



Bulletin

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Message from Kristina:

It has been heartbreaking to look at my calendar and see all of the events canceled this spring. Even though it is safest to stay home and not congregate together, I miss my local AAUW branch and I was so disappointed to cancel our annual state conference. Every March, my local branch meets at the home of one of our members to discuss a book we picked to read together at our December meeting. Since we couldn't meet together this year our host began our book discussion by sending out discussion questions via email. Each member chimed in with her answers, replying to all. It wasn't the same as sitting around the living room, drinking coffee, and lively debating the merits of the book, but it was connecting with each other. Now more than ever, communicating with our friends is important. While we cannot gather in one place for branch meetings, we can get together in creative ways. Here is a list of ideas to keep you connected with your branches and with each other across the state.

- Utilize email: work to create an up-to-date email list of all branch members and send out emails, either individual or groups to stay in contact with one another.

- Host a Zoom meeting: Zoom.us is a free video and audio service that allows a meeting host to facilitate a gathering for 40 minutes at a time. Sign up is free, although for a fee you can host meetings for longer than 40 minutes. Zoom works on your smartphone or computer. I've been on Zoom calls this month for a virtual birthday party, a state AAUW presidents meeting, national AAUW calls, and virtual happy hours.
- Activate the phone tree: If you are more comfortable on the phone than on the computer, please work to get an up-to-date telephone number list. Divide your list into groups among your branch officers and make a plan to contact each member every week/two weeks/etc.

Although it's not as instantaneous, the post office is still working and could use the funds. Send a letter or quick note to someone from AAUW and let them know you are thinking about them. Whatever method of communication you choose, please check in with each other. Especially keep an eye on our members who live alone.

National AAUW is also working hard to keep everyone connected. Be sure to check your email for national communication and check out the new AAUW website for more ways to stay involved. We are staying home but our advocacy for AAUW legislation remains vital. There is plenty of work to be done for equal rights, equal pay, and equal access to education. If you have the time to get involved, now is a perfect opportunity to flood our elected officials email boxes with our concerns and AAUW opportunities.

I look forward to getting together with all of you very soon. In the meantime, let's stay in touch via email or phone. khaahr@sbcglobal.net and 913-636-3523.

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2020-2021

AAUW OF KS Board

With no formal annual meeting, many of the current officers are willing to remain on the AAUW of KS Board – with a few role changes. You’ll note there are still a few openings. Contact Kristina if you’re interested in join the state board.

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As of press time...

Kansas State Fair...HERE WE COME!

Centennial Celebration of 19th Amendment VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

*From: Centennial Celebration KS State Fair
Committee- Ann Zimmerman, Gwen Elliott &
Nancy Wagner*

The Kansas State Fair is still a go!
Centennial Celebration will have a booth at the Fair. The building is Sunflower South. It is climate-controlled with restrooms in the building. We will have a table and chairs.

Volunteers are needed...see the schedule below (though some spots may be filled already) and contact Nancy Wagner NOW if interested! Email: nwagner5@cox.net

We will provide other needed information about receiving tickets, parking and whatever else you can think of early this summer. There is great information about the Fair at the website <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/>

Non- Local League day coverage needs as of May1

Tuesday Sept. 15	9 AM to 11 AM (1 person)
	11 AM to 1:15 PM (1 person)
	5 PM to 7:15 PM (2 people)

Wednesday Sept. 16 **7 PM to 9:15 PM (2people)**

Thursday Sept 17	9 AM to 11:15 AM (2people)
	1 PM to 3: 15 PM (2 people)
	7 PM to 9:15 PM (2 people)

Kansas Star Branch – 2019-2020



MANHATTAN BRANCH

The AAUW Manhattan Branch presented the sole KS Star Branch application this year. With it came many ideas for programs and activities. Here are a few...

- Research on U.S./Denmark Health & Type 1 Diabetes – Dr. Amanda Gaulke, Assistant Professor of Economics, Kansas State University (a branch member)
- Incarcerated Women – Dr. Lisa Melander, Associate Professor Sociology, Kansas State University
- Poverty in Kansas and Efforts Like Thrive to Address It – Jamie Morris-Hardemann, Executive Director, Thrive
- Happiness Curve of Aging – Dr. Gayle Doll, Director, Center of Aging, Kansas State University
- Women’s Road to Suffrage in Kansas – Diane Eckoff & Aaron Barnhart, Speaker/Author, <https://www.humanitieskansas.org/grants-programs/speakers-bureau>
- Annual International Women’s Day Celebration – panel of four international women who live in our community
- We donated books to the local public library. Each book included a bookplate indicating that AAUW donated the book in honor of program speakers. The library found books that related to the speaker’s topic and the speakers were delighted with this means of recognizing them.

With Manhattan Branch’s instigation, other branches shared ideas of how to keep in touch and program ideas for the coming year. We all have people with interesting stories in our branch as well as community. As you plan next year’s meetings, reach out and ask them to share their history.

WICHITA BRANCH

Wichita has a calling tree since the stay at home order was enacted. We divided up the list so the volunteers had about five women to call. We have a few members that do not have e-mail. We found a couple of members were lonely at this time and appreciated having a call. Also, we are sending cards to a few members.

Wichita Branch meets at Larkspur Restaurant in Wichita. Programs in 2019-2020 included:

- Sarah Bagby, Watermark Books, talked about the latest books
- Teresa Hatfield, Sedgwick County Extension Office, "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate"
- Karen Zimbleman, Wichita AAUW member, talked about her travels and brought scrapbooks
- Catherine Linaweaver, Kansas Celebration of 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment Ratification
- Cynthia Berner, Wichita Public Library, History or Golden Books
- Cindy Hoover, Electrical Engineer at Spirit Aerosystems, Childcare in the Work Place

NEWTON BRANCH

Newton meets at the KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) on Bethel College Campus as well as members’ homes. We hope you find inspiration as you see what we planned this year...

- Annually, we have a membership tea which makes a perfect time to invite friends to AAUW.
- 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote: Centennial Celebration and Ways to Take Action Now
- Donna Becker, member, offered *It Happened in Tennessee: A Dramatic Retelling of How the 19th Amendment Was Ratified*
- Promoting *Work Smart* College Outreach Night (cancelled due to COVID19)
- History of Women’s Suffrage and Leadership in Early Harvey County

Share your branch program ideas...email Iredington12@gmail.com



Follow this link to Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW, for the annual State of the Association video.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/2020-convening/?emci=3864b124-1896-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&emdi=e3dec5a2-2797-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=932489>



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AAUW on the National Level

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

The AAUW supports AAUW's continuing goal of breaking through barriers for women and girls, and it does so through member activism and voter mobilization. It is a nationwide network of nearly 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institution partners.

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