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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.

MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, March 8, 8:45 a.m.

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

**In Celebration of
Women's History Month,
the featured Speaker Will Be
Dolley Madison!**

***Did you know that Dolley Madison was a main
fund raiser for the Lewis and Clark Expedition?***

**Dolley Madison, herself, will join us this month
as we acknowledge important women in history.
Dolley will charm, entertain, and inform us with
tales from her life.**

**Plan to attend and to enjoy learning about this
famous First Lady, one who would surely
support our AAUW mission.**

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 Hostesses:

Susan Fenwick & Linda Roberson

Hostesses:

**Nancy Beckmann, Andrea Dedo, Joan Dieckmann,
Helen Fick, Darlene Harris, Susan Haynes,
Joan Hewitt, Ann Hirsch, Becky Kaley**

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

If your history textbooks were like mine, about the only women mentioned were monarchs who inherited their positions, Joan of Arc, and a few virtuous, self-sacrificing women like Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale. And as far as artists and writers, well there were Jane Austen, the Brontes, Emily Dickenson, and a (very) few modern poets. I'm not sure when I first heard of Mary Cassatt. We know what sort of message the absence of women sends to both girls and boys. Fortunately, girls today have many more role models. Women have emerged from the shadows, and we find there were indeed many women writers, painters, and musicians. There were even many women running successful small businesses. Now, we see women in every field. And slowly—often grudgingly--women are accepted in positions of influence in business and politics.

My favorite AAUW factoid is that our first research report, in the 1880's, was undertaken to debunk the idea that education was harmful to women's health. We have come a long way, baby! In March, we celebrate Women's History Month. This year the theme is "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment." What a perfect match for AAUW.

This year, the National Women's History Project recognizes six women pioneers in diverse areas of education. We know of Emma Hart Willard and Annie Sullivan, but you probably don't know Charlotte Forten Grimke, scholar, poet, teacher, and abolitionist; Gracia Molina de Pick, activist for Hispanic children and women's equality; Okolo Rashid, advocate for multicultural and interfaith tolerance and dialogue; and Brenda Flysworthawks, American Indian advocate and educator.

You can read their inspiring stories at nwHP.org/whm. And while you are at your computer, check out chickhistory.com. (Who knew that the first poet known by name was a Sumerian woman, Enheduanna)? Then consider how we can help educate and empower women right here through all AAUW does for women and girls.

~ Marcia and Marian

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 1, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

All elected offices and appointed chairs should attend. Please contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, mhblock@sbcglobal.net), if you cannot be there.

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 April newsletter is March 8 (the second Thursday).

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES

2nd Tuesday, 10:45 a.m. The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd, 63117

March 13: The next lecture, "Privatization of Space," will be presented by Gregg Maryniak from the St. Louis Science Center. As always, you are invited to join AAUW members, the Ethical Society's Tuesday Women's Association, and interested community members. These free lectures are offered through the joint financial support of TWA and AAUW St. Louis Metro branches.

Mark your calendars and think about bringing a brown bag lunch to enjoy additional time with our speaker and your AAUW and Tuesday Women's Association friends.

Our final lecture, "European Immigration's Changing Demographics", will be conducted on April 10. Hope to see you at the lecture series.

~ Karen Francis, International Relations

IMPORTANT 2012 DATES

APRIL 17 - LOBBY DAY AND EQUAL PAY DAY RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Join AAUW members and friends from across the state to 'walk the walk' to convince MO lawmakers to 'talk the talk' to promote women's issues.

Events begin at 10 a.m. and will continue through early afternoon.

- Meet with state law makers and noted experts on current legislation concerning women's issues.
- Visit the office of your state representative and senator with a message concerning equal pay.
- Participate in a rally on the Capitol grounds to bring attention to the need to close the wage gap.

Registration forms, with schedule of events, will be distributed mid-February. For questions contact Holly Burgess, hburgess8@yahoo.com or 573-449-062.

It promises to be fun, inspiring and empowering!

~ Public Policy Chairs, AAUW MO

(To view/download the event flyer, go to branch website NEWSLETTERS & FLYERS tab, then "flyers and forms".)

MAY 4 - Get Out The Vote Conference sponsored by AAUW and Public Policy.

