

President's Message:

## ***Survey Results Are Guide For Year's Program Planning***

My thanks to all of you who completed the survey that I produced for the May meeting, our last one of the 2003-04 year. I was particularly interested in your answers to my questions about attendance, because I thought they might help us in scheduling the 2004-05 program. Some of you had schedule conflicts for the two brunches held on Saturdays (8 for one, 9 for the other). On the other hand, attendance figures for both brunches were high last year. We, therefore, included one this year.

Eleven of you said you were in favor of lunchtime meetings, but five of that group also attended most of the evening meetings, and four members were opposed to meeting at lunchtime. So that idea of a way to boost attendance came to nothing.

We have, however, tried to hold meetings this year in places where parking is easy and the location familiar. We will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church for three meetings, will hold our usual meeting with the Columbia Public Library in March, will go back to Jack's for the brunch and to the Pasta factory for a dinner in April. I know that downtown parking can sometimes be difficult, but the big garage at Hitt and Cherry is available, and it is often possible to park on Broadway further to the east. Note that we are starting the Pasta Factory meeting earlier than last year, and we will also try and work out a system so that meal service will be faster. Two venues are unfamiliar, Missouri Girls Town and our Holiday Social, but both events will take place during the day, and so I do not think there will be problems getting to them.

I had wondered whether transportation difficulties might have caused low attendance at some meetings, but only three of you mentioned transportation as a problem. If you need help getting to meetings, do tell your caller or Liz Bailey. They will see whether they can arrange a ride for you.

You gave us many good program ideas, some of which we are implementing for the 2004-05 year, while others we will keep in mind for the future. You proposed 26 different topics altogether, showing that we are a diverse group with diverse interests. The topics divide up into several broad categories, such as local or State subjects (5 suggestions), women's education (5), the arts (3), international affairs

## ***Two Columbia Branch Members Honored at Equality Day in St. Louis***

Three prominent Columbia women were honored at the 17th Annual Equality Day Celebration, August 28, in St. Louis, with awards for their work furthering equality for women. Two of the three, Betty Cook Rottmann and Grace Butler, are members of our own branch. The other was Vicky Riback Wilson.

Rottmann began her dedication to the women's movement in the late 1960's. She was a charter and organizing member of several statewide organizations for women, including the Women's Political Caucus, the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition, the Missouri Women's Network, and the Register for Women's Leadership. She is a long time active member of a number of other organizations, including the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters. Continuing to be active in her 80s, Rottmann presents Amelia Bloomer, the 19th century fighter for women's rights, to community organizations.

Butler, former regional director for the American Association of University Women, was honored for her lifelong commitment to equity for women. She works for a number of local, statewide and regional organizations (and has received awards and recognitions from most of them), including the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, Altrusa, the Missouri Women's Network and Delta Kappa Gamma. Butler has contributed to equity for women in Missouri through her untiring efforts with young women and senior citizens, women of diversity and limited education and financial resources, and through a determined effort to right the wrongs of inequality for women in Missouri.

The Missouri Women's Network, founded in 1982, is a statewide organization advocating for equity for women through legislation, education and activism.

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(2), women in science (1), and more general topics, such as using our members for programs (7). For a description of the first two meetings and an outline of the program for the remainder of the year, see pp. 2 of this newsletter.

We have built on your ideas, and I hope you will agree that the results will make for an interesting year. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

— Jane Biers, President

### *September Meeting*

Tuesday, September 28, 5:30 p.m.  
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 W. Rollins Road.  
Carry-in Dinner, Business Meeting & Program  
Silent auction of baked goods and other  
"can't resist items" -- to benefit the Educational Founda-  
tion and Legal Advocacy Fund

Please take your own table service and a generous  
dish to share (you are encouraged to take a favorite  
international dish) for the potluck dinner.  
Remember to take your items for the silent auction!  
Invite guests and potential members.

#### *Program*

**"PASSPORT TO YOUR AAUW WORLD:  
AN INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE"**

*Program chairs: Diane Brukaradt and Grace Butler*

To start the year off well, come and learn more  
about the members of our branch, about AAUW, the  
Educational Foundation, and the Legal Advocacy Fund,  
and about our local projects. Attendees will hear about  
AAUW's goals for the coming year, as well as latest  
developments in the Association. An interesting/fun type  
of "mixer" will make individual members better known.  
As part of the program, a silent auction of baked goods  
and other "can't resist items" will benefit the Educational  
Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. This is a  
good meeting to which to bring guests and potential  
members.

### *October Meeting*

Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m.  
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 W. Rollins Rd.  
Business Meeting, Program, Used Book Sale

#### *Program*

**"GIRLS, INTERRUPTED: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVI-  
DENCE FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN EARLY GREECE"**

*Susan Langdon*

Department of Art History and Archaeology, University  
of Missouri

Sue Langdon, an AAUW member and archaeologist,  
uses material from excavations and art to understand the  
beginnings of ancient Greek culture. She is interested  
especially in how the Greeks defined the social roles of  
women and men. In this illustrated talk she examines  
evidence from religious shrines and graves to reconstruct  
how adolescent girls were perceived by their communi-  
ties and prepared for marriage. Depictions of young  
women in art as victims of abduction and the use of  
certain symbolic goods in their graves around 700 BC  
suggest that the idea of virginity may have been develop-  
ing as a useful social and political concept in this early  
period.

