



# Bulletin

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## President's Message



Kristina Haahr  
AAUW of Kansas President

Greetings from your out-going state president. I hope this newsletter finds you well and that 2022 is shaping up to be a good year for you. I find myself busier than ever juggling work and personal obligations. But I look forward to seeing an AAUW webinar, branch meeting, or state planning session on my calendar. How about you? Are you finding ways to stay connected?

### What's coming up?

There is a lot happening at AAUW both nationally and across Kansas. We will have much to celebrate when we gather together virtually for our annual conference. Plan to attend the conference April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon to celebrate where we've been, what we're accomplishing, and what's next for AAUW.

National AAUW is encouraging everyone to continue to meet virtually, so we will follow that guideline for our conference again this year. Watch your inbox for registration details to make sure you get all of the Zoom links and materials. However, if your branch would like to host in-person viewing parties to better connect all of our members, even those without cameras or Zoom accounts, let me know and I can get you information on how to do that.

Also, as your branches begin to work on the calendar for next year, keep an eye out for our next town hall meeting coming soon where we will share program ideas.

### Celebrations

Did you know that the Manhattan Branch recently celebrated their 100th anniversary? And Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's new CEO, even called them out during the national 140th anniversary celebration. If you were unable to attend the national webinar, it's available to watch online. Just follow this link:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/140-anniversary/> Mention of our Manhattan branch happens at the end of the recording but it's worth a watch in its entirety.

### State board officers:

I love our state board and am honored to serve with such an enthusiastic, get-things-done group of women. Next year, Liz Rempel will take the reins as president. She is dedicated to bringing meaningful content and interaction to all of the AAUW members across the state. If you've ever thought about joining the board, now is the perfect time. Many hands make light work, and the more positions we can fill at the state level, the more we can accomplish for AAUW. You can contact me at [kristina.haahr@gmail.com](mailto:kristina.haahr@gmail.com) if you would like more information on any of our open board positions.

Finally, many of our branches had planned to meet in person this year. Some of you might have switched to virtual meetings for the time being. If any of your members need help accessing Zoom or another virtual platform, or if your branch needs access to a Zoom account, please let me know and I can share the details of our state account with you.

I look forward to seeing all of you via Zoom for our 2022 Annual Conference. Until then, stay safe and let's take care of each other.

Kristina Haahr  
President, AAUW KS  
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**Vacant Board Positions include:**

- **Membership Vice President** -Lead the AAUW Kansas board in the development of an action plan to recruit and sustain a diverse, active membership in our Kansas branches. Educate branches on activities to facilitate spreading knowledge of benefits of AAUW affiliation.
- **Secretary** – Maintain records of the board for history and guidance’s sake and take minutes of meetings. Disperse minutes to board members in a prompt manner.
- **College/University Partnership Representative** – Appointed by the AAUW KS president to represent the college/university aspect of membership and education for young members.



**SUNFLOWER GARDEN**

***HONOR SOMEONE***

If your branch, or you, as an individual, wishes to recognize someone, living or past, by planting a sunflower in the KS AAUW Sunflower Garden, **send a \$25 contribution or more and the name of the honoree** to Tresa Landis, AAUW KS Funds Chair, 1314 Houston Street, Manhattan, KS 66502. Checks should be made payable to AAUW Funds. Honorees will be recognized at the AAUW KS Annual Conference on April 23.



**Kansas Star Branch**  
**Be a Star for 2021-2022**

Document your branch events, projects, donations, and community visibility your branch gained during the 2021-2022 year and become a Kansas Star Branch!

**Applications are online at <https://aauw-ks.aauw.net/> website and due APRIL 8.** It is not necessary to achieve all stars, simply tell us what accomplishments were made this year. Recognition will be given at the Kansas Annual Conference.

**Send application to: Donna Becker, 921 S. Ash, Newton, KS 67114 or [beckerdonna2@gmail.com](mailto:beckerdonna2@gmail.com)**



Hear from Tahmineh Azizi, a Postdoctoral Fellow at Florida State University and one of the AAUW KS supported women who attend the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** at the AAUW KS Annual Conference.

***Do you know...***

**this year Kansas legislature has a bills to support a Commemorative Suffragist Monument in the Kansas Capitol?**

SB 479 has moved to Senate Consent Agenda & HB2661

## Membership

### Insight

By Liz Rempel,  
President-Elect



As a new member of the state board, I was very surprised to learn that Kansas has more national AAUW members (people who are not branch-affiliated) than members in our five branches. There are about 160 national members in Kansas who do not have a home branch. I imagine this is at least in part due to geographical barriers (no branches in the western two-thirds of the state).