MAY 5 - The AAUW MO State Meeting, Marriott Courtyard, Columbia, MO.

Registration information to come.

~ Julia Triplett, President, AAUW MO

BRANCH DIRECTORY/SPRING UPDATE

A directory supplement for all members is included with this newsletter. It contains new and updated information since the December, 2011, directory supplement.

We are beginning to update pictures and information for the 2012-13 directory that will be published in September 2012. If your picture is not yet in the directory or you would like a retake, please have Joyce Katz or Rosemary Manley take it at one of the branch meetings. You may also email or mail a picture to Joyce Katz, 234 Chamonix Court, St. Louis, 63141, joyka234@aol.com. (Your picture will be returned to you).

~ Mary Lou Wilson & Rosemary Manley, Directory

ADELANTE IBC Book-of-the Month Club

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

March 22: *Wench* by Dolan Perkins-Valdez will be reviewed by Julie Triplett. Questions: call Julie Triplett (314-630-9429).

AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH 3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

March 20: Guido's (on The Hill), 5046 Shaw Av

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

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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.

REMINDER: 2012 Named Gift Honoree Award Your Nominations Due By March 10

Please take a bit of time and nominate an outstanding fellow member who is or who has made a significant contribution to the AAUW Mission and goals of our branch over the past year(s). Nominate someone who always can be counted on to give generously of time and treasure to make our branch a warm, effective, and productive group. She may have a visible role or be someone who works quietly behind the scenes.

You may nominate as many members as you like. Please check your directory for past honorees. (A member may certainly be nominated again; however, we do try to honor members who have not been recognized recently.)

Be a cheerleader for someone among us whose service, leadership, and commitment especially deserve our thanks!

Please send your nomination(s), by e-mail, to Bette Bude (dabbl@sbcglobal.net). There is no form to follow; simply write a paragraph that tells why, in details. Nominations that arrive after March 10 will be filed for 2013 consideration. Thank you!

You may contact any of these members who are serving on the 2011-2012 Named Gift Committee: Bette Bude, Barb Butchart, Mary Jermak, Mary Martens, Judy Stagoski, Mary Kay Wolfe

A SPECIAL TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The official deadline for membership dues for 2012-2013 is June 15, but please consider paying your dues early! You will have the satisfaction of getting a necessary task "out of the way" and it will help the branch and the treasurer. Regular member: \$81 (Association: \$49; State: \$10; Branch: \$22); Dual members: \$22; Life members: \$32. Please make your check payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (or AAUW-BC), and mail to Leslie Wier, 12266 Spring Shadow Ct., Maryland Heights, MO 63043. I will be collecting dues at the meetings beginning in March.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE INFORMATION

The tax deductible portion of your Association dues paid in 2011 is \$46. State and local dues are not deductible.

Contributions you paid directly to AAUW Funds by check (such as LAF, EOF, and Eleanor Roosevelt Walk) are also tax deductible.

If you attended a fundraiser for LAF or EOF, the chairpersons for each organization will have identified the amount of your ticket that is deductible. Any contributions for events or fundraisers which benefit the branch or branch-supported efforts (Dollars for Scholars, Book Fair, Winter Auction), etc. are NOT deductible.

~Leslie Wier, Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION COFFEE

Wednesday, April 25, 1 p.m. - 318 Willowick Dr., Ballwin, 63011 (Barb Smoltz's home, 636-394-8041)

All new members since October 26, 2011 are invited to attend the New Members Orientation Coffee. Any new members who missed the last orientation are also welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Joan Lunt (636-527-7488) or Barb Schillhahn (636-549-3219), if you plan to join us. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with other new members and board members who will be there to explain goals and activities of the branch. We're looking forward to getting to know you better.

DIRECTIONS: From Clayton & Baxter, go south on Baxter. Turn right on Claymont Dr. Turn left on Coronado Dr. Turn left on Willowick Dr. to #318.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP

Investments are an integral part of life. Time spent with exercise and learning about the impact of lifestyle choices is an investment in physical health. Time spent with friends and family is an investment in sustaining one's emotional well-being. Time spent educating ourselves on an array of money matters is an investment that impacts our economic fitness. All of these investments enhance our quality of life.

So too, renewing our annual AAUW membership dues is another investment in the quality of our lives. Be it social, intellectual, or even physical for the golfers among us, our membership in AAUW adds welcome variety and richness to life.

