



# Bulletin

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## From the President's Desk



Dr. Bonnie Tandoc, KS AAUW President, receiving recognition for her service to KS AAUW.

Dear AAUW Members,

Time DOES fly, doesn't it? It's been four years since I became Ks AAUW president and it seems just yesterday my tenure began. Thank you all for your kind support and commitment to this fine organization!

you, Shirley, for the tremendous effort in putting this all together for us!

I am indebted to all the AAUW KS State Board members who worked together with me in the past four years - thank you all !!!

See you soon...somewhere...maybe April 11, 2015 at our next annual meeting.

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Our annual meeting on the campus of K-State University was outstanding! We had addresses by D. Noel Shulz, associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Engineering and Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager of AAUW. Both were equally inspiring and encouraging in accordance with our mission. Shirley Breeze of Leadership Corps offered her most appreciated resume of the "goings on" of AAUW in the Mid-west and the World!

The "Little Apple" Manhattan Branch volunteers were delightful, going out of their way into late night and early morning to make this convention extraordinary. Thank you!

I, with you, am looking forward to the leadership Dr. Nancy Bolsen, our new state president, will provide. She is one enthusiastic woman!

Don't forget- AAUW Mid-West Regional Conference - June 13-14, 2014 at Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. The speakers embody AAUW values and will challenge and energize you. Thank

**Attention Branches: Consider this...**  
The state board has approved waiving the STATE membership fee for the Give-A-Grad-A-Gift program in 2014-15. (See page 4 for program details.) How about your branch member fee? Can you waive it for one year to encourage more members to your branch's fantastic programs?



Seoyon Kim, 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr., Art Contest Winner, K-2 grade category. Manhattan AAUW Branch created note cards with her art. Go to <http://manhattan-ks.aauw.net/> for information on buying cards.

## Highlights from the 2014 KS Annual Meeting

### AAUW FUNDS REPORT:

The 2014 KS Annual Meeting included a celebration of Kansas AAUW's successful annual fundraising campaign in 2013 with a **total of \$5,085**. All calculations are based on the February 1 reports from Tremayne Parquet at AAUW national headquarters.

### Recognition of branches' contributions (all figures include contributions from particular branches and their individual members) were:

- 2013 Total Giving:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Shawnee Mission - \$1580
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Newton - \$640
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lawrence - \$600
- 4<sup>th</sup> Manhattan - \$522
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dodge City - \$415



### Total overall AAUW Funds contribution per capita in the state:

- 2013 Per Capita Giving:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Goodland - \$51.66
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Newton - \$33.60
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dodge City - \$27.66
- 4<sup>th</sup> El Dorado - \$23.07
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lawrence - \$23.07

### Sunflower Garden honoree for 2013-14:

- Ann Jankovich - Manhattan
- Marylois Smith - Manhattan
- Christine Downey Schmidt - Newton
- Marjean Harris - Newton
- Sally Hayes - Wichita



(The Sunflower Garden is KS AAUW way of honoring or memorializing AAUW members and supporters with a donation. Remember this for next year.)

### Star Branches:

Awarded to those branches who prepared the application to share their past year's activities and successes.



**Pictured l to r:  
Marjean Harris of Newton,  
Pam Weeks of Salina, Carolyn Dwire  
of El Dorado, and Nancy Bolsen of  
Manhattan**



Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager of AAUW, shared what powerful outreach AAUW has politically and educationally across the nation and beyond.

Did you know...

AAUW research influences nationwide discussion of gender pay gap?

AAUW is a strategic partner in the Clinton Global Initiative?

AAUW has provided \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the past year?

## In Memorium – Jean Nelson By Kayla Barta



Jean Nelson (right) with Annette VanBlaricum, 2005.

Jean Nelson of Emporia Kansas passed away February 2014. She was a 50+ year member of AAUW. Jean held many offices during her years of involvement with AAUW. She joined AAUW in Charles City Iowa in the mid-1950s.

