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AAUW Advances Equity for Women and Girls Through Advocacy,  
Education, Philanthropy, and Research

**PLEASE NOTE:** In case of inclement weather, if Parkway or Rockwood School Districts are closed, Ballwin-Chesterfield meetings will be cancelled.

## FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 8:45 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Chesterfield  
14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road

### Is the Economic Crisis Over? Will it Return?

**Jack K. Strauss, Ph.D**

Simon Chair of Economics and Director of Simon  
Center for Regional Forecasting,  
St. Louis University

Such questions are of serious concern to all of us and will be central to our discussions and decisions in this election year!

Our featured speaker will answer these questions from the standpoint of his unique expertise and position at St. Louis University.

His experience includes the analysis and forecasting of both foreign and local economies. The status of employment, housing, and immigration in St. Louis will be especially interesting for our audience.

8:45 a.m. Registration, Sign-ups

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. Speaker, 11:30 a.m. Adjournment

#### HOSPITALITY

**Hostesses:** Carlene Cox, Marie Fischer, Becky Kruse, Barbara McQuitty, B. J. Portas, Linda Seibert, Rosann Swaringim, Linda Tinker, and Kay Trebilcock

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Do you enjoy working a jigsaw puzzle? You put all those various shaped pieces on a table and then begin placing them together to form a lovely picture. No two are the same size or exactly the same color. Should you drop a piece or leave one in the box, the picture is not complete. So you hunt around until you find all the pieces, and then carefully fit them together. Then comes the feeling of accomplishment, out of so many parts comes one whole—A Beauty to the Eye.

Our Ballwin-Chesterfield branch is somewhat like a jigsaw puzzle. We are 250+ lovely, colorful ladies, each with her own gifts and talents; each with her own way of seeing the world. But when our members work together, it is a Beauty to Behold - A picture of effort to promote equity for women and girls.

We have many examples of our various committees working together to form this beautiful picture. Last fall's Canasta party was a joint effort of LAF and EOF, Public Policy and LAF are working together to promote and communicate the latest research document "*Crossing the Line*," and Public Policy chairs from various part of Missouri are working together to share ideas and resources. There are so many more examples of working together seen daily in our branch.

The time, talent, and treasure of all our members are necessary to make our lovely picture a reality. Think about your place in our organization. What special color and shape do you want to bring to this endeavor? This is the time of year we ask for members to commit or re-commit themselves to the various needs of our branch. Be the part that completes the lovely picture of equity for women and girls!

~ Marian Bauer & Marcia Block

## IMPORTANT 2012 DATES:

**Mark Your Calendars: The AAUWMO State Meeting, May 5, Marriott Courtyard, Columbia, MO.**

Get Out the Vote conference sponsored by AAUW and Public Policy, **May 4** Columbia Marriott Hotel. Registration information to come.

~ Julia Triplett, President, AAUWMO

See page 2 for additional Save-the-Date information.

## BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

All elected offices and appointed chairs should attend. Please contact Marian Bauer (636-227-1781, [marianbauer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianbauer@sbcglobal.net)), if you cannot be there.

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# AAUW, IBC, & BRANCH NEWS

## AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Presidents: Marcia Block & Marian Bauer

Vice Presidents-Program: Erlaine Eltomi & Susan Teicher

Vice Presidents-Membership: Joan Lunt & Barb Schillhahn

Secretary: Judy Stagoski      Treasurer: Leslie Wier

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Bylaws/ Parliamentarian: Doris Nistler

Care Notes: Mersine Kallaos

Directory: Rosemary Manley & Mary Lou Wilson

Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green & Barbara Tackitt

Educational Opportunities: Jan Horner & Mary Kay Wolfe

Fall Brunch: Phyllis Oakes & Fran Reiland

Historian: Carol Derington

Winter Auction: Harriett Hirschfeld & Pat Shores

Hospitality: Diane Correll & Carol LeBegue

IBC: Yvonne Morrison

International Relations: Karen Francis

Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin & Barbara Butchart

Newsletter Editors: Bette Bude & Mary Jermak

Public Policy: Sandy Camillo & Teri Miller

Publicity: Pat Shores      Recognition: Julia Triplett

Spring Luncheon: Gloria Campion, Jane Miller, & Diane Siegel

STEM Projects: Sandra Murdock

Summer Picnic: Jane Clendenin & Marilyn Fletcher

Technology: Joyce Katz

### BOARD ASSISTANTS

Advisor: Bette Bude

Dollars for Scholars Financial Aide: Susan Haynes

Interest Groups Coordinators: Becky Kruse and Pam Valentine

For membership information, call Membership V-P's Joan Lunt (636-527-7488) or Barb Schillhahn (636-549-3219).