Most importantly, AAUW provides us with the opportunity to keep growing as a member of the world community. We are exposed to inspiring and thought-provoking issues that impact the quality of our lives in the present, but also for those who follow – daughters, granddaughters, nieces and the families that they may nurture.

This investment in AAUW, therefore, is an investment in a future that delivers a better chance for women and girls to achieve educational and economic parity, improving the quality of life for themselves and their families.

Your annual AAUW dues renewal continues your investment in building the legacy of equity.

~ Mary Jermak, AAUW National Membership Committee

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.

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

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LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

LAF and Trivia Night

We all know that LAF works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the work-place and it needs money to do that. In October 2011, the National AAUW Board voted to disburse \$33,000 to ongoing cases involving discrimination. *Crossing the Line*, a new report on sexual harassment in grades 7-12, made national news. *Know the Score* is a program developed to promote Title IX compliance. These and many other programs and efforts by LAF are ongoing and they do require funding.

In 2009 Ballwin/Chesterfield contributed \$12,391 to LAF and in 2010 we contributed \$13,534. In 2011, our branch raised \$5,576 for LAF, less than half of each of the prior two years. Although programs in 2009/10, such as *Breaking Through Barriers*, influenced fund raising, we had an LAF Trivia Night both years and raised over \$4500 each year. We did not have a trivia night in 2011.

We are having our LAF Trivia Night again this year on March 31. A table of 8 is \$144, single \$20. Please plan on joining us - bring your family and friends and make a night of it. We promise you will have fun while raising funds for LAF.

~ Doris Nistler, LAF Committee & Chair, Trivia Night

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Cause To Celebrate! Completion Of The Silver Anniversary Grant!

Our branch has cause to celebrate! We have completed our \$75,000 Silver Anniversary Research and Projects Grant! The funding created by our grant, started in 2005 and completed three years ahead of schedule, will be used annually to benefit women and will provide sponsorship of worthy projects for years to come.

Funds from Research and Projects Grants are used at the National level in one of two areas. Career Development Grants support degreed women preparing to change or advance their careers or reenter the work force. Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs that promote equity for women and girls.

All of us here at Ballwin-Chesterfield have much to be proud of in this accomplishment. The completion of the grant represents nearly seven years of fundraising, Dollars for Scholars events, individual contributions, and Branch focus. Through this grant, we have supported AAUW's mission of promoting equity, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Bravo!

~ Jan Horner & Mary Kay Wolfe, EOF

LAF TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 31, Trinity Lutheran

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

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

Prizes for 1st & 2nd place tables

Attendance Prizes - Games! Beer and wine permitted on premises, but no hard liquor, please.

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

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 fund-raising 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) or Julie Triplett (julietrip@charter.net).

You may view/download a flyer from our branch website.

SHOPPING BRINGS CASH TO THE BRANCH

OFFICE DEPOT Thank you to members for their continuing support of **AAUW WorklifeRewards**. Every member purchase at Office Depot credits our branch with cash that is used to publish your newsletter. Just tell the store clerk: "**AAUW Worklife Rewards #123 104 8594**" (ID: Katz, 314-878-4521).

If your purchase is to be used for branch work, it is also tax-deductible. Our office Depot tax-deductible number is 393 75 035 (ID: AAUW, Eureka, MO). For a wallet-sized information card, pick one up at a branch meeting at the membership table or contact Joyce Katz (314-878-4521).

SCHNUCKS' ESCRIP, special community giving program, benefits AAUW-BC. It's easy! Just carry a Schnucks' card in your wallet or on a key chain and every time you make a purchase, including pharmacy, have them swipe your card. Every month, Schnucks contributes 1% of the first \$100 you spend, 2% of the next \$200, and 3% of your total monthly purchases above that. Last year, AAUW-BC received hundreds of dollars from Schnucks for our general fund.

See Susan Haynes for all the details and your ESCRIP cards for you and your family.

Thanks to **ALL** for supporting this cash-back program.

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.

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ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL ANNUAL SPRING FLING

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL LUNCHEON AND CELEBRATION.

DATE: Saturday, March 24, 2012

PLACE: Norwood Hills Country Club

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

PROGRAM: Beverly Schuetz's *History of Undergarments*

LUNCH: Grilled Chicken Forestiere, Caesar Salad, Roasted New Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Gold Brick Sundae, Coffee, Tea and Rolls

COST: \$25 per person

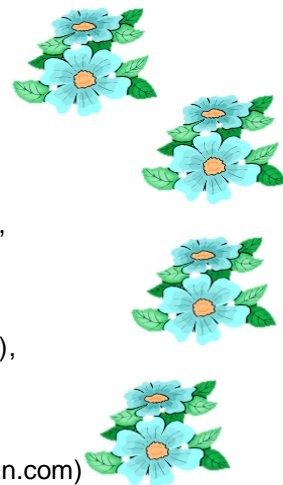
TICKET RAFFLE: Get all dolled up with **Amazing Accessories for Unique Women (AAUW)**

See the wonderful treasures presented by each branch, buy tickets (\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5), and place your ticket/s in the bag by the item you want. Drawing will determine winners.

You don't have to be present to win.

FLYERS are available on our branch & IBC websites and at the March branch meeting.

CARPPOOLING/QUESTIONS: Call or e-mail Yvonne Morrison (636-391-6026, ydmorrison@msn.com)



“Awesome Array of Uncommon Women”

SPRING LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Join In Celebrating The Achievements of Our Branch

**WHITMOOR COUNTRY CLUB
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2012**

11:15 a.m.

RESERVATIONS: \$24

You may make reservations for the Spring Luncheon at the March and April branch meetings.

Payment by check only. You may also send your check, made out to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, to Jane Miller, 10 Woods Hill Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Registration and advance payment must be received by April 27th. After that date payments are nonrefundable. No tickets will be issued.

Seating will be based upon your table selection at time of reservation. Guests are welcome. To ensure seating with guests or friends, select your table and register all attendees simultaneously.

No valet parking is available, but the parking lot is flat. Directions will appear in the April Newsletter. Questions? Contact Jane Miller (314-434-8173 or miller.jane@sbcglobal.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).

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

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

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!

Contact Susan Teicher (636-227-4134, svteicher@gmail.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (636-537-2736, erlaine.eltomi@att.net) for information.

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

Indulge in a delicious Tea lunch celebrating fads, fun, foolishness, "fabulous times," and fashions of past decades. Enjoy unique, elegant themed table settings and decorations. Mail your check to Jayne Kasten, 11443 Daykin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146.

Hostesses: Rose Bingaman, *Grand Piano*, Jayne Kasten, Carol Derington, Willeyne Berger, *the 50's in the Dining Room*; Suzanne Couch, Barbara Fine, *the 30's in the Kitchen*; Jill Norton, *the 60's in the Atrium*; Marilyn Beiter, Becky Kruse, *the 40's in the Animal Room*; Judy Green, Barbara Tackitt, *1900-10 at the Fireplace*; Mary Kay Wolfe, Jan Horner, *the 20's in the Wine Room*; Carolyn Pohlkotte, *the New Century in the Media Room*.

HIGH TEA PREVIEW Thursday, April 12 – 4:30 to 6 p.m. COST: \$15

Wine and Cheese Preview Night Come to see the beautiful tables as you stroll throughout Jeanne's lovely home. enjoying wine and cheese. The Preview Party will feature games and surprises, so don't miss it! Send your reservation check to Rita Hawkins, 706 Auber Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011.

DIRECTIONS FOR BOTH: From Clarkson and Baxter, go west on Baxter for 0.7 mi; look for white stone pillars into Knolls of Stone Hill. Turn right through the gates (will be open) and immediately turn left to #728.

LUNCH AND GAMES Wednesday, April 18 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. GREAT DOOR PRIZES!

COST: \$25 inclusive

Persimmon Woods Golf Club, 6401 Weldon Spring Rd, Weldon Spring, MO 63304 (636-926-8841)

This popular event returns at a new venue! Play starts at 11 a.m., then at noon enjoy a delicious lunch and a beautiful golf course view.

Gather a group of friends (guests welcome) for a fun afternoon to play your favorite game, be it bridge, canasta, Scrabble, Mah Jongg, dominoes, or any other game. Please bring game items to play (cards, dominoes, tiles, etc). Larger tables will be available for groups greater than four. If you'll need a larger table, please indicate when you sign up.

Your check will be your reservation. Sign-up at the March or April branch meeting or send your check to Mary Jermak, 15231 Brightfield Manor Dr., Chesterfield, 63017. Questions? Contact Mary (marygjermak@att.net, 636-532-3040) or Judy Schaefer (636-391-7854).

DIRECTIONS: PWGC is just 12 minutes west of Chesterfield Mall on I-64/40. Drive 8.5 mi. to Weldon Springs. Exit highway at Exit10/Highway 94. Go .4 mile to the first stop light at Siedentop Rd. and turn left. Continue to roundabout and bear right onto Weldon Spring Rd. Make a quick right into PWGC parking lot.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS (continued)

JOSEPHINE'S LTD. TEA ROOMS AND GIFT SHOPS - Friday, April 20, 11 a.m. lunch

Carpool from Trinity at 9:30 a.m. 6109 Godfrey Road, Godfrey IL COST: \$10

Come join us at Josephine's located in Godfrey, an historic river town on the bluffs of the Mississippi River, just 30 minutes from downtown St. Louis and four miles west of Alton, IL. Surrounded by landscaped gardens, the tea room opened in 1979 and has grown better and better over the years.

Enjoy a delicious lunch in the tea room before browsing. Shops in the original house, once a part of Monticello College, which was founded in 1838, feature exceptional home décor, gifts, florals, women's fashions, shoes, handbags, and jewelry. Walk outside among other charming shops and stop by Fred's Shed, located behind Monticello House. It features sales, close-outs, and mark-downs!

Sign up at the March or April branch meeting or contact Rita Hawkins (636-391-9243, pawsl@att.net).

DIRECTIONS: Take 270 N to exit 31B, for MO 367 N toward Alton, IL. Go straight onto US-67 N (Lewis & Clark) and enter IL. Go left on US 67 N to Godfrey and Josephine's. Call 618-466-7792 or use MapQuest if you are not carpooling.

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.

March 19: 16419 Newpoint Court, 63011 (Linda Tinker's home, 636-273-5605)

DIRECTIONS: From the Clarkson and Manchester intersection, go west on Manchester to the fourth stoplight (Westglan Farms exit). Turn right and go to the first left - Plaza Village View Drive. Turn left (street becomes Newpoint Dr.) to Newpoint Ct. Turn left into cul-de-sac to first house on the right.

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

March 2: 816 Mason Wood Dr., 63141 (Sandy Camillo's home, 314-576-5687)

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.

GREAT DECISIONS 1 p.m.

March 1 & 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.

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. Rockwood Bank, Rt. 109, 63040

March 6: FLEECE BABY BLANKETS - CHARITABLE EVENT

Join as we make baby blankets for the NICU at Mercy Hospital, or you may wish to create a blanket for a special baby. You will need these materials: 1 yard of fleece (baby print or pastel), sharp scissors, yard stick, 12 inch ruler, washable marking tool. Optional materials include a rotary cutter, self-healing cutting mat, large needle and embroidery floss for a blanket stitch edge. Hancock Fabrics, Jo-Ann's, and Hobby Lobby have fleece.

Please contact Rosann Swaringim for further information (636-240-7839, rosannms@charter.net).

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.

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).

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

February 23: 1521 Fournier Drive, 63126 (Marcia Block's home, 314-962-5575). Movies for discussion: *Albert Nobbs*, *Carnage*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, *The Grey*, *Mission Impossible*, *One for the Money*, *The Separation*, *We Need to Talk About Kevin*.

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 and house on the right corner.

March 22: 17706 Drummer Lane 63005 (Diane Siegel's home, 636-519-0730). 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).

OUT-TO-LUNCH GROUP 3rd Wed., 11:30 a.m.

March 21: **Edge Wild - 550 Chesterfield Center, Chesterfield 63017** (located in the former Bahama Breeze)

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

DIRECTIONS: Go west on 40/64 and exit at Clarkson Rd. Turn right heading south and turn right at Chesterfield Mall. Turn right again and go past the stop sign. The restaurant is on the right

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 contact the hostess to let her know whether or not you will attend.

BETTER BRIDGE 2nd Mondays, 1 p.m.

March 12: Marilyn Morton (314-965-3027)

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

March 16: Contact Ann Jaques (314-434-3439)

BRIDGE I 1st Wednesdays

March 7: Marjorie Klutho (314-965-6228)

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

March 20: Nancy Russell (314-514-8345)

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

March 28: Marilee Ingoldsby (314-805-7163)

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

March 6: Sheila Kalman (314-997-6192)

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

March 13: Sheila Kalman (314-997-6192)

BRIDGE VI 3rd Mondays, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

March 19: Nancy Russell (314-514-8345)

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

March 14: Pat Bishop (636-405-1760)

DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4th Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. Hearth Room

March 27: Carol Osterloh (314-434-4781)



DID YOU KNOW . . . Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. Since then, almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in the field.

The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History.

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women

INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

GOLF

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

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 <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net>, Interest Groups page. For tech help, call 314-878-4521.

LITERATURE I 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

March 15: 13035 Geranium Ct., 63146 (Teri Steinberg's home, 314-878-8610) A discussion of *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake will be led by Doris Nistler.

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 40 take 141 north to Olive Street Road and turn right. Go about one mile and turn left on Fernview Drive, go 0.1 mile and turn left on Geranium Ct. Go 0.1 mile and the house is on the right.

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

LITERATURE II 4th Mondays, 10 a.m.

March 26: 11443 Daykin Drive, 63146 (Jayne Kasten's home, 314-991-5334) A discussion of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford will be led by Rosann Swaringim.

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 40 and Hwy 270 go north on Hwy 270 2.5 miles and take Exit 14 (east) onto Olive Blvd. Go 0.9 miles and turn left on Craig Rd. Go 0.5 miles and turn right on Daykin Dr. Go 0.2 miles and arrive at 11443 Daykin Drive on the left.

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

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

March 13: 403 Sunnyslope Dr., 63011 (Marilyn Fletcher's home, 636-527-7507) A discussion of *The Poisoner's Handbook* by Deborah Blum will be led by Jill Norton.

DIRECTIONS: From 141 & Clayton Rd., go west on Clayton 2.7 miles and turn left on Greenbriar La. Take the 2nd left: Claymont Dr. Again take the 2nd left on to Sunnyslope Dr. #403 is on the left..

This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, mhblock@sbcglobal.net).

BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (BBC) 1st Mondays, 10 a.m.

March 5: 525 Fairways Circle, 63141 (Linda Roberson's home, 314-692-7280) A discussion of *If You Ask Me: and of Course, You Won't* by Betty White will be led by Cecelia McFadden.

DIRECTIONS: Take Ladue Road East from Hwy 270 to Mosley Rd. (stop light). Turn left (North) on Mosley and go to the 2nd stop sign. Turn left on Fairways. The next street is Fairways Circle. #535 is the 2nd house 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 3rd Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

March 21: 816 Mason Wood Drive, 63141, (Gay Meakim hosts at Sandy Camillo's home, 314-576-5687)

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.

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) for more information.

I resent people who say writers write from experience. Writers don't write from experience, though many are hesitant to admit that they don't. I want to be clear about this. If you wrote from experience, you'd get maybe one book, maybe three poems. Writers write from empathy. - Nikki Giovanni

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 9:30 a.m. BOARD MEETING 1 p.m. GREAT DECISIONS	2 12:30 p.m. PLAY READERS, TOO!	3
4	5 10 a.m. BBC	6 9:30 a.m. <u>BRIDGE IV</u> 1 p.m. EXPRESSIONS	7 BRIDGE I	8 8:45 a.m. BRANCH MEETING	9 11 a.m. IRISH HISTORY TALK AT MCGURK'S	10 NAMED GIFT NOMINATIONS DUE
11	12 1 p.m. BETTER BRIDGE	13 9:30 a.m. <u>BRIDGE V</u> 10:45 <u>LECTURE SERIES</u> 1 p.m. READING REALITY	14 10 a.m. DUPLICATE BRIDGE I	15 9:30 a.m. LITERATURE I	16 9:30 a.m. BASIC BRIDGE (Note Change)	17
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25	26 10 a.m. LITERATURE II	27 9:45 a.m. DUPLICATE BRIDGE II	28 10 a.m. BRIDGE III	29	30	31 7 p.m. LAF TRIVIA NIGHT

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