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## President's Welcome Letter



I recently met with Barbara Gatewood and she handed over to me all of the duties of the AAUW Manhattan branch president. I am anxious to share this information with Laura Donnelly, my co-president, as soon as she is able to take the time. As you may know, her mother is in

hospice care in Hutchinson. Laura is sharing as much time with her as possible. Please keep Laura and her mother in your prayers.

I want to thank all of you for entrusting the role of president to me. I hope to serve in this capacity to the best of my ability.

Looking ahead into the coming year, we have a number of outstanding programs in store for you due to the hard work of Mary Stamey. You won't want to miss the opportunity to learn, listen, and enjoy these programs. Be sure to read Mary's article on page 2 regarding our upcoming September program. This will be an interesting program due to the fact that it deals with something that's happening right here in our community.

I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting with you all at the September meeting. We can all help to make the year 2015-2016 a successful and active AAUW year.

Best regards,  
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## AAUW's Lisa Maatz is coming to Kansas!

As AAUW's top policy adviser, Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in coalition with other organizations. She is a sought-after speaker across the nation and in our nation's capital, and has a large and devoted following on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/LisaMaatz>). Lisa also provides leadership to several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls, including the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education and the Paycheck Fairness Act Coalition. She will be visiting with the Wichita, El Dorado, and Newton Branches in Wichita, however, Manhattan Branch members are invited to speak with her by traveling to Wichita.



**Date:** Saturday, September 26      **Location:** Wichita, Kansas      **Time:** 10:00 a.m. –noon

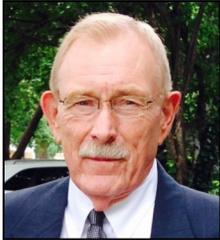
**Want to participate? Contact Nancy Bolsen [nancybolsen@gmail.com](mailto:nancybolsen@gmail.com)**

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## Branch Meeting — September 14, 2015

### Educational Needs and Challenges of Children Living in Poverty



Speaker: **Stan Ward**  
**Administrator, Federal/State Programs,  
 Grants and Special Projects, USD 383**

Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Ave  
 Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Program - 6:45 p.m.  
 Cost for dinner: \$12. Make checks payable to AAUW.

Make reservations by email to [manhattanksaauw@gmail.com](mailto:manhattanksaauw@gmail.com) (preferred) or call Connie Noble at (785) 539-5522. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, September 8th at noon. If you need or can provide transportation, contact Dede Brokesh at (785) 410-4335.

**Members may choose to attend the speaker and meeting portion of the evening at no cost. Mark your calendars, and plan to join us!**

### Kick off to a Great 2015-16

Our September speaker kicks off our 2015-16 program with a school related topic of AAUW prominence: poverty and homelessness. Dr. Stan Ward works at USD 383 as its grants, federal programs, and special projects administrator. He is the behind-the-scenes man of many programs in every school throughout the district.

Whether promoting, editing, guiding, or overseeing funding for federal programs to assist students of migrant workers, Native Americans, and at-risk preschoolers, or providing follow-up data to the board of education, or connecting with a variety of community entities, Dr. Ward's leadership provides success in the classroom via non-direct methods. His work is often invisible but vital to the success of many children.

### AAUW Public Policy Updates



Jean Lee

**AAUW Public Policy:** What's it all about? It is about equity for women in education, career paths, pay, leadership and economic, and political opportunities. AAUW provides opportunities for you to make your voice heard about these important issues. Here's how:

*Google: AAUW Washington Week and sign up to receive the weekly*

*e-bulletin. It is brief, informative and well written. It's a good read!*

*Washington Update* is AAUW's free, members-only weekly e-bulletin. It offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest policy news, resources for advocates, programming ideas, and updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department.

To make your voice heard, click on Take Action. Sign up for the Two Minute Activist. It really does take about 2 minutes to read and click to let your senators and representative in Congress know what you think about the important issues that AAUW supports.

New AAUW branch member, **Maurine Pruitt**, will be collaborating with **Jean Lee** on the Public Policy/LWV to keep the branch informed of important public policy issues. Maurine worked at the LWV table at the Everybody Counts event on August 1.



Maurine Pruitt

#### Upcoming Event:

COFFEE and CONVERSATION with School Board members, City and County Commissioners. The date is Saturday, September 12 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Grain Science Bldg., 1980 Kimball Ave and is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Manhattan/Riley County. Come and bring friends and young voters. Come to ask questions, share your ideas, and become better informed about our community.



