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Missouri in Motion

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AAUW-MO STATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 2005 - BOONVILLE, MO



AAUW-MO PAST PRESIDENTS

Pictured from left: **Jean Shull, Patt Braley, Audrey Shafer, Shirley Breeze, Grace Butler, Donna Medlin, Alyse Stoll, Ardy Pearson, Betty Cook Rottmann**



Ardy Pearson and **Alyse Stoll** purchase raffle tickets to benefit LAF on an afghan made by **Julia Triplett**. Overseeing sales are **Patricia Shores** and **Harriett Hirschfeld**.



Lynne Roney enjoys the reception at the beautiful Missouri DAR home in Boonville the evening before her election as AAUW Missouri President-elect. Other officers elected were **Marsha Koch**, VP Program and **Deborah McWard**, Secretary.

AAUW MISSION

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Spring is the time for renewal and growth, both in our gardens and in lives. The Annual Conference consisted of both perennials and annuals. There were the tried and true members that the state counts on each year, as well as many new faces. **Some of the younger faces at the Annual Conference were student leaders recruited to attend from various colleges and universities across Missouri.** Those who joined us in Boonville found the day to be filled with fresh ideas from innovative and inspiring women leaders.

State Representative, **Sara Lampe of Springfield**, spoke of truisms we all received from our mothers that tied to the conference theme of "Tools for Achieving Balance in our Busy Lives." We were all captivated by her mother's quotes and associated stories. **This woman needs to be cloned, so that we could all have such representation in government.**



Mary Corcoran, Ph.D. presented "Time Management and Organization for Women with No Time." **It was a great opportunity to rethink our priorities in life and see whether our time commitment reflects those priorities.** As our lives change, careers change, children grow, etc., we need new and different tools. She helped us consider our time wasters. In my garden analogy I could liken these time wasters as the weeds of life. Whether we were twenty or eighty, we all had something to gain.

The luncheon speakers were two women who had utilized the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, LAF plaintiffs, Lisa Lord and Patricia O'Connor. They related their feeling of frustration encountered while being discriminated against, as well as the very lengthy and complicated legal processes involved. They thanked AAUW for its financial assistance.

Kerri McBee, Program Director of the Alliance for the Status of Women assembled a panel of women to give us an update on current state legislation impacting women of Missouri. **It was reassuring to know these women are working for what those in AAUW hold near and dear to our hearts—equality, choice and commitment to those less fortunate.** Several students in attendance voiced their appreciation for the opportunity to meet and network with these professional women.

The awards, or the garden prizes, are always a highlight. Star Awards, EF and LAF Contributions certificates were distributed to the branch representatives. We had a terrific year!

After each speaker I made sure to use the opportunity to invite them to join AAUW, something I hope every branch president does after their speaker's presentations. If they are speakers on topics aligned with the AAUW mission, then they are probably great candidates for membership. Every member is important. **Hand every speaker an application and encourage membership.**

Students continue to be our newest and brightest blooms. They need to be nurtured and cultivated. It is so refreshing to have them with us asking questions, giving us new ideas, and developing friendships. **Continue to invite students to attend your meetings.** We all benefit from their membership.

Kudos to Rebecca Richardson! While VP of Programming, she has presented us with outstanding Annual Meetings. Thanks for all your hard work!! Thanks, also, to the Boonville Branch for all their assistance. And, thanks to all the attendees for taking a Saturday to attend the Annual Conference. We are a grassroots organization that would be nothing without its dedicated members.

Annelle Weymuth

AAUW-MO 2005 21ST CENTURY AWARDS

Platinum:

Ballwin-Chesterfield
Creve Coeur
Canton
Raytown
St. Charles

Bronze:

Independence

SWC REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - Diana Campo

Congratulations on your recent exceptional AAUW MO Conference. It was superb! Your commitment to student leader development makes Missouri the foremost leader in our region! Congratulations to **Lynne Roney** on being selected as the president-elect! Lynne is a dynamic MO member moving into yet another leadership role.

