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

OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 8:45 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Chesterfield
14088 Clayton Rd., at Woods Mill Rd.

Kristin Metcalf-Wilson, RNC, MSN, WHNP
Instructor of Clinical Nursing, Sinclair School of
Nursing, University of Missouri

"The Status of Women in Missouri"

Kristin Metcalf-Wilson is uniquely qualified to address the quality and availability of women's health care in the current economy. She has worked as an OB nurse practitioner, clinic manager, written training grants, and acted as director of a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program and a Teen Pregnancy Program. She is a board member/officer of the Women's Policy Alliance and the Alliance for the Status of Women in Missouri and speaks in the mid-west to professional and civic groups.

Mark your calendars to hear this outstanding healthcare specialist and educator address issues of great concern to MO women. Share this opportunity by inviting a friend or relative to join us.

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: Jan Pritchard
Hostesses: Suzanne Couch, Darlene Harris, Rita Hawkins, Joyce Katz, Ann Jaques, Sue Lancaster, Nancy Russell, Barb Smoltz, Bev Wait, Arlene Weise

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Washington, D.C., is always an exciting place to visit. It is the heart of our collective memory and the center of our law making. The beautiful monuments and memorials, the graceful and powerful buildings, and the energy of young and old permeate the whole city. At the AAUW National Convention over 700 members from every state became part of this energy and enthusiasm.

Many members participated in Lobby Day. For some of us it was a first-time experience to have our voices heard in the halls of Congress. Ballwin-Chesterfield members visited the offices of Sens. Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill and Reps. Todd Akin and Lacy Clay. We encouraged them to support legislative issues identified by AAUW as central to our mission. They are the Campus SaVE Act, an anti-sexual assault bill, and the National Women's History Museum Act, a bill that would allow the creation of a privately funded women's history museum. In addition, we sent a strong message of support to protect and strengthen Social Security.

We can all continue to have our voices heard by signing up for *Washington Update*, a weekly digest of issues that impact women. We can participate in the *2 Minute Activist*, email, phone our Congress person, and write letters to the editor of local papers. Congrats to Julie Triplett who had her letter published in *The Kansas City Star*. Our support of these endeavors can make a difference for women and girls now and in the future.

~ Marian and Marcia

Vote at October Branch Meeting on Proposed 2011-2012 Branch Budget

The enclosed 2011-12 Ballwin-Chesterfield budget is in a new, two-page format. Page one, top left, contains the *Beginning Fund Balance*, effective July 1, 2011; page one, top right, shows the projected *Ending Fund Balance*, June 30, 2012. The columns titled *2011 Actuals* contain the values actually on the books for all categories.

Page 2 presents the budget with anticipated *Income* for each fund area on the left. On the right are the detailed *Expenses* associated with each of the *Income* areas. As in the past, the actual incomes and expenditures for the past fiscal year are also listed. Some funds, shown with an asterisk, are not budgeted items this year but were included as part of the past year's income and expenses.

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BOARD MEETING – Thursday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. All board members should attend. Please contact Marian Bauer if you are unable to attend.

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 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 Mary Jermak (636-532-3040, mjermak@att.net) and Bette Bude (314-878-7642, dabbl@sbcglobal.net). The deadline for articles for the November newsletter is October 13, the second Thursday.

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

AAUW (IBC) DOWNTOWN LUNCH 3rd Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m. October 18: Olympia, 1543 McCausland, St. Louis, 63117

For reservations, contact Jean Shull (314-822-7821, jshull2@mindspring.com).

ADELANTE (IBC Book-of-the Month Club)

4th Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. October 27: "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn will be reviewed by Lynne Roney. Please call Julie Triplett (636-256-3078) for meeting location.

2011-12 BRANCH BUDGET (continued from page 1)

In total, we are starting with more funds than last year and we anticipate ending with more funds than at the beginning. Major fund raisers include the Winter Auction, supporting Leadership Development and Operating Funds; Dollars for Scholars, supporting our scholarships; and Individual Giving and Special Events, supporting EOF and LAF, key AAUW funds. Please send any questions to Leslie Wier, Treasurer (wierls@sbcglobal.net).

A word about "where our money goes."

