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President's Welcome Letter



I hope that all of you had an enjoyable summer and were able to spend quality time with your families and friends. Our new branch year is fast approaching. AAUW International has chosen the theme "Charting Our Course" for the 2016-17 year. With that theme in mind, the Manhattan

Branch becomes our "home port"; so welcome to the Manhattan Branch Island. We are planning several voyages to nearby islands, and we welcome our members to join "crews" that are heading out for voyages to Women's Community Leader's Coffee Island, Christmas Island, International Women's Day Island and/or Treasure Island. The islands represent events which we plan to hold throughout the year. Our branch plans to reach out into the community, as well as learning

about the needs in our community. The term "crew" member is being substituted for the words "committee members" to match this year's theme.

Members are welcome to attend our branch board meetings on the first Monday of every month from 11:30 - 1:00 at the Vista Drive-In meeting room with the exception of September, when it will meet the first Tuesday because of Labor Day. Most of our branch's business will be conducted at these meetings in order to keep business short at our regular meetings. We want to have ample time for visiting, dining, and our monthly programs at the branch meetings. So WELCOME ABOARD, I hope that you enjoy the voyage.

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Invite a Potential Member to a Branch Meeting

The start of a new program year is a great time to invite potential members to a branch meeting so they can take full advantage of a first year membership dues of only \$45.50 through AAUW's Shape the Future Campaign. Dues for regular returning members are \$70. Graduate student dues are only \$18.81 (new) or \$49 (renewal). An application is available on our website <https://manhattan-ks.aauw.net/> or by emailing us at manhattanksaauw@gmail.com. Send application and dues to Treasurer Shauntia Rippee, 2400 Raspberry Circle, Manhattan, 66502. K-State undergraduates are eligible for a FREE membership by going online at www.aauw.org or by emailing the branch.

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Branch Meetings – *Programs on Important and Timely Topics*

September 12, 2016*

Women's Health: Understanding the Origin of and Therapies for Breast Cancer

Dr. Annelise Nguyen, Associate Professor of Toxicology, College of Veterinary Medicine/Johnson Cancer Research Center, Kansas State University

Dr. Nguyen is a distinguished researcher with a focus on breast cancer. In collaboration with K-State researchers Dr. Duy Hua, Chemistry, and Dr. Delores Takemoto, Biochemistry, they discovered cancer-fighting synthetic compounds that prevent tumor formation in mouse models with mammary tumors. Their research has led to a patent and is used to enhance breast cancer therapies. Dr. Nguyen was born in Vietnam and immigrated with her family to the U.S. when she was ten. It was at this age that she was first enrolled in school. While academically behind her peers, she was a fast learner and excelled. She received her Ph.D. from Texas A&M in 2001.



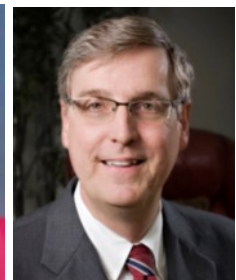
October 10, 2016*

Legislative Issues in National and Local Elections

Impacting Women

Kansas House of Representatives Sydney Carlin, District 66,
and Tom Phillips, District 67

The non-partisan discussion will address the status of public school funding, health care, and concealed-carry on university campuses. A brief question and answer period will follow.



***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.

***Make reservation** by email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com (preferred) or call Marilyn Bunyan at 785-537-9026. Deadline for reservation is Tuesday noon the week prior to the meeting. If you need or can provide transportation, contact Dede Brokesh at dea@ldbconsultants.com or 785-770-3495.

Interest Groups – *Opportunities to Explore New Topics and Socialize*

GREAT DECISIONS is America's largest discussion program on critical issues impacting our world today. Participants meet at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Meadowlark Hills to discuss topics in the Great Decisions Briefing Book. Upcoming topics include the Islamic State, Korean Choices, United Nations, and Climate Change. Chair: Mary Stamey, marystamey@gmail.com, 785-565-3295.

BOOK TALK is a wonderful opportunity for members to share their individual reading adventures instead of reading the same book. It meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Friday of the month at the Manhattan Public Library or alternate location. The members love to read and hear about all kinds of books. Chair: Mary Stamey.