I urge Missouri branches to collaborate with local **College/University Partners** to support students to participate in the AAUW **College Women Student Leadership Conference** in **Washington, DC June 2-5, 2005**. What better way to recruit student members, professional members, to garner visibility for our mission and to promote the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund!

Make plans now to participate in your governance – participate in the **AAUW Convention in Washington, DC – June 24-27, 2005** – **go to www.aauw.org** for details. **Early registration deadline is May 1.**

AAUW needs your vote! We have several issues before us – **membership eligibility criteria, the priority and primacy of AAUW and our role in IFUW. Keep in mind, if AAUW is not financially viable, then we cease to exist, and so does EF and LAF – the heart of our mission-based program.** Thus we cannot support IFUW- an ancillary commitment, but an important one. **Charity begins at home!** Let your voice be heard at Convention and remember, we have important business to conduct during our **SWC Regional Caucus**.

Association's **One in a Million Campaign** is progressing nicely! Although it was originally designed as an opportunity for life members to support Association, it has now been extended to all members, by popular demand. I urge all branches to **recruit a minimum of 10 members in your branch to each make a contribution to AAUW in the amount of \$125. Certainly, if 20 members of your branch make a contribution, then those funds will be as welcomed as those of the first 10!**

AAUW priorities for this biennium include **mission-based** branch and state activities and programs and **membership development**. Our program initiatives - *Choices for a Changing World* - and our membership program - *Shape the Future* - make **every branch and state activity both a program activity and a membership activity**. AAUW is a **member-driven** organization. **Members provide 75% of the operations cost** for Association – the membership entity of AAUW - **and we provide 85% of the philanthropic funds** for the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The **Educational Foundation's** latest research project, *Gains in Learning, Gaps in Education: A Guide to State and National Data* is available on-line. The earnings ratio of college educated women and men in Missouri is **70.1 %**. **The percentage of Missouri women who have earned a college degree is 20.4%.** Missouri has made some gains in education and pay equity for women, but much work needs to be done. *Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination*, released last October, is the **Legal Advocacy Fund's** most recent publication. It is available in both hard-copy and on-line formats. This research verifies the importance of women earning a college degree as soon as possible in order to achieve pay equity.

Last year, **more than half of the branches in Missouri increased their respective membership**, even though Missouri saw a slight decline in membership. Selling AAUW during special events such as Legislative Day, Women's Issues Forums, Transition Conferences, College Student Leadership Conferences and Sister-to-Sister Conferences can reverse membership losses. A **3% branch membership growth** can have a significant impact on the respective branch, the individual state and on Association revenues. **The future of AAUW depends on the college-educated new members you recruit – college-degreed men constitute a significant eligible population from which to recruit.** If some professional women use the excuse that they are "too busy" for AAUW – and some men are short-sighted about the need for AAUW, then think about what message we send to college students about how little we value their efforts to complete their degree. Some of these women are returning students with part-time jobs as single parents. Why would AAUW want to damage its reputation by appearing to be insensitive to their goals and needs by expecting them to be full-contributing members?

Meet me in St. Louis – June 9-11, 2006 for the SWC Regional Conference at the **Hilton at Frontenac!** Located just off Hwy 40/64, it provides free shuttle from the airport, and the room rate is \$85.00 a night single/double occupancy. For those who might drive into St. Louis, it provides free parking. AAUW is the premiere leadership development organization for women in the nation and I look forward to continuing to work with all of our Missouri members as you do exceptional work to move our AAUW mission forward. Thank you for all that you do for women and girls!

Diana Campo

Adelante!

Book of the Month Club
Selections 2005

June
(Gay/Lesbian Pride
Month)

*Aimee & Jaguar: A Love
Story, Berlin 1943*
by Erica Fischer (1998)

The true story about the wife of a Nazi officer and a Jewish woman as their affair unfolds in wartime Berlin, captured from personal interviews, diaries, letters and poems.