Simple Math
Start with your total dues. \$81
Subtract your national and state portion. \$59
Remainder is your local branch portion. \$22

How is your \$22 used? (amounts are grouped and based on 250 members) Here are many of our expenses:

Room rental/coffee service/AV, honoraria, Picnic and extra brunch costs	\$17.95
Insurance, printing, postage and other committee work expenses	\$11.48
Newsletter	\$2.00
Directory, special awards, e.g. Science Fair awards	\$ 3.60
Total	\$34.58

What makes up the difference? Your enthusiastic support of the **Winter Auction**, the only event that allows us to operate as a premier, dynamic branch whose members stay connected with each other and with the mission of AAUW!

~ Marcia Block, Co-President

AAUW 2010-2011 BRANCH DIRECTORY

Your new 2011-2012 directory insert is ready. You only need to insert the new printed pages into your binder. If you want an extra insert, the cost is \$3. The cost for a new binder is \$8. New members receive the binder and insert at no cost.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please arrange for a friend to pick up your directory, as they will not be mailed. All corrections or additions will be made in the December supplement.

We have included advertisements again this year which help to pay for directory printing. Please review the listings at the back and patronize these businesses. Tell them you learned about them from our directory.

~ Rosemary Manley and Mary Lou Wilson, Directory

Vision Statement

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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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A Sincere Welcome to ALL Our New Members

Sandra R. Shaner: 966 Chesterfield Villas Circle, Chesterfield, 63017

E-mail: shaner.sandy@yahoo.com

Sandra is a graduate of St. Louis University with a degree in communications. She previously owned a Manufacturer's Rep. Agency, worked as a real estate broker, and as a travel agent. At the present time she works as a yoga instructor. In her spare time Sandra enjoys tennis, reading, playing the guitar, walking, and biking.

We extend a warm welcome to this busy lady.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION COFFEE

Wednesday, October 26, 1 p.m., 816 Mason Wood Dr., Town and Country, 63141 (Sandy Camillo's home, 314-576-5687)

All new members since April 27 are invited to attend the New Members Orientation Coffee. New members who missed the last orientation are also welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Joan (636-527-7488) or Barb (636-549-3219), if you plan to join us. This is a great chance to meet 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 40 go east to Mason Rd. and turn right on Mason Ridge and turn right once again to 816 Mason Wood

~ Joan Lunt and Barb Schillhahn, Membership

PUBLIC POLICY: A Year of Advocacy Begins

AAUW has joined nineteen prominent Women's Leadership Groups to launch "HER VOTES" to mobilize women voters in 2012. "HER VOTES" is a campaign that highlights issues to preserve women's health and economic rights - HER rights. All women need to be cognizant of these issues that have tremendous impact on their lives and to make sure that those candidates running for office understand the urgency of their concerns. We will notify you of upcoming actions and events that AAUW will promote in their election advocacy.

According to the Center for American Women in Politics, women had a higher turnout rate in the 2008 election than men with 60.4% of women voting compared to 55.7% of men.

We can make a difference in the direction taken by our government on women's issues if we work diligently to get out the women's vote. The new tagline for AAUW's get-out-the-vote campaign is "It's my vote: I will be heard!" Let's proudly add our chorus of voices to endorse this message.

YOU can contribute to this effort by spreading the word about AAUW's advocacy to your friends, sisters, daughters, mothers, and granddaughters.

~ Sandy Camillo & Teri Miller, Public Policy

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.

AAUW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

AAUW's 100,000 members and donors "are our voice and our strength", declared Linda Hallman in the first phone conference meeting of AAUW's membership committee. Traditionally, women learned about AAUW from their colleges or universities, but also from their mothers and other significant women in their lives. AAUW promotes undergraduate and graduate students' membership through a variety of membership opportunities.

Free e-student affiliation is available to undergraduate students attending AAUW college/university partner member institutions. E-student affiliates receive AAUW information online.

Paid student affiliation is available to undergraduates regardless of whether their school is a C/U partner. Paid student affiliates receive AAUW information both online and in print. National dues are only \$17 and \$16 are tax-deductible.

Graduate students qualify as regular members of AAUW. Through June 30, 2012, graduate students new to AAUW may join for only \$18.11!

The Give a Grad a Gift program allows current AAUW members the opportunity to give free national memberships to college graduates within 12 months of earning a degree.

A growing membership strengthens AAUW's advocacy and equity efforts – the legacy we hope to create as AAUW members. Please share these membership opportunities with the undergraduates, recent grads, and graduate students in your life.