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Newsletter is published monthly except June and August and e-mailed or mailed to members. Please e-mail or phone articles to Newsletter Editors. The deadline for articles for the March newsletter is February 9 (the second Thursday).

Meeting agendas and the branch e-mail list are reserved for AAUW & branch business only!

## BRANCH DIRECTORY

### March, 2012 Supplement Being Prepared.

Our second directory supplement will be published with the March newsletter. Please submit any changes to Rosemary Manley ([jrmanl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrmanl@sbcglobal.net)) by February 9. If you are a new member, be sure to have your picture taken at a branch meeting or send a print (after February 24) or digital photo to Joyce Katz. Your print will be returned to you.

~ Rosemary Manley & Mary Lou Wilson, Directory

## ADELANTE IBC Book-of-the Month Club

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center

February 23: *Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez will be reviewed by Julie Triplett. Questions: call Julie Triplett (314-630-9429).

## SAVE THE DATE, continued

LUNCH and GAMES returns, Wednesday, April 18, Persimmon Woods Golf Club

SPRING LUNCHEON, *Awesome Array of Uncommon Women*, Thursday, May 10 at 11:15 a.m.

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Reservations begin at March branch meeting.

(\$24 – by check only). See below.

## AAUW: BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS WINTER AUCTION RESULTS

All the money has been collected and all the bills have been paid and the results of our hard work for the AAUW: Breaking Through Barriers Winter Auction are complete.

### INCOME

Tickets	\$ 2,775.00
Raffle	2,194.00
Fifty/Fifty	282.00
Silent Auction	3,220.00
Oral Auction	3,370.00
Donations	<u>255.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,096.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>2,404.10</u></b>

The proceeds for the branch Operating and Leadership Development funds is a hefty \$9,691.90, which will allow us to continue to break through barriers for women and girls.

Harriett and Pat want to again thank all the volunteers, members, and guests who participated in the event. We think it was a lot of fun and a huge success. We are already looking forward to making the 2012 Winter Auction even better.

~ Harriett Hirschfeld & Pat Shores, Winter Auction

## SPRING LUNCHEON

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Spring Luncheon on May 10, please e-mail Gloria Campion at [ggcampion@yahoo.com](mailto:ggcampion@yahoo.com).

If possible, indicate if you would like to be a greeter, if you would like to help with decorations, or just be on the general participation list. As May approaches, we will know more precisely what other tasks we will need volunteers to perform.

Many thanks.

~ Gloria Campion, Jane Miller, & Diane Siegel,  
Spring Luncheon

AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

February 17: Nora's (in Dogtown), 1136 Tamm

Please email [jshull2@mindspring.com](mailto:jshull2@mindspring.com) or phone your reservation to Jean Shull (314-822-7821).

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A Sincere Welcome to ALL Our New Members

**Lauretta Grossi-Weimer**, 129 Morgan View Rd.,  
DeSoto, MO 63020  
Phone: 314-520-6711 Cell: 314-520-6711  
E-mail: [lauretta@prodigy.net](mailto:lauretta@prodigy.net)

Lauretta obtained her undergraduate degree in business/ Spanish education from the University of Missouri St. Louis. Now retired, she is a former international business Spanish educator. Her interests include playing bridge, gourmet cooking, and music.

Lauretta, we are happy you have joined our branch.

**Nancy Hughes**, 15374 Thistlebriar Ct., Chesterfield, MO 62017

Phone: 636-532-1077 Cell: 636-579-1079  
E-mail: [frnahughes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frnahughes@sbcglobal.net)

Nancy earned her bachelor of science degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and her masters in education from Maryville University. When not working as a substitute teacher, she enjoys being with her grandchildren, reading, playing bridge, traveling, crocheting and knitting.

Nancy we are pleased that you have joined our branch.

**Barbara Kelley**, 8251 Parkside Dr. Apt. 1C. Clayton, MO 63105

Phone: 314-727-7080 Cell: 314-587-0701  
E-mail: [bkelly39@gmail.com](mailto:bkelly39@gmail.com)

Barbara earned her bachelors degree at Dominican University in River Forest, IL and her masters degree at the State University of Iowa. Barbara, a retired teacher who enjoys traveling, lives in France six months a year where she teaches English. Prior to her moving to France, she was a member of our Ballwin-Chesterfield branch.

Barbara, welcome home. We are delighted to have you back in our branch.

**Penny Taylor**, 1023 Treetop Village Dr., Ballwin, MO 63021

Phone: 36-394-8693 Cell: 636-222-8461  
E-mail: [pennytaylor7429@gmail.com](mailto:pennytaylor7429@gmail.com)

Penny received a bachelors degree in Zoology as well as a bachelors degree in Medical Technology from Southeastern Louisiana University. She recently retired as an administrator in the St. Louis District Office for Medtronic, Inc. Her interests include reading, crafts, photography, travel, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Penny, welcome to our branch.

