

# Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Barbara McQuitty

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Welcome to a wonderful time of the year—the spring season with no more bitter cold and harsh weather. Spring is here, and we need to embrace this beautiful season. April showers bring May flowers. With daylight saving time you can do more outdoor activities. The trees are in their glory with beautiful blossoms, and there is fragrance from the flowers.



Sandra Murdock

Congratulations to our Vice-Presidents of Program, Marilyn Fletcher and Judy Stagoski. Thank you for the guest speakers and presenters that have given us knowledge on special subjects. We are enjoying and learning from these lectures.

This April, AAUW B-C will vote and elect new officers and directors. They will need your support and help in order for this branch to continue to be a success. You will have the opportunity to sign up for committees of interest and to serve the branch. This is also a great way to get to know new people and make new friends. There is something for everyone.

Check your newsletter for all the activities available to you, especially Dollars for Scholars directed by Phyllis Oakes and Janice Buckhold. What a great way to have fun, learn, and serve a worthy cause—local scholarships.

Last month, the LAF committee, under the direction of Julie Triplett and Doris Nistler, gave us great information on why to give—and we gave. Thank you, AAUW B-C.

Make sure you sign up for the *AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Blossoms* Spring Luncheon to be held on May 11 at the Whitmoor Country Club. This event is always a great way to celebrate our members, enjoy the surroundings, and have a wonderful lunch with friends.

Our focus on advocacy for women and girls is so important today. Notice that women are speaking out more and marching for a cause. We at AAUW B-C are doing many projects and programs in this area. Let's continue to make a difference. Be proud to be a member of AAUW B-C, and a welcome to the new members. A special thank you for all you do.

~ Sandra Murdock

The next board meeting will be April 6 at 9:30 a.m.  
All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend.  
Contact Sandra Murdock, [SESandraM@aol.com](mailto:SESandraM@aol.com), if you cannot attend.

## APRIL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 13

Trinity Lutheran Church  
14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd.  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

8:45 a.m.—Social Time & Signups

9:30 a.m.—Business Meeting

10:30—Program 11:30 a.m.—Adjourn

## An Entrepreneur's Journey: Experiences, People, Lessons Learned Along the Way

Local businesswoman Susan Conrad has navigated her way successfully through male-dominated industries and middle-market companies and found that this experience resulted in both advantages and challenges. She will share some of her experiences and how they shaped her leadership philosophy today.

## HOSPITALITY

### Hostesses:

Pam Kulp, Pickett Lema, Kathy Brown, Judy Ertl, Phyllis Oakes, Mary Jermak, Linda Roberson, Carol Derington, Betty Jo Hogan, Carolyn Pohlkotte, and Elaine Frost.

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For membership information, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Fran Reiland ([fgreiland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgreiland@sbcglobal.net)) or Susan Teicher ([svteicher@gmail.com](mailto:svteicher@gmail.com)).

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

For Care Notes, contact Joan Reed ([j6a8r1@aol.com](mailto:j6a8r1@aol.com)).

For Flyers & Forms referenced in this newsletter, visit <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>. Electronic Communications (*Branching Out*, Friday Reminders, & Care Notes) are distributed by Communications/Web Co-Director Joyce Katz ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)).

Contact Joyce for tech assistance. Communications/Web Co-Directors post branch information on Facebook. Search Facebook for ballwinchesterfield branch of aauw and 'like' the page to receive updates.

## AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Barbara McQuitty & Sandra Murdock

VP-Program: Marilyn Fletcher & Judy Stagoski

VP-Membership: Fran Reiland & Susan Teicher

Finance Officer: Rita Hawkins-Page

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

Ex-Officio Immediate Past President: Karen Francis

### ELECTED DIRECTORS

Educational Opportunities Fund: Marian Bauer & Vickie Jany

Legal Advocacy Fund: Doris Nistler & Julie Triplett

Public Policy: Barbara Butchart & Pat Shores

### APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Branch Development for Leadership/Operating Funds:  
Suzanne Couch

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: Bette Bude & Mary Jermak

### Special Events:

Fall Brunch - Judy Green & Kay Meyer

Spring Luncheon - Carol Anthony & Carol Derington

STEM: Marcia Block & Jean Elliott

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

## AAUW ¡ADELANTE!

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

April 27: *The Sacrifice* by Joyce Carol Oates will be facilitated by Debbie McWard.

Contact Julie Triplett ([julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net)) for further information.

## AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

April 18: The London Tea Room 3128 Morganford Rd.,  
63116 314-241-6556. RSVP to Kay Meyer  
([kicmeyer51@gmail.com](mailto:kicmeyer51@gmail.com)).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

AAUW of Missouri will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 6, at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. Registration is \$60. Send your check to Ellen Johnson before April 6. Go to <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2012/08/ConferenceRegistration2017.pdf>

Conference highlights:

- LAF Speaker Aileen Rizo, Plaintiff, Rizo v. Fresno
- CEDAW – *What Is It?*, Gail James
- Public Policy Impact Grant Update: MO Lobby Corps
- *What's Up in Jeff City?* Pat Shores & Karen Francis

LAF Game Day will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. at Friendship Village in Chesterfield.

## MO WOMEN'S NETWORK EQUITY ACTION DAY

When strong women unite, we have the power to make a difference. On Tuesday, April 4, Missouri women will gather in Jefferson City to let our representatives know what we care about. Busses will leave from St. Louis and Kansas City (AAUW MO Impact Grant reduces bus cost). The cost of the St. Louis bus is \$30. Participants may order a Panera box lunch for \$11. It will include ½ a sandwich, ½ salad, chips, and a cookie.