SERENDIPITY provides an opportunity for members to meet for lunch and explore an array of exciting topics given or arranged by the member host. The program may include a guest speaker, activity, or simply a discussion topic. It meets at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Meadowlark Hills or an alternate location selected by the host. Chair: Nancy Bolsen, nancybolsen@gmail.com, 785-565-8720.

Contact: interest group chairs or Joan Strickler, Interest Group Coordinator at jstrickl@kansas.net 785-539-4752.

May Meeting Wrap-up and Celebration

The Manhattan Branch celebrated another productive year on May 9, 2016 at Meadowlark Hills. Major accomplishments highlighted by President Karen Tinkler were the outstanding branch programs coordinated by Mary Stamey; Noorjahan Akbar's three-day visit to mark International Women's Day, supported by a KSU Academic Excellence Grant and AAUW Campus Outreach Grant; three branch scholarship awards coordinated by Claudia Jones; six STEM scholarships coordinated by Marilyn Fox; several AAUW \$tart \$mart workshops; and start of the student organization AAUW at Kansas State University, initiated by Glenda Leung, Annelise Nguyen, and Barbara Gatewood. Special thanks was given to Helen Janes for arranging the dinner and to Jan Freeby and Jane Mullen for the successful fundraising auction. Some of the outgoing/incoming officers, awards and excitement are shown in the following photo journal.



Outgoing officers Connie Noble, Claudia Jones, Katie Kingery-Page, and Mary Stamey honored by Karen Tinkler



Jane Mullen and Jan Freeby organized a very successful silent auction fundraiser



Installation of new Directors at Large Marilyn Bunyan and Maurine Pruitt by Karen Tinkler



AAUW at K-State Advisor Glenda Leung, Tara Terwilliger, and Corrine Stratton at auction table with new display board



President's Awardees Mary Stamey and Barbara Gatewood



Connie Noble was awarded Outstanding Branch Member

Highlights of 2016 Midwest Ten State AAUW Biennial Conference

Eight branch members attended the AAUW Midwest Conference, June 3-4 at the Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City. The conference theme was "AAUW-Working Today for the Women of Tomorrow." Outgoing State President Nancy Bolsen was praised for her inspiring leadership in the opening session.



Tresa Landis, Annelise Nguyen, Karen Tinkler, Shauntia Rippee, Nancy Bolsen, Glenda Leung and Barbara Gatewood



Catherine Hill

Catherine Hill, AAUW VP of Research gave a keynote address on the importance of the organization's research, showed the new video "One AAUW: Changing the Climate for Women and Girls," and conducted a group exercise on developing AAUW "elevator speeches" for conveying the mission and importance of AAUW to potential members. A timely presentation, "Get Out the Vote" by Katie Simon, AAUW Associate Director of Field Operations stressed the importance of voting in the 2016 elections because so much is at stake that affects women and families. It is important to speak out on key issues. She stated that the lack of candidate knowledge and uncertainty about qualification were major deterrents to 75 million eligible voters two years ago. An AAUW campaign goal is to increase the turn out of voters, ages 18-31, through the Young Voters Project. AAUW members were encouraged to provide clear explanations of issues and why they are important.

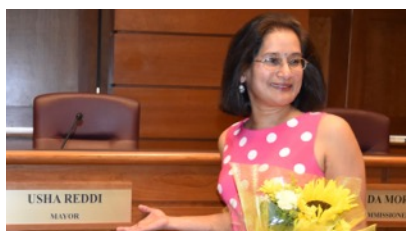


Katie Simon

Breakout sessions covered important topics, e.g., motivation and engagement, the intersection of sexism and racism, and breaking the chains of human trafficking. Catherine Hill, co-author, presented AAUW's new research report Barriers and Bias. She discussed how women lead differently from men, biases and discrimination in leadership, and strategies for improving the gender leadership gap. The report would be beneficial in programs on leadership. Kelly Sartorius presented an excellent talk on her new book, Deans of Women and the Feminist Movement in which she traces the history of women in higher education and the significant impact of AAUW and deans of women. Kelly has been invited to present a branch program on November 14, 2016. Christine McDonald spoke passionately about her book Cry Purple: One Woman's Journey Through Homelessness, Crack Addiction and Prison to Blindness, Motherhood, and Happiness, which was based on her personal life experiences. The conference ended with a Town Hall Meeting to give participants an opportunity to ask questions.