~ Mary Jermak, AAUW National Membership Committee

GREAT DECISIONS

As part of branch Public Policy activities; we will again have the *Great Decisions* study group in 2012. There will be an organizational meeting after the branch meeting on November 10 for anyone interested in participating. *Great Decisions* studies the year's current events by reading and discussing relevant units authored by non-partisan experts in their respective fields. Group meetings will be in January through May on dates and times chosen by the group at the organizational meeting. Please let Sandy Camillo (sandycamillo@gmail.com) know if you are interested in participating in *Great Decisions*.

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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COME TOGETHER FOR CANASTA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sponsored by EOF and LAF Cost: \$30

Carpool departs 9:30 a.m. from Lowe's Chesterfield Commons, Rt. 40 @ Boone's Crossing – NW corner of lot.

Remember when you played (or wanted to play) the fashionable game of Canasta? Now is your chance to learn, relearn, or polish your Canasta skills. On Tuesday, November 29 we will *Come Together for Canasta* at Whitmoor Country Club.

Each table of four players will have an experienced player to instruct and facilitate or, if you already know the game, you can play cards with your own foursome. Either way, you choose the players at your table – bring your friends! The cost is \$30 (check payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield) and includes a wonderful Whitmoor lunch with choice from 3 lunch entrees. Lunch at noon, and then resume play until 2 p.m. In addition to fun, friends, cards and lunch, small door prizes will be given. Proceeds will benefit EOF (national and local scholarships) and LAF.

Sign up at branch meetings. Have fun and support both EOF and LAF. Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (636-928-9905, mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Barb Butchart (636-926-7704, bbutchart@att.net).

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 40/64 West, to exit 11 (first exit after bridge), Research Park Circle. Stay right onto Technology East (becomes Wolfrum Rd.). Drive 3 miles to Whitmoor Subdivision and turn right on Whitmoor Dr. Drive ½ mile to Whitmoor CC on the left.

DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!

Last year's Used Book Sale was a big success and lots of fun. So...let's do it again! The 2nd Annual Used Book Sale (all proceeds to Dollars for Scholars) will be 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 at all branch and board meetings through January.

For other arrangements, contact Mary Kay Wolfe (636-928-9905, mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Jan Horner (314-275-7053, jhorner@janhorner.com).

Many thanks!

JEWELRY RAFFLE

At our October branch meeting, we will conduct a raffle for a lovely jewelry chest filled with eye-catching costume jewelry. Chances will be \$2 each or 3/\$5; the winner will be announced at the end of the meeting. All proceeds will go to The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which supports research about issues that are important to women and girls. You will be backing a good cause and buying a chance at adding to your bling collection!

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Title IX Case Supported by AAUW

Decision has potential far-reaching effects

In May AAUW awarded monetary support for the plaintiffs in *Parker v. Franklin County Community School Corporation*. The case stems from alleged violations of *Title IX* against a number of school districts and the Indiana High School Athletic Association, but the court is to decide whether school corporations are part of the state.

In 2009, Amber Parker sued the Franklin County Community School Corporation and the other competing school districts against whom the varsity girls' basketball team competes on behalf of her daughter, a member of the team. Parker alleged violations of *Title IX* and the *Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment* to the Constitution due to the disparity in scheduling of games between the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams. The majority of the boys' games were played in prime weekend times, while the girls' team played on weekday nights. Weeknight games placed an unfair academic burden on the girls and they were deprived of crowd support. The girls' varsity was made to feel like second-class athletes.

The U.S District Court for Southern Indiana granted summary judgment for the school districts. The court ruled that the **school districts are "arms of the state"** and have immunity from suit in federal court for constitutional violations. The case is still being considered by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

~ Mary Jermak, LAF Committee

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIPS

Support of the AAUW EOF and local scholarships for women returning to college is an important part of Ballwin-Chesterfield's efforts. Our successful program, *Dollars for Scholars*, raises funds for education through member-sponsored activities. Through these efforts, money is donated annually to EOF, and, since 1982, local scholarships have also been awarded. This year we continue the tradition of giving scholarships to six deserving women attending University of Missouri-St.Louis, Pierre Laclède Honors College/UMSL, Maryville University, and the St. Louis Community Colleges.