The challenges of the pandemic have also brought an opportunity to use technology to stay connected. Geography no longer stands in the way of members from across the state joining together in virtual experiences, whether that be monthly branch meetings, book clubs, or statewide town hall gatherings. There is even potential for new virtual branches to form and meet regularly.

One of the best ways for us to stay better connected as a state community is to keep our contact information current (especially email addresses). AAUW just completed a major infrastructure change to make this easier and more user-friendly. They have created a Community Hub ([aauw.org/membership/](http://aauw.org/membership/)) where each member can log in and update their information. Many of you probably received an email about this. I encourage you to utilize this new feature so that we can continue to foster greater connections and energy toward AAUW's valuable mission.

Stay on top of AAUW Public Policy issues by subscribing to the AAUW Action Network.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

## AAUW CALENDAR 2022

- March** Women's History Month
- March 8 International Women's Day
- April Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- April 2\* National Equal Pay Day - Wear **RED** to show how far women are 'in the red'
- April 8 Star Branch Application due**
- April 10 AAUW KS ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DUE**
- April 15 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT DUE** (see page 4)
- April 23 AAUW OF KS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- May 3 KS AAUW Bulletin items due to Lredington12@gmail.com in .doc or .docx format and pictures in .jpg form.

### June 30 2022-2023 Officer Reports due to National

\*April 2, 2022 –This is the date that symbolizes how far into 2022 white women must work to earn what white men earned in 2021. Women working full time and year-round are paid 83 cents for every \$1 paid to a man. Put another way - women start working for free at 2:40 pm in a typical 9-5 job. Black women, moms, and those in the LGBTQ+ community must work even longer.

## Loss of an AAUW Member & Friend

Gretchen Morgenstern passed on January 23 at age 89. Gretchen was an active AAUW member serving both the state and Salina branches. She was honored with an AAUW named fellowship. You can read more about her here.



<https://www.salina.com/obituaries/phut0139680>





## REQUEST FOR BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

As your program co-vice presidents, we are eager to hear about programs and outreach activities in your community, so we want to attend a meeting of each branch this spring. Thanks to the Manhattan branch for opening their meetings to the rest of us with Zoom.

Which leads us to say that the board wants to highlight a program or activity from each branch at the April 23 conference. This is an appeal to the program officers to prepare a brief report of an event that went especially well or an initiative you are proud of. Please

let us know by April 15 that you will present this recognition of your branch.

We know that branches are always thinking about ways to increase membership. If your branch has been successful in recruiting new members, the board would like to hear about it. This is also a great time to let you know that the state board is looking for candidates for the vice-president of membership. Please consider if this could be the right spot for you to serve our state organization.

By the time you get this newsletter, the second Town Hall will have happened. It was good to have some of you join the timely discussion and sharing.

We look forward to “seeing” you on April 23!

Donna and Marjean  
Co-Vice Presidents of  
Programs

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## 2021 By the Numbers



Follow this link to see more on AAUW National 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW.

<https://www.aauw.org/about/years-in-review/>



# Growing Together

## 2022 AAUW Kansas Conference

April 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Virtual via Zoom

**Register by APRIL 10 at this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kfu2urzksGN3eYhIAkC2jK49r0AjAJTbO>

### Agenda

9:00	Welcome and opening remarks	Kristina Haahr
9:20	HONOR	Tresa Landis
	● 2021 NCCWSL participant and scholarship recipient, Tahmineh Azizi	
	● Outstanding Scholar: Mary Porterfield	Louise Ehmke
	● Manhattan branch 100th anniversary recognition	
	● Awards: AAUW Funds	
10:10	CELEBRATE	Marjean Harris
	● Remarks from Gloria	
	● Recognition of branch members	
	● Recognition of outstanding branch programs	
	● Star Branch Awards	
	● Celebrate the Suffrage Monument progress	Louise Ehmke
11:00	LOOK TO THE FUTURE	Donna Becker
	● <i>You Don't See Me</i> – Regina Platt, YWCA of Northeast Kansas	
11:30	BUSINESS MEETING	Kristina Haahr
	● Minutes	
	● Finances	
	● Elections	
	● Installation of Officers	
	● 2023 Conference Date: In person at Manhattan - April 22, 2023	
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**AAUW - Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.**

### 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 600 college/university institution partners.

**AAUW Action Fund**  
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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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Pay Check Fairness Act – Advocacy help  
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/pfa-toolkit/>

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