

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD (MO) BRANCH

State and National Award-Winning Branch



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

## JANUARY BRANCH MEETING Thursday, January 12, 8:45 a.m.

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

### The Women's Bureau: Ninety Years and Still Working

*The vision of the Women's Bureau is to empower all working women to achieve economic security by preparing them for high paying jobs, ensuring fair compensation, promoting workplace flexibility, and helping homeless women veterans reintegrate into the workforce.*

Dorothy Witherspoon, Ph.D., Regional Administrator, Region VII, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Women's Bureau, has led a regional staff in bureau project implementations and programs throughout Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska since 2006. She has over 27 years of federal service including 13 years as the bureau's senior analyst.

Join us to learn about the Women's Bureau which provides services that support AAUW's national priorities for women.

#### Special Guests: Our 2011-12 Scholarship Awardees

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

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

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

#### HOSPITALITY

Coordinating Hostess: Mary Martens

Hostesses: Mary Lynn DeGrande, Margo Foster, Darlene Harris, Becky Kaley, Jan Loudon, Chris Magilligan, Jill Norton, Kim Redeker, and Linda Siebert

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#### PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Happy New Year, everyone!

After our annual surfeit of family, festivities, and food, it's time to turn our attention elsewhere. We have been busy decorating, shopping, wrapping, cooking, baking, and cleaning - whew! Now to grab a few minutes for ourselves, curl up with a good book and then go to book club. When you have read everything on hand, shop the Used Book Sale at the February branch meeting. Play bridge in one of our many groups. There are lots of interesting movies right now, and if you've never attended Movie Group, it's a great place to discuss them. If you are in withdrawal from over eating, there is always Out-to-Lunch. For something different, Great Decisions and International Relations keep you informed of current affairs. Looking farther out, don't forget to put the Spring Fling, March 24, on your calendar, Trivia Night returns on March 31, and everyone is looking forward to the High Tea on April 13.

But that's not all. There's much to do for others. Plan a Dollars for Scholars event to support local scholarships and AAUW research. Download AAUW's latest research report *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harrassment At School*, [www.aauw.org/learn/research/crossingtheline.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/crossingtheline.cfm), and think of how you might get this information out to schools and families. Consider how you might contribute to our branch by joining a committee or taking a leadership position. Committees welcome new faces and ideas, so just let a board member know of your interest. I promise you will get more out of it than you give.

Together we will have a fabulous 2012!

~ Marcia & Marian

#### IMPORTANT 2012 DATES:

**Women's Issues Legislative Retreat, Jan. 6 & 7,**  
Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO.

Learn how the new legislators will make an impact in Jefferson City and what can be expected for the 2012 legislative session. Register by January 3. See the branch website for a flyer or go to the AAUW-MO website <http://www.aauwmo.org/> for registration information.

**The AAUWMO State Meeting, May 5** at the Marriott Courtyard, Columbia, MO. An addition to the meeting will be a Forum provided by the Association on "Get Out the Vote," Friday, May 4. This meeting will be open to members from other groups who share the mission of AAUW. Registration information will be available after the first of the year.

~ Julia Triplett, President, AAUWMO

**NO BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY**

# 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:** Mary Jermak & Bette Bude

**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 February newsletter is January 12 (the second Thursday).

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

## DIRECTORY

If you have not picked your 2011-12 Directory, please arrange to do so. To update your listing, please send your new information for the March supplement. For updates to appear in the March supplement, you will need to contact us by February 9.

If you are a new member or would like a picture retake, please be sure to have your picture taken at a branch meeting by Joyce Katz or Rosemary Manley or send a picture to Joyce by e-mail or by mail.

~ Rosemary Manley & Mary Lou Wilson, Directory

**AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m. January 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).

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2012-2013

The search is on! The branch year draws to a close at the end of June, 2012, and the 2-year terms of **Co-President, Co-Vice President for Program, Co-Vice President for Membership**, and **Secretary** will expire. New officers will assume their responsibilities on July 1, 2012. Our staggered terms allow a new officer to serve her first year with an experienced officer.

Please help us find the *capable, dedicated and enthusiastic members* who will provide the leadership that makes our branch one of the most outstanding in the nation. You may nominate several members, including yourself.

Call or e-mail one of the following members of the Nominating Committee with your suggestions:

Jan Horner, [jhorner@janhorner.com](mailto:jhorner@janhorner.com), 314-422-4881

Yvonne Morrison, [ydmorrison@msn.com](mailto:ydmorrison@msn.com), 636-391-6026

Nance Roth, [nance.roth@att.net](mailto:nance.roth@att.net), 314-401-7701.