July

*Speak Truth to Power:
Human Rights
Defenders Who Are
Changing Our World*
by Kerry Kennedy
Cuomo (2000)

This collection offers biographical sketches and haunting photographs of ordinary people from 35 countries who are leading the fight to ensure basic human rights for everyone

August

*My Forbidden Face:
Growing Up Under the
Taliban—A Young
Woman's Story*
by Latifa (pseudonym)
(2002)

Sixteen-year-old Latifa dreamt of becoming a journalist until the Taliban's repression of women changed her life.

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LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES

In keeping with its yearly theme, "The Choice is Yours," the **Canton Branch** sponsored a public debate between candidates for district representative on October 20 and a public forum for school board candidates on March 21. Additionally, the Branch heard a presentation from Congressman Kenny Hulsof's office concerning federal issues that affect rural Missouri on January 17 and asked questions in an open question-answer session. The Branch sponsored a public forum to consider insurance issues facing women on February 28, presented by representatives from the Missouri Department of Insurance.

Lebanon Branch member, Rita Johnson, Executive Director of COPE, presented a paper in Hawaii last year on "Boys Attitudes Toward Women and the Connection with Domestic Violence." She presented the paper again to the Lebanon Branch in April.

The **Ferguson-Florissant Branch** brought in \$590 in their recent auction. A generous portion of the proceeds will go to EF.

Jean Shull, a member of the **Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch**, was honored with the Barbara Lackritz Award for her outstanding service to AAUW and her community at the **St. Louis Metro IBC Spring Fling** on March 5.

The annual combined meeting of the **Shawnee Mission, Kansas Branch** and the **Kansas City, Missouri Branch** was held in February. Speaker was Suzanne Gladney, Managing Attorney of Legal Aid of Western Missouri. She spoke about immigration issues in Missouri and Kansas. 100 High School Girls were honored in April by the Kansas City Branch.

The **Independence Branch** completed their 30th annual used book sale in March. Members have brainstormed for several years to come up with a fundraiser that didn't require so much heavy lifting. In the end, it was decided that they pay Boy Scouts for assistance. After these added expenses, profits still exceeded \$5000.

The **Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch** gave checks to girls who were winners in their divisions at the St. Louis area Science Fair in April.



Stella Hughes, national Council of Negro Women, Peggy Dwyer-Winscott and Phyllis Russell, Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW, were chairwomen for the Woman to Woman Community Dialogue on Social Issues, which was held on Saturday, February 5, 2005. Participants heard topics related to women's health issues from a diverse group of presenters. Participating groups were the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW, the Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and the Bertha Black Rhoda Section of the National Council of Negro Women.

For the second year, Columbia Branch members have participated in "Lunch and Learn" at Eugene Field Elementary School. Several branch members visited the school and shared with the students their varied backgrounds and experiences.

MO STATE CONFERENCE VISITORS



Claudia Richards, AAUW Senior Development Officer



University of MO-Columbia student Patrice Hutton



LAF Plaintiff Lisa Lord shares her story with the Conference.

2004 AAUW MISSOURI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOAL ACHIEVERS

	BRANCH NAME	PER MEMBER GIVING	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
1.	St. Louis	\$97.19	\$1,555.00
2.	Ballwin-Chesterfield	\$74.79	\$15,781.50
3.	Maryville	\$73.23	\$4,394.00
4.	Springfield	\$47.00	\$470.00
5.	Creve Coeur	\$34.45	\$2,136.00
6.	Independence	\$33.44	\$2,040.00
7.	Northern Clay County	\$30.00	\$240.00
8.	Ferguson-Florissant	\$28.76	\$747.75
9.	Kirkwood-Webster Groves	\$27.45	\$1,317.66
10.	Rolla	\$27.27	\$300.00
11.	Kansas City	\$26.46	\$2,090.00

