

## President's Message:

### *Notable Women, an Update*

At its meeting on March 9, the Board voted to continue with the *Notable Women of Missouri* project. It was agreed to ask Carlynn Trout to write ten additional biographies of Missouri women to add to the ten she completed in January 2004 for use by the fourth grades at Eugene Field Elementary school. The Board also voted to give one binder with the original ten biographies to each of the elementary schools in the Columbia Public school system when we have funds available to do so. We hope to be able to accomplish this in September of this year.

At the end of this school year there will be a formal review of the first ten biographies. The review will involve Diane Knutson and Troy Hogg, the two fourth-grade teachers at Field, Carlynn Trout, members of the AAUW committee for the project, and probably Judy Trujillo, the head of social studies for Columbia Public Schools, and Jolene Schulz, coordinator of Partners in Education. This review will provide useful feed back to help production of the next ten biographies.

In early March, Carlynn presented a bound copy of *Notable Women* to Lisa Schenker, the reviewer of the first ten biographies. Lisa is a fourth-grade teacher at Grant School. Carlynn presented the copy to her in the classroom and told me that the students were immediately interested in the biographies. A report on the project and Lisa's part in it was included in a Grant newsletter.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have completed the second component of our Partnership Friend agreement with Field School. Several AAUW members will have participated in a Lunch and Learn at the school. The fourth-grade teachers felt that the students would profit from an informal meeting at which some of us could share our experiences with them. Diane Knutson told me "Just spending time with new people provides learning experiences for the children." We have heard that lunch at Field is quite good, too! You will hear more about this event at the next branch meeting.

– Jane Biers, President

### **Additional HELP is NEEDED for HISTORY DAY**

If you can possibly give time (and have fun) on the morning of Saturday, April 17, please call Holly Burgess, 449-0625 or Liz Bailey, 449-7677. Signed to help so far are (7) Liz Bailey, Jane Biers, Holly Burgess, Grace Butler, Betty Eyestone, Ellen L. Flottman and Betty Cook Rottmann.

### *Be a Good Sport and come to the April 20 Meeting*

Sports fans and anyone interested in how Title IX is affecting the ability of women to compete at all levels of education and competition will want to hear Coach Bob Burchard, Columbia College Director of Athletics speak April 20 at the Columbia Branch meeting held on the Columbia College Campus. In recent years, Columbia College has had women's teams reach tournament level in basketball, volleyball and soccer.

The April 20 meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in Dorsey Gymnasium, Columbia College. See enclosed map for Dorsey building location and recommended parking. Since CC has many evening classes, it is suggested you carpool if possible.

Also at the April Branch meeting, which is our annual meeting, bring books to sell for LAF, items to fill May basket, and especially – BRING A GUEST! (*Hint: duplicate and post the enclosed flyer in various locations!*)

### **2004-2005 DUES**

**can be paid at April & May meetings.**

NOTE: Association has raised Association dues by \$2, and a vote will be taken at the April Branch Meeting concerning a \$3 increase in Branch dues as recommended by the Board.

### **May Meeting is Last One for 2003-2004 Year**

The last meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. – a dinner meeting at the Pasta Factory, Broadway and Hitt. You will be contacted prior to the meeting for reservations. The cost of the meal is \$12.00 which includes choice of three entrees, salad, dessert, beverages and gratuity.

After dinner a short business meeting, presentation of the Eva Johnston Scholarship to a Stephens College student, introduction of officers for 2004-2005, and the program will follow.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Ibitola “Tola” Pearce, Associate Professor of Sociology and Women Studies at the University of Missouri. She specialized in such areas as women and health, developmental studies and social inequalities.

Note: Prepare for your summer reading!! The Used Book Sale will provide you with a variety of selections (paperback \$.50, hardback \$1.00). Just bring them to the meeting. Proceeds will benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund.

You can also pay your dues for the coming year. Put the date on your calendar and bring a guest.

— Betty Burchett, Program Co-Chair

### **Diversity Corner – Let’s Talk Columbia**

“Let’s Talk Columbia”, a chance to discuss issues of diversity with a wide swath of Columbia’s citizens, will be held May 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and May 2, 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Unity Center. Organized by the Human Rights Commission, “Let’s Talk Columbia” uses a discussion guide entitled “Toward a More Perfect Union: A Guide for building Stronger Communities Through Public Dialogue” to lead facilitated discussions among student groups of 7-10 people who are assigned to reflect the wide diversity of individuals within Columbia. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from, and share your insight with, other members of the community. Registration is due by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available at the Human Rights Commission Office, 12 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, or can be downloaded by going to the HRC page on the [www.GoColumbiaMO](http://www.GoColumbiaMO) website

Can’t make it that weekend? The HRC is also hosting a monthly series of “Community Circles” dialogues at the DBR Library. These sessions are a little less structured, but are aimed at fostering a continuing dialogue on issues of diversity. The next sessions are scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:45. If you have questions about either program contact the HRC office at (573-8874-7488).

— Christine Roberson, Diversity Chair

### **Adelante Reading Group Stimulates Your Brain**

Want to stimulate your brain? Looking to expand your horizons, and come to a deeper understanding of the diversity of our world? Come join us for one or more of the book discussions listed below. It won’t completely replace the wonderful presentations we get during the regular meetings, but it is a pleasant substitute. Even if you do not finish a selection, you are still welcome at the discussion. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., at the Perkin’s on Business loop 70. Everyone, AAUW member or not, is welcome. Remember, if you order books from Amazon through the AAUW website, AAUW receives a donation. Our own 9th Street Bookstore gives us a 20% discount if you tell them you are with the our reading group.