The Nominating Committee will consider all names suggested.

## CHECK THE AMOUNT OF YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO AAUW FOR 2011

AAUW lists the personal contributions of members on its website, and this information can be accessed in a protected way. This excludes contributions made to Dollars for Scholars, which are sent in by the branch, rather than credited to individual donors. To check your donations, you must first be able to access the Member Services Database, where AAUW stores your personal information and allows you to view a branch listing. Just follow this procedure:

1. Go to <http://www.aauw.org> Click on "Member Center." Log in with your member number (it's in your directory).
2. Now click on "Member Services Database" on the left. You will see your member number already filled in. If you already have created a password, type it in, enter the site, and click on My Profile/My Membership Card.
3. If you have not yet created a personal password, click on "register here." Fill in the required information, noting that it must be the same as it appears on your membership record. You'll be prompted to create a password. (This precaution is necessary to protect the personal information on this site.)
4. When your password is "live," go to the site and follow the directions above.

As always – help is just a phone call away!

~ Joyce Katz, Technology

## ADELANTE IBC Book-of-the Month Club

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble, Clarkson Rd, Chesterfield.**

**January 26:** *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda will be reviewed by Teri Brecht. Questions: contact Julie Triplett (314-630-9429).

To see the complete list of ¡Adelante! titles for 2011-12, control/click below to use live link to Interest Groups/Adelante list on branch website or go to <http://www.aauw.org/connect/adelante/titles.cfm>.

# AAUW, IBC & BRANCH NEWS (continued)



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A Sincere Welcome to ALL Our New Members

**Sharon Leonard**, 48 South Hillview Dr., St. Peters, 63376  
Phone: 636-397-0778 Cell: 314-504-3683  
E-mail: [sharon.leonard01@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.leonard01@gmail.com)

Sharon has a bachelor of science degree from Tarkio College. Now retired from her career as a system analyst, Sharon enjoys sewing and machine embroidery. She is also a volunteer for therapeutic horsemanship.

Sharon, we are pleased you have joined our branch.

**Sharon Sweet**, 927 Hanna Bend Ct., Manchester, 63021  
Phone: 636-825-2881 Cell: 719-963-1580  
E-mail: [swtdnly@charter.net](mailto:swtdnly@charter.net)

Sharon has both a bachelor's degree and a master of business degree from the University of Michigan. Prior to her retirement, Sharon worked in corporate communications and in investor relations. She now enjoys reading, attending the theatre, knitting, and especially, playing bridge.

Sharon, welcome to our branch.

## AAUW GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

As a member of AAUW, you are part of its international collaborations with leading international organizations and coalitions to break through barriers for women and girls. AAUW has a proud history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 2,600 international fellowships to women from more than 132 countries.

AAUW holds special consultative status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council, which initiates reports, makes recommendations, and promotes respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. This designation gives AAUW a voice at U.N. meetings and on committees such as the Commission on the Status of Women, U.N. Women, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations, and the Working Group on the Status on Girls. AAUW is also eligible to sign on to nongovernmental organization statements, make oral and written statements, hold office in NGO committees, and share AAUW's well-respected expertise.

***Many thanks to our enterprising and creative Harriett Hirschfeld and Pat Shores, Winter Auction Co-Chairs and their committee! Ballwin-Chesterfield's Winter Auction has successfully achieved its goals! Congratulations to Harriett and Pat for their outstanding leadership and contributions to the branch. Their report follows:***

## AAUW: BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS WINTER AUCTION REPORT

Harriett and Pat want to thank the 71 hard working members of the Winter Auction Committee who made sure that all the details were taken care of for a seamless event: Linda Bader, Marian Bauer, Marilyn Beiter, Willeyne Berger, Carol Berry, Marcia Block, Julie Brooks, Bette Bude, Barb Butchart, Terri Ciccolella, Jane Clendenin, Lorraine Cline, Joan Corwin, Suzanne Couch, Mary Lynn DeGrande, Carol Derington, Erlaine Eltomi, Brenda Ernst, Marilyn Fletcher, Helen Fick, Marie Fischer, Karen Francis, Elaine Frost, Betty Hartman, Rita Hawkins, Susan Haynes, Ann Hirschfeld, Ann Jaques, Mary Jermak, Harriet Jung, Becky Kaley, Joyce Katz, Becky Kruse, Jayne Kasten, Pam Kuehling, Sue Lancaster, Jan Loudon, Joan Lunt, Chris Magilligan, Linda Magre, Michele Mangnall, Rosemary Manley, Sande Mawhinney, Ginger McCartney, Jane Miller, Rhea Moore, Doris Nistler, Jill Norton, Teresa Reeves, Fran Reiland, Nancy Remley-Wilhelm, Linda Roberson, Nance Roth, Jan Rugge, Nancy Russell, Barb Schillhahn, Nancy Shepard, Linda Seibert, Diane Siegel, Arlene Spector, Judy Stagoski, Rosann Swaringim, Carol Thomas, Kay Trebilcock, Julie Triplett, Pam Triplett, Pam Valentine, Mary Kay Wolfe, Leslie Wier, Arlene Weise, Marsha Weppelman, and Marianne Word.

Also, we want to thank all our Ballwin-Chesterfield members who participated in so many different ways to ensure a successful Winter Auction. Members donated an amazing assortment of items for the Silent Auction and the unique items on the Oral Auction brought about spirited bidding. Many members who could not participate in the Auction sent cash donations.

Here are the preliminary results of our efforts. These amounts will be revised after we have paid all our bills and recorded all our income. We will let you know the final figures when they are available. **It looks like we will have a incredible total of around \$9,500.00 to give to our Operating and Leadership Development Funds.**

Here are the lucky winners of the raffles and drawing: Ann Ogawa, Karen Francis' guest, Judy Francis, and Judy Dawson's guest, Ilene Lipscomb, each received \$102 in the **50-50 Drawing** and the branch got the other half of the raffle ticket proceeds. Dual member Patsy Farrow won the **Show Me St. Louis Chesire Raffle** and new member Ann Hirschfeld was the winner of the **Show Me St. Louis Bonus Raffle**.

We all worked together for many months to raise enough money in this outstanding event, which will allow us to continue to **BREAK THROUGH BARRIERS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**.

***And remember that it is never too early to plan how you will participate in next year's Winter Auction!***

~ Harriett Hirschfeld & Pat Shores, Winter Auction

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AAUW'S *CROSSING THE LINE: SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT SCHOOL*, Released November 7, 2011

[https://svc.aauw.org/ResearchRptReq/index\\_CrossingtheLine\\_download.cfm](https://svc.aauw.org/ResearchRptReq/index_CrossingtheLine_download.cfm)

LAF and PUBLIC POLICY TO COLLABORATE ON DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

"A student is groped on the way to class. Kids call a student "gay" and "faggot" and just won't quit. A demeaning sexual rumor about a student goes viral in cyberspace. Sexual harassment has long been an unfortunate part of the climate in middle and high schools in the United States. Often considered a kind of bullying, sexual harassment involves sex and gender and therefore warrants separate attention."

These powerful words begin the Executive Summary of the newest AAUW research report, sponsored by The AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This report was funded by The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, The Legal Advocacy Fund, and The Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle. The report is the first one in ten years to include nationally representative data about sexual harassment in grades 7-12. Data from the report show that harassment, including cyber-harassment, is prevalent in schools today. The report also highlights some examples of how educators have been able to help students stand up to this kind of harassment.

Important questions follow:

~ "How do AAUW branches make the best use of all this data?"

~ How do we get this information into the right hands at our schools to best serve students?

At Ballwin-Chesterfield, this will be a joint effort of the LAF and Public Policy Committees. The tentative plan is to present the research findings to guidance counselors, other appropriate school personal, and branch members at a reception this spring.

~ Ruth Griffin & Barbara Butchart, LAF

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

For the 2011-2012 academic year, Ballwin-Chesterfield, through our Dollars for Scholars program, has been able to offer scholarship funding to six women who are attending colleges and universities in the St. Louis area. Our scholarship awardees are as follows:

**Abbie Kipp** attends Pierre Laclède Honors College at UMSL and is a senior majoring in special education.

**Angelique Thompson** is attending University of Missouri St. Louis with a psychology major and criminology minor.

**Teresa Redel** who is majoring in special education also attends the University of Missouri – St. Louis.

**Michelle Hoelscher** is a student at Maryville University and is majoring in nursing.

At the St. Louis Community College our scholars are **Sandra Obiebi** who is in the nursing program and **Dawn Triplett**, a student taking courses that are prerequisites for nursing.

We have invited these women to our January branch meeting and, if their schedules permit, they will be able to attend and tell us something about their career goals and academic endeavors. We look forward to meeting these scholarship recipients.

~ Jan Horner & Mary Kay Wolfe, EOF

## LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS OF USED BOOKS!

Last year's Used Book Sale was a big success and lots of fun. So...let's do it again! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Used Book Sale (all proceeds to Dollars for Scholars) will be held at February's branch meeting. To be successful, we need lots of interesting, gently used books with appeal to our members. Books will be collected through the January branch meeting. For other arrangements, 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)).

Many thanks!

## PUBLIC POLICY

All children have the right to be safe at school. Many of you can remember feeling uncomfortable at a suggestive comment directed at you or your friend during your school days, or you have had to console your child after he or she was called "queer." Harassment has no boundaries of gender, race, age, or socio-economic standing. Anyone can become a victim. An AAUW sexual harassment survey, May - June 2011, has revealed that during the 2010-2011 school year 56% of girls and 40% of boys experienced some kind of sexual harassment, in person or online. Survey respondents totaled 1,965 students in grades 7-12.

[aauwnational.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/figure-1.jpg](http://aauwnational.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/figure-1.jpg)

It is up to each of us to convince our educational institutions that harassment will not be tolerated. AAUW recently released its new research study, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*. The report has been praised as the most comprehensive report conducted on sexual harassment in middle and high schools in a decade. It has been featured in articles in the *Associated Press*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Education Week*, *Christian Science Monitor* and thousands of other press outlets.

A PDF copy of *Crossing the Line* may be downloaded at the website listed above. You may order up to 25 copies for free from the AAUW online store (you must pay delivery charges).

~ Sandy Camillo & Teri Miller, Public Policy

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

The 2012 season will begin on Tuesday, January 10 with the presentation *Cyberspace: A New Cold War Front*, by speaker Dr. Alan Johnston.

You are invited to join AAUW members, the Ethical Society's Tuesday Women's Association, and interested community members to attend this series of four free lectures on current international relations topics. The lectures are offered through the joint financial support of the TWA and AAUW branches of St. Louis.

The next lecture, *Arab Spring - Contributing Factors/Possible Outcomes*, will be on February 14.

Mark your calendars. Hope to see you at the lecture series.

~ Karen Francis, International Relations

## IBC

The AAUW St. Louis Metro Area Interbranch Council (IBC) will hold its annual Spring Fling on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Norwood Hills Country Club. The speaker this year will be Beverly Schuetz who will give a talk about the history of undergarments.

The cost of the lunch and the program will be \$25. Plan to attend, visit with St. Louis area branch members, and participate in the fundraiser Amazing Accessories for Unique Women. You will hear more details about this event at the January branch meeting.

Get a flyer at our branch website or at [aauwstlouisibc.com](http://aauwstlouisibc.com).

~ Yvonne Morrison, IBC

## ¡ADELANTE!

Branch member Jayne Kasten shares the exciting news that her recommended book, *Handle with Care* by Jodi Picoult was chosen as AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month selection for October 2011, for National Disability Employment Month.

Jayne will be leading the *Handle with Care* discussion at the ¡Adelante! gathering on April 26, 2012 at Barnes and Noble at Clarkson Rd. in Chesterfield and she invites branch members to participate.

Launched in 1996, ¡Adelante!, a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program, has provided members with an open dialogue on women, diversity, and change through fun and social meetings in book stores, libraries, other public venues, and online, gathering both members and nonmembers to talk about issues of social justice based on the month's selection.

Members and branches are invited to share their ideas about books they think ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club members would enjoy reading. Go to [www.aauw.org/connect/adelante/recommendabook.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/connect/adelante/recommendabook.cfm) for further information.

## 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.***

## TECHNOLOGY

### Technology – Our Branch Website

Your branch website is as current as we can make it! There are flyers and forms on the "home" page, and if you click there, they appear on your computer screen to be printed and saved. The interest groups page contains all the book groups' book lists. Just clicking on the links will open each one. You can see lists of upcoming Dollars for Scholars events, and LOTS of pictures of our activities.

Encourage friends who might be interested to visit the site. Several fine members first learned of our branch through the website.

Throughout your newsletter online, you'll notice underlined links (URL's) to AAUW to provide more topic information than can be included in the newsletter.

It's easy to follow these links. Use this procedure: rest your mouse anywhere on the underlined address and a little screen should pop up saying "control/click to follow link", which means press and hold down your "Ctrl" key while clicking your mouse to go directly to that web page. (Find the two "ctrl" keys on the lower right and lower left of your keyboard.)

Try it out – connect to the branch website from any page at the link provided at the bottom of each page.

As always, help is just a phone call away to Joyce (314-878-4521).

~ Joyce Katz, Technology

## SPRING LUNCHEON

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Spring Luncheon on May 10, 2012, 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.

Thank you in advance.

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

## 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.***

# AAUW, IBC, & BRANCH NEWS (continued)

## LAF TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012, Trinity Lutheran**

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

Doors open 6:15 p.m. **TRIVIA** starts at 7:00 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 our 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 fund raising efforts for the Legal Advocacy Fund. Your \$25 (or more) is totally tax deductible. Our appreciation and acknowledgement of your support will be published and announced at Trivia Night.

For further information, contact: Doris Nistler [dnistler14@att.net](mailto:dnistler14@att.net) or Julie Triplett [julietrip@charter.net](mailto:julietrip@charter.net).

## 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 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)).

# DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS (continued)

**THRILL ME! CHILL ME! – Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. – 816 Mason Wood Drive, 63141 (Sandy Camillo's home, 314-576-5687) 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, who has authored more than 40 books including a pair of eerily prescient political thrillers.

Join Fedora AMIS and three suspense writers for an unforgettable morning. Limited to the first 32 who sign up. Contact Sandy Camillo ([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.

**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 January or February branch meetings or contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, [mhbblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhbblock@sbcglobal.net)) or Bette Bude (314-878-7642, [dabbl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dabbl@sbcglobal.net)).

**DIRECTIONS:** Go to [www.peabodyoperahouse.com](http://www.peabodyoperahouse.com) for directions from several areas or pick up a sheet at the Dollars for Scholars table.

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***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.***

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## 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.

### MOVIE GROUP

**December 29: 10 a.m. – 1550 Shepard Road, Wildwood, 63038 (Diane Correll's home, 636-458-6316)**

**Note change of usual date due to winter holiday.** Movies for discussion: *The Artist*, *The Adventures of Tin Tin*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *Hugo*, *The Muppets*, *My Week With Marilyn*, and *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*.

**DIRECTIONS:** Clayton west to 109, turn right on 109 and at the next stop light (Shepard Road), turn right. Go 1.5 mi. to house at the corner of Shepard Road and Shepard Ridge, the only house with a circle drive.

**January 26:** Discussion at Sandy Camillo'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)).

# INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

## PLAY READERS' GROUPS

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

**January 16:** 764 Briar Fork Road, 63131 (Mersine Kallaos's home, 314-822-2567)

**DIRECTIONS:** From 141 & Clayton Rd., go east on Clayton Rd.. Turn right on Des Peres Rd. and follow until the road splits. Make a right on the continuation of Des Peres Rd., a right on Beaver Dam (Dougherty Lake Subdivision), and a right on Briar Fork.

### PLAY READERS, TOO! 1st Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

**January 6:** 382 Sunfield Place, 63011 (Suzanne Couch's home, 636-391-0291)

**DIRECTIONS:** From Clayton and Baxter Rds., go south on Baxter 0.4 mi. Turn left to stay on Baxter. Go 0.1 mi. Turn right onto Greenmore Dr. Turn left onto Sunfield Pl.

### EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

#### Rockwood Bank, Rt. 109, 63040

**January 3:** We will make **Duct Tape Accessories**, purses or wallets – the possibilities are nearly endless! Bring your choice of duct tape (available at Target or at similar stores). Samples will be available. Call Willeyne Berger (636-207-1744) for more details.

**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.

### OUT-TO-LUNCH GROUP 3rd Wednesday, January 18, 11:30 a.m. BIG SKY – 47 S. Old Orchard, Webster Groves, 63119

#### Carpool at 10:45 a.m. from Trinity.

Sign up at the January 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 Interstate 44. Exit on the left to head east on 44. Continue to the Elm exit, turning left on Elm and then right on Big Bend. Continue past Webster University to right on Old Orchard.

## 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)).

## JANUARY 2012 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.*

### New!! Better Bridge – Learn, Practice, and Play the Most Common Conventions

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 1 p.m. January 9:** contact Jane Miller (314-434-8173) or Marilyn Morton (314-965-3027) **10 Woods Hill Dr. 63017 (Jane Miller's home)**

This new interest group is dedicated to playing better duplicate bridge. Participants need to be playing duplicate bridge now at an intermediate to advanced level utilizing basic conventions such as Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. We are limited to ten players (2 tables plus 2 permanent subs) willing to learn and practice various bridge conventions. We will meet at individual members' homes on the second Monday of each month, (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.). Call Jane Miller (314-434-8173) or Marilyn Morton (314-965-3027) for follow-up information.

### BASIC BRIDGE AND BEYOND 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Hearth Room

**January 19:** contact Ann Jaques (314-434-3439)

### BRIDGE I 1st Wednesdays

**January 4:** Janet Ludwig (636-227-5604)

### BRIDGE II 3rd Tuesdays, 11 a.m. Wildhorse Grill

**January 17:** Nancy Shepard (314-984-9846)

### BRIDGE III 4th Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

**January 25:** Nancy Shepard (314-984-9846)

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

**January 3:** Susan Shepperd (636-532-7231)

### BRIDGE V 2nd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

**January 10:** Susan Shepperd (636-532-7231)

### BRIDGE VI 3rd Mondays, 10 a.m. HearthRoom

**January 16:** Elaine Frost (314-432-0899)

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 2nd Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**January 11:** Carol Thomas (636-273-4822)

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4th Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. HearthRoom

**January 24:** Chris Magilligan (314-878-7283)

# 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)).

## GREAT DECISIONS – 1 p.m.

**January 16 and 31:** 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 2011 – 2012 book lists, go to [aauwballwin-chesterfield.org](http://aauwballwin-chesterfield.org), Interest Groups page. For tech help, call 314-878-4521.

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

**January 19:** 438 Conway Village Drive, 63141 (Terri Ciccolella's home, 314-878-6972). A discussion of *Room* by Emma Donoghue will be led by Ruth Griffin.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 40 go north on Hwy 141/Woods Mill Rd 0.5 mi. Turn right (east) onto Conway and go 0.8 mi. Turn right onto Conway Village Drive.

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.

**January 23:** 107 Shaelah Court, 63304 (Barb Butchart's home, 636-962-7704). A discussion of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak will be led by Yvonne Morrison.

**DIRECTIONS:** 40 to 94 (North or East). Right on Wolfrum Road (about 4 lights). Left on Whitmoor Dr. At 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign, turn left on Malinmor Dr. to Villas at Whitmoor. Turn right on Shaelah Dr. to Shaelah Ct., at bottom of hill.

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@charter.net](mailto:erlaine@charter.net)).

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

**January 10:** 1521 Fournier Dr., 63126 (Marcia Block's home, 314-962-5575). A discussion of *Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gaule Lemmon will be led by Erlaine Eltomi.

**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.

*This group reads 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.

**NO MEETING IN JANUARY.** Biography Book Club's next meeting will be February 6. Information will appear in the February Newsletter.

*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.*

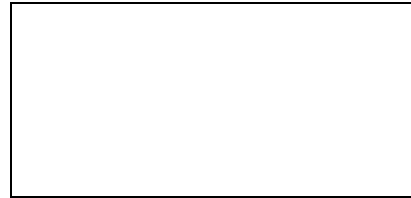
## POETRY GROUP 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

**January 18:** 7 Ironside Court, 63303 (Mary Kay Wolfe's home, 636-928-9905).

**DIRECTIONS:** Go north on Rt. 270 to Exit 16B (RT. 364/Page Ave); go west 6 miles. Take exit 14 (Upper Bottom Rd/Arena Pkwy), turn left on Upper Bottom, and go 0.5 mi. Turn right at stoplight on Old Upper Bottom Rd. After 0.2 miles, turn right on Annapolis Way. Turn left on Savannah Ridge (2nd street). After the 4-way stop sign, turn left on Ironside Court (1st street).

*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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1	2	3 9:30 a.m. <u>BRIDGE IV</u> 1 p.m. EXPRESSIONS	4 BRIDGE I	5	6 12:30 p.m. PLAY READERS, TOO! Women's Legislative	7 Retreat
8	9 1 p.m. NEW! BETTER BRIDGE	10 9:30 a.m. <u>BRIDGE V</u> 10:45 a.m. <u>LECTURE SERIES</u> 1:00 p.m. READING REALITY	11 10 a.m. DUPLICATE BRIDGE I	12 8:45 a.m. BRANCH MEETING	13	14
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