A job relocation brought her family to Kansas City in 1958. There, Jean was very involved in the Shawnee Mission Branch. One of her earliest involvements with the branch was a program coordinating families in need at Christmas with assistance from local churches. This grassroots effort became what is now known as the Johnson County Christmas Bureau, serving thousands of families. She made many lifelong friends through her involvement with this project and her membership in the Shawnee Mission branch.

She became Kansas division president 1973 to 1975.

During her tenure, continued ratification of the ERA in Kansas was achieved. She served on the national nominating committee and chaired the committee from 1975 to 1977.

In 1977, Jean was elected to serve as Vice President for the Southwest Region, a position also known as the South West Central regional director.

Jean was also very active in the Emporia branch of AAUW after their move to Emporia in 1974. She served as branch president among other positions. She was one of the branch's most active recruiters.

Although Jean was well known as an enthusiastic and persistent advocate for AAUW, I was one of her easier conquests. I received a membership from her to the Shawnee Mission branch upon my graduation, where I remain a member. Jean attended many regional as well as national AAUW meetings. I had the pleasure of accompanying her to many of these meetings, and was always amazed at the number of acquaintances she renewed.

Jean was honored with a Research and Development grant in her name. These funds help sustain the ongoing education of women and promotion of leadership that remains the fundamental vision of AAUW today. Jean was a shining example of the benefits of AAUW to generations of women.



Jean Nelson (right) with daughter and daughter and fellow AAUW member Kayla Barta, 2008

**ALL AAUW FUNDS donations should be sent to Eileen Armstrong, KS AAUW FUNDS CHAIR, 10143 Flint St., Overland Park KS 66212. She will forward them to National.**



Speaking of AAUW FUNDS... You have many ways to share with future generations by honoring these ladies from Kansas.

### **Newly created NAMED GIFTS –**

Jean Nelson - Shawnee Mission and Emporia  
Loretto Langley - Emporia

The Ruth Keroher Fund #4097, established by the state board in 2004 for a total of \$35,000, has a 2015 deadline for completion. **This fund still requires \$13,817 dollars!** Designate your gift to the AAUW Funds to this fund number.





### UPDATES FROM Shirley Breeze...our National Leadership Corps Member

Mid-West Regional -You should have received a digital copy of information

about the Mid-West Regional AAUW Conference scheduled for June 13-14, along with registration materials. For additional information, e-mail [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com). We hope all of you come and enjoy the Ozarks and Lake Area at this outstanding AAUW conference.

Summit on Working Families -President Obama has called for a Summit on Working Families on June 23, 2014. Look for opportunities for citizen input, especially on items related to equity for women.

NCCWSL -Help send the last 123 young women to NCCWSL. This year has the potential for being the year AAUW surpasses 1000 attendees at this exciting, leader-building conference for young women.

Common Core -AAUW supports the Common Core educational standards.

Public Policy Committee -The APPC will begin work shortly on the Public Policy Program for 2014-2016. Contact a member of the committee should you have suggestions for inclusion in the new PP.

Shriver Report -The newly-released Shriver Report is an excellent source of up-to-date information on the status of women. It contains a world of information that provides excellent programming ideas for your new branch year.

New Strategic Plan-The AAUW Board has approved the new strategic plan; it can be used as a guide for planning for your branch and state.

New Research Reports- Moving the Needle Women in Computer Science and Engineering is scheduled for release later this year. In 2015, Women in Leadership will be released.

Fellowships and Grants - For the 2014-2015 year AAUW will distribute \$3.7 million.

Impact Grant - Impact Grant applications are open to all states. This is a great way to increase your advocacy for public policy issues and obtain some financial support for these activities. The deadline is May 30, 2014.

Title IX Champion - Is there someone in your branch or state who has done outstanding work supporting Title IX

or has a noteworthy Title IX project? Nominate the person or project for recognition as a Champion.

Every Member Survey -Watch for the Every Member Survey coming out shortly. This survey is important for the national officers and staff to gauge the feelings of the membership on a number of important issues and initiatives.

Shape the Future - Don't forget to claim your free national memberships for those new members you obtained this year (one free membership for each two new members). Deadline is June 30.

Reach Shirley at [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com)



### PERFECT TIMING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT

**Give-a-Grad a Gift:** The uniqueness of this program is that AAUW members can give a recent grad – **a friend, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, or nephew – a free AAUW membership within two years of graduation. There is no cost to you or them!** Your grad will receive a one-year, member-at-large membership (a \$49 value). Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) for all the details.

Also see then note on page 1 of FREE STATE MEMBERSHIP too!

*Sara Nettleingham,*  
Vice President of Membership

### 2014 AAUW CALENDAR

May 28 Equal Pay Act Passed by Congress  
May 30 Impact Grant Deadline

June 5-7 NCCWSL  
June 13-14 Mid-West Regional AAUW Conference  
June 23 Anniversary of Title IX  
June 30 Shape the Future 2013-14 Free  
Memberships Expire  
**DUES DUE**

JULY Implementation of New Fundraising Policies  
August 26 Women's Equality Day

### 2015

APRIL 11 KS AAUW ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 18-21 National Convention, San Diego

# The Public Policy Report



Spotlight on Sexual Assault on Women from AAUW "The spotlight is heating up when it comes to ending campus sexual assault. As we explained in March, new laws, increased enforcement, and additional media coverage have helped turn the attention of policymakers, school administrators, and students toward the steps that are needed to improve campus climates. Here at AAUW, we couldn't be more pleased. It's well past the time for schools to take action when it comes to ending violence on campus, and we know that the Obama administration can do more to help make this happen." > <http://www.aauw.org/2014/04/29/white-house-sexual-assault-report/>

Kansas' connection to sexual assault on women is that our senate team was split on the re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act--you might want to ask Pat Roberts why he voted no and thank Jerry Moran for his support.

I find the argument AAUW in the Hobby Lobby case on the ACA refreshing. Here is a snippet of that-- "People go to these businesses for cabinets and crafts supplies, not for religion. Yet Conestoga Wood and Hobby Lobby are trying to claim that the businesses themselves have religious rights and that those rights let companies control the private lives of their employees. That's a dangerous argument and would let employers have a voice in the health decisions of their employees. Who wants that?" Thank you AAUW for standing up! My own experience is that I cannot imagine telling my employees what to do or what they can believe in and neither can I order their medical needs.

Resources for Programming:

<http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

Be sure to get a copy of *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* for your branch programming. Lots of nuggets there to pull for your local program.

Suggestions for your programs next year from our great convention in Manhattan:

1. The Gender Pay Gap: Kansas
2. Who is Lilly Ledbetter and why you should know her name?
3. What are your branch questions to your congressmen/senators on: 1. equal pay 2. preventing barriers to voters?
4. How about a joint meeting with the Kansas League of Women Voters to get their opinions and have some great discussion.
5. Preserving Lesser prairie chickens are important in our state BUT are they more important than making sure all voters have easy access to voting? Don't make voters extinct! We want them on the extant list--active and current. What are your priorities for Kansas? Our members need to talk about these questions.

Contact me: [vlehmk@st-tel.net](mailto:vlehmk@st-tel.net) or 620-397-2350 or just address something to Louise Ehmke, Healy, KS 67850.

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#### AAUW Action Fund Mission

The AAUW Action Fund advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization.

Since 1881, AAUW has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls.

The AAUW Action Fund was established July 1, 2009, following a strategic restructuring of AAUW, the AAUW Educational Foundation, and the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute. The AAUW Action Fund supports AAUW's continuing goal of breaking through barriers for women and girls, and it does so through member activism and voter mobilization. Both organizations have a nationwide network of nearly 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institution partners.

A [briefing](#) on the AAUW website provides detailed information about the structure of AAUW, the AAUW Action Fund, AAUW branches, and members.

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In principle and in 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.

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