Kelly Sartorius (right)



AAUW Congratulates Manhattan's New Mayor

Usha Reddi was sworn in as mayor at the City Commission meeting on June 21, 2016. Outgoing Mayor Karen McCulloh was thanked for her 16 years of public service. Usha and Karen are branch members and have been an inspiration and encouragement to women leaders in Manhattan. The branch has many outstanding women leaders at the local, state, and regional levels.



2016 - 2017 PROGRAMS

DATE	PROGRAM
2016	<p>September 12</p> <p>Women’s Health: Understanding the Origin of and Therapies for Breast Cancer Speaker: Dr. Annelise Nguyen, Associate Professor of Toxicology, College of Veterinary Medicine/Johnson Cancer Research Center, Kansas State University Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue., 6:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>October 10</p> <p>Elected Officials to Discuss Legislative Issues in National and Local Elections Impacting Women Speakers: Kansas House of Representatives Sydney Carlin and Tom Phillips Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m. <i>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</i></p>
	<p>November 14</p> <p>Lessons in Leading: Midwestern AAUW and Its Influence on Women’s Higher Education Speaker: Kelly C. Sartorius. Event is co-sponsored with the Women of K-State. Location: Flint Hills Room, K-State Union</p>
	<p>December 12</p> <p>The Church Ladies Music Harmonies Small gift exchange, dessert, and coffee Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1110 College Avenue, 6:00 p.m.</p>
2017	<p>January 9</p> <p>A Kansas STARBASE in Your Hometown Speaker: Becky Catlin, Director, Manhattan Academy Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1110 College Avenue, 6:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>February 13</p> <p>Unconscious Bias Discussion and exchange of ideas to be led by members Mary Stamey and Pat Hudgins. Read <i>The Science Behind Implicit Bias</i> in Spring 2016 AAUW Outlook Magazine Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m. <i>Black History Month</i></p>
	<p>March 8 WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Panel of Local International Speakers - Discussion of Various Topics Details to be determined <i>International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month</i></p>
	<p>April 10</p> <p>Social-Emotional Health and Challenges Speaker: Professional staff member from Katie’s Way Location: First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, 6:00 p.m. <i>Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Equal Pay Day (April 15)</i></p>
	<p>May 8</p> <p>Annual Wrap-up and Celebration Highlights of the year, membership recognition, and installation of officers Location: Meadowlark Hills Retirement Village, Community Room, 6:00 p.m.</p>



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. 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 opportunities. Applications and guidelines for the 2017-18 AAUW Fellows and Grants are available online at www.aauw.org.

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

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

2016 AAUW Branch Scholarship Students

Seven very deserving women applied for our KSU Scholarships this year! It was a tough decision with lots of discussion as to which three to award the scholarships. The recipients for this year are:

Jarah Cooper, a senior at K-State Salina majoring in Personal Financial Planning. She was one of our recipients from last year and has really worked hard to take advantage of all the opportunities that K-State has to offer to advance her education while working part-time on campus.

Sarah May, a junior in Computer Information Systems and Cyber Security, is from Eskridge, KS. Sarah transferred to K-State after receiving her Associate Degree and is graduating in May 2018. She is also minoring in Leadership Studies.

Eliza Weber is working on her Master's degree in Fine Arts and is scheduled to graduate in May 2018. She is busy working in the studio and teaching classes as a Graduate Teaching Assistant.

We will have each of these women visiting with us at some point this year at one of our branch dinners.

If any member would like to join the scholarship committee, please contact **Claudia Jones** via e-mail at interiors1@cox.net or call 785-565-8870. It is not a huge time commitment and is a lot of fun to meet these students.

We start reviewing the applications in April and conduct interviews on one Sunday in early May.



2016 Grow Green Results for Our KSU Scholarship Fund

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation held their annual Grow Green fundraiser on April 22, 2016 for organizations that have accounts set up with them. The AAUW Scholarship Fund took in \$785.00 in donations from nine members and one non-member. This amount was matched 50% by Mr. Phil Howe, which gave us another \$392.50 for a total earnings of \$1,177.50! Each donor was sent a thank-you note from the scholarship chair and a group thank-you packet was organized for Mr. Howe. Thanks again to everyone who donated. This is such a great opportunity to raise funds for our scholarships, especially with the generous match.

Summer STEM Institute Scholarships

Six young women received **AAUW Branch Scholarships** to attend the **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Summer Institute at Kansas State University**. The students were there for four weeks in June, Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Many STEM sessions were offered with an emphasis on hands-on and real world applications. These included computer programming, chemistry of candy, special effects in movies, Minecraft, outdoor biology, building and racing cars, solar energy, and many others. Students selected four of the classes from the offerings and had a different topic each week. USD 383 and the College of Education at KSU partnered in this endeavor. KSU education students helped the certified teachers in developing and teaching the sessions, and elementary schools provided bus transportation for students to attend. USD 383 also used grant money from the Department of Defense to support the event. Diane Daniel and the Office of Teaching and Learning at USD 383 helped with student registration.



Marilyn Fox

AAUW Scholarship applications were distributed to Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools in February. Science, math, and technology teachers were notified about the scholarships and encouraged to get students to apply. Students that qualify for free lunch do not pay for STEM Institute tuition, and reduced lunch students pay less than the full \$100 fee. Hence, the AAUW scholarships are not need-based, but selected based on the completeness of the application, teacher signature, and the essay they write about why they want to attend STEM. This year, there were six that met the criteria, so a selection committee was not needed. They all received a scholarship!

Those selected from Eisenhower Middle School were **Crysteen Brown, Megan Stubbings, Destiny Mitchell, and Keely Krider**. **Kahla Ward** and **Maggie Morrill** were recipients from Anthony Middle School. All six enrolled and participated in the Summer STEM Institute. Parents were notified via email when their daughters were selected to receive the AAUW Scholarship. Some of their replies were:

Thank you all so much. It was an honor to be in the top six, and I am overflowing with joy. It gives me hope that girls can do anything boys can do and this university is amazing. You are changing the lives of many young girls.

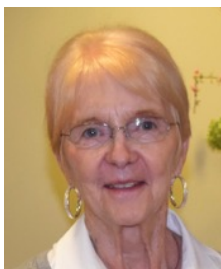
Yay! She had a great time last year. I'm excited for another great summer of fun and learning for her. Thank you.

Thank you for the wonderful news. Megan really enjoys the STEM program and will be excited to hear she won the scholarship. Thank you so much.

Thank you for your generous donation. Maggie loves STEM! Her brother had attended the first one, and every since then she could not wait until she was eligible to participate. She designed the logo and was very excited to see it again this year when she gave me the flyer, so THANK YOU!!

The AAUW members are to be commended for carving the \$600 out of the budget to support these young girls as they pursue STEM interest and hopefully STEM careers someday! Thank you! Marilyn Fox

Public Policy Updates - - - Are You Ready to Vote?



Maurine Pruitt
Public Policy/LWV
Coordinator

The **League of Women Voters of Manhattan and Riley County** will be very busy registering voters in our area. The **Young Voters Project**, which is a branch of LWV, is also helping with the registrations. They are having a table at the Purple Power Play activities at **City Park on September 15 and 16** to get K-State students registered. The League has already registered voters during the Martin Luther King Celebration, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan Summer Fest, the Juneteenth Celebration, and at the Everyone Counts activity. We also registered people at the Job Corp. one day. On **National Registration Day, September 27**, we will have registration tables at many of local businesses, Meadowlark Nursing Facility, Manhattan High School, and Manhattan Area Technical College. All of last year, we registered 324 voters, and just through July of this year we have already registered 302 voters.