If you are interested in attending, have questions, or can suggest a selection for next year, please contact me. Christine Roberson, [RockMOMS@aol.com](mailto:RockMOMS@aol.com) or 499-9411.

#### **April**

No Disrespect, by Sister Souljah  
ISBN0679767088, Discussion 04/15/2004

#### **May (API Heritage Month)**

*A Step from Heaven* by An Na  
ISBN0142500275, Discussion 05/20/2004

#### **June (Gay/Lesbian Pride Month)**

*My Dangerous Desires A Queer Girl Dreaming Her Way Home*  
by Amber L. Hollibaugh  
ISBN0822326191, Discussion 06/17/2004

#### **July**

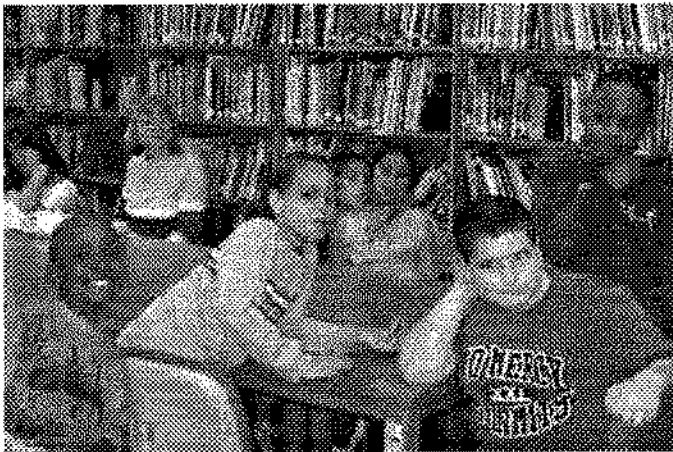
*Number Our Days* by Barbara G. Myerhoff  
ISBN0671254308, Discussion 07/15/2004

#### **August**

*Prozac Nation* by Elizabeth Wurtzell  
ISBN1573225126, Discussion 08/19/2004



Fourth Grade students at Field School hear from Jane Biers about some of her life experiences during Lunch and Learn.



*Kathy Fishel meets with Fourth Grade students at the Field School Lunch and Learn.*

### Nominating Committee Reports

The nominating committee reported at the March meeting that Marianne Fues has agreed to be nominated as Assistant Treasurer. No one has yet agreed to be nominated as program chair, however Valerie Goodin and Lucille Salerno have said that they would be willing to help with finding speakers and venues for meetings. That's the largest part of the work that the committee does, so all we need is another person to coordinate and tie up those loose ends. If you would be willing to work with Valerie and Lucille in this capacity please notify Jane.

Coming Events	
2004	
Apr 17	Sat. . . . . Missouri History Day
Apr 20	Tues . . . . . Columbia Branch Meeting
Apr 24-25	. . . . . State Conference, Kansas City
May 18	Tues . . . . . Columbia Branch Meeting
June	TBA . . . . . Columbia Branch Board Meeting

**Connections**  
 is the newsletter of the Columbia, Missouri Branch of the American Association of University Women.  
 Please submit items to Mildred L. Prather-Garner, 4701 W. Gibbs Rd., Columbia, MO 65202 or e-mail [mprather@coiu.org](mailto:mprather@coiu.org)  
 Website: <http://aauw.columbia.missouri.org>

### News Of Our Members

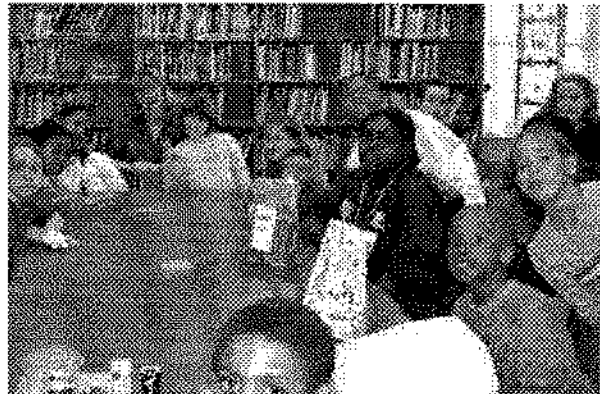
#### *Salerno receives Distinguished Alumnus Award*

One of our own members, Lucille Salerno, has received the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Science at its annual banquet on February 20.

From the awards booklet we quote:

“Lucille Salerno could never have predicted the range of interests that would permeate her life. Trained as a social psychologist she worked in patient care research for the New York City Department of Health and the Suffolk County Department of Social Services before moving to Columbia, Mo. Seeking avenues to personal fulfillment, Salerno registered as a nontraditional student at MU. She completed work on a doctoral degree only to discover that her age, which had not inhibited her as a student, offered challenges to locating opportunities. Still, she found employment: as instructor and state specialist for MU Extension; assistant to the editor of the top professional publication in her field; and grant writer and program coordinator for the Missouri Department of Health as well as for several MU programs. She took a position as evaluator of Missouri’s First Steps Program, which serves infants at risk for developmental delays. She worked as psychology instructor, gerontology researcher, grant writer on the challenges of adolescence, and director of the Peace Studies Summer Camp on conflict resolution for adolescents.

“Salerno channels a lifetime interest in music into the promotion of ragtime and jazz. As a volunteer, she hosts two radio programs, produces an annual ragtime/early jazz festival and attracts renowned artists to Columbia. In that same vein, she spearheaded the restoration of the home of ragtime virtuoso Jan William ‘Blind’ Boone. The projects brought her international fame in ragtime, but Salerno was more delighted with having successfully attracted financial help for these activities through her skills in grant writing.



*Christine Roberson, AAUW member, and Diane Knutson, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, visit with students during Field School’s Lunch & Learn.*