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President's Remarks



When I received the email from Barbara Gatewood that it was time to submit my remarks for the November/December newsletter, I realized how fast 2016 will be coming to a close. I need to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and Peaceful New Year. I'm sure this is your

"first" greeting for both holidays. Looking back over the past year, our branch has achieved three major accomplishments. We have established an AAUW student organization, we held our first International Women's Day event, and Tara Terwilliger, student president of AAUW at Kansas State University, attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June at the University of Maryland.

Fall is a wonderful time of the year. Our electric bills often drop a little due warm days and cool nights. Everyday there are new colors to enjoy as we look out on the countryside. We have many trees on our

property. This last week our two sons were here and worked for two days trimming and cutting down trees. I can actually see under some of the trees now, and look between them. As I watch the leaves turn to different shades of red, yellow, and orange, I realize that the colors will fade and fall to the ground. You know what happens next - raking. Another event that happens this time of year can be referred to as "revolving closets". Summer clothes are put away and as we refill our closets, we wonder which of our favorite fall and/or winter outfits will "still fit".

As 2017 approaches, look forward with me to a new year and new voyages as we "chart our course". The first of the year, we will be planning our second International Women's Day Event to be held in March. I encourage you to join in the planning so that we can build another memorable event. For now, enjoy K-State football, fall, and the best of the Holiday Season.

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Get Out and Vote on November 8!!!

Your voices in the Presidential, State, and Local elections must be heard on Tuesday, November 8. AAUW members **Mayor Usha Reddi** and League of Women Voters/Public Policy co-chair **Jean Lee** have written insightful articles on the voting process, sample ballots, and important issues (page 3).

Encourage students to apply for State and National NCCWSL Scholarships (page 5)!!!

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Branch Meetings – Special Presentation and Holiday Cheer**November 14, 2016*****Lessons in Leading: Midwestern AAUW and Its Influence on Women's Higher Education*****Dr. Kelly C. Sartorius, Adjunct Lecturer, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas**

Kelly Sartorius

The American Association of University Women has been working hard to promote equity and education for women and girls since 1881. In a joint effort, Women of K-State and the Manhattan chapters of AAUW will be hosting K-State alumna, Dr. Kelly Sartorius. She will be sharing her award-winning story of the women's movement in higher education, particularly focusing on the Deans of Women including Emily Taylor, Dean of Women at the University of Kansas, and their impact on female leaders and students in higher education. Refreshments will be provided.

Location: Flint Hills Room, K-State Union, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Make reservations online at the Women of K-state website <http://www.k-state.edu/women/events/index.html> by scrolling down to the event and clicking on the link to register in the body of the program information on the website. Reservations also can be made by email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com or by contacting Marilyn Bunyan (785-537-9026, wkbunyan@cox.net). **Deadline** for reservations is Tuesday, November 8.

December 12, 2016***The Church Ladies Music Harmonies***

A seasonal music program will be provided by the "The Church Ladies" - a local harmonic trio led by Joan Nelson. Please bring a small gift (\$5) to exchange. The exchange has an interesting twist. Dessert, hot beverages, and fellowship will be provided.

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1110 College Avenue, 6:00 p.m.

Make reservations by email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com or by contacting Marilyn Bunyan (785-537-9026, wkbunyan@cox.net).

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 8.

If you need or can provide transportation to the branch meetings, contact Dede Brokesh at dea@ldbconsultants.com or 785-410-4335.

Mary Louise Stahl, Katie Collins,
and Joan Nelson***Invite a Potential Member to a Branch Meeting!!!***

The upcoming November and December meetings are wonderful opportunity for potential members to learn more about AAUW's exciting programs and activities. First year 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. 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.

Essential Voter Information



Mayor Usha Reddi

There are other **voting items** on the election ballot, in addition to the presidential candidates! **First**, make sure you go to rileycountyelections.org and check that you are **registered to vote**. If you have changed your status because of marriage, divorce or other circumstances or have a change of address, visit the website and confirm that you are still registered to vote and check where your polling site is. The last day to register to vote was October 18.

Second, check out your sample ballot before voting. On the Riley County Elections website you can view a **sample ballot for your district**. It's important to check it out because you may intend to vote for someone but may be disappointed to find out they are not in your district.