Every two years, 1,000 women leaders from across the country gather to discover new ways to empower themselves and their community. AAUW’s national convention is a unique opportunity to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders.

## Highlights of the 2015 AAUW National Convention



Tresa Landis, Barbara Gatewood & Nancy Bolsen

Like most of the 1,050 participants at the **AAUW National Convention**, June 18-21, 2015 in sunny San Diego, Manhattan Branch members **Tresa Landis**, **Barbara Gatewood**, and **Nancy Bolsen** took learning and networking seriously!

The conference offered an

array of speakers/panelists, 30 workshops, plus pre-conference activities, such as the conference for state presidents.

Opening Speaker, **Catherine Lhamon**, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education (USDE), gave an impressive talk on civil rights, Title IX, and how the law helps fight sexual assault. She stressed that more information is needed about the law, how to file a lawsuit, and how USDE can help. Other **major topics** addressed were attracting women to STEM fields, educating the underprivileged, \$tart \$mart/Work Smart, building women leaders, how to encourage women to run for elected offices, the international women’s movement promoted by the United Nations (UN) and AAUW, diversity and inclusion, expanding public policy, using technology, recruiting strategies, branch archives, fundraising, and branch program ideas. WOW! We couldn’t help feel somewhat proud that our 2015-16 Branch Program Schedule includes some of these major topics!



Catherine Lhamon

AAUW’s VP of Government Relations, **Lisa Maatz**, discussed the use of social media and other online tools to be an activist for social change. AAUW is expanding its public policy efforts on the state and local levels. **Melissa Guardaro**, AAUW’s UN Representative, provided insight on what AAUW is doing at the UN level and the U.S.’s global impact on achieving equality for women. AAUW has a long history of tackling global women’s issues, from giving out fellowships to international scholars to working with the UN.



Panelists Don McPherson, Lilly Ledbetter, Noorjahan Akbar, and Marianne Schnall

A convention highlight was the session “What Does It Take to Make a Woman Leader.” We are pleased that panelist **Noorjahan Akbar** has accepted our invitation to give a branch program on **March 8, 2016, International Women’s Day**.

As a leader in Afghanistan, Noorjahan has steered several human rights campaigns, authored activism literature, and co-founded **Young Women for Change**, which focuses on fighting for gender equality. She received the 2012 AAUW-NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) Women of Distinction Award.

Because there were so many great activities and resources to share, AAUW has compiled the presentations, worksheets, and materials from the conference and the results of the AAUW National elections that can be accessed at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

## STEM Scholarship Recipients and Summer STEM Institute

By Marilyn Fox, STEM Sub-Committee Chairperson



Marilyn Fox (far left) with the scholarship winners

The first year for the AAUW STEM Summer Institute Scholarships was a huge success! I met with the six girls who were having so much fun and very appreciative of the scholarship. I visited with them about the selection process and encouraged the girls to

consider STEM studies and careers. They were excited about the classes they had taken so far; some were Vet Medicine, CSI Forensics, Outdoor Biology, Robotics, 3D Printing, Solar Power, Computer Programming, and many others. There is no way to know the long-term effect this experience will have on the girls, but planting the seed is the first step. It also made them feel special in being selected by such an impressive group of women!

### *The Process*

I came up with an application and had a few people give me feedback. The applications were hand delivered to all 6th grade teachers in USD 383 and were also available online through the district website. I went back around to the schools and collected the applications. A group of AAUW members reviewed and scored the essays. I tabulated the results and the top six were offered the scholarship. I emailed the teachers and parents of the recipients. There were sixteen applicants and eleven were considered for review (the others were not filled out completely; that was expressed strongly on the application). Those receiving scholarships and their schools were: **Sophia Thurston, Amamda Arnold; Chrysteen Brown and Brianna Dowling, Bluemont; Tori Neilson, Lee; Maggie Morrill, Marlatt; and Delaney Goscha, Northview.**

### *Motivation*

I joined AAUW in part because I remember the scholarships they used to offer to girls to attend Space Camp in Hutchinson. Camilla Budke would come around to the middle schools and distribute the applications. At that time, there were no local programs to encourage girls to go into science and math. I had a friend that told me that her daughter got that scholarship one year and it changed the course of her career path. She is now an F-16 pilot and

officer in the Air Force. A few years later, Kansas State started two programs for girls, GROW (Girls Researching Our World) and EXCITE. Both were centered around science, math and engineering. They offered scholarships to students for their summer workshops. If a teacher agreed to help out with the camp, that teacher could get a full scholarship for two students. I did that and two of my 8th grade students got to participate.

For one of them, Katheryn, it was a life changing experience. She had a difficult home life and college was a distant hope. There were many obstacles in her path. She so loved engineering, being on the KSU campus and the EXCITE program that she became a student helper in the following years.



Marilyn with Katheryn (left) at her Order of Engineer Ceremony

She worked hard in high school and went to K-State where she graduated in four years with a degree in Agricultural and Bio-Engineering. She contacted me the spring before she graduated and we met for coffee. She wanted to thank me for putting her life on the track that led to her career. I was so touched that she made the effort to contact and thank me for that small gesture. This young woman has been all over the world with Engineers Without Borders and has been accepted to graduate school at Virginia Tech starting in the fall. I was honored to be at the ceremony where she was inducted into the Order of the Engineer.

The inspiration for starting this scholarship has many parts; Camilla Budke, my former students, and the generosity of the women of AAUW.

The reason we chose the STEM Summer Institute for the scholarship is that it is local and the GROW/EXCITE programs already have scholarships in place. I would like to thank those AAUW members that donated their own money so that we could offer six scholarships. We had budgeted for only two, but our members stepped up and we could touch the lives of four more girls. I also would like to thank those that volunteered to review the applications. Know that your efforts may have helped a girl realize her potential.



2015 - 2016 Programs

DATE	PROGRAM
2015	<p>September 14 <b>Education Needs and Challenges of Children Living in Poverty</b> Stan Ward, Director, Federal/State Programs, Grants and Special Projects, USD 383 Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>October 12 <b>Women in the Media</b> Birgit Wassmuth, Director, A. Q. School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Kansas State University Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>November 9 <b>Native American Women’s Powers: Past, Present, and Future</b> Yolanda Broyles-González, Director, American Ethnic Studies Department, Kansas State University Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m. <b>Native American Heritage Month</b></p>
	<p>December 14 <b>Rhapsody Ringers: First Methodist Church Bell Choir</b> Nancy Monical, Director. Enjoy dessert and a ringing holiday performance! Location: First Methodist Church, 600 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m.</p>
2016	<p>January 11 <b>Women Artists You Should Know</b> Linda Duke, Director, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art Location: Beach Museum of Art, 701 Beach Lane, Kansas State University, 5:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>February 8 <b>Women in STEM - A Good Fit</b> Cindy Wallace-Lage, President of Global Water Business, Black and Veatch Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m. <b>Black History Month</b></p>
	<p>March 8 TUESDAY <b>Empowering Women to Lead Worldwide: Overcoming Political &amp; Social Struggles</b> Noorjahan Akbar, Co-Founder of Young Women for Change – advocate for Afghani women’s rights; AAUW Woman of Distinction award, 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; graduate student, American University Location : K-State Student Union Forum Hall, beginning at 4:00 p.m., dinner 5:30 p.m. <b>Women’s History Month; International Women’s Day, March 8</b></p>
	<p>April 11 <b>Title IX and K-State Athletics - How Are We Doing?</b> Jill Shields, Senior Associate Athletic Director, Kansas State University Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m. <b>Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; National Equal Pay Day, April 12</b></p>
	<p>May 9 <b>Annual Wrap-up and Celebration</b> Silent Auction – proceeds benefit branch scholarship fund. Installation of incoming leadership &amp; membership recognition. <i>Join us in celebrating our 96<sup>th</sup> branch year!</i> Location: Meadowlark Hills, Community Room, 2121 Meadowlark Road, 6:00 p.m.</p>

For more information, visit our branch website at <http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net> or contact us by email at [manhattanksaauw@gmail.com](mailto:manhattanksaauw@gmail.com)

### Manhattan Branch Interest Groups

**CREATIVE COOKERY** began as an energetic group of members who enjoyed creating gourmet type meals together. But over the years, while good food remained a priority, cooking did not! Today members, and often their partners, prefer to check out the various restaurants around town. You're welcome to join us for lunch on the second Wednesdays of the month.

**GREAT DECISIONS** is our most formally structured group. We participate in the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) nation-wide study of international issues which are impacting our country and the world. Similar groups meet all over the United States to read the NPA book which contains articles compiled by noted experts in each field. The groups discuss the articles, gather additional information if available, and fill out questionnaires to be sent at the end of the year to the FPA. The nationwide responses are compiled and made available to participants at the beginning of the next year in January. Some topics studied this year included Russia, India, Brazil, and Human Trafficking. Great Decisions meets the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Meadowlark. We do have room for a few more members if you are interested.

**BOOK GROUP** members love to read books – all kinds of books. Instead of reading the same book together, we prefer simply to share our own individual reading adventures. It's fun to hear about other books we might like to buy, borrow from the library or maybe from each other. The book group meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Manhattan Public Library on the second Friday of the month. Why not join us?

**SERENDIPITY** lives up to its name. Members volunteer to host one meeting a year in which the host chooses the location and program for the luncheon meeting. The program may include a guest speaker or simply a topic for discussion. Usually quite a lot of laughter is involved! Serendipity meets at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to join us at any time, but be sure to let the member hosting the meeting know that you plan to attend.

For further information about all interest groups contact Joan Strickler, 785 539 4752 or email [jstrickl@kansas.net](mailto:jstrickl@kansas.net).

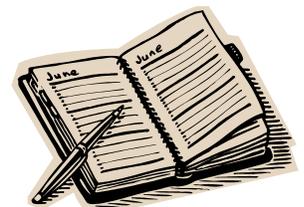
### Save the Date

There will be an amazing **AAUW Kansas Annual Meeting, April 9, 2016 in Hesston, Kansas at the Dyke Arboretum.**

Dr. Mirta Martin, President of Fort Hays State University, and at least one AAUW National officer will share with us exciting and mission-driven presentations. Plan to join the members of your branch and other state branches at this wonderful botanical garden venue with our hosts, the Newton Branch.

#### SEPTEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Sep. 7	Labor Day		Government offices closed.
8	Board Meeting		Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Sep 14 branch meeting reservation
	International Literacy Day		
9	Creative Cookery	11:30 a.m.	Early Edition (West)
10	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
	World Suicide Prevention Day		
11	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	Patriot Day		
14	Branch Meeting	6:00 p.m.	First Congregational Church
21	International Day of Peace		
22	Serendipity	11:30 a.m.	Not Yet Determined
	Graduate Fellowship Info Session	3:00 p.m.	KSU Alumni Center Purple Pride Room
26	Lisa Matz in Wichita	10:00 a.m.	Contact Nancy Bolsen for information



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.

## New Member Profiles



Does a wife ever retire? **Karen Tinkler**, our new AAUW co-president, doesn't think so. She says that when she was more active outside the home that she kept really busy. Karen has been married to her husband, Dean, for fifty-two years. They have two sons and two grandsons.

Karen was a 4-H dog project leader in Saline County for about fifteen years. She raised smooth and wire fox terriers and then traveled and showed her dogs.

After 4-H, Karen opened her own kennel and grooming shop in Salina. She also taught kennel management and dog grooming at Brown Mackie Business College in Salina. When she moved to Manhattan, Karen completed her bachelor of science degree in television production and direction at K-State and started her own video business, videotaping weddings, creating documentaries, and editing video footage.

Karen is committed to community service. She volunteered at the YMCA in Salina and was the only woman on its board of directors, becoming the first women president of the "Y" in Salina. Karen now volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Manhattan and is active in her church.

During her free time, she enjoys playing golf and reading. She would like to play better golf and improve her handicap. One of the best pieces of advice she's received is to learn to listen and keep an open mind. Something that some folks may not know about Karen is that she once had a wild burro named "Benny." Karen trained Benny to pull a cart and to give rides. Karen really misses him.

On Karen's bucket list right now is to travel to Australia and New Zealand. She would also like to make more "pars" on the golf course.



**Adena Weiser**, a fugitive Californian, joined the U.S. army in 1989. While in the military she wore many different hats: paratrooper, licensed practical nurse, drill sergeant, company commander, military spouse, and mother. When she attended officer candidate school with her husband and best friend, Tim, they were dubbed, "Team Weiser."

In 2006 Team Weiser returned to the U.S. with the First Infantry Division, after six years in Germany. They bought a home in Manhattan and deployed to Iraq in 2007 for fifteen months. After twenty-two years in the military and a final assignment in Hawaii, Adena retired in 2012, a year after Tim hung up his own desert boots, and they became permanent Manhattanites.

While in the army, Adena earned a master of strategic intelligence from the American Military University. In 2014, she earned her bachelor of arts in women's studies with a minor in creative writing from Kansas State University. She's currently pursuing a masters in creative writing and a graduate certificate in women's studies at K-State where she teaches expository writing as a graduate teaching assistant. As a life-long learner, Adena likes to explore the implications of socially constructed categories that affect people's lives.



Adena and Tim own and operate Manzanita Art & Antiques and Blue Earth Properties, LLC. They like to renovate old homes, enjoy spending time with their son, Marq, and son-in-law, Jake, both army veterans, who work and live in Kansas City.

*Please welcome Adena as our new AAUW Newsletter editor!*

## Nuss Chairs Community Event



Branch member **Debbie Nuss** chaired the Everybody Counts event on August 1st at the Douglas Community Center. This grass-roots community event started four years ago to help meet the needs of homeless and low-income residents of Manhattan. It began in response to a USD 383 Board of

Education report citing more than 250 homeless students in Manhattan. Nearly two dozen community social service agencies and organization had booths at the event to provide information about the community's social services. Inside the center, health professionals provided medical services. Harvesters and the Flint Hills Breadbasket distributed food, USD 383 FIT Closet (Families in Transition) provided free clothing, and Common Table served a free community meal.

She serves on the Riley County Health Dept.'s Public Health Advisory Council and recently coordinated the Riley County Community Needs Assessment. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from K-State, manages a consulting business with her husband, and works part-time at the Riley County Seniors' Service Center as communications/project coordinator. Debbie is an excellent resource for women interested in serving on local boards or running for public office.

## Meet KSU Scholarship Winner Roxanne Bunnell



Roxanne with her children

**Roxanne Bunnell** is a mother, full-time student, military spouse and a gal with a mission and the plan to achieve what she wants for her family and herself. She started college at the age of 27 and earned her Associate Degree at the Northern Virginia Community College in 2012.

When Roxanne's husband was transferred from Fort Riley, Kansas to another state, Roxanne and their three children stayed in Manhattan so that she could finish her degree at Kansas State University. She is scheduled to graduate this coming spring with her degree in Economics and Latin American Studies.

Before starting her college education, Roxanne worked for 10 years in retail. She won many awards at each job she had and her accomplishments and national recognition at Best Buy, where she worked for 4 years, got her recruited as a civilian project manager serving the U.S. military in Iraq.

Roxanne has volunteered for numerous organizations in each city that her family has lived in, promoting each cause and organizing successful fundraisers. Just a few of her academic activities include Rotaract, Economics Club, Senior Honors Project and membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society.

Roxanne's instructors and reference letters all refer to her passion to learn and active work to make a difference in the lives of others less fortunate. Her goal is to earn a Master's degree in Global Human Development at Georgetown University and eventually running her own NGO. Her trips to Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, and Costa Rica have given her a first-hand look at what the lack of education does to not only women and children but to the development of countries as a whole.



AAUW has provided more than  
**\$100 MILLION** to more than  
**12,000 WOMEN** and projects



## Grow Green Match Day Increases Branch Scholarship Fund

We received the quarterly report on our scholarship fund in mid-July and had very good news! The Grow Green Match Day at the

Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) in late April was extra successful for our KSU Scholarship Fund. We had 12 members make donations of \$25 to \$300 totaling \$1,100 which were matched by 50%. Lorie Cross, not a member but an enthusiastic supporter of our branch, made a very special donation of \$6,000 to give our fund an extra boost. The first \$1,000 of her donation was also matched by 50%. Many of you may remember meeting Lorie at our January 2014 meeting when she was a guest along with our scholarship winners. Lorie donated a \$1,000 scholarship that year. Lorie will be a guest at one or more of our meetings this year so that we can show our appreciation for her continuing support.

Mr. Phil Howe provided the 50% matching funds for donations from \$25 to \$1,000. He did this for all donations made to every organization that has funds at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. His donation to our scholarships totaled \$1,050 this year. AAUW also received an award of \$100 from the GMCF as a Grow Green Prize for our participation.

Our scholarship fund is now \$8,250 healthier! Thank you to all of our members that donated on Grow Green Day as well as during the years since our fund was started.

## You Can Help With the Ghana Book Project

Branch Member, Barbara Amoah, PhD Candidate at KSU, is undertaking a book project in her hometown, Southern Ghana. She received a grant of \$1,000 from the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Would you like to donate to this worthy cause? These donations can be in the form of cash, new or gently used literature (fiction and non-fiction books), and other teaching and learning materials for teens and young adults (5th to 9th Grade). Cash donations will be used to purchase recommended textbooks for Ghana Middle Schools. Please contact Barbara Amoah at 785-320-0697 or bamoah@ksu.edu. Any donation is very much appreciated!

## May Meeting Annual Wrap-Up and Celebration

The final meeting of the AAUW Manhattan branch's 95th year was held on May 11, 2015 at Meadowlark Hills. Following annual tradition, the May meeting featured a silent auction, installation of elected officers, and honoring members. Prior to beginning the delicious dinner arranged by Helen Janes, Jan Freeby and Karen Tinkler announced the silent auction rules and bidding began. Members donated all auction items, which included original works of art, household goods, and curios.



**Barbara Gatewood and new officers Beverly Page, Shauntia Rippee, Laura Donnelly and Karen Tinkler**

Outgoing Branch President, Barbara Gatewood, shared the prestigious Star Branch Award, granted by Kansas AAUW. It recognizes the branch's outstanding accomplishments in service, outreach, and recruitment. Some of the achievements were highlighted (visit <http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net/news/awards/>).

We had another exemplary membership year because of the recruitment efforts by Nancy Bolsen and the Membership Team. About 45 new members (regular/national/student members) have joined since July 1. Also noted were nine outstanding newsletters prepared by Barbara Amoah and Tresa Landis; a revised yearbook with professional information; an updated website coordinated by Katie Kingery-Page and the Communications Team. Mary Stamey and Joan Strickler, Program VPs, organized nine terrific programs. New activities were fostered by Jean Lee, Public Policy Coordinator and Marilyn Fox's new STEM initiatives. The Finance Team's excellent work on budget, fundraising, and scholarships was coordinated by Claudia Jones. Interest Groups under Joan Strickler's leadership continued to engage members, and members attended the AAUW Midwest Regional and State Conferences. Epson America donated a \$1,000 Epson Powerlite Projector.

Gatewood honored outgoing elected officers: Nancy Bolsen, Joan Strickler, Claudia Jones, Maxine Coffee, and Patricia

Floros; and the continuing officers: Connie Noble, Mary Stamey, and Katie Kingery Page.

They were given the traditional red rose. Their commitment of time, treasures, and talents has/will enable the branch to continue to grow. Next, Gatewood installed the newly elected officers (2015-2017 terms): Laura Donnelly and Karen Tinkler, Co-presidents; Patricia Floros, Membership VP; Annette Sanford, Treasurer; and Beverly Page and Shauntia Rippee, Directors-at-Large. Note: Shauntia Rippee will be serving as the new treasurer, following member voting and installation.

Also recognized were the appointed leaders, including appointed officers, sub team chairs, and coordinators. Our branch's accomplishments and new initiatives this year would not have been possible without the commitment of many members in leadership roles. Nancy Bolsen presented the new members with AAUW pens, certificates to the outstanding recruiters (Barbara Gatewood, Olivia Collins, Nancy Bolsen, Kingery-Page, Patricia Hudgins, Karen Tinkler, Janet Skochdopole, and Laura Donnelly), and acknowledged long-term members (10 – 19 years: Dede Brokesh, Sydney Carlin, Mavis Fletcher, Carole Hay, Jean Hulbert, and Joan Strickler; 20-29 years: Wilma Jo Adams, Kathy Borck, Tresa Landis, Helen Janes, Mary O'Laughlin, Faith Roach, and Anice Robel; 30-39 years: Lois Deyoe, Jan Freeby, Claudia Jones and Florence Schwab; 40-49 years: Carol Dixon and Marge McKittrick; and 50-year life: Rose Bissey, Marilyn Bunyan and Vadaline Strohm).

Vadaline Strohm presented the Outstanding Branch Member Award to Mary Stamey and the Named Gift Honoree to Tresa Landis. Joan Strickler acknowledged Mavis Fletcher and Helen White as Sunflower Gift Honorees.



**Named Gift Honoree Tresa Landis with Vadaline Strohm**

Lastly, Barbara Gatewood bestowed the President's Award for Outstanding Board Member on Nancy Bolsen and Claudia Jones for their outstanding service to the branch. In closing, all of the branch members were deeply thanked for their outstanding service, energy, creativity, and commitment to the AAUW Branch. **It has been another phenomenal year!!!**

*The May Auction Results are in! Our annual silent auction netted \$316.25 in sales plus a \$100.00 donation for a grand total of \$416.25. Special thanks to Jan Freeby and Karen Tinkler for all their work putting this together and also to the members that provided items for the sale and most importantly – those of you who donated or purchased items!*

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