AAUW MISSOURI CENTURY CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Branches meeting or exceeding* goal)

Ballwin-Chesterfield* - 36
 Canton - 1
 Creve Coeur* - 6
 Ferguson-Florissant* - 4
 Independence* - 4
 Kansas City* - 5
 Kirkwood-Webster Groves* - 9
 Maryville* - 6
 Northern Clay County* - 2
 Parkville- 2
 Raytown* - 3
 St. Louis* - 5
 Springfield* - 4



Lisa Lord, LAF plaintiff, describes her experience in fighting discrimination at the 2005 MO State Conference and thanks AAUW for providing help through the Legal Advocacy Fund.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Announces Support for Simpson v. University of Colorado

To help remedy the persistent issues of sexual harassment and assault on campus, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is supporting Lisa Simpson, a former student at CU from 2000 to 2004, who is suing the university under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 for failing to remedy the sexually hostile environment on campus that led to her sexual assault and harassment by university football recruits and players. "I'm very pleased that AAUW is supporting my case," said Lisa Simpson. "It's truly an honor."

Simpson's case is yet another unfortunate installment in a long line of sexual assault incidents at CU in connection with its football program and during school sponsored campus visits by football recruits. In 1998, the Boulder District Attorney put the university on notice to stop using sex and alcohol to lure recruits. And in 2004, an Independent Investigative Commission report to the CU Board of Regents acknowledged the university's illegal recruiting practices, noting that at least nine women alleged sexual assault by CU football recruits or players, three of whom filed Title IX lawsuits against the university. The report concluded that the university must be held accountable for the problems. Most recently, CU president Elizabeth Hoffman resigned from her position amidst the sexual assault controversy.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has contributed \$5,000 to Simpson as an initial grant in support of her legal battle.

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MISSOURI HISTORY DAY

The annual Missouri History Day was held in Columbia April 16, 2005. Nine entrants vied for the two special prizes of \$100.00 each sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

The winner of the junior division exhibit entitled, "Nellie Bly, The World's Reporter," was Matt McCreary of Memorial Middle School, Joplin. The winner of the junior division performance entitled, "Martha Graham: Power of Communicating through Dance," was Kate La Rosa of Jefferson Junior High, Columbia. Both entrants won 2nd place on the state level and will advance to the national level.

Holly Burgess, treasurer of the Columbia Branch, coordinated the judging. Judges were members of the Columbia Branch in addition to Jean Shull of the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch and Joan Gones of the Cape Girardeau Branch. The prizes were awarded by Joan Gones.

**2004 AAUW MO CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS
DONATIONS OF \$100 OR MORE TO THE EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

(Underline indicates five or more consecutive years of Century Club membership)
(A branch name following a member's name indicates joint membership)

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Snodgrass, Elizabeth
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Ludwig, Diane
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CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS**



Claudia Richards presents an award to St. Charles Branch President Barbara Broadfoot.



Donna Medlin, Rebecca Richardson, Linda Tinker, Harriett Hirschfeld, and Carol Davis-McDonald



AAUW-MO President Annelie Weymuth, Claudia Richards, and Alyse Stoll.

Newsletter items requested . . .

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Don't Forget To Send . . .

A copy of your branch newsletter should be sent to Mo in Motion Editor, Toni Thornton, the State President, and State Historian.

Newsletter Deadline. . .

The deadline for the upcoming Fall issue is September 20, 2005.

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STATE CONFERENCE PLANNING



Carol Davis-McDonald, Shirley Breeze, and Annelle Weymuth discuss the Conference plans.

MISSOURI 2005 CALENDAR

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|------------|---|
| June 1 | Branch Officer forms due to Association and State President |
| June 24-27 | AAUW 2005 National Convention, Washington, DC |
| July 1 | Branch membership dues to State Treasurer |
| July 9 | State Board Meeting - Maryville |
| Sept. 20 | Deadline for items for Fall Issue of Missouri In Motion |

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