



Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Sandra Murdock

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

November is the complete change to our fall season as the trees drop all their leaves. Enjoy this last bit of nice weather. Enjoy your family and friends while celebrating Thanksgiving.

A special thank you to VP-Membership Mersine Kallaos and Michele Mangnall for the annual New Member Tea that was held in October and hosted by Gloria Campion. The tea is an orientation for new members to get information about all the programs and activities the B-C branch has to offer.

Thank you to Jean Elliott who chaired the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk at Des Peres Park. This event was most refreshing and a healthy one for us. The walk raises funds for AAUW research.



Marcia Block

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield is preparing for the Winter Auction which will be held December 14. Join us for *The Winter Soiree*. This event is chaired by Suzanne Couch and Karen Francis. Your participation is greatly needed. This is always a fun event and helps to support the branch's Operating and Leadership Funds.

Stay informed. The *LAF Express* is interesting reading. The cases presented let us know the plaintiffs whom AAUW is supporting. The AAUW Action Network asks us to pay attention to legislative issues, such as gender pay gap and student debt. Connect with your local, state, and federal elected officials. This is a difficult time with protest and gun violence in our nation. Just be aware of the issues.

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch members can be proud of the special work we do to enhance the lives of girls and women. We do it while also enjoying fun activities. You are a fantastic group. Your service is an asset to the St. Louis Community.

~ Sandra Murdock, Co-President

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, November 2, 9:30 a.m.

All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend.

Contact Sandra Murdock (SESandraM@aol.com).

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd., 63017

8:45 a.m. - Social Time & Signups

9:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. - Program 11:30 a.m. - Adjourn

Countdown to Stress Management

Handling Stress In Our Daily Lives

Speaker: Dr. Pat White, PhD

Pat will discuss stress management for women, including specific techniques and lifestyle considerations, that can prevent stress from becoming depression. Do you have "diamonds in your sheets"? You will find out!

HOSPITALITY

Coordinating Hostess: Erlaine Eltomi

Hostesses: Gloria Campion, Elaine Williams, Eve LaJeunesse, Barbara Butchart, Jane Hemer, Lisa Barks, and Donna Ross

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The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the December newsletter is November 14, unless otherwise specified. Send news items to co-editors Sandy Brody (sandybrody163@gmail.com) and Mary Jermak (marygjermak@att.net). Send DFS notices to Joan Davis (jmdavis@pstcc.edu) and send Interest Group information to Jean Light (jhl1234@charter.net).

The branch website is Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/. Communications/Web Co-Directors Joyce Katz and Linda Roberson post announcements on Facebook. Search Facebook at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW and 'like' the page to receive updates.

For membership information, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Mersine Kallaos (mkallaos@prodigy.net) and Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com).

To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed (j6a8r1@aol.com) or Joyce Katz (joyka234@aol.com).

For phone numbers and mailing addresses of branch members, check the branch *Directory*.

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD

ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Sandra Murdock & Marcia Block

VP-Program: Marilyn Fletcher & Sage Taber

VP-Membership: Mersine Kallaos & Michele Mangnall

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

Ex-Officio Immediate Past President: Barbara McQuitty

ELECTED DIRECTORS

Educational Opportunities Fund: Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoski

Legal Advocacy Fund: Doris Nistler & Julie Triplett

Public Policy: Barbara Butchart & Eve LaJeunesse

APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Branch Development for Leadership/Operating Funds:

Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis

Communications/Web: Joyce Katz & Linda Roberson

Directory: Marilyn Beiter, Joyce Katz, & Leslie Wier

Dollars for Scholars: Janice Buckhold & Phyllis Oakes

Governance: Marsha Weppelman

Hospitality: Becky Ragan & Pat White

Newsletter Editors: Mary Jermak, Sandy Brody,
Joan Davis, & Jean Light

Special Events

Fall Brunch: Susan Fenwick, Barb McQuitty, & Linda Roberson

Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony & Linda Kridel

STEM: Jean Elliott & Carol Greenaway

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER

Our new State of Missouri tax exempt document has arrived. If you need to purchase something for branch use, show the tax free letter and submit a reimbursement form for the purchase. You can find both items at <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/members-only>.

The Financial Planning Committee is comprised of Marcia Block, Karen Francis, Rita Hawkins-Page, Mary Jermak, Yvonne Morrison, Sandra Murdock, Pat Shores, Julie Triplett, and Leslie Wier. The committee will be looking at short and long term financial planning for B-C. Let me know if you would like us to consider something.

The Winter Auction is critically important to the financial health of our Operating and Leadership Development Funds. As you know, the \$22 that our branch retains from our dues (\$49 to national and \$10 to state) does not cover all the wonderful things we do. The projected income from 250 members is \$5,500 and the projected expenses for the Operating and Leadership Development Funds are \$19,000 plus.

In order to fund the remainder of our programs and activities, we have to raise additional monies. **The Winter Auction is how we do it, and this event requires all member participation.** See page 5.

If you cannot attend or donate a silent or oral auction item, make a donation and help us maintain our high quality programs and activities at our outstanding Ballwin-Chesterfield branch.

~ Pat Shores. Finance Officer

AAUW ¡ADELANTE!

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble

1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

The next book discussion will be January 25, 2018.

Julie Triplett will review *Behold the Dreamers: A Novel* by Imbolo Mbue.

Please contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net) for further information.

MEET and EAT GROUP

(formerly Downtown/IBC Lunch)

3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

November 21: Baida Moroccan Restaurant
(Middle Eastern)

3191 S. Grand Blvd., 63118
314-932-7950

Contact Kay Meyer (kicmeyer51@gmail.com).

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch and the AAUW community.



Karen Ratteree Dow Fenton, MO

Email: KarenRatteree@gmail.com

Karen received a bachelor's degree in interior design from the University of Missouri. She is currently employed as a broker/salesperson with Realty Executives of Chesterfield. She enjoys the arts, pottery and jewelry design, traveling, and interior design of homes.

Ellen Friedman Ballwin, MO

Email: vellenf@aol.com

Ellen earned a bachelor's degree from Washington University. She retired after working at Saks Fifth Avenue. She enjoys playing bridge, reading, and traveling.

Marilyn Gamm Ballwin, MO

Email: revmsgamm@yahoo.com

Marilyn received a bachelor's degree from William Woods University and a master's degree in divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. She is currently seeking a position as a pastor. Her interests include gardening, reading, women's issues, and social justice.

Diana Huey Ballwin, MO

Email: dinajo_452@msn.com

Diana earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in political science. She has worked in the insurance field and as a substitute teacher for a daycare center. Her interests include reading, politics, stitching, and sports.

Donna Kloeppel Ballwin, MO

Email: donna.kloeppel@yahoo.com

Donna graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in education. She was a teacher and educational consultant for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) publishing. In her spare time, she plays golf and pickleball and enjoys exercise and reading.

Denise McKibben Ballwin, MO

Email: mckibbendenise@gmail.com

Denise graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in political science. She worked in the area of insurance sales and service. Her interests include politics, reading, and music.

Nancy Pierson Manchester, MO

Email: pierson4_99@yahoo.co.uk

Nancy earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in secondary math education from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. She taught math at St. Louis Community College and MICDS where she is currently a substitute teacher. Nancy is an avid bridge player who enjoys travel, yoga, and physical fitness.

Patricia Wollenberg Weldon Spring, MO

Email: pjsw111@icloud.com

Patricia earned a degree in interior design from Harper College, and a bachelor's degree and master's degree in English literature from Virginia Commonwealth. She has worked as a teacher, importer, and in interior design. She enjoys reading, playing bridge and canasta, and walking.

~ Michele Mangnall & Mersine Kallaos, VP-Membership

HOSPITALITY

When you come to meetings, isn't it wonderful to have a lovely table full of treats with coffee and juice to enjoy? To keep up this tradition, we need your help! With many helpers, it is light work.

Please contact Becky Ragan (ragan4@swbell.net) or Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) to sign up.



Becky Kruse was an amazing lady who touched the lives of many! Her pride and joy were her two sons, their wives, and her four grandchildren: two boys and two girls. She often traveled to visit and to celebrate life's memories with them.

Becky spent her career in the Pattonville School District where she was recognized as a Teacher of the Year. She taught at Rose Acres Elementary and at Pattonville Heights Middle School. After she retired, Becky stayed in contact with many of her students.

In retirement, Becky became a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital. Her favorite position was working at the Adults with Down Syndrome Center where she worked for over seven years. Becky shared her many creative ideas in the evening craft classes. She also worked with the Chime Choir and the Glee Chorus.

Becky had been involved in our AAUW branch for many years. She served as a co-chair of the 2009 Winter Auction, along with long-time friends Arlene and Nance, and continued to be involved with the Oral Auction. Becky was active in the Expressions, Canasta, Genealogy, and Play Readers groups. Becky's other interests included the Fox Theater, the Pattonville Retirement Group, cardmaking for various organizations, and Sigma Kappa sorority friendships she continued from Missouri State University.

Becky was a special friend who was creative, hardworking, and full of fun. She had a terrific attitude toward life, and it was a privilege to know her. She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her.

~ Nance Roth & Arlene Spector

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND



Ballwin-Chesterfield has been a great provider of fellowships and grants through our Silver Anniversary Grant (4286) and Grant (4112) These grants provide money for graduate students to continue their education. This year one Career Development Grant has been awarded to Katherine Meegan, at left, to attend Logan College. She is also being sponsored by other endowments from Missouri AAUW. Her discipline is health and medical sciences. Her degree and specialization is master of science in nutrition and human performance. Katherine hopes to link her passion for nutrition with her love of both animals and people.

Our local scholarship awardees at UMSL and Maryville are working hard to continue their undergraduate education. Your constant support of Dollars for Scholars provides the funds for these

important works. The Used Book sale began in October and runs at every regular meeting through April. Buy Panera Bread Cards while they last and attend our many fun and interesting Dollars events. These women count on us and we are happy to help.

~ **Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoki, Co-Directors, Educational Opportunity Fund**

INVITATION TO INDIVIDUAL GIVING

At the November Branch meeting, the first Individual Giving campaign will be held with donations going to the AAUW Fund. This will be the **only** request for donations to National this year. See <http://www.aauw.org/resource/the-aauw-fund-faq/> for information about the AAUW Fund. To donate online, you may go to [Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net](https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net) and select GIVE.

Member giving is recognized for each calendar year. To be a member of the Century Club, your annual donations must total \$100 or more. The Century Club Plus designation recognizes members who donate \$250 or more. To check your donations for this calendar year, go to AAUW's Member Services Database (<https://www.aauw.org/resource/member-services-database>).

Questions? Contact Judy Stagowski (jms4331@gmail.com) or Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Department of Education Rescinds Crucial Title IX Guidance

In last month's newsletter article we wrote about Title IX and the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter on Title IX guidelines, and the possibility of the letter being rescinded. Well, it happened. The Department of Education withdrew the 2011 *Dear Colleague Letter*, along with 2014 document, *Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence*. As stated by Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO, in her September 22, 2017, letter on the withdrawal of these documents, "Both were critical guidance tools schools requested to clarify their responsibilities under Title IX when responding to sexual violence. In their place, a new, less robust Questions and Answers guidance document is to be used. This is a blatant rollback from the strong and much-needed guidance that was in place."

Although Title IX is still the law, it is apparent it is under attack and needs our support to continue being an effective and enforceable tool against campus sexual violence. As further stated by Ms Churches, "AAUW stands with survivors, and will vigorously defend Title IX and the protections it affords all students."

~ **Doris Nistler and Julie Triplett,**
Co-directors, Legal Advocacy Fund

PUBLIC POLICY

Stand with AAUW to keep Title IX strong.

In the 45 years since Congress passed Title IX legislation prohibiting sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs, schools have made huge strides in providing equal access to education by simply creating the same opportunities to learn for all students.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has taken the first step in dismantling protections for survivors of campus sexual assault, claiming that existing guidelines have "failed". According to this logic, the Secretary sees that schools which fail to adequately protect students provide a reason to weaken Title IX protections, rather than enforce them. Her decision to open up Title IX for changes is a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is in direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.

AAUW stands with survivors and remains committed to defending Title IX. AAUW urges schools to leave in place their current strong policies. We must ensure our nation's dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. With progress under attack, now more than ever we need to make our voices heard. Subscribe to the Two-Minute Activist (<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>). Mobile text "AAUW" to 21333

~ **Barbara Butchart & Eve LaJeunesse,**
Co-directors, Public Policy

WHAT CAN THE BRANCH WEBSITE DO FOR YOU?

Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net is a mouthful, but thanks to AAUW national's free website sponsorship, that's our branch internet address. Bookmark it as a useful site. Steer your interested friends to it – it's a great introduction to AAUW and our branch! The website includes links to the AAUW, AAUW MO, and IBC's sites.

~ Need a quick glance at news? Go to the home page What Members Can Do Now.

~ Need to know a date? There's a Google calendar on every page.

~ Need a newsletter? Go to NEWSLETTERS or NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES.

~ Need a form to fill out? Go to FLYERS.

~ Want meeting news? Go to EVENTS: MEETINGS or to MEETING MINUTES.

~ Need Dollars info? Go to Events: DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS.

~ Want to know more about INTEREST GROUPS? Go to EVENTS: INTEREST GROUPS.

~ Want to Donate to the AAUW Fund? Go to the GIVE tab.

~ Want to see how Ballwin-Chesterfield benefits our community or to view awards our branch has given and received? Go to the AWARDS tab.

~ Need a reimbursement form, tax letter, or other special branch forms? Go to the MEMBERS ONLY tab (the password is memberinfo).

Help needed? Questions? Ask us! ~Joyce Katz & Linda Roberson,
Communication/Web Co-Directors

DIRECTORY

Please pick up your 2017–18 *Directory* at the November branch meeting. If you cannot attend, please arrange for a friend or interest group colleague to collect it for you. If you missed the electronic version, please request one from Joyce Katz (joyka234@aol.com).

Additions and corrections will be published in the *Directory's December Supplement*, to be sent with your December newsletter. Send new/corrected information to Marilyn Beiter (wibeiter@swbell.net), Leslie Wier (wierls@sbcglobal.net), or Joyce Katz **before November 18**.

New member pictures or any retakes can be done at branch meetings, or you may send a picture to Joyce Katz by email (jpeg), or postal mail.

~ Marilyn Beiter, Joyce Katz, & Leslie Wier,
Co-Directors, Directory

Reservations—\$25 Please Join Us For

The Winter Soiree

December 14—9:30 a.m.

*The Winter Auction Is The Only
Fundraiser For The Branch's
Operating And Leadership Funds*

Reservations will be accepted at the November branch meeting and by mail, sent to Jayne Kasten by **November 11**. Each reservation includes reserved seating, morning refreshments, and a delicious gourmet box lunch. **Hurry to reserve your place—only a few reservations are left!**

Browse the Silent Auction, shop at the Boutique, buy Pot O' Gold chances, and play Bingo before you check out. Find larger gifts and services at the Oral Auction led by our clever auctioneer. Go home with a great selection of holiday gifts, handcrafted items, and delicious homemade goodies!



*Support the Auction by Donating Items
To One or More of our Sales.*

Boutique: Create **three or more** similar items that will sell for \$5, \$10, or \$15.
Silent Auction: Donate **NEW quality items** that will appeal to members and guests.
Food Emporium: Donate baked goods, casseroles, and other delicious edibles.
A Donation: Can't make it? Please send a donation check to Julie Triplett.
Oral Auction: We need **10 to 12** items or packages to have a rousing Oral Auction.



Get your creative juices going and come up with a unique Oral Auction concept or use one of the ideas below. You may offer an Oral Auction item by yourself or work with several AAUW friends to create a package. Items start at \$100 and go up. The price should reflect your cost to produce the item.

Please let Pat Shores (apatriciashores@att.net) know by November 1st what you will submit. The most popular items are as follows:

Time away at a lake house, condo, or bed and breakfast; a party with all the fixings; themed baskets such as books, food/beverages, or games; special services such as dog grooming, car washes, scrapbooking, spa or fitness, genealogy, repair work, or computer training; tickets to an event, and/or dinner parties for 6 or more people sell well. Your own original, unexpected item is welcomed!

For more information, please contact:

Suzanne Couch (couchsuzanne749@gmail.com) or Karen Francis (karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com).



Check your email beginning at 8:15 a.m. the day of the event for updates or cancellation.

DFS events raise funds for scholarships, give members opportunities to meet in small groups for enriching and educational experiences, and introduce AAUW to non-members.

Make Dollars for Scholars Checks Payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENTS SUPPORT WOMEN'S EDUCATION

~ Janice Buckhold (jbuckhold@charter.net) and Phyllis Oakes (phylanddave@peoplepc.com),
Dollars for Scholars Co-Directors

Don't miss out on any of the fun! Be sure to bring enough checks to each meeting so that you are able to sign up for several events. Each event requires its own check.



USED BOOK SALE



DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS (including children's), CD's, DVD's and PUZZLES!

Bring donations to branch meetings from November–April (no collection in December). Members of the EOF committee will sell items before the branch meetings, at the break, and after the meetings. Books left over after each meeting will be sold to local used bookstores. What a great reason to clean your book and media shelves!

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

PANERA CARDS

On sale at the November branch meeting

COST: \$10

Buy Panera gift cards and use them for **any** purchase at **all** Panera or St. Louis Bread Company locations 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 (Lbader7311@aol.com).

SECOND GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

COST: \$10

Wednesday, November 1 or Wednesday, November 8 1:30–4 p.m.

STL County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh 63131

You may attend the program on either November date. Lunch, 11:30 a.m., at Schneithorst's (not included in the cost)

NOTE: There is a library prerequisite for this workshop. Attendees must have attended the October 20 workshop to participate in the *Ancestry Library Edition Database*.

The afternoon will be divided into two sessions:

1:30 p.m.–1:50 p.m. Guided Tour of the Library Genealogical Center

2 p.m.–4 p.m. Introduction to *Ancestry Library Edition Database* Computer lab training on this free, powerful genealogy search website for searching census, immigration, military, and death records.

The Genealogy Group is the sponsor of both workshops.

To sign up, contact Roz Marx (RozMarx_rozzie1@yahoo.com).

A note from Phyllis and Janice: We have compiled a list of tours that have been sponsored in the past. Just because a tour has been done once doesn't mean it can't be repeated. Membership changes, schedules change, the weather changes—or perhaps a tour was so much fun you'd like to go again. There is also a list of museums as well as other ideas. These lists are available at the sign-up tables at branch meetings and are just waiting for someone to claim them for sponsorship.

Find these lists at **AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch**; then click EVENTS and then DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS.
Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/

Step Back in Time at Mudd's Grove 302 W. Argonne, 63122

Thursday, November 16, tour at 1:30 p.m.
Carpool from Trinity 11:30 a.m.

COST: \$13

Join us for lunch prior to the tour or just come in time to see the house.

Lunch: Noon, Mike Duffy's, 124 W. Jefferson, Kirkwood 63122

Step back in time to 1859 and tour Mudd's Grove, the present home of the Kirkwood Historical Society. This Greek Revival style home was built for Henry and Sarah Mudd as a residence for their family of seven children. The house has exhibits and displays of items from World War I, doll and toy collections, vintage clothing, and more.

Sign up at the November branch meeting or contact Jan Horner (janethorner@yahoo.com).

JAZZ AT THE BISTRO COFFEE CONCERT Thursday, November 30, 11 a.m. 3536 Washington Ave., 63103, in Grand Center, across from the Fox

COST: \$38

Carpool from Trinity, 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a live concert with jazz singer Jane Monheit (www.janemonheitonline.com or Jane Monheit--YouTube) singing standards from *The Great American Songbook*, jazz and Broadway popular songs in the 1920's–1950's.

Complimentary coffee, tea, juice, and Tim Horton donuts and bagels will be available at 10 a.m. The 11 a.m. concert has reserved seats only.

We attended this venue in March and several spouses were in tow. Why not make it a date! No spouse, no problem; bring a friend or family member! The new CD *The Songbook Sessions: Ella Fitzgerald* will be available for \$10, cash only.

Optional lunch: After the concert, join us at The Mandarin House (www.mandarinhouse.com) on Page, west of 170, for a tasty, fresh-cooked lunch with appetizer, soup, and entrée for under \$10.

Sponsored by Roz Marx (rozzzie1@yahoo.com). Sign up at the November branch meeting or contact Roz.

VICTORIAN TEA BUFFET

Friday, December 1, 11:30 a.m.

COST: \$25

Hostess, Laqueta Barstow

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season by joining with friends to enjoy an elegant Victorian Tea Buffet. You will be treated to a sophisticated menu to inspire memories of holidays past and future, gorgeous table settings to highlight the beauty of the season, and a delightfully serene environment.

This Victorian Tea will be an enjoyable time to treasure. Attendees will be emailed directions to the event.

This event is filled but we are taking names for the waiting list.

Sponsored by Laqueta Barstow, Carolyn Pohlkotte, Jayne Kasten, Nance Roth, and Judy Stagoski.



TICKLER LIST—As a reminder, the “Ticklers” is a list of events that are in process. They have sponsors with details still being finalized.

Upcoming events for spring 2018 include:

- A private tour of the FABULOUS FOX – late April or early May
- A tour of the MAGIC CHEF MANSION
- The ST. LOUIS GATEWAY ARCH TOUR



Branch Interest Groups are primarily social and bring members with similar interests together. Try one! Contact an Interest Group Chair today. Interest Groups Chairs are listed in the front of your *Directory*. Barb Jowett (brjowett@yahoo.com) coordinates all Interest Groups and can help with the information you need.

BOOK CLUBS ~ WE WELCOME ALL READERS

Please RSVP to the host by the Friday before the meeting. All addresses are listed in the branch *Directory*. Download the 2017-18 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

Questions? Contact the name listed for the book group.

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

November 16: Host, Diane Siegel

Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue will be reviewed by Jane Miller.

For more information, contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

November 27: Host, Susie Teicher

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman will be reviewed by Ann O'Shaunessy.

For more information, contact Joyce Katz (joyka@aol.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

November 14: Host, Gloria Campion

The Winter Fortress by Neal Bascomb will be reviewed by Jane Miller.

This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (mhbblock@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

You are invited. . .

Thinking about joining a book club? Alice Crippen, Joyce Katz, and Marcia Block are waiting to hear from you – contact one or all and plan to visit.

GOLF

It's time to pack up the clubs for winter and dream of making those unbelievable shots—next year. See you in April, 2018!

If you are interested in playing golf, contact Bev Wait (wait89@aol.com) or Elaine Frost (elfrost7@charter.net).

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

October 26: Host, Barb McQuitty

Movies include *The Mountain Between Us*, *Victoria & Abdul*, *Battle of the Sexes*, *Stronger*, *The Last Flag Flying*, and *Marshall*.

For further information, contact Doris Nistler (dnistler14@att.net).

November 20 (Monday due to holiday):

Host, Mary Kay Wolfe

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

November 7: Host, Carol Greenaway

CROCHET BEANIES FOR NEWBORNS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, 63141

Cost: \$6 to cover supplies OR you can bring your own skein of non-wool yarn and crochet hook. If you wish to have the supplies provided for you, please RSVP to Carol (kmcage@charter.net) by November 3. Beginners are welcome.