### Value Promise

**By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Karen Meyer – December 17, 2011**

We mourn the passing of our fellow member and friend, Karen Meyer, on December 17, 2011.

Karen retired from the Parkway School District where she taught High School math and was a member of AAUW, a stock club, and a garden club. She enjoyed travel and golf and her grandchildren. She was active in the branch Golf and Literature II interest groups.

Karen was a Named Gift Honoree in 2000. She was very active in supporting the Kathy J, Weiman Center for abused women and children during the years when the center was a branch priority. Always practical and hands-on, Karen painted rooms, moved furniture, decorated bedrooms, and managed supplies for the women. She was the one to speak up at the branch meetings about the center's needs.

A breast cancer survivor, Karen was a model of courage to many. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and four grandchildren.

**Karen Sewall – December 22, 2011**

We mourn the passing of fellow member and friend Karen Sewall. Karen enjoyed playing bridge and was active in several of the Ballwin-Chesterfield bridge groups. Originally from Wisconsin, Karen's career included both nursing and instructing nurses during years lived in Virginia.

Karen was a cancer survivor. Although frail physically, she remained very strong mentally and made an effort to lead an active life, which included travel and adventure. She was a devoted member of her church and is survived by a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren. Her courage and determination were an inspiration to many.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES January thru April 2012, 10:45 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, 63117

On February 14, Dr. Hayrettin Yucesoy, associate professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Washington University, will address the timely topic *Arab Spring: Contributing Factors/ Possible Outcomes*.

You are invited to join AAUW members, the Ethical Society's Tuesday Women's Association (TWA), and interested community members to attend these free lectures, which are offered through the joint financial support of TWA and AAUW St. Louis Metro branches.

The third lecture, "*The Privatization of Space - What Will Be the Impact?*" will be presented on March 13.

Mark your calendars for this informative event. Please think about bringing a "brown bag lunch" to enjoy additional time with our speaker and your AAUW and TWA friends! Hope to see you at the lecture series.

~ Karen Francis, International Relations

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## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

February is LAF Individual Giving Month at the branch meeting. Thank you for your very generous support of LAF in 2011 - our branch raised over \$5,500. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides financial assistance for gender based workplace discrimination and retaliation lawsuits that can set precedents to protect all women. LAF operates as a restricted fund of AAUW's 501c(3) charitable structure, which means that donors may specifically direct their support to LAF. Donations continue to be tax-deductible on personal tax returns.

Sadly, this past year saw the Supreme Court rule against women. It refused to allow 1.5 million current and former Wal-Mart workers to bring a class-action lawsuit against the company. AAUW remains undaunted in their support of the case and these women. AAUW will be assisting qualified plaintiffs in their newly filed class-action lawsuits.

*"Crossing the Line" Sexual Harassment at School* presents new evidence on sexual harassment, including cyber harassment in middle and high schools. The survey confirms that sexual harassment remains an unfortunate part of school affecting millions of students, especially girls.

In 2012 AAUW will continue to cover legal costs to help victims of gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and assault to get justice. Therefore, our funding and support is essential in order to continue to protect women and girls in the future.

If you are unable to participate in Individual Giving for LAF at the February meeting, you may send your LAF contributions to Barbara Butchart, 107 Shaelah Court, Weldon Spring, MO 63304. Please make checks payable to AAUW Funds, LAF on the memo line.

~ Ruth Griffin & Barbara Butchart, LAF

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

The Educational Opportunities Fund supports educational and professional opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Ballwin-Chesterfield's EOF Committee has been hard at work, concocting creative ideas, raising money and, supporting this worthy goal. Thanks to our numerous and varied Dollars for Scholars events and our generous members' individual contributions, we are right on track.

One upcoming fundraiser is an EOF-sponsored Used Book Sale to be held at our February Branch meeting, all proceeds to benefit Dollars for Scholars (details appear in the Dollars for Scholars section of this newsletter). Knowing the many avid readers and philanthropic-minded women in our Branch, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Used Book Sale is certain to be a hit! Beach reads and classics, Barbara Kingsolver and Nicholas Sparks' titles, hardbacks and paperbacks will be for sale. Support your reading habit and Dollars for Scholars by perusing the used books at the February meeting.

The hardworking members of the EOF Committee are Linda Bader, Bette Bude, Rose Bingaman, Yvonne Blair, Barbara Butchart, Helen Fick, Karen Francis, Judy Green, Carole Hesley, Mary Jermak, Mersine Kallaos, Becky Kruse, Pam Kuehling, Aleta Marshall, Ro Marx, Mary McFarland, Kim Redeker, Linda Roberson, Rosann Swaringim, and Barb Tackitt.

~ Jan Horner & Mary Kay Wolfe, EOF

### **Diversity Statement**

***In principle and 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.***

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **A Mid-Year Update on Public Policy Events**

Save the Date: April 17, 2012. Join with members across the state to take an exciting train ride to Jefferson City to participate in a day of advocacy. Ballwin-Chesterfield member Erlaine Eltomi is working hard on a plan to offer program sharing to AAUW MO branches statewide.

Several members of our branch have recently been trained in \$tart \$mart and are available to facilitate workshops.

The GREAT DECISIONS study group has begun. Members are looking forward to learning about current events from experts in each of eight provocative topics.

The *"Crossing the Line-Sexual Harassment at School"* report continues to make the news. Public Policy and LAF plan to contact school administrators to ensure that this issue is a focus in our schools.

There are many proposed laws involving women's issues that deserve our attention. This month please take a moment to go to AAUW's *Two-Minute Activist* page <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/> to have your voice heard on the following proposed Acts:

The Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA S-555) would protect students from various forms of bullying and harassment.

The United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act (H.R. 1718) would give veteran status to those 180,000 nurses who signed up to work in hospitals at home and abroad during World War II.

The No Loopholes in Social Security Taxes Act (H.R. 797) would lift the tax cap for the wealthiest 6 percent of Americans to ease the Social Security deficiency.

~ Sandy Camillo & Teri Miller, Public Policy

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## LAF TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, March 31, Trinity Lutheran**

Reserve the date for a night of fun and games at a fundraiser for LAF. Let's put the "fun" into "fundraiser"!

Doors open 6:15 p.m. **TRIVIA** starts at 7 p.m.

COST: \$144 for 8 player table or \$20 per ticket.

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place tables - Attendance Prizes - Games! Beer and wine permitted on premises, but no hard liquor, please.

Can't make it? Sponsors are needed, so you can still be a part of this event. Being a sponsor of Trivia Night is a way for you to help support the AAUW Mission to advance equity for all women and girls by sharing in our fundraising efforts for the Legal Advocacy Fund. Your \$25 (or more) is tax deductible. Our appreciation and acknowledgement of your support will be published and announced at Trivia Night.

To reserve a table or for further information contact: Doris Nistler ([dnistler14@att.net](mailto:dnistler14@att.net)) or Julie Triplett ([julietrip@charter.net](mailto:julietrip@charter.net)).

## RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS: NOMINATE A MEMBER FOR 2012 BRANCH NAMED GIFT HONOR

**\*due no later than March 10\***

Each year our branch recognizes outstanding fellow members who are making (or have made) a significant contribution to the AAUW Mission and goals of our branch.

Perhaps you know of someone who was an enthusiastic and effective chair of a special event or fundraising activity or a member who can always be counted upon to work to further activities which promote the AAUW's Mission.

Members continually give generously of time and money to make our branch a warm, friendly, effective, and productive group - all under the banner of advancing AAUW's Vision and Value Promise. Let's recognize those among us whose service, leadership, and commitment especially deserve our thanks!

You may nominate as many members as you like. Past honorees are listed in your directory (a member may certainly be nominated again.)

Please send your nominee's name, detailed description for why she should be honored as a Named Gift, and your name to Bette Bude ([dabbl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dabbl@sbcglobal.net)) or call (314-878-7642), if you cannot email.

Thank you!

These members are serving on the 2011-2012 Named Gift Committee: Bette Bude, Barb Butchart, Mary Jermak, Mary Martens, Judy Stagoski, Mary Kay Wolfe.

**AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.**

## 2012 INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) SPRING FLING

Saturday, March 24, is the date for the annual IBC Spring Fling. Attending the Spring Fling will give you the opportunity to have a delicious lunch, to hear an interesting speaker, and to visit and network with members from the other five St. Louis area AAUW Branches.

This year the location of the Spring Fling is Norwood Hills Country Club and the program will be a *History of Undergarments* presented by Beverly Schuetz. Beverly gives a lively and entertaining spin to this seldom discussed topic.

The cost of the event is \$25. A flyer containing information and the registration form is on the branch website, the IBC website ([aauwstlouisibc.com](http://aauwstlouisibc.com)) or contact Yvonne Morrison ([ydmorrison@msn.com](mailto:ydmorrison@msn.com), 636-391-6026).

This year our branch is responsible for organizing the fundraiser. We are calling it an *All Dolled Up Fundraiser* containing Amazing Accessories for Unique Women (AAUW). There will be a ticket raffle - buy a ticket and place your ticket in the basket of the item that you want. Tickets are 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5. There will be treasures for you to choose donated by each of the six branches.