Although women from collaborating organizations will lobby legislators on different subjects, AAUW members will focus on the gender pay gap to ask legislators' support of legislation to close the gap. Members will be trained on the bus about talking points and will be given a packet of information for their legislators. It is rare to actually meet your representatives in their offices. Usually we leave the material with the administrative assistant.

See the flyer on the branch website: <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/files/2011/12/3.11.equityactionweb.pdf>. Sign up with Pat Shores NOW ([apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net)) to be part of the citizen lobby of committed women and men who represent 12 organizations. We need branch members to support this Equity Action Day as it is more important than ever to have our voices heard.

~ Pat Shores & Karen Francis,  
Co-chairs, AAUW MO Public Policy

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2017-18**

The AAUW year begins July 1; renew prior to June 30.



Your membership expires June 30, 2017. AAUW accepts online payment of annual \$81 dues for your national, state, and branch membership. Online payment is preferred. Go to [aauw.org/join/](http://aauw.org/join/) and select JOIN/RENEW. Enter your Member ID or member information to enter the Member Services area. Then reenter your Member ID and personal password and follow the prompts through the Membership Payment Program (MPP) to renew using your credit card. Help is available from national by email or by calling the national office at 800-326-2289. Joyce Katz is also available for assistance. AAUW electronically deposits AAUW MO and branch dues into respective state and branch accounts.

If you renew by check, please write your \$81 check to AAUW. Please **do not** add Ballwin-Chesterfield on the payable line. I will collect annual dues at the April and May branch meetings. You may also mail your check to me.

~ Rita Hawkins-Page, Finance Officer

**2017 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES**

The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, 63117

April 11, 10:45 a.m., The Trans Pacific Partnership:

Status Update by Dave Robertson, Ph.D.

Professor Robertson is the chair of the political science department at the University of Missouri St. Louis and the University of Missouri Curators Teaching Professor. Dr. Robertson's areas of specialization are American institutions and politics, political history, American social and economic policy, U.S. constitution, environmental history, labor politics, and Missouri politics.

How familiar are we with American trade agreements? Have our two major political parties clearly articulated positions on American trade policy? How are trade agreements negotiated and how do they impact foreign policy? This presentation will give us a contextual overview of the American trade policy and recent trade agreements and will seek to explain who the drivers are.

Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch and stay afterwards to further discuss the topic. In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0995 x 224.

~ Kay Meyer, International Relations Committee

**DIRECTORY**

Current year directories will still be available for pickup at the April branch meeting and at the May luncheon. We are out of directory covers; we hope more will be available for new members by the end of May.

If you have not had your picture taken for the *Directory*, or if you wish yours to be re-taken, please either see Joyce Katz at a meeting, email her a jpeg version, or send her a photo by postal mail. Your photo will be returned.

Watch Friday email notes for any additional information or action about the 2017-18 *Directory*, which will be available in September.

~ Marilyn Beiter, Joyce Katz,  
and Leslie Wier, Directory

**SPRING LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

May 11, Whitmoor Country Club, 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m.

Reservations: \$26 by checks only to AAUW B-C. Refunds for cancellations will not be made after April 29.

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BLOSSOMS**

Please plan on joining fellow members for a time of celebrating the *BLOSSOMING* of our branch and its members. We will recognize our Named Gift Honoree recipients and retiring officers, and install new officers at the annual spring luncheon. Come early to visit with friends and enjoy a complimentary non-alcoholic cherry blossom, an iced tea, or coffee, or any other beverage from the cash bar. Betty Hartman and Doris Nistler will provide musical selections for our listening pleasure. Lunch will be served at noon. Guests are most welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce friends to the joys and benefits of an AAUW membership.

If you are unable to register at the April branch meeting, you may send your reservation check to Carol Anthony. Please contact either Carol D. or Carol A. with questions or if you need carpool information. Driving directions will be provided in the next newsletter.

~ Carol Derington & Carol Anthony, Spring Luncheon Co-Directors



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



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

**Carol Rager** Imperial, MO 63052  
Email: [Rager\\_carol@yahoo.com](mailto:Rager_carol@yahoo.com)

Carol did her undergraduate study at Webster University and completed her master's in art of teaching at the University of Missouri St. Louis. She taught elementary school and also served as a school counselor. Her friend Susan Heigel introduced her to AAUW, and we are all happy that she is joining us.

Carol enjoys outdoor activities such as biking and hiking and indoor activities such as sewing, cooking, and reading. Volunteering is another major interest.

~ **Susie Teicher & Fran Reiland, V-P Membership**

## HOSPITALITY

**Summer Picnic Planning Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 10 a.m., Barb Schillhahn's home**

Anyone interested in helping with the July 13 Summer Picnic, please RSVP to Barb by email ([baschillhahn@gmail.com](mailto:baschillhahn@gmail.com)) or call her cell phone.

## STEM

### EYH & STEM Girls of Promise

The Expanding Your Horizons Conference for girls in grades 7-10 took place March 13 at Florissant Valley CC. B-C STEM sponsored 20 young women from the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (pictured). Girls participated in hands-on workshops and heard from professional women about STEM careers. Several of our members volunteered.

There are two upcoming STEM Girls of Promise high school events in April. The first is at Maplewood Richmond Heights HS on April 7 and the second, at Valley Park HS on April 28. The STEM committee will recognize five junior women for promise in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Recognition and breakfast is at 7 a.m.. We welcome members to join in honoring these young women and their families. It is always a great time, and these girls are an impressive group. For more information, contact Marcia or Jean.

~ **Marcia Block & Jean Elliott,**  
**STEM Co-Directors**

## In Memoriam June Rita Sanders Sweeney



June was born in southern California as an identical twin and one of seven children. She graduated from San Diego State University and soon met her future husband, Darwin Sweeney. A transfer from General Dynamics in California brought them to

St. Louis where they raised their daughter, Barbara, and Barbara's younger brