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Highlights of Branch Meetings

November 14, 2016 Branch Meeting

The AAUW Manhattan Branch and Women of K-State sponsored a campus program in November by **Dr. Kelly Sartorius**, a leading scholar on the history of women's



Dr. Kelly Sartorius

higher education. Her talk **"Lessons in Leadership: Midwestern AAUW and Its Influence on Women's Higher Education,"** focused on the history of women in higher education from the early 1800's to present and the important role of deans of women and AAUW. These collegiate deans were concerned about the safety

and academic success of female students and fostered the ideals of self-governance, leadership, and training of the next generation leaders.

It was initially thought women could not have a family if they pursued academic careers. The feminist movement and educational/professional opportunities for women accelerated as AAUW became known on campuses. IAWS (Intercollegiate Association of Women Students) also provided a powerful national network for women
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December 12, 2016 Branch Meeting

A festive December holiday program was enjoyed by AAUW members and guests at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Christmas music was provided by The Church Ladies Music Harmonies: Kati Collins, Joan Nelson, and Mary Louise Stahl. This talented trio harmoniously sang and played a guitar, base violin, mandolin, flute, and clarinet. Some of their beautiful songs included "It Wasn't His Child," "Mary Did You Know?" and "This Is a Special Love Song." We also had an opportunity to sing along to Christmas music favorites. Kati Collins is an associate pastor, Joan Nelson is a secretary, and Mary Louise Stahl is a prior organist, all at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. After enjoying holiday dessert, coffee and punch, the AAUW ladies enjoyed a fun gift exchange accompanied by a wonderful Christmas story read by Connie Noble.



"The Church Ladies Music Harmonies," Kati Collins, Joan Nelson, and Mary Louise Stahl, provided holiday music

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Branch Meetings – Programs on Youth Learning and Unconscious Bias

January 9, 2017*

A Kansas STARBASE in Your Hometown

Becky Catlin, Director, Manhattan STARBASE Academy

Becky Catlin, Director of Manhattan STARBASE Academy, will introduce us to this collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Defense and National Guard. Learn how the program positively impacts youth in the areas of science, technology, economics, and mathematics through hands-on, active, fun learning projects that apply these concepts to daily life.

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1110 College Avenue
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Program at 6:45 p.m.
Cost for dinner \$12. Make checks payable to AAUW



Becky Catlin

February 13, 2017*

Unconscious Bias - Discussion and Exchange of Ideas

Patricia Hudgins and Mary Stamey

AAUW branch members Patricia Hudgins and Mary Stamey will lead a discussion on unconscious bias. Prior to the meeting, members are asked to read "The Science behind Implicit Bias" in the Spring 2016 issue of AAUW Outlook magazine. If your copy is unavailable, you can review it at the following link: <http://aauw.org/2016/05/19/science-behind-implicit-bias>.

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



Patricia Hudgins



Mary Stamey



"The Science behind Implicit Bias"
Spring 2016 issue of AAUW Outlook magazine

***Make reservations** for the above meetings by email (preferred) to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com or call Marilyn Bunyan at 785-537-9026.

The **deadline** for reservations is **Tuesday noon** the week prior to the meeting. If you need or can provide transportation to the branch meetings, contact Dede Brokesh at dea@ldbconsultants.com or 785-410-4335.

Invite a Potential Member to a Branch Meeting!!!

The upcoming January and February meetings are wonderful opportunity for potential members to learn more about AAUW's exciting programs and activities. First time dues are only **\$45.50** through **Shape the Future Campaign**. Dues for regular members are \$70. Graduate student dues are only \$18.81 (new) or \$49 (renewal). An application is available on our website <https://mnhattan-ks.aauw.net/> or by emailing us at manhattanksaauw@gmail.com. Send application and dues to Treasurer Shauntia Rippee, 2400 Raspberry Circle, Manhattan, KS 66502. K-State undergraduates are eligible for a FREE membership by going online at www.aauw.org, emailing the branch, or contacting Tara Terwilliger (tara102@ksu.edu), student president of AAUW at Kansas State University.

President's Remarks

I hope each of you had a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** with your families and friends. As we “cruise” into the new year, we will start to “chart our course” for the 2017. I hope you took advantage of the planned voyages for November and December. In November, we cruised over to the K-State Union Flint Hills Room to enjoy a program presented by **Dr. Kelly Sartorius**. Her talk was most interesting as she presented the history of the beginnings of women on campuses. She told interesting, and sometimes comical, stories about how they were treated and the beginnings of the AAUW organization. The event was co-sponsored with Women of K-State who provided the refreshments. Members and guests enjoyed meeting and visiting with Kelly in the informal atmosphere. In celebration of Christmas, our members “cruised” to Trinity Presbyterian Church on December 12th to enjoy a musical program by the **Church Ladies Music Harmonies** with refreshments, a novel gift exchange, and conversation. The talented trio was from the First Presbyterian Church. It was a memorable evening spent to close-out 2016.



Karen Tinkler

I received a letter from **AAUW National** listing **several achievements women have made** during the last year. Iowa elected their first woman as Speaker of the House. Rep. Linda Upmeyer made history when she became the first woman to hold the gavel as Speaker of Iowa's House of Representatives. Diane Humetewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe, was confirmed as the first Native American to serve as a U.S. District Court judge in Arizona. Carla Hayden was sworn in as the new Chief Librarian at the Library of Congress. She is the first female and African American to serve in this position. Hayden was once an AAUW member. (Note: Someone needs to ask her to renew her membership.) On a more serious note, just in time for Memorial Day, Congress and President Obama restored Arlington National Cemetery inurnment honors for Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Elaine Harmon, who served as a WASP member, will be inurned at Arlington. In 2017, there will be

21 women serving in the U.S. Senate – the highest number in history. Not only as members of AAUW, but also as women, we should be proud of these achievements and the achievements women have made in other communities.

In planning our course for 2017, there are some important decisions that need be made concerning our goals. As you know, we do not have a person who is directly in charge of memberships now. As members of AAUW, I feel that each of us can be an ambassador for the group. Together we can build our branch and our future. Our scholarship funds are presently in good shape; thanks to the Grow Green Foundation and the memorial gifts contributed to our branch. However, we do need funds for operating expenses, e.g., printing, postage, gifts for guest speakers, traveling expenses in some cases, donations to the First Congregational Church ladies and entertainment, the STEM program and any other unforeseen expenses that may arise throughout the year. To meet these expenses, we need to have “cash on hand”. How do we acquire the “cash” to meet these expenses? This is where the Board of Director's needs your input. There were a few ideas brought up at the November board meeting. Do we need to have a fund raising event? If so, what kind? A raffle, a musical program, assess members? HyVee cards are still available and members are encouraged to enroll or re-enroll in the Dillions Community Rewards Program. These are things to think about as we start the New Year. Perhaps we should ask our members to pay for their guest's meals, or perhaps the guests would prefer to purchase the meal themselves.

With these types of changes in mind. The Board is considering a welcoming event for new members. Please feel free to share your thoughts with any member of the board and/or other members. Looking forward, mark your calendar for the Community Fair at the Town Center Mall on February 4. We will need volunteers to help at our table to spread the word about AAUW. Looking forward to working with you this next season.

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Public Policy Update

Electoral College of the United States - Should it Stay or Should it be Gone?



Maurine Pruitt

The indirect Presidential and Vice-President election system – labeled our Electoral College is currently under storm by many voters since our President-elect did not win the popular vote by over two million votes. The **United States Electoral College** is a process established by Article Two of the Constitution where citizens vote at a general election to choose a slate of electors pledged to vote for a party's candidate. All states except Maine and Nebraska have electors chosen on a "winner-take-all" basis since the 1880's. In this system, the state electors are awarded to the candidate with the most votes in that state. This sounds fair so far . . . except in four elections, 1824, 1876, 1888 and 2000 and now in 2016 when the candidate receiving the most popular votes nationwide did not get elected. The people have said we need something done.

The closest Congress has come to amending the Electoral College since 1804 was in 1969-1971 Congress. Representative Emanuel Celler (D-New York) introduced the House Joint Resolution 681 proposing a Constitutional amendment, which would have replaced the Electoral College with a direct voting system, based on the nation popular vote. With this direct vote, the President and Vice President would win providing they had won at least 40% of the national popular vote. If neither pair (President and Vice President) had won 40% of the popular vote, there would be a run off election of the two pairs who had won the most votes in the first election. This Resolution passed the House of Representatives, but failed to pass in the Senate. In 2005 Representative Gene Green (D – Texas) introduced a joint resolution to amend the Constitution providing for the popular election of the President and Vice President under a new electoral system. The resolution not passing made him again introduce it into the legislature in January of 2009. It did not pass. In November of 2016, Senator Barbara Boxer (D – California) introduced a joint resolution to amend the constitution to replace the Electoral College with the popular vote of the President and Vice President. Results of this are not known. As of 2016, ten states have joined The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, agreeing to pledge their electors to the winner of the national popular vote. Ten states and the District of Columbia have joined the Compact, but it will not come into effect until the number of states agreeing to the compact equals a majority (270) of all electors. As of 2016, they have only 165 electoral votes. Only strongly "blue" states have joined the Compact. Many people feel they will have court challenges when they try to implement this. With this we can see things have been done to amend the Electoral College rather than vote it out completely.

Those who support the Electoral College point out that recounts now only occur state by state not nationwide. They also say it encourages keeping a two-party system by giving a negative effect on a third party. Those who support the Electoral College also note the electors rather than the general voting public would more quickly and with much less cost, choose a suitable replacement for someone who dies as a candidate after being elected, but before they take office.

The critics of the Electoral College claim it gives exclusive focus on large "swing states" while ignoring the rest of the states. They also site the large discouragement of turnout and participation by the U.S. population. They show a large disadvantage for third parties with the Electoral College as it stands. Also U.S. territories are not allowed to have electors in presidential elections, thus leaving 4 million people unable to vote in the presidential elections. The Electoral College has many times allowed the candidate NOT receiving the most popular votes to win the presidential election.

On December 19, 2016 the Electors meet in their states and vote for President and Vice President on separate ballots. These are signed and will be sent to the Congress and on January 6, 2017 these are counted and official results will be announced on that day. Will we again see an amendment to the Constitution asking for popular vote in elections of the President and Vice President being passed in the next session of Congress. Also will we see an increase in the states that join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact who want in the future, to have their electors vote for the person who wins the popular vote in the United States. References: National Archives and Records Administration – Electoral College Fast Facts, Wikipedia – Electoral College (United States).

To learn more about the Electoral College, join the League of Women Voters at lunch at the Little Apple Brewery on January 19, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. and hear a speaker talk about the Electoral College of the United States.

Submitted by Maurine Pruitt, AAUW Co-coordinator, Public Policy/League of Women Voters

Kansas AAUW State Board Liaison Report

Help Ensure a Brighter Future for One Kansas College/University Woman



Nancy Bolsen

The Kansas AAUW State Board wishes to send one Kansas college/university woman to the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** at the University of Maryland, College Park, **May 31 - June 3, 2017**. We have a Kansas NCCWSL scholarship application process, but the scholarship is not fully funded. The state board voted to assist the NCCWSL Scholarship winner with conference expenses up to \$750 to attend the nation's premier leadership conference for college women. Students who attend this conference share that it is a transformative experience. NCCWSL prepares college women to be the next generation of leaders and help them make their future what they want. **Would you like to help?** Please send your check to Carolyn Dwire, Treasurer AAUW, 700 North Washington, El Dorado, KS 67042. Put NCCWSL in the memo line.



NCCWSL applications and additional information are available on the state (<http://aauw-ks.aauw.net/>) and Manhattan branch website's (<http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net>) under the Scholarship section. Learn more about the prestigious NCCWSL leadership program, registration, and scholarships at <https://www.nccwsl.org/registration/>. As part of the state student application, they also must apply early for National NCCWSL Scholarship, available online from December 5, 2016 to February 28, 2017. The National scholarship covers registration, housing, and one pre-conference activity.



Come to Overland Park, Kansas for the 2017 Kansas AAUW State Conference!

Put April 22, 2017 on your AAUW calendar – the excitement is building for stimulating speakers,

educational information and other inspiring conference events under the conference theme **"Rising AAUW Stars."**

The **82nd Kansas AAUW State Conference** will be held at the Johnson County Community College (JCCC) in Overland Park, Kansas at the beautiful Culinary Arts Building located at College Boulevard and Quiver. The conference will be co-hosted by the AAUW@ JCCC student organization and the Kansas AAUW State Board. Conference plans include inspirational speakers, educational displays, and time to share ideas with other branches and student organizations. You will find updated AAUW State Conference information and registration forms as they become available at <http://aauw-ks.aauw.net/> and also in the February 2017 AAUW Kansas Bulletin.



JOIN US AS WE TAKE THE NATION'S CAPITOL BY STORM in Washington, D.C. on June 14-17, 2017

Experience Leadership for Women, by Women. Every two years, 1,000 women leaders from across the country gather to discover new ways to empower themselves and their communities. The AAUW National Convention is a unique opportunity to learn new skills, gain insights and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders. Open to anyone who believes in empowering women and girls, the convention provides engaging opportunities for professional and personal growth so that women leaders everywhere can maximize their impact. The program is

also full of fun and engaging networking opportunities. It's a place to meet new friends who share your passions and connect with leaders and advocates from across the country. Plus, you can take in the best culture and entertainment our host cities have to offer on exciting pre- and post-convention tours. **Don't miss out — register now at <https://aauw.org> or <https://convention.aauw.org>. Registration rates: Best Value: \$549, Early Bird: \$625, Regular: \$675. Best Value registration date ends, January 14, 2017.** Submitted by Nancy Bolsen, AAUW State Board Liaison

Profiles of New Members



Linda Law moved to Manhattan in 1974. Her husband, Dennis, came as an instructor and graduate student in landscape architecture. She had completed a bachelor's in home economics from Texas Tech in 1965. She then earned an elementary education degree at K-State, followed by a master's

in curriculum and instruction in 1985. Linda is certified in home economics, social studies, elementary education, and English as a second language. She has taught grades one, two, three, four and six at Bluemont and Northview Schools.

They have three children and a cat named Marmalade. Their oldest, Dwight, graduated from Cal Poly in a landscape architecture and now works in Shanghai, China. Andrea, a Texas Wesleyan University and K-State graduate, holds degrees in elementary education, ESL, and an MBA. Brent is a K-State graduate in criminal justice, and is a Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserves. He manages AT&T's corporate airport facility in Dallas.

They have four grandchildren and like to take them to the national parks. Linda walks about four miles a day and has biked across Kansas 14 times with Biking Across Kansas. "I also enjoy zentangle, an art form, with friends every other Tuesday evening. If you are a current 'tangler', we would be glad to have you join us."



Darla Cobb moved here from the East coast to work at the local military post in an administrative support position. As an older adult, she earned a bachelor's in management studies from the University of Maryland, along with a certification in human resource management. She heard about

AAUW many years ago and says, "I am grateful to have had a recent opportunity to be a part of this inspiring, fun, and educational organization." Darla extends a

thank you to Karen Tinkler who initially invited her to coffee. She looks forward to learning more about AAUW, enjoying the events, and meeting the members.

Darla enjoys spending time with her family, friends and neighbors. She likes attending cultural and community events. Exercising, cooking and encouraging others are her present involvements. Later in her life she will plan on living in a nice retirement community, traveling, and volunteering in the local community.



Angela Powers, Ph.D. is a professor at K-State and was recruited as Director of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications in 2004. She is a specialist in media management and economics and known internationally for her work on leadership in newsrooms and the changing

media landscape. Her recent work focuses on family-owned news media and the role of communication infrastructure and information technologies in organizational change and transformation. Her research includes the A.Q. Miller family and how they created sustainability in media management for five generations.

Dr. Powers was awarded a 2015 national teaching award in media management. While Director, her department won the University award for enhancing diversity and developed one of the best national advisory councils at KSU. She teaches undergraduate courses in media management and graduate seminars on media economics, convergence, and theory. She has served as a visiting scholar and consultant for managers at national media, *Al-Ahram*, in Cairo. She facilitated the creation of the first master's programs in communications in Lithuania. She facilitated the creation of a new Media Convergence Center, revised the curriculum, increased diversity, and led a growing department during a \$2.6 million building renovation. She was a television journalist for NBC and CBS affiliates in Illinois before receiving her doctorate from Michigan State University and master's and bachelor's from Illinois State University.

November 14, 2016 Branch Meeting (from page 1)

students to have a voice on key issues. In the 1940's, deans of women provided leadership in discussing civil rights, sex education, and other key issues with female students. Campus leaders finally realized women could have both careers and families in the 1950s. Dr. Sartorius stated that for many years, sororities were the primary campus groups that taught leadership skills to women. Now student government associations and other campus organizations have many women students involved in leadership. Title IX of the 1972 Education Act changed everything for women on college campuses and in high schools across the U.S.

Dr. Sartorius currently teaches at the Honors College at the University of Kansas. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications and a doctorate in American history from K-State. Her book Deans of Women and the Feminist Movement, won the 2012 Strang Research Award.

December 12, 2016 Branch Meeting (from page 1)

Enjoying holiday refreshments



Exciting Christmas gift exchange

JANUARY/FEBRUARY BRANCH CALENDAR

January	3	Lunch & Board Meeting	11:30 & Noon	Vista Drive In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	4	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Jan. 9 branch meeting reservation due
	9	Branch meeting	6:00 p.m.	Trinity Presbyterian Church
	12	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
	13	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	24	Serendipity	11:30 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
February	4	Community Fair	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Manhattan Town Center
	6	Lunch & Board Meeting	11:30 & Noon	Vista Drive In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	7	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Feb. 13 branch meeting reservations due
	9	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
	10	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	13	Branch meeting	6:00 p.m.	First Congregational Church
	28	Serendipity	11:30 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills

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The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is a nationwide community with more than 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 local branches, and 800 college and university (C/U) partners. Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In the 2016-2017 academic year, for example, AAUW has committed more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to outstanding women, AAUW branches, and community nonprofit organization. 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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