GENEALOGY GROUP 4th Thursdays, 1 p.m.

November 30

The final meeting of the year will be held at Schnuck's Kehr's Mill from 1-3 p.m. If you wish to have lunch, come at noon.

This interest group is appropriate for all – from those who are just starting to research their family history to the most serious genealogists among us. We welcome new members.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) or Roz Marx (rozzzie1@yahoo.com).

Check out our *Dollars for Scholars* workshop in November (page 6).

MUNCHING MATTERS, LUNCH WITH FOOD FOR THOUGHT

This is a new interest group that will launch Wednesday, November 8.

Walnut Grill 11 a.m.–1 p.m. on Clayton Rd. just west of Clarkson.

There is no charge to attend, but lunch will be on your own.

The focus will be on topics that relate to our AAUW mission and feature B-C members who have stories to tell about their lives. This first meeting will feature Co-president Sandra Murdock who will relate her experiences as a black woman in a white dominated world.

Put these dates on your calendar for future events: January 10, February 14, and March 14.

You MUST register to attend with Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net). Karen Francis and Julie Triplett, Coordinators

PLAY READERS 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

November 20

Host, Marilyn Fletcher

(marilynletcher597@gmail.com)

For more information about this group, contact
Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

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

November 15: BRICKTOP'S

10342 Clayton Road, St. Louis 63131

BrickTop's is on the Plaza Frontenac property at the north end closest to Clayton Road. Enter from the Plaza Frontenac parking lot. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.—no car pool.

All members and guests are welcome.

BrickTop's features a casual, upscale ambiance and a classic American menu. St. Louis diners call it their favorite St. Louis American restaurant. The menu at **BrickTop's** tantalizes you with all the wonderful lunch choices.

Please Note: To reserve a place or to cancel a reservation, you must contact Harriett Hirschfeld. Use email (Hhirschfe@aol.com) or contact her by phone. Find her phone number in the current *Directory*.

NOVEMBER BRIDGE CALENDAR

To play or sub in a group, contact Barb Jowett
(brjowett@yahoo.com).

BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND

3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Hearth Room

November 16: Nancy Hughes

BRIDGE BUDDIES 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Egg & I, Clarkson: lunch and bridge

November 8: Char Scott

November 22: canceled/Thanksgiving

BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

November 16: Carol Reed

BRIDGE I 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Hearth Room

November 1: Contact Janet Ludewig

BRIDGE II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill

November 21: Jan Loudon

BRIDGE III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room

November 22: canceled/Thanksgiving

BRIDGE IV 1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schucks Woods Mill

November 7: Contact Sheila Kalman

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

November 14: Contact Sheila Kalman

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

November 20: Contact Mary Pinney

DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.

November 7: Nancy Russell

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

Maryville Marriott

November 28: Contact Carol Osterloh

BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4th Tuesday

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room

November 28: Mary LaRuffa

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

01 \$\$ Second Genealogy Workshop 1:30 p.m.

02 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

07 Expressions 1 p.m.

08 \$\$ Second Genealogy Workshop 1:30 p.m.

Munching Matters 11 a.m.

09 Branch Meeting 8:45 a.m.

\$\$ Book Sale, \$\$ Panera Cards

AAUW Fund Individual Giving

11 Deadline for Winter Auction Reservation.

14 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

16 Literature I 9:30 a.m.

\$\$ Mudd Grove House 1:30 p.m.

18 Deadline for directory update.

20 Movie Group 10 a.m.

Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

21 Meet and Eat Lunch (IBC) 11:30 a.m.

27 Literature II 10 a.m.

30 \$\$ Jazz At the Bistro 11 a.m.

Genealogy 1 p.m.



COMING IN DECEMBER

01 \$\$ Victorian Tea Buffet 11:30 a.m.

14 *The Winter Soiree* 9:30 a.m.