Sue is an associate professor of Greek Art and Ar-  
chaeology at the University of Missouri, and wants you  
to know that her original doctoral research was funded a  
number of years ago by a fellowship from AAUW.

### *Year's Program Previewed*

This year's program has been organized by the Board  
and Diane Brukaradt, since there is no program vice-presi-  
dent. The November meeting will take place at Missouri  
Girls Town. For several years we have been helping this  
organization by collecting gifts at the Holiday Season. It  
seemed it was time to learn more at firsthand about the  
young women we support.

In December, the Holiday Social will be held at Ste-  
phens College. Our special guest, Dr. Wendy Libby, presi-  
dent of Stephens, will talk to us on women's education and  
leadership. Our thanks to Joy Underdown for making the  
arrangements for what promises to be a most enjoyable  
occasion. Let's hope the weather cooperates this year!

In February, Lucille Salerno will present a program on  
Missouri's contribution to American music. One suggestion

from the survey was for a program on ragtime and jazz.  
Another was to use the talents of our own members. We  
have placed an emphasis there this year with our first  
speaker of the year, Dr. Susan Langdon, as well as with  
Lucille's program. In addition, the April meeting will fea-  
ture the talents of several members when the AAUW Radio  
Players read local poetry.

To celebrate women's history month in March, Carla  
Waal will talk about the adventure of doing biographical  
research on the Swedish actress Harriet Bosse  
(1878-1961). Bosse, the wife of the playwright August  
Strindberg, was an independent creative artist. Speaking as  
Harriet Bosse, Carla will present a colorful story of work  
and love.

The final meeting will be a wrap-up of the *Notable  
Women* project, thus ending the year with a focus on Mis-  
souri history and our contribution to local education, and  
also highlighting the talent of Carlynn Trout, another of our  
members.

**Proposed Budget  
Columbia Branch AAUW  
2004-05 Operating Budget**

*Income:*

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Carry Over 2003-2004 | \$819.72     |
| Dues                 | <u>40.00</u> |
| Balance              | \$ 859.72    |

*Expenses:*

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Delegate to State Conference  | \$ 50.00         |
| Delegate to Association Conf. | 500.00           |
| Newsletter                    | 200.00           |
| Programs                      | 50.00            |
| Committees                    | 59.72            |
| Diversity                     | \$ 5.00          |
| EF/Eva Johnston               | 20.00            |
| LAF                           | 5.00             |
| Membership                    | 20.00            |
| Public Policy                 | 5.00             |
| Publicity                     | 4.72             |
| Balance                       | <u>\$ 859.72</u> |

**Coming Events  
2004**

|         |      |       |       |                         |
|---------|------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| Sept 28 | ...  | Tues. | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting |
| Oct 26  | .... | Tues  | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting |
| Nov 13  | ...  | Sat   | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting |
| Dec 5   | .... | Sun   | ..... | Holiday Social          |

**2005**

|        |      |      |       |                                       |
|--------|------|------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb 12 | .... | Sat  | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting               |
| Mar 15 | ...  | Tues | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting               |
| Apr 15 | ...  | Fri  | ...   | State Leadership Conference, Hannibal |
| Apr 19 | .... | Tues | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting               |
| May 10 | ...  | Tues | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting               |
| June   | .... | TBA  | ..... | Columbia Branch Meeting               |

**Connections**

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**Association's Executive Director Leaves Office**

*A letter from Jackie Woods regarding her resignation as Executive Director of AAUW:*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you know, over the past two months I have been absorbed with personal health issues. I am happy to report that I am conscientiously following my wellness program and am well on my way to recovery. Even type A personalities eventually understand the importance of work/life balance. Sometimes it is forced upon them (smile). Many thanks for all of the good wishes, cards, letters, gifts and prayers.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities and challenges given me at AAUW. During my time off, I had time to reflect on my life journey and the next steps needed to strengthen my personal well being. I realize that I must focus on new personal priorities and explore new horizons.

These past four years have been amazingly fulfilling and productive. We have accomplished great things and have set the groundwork for the 21st century phase of AAUW's existence. I fully expect that AAUW and its fantastic staff will continue the great works we have collectively started.

My resignation is effective as of June 30, 2004. I thank you for all you have done to assist in making my tenure at AAUW a wonderful experience. I am excited about the new opportunities that lie before me. If you are interested in staying in touch with me, my personal email addresses are: [Jacque1010@aol.com](mailto:Jacque1010@aol.com) or [JmeWoods@aol.com](mailto:JmeWoods@aol.com).

Again, thank you for being a major partner with me and AAUW.

Jackie Woods

**Diversity Corner – Let's Talk Columbia**

Community Circles offer monthly sessions where people from different walks of life can express their opinions and listen to those of others in a setting conducive to productive dialogue about race and diversity. Sessions are open to all, and you don't need to sign up in advance. Just drop in when you are free to do so.

Each month a different theme is chosen for discussion. The next two sessions will be held on Monday, September 27, and Monday, October 25, in the Friends Room, Columbia Public Library, from 6:00-8:45 p.m. To find out more, call 874-7488, or go to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (Go Word: *GoStudyCircles*).