For example, Ron Wells and Levi Smith are running for Riley County Commissioner position in District 3. Even if you live in Manhattan, you may not see these candidates on your ballot if you are not in their district. Where you live in Manhattan will also decide if you can vote for Sydney Carlin representing District 66 or Tom Phillips representing District 67.

Items that ALL of us in Manhattan will have on the ballot: President; United States Senator; United States Representative; State Senator; State Board of Education; County Clerk; County Treasurer; Register of Deeds; County Attorney; Supreme Court Justices; Court of Appeals Judges; Magistrate Court Judge; Constitutional Amendment; and Question Submitted on Street Maintenance and Safe Pedestrian Routes to School Program.

I highly recommend being informed about judges, the Constitutional Amendment, and the Street Maintenance ballot question. I also suggest asking for a **paper ballot**. Advance voting by mail or in-person begins October 19.



LWV's Jean Lee

The **Constitution of the United States** clearly states that there are three separate but equal branches of government: executive, legislative, and judicial.

"The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behavior, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

For 60 years, Kansas has used the **merit system** in selecting the brightest and best candidates for appointment by the governor to the Kansas Supreme Court. Written into the system is the provision that every six years, the names of the members of the Supreme Court are placed on the November ballot to be retained or removed from office. While you may agree or disagree with some decisions they make, it is important to understand the reasons behind the decisions and to retain the justices who are exhibiting integrity, professional competence, experience, and fairness. Our present Kansas Supreme Court Justices exhibit all of these qualities. The United States Constitution says that "they shall hold their offices during good Behavior."

Some groups in Kansas are trying to remove these justices, using misleading information, hoping to appoint new justices who will agree with their agenda. **Vote YES** on Tuesday, November 8 to retain the five Supreme Court Justices who are on the ballot. Vote to protect our nonpartisan, non-political judicial system.



Good Health, Good Politics, and Good Programs!

The 2016-2017 program year for the Manhattan branch of AAUW began **September 12** with an outstanding presentation titled, “Women’s Health: Understanding the Origin of and Therapies for Breast Cancer”. Branch member, **Dr. Annelise Nguyen**, associate professor of toxicology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at K-State explained the groundbreaking research currently being conducted. An alternative approach to enhance drug sensitivity for breast cancer treatment is to increase cell to cell communication in tumor cells. Dr. Nguyen explained via detailed slides what this communication looks like. In addition, she shared that biomedical industries are constantly seeking novel materials to advance biotechnologies for improving human health. Three dimensional (3D) cell culture technology has been recognized as a unique system, enabling scientists to understand in depth tumors in humans. A new discovery of biomaterial, peptide-based hydrogel at KSU has developed and addressed this challenge, allowing the KSU researchers to grow 3D breast tumors in culture. As a side note, Dr. Nguyen showed a slide of a cancerous tumor at the cell level that has been recreated as a photograph to be entered (1/7 pictures), in an auction to promote STEM programs in Kansas City area schools. Good luck Dr. Nguyen!



President Tinkler presents branch donation to Dr. Hguyen for Johnson Cancer Research Center at K-State



State Reps. Sydney Carlin and Tom Phillips

On **October 10**, two local politicians running for re-election were guests of our branch. Both currently hold office as state representatives in their districts. AAUW member **Sydney Carlin**, currently representing the 66th district, stated one of the highlights of her public service work is helping constituents understand and utilize services the state government has for its citizens. **Tom Phillips**, representing the 67th district, shared that Riley County is a rising star among all the Kansas counties, and it is an honor to serve his district and interests of the entire county. He believes when we argue our points of view, we should educate one another as we disagree. Each candidate was asked the same questions on three different topics: funding of education, Medicaid expansion of KanCare, and concealed carry of weapons on college campus. Although Representative Carlin is a Democrat and

Representative Phillips, is a Republican, they expressed support for one another and only showed slight differences on the topics. They also shared a little history and what lies ahead on these issues.