With **October 18th** being the **last day to register** for the General Election and **November 8th** being the **General Election**, members should take the opportunity to hear about the candidates running for offices. The League is sponsoring a **Candidate Forum** at the **College Avenue United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** You will have a chance to rotate around tables and ask questions of each of the candidates for the USD 383 Board of Education or the Riley County Commission or the Manhattan City Commission. Also, Robert Ott, Director of Public Works will give a short presentation on the Sales Tax Ballot Question. The League also is **co-sponsoring a Candidate Forum** with **AAUW** and other groups at the Fire Station of Denison Ave. on **Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m.** Debbie Nuss, League Forum Coordinator has extended a special invitation to all branch member to attend. Please come and bring a friend to learn more about local issues and the candidates for office. **Make yourself an informed voter for the 2016 General Election on November 8th!!!!!!**

Membership Update and Silent Auction Results

Membership. We are down in numbers going into the fall session of Manhattan AAUW. Five members have moved out of state, Mavis Fletcher passed away, and some members have not joined due to busy schedules or health reasons. There were a couple of activities over the summer such as a coffee/tea in August and several tabling events at various functions that have resulted in several people saying they want to join – we hope to be hearing from them soon! We currently have around 54 members that have paid for the upcoming year.

We are happy to have several previous members back: **Sheri Storer** joined us again during last year and **Glenna Burckel** recently re-joined. **Chassy Nichols** came to several meetings last year and not only joined our branch but is also serving on the State AAUW Board this year. **Emily McLaurin** also became a member last year as well as **Jonalu Johnstone**. **Annelise Nguyen** and **Marlene VerBrugge** joined last year after our yearbook was printed and have both become very active members. **Welcome to all of you!**

The Annual Silent Auction in May helped our finances to the tune of \$252.04. The AAUW at K-State group did well with their table of items that was designated for them. They took in \$95.00 plus a check for \$9.00 that was made directly to their group for a total of \$104.00. This will help both branches with activities for the coming year. Thank you to everyone that donated items and also to those of you that opened your pocketbooks! Not bad for an evening of browsing the tables, good food, and even better conversation.

New Programs have been set for the upcoming year, new officers have stepped up, a committee is getting the yearbook ready to go to the printers, and menus are being set for our dinner meetings, so get ready for a new year of fun activities and conversations with your fellow AAUW members!



Claudia Jones

Summer Branch Planning Retreat and Membership Island Coffee

On June 25th, 2016 our branch held it's annual **Summer Branch Planning Retreat** at the beautiful Research Foundation Bldg. to make plans for the coming year. Thank you, Tresa, for your assistance in planning this event and reserving the room. The "Charting Our Course" theme was discussed. Some of the members attending signed up for "crews" to Yearbook Island and Membership Island. These were "voyages" that needed to be taken before our branch year began. Making the voyage to Yearbook Island were Tresa Landis, Mary Stamey and Claudia Jones. Signing up for the voyage to Membership Island were Glenda Leung, Connie Noble, and Barbara Gatewood. Branch members will have the opportunity to sign up for any of the voyages throughout the year, and "crews" will be needed to make these voyages successful.



A **Membership Island Coffee** was held on August 13th at the Bluestem Bistro. A special thanks goes out to Connie Noble for reserving the room for the event. Crew members included Barbara Gatewood, steering the membership registration wheel; Glenda Leung, navigating our video course around all of the things AAUW does; Mary Stamey stimulated minds with a report about the Great Decisions interest group; and Marilyn Bunyan highlighted programs presented last year during the Serendipity luncheons interest group. Connie Noble and Mary also spoke about the Book Talk interest group. There was a lot of interaction with our guests, and we had some new members signed up by the end of the voyage. I'm looking forward to introducing these new members to you. My thanks goes out to the crew that made this voyage possible. Karen Tinkler, Captain.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BRANCH CALENDAR

	6	Lunch & Board Meeting	11:30 & Noon	Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	7	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Sept. 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.	First Congregational Church
	27	Serendipity	11:30 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
Oct.	3	Lunch & Board Meeting	11:30 & Noon	Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
	4	Sign-up deadline	Noon	Oct. 10 branch meeting reservations due
	9	Candidate Forum	2:00 p.m.	Fire Station lecture hall, Denison Ave.
	10	Branch meeting	6:00 p.m.	First Congregational Church
	13	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills
	14	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
	25	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 2015-16 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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