Plan to attend and celebrate AAUW's many activities in the St. Louis area.

~ Yvonne Morrison, IBC



## TECHNOLOGY - New Branch Website For 2012

Last year, AAUW National contracted with a website-management company called Site Resources to provide free websites for all branches nationwide. We now have a new address: <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>, which appears on the bottom of every page of your newsletter ([aauwballwin-chesterfield.org](http://aauwballwin-chesterfield.org) is no longer functional.)

Our former features are present but are now easier to find. Just rest your mouse on each tab to see where things are located. Some of the information is new and the site more closely aligns with the appearance National would like us to have.

We are asking members to help us be recognized by Google and other search engines—the more visitors to our site, the quicker it will be picked up! So, please visit the site as often as you can in these early days

I will continue to manage the content, so whenever you sponsor an event or want something posted, (flyers, forms, etc.) just let me know. Pictures from events are always welcomed! I am grateful for your helpful observations, comments, and corrections.

~ Joyce Katz, Technology

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## STEM

As an extension to our STEM outreach program, Ballwin-Chesterfield is partnering with the Girl Scouts of Eastern MO and its STEM program at Normandy Middle School. Sandra Murdock, our STEM chair, attends the bi-monthly, sixth-grade "Science Divas" club and helps with the activity of the day. Several members (Marcia Block, Bette Bude, Judy Green, Mary Jermak, Pat Shores, and Julie Triplet) have teamed up and led these hands-on activities with the girls.

- *An Oily Problem*
- *Snap Circuits and Practice Soldering*
- *Bubbling Plants*
- *Crystal Snowflake and Banana DNA*

Michelle Johnson, Grant Program Manager, still needs volunteers for the April 27 field trip to the World Robotics Championship (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.); for the May 3 and May 17 club meeting (2 – 3 p.m.); and for the Science and Engineering Day Camp at Flo Valley July 16-20). Team up with a friend and see how much fun and satisfaction comes from being a part of this opportunity!

~ Bette Bude for STEM



## DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

*All the proceeds from Dollars for Scholars activities support women's education. Our goals are to raise money for scholarships, to give members opportunities to work together in small groups, to provide enriching and educational experiences, and to introduce AAUW to non-members. If you have an idea for an activity, please contact Judy Green (314-878-4897) or Barb Tackitt (636-343-0657, [harvibarb@charter.net](mailto:harvibarb@charter.net)).*

**MAKE ALL DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS CHECKS PAYABLE TO AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER - TAKE PICTURES AT YOUR EVENT!**

### **WINE TASTING – U.S.A. VS EUROPE – Thursday, February 2, 6 p.m. – 1779 Bradburn Drive, Town & Country, 63131 (Pam Kuehling's home) COST: \$20**

Bring a friend (or a spouse) to a fun and educational event comparing wines from California and Oregon to similar varieties from Italy and France. You will enjoy both red and white wines and heavy appetizers. It will be a casual evening meant for all levels of wine drinkers.

Space is limited to 30 people. Please call Pam (314-503-7166) for more information and directions to her home.

### **USED BOOK SALE – Thursday, February 9 at the Branch meeting. Book sales will be conducted before the meeting from 8:15 – 9:20 a.m., during the break, and after the meeting from 11:30 – Noon.**

Looking for some reading material, a "can't put it down" book? Now's your chance to restock your bookshelves! Gently used books will be for sale at our February Branch meeting. Hardbacks will sell for \$3 each, Trade books for \$2, paperbacks for \$1 each. Browse the selections and purchase current titles, some of our book groups' favorites and various tried and true tomes. All money collected goes to Dollars for Scholars. Come early, stay late! Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (636-928-9905, [mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)) or Jan Horner, 314-275-7053, [jhorner@janhorner.com](mailto:jhorner@janhorner.com)).

### **THRILL ME! CHILL ME! – Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. – 816 Mason Wood Dr., 63141 (Sandy Camillo's, home) COST: \$13**

Let three exciting suspense writers heat up your cold winter morning. After all, who doesn't love to be scared--from perfect comfort and safety, of course?

Come to our third visit with authors whose books will keep you turning pages and biting nails into the wee hours of the night. You might win a basket of books and other goodies, and you will surely be entertained by dynamic personalities like Shirl Henke, author of more than forty books including a pair of eerily prescient political thrillers.

Join Fedora AMIS and three suspense writers for an unforgettable morning. Limited to the first thirty-two who sign up. Contact Sandy Camillo (314-576-5687, [sandycamillo@gmail.com](mailto:sandycamillo@gmail.com)).

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 40 and Mason Rd. go south on Mason Rd. 0.1 mi. and turn right onto Masonridge Rd. Go 0.4 mi. and turn right onto Mason Wood Dr. Go 0.2 mi. to #816.

# DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS (continued)

**PEABODY OPERA HOUSE TOUR – Tuesday, February 28, 10 a.m. – 1400 Market Street near the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street - (Carpool from Trinity at 9:15 a.m.) Minimum for the tour is 20 COST: \$18**

Join us for a private, docent-led tour of this spectacular, historic, 3500-seat theatre in the heart of downtown. Once designed as part of the Beautiful Movement, the old Kiel Auditorium has been reborn as the fabulous Peabody Opera House. Afterwards, we will have an optional lunch at **Sweetie Pie's**, the restaurant that stars in its own TV family documentary series on *OWN TV*, Saturdays at 8 p.m. When she could no longer sing back-up, Ms. Robbie Montgomery gathered up her family and started Sweetie Pie's, and the rest is history.

Sign up at the February branch meeting or contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, [mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)) or Bette Bude (314-878-7642, [dabbl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dabbl@sbcglobal.net)).

**DIRECTIONS:** Can be found at [www.peabodyoperahouse.com](http://www.peabodyoperahouse.com) or pick up a sheet at the Dollars for Scholars table.

**HISTORY TALKS: IRISH STRUGGLES & SUCCESSES IN ST. LOUIS - Friday, March 9, 11 a.m.**

**McGurk's Irish Pub, 1200 Russell Blvd.– Carpool from Trinity, 10:20 a.m. COST: \$15 Minimum: 20**

We're all a wee bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day and there's no better way to get ready than by joining us at the award-winning, authentic McGurk's Irish Pub for Bev Schuetz's delightful presentation. Hear about life from the impoverished Kerry Patch to the marvelous Mullanphy mansion. Learn how the Irish survived, flourished, and became a vital part of St. Louis history. Then enjoy a delicious lunch from McGurk's seasonal selections (additional cost). If you aren't Irish when you arrive, you will be by the time you depart!

Sign up at the February branch meeting or contact Susan Teicher (636-227-4134, [svteicher@gmail.com](mailto:svteicher@gmail.com)) or Erlaine Eltomi (636-537-2736, [erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net)).

**Directions:** Available at the Dollars for Scholars table and as carpools depart.

**2012 HIGH TEA AND PREVIEW PARTY "CELEBRATE THE DECADES" TOGETHER: Friday, April 13, Noon until 2 p.m. 728 Stonebluff Ct., 63005 (Jeanne Miller's home, 636-537-5384) COST: \$30**

Come indulge in a delicious Tea lunch as we celebrate the fads, fun, foolishness, "fabulous times," and fashions of past decades. You will be charmed by the unique, elegant table settings and decorations designed by fellow members. Sign up for the decade-themed table of your choice at the February branch meeting or mail your check to Jayne Kasten, 11443 Daykin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146.\*

**HIGH TEA PREVIEW – Thursday, April 12 – 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

**COST: \$15**

Plan to attend our **Wine and Cheese Preview Night** where you will be able to see the beautiful tables as you stroll throughout Jeanne's lovely home. The evening Preview will feature games and surprises, so don't miss it!

**NOTE:** If there are cancellations for High Tea, Preview Party goers will have the opportunity to pay the additional \$15.00 and attend the High Tea on April 13.

Sign up at the February meeting or send your reservation check to Rita Hawkins, Preview Chair, 706 Auber Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011. See the March newsletter for directions to Jeanne's home.

**\*NOTE:** The High Tea fills quickly, so this ad will appear in the February and March newsletter, only. **RESERVATIONS IN ANY FORM CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 9.**

## INTEREST GROUPS

**OUR INTEREST GROUPS** are primarily social in nature and bring members together who have a similar interest to enjoy an activity. Some groups, such as Bridge, must limit their numbers, but others are open and people come as often as they can. Try one! Contact a sponsor today. Becky Kruse (636-519-9287) and Pam Valentine (314-434-8387) coordinate all interest groups and can help with the information you need.

### PLAY READERS' GROUPS

**PLAY READERS 3rd Mondays, 12:45 p.m.**

**February 20:** 837 Green Lantern Lane, 63011 (Susie Teicher's home, 636-227-4134)

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 141 and Hwy. 40, go south 2.2 miles toward Manchester. Turn Right on Milldale Dr. Turn Left on Green Lantern Lane. #837 is on the right.

**PLAY READERS, TOO! 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 12:30 p.m.**

**February 3:** 1521 Fournier Dr., 63126 (Marcia Block's home, 314-962-5575)

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 270 and Hwy. 44 go east two miles to Big Bend. Turn right and go 0.6 mi. to Liggett (on a bend); turn right. Take Liggett 0.9 mi. (becomes Hutchins) until the street ends at Fournier Drive; the house is on the right corner.

# INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

## SATURDAY NIGHT SINGLES

*This is a group of widows, divorcees, and never-marrieds who come together monthly to enjoy each others' company.*

We will have at least one spectacular event each month. Past delights have included attending parties, festivals, concerts, game-a-thons, live theatre and, of course, dining out. Group members will be notified by email with specifics. If you wish to be on our mailing list, contact Donna Ross (636-532-4572, [victorianwhodunit@att.net](mailto:victorianwhodunit@att.net)).

## MOVIE GROUP 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.

**January 26:** – 816 Mason Wood Drive, 63141 (Sandy Camillo's home, 314-576-5687). Movies for discussion: *The Artist, A Dangerous Method, Iron Lady, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, War Horse, We Bought A Zoo.*

**DIRECTIONS:** See GREAT DECISIONS, page 9.

**February 23:** Discussion at Marcia Block's home. See the next newsletter for information on movies and directions.

*For more information about this group, contact Mary Kay Wolfe (636-928-9905 or [mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)).*

## EXPRESSIONS 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

**Rockwood Bank, Rt. 109, 63040**

### February 7: LEARN TO KNIT OR CROCHET

Whether a beginner or a pro, come and learn how to crochet or knit blocks for making an afghan. Please bring the following: a ball of worsted weight acrylic yarn (or other washable worsted weight yarn); size G crochet hook or size 7 knitting needles.

We will use instructions from the *Warm Up America* project. You may keep your blocks and finish your afghan or donate your finished blocks to the *Warm Up America* project. Please sign up at the February branch meeting or call Jan Ruge (636-587-2182). Questions? Call Jan. Come and have a good time learning and sharing ideas.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Manchester Rd. west from Clarkson to Hwy 109. Exit, then turn left. Go south on 109 about 1 mile. Rockwood Bank is on left. Turn into drive on south side of bank and park in rear.

## GOLF

If you are interested in playing golf next season, please contact Bev Wait (636-532-3002, [wait89@aol.com](mailto:wait89@aol.com)) or Elaine Frost, 314-432-0899, [elfrost7@charter.net](mailto:elfrost7@charter.net)).

## OUT-TO-LUNCH GROUP 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. February 15 – 11:30 a.m.

**Mosaic, a Modern/Fusion Restaurant** – 11925 Manchester Rd – Des Peres, 63131 Carpool, 10:45 a.m. from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sign up at the February Branch meeting or call Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) for a reservation. All members are welcome.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the church turn left on Clayton Rd. Turn left at the second light to get on Rt. 141 heading south to Manchester Rd. Exit heading East on Manchester. Continue past Interstate 270, past West County Shopping Mall and turn left at the stop light at Vance. Turn right into the strip mall going past Michaels to Mosaic.

## BRIDGE GROUPS

*Any Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch member who is interested in playing bridge as a permanent member or as a substitute in one of the groups may contact Pam Valentine (314-434-8387) or Becky Kruse (636-519-9287).*

**Please call the hostess to let her know if you are coming or not.**

### BETTER BRIDGE 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 1 p.m.

**February 13:** Marilyn Morton (314-965-3027)

### BASIC BRIDGE AND BEYOND 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Hearth Room: NOTE FEB. CHANGE

**February 17:** Contact Ann Jaques (314-434-3439).

### BRIDGE I 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays

**February 1:** Nancy Wilhelm (636-519-0391)

### BRIDGE II 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 11 a.m. Wildhorse Grill

**February 21:** Joan Lunt (636-527-7488)

### BRIDGE III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

**February 22:** Jean Wagner (636-227-7658)

### BRIDGE IV 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

**February 7:** Sandy Camillo (314-229-4525)

### BRIDGE V 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

**February 14:** Sandy Camillo (314-229-4525)

### BRIDGE VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

**February 20:** Joan Lunt (636-527-7488)

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**February 8:** Jane Miller (314-434-8173)

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. Hearth Room

**February 28:** Nancy Wilhelm (636-519-0391)

# INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

## GREAT DECISIONS – 1 p.m.

**February 9 & 20:** 816 Mason Wood Dr., 63141 (Sandy Camillo's home, 314-576-5687)

Participants read and discuss timely global topics from the *Great Decisions* briefing book. Participants must have purchased the required book by November, 2011.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 40 and Mason Rd. go south on Mason Rd. 0.1 mi. and turn right onto Masonridge Rd. Go 0.4 mi. and turn right onto Mason Wood Dr.

**BOOK GROUPS** Please RSVP to the Hostess by the Friday before the meeting. Questions? Contact the individual sponsors. To download the 2010-2011 book lists, go to <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net>, Interest Groups page. For tech help, call 314-878-4521.