Funding of Education: Currently, Kansas has been using a block grant method of funding. Grant money has been a flat amount sent to each school district, rather than using the formula that worked successfully for many years. Both candidates agreed Kansas is structurally imbalanced with its taxes. Education funding will be cut again this session. An increase in the fuel tax may be imposed for the short term. The supreme court of Kansas may tell the legislature they are forced to come up with \$350 million, in addition to what has been granted. There is no easy fix. The whole tax structure needs to be looked at; we are not using our tax dollars prudently and there are insufficient tax dollars.

Expansion of KanCare (Medicaid): The governor keeps sending back the federal dollars allowed to Kansas. Both candidates feel the Kansas House of Representatives may approve expanding KanCare as they did last year, but also feel the governor will veto it. Their work will be deciding whether or not to override the veto. Kansans earning between \$6000 to approximately \$22,000 a year cannot get insurance under the current KanCare program, and do not qualify for insurance under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Concealed Carry on Campus: The law is to be implemented in 2017. Colleges and universities have to decide whether to install security devices for each door in every building, hire security for every building, or allow guns on campus. Both candidates feel the implementation of this bill will be delayed, and this election will determine its fate.

Kansas AAUW State Board Liaison Report, Fall 2016



Nancy Bolsen

Nancy Bolsen summarized Kansas AAUW State Board activities. The **AAUW State Bulletin** (newsletter) is coming out later in October. **Goals of the AAUW State Board** have been set: 1) Host the State Conference in April 8 or 22, 2017 - they are working on a Kansas City area location, theme, and exciting speakers; 2) Obtain and share state legislative healthcare issues that could affect the state membership; and 3) Direct focus on helping Branch leadership with membership and programs.

State and National NCCWSL Scholarships. The application for the **Kansas AAUW State Board NCCWSL Scholarships** to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders will be available in late October online at <http://aauw-ks.aauw.net/> or by contacting Nancy Bolsen at nancybolsen@gmail.com. The Board will probably provide \$600-\$650 to the undergraduate student winner. The student will also need help from branches, individual donors, for the student to provide the rest of the approximately \$1,400 cost of the NCCWSL conference at the **University of Maryland, May 31-June 3, 2017**. As part of the 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. **Early-Bird NCCWSL Registration** opens December 5, 2016. Learn more about the prestigious NCCWSL leadership program, registration, and scholarships at <https://www.nccwsl.org/registration/>.

National Violence Policy Center has published new national information on domestic violence. The domestic homicide rate per 100,000 females for states in our area: Kansas 1.17, Missouri 1.26, Arkansas 1.39, and Oklahoma 1.94 (among the highest 10 states in U.S).

AAUW National has published a brand new monthly **AAUW in the Statehouse E-bulletin**. It is easy to keep up to date on what is happening in Kansas by going to www.aauw.org. **CONCERNING FACT: Kansas has fewer female state lawmakers in 2016 than in 2005**, based on the **National Conference of State Legislatures Report**, compiled by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University about women in government in states in our area.

Three New Manhattan Branch Members

September got off to a great start for our membership – we had three new members join at our September branch dinner meeting! We also had an extra guest at the meeting that night as well as several guests at our October meeting. We just received notification that one of the guests at the summer coffee is going to be joining our branch as well. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new members and guests at the November meeting or interest groups, and help them connect with other members. Listed below are our newest members – we will be sending contact information for them to be added to the protected area (members only) of our website a little later this month. Please use that information to update your yearbooks.

Linda Law attended Texas Tech and Kansas State University. She has a Masters in Curriculum and Instructions and is retired from USD 383 in Elementary Education. **Angela Powers** (not shown) earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Illinois State in Communications and Ph.D. in Media from Michigan State. She is a Professor in K-State's School of Journalism and Mass Communications. **Darla Cobb** holds a B.A. in Human Resources and Management from the University Maryland and currently works at Fort Riley as an Administrative Specialist in Finance. Welcome to our branch members Linda, Darla, and Angela. We look forward to getting to know you better!



Linda Law, Joyce Blanck (guest), and Darla Cobb.



AAUW Fellowships and Grants

AAUW has a long distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the U.S. and around the globe. As one of the largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW provides nearly \$4 million in funding each year to women scholars and community projects that benefit women and girls. The Manhattan Branch asks you to please inform university women and students about the following educational funding

American Fellowships

Who may apply: Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks.

