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AAUW of Kansas Co-Presidents

Message from Kristina:

Hello and welcome back to another year at AAUW. I don't know about you but to me, fall is the beginning of the new year. Maybe it's growing up in an agriculture state, or so much time spent observing the academic school calendar, but with the onset of fall, I feel like all things are new again.

This fall in particular, I am feeling hopeful for all that AAUW has before itself. I am honored to be your co-president this year, along with the esteemed Louise Ehmke. We see exciting opportunities for our branches, state AAUW, and all that the national group has going on as well.

I am thrilled to report that AAUW WorkSmart has indeed met its Coca-Cola grant goal to train 100,000 people through the AAUW WorkSmart online

program. I didn't know if it could truly happen but we did reach the 100,000 person goal across the country. While I love to sit and think about how many people have now been trained to better negotiate for themselves, I know there is still so much work to be done. Our next goal is ONE MILLION PEOPLE within Kansas and Missouri. Stay tuned as more national initiatives are announced. I heard a rumor that Wichita will receive some concentrated attention in the coming weeks. Time will tell for sure. No matter the city, no matter the numeric goal, the real initiative is pay equity and I will take it any way we can get it.

Although National AAUW has decided against hosting a national conference in 2020, your executive board has been hard at work this summer joining other states in the Midwest to plan a **Regional AAUW Conference**. Mark your calendars now for June 18-19, 2020.

Although in the early stages of planning, this conference is shaping up to be pretty amazing. Kim Churches, AAUW President will be giving a keynote address at the event. Here are more of the particulars.

Date: June 18-20, 2020

Place: Moline, Illinois

Hotel: Hyatt House, East Moline, Illinois

Please send your email address to khaahr@sbcglobal.net if you want to be updated directly about the regional conference.

Kristina Haahr
Co-President, AAUW KS



Mark Your Calendar

*** **Saturday, April 25, 2020** ***

The State Board is pleased to announce the Kansas Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 on the campus of the Kansas City Kansas Community College. On the agenda – KCKCC AAUW student organization presentation; meet the 2019 NCCWSL Scholarship Winner, Karol Pineda; a celebration of the 19th Amendment Centennial; AAUW updates and more. Look for full details in the next newsletter and on the website.

Make plans now to attend!

Support AAUW Fund for a Brighter Future for Women & Girls

If you're new to the AAUW Fund or if you just need to get reacquainted with it, read on to learn more about the need and impact of this valuable source of unrestricted giving.

The AAUW Fund is a general fund for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed. This prevents overfunded and underfunded areas that keep AAUW from reaching our full mission potential. Many people assume that AAUW programs are funded through membership dues and restricted gifts alone, but those only cover a portion of the funds needed to run and grow them.

Funding for all the programs you love come, at least in part, from unrestricted giving. The LAF Fund is almost fully funded because most of its funding comes from restricted giving. Fellowships and grants are the only fully funded program that AAUW has, with endowment funds covering all expenses.

Many sponsors across the country support the National Collegiate Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and corporate donations fund about half of our Tech Trek and Tech Savvy STEM programs. The Eleanor Roosevelt Research Fund, Elect Her, Start Smart/Work Smart, and public policy – which receives the least amount of restricted funding among these examples - rely on unrestricted giving to fully fund them. Relying on unrestricted giving to fund these programs depletes the pool of unrestricted gifts and every year there are less resources available. In time, this will start to affect how AAUW funds these programs and projects.

We don't know what challenges women will face in the future, but we do know that AAUW has always been there to meet them. By making an unrestricted gift, you are supporting all of AAUW for the future.



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MESSAGE FROM LOUISE:

Thanks to the Wichita League of Women Voters for the August 24th kickoff celebration for the Centennial of the 19th Amendment! There were 250 women happily celebrating the win for vote 99 years ago. It was a proud moment for our Kansas AAUW board to sit together knowing that we and AAUW Kansas

are a part of this party and a sponsor. "Past Present Future, Our Votes United" was the theme for this Centennial Luncheon.

Your board saw the vision of the Centennial Committee of the League of Women Voters of Kansas (LWVK) put together to get this party rolling. This is a year-long celebration which will culminate in August 2020 when women will celebrate 100 years of voting. Special guest speaker inspiring us to get out the vote was our past Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum. She was welcomed with a standing ovation. Her message was to stay the course, always stand up for everyone's rights and especially the right and privilege to vote. She noted that we have so many before us, with us now and our future women leaders to support and hold close.

And as we closed the celebration, we all looked at the wonderful brand spanking new traveling exhibit that your AAUW dollars sponsored. (See in background of AAUW KS delegation picture page 3.) Your goal and that of your branch this year is to be sure to experience/read/digest this marvelous exhibit titled: Learning from the Past, Imagining the Future. Reserve this exhibit for your town. There is no charge for reserving or showing this educational and inspirational work. BUT you do need to reserve it... Find your date to host it in your area/town, then visit LWVK website to find dates of where it is, reserve it for yours and to look at all activities over the state. lwk.org/centennial. You can also find information on Facebook at Centennial Celebration 19th Amendment or on Instagram at Kansas Suffragists. Be sure to check them out.

The excitement and enthusiasm of everyone as we realize what our foremothers and sisters have done to get us the vote should make all members and their branches eager to be a part of the Centennial with a program, parade, or display/exhibit over the next year.

And, as the state AAUW board, we want to hear what you are doing so we too can celebrate with you or work together to spread the word of the significance of mom's vote, daughter's vote, sister's vote. Use that right and privilege along with your continuing thirst for education with pride.

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AAUW of KS Members at 19th Amendment Centennial Kick-Off Celebration - (left to right): Louise Ehmke, Co-President, Lynnette Redington, Communications/IT, Paula Shields, Secretary, Nancy Bolsen, Past President, Carolyn Dwire, Finance; Kristina Haahr, Co-President, and Tresa Landis, AAUW Funds.



Registration for the 2020 **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** (NCCWSL) will be opening soon. The State Board will again be offering an incentive travel scholarship of up to \$750 to one female student to attend next year's conference. The State application is open to female students in good standing currently enrolled in a Kansas 2-or 4-year institution (2019-2020 academic year).

Watch <https://aauw-ks.aauw.net/> website for the AAUW Kansas State Board scholarship application or contact aauwksscholarships@gmail.com for more details. We encourage you to share this information with all eligible college women in your community.

Be a part of changing a young woman's life!



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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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