## LITERATURE I 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

**February 16:** 520 S. Brentwood, 1A, 63105 (Rea Kleeman's home, 314-727-7374). A discussion of *Blood and Flowers* by Anita Amerrezvani will be led by Dorothy Doyle.

**DIRECTIONS:** Go east on Rt. 64/40 to north on Brentwood Blvd; pass Clayton Rd. and go 6 blocks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> light north of Clayton; turn right on Orlando Dr. Condo 1A is on the left. Park behind the condo or on the south side of Orlando Drive. Parking is also available on the north side of Rosiline Drive, the next street north. At the door press #01.

For information, call Alice Crippen (636-227-4284, [jccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccripp@sbcglobal.net)) or Carol Winston (314-991-4615, [carolwinston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolwinston@sbcglobal.net)).

## LITERATURE II 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 10 a.m.

**February 27:** 15021 Claymoor Ct., Unit 18, 63017 (Joan Lunt's home, 636-527-7488) A discussion of *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy will be led by Linda Seibert.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Clarkson-Clayton intersection, go east 3 miles on Clayton Road to Claymoor Drive and turn left. Go 0.1 miles and turn left on to Claymoor Ct. Unit 18 is 0.1 mile ahead.

We welcome all readers! For information contact Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, [joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)) or Erlaine Eltomi (636-537-2736, [erlaine@charterl.net](mailto:erlaine@charterl.net)).

## READING REALITY 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

**February 14:** 184 Saylesville Dr., 63017 (Jan Horner's home, 314-422-4881). A discussion of *Victoria's Daughter* by Jerrold Packard will be led by Jan Horner.

**DIRECTIONS:** Due to construction on Hwy 141, enter the Green Trails subdivision from Olive Blvd. From the Olive/141 intersection, continue on Olive west to the stop light at Ladue Road and Olive. Turn left into the subdivision and stay on Ladue Road through the subdivision to Saylesville Drive (last street before detour). Turn right onto Saylesville and continue to #184, on the left. If coming from Clarkson and Olive, go east to the light at Ladue and turn right into the subdivision. Continue as written above.

This group read non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, [mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)).

## BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (BBC) 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 10 a.m.

**February 6:** 15049 Claymoor Ct., 63017 (Brenda Ernst's home, 636-394-5937) A discussion of *A Single Woman: the Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother* by Janny Scott will be led by Gloria Goetsch.

**DIRECTIONS:** From intersection of Clayton and Baxter, go east on Clayton 0.2 mile to Broadmoor Condos on the left, entrance street is Claymoor Drive. Go about 0.1 mile to first left turn, which is Claymoor Ct, 15049 Claymoor Ct. is last building on the right.

This group reads and discusses biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies of men or women, dead or alive and is open to all members. Call Yvonne Morrison (636-391-6026) or Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) for more information.

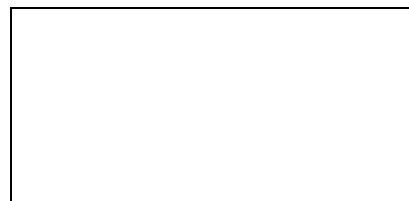
## POETRY GROUP 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

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All you need to join this group is a love of poetry and the desire to have a good time with friends. Contact Sandy Camillo (314-576-5687, [sandycamillo@gmail.com](mailto:sandycamillo@gmail.com)) for more information.

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## FEBRUARY, 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>BRIDGE I</b>	2 <b>9:30 a.m. BOARD MEETING 6 p.m. WINE TASTING</b>	3 <b>12:30 p.m. PLAY READERS, TOO</b>	4
5	6 <b>10 a.m. BBC</b>	7 <b>9:30 a.m. <u>BRIDGE IV</u> 1 p.m. EXPRESSIONS</b>	8 <b>10 a.m. DUPLICATE BRIDGE I</b>	9 <b>8:45 a.m. BRANCH MEETING <u>USED BOOKSALE</u> 1 p.m. GREAT DECISIONS</b>	10	11
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19	20 <b>10 a.m. <u>BRIDGE VI</u> 12:45 p.m. <u>PLAY READERS</u> 1 p.m. GREAT DECISIONS</b>	21 <b>11 a.m. <u>BRIDGE II</u>  11:45 a.m. DOWNTOWN LUNCH</b>	22 <b>10 a.m. <u>BRIDGE III</u></b>	23 <b>10 a.m. MOVIE GROUP  1:30 p.m. ADELANTE</b>	24	25
26	27 <b>10 a.m. LITERATURE II</b>	28 <b>9:45 a.m. DUPLICATE <u>BRIDGE II</u> 10 a.m. <b>PEABODY OPERA TOUR</b></b>				

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