Funding: \$6,000-30,000 **Deadline:** November 15

International Fellowships

Who may apply: Women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents

Funding: \$18,000-\$30,000 **Deadline:** December 1

Career Development Grants

Who may apply: Women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance or change their careers, change careers, or reenter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least five years before the award period.

Funding: \$2,000-\$12,000 **Deadline:** December 15

Selected Professions Fellowships

Who may apply: Women pursuing full-time study in a master's or professional degree program in which women are underrepresented, including STEM, law, business, and medicine

Funding: \$5,000-\$18,000 **Deadline:** January 10

Community Action Grants

Who may apply: Individuals, AAUW branches and states, and nonprofit organizations to fund innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls

Funding:

One-year grant, \$2,000-\$7,000

Two-year grant, \$5,000-\$10,000 **Deadline:** January 15

General questions can directed to AAUW Manhattan Branch Fellowship and Grants Chair, Glenda Leung at glendaleung@ksu.edu. **For specific questions or technical support**, please e-mail aauw@applyists.com.

2016 AAUW Branch Scholarship Recipient Ellie Weber

Eliza Weber (Ellie) is one of our three KSU scholarship recipients for the 2016/17 term.

She was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana and received her BFA in ceramics at the University of Montana. Ellie has participated in a short-term residency at Medalta International in Alberta, Canada and did a two-year Artist in Residence at Pottery Northwest in Seattle, Washington. Her work can be found at several galleries in Montana and Washington, as well as Phoenix Gallery in Lawrence and also at a gallery on the Plaza in Kansas City. She is currently working on her Master of Fine Arts at Kansas State University and will be graduating in the spring of 2018. She is busy working in the studio on projects, helping organize student events, and working as a GTA. She also is a member of the KSU Potter's Guild as well as several other art related organizations at KSU and the National Council of Education of Ceramic Arts. Ellie is

continuously working on preparing art for national solo and juried exhibitions to get her art exposed to the public. One Professor that provided a reference letter for Ellie described her as "kind and genuinely sweet, but hardworking and tough as nails" as well as "smart and analytical". Ellie is working on her master's degree in order to teach art at the college level and to also share knowledge by teaching at the community level. You can view her website at elizaweber.com and come to meet her and our other scholarship recipients at one of our upcoming meetings.



AAUW - League of Women Voters (LWV) Co-Sponsored Candidate Forum

The branch was one of the co-sponsors for the LWV's Candidate Forum on October 9, moderated by Debbie Nuss. It was an excellent opportunity hear the candidates running for Riley County Commission District 3: Ron Wells (R) and Levi Smith (D); State Board of Education: Deena Horst (R) and Aaron Estabrook (R); and Kansas House District 66 and 51 (see photo below). AAUW member and State Representative, Sydney Carlin is running for re-election.



Candidates for Kansas House District 66 (left): Stan Herman (R) and Sydney Carlin (D)
Candidates for Kansas House District 51 (right): Adrienne Olejnik (D) and Ron Highland (R)



Moderator and AAUW member Debbie Nuss

AAUW at K-State Submits Grant for Elect Her - Campus Women Win

We are pleased to share the pending of a request to host **Elect Her- Campus Women Win** workshop in the spring semester of 2017. It is the only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. A collaboration between AAUW and Running Start, Elect Her addresses the need to expand the pipeline of women candidates and to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap. The workshop of Elect Her is a one-day, 4.5-hour training. It covers skills such as how to mobilize a constituency, how to craft a message, and how to speak confidently and present oneself as a candidate. AAUW at K-State will send out a call for applications to attend the workshop in December depending on the outcome of submitted request.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Nov.	7	Lunch & Board Meeting	11:30 & Noon	Vista Drive In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	8	ELECTION DAY	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Designated voting places
	8	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Nov. 14 branch meeting reservations due
	10	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
	11	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	14	Branch meeting	7:00 p.m.	Flint Hills Room, K-State Union
Dec.	5	Lunch & Board Meeting	11:30 & Noon	Vista Drive In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	8	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Dec. 12 branch meeting reservations due
	8	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
	9	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	12	Branch meeting	6:00 p.m.	Trinity Presbyterian Church

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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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