In addition to financial support, our branch also provides moral support. Each scholarship woman is paired with an EOF committee member who keeps in contact by phone, email and notes throughout the year. These contacts provide encouragement and a continuing connection to AAUW. We invite these women to attend the January branch meeting and to share their stories and the benefit the AAUW scholarship has provided. You will learn more about our scholarship recipients in upcoming newsletters and have the opportunity to meet these women at our January branch meeting.

~ Mary Kay Wolfe and Jan Horner, EOF

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WALK – 2011 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 10:30 a.m.

FAUST PARK, 15185 Olive Blvd., 63017 (Carpool: Trinity Lutheran parking lot 10 a.m.)

All members are invited to participate in our annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. Your participation helps support and finance one of AAUW's most worthy and important causes. The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk funds research on topics important to AAUW's goals and mission. Your \$25 tax-deductible registration fee includes a new ERW tee shirt. An additional gift of \$75, to bring your total to \$100, earns you the annual ER pin and membership in the MO Century Club. Make checks payable to AAUW Funds. All contributions made by sponsoring a walker or donations made to the ER fund are tax deductible.

Assemble in the parking lot for a group picture at 10:30 a.m. After the walk (11:45 a.m. - noon), lunch will be at the Macaroni Grill at 963 Chesterfield Mall Center.

SIGN-UP AND REGISTRATION SHEETS WITH DIRECTIONS FOR WALKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

You may also download this form from the branch website. Complete it and send with your check to Mary Kay Wolfe. All sponsor sheets and checks (no cash, please) should be turned in by the date of the walk or preferably before then. For further information, contact Rosann Swaringim (636-240-7839) or Helen Fick (636-519-7197).

DIRECTIONS: From the Rt. 40/Clarkson intersection, go north on Olive Blvd. to Faust Park, one mile north of Hwy. 40. Entrance to the park is on the left; then, turn right into the parking lot.

AAUW: BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS WINTER AUCTION

for the Ballwin-Chesterfield Operating and Leadership Development Funds

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Snow date, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9) \$15 per ticket

Social Security is the bedrock of older women's financial security and virtually the only source of income for three in ten women over 65. AAUW is working to break through the barriers that are threatening to gut the program and disproportionately impact women's economic security. Your support of the Winter Auction will help with that fight.

Since this is the only fundraiser we have for the Branch's Operating and Leadership Development Funds, we encourage all members to participate. Here are the ways you can help:

1. Buy a ticket for yourself and ask a friend to buy one, too.
2. Bring a new item that can be used year round as a donation for the Silent Auction.
3. Plan by yourself or get together with AAUW friends to create a special Oral Auction package that everyone will want to bid on.
4. Buy and sell raffle tickets. Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.
5. Make a cash donation to the Operating and Leadership Development Funds, if you are unable to attend.

This year's raffle is *Show Me St. Louis* and will feature an overnight stay for two at a fine St. Louis hotel, tickets to St. Louis sights and attractions, and meals at restaurants exclusive to St. Louis. Chances will be available for sale in October along with the Auction tickets.

Chairs for this important branch event are Harriett Hirschfeld, (636-458-1520, Hhirschfe@aol.com) and Pat Shores (636-938-3958, apatriciashores@att.net). Contact us if you need more information, or to tell us what items you will be offering for the Silent or Oral Auction.

And don't forget to catch us if you hear us calling the Winter Auction by its former name and we will make a \$5 donation to the event.

~ Harriett Hirschfeld & Pat Shores, Winter Auction

SHOPPING AT OFFICE DEPOT BRINGS CASH TO THE BRANCH

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 tax-deductible number is 393 75 035 (ID: AAUW, Eureka, MO). For a wallet-sized information card pick one up at a branch meeting or contact Joyce Katz (314-878-4521).

HIGH TEA APRIL 13, 2012 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR - HIGH TEA COMMITTEE FORMING

The theme for the 2010 High Tea is *Decades*. Any member interested in helping with the Tea or hosting a table is most welcome to attend a meeting November 30 at Barb Schillhahn's home at 10 a.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to Barb (schillhahn@charter.net or 636-549-3219), even if you can't attend, but still want to help.

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!

IT'S CONVENIENT! IT'S DELICIOUS!! AND WE RAISE MONEY!!! BUY YOUR PANERA BREAD CARDS AT THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS COST: \$10

Buy the Panera Bread Co. cards and use them for any purchase at any Panera or St. Louis Bread Co. across the nation! You will receive full value for your money and the branch will benefit.

These cards make **GREAT LITTLE HOLIDAY GIFTS** and **THEY NEVER EXPIRE!** Questions? Contact Linda Bader (636-532-0154, Lbader7311@aol.com).

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ORDER YOUR PERSONAL AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD ID CARDS COST: \$10 for 20 personalized cards; \$15 for 40 cards; \$25 for 100 cards

How many times do you meet new people but know you will soon be "out of sight, out of mind"? With these Personal Cards, you will be kept "in mind" and AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield will be kept "in sight."

What an easy way make social, business, and community connections while increasing AAUW's visibility as a powerful advocate for equity and education for women and girls. Plus, you support our Dollars for Scholars Program!

See a prototype of the cards and order your set at the Dollars for Scholars Table. The card can be personalized and give your name, address, phone number, e-mail, and identify you as an AAUW - BC member, as you choose. Please pay when you order. The finished cards will be available at the November Branch meeting.

If you cannot order at the meeting, we welcome your calls. Please contact Bette Bude (314-878-7642, dabbl@sbcglobal.net) or Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, joyka234@aol.com).

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CLAUDE MONET'S WATER LILIES: SPECIAL EXHIBIT AND TOUR Tuesday, October 18, 12:45 p.m., St. Louis Art Museum, Forest Park COST: \$10 for *Art Museum members; \$20 for non-members

The maximum of 25 attendees is now filled. If you wish to be added to the waiting list, please contact Roz Marx (rozzie1@yahoo.com).

Come to a special AAUW docent-led tour of "The Triptych is Reunited." Gather in the Central Lobby for the 1 p.m. tour, followed by an optional lunch/dessert (cost not included). Friends and family are welcome.

Inspired by his gardens at Giverny, French Impressionist Claude Monet painted approximately 250 oil paintings in his *Water Lilies* series. Three of the series' works were painted as a set, or triptych, that stretches 42 feet. *Monet's Water Lilies* brings the three works together for the first time in more than 30 years.

(*Art Museum Members: please supply your membership number when registering.)

DIRECTIONS: Meet at the St. Louis Art Museum.

Be a part of Dollars for Scholars!

This program, unique to our branch, has raised funds for women's scholarships for 18 years.

Do you know about an interesting attraction or activity that would appeal to our members? Call Barb Tackitt or Judy Green and they will send you a packet with complete instructions to organize an event and provide all assistance needed. If you are a new member, it's a great way to meet others. And if you are seasoned member...why not invite a new member to sponsor an event with you to meet other members and participate in this worthy effort.

Judy and Barb also have a list of ideas for interesting events and can even help you to generate a fundraiser idea. They're waiting for your call!

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS (continued)

NATIONAL GREAT RIVERS MUSEUM and the MELVIN PRICE LOCKS & DAM -- Tuesday, October 25, 10 a.m. (Carpool 9 a.m.) - #2 Lock & Dam Way Rd, Alton, IL COST: \$13

Wander through the National Great Rivers Museum and learn fascinating information about the people, nature, and wildlife that have shaped the Mississippi River throughout history. View a film about the power of the river in the museum's theatre, then enjoy a private, guided tour of the Melvin Price Locks & Dam where you will see the river from eight stories in the air and (hopefully!) see barges and boats push through the locks.

Optional lunch to follow at My Just Desserts (cost not included). Sign up at the October branch meeting or contact Mary Kay Wolfe (636-928-9905, mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Marcia Block (314-962-5575, mhblock@sbcglobal.net).

DIRECTIONS: Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church's parking lot (lower level). To drive yourself, go east on I-64/40 to north on I-270. Take exit 31B to merge onto MO-367 North toward Alton. Continue onto US-67 North to the Clark Bridge (entering Illinois). Turn right onto IL-143 and drive two miles to Lock & Dam Way. Turn right.

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BRIDGE SEMINAR 302: 4 SESSIONS TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS - Tuesdays, October 25, November 1, 8, 15, Noon - 2 p.m., 4891 Stanhope Drive, 63128 COST: \$50 (\$40 for seminar, \$10 for Dollars for Scholars)

Do you sometimes think: "I enjoy bridge but wish I knew MORE about bidding, conventions, and what point count/overcalls really mean?" This special Bridge Seminar provides training on four consecutive Tuesdays and is JUST the ticket to help you improve your game as you practice playing or defending a bridge hand successfully, plus you help support our scholarship fund.

Instructor Diane Mardis is a retired St. Louis educator and a MAJOR bridge enthusiast. Diane taught Bridge through community education classes and will provide Bridge success tips to make this an OUTSTANDING experience

We will celebrate our bridge success with Happy Hour on Nov. 15 after class!!! Sign up at the October meeting or contact Jayne Kasten (314-991-5334, kastenc@sbcglobal.net).

DIRECTIONS: Carpooling to be arranged. Take 270 to Tesson Ferry Rd. (Rt. 21); turn left (east/south). Go 0.4 mi. and turn left on Mattis Rd. Go 0.9 mi. and turn right on Littlebury Dr. Go 0.1 mi. to a right on Stanhope Dr. Go 0.3 mi. to #4891 on your right, near the end of the street.

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QUILT NATIONAL EXHIBIT VISIT, Tuesday, November 1, 10:15 a.m., The Foundry Art Center, 520 Main Street, St. Charles. (Carpool leaves Trinity, 9:30 a.m.) COST: \$15

The Quilt National is a national competition of multi-media quilts that is held on alternate years. Lunch will follow at 11:30 at Miss Aimee B's Tea Room, 837 North First Capitol Dr, St. Charles. Sign up at the October branch meeting, or contact either Sue Lancaster (636-532-3421, slanca@aol.com) or Rhea Moore (636-537-8717, rheakaymoore@sbcglobal.net).

DIRECTIONS: Take highway 70 across the Missouri River. Exit going North (R) on Fifth St. Go right on Boone's Lick Rd. (by McDonald's), and then left on Riverside Dr. Take Riverside until it dead-ends at Clark St. The Foundry Art Centre is on your right. From the Art Centre to Miss Aimee B's Tea Room : Take Clark St. 4 blocks. Go left on N. 5th St. about 6 blocks. Go R. on First Capitol Dr. Go about 4 blocks to restaurant, which is in an old Victorian house.

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HOLIDAY POINT OPEN HOUSE - Wednesday, November 30, 9:30 a.m. 828 Holly Ridge Drive, Ballwin, 63011 COST: \$10

The 11 a.m. session has filled. To join the 11 a.m. waiting list, please contact Evelyn Herman or Mary Martens, listed below.

Please join us for a festive morning viewing Harriet Kettenhofen's exquisite collection of holiday-themed needlepoint while enjoying light refreshments at her home. Besides displaying a variety of holiday-themed items including Christmas, Hanukkah, Halloween, and the 4th of July, Harriet will explain some distinctive techniques and answer your questions.

Sign up at the October branch meeting or send your check to Barbara Smoltz, 318 Willowick Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011. Questions? Contact Evelyn Herman (636-391-7725) or Mary Martens (636-532-3991).

DIRECTIONS: From Trinity, go west on Clayton Rd., south on Rt. 141, right on Dutchmill Dr., left on Holly Ridge.

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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.

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Rockwood Bank, Rt. 109, 63040

October 4: Mini-Album Craft - Cost for supplies is \$4. Bring scissors, adhesive, and yourself!!!

Have a fun-filled afternoon creating clever mini-albums to show off your special photos of grandchildren, trips, and holiday activities.

Carol and Jayne will demonstrate two different styles of super easy albums and provide the materials for you to display your creativity. You will also be treated to a SURPRISE CRAFT, but you have to be there to see it!

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Jayne Kasten (314-991-5334).

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.

PLAY READERS' GROUPS

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

October 17: 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 (Westglen Farms exit). Turn right and go to the first left - Plaza Village View Drive. Turn left and follow around (street becomes Newpoint Dr.) to Newpoint Ct. Turn left into cul-de-sac to first house on the right.

PLAY READERS, TOO! 1st Fridays, 1 p.m.

October 7: 1521 Fournier Drive 63126 (Marcia Block's home 314-926-5575).

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. which becomes Hutchins until the street ends at Fournier Drive to home on the right corner.

SATURDAY NIGHT SINGLES

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

The group 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 the group's mailing list, contact Donna Ross (636-532-4572, victorianwhodunit@att.net).

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.

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

October 20: contact Ann Jaques (314-434-3439)

BRIDGE I 1st Wednesdays

October 5: Janice Brown (636-386-0041)

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

October 18: Marjorie Klutho (314-965-6228)

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

October 26: Jeannie Miller (636-537-5384)

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

October 4: Jill Norton (314-757-5969)

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

October 11: Sue Eastes (636-779-2807)

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

October 17: Joan Lunt (636-527-7488)

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

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

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

October 25: Ann Jaques (314-434-3439)

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

October 27: 1:30 p.m. 413 Scott Ave. 63122 (Nancy Shepard's home, 314-984-9846). **Note the time change for this meeting in order to accommodate the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk.** See the November newsletter for information on movies and directions.

DIRECTIONS: East on Manchester to Lindbergh Rd.

(N.Kirkwood). Go south (rt.) on Kirkwood Rd. to Argonne (train station on SW corner of intersection). Go east (left) on Argonne to Smith. Go south (rt.) on Smith to Scott. 413 is a Victorian home on the NE corner of intersection (the RR tracks run in front of the house). It's best to park on Smith.

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

INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

OUT-TO- LUNCH GROUP 3rd Wednesdays **October 19: 11:30 a.m., Bristol Seafood Grill,** **11801 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, 63141**

We will meet at the grill. Sign up at the October branch meeting or call Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) for reservations.

DIRECTIONS: From west St. Louis County, drive east on Olive Blvd. past Interstate 270 to North Ballas Rd. Turn left. The grill is on the northwest corner. Parking is on the west side and in front. If you are coming from the east, drive west on Olive and turn right at North Ballas.

MAH JONGG Mondays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

All member-players above beginner level are welcome!

Please contact Jan Pritchard (636-225-6274, janpritchard@att.net) by the Friday before to reserve your spot and receive further information.

Please note that we are now playing on the 2011 card.

GOLF Every Monday in October

All skill levels above beginner are welcome! Play for fun, 9 or 18 holes and come as often as you can.

Golfers are notified of play dates via phone or e-mail, so to get on the list and in on the fun, 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 2010-2011 book lists, go to aauballwin-chesterfield.org, Interest Groups page. For tech help, call 314-878-4521.

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

October 20: 10 Woods Hill Dr. 63017 (Jane Miller's home, 314-434-8173). A discussion of *In the Garden of Beasts* by Eric Larson will be led by Bev Stevenson.

DIRECTIONS: From Highway 64/40, take the Mason Exit. Take Mason South to Masonridge. Make a right on Masonridge. Take Masonridge to Clayton. Make a right on Clayton Rd going west. Woods Hill will be the first left off Clayton. 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.

October 24: 12264 Country Manor Lane 63141 (Pat Corich's home, 314-434-4071). A discussion of *Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez will be led by Karen Francis.

DIRECTIONS: From North on 270 to the Olive Street Exit, turn left past St. Monica's Church; turn LEFT at Country Manor Lane (Pulaski's Savings). (Pass Delmar Gardens before entering the subdivision.) Follow Country Manor Lane left to house on right at top of the hill. From East on Olive, turn right on Country Manor Lane on the East side of Pulaski Savings and Loan. Continue, as directed above. We welcome all readers! For information, contact Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, joyka234@aol.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (636-537-2736, erlaine@charter.net).

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

October 11: 12153 Hibler Dr. St. Louis, 63141 (Dottie Schanker's home 314-469-5444) A discussion of *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand will be led by Becky Ragan.

DIRECTIONS: From 270, take Ladue west exit and turn immediately onto the west outer road of 270, called Coeur de Ville. Go north to Hibler and turn left to the 5th house on the right. The outer road connects Olive and Ladue. 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.

October 3: 18228 Buckboard Road 63069 (Harriett Hirschfeld's home 636-458-1520) A discussion of *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts will be led by Barb Schillhahn.

DIRECTIONS: From the Manchester-Clarkson intersection, go west on Manchester (Rt. 100) for 9-10 miles. Past Highway T, turn left on Melrose. Go 0.6 miles to stop sign at Allenton Rd. Turn right and go 0.9 miles to Buckboard Rd. on left (private road). Turn left and follow winding, steep road 0.4 miles to end. We are the last of three houses, 18228. Park in drive. 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.

October 19: 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. 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.

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 Town and Country, MO 63141



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