



## SHAWNEE MISSION GUIDELINES

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members, Friends and Neighbors,

Happy December Holidays to you all, and we hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving last month! We had a very productive meeting and talk on October 14, and welcomed new member Isobel Lauderdale. Isobel is currently a recipient of an AAUW scholarship and she is studying psychology, welcome to Isobel! Another important new member is Dr Sufi Thomas PhD, a faculty researcher at KUMed Center, who plays many roles but is also Basic Sciences representative to their Women in Medicine group there. Sufi we hope to see you again soon!

An additional 9 of our members attended our October meeting, and Diana Howell, JD led a very interesting discussion about Current Child Custody Trends. A useful app she recommended for parents to communicate about their children is called "Our Family Wizard", through which separated and divorced parents can text each other without having to talk verbally each time. Thanks also to those who brought refreshments!

Our November brunch meeting was very well attended and Dr Linda Keeler, psychiatrist who has served students at KU for 39 years discussed the current College Campus Scene and Issues Affecting Women Students. New branch member Trish Smith came, and brought guest Liz Barnes who is a retired principal of St. Paul's school. Liz we hope you join and come when you can! Another previous member Susan Sims also attended, which was a nice surprise and Susan we hope you join again! Thanks to everyone who came, and to those who also brought refreshments! Dr. Keeler said the most important trait that women students need to develop is assertiveness, which I think we all agree with!

We hope to see you all at our Christmas tea, and feel free to call or email me or other board members about potential speakers for our meetings in early 2024. The tea is on Sunday December 10, from 2 to 4pm at the beautiful home of Mary Grace and Jerry Lanese, 12401 Catalina St, Leawood, KS, 66209. Phone 913-491-6923. Tea and coffee will be served, water will be available, and please bring cookies, chocolates or a dessert if possible! Please bring a friend!

Warm Regards to all, Jessica Hellings

## **Treasurer's Report**

Current Funds General Account	\$7,336.98
Funds Account	498.25
Total	\$7,835.23

We donated \$400 to the National Funds Account for 2023.  
Our thanks to NBKC Bank for our free checking accounts.

**Marcia Cook, Treasurer**

## **INTEREST GROUP NEWS**

If you are interested in starting a new interest group, contact me at 816-943-8384.

The Evening Literature Group has joined with the Daytime Literature Group to become the AAUW Book Club. Meeting Jan. 23, 2024 at 1:00P.M. at Rita Einspahr's, 4217 W. 97 Terr. Overland Park, Ks. "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Kathleen Rooney, Reviewer Rita. Call Marcia Cook for details at 913-492-2507.

**Rose Ferguson, Interest Group Chair**

### **Membership News**

I received news that lifetime member, Roberta Ahneman, passed away 10/5/2022. Donations to SM AAUW Funds may be sent to Marcia Cook, 9123 Tomashaw, Lenexa, Ks. 66219. Notes may be sent to Roberta's daughter, Janet Hankins, 1405 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Clinton, Mo. 64735.

Marcia Beardsley has moved to Sunrise Senior Living, Room 124, 12500 W. 135 St. Overland Park Ks 66221.

**Membership Vice President, Jessica Hellings**

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Holiday Tea on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 4 P.M. at Mary Grace Lanese's, 12401 Catalina St. Leawood, Ks. Please rsvp if you are coming at 913-491-6923.

## **Directory**

The AAUW SM Directory was sent out by USPS on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any changes at 913-722-2861 or [sullivan.teresa@att.net](mailto:sullivan.teresa@att.net).

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