck will be talking about her exciting trip to Africa on February 25. Other spring meeting dates are March 25, April 29, and May 27, 2014.



## MEET TWO NEW AAUW BRANCH MEMBERS

This month, we feature two members: **JOYCE MEYER** and **ANDREA BLAIR**

**JOYCE MEYER** is the Sales Training Manager for GTM Sportswear. When she has free time, she likes to work in her yard. She also loves to entertain people. One thing Joyce would love to learn more about is Excel spreadsheets and wine making.

The best piece of advice Joyce has ever received is “Be Particular — Whether you are buying a car, looking for a husband, a loan, a college or turnips...be particular!”

Three things she would like to do this year (or three things on her personal “bucket list”) are to “use our new fire pit and adirondack chairs more, take a trip with my daughters and paint our master suite.”

One thing most people don’t know about Joyce is that she has written a book entitled “The Steak Lovers Guide to Indiana.”

Joyce was attracted to the AAUW Manhattan Branch because AAUW provides an opportunity to work on projects and socialize with bright intelligent women.

**ANDREA BLAIR** is the director of Student Access Center, Kansas State University. Its mission is to ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to experience all programs and services offered by the University. In her free time, she enjoys time with family, bird watching, building things out of wood and trying new recipes. Andrea would love to learn more about wood carving.

When asked the best piece of advice she’s ever received, Andrea said “If you be sure to take care of self, the rest will fall into place.”

Things she would like to do this year include helping change policies and laws that negatively impact the lesbian and gay communities, get engaged, and travel to the West Indies island of Grenada.

One thing most people don’t know about Andrea is that she bungee jumped at the Kansas State Fair!

AAUW’s long history of supporting education for women attracted Andrea to the organization.

***We wish Joyce and Andrea the very best and hope they achieve their goals for the year. We thank them for being a part of this beautiful family!***

## AAUW MEMBERSHIP INFO

**Half-Year Dues** are an excellent way to recruit new members at the half-off rate that is valid from January 1 through March 15 for the current 2013-2014 fiscal year. And if you use the ***Shape the Future campaign*** in which potential members participate in an event that’s open to the public, the deal doubles. Hence, the total cost for national (\$12.25), state (\$3.00) and branch dues (\$6.50) is only **\$21.75**.

**FREE Membership for Graduates** is a great way to honor upcoming graduates or students who have graduated in the last two years using the **Give a Grad a Gift** campaign.

**FREE Memberships for K-State Undergraduates** is a “gift” throughout the year because K-State is an official college/university (C/U) partner. Apply online at: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Contact **Kathy Borck, Membership VP**, [ksukatsmeow@aol.com](mailto:ksukatsmeow@aol.com), if you would like a membership brochure and letter sent to a perspective member. Send completed membership applications and dues to **Claudia Jones, Treasurer**, at 1727 Hollow Tree Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502

## 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 membership development, and National AAUW representative Claudia Richards will engage participants in a workshop on this important topic.

In addition, meeting participants will be welcomed by Manhattan City Commissioner Usha Reddi and hear a keynote presentation by Kansas State University's first lady and associate dean for research and graduate programs in the College of Engineering Noel Schulz.

Registration for the 2014 Kansas AAUW Annual meeting is **\$25** and includes lunch and refreshments by local favorite Radina's Coffeehouse and Roastery, plus 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](mailto:ocollins4662@gmail.com).

### Your Attention Please .....

President-elect Barbara Gatewood has pulled together an excellent list of possible **Branch Program Ideas for 2014-2015**. Interesting and informative monthly programs are essential for life-long learning, expanding our understanding of current issues, engaging members and guests, and promoting the mission of AAUW.

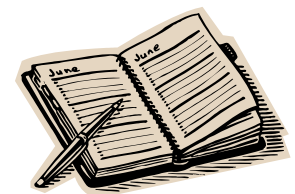
A list of program topics was distributed at the February 10th Branch meeting. It is also included in this newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please mark your selections and return the sheet to Tresa Landis at 1314 Houston St., Manhattan, KS 66502 or via email to [tilandis@cox.net](mailto:tilandis@cox.net) by March 11, 2014 or bring it to the March branch meeting.

**\*\*\*You are a vital part of this organization, please make your voice heard.\*\*\***

#### MARCH AAUW CALENDAR

##### Women's History Month

Mar	3	Board Meeting	Noon	Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	4	Sign-up Deadline	Noon	Mar. 10 branch meeting reservation
	8	International Women's Day		
	10	Branch Meeting	6:00 p.m.	First Congregational Church
	12	Creative Cookery	11:30 a.m.	For this month's location, contact Carol Dixon at 785-539-7257
	13	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center
	14	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	15	Deadline to submit newsletter articles		
	17	St. Patrick's Day		
	22	Equal Rights Amendment passed by Congress		
	25	Serendipity	11:30 a.m.	For this month's location, contact Claudia Jones at 785-537-4442



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.

**Possible AAUW Branch Program Topics for 2014-15**

*Level of Interest*  
High   Moderate   Low

**Women's Issues**

**"Global Gateways for the Advancement of Women & Girls: Closing the Global Gender Gap."** Panel of international women discussing gender inequities issues in other countries and opportunities for AAUW to promote equity for women and girls. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Equity, Diversity, and Advancement of Women in Higher Education,"** April Mason or Carol Shanklin, KSU. Status, challenges, and preparing women for leadership roles in higher education. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Women in Politics: A New Direction,"** Sydney Carlin and/or Usha Reddi, Status, benefits, and promoting women in politics. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Developing Leadership Skills in Young Women Today,"** faculty from Leadership Studies Program, KSU \_\_\_\_\_

**"Toys for Her: Using Play to Inspire Creativity, Learning, and Interest in Non-traditional Fields,"** Anna Nippert, early childhood education, KSU. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Crimes Against Women: Violence, Rape, and Trafficking,"** Kristen Tebow and Deb Kluttz or Donna Potts. (April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month) \_\_\_\_\_

**"Outstanding Women in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering,"** Chardie Baird, Director, KAWSE, KSU in conjunction with Women's History Month in March. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Women in Combat a Strength,"** retired General Richard Myers, KSU professor of military history (or other military science faculty). Talk on benefits, challenges, and opportunities for women in the military and ROTC program. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Women Carry the Weight of Life,"** Bunny McBride, president, Women's World Summit Foundation and KSU anthropology lecturer. WWSF, an international humanitarian organization works for integrating women in the development of systems/structures for equity, development and peace. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Inspiring Women to Lead the Nation in Innovation, Creativity, and Progression,"** Miss Kansas Theresa Vail. Learn how Miss Kansas is inspiring women to chart new pathways professionally and in pursuing non-traditional sports and opportunities. \_\_\_\_\_

**"Saving the Best for Last: Creating our Lives after 50,"** Gayle Doll, Women's Studies, KSU. Strategies for life-long learning, enrichment, and maintaining physical and mental health to ensure quality of life. \_\_\_\_\_

**Other topics of interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form by March 11, 2014 to Tresa Landis, 1314 Houston Street, Manhattan, KS 66502 (tilandis@cox.net).*

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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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**<http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net/>**

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