

President's Message:

"Lunch and Learn" Continues for a Second Year

By the time you read this newsletter, members of the branch will have participated in "Lunch and Learn" at Eugene Field Elementary School. Sue Bader, Val Goodin, Lorna Johnson, and Alice Reese volunteered to participate on Tuesday, March 29, and Diane Brukaradt, Grace Butler, Betty Cook Rottmann, and Takako Tagami volunteered for Thursday, March 31. Last year fourth-grade teacher Diane Knutson suggested that a "Lunch and Learn" would be beneficial for the students by giving them the opportunity to meet women from different backgrounds and with varied experiences. The event was successful last year, and we decided to continue it this year as a component of our Partnership with the fourth grade of Field School.

Our last two branch meetings were very successful with two wonderful presentations by two highly talented women. Our own Lucille Salerno gave us a stimulating account of Missouri's contribution to American music, and Carla Waal Johns' dramatic reading portraying the life of Harriet Bosse brought the actress vividly to life. If you missed these meetings, you missed two very worthwhile experiences. I'd like to thank both Lucille and Carla here for graciously agreeing to make these presentations for our branch. The last two meetings of the year will also be enjoyable and stimulating. I look forward to seeing many of you at both of them. ... Jane Biers, President

Volunteer Opportunities:

Help With Archival Work at Stephens College

Volunteers are wanted to help in the Stephens College archives. If you would like help locate and choose photos and primary documents that could be used for biographies of Stephens women that Carlynn Trout is working on, please contact Carlynn, at carlynntrout@mchsi.com or 256-6086. Bobbi Burk, Stephens Archivist, would also appreciate help with other projects.

History Day Judges

Phone Holly Burgess at 449-0625 (eves) or 449-6959 (days) if you can help judge entries at Missouri History Day on Saturday, April 16.

Slate of Officers for Coming Year Announced

The following slate of officers for the 2005-2006 year has been submitted by the Nominating Committee:

President Jane Biers
Vice President for Programs Joy Underdown
Vice President for Membership Ellen Flottman
Secretary Mary Lou Spradling

Thanks to these members who have agreed to lead this Branch for another term.

Eva Johnston Scholarship Established By Columbia Branch Seventy-five Years Ago

Seventy-five years ago our AAUW Scholarship Fund was established when the Columbia Branch voted to undertake "the offering of a scholarship prize to be known as the Junior Award of AAUW and given to some local girl of outstanding scholarship in the University of Missouri." The secretary then added "We sincerely hope that this project may be continued and become a tradition of our local Branch."

Funds for the initial award of \$50 (\$60 a year later) were raised at a benefit bridge party at the Tiger Hotel. Miss Virginia Estes won the first award.

In November 1930 the Branch voted to name the Junior Award in honor of member Eva Johnston. However, in 1933 and at her request, the scholarship was renamed the Columbia Branch of AAUW Award for Junior Women. After the death of Dr. Johnston eleven years later, the fund was again designated as the Eva Johnston Scholarship Award. ... Betty Eyestone, Historian

Dues Reminder

Dues for the 2005-2006 year are now due. Your check for \$57.00 (includes Association, State & Branch dues) should be made to Columbia Branch AAUW and mailed to Treasurer Holly Burgess, 3509 Danvers Dr., Columbia, MO 65203 or Membership Vice President Ellen Flottman, 3800 Saddlebrook Pl. #102, Columbia, MO 65202.

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, Annual Meeting, Election & Program
Pasta Factory
 Broadway & Hitt
 R.S.V.P. will be requested.

“Contemporary Poetry by Local Poets”
Read by the AAUW Radio Players
 Coordinated by Dr. Diane Brukhardt

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 5:30 p.m.

Carry-in Dinner, Business Meeting, Program
 Trinity Presbyterian Church
 1600 W. Rollins Road
 “Wrap-up of *Notable Women*, Part 2
Carlynn Trout and Mary Dahm
 Introduction of Eva Johnston Scholarship Recipient

The evening will start with dinner, followed by a short business meeting for installation of officers for 2005-06. The program will be an informal discussion of notable women. Carlynn Trout and Mary Dahm have been working on the ten biographies to be added to the binders containing the first ten. As you may remember we gave three binders to Field School in 2004, and the Columbia Public School District purchased one for all other elementary schools in the system. Carlynn and Mary will talk to us about the women chosen for this year’s addition. These women include Ann Hawkins Gentry, the 18th century pioneer postmistress, Katherine Berry Richardson (1858-1938), doctor/surgeon and founder of Children’s Mercy Hospital, and Muriel Battle (1930-2003) educator.

Amendment to the Bylaws Proposed by Board

The Board recommends an amendment to the following section of the bylaws (revised May 2001):

Article XIII, Section 3. The annual meeting shall be to conduct business including but not limited to hearing officers’ reports, reviewing the budget, electing officers and nominating committee, establishing dues, amending bylaws and giving directions to the board.

The underlined words are in contradiction to the following statements on the policy sheet adopted by the branch in 2001.

Section 7. Budget, a. A proposed budget must be presented at the September membership meeting and voted on by the general membership in October.

Section 10. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall include two members from the Board and three elected from the general membership. The committee, elected in November, shall appoint its own chair.

The Board, therefore, recommends that Article XIII, Section 3 of the bylaws be amended to read as follows:

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Women’s Network Lobbies in Jefferson City

Betty Cook Rottmann and Grace Butler were the local AAUW members who attended the annual Missouri Women’s Network Lobby Day, Wednesday, March 30, at the Capitol in Jefferson City. A large number of legislators and their staff attended the breakfast and discussed issues of concern to MWN members. Shirley Breeze and Mary Mosley briefed the group on several bills of current concern and later everyone visited their legislators on these issues. HB639, Vouchers for Private Schools, and HB628, which weakens Protection Against Discrimination, were top priorities for discussion.

The Missouri Women’s Network will again submit a proclamation for the Governor to sign at his Open House, Wednesday, April 13, at 10 a.m. The proclamation will support Equal Pay Day, which will be observed April 15. AAUW continues to be the largest and most active group in the MWN. Columbia Branch members are urged to attend this event. Contact Grace Butler, 449-8062, for details and transportation.

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
 Website: <http://aauw.columbia.missouri.org>

News of our members:

Sue Bader - a new member

Sue moved in 1998 from Brentwood, Missouri to Columbia where two of her sons, Eric and Joel, live. She is a Kansas native and graduated from Kansas State University in 1949 with a degree in home economics education. Homemaking was her life's work, for the most part, until a divorce in 1980, at which time she perfected her sewing and tailoring skills and did part-time stitching for amateur and professional theater directors and costumers, in addition to rehabbing a house. Here in Columbia she does volunteer work at her church and for the Boone County Area Agency on Aging. Sue says she likes to bake cookies and that, no doubt, is greatly appreciated by her 8 grandchildren who range in age from 9 months to 19 years old..

Mary Dahm - recipient of award

Mary Dahm and her husband, James, of Dahm Design Co., were recipients of three gold and six silver awards for creative excellence at the 2004 American Advertising Federation ADDY awards. The gold ADDYs were for photography, brochure and poster design. Silver awards were in the categories of sales promotion, direct marketing, photography, logo design, collateral and advertising. Congratulations to Mary and James!

Patti Doyle - work featured in show

An exhibit spotlighting Patti's more than 30 years of designs for Stephens College Theater ran for the month of March at the college's Davis Art Gallery. The display, titled *Dressed to Play*, included painted renderings, photographs and costumes. Her work is known for its authenticity, detail and originality. Congratulations to Patti for a great show!

Grace Butler - family farm recognized by MU

Farm land homesteaded in 1865 by Grace's great-great-grandfather, and now owned by Grace, has been designated by MU Extension as a Century Farm. Grace, who, among all her other titles, is a farmer, was featured in a story appearing in *The Missourian* about Century Farms in Missouri. She feeds and cares for 60 head of cattle in addition to managing cropland producing soybeans and corn.

This newsletter may be accessed on the internet at <http://aauw.columbia.missouri.org/newsletters/html>. If you would care to save the expense of having it mailed to you, please notify the editor, and you will receive e-mail notifications when newsletters are posted.

Thanks to Calling Committee

Columbia Branch is fortunate to have volunteers spending time to remind members of Branch meetings and events. **Betty Burchett, Betty Eyestone, Lorna Johnson and Constance Schenk** are dedicated to facilitating your attendance to each meeting. Please return their calls when they leave messages and please give your RSVP promptly when needed. We hope to see you at the Pasta Factory on April 19 when an RSVP will be needed.

...Liz Bailey, Branch Calling Chair

Online Resources Help You Stay in Touch With What is Happening in Women's Issues

While educational gains for women are often credited with helping to shrink the gender gap in earnings, a new online resource from the AAUW Educational Foundation, *Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings*, reveals that there is still a significant pay difference between women and men with four-year degrees. Women are earning \$44,200, compared to \$61,800 for men – a gap of \$17,600 a year – or 71.5% of what the men earn. This information and links to more details about the research may be found in AAUW's new bi-monthly e-bulletin, *Mission in Action*, located at <http://www.aauw.org/ebulletin/mission/jan05/>. At the bottom of the page is a link where you can submit your e-mail address so that the bulletins will be sent to your e-mail address on a regular basis.

Other online links found on the Association's website that may interest you:

- Use the online *Two-Minute Activist* to tell your members of Congress where you stand.
- Join AAUW's *Action Network* to receive e-mail updates on today's issues affecting women and girls. (The new *Action Network* replaces *Get the Facts*.)
- Read the monthly *Action Alert* to learn about priority legislative issues under consideration. The January issue offers a comprehensive forecast for the 109th Congress.

Coming Events

Apr. 8 & 9	Fri, Sat . . .	Missouri State Conference, Boonville
Apr. 16	Sat	History Day at MU
Apr. 19	Tues	Columbia Branch Meeting
May 10	Tues	Columbia Branch Meeting
June 14	Tues	Columbia Branch Meeting
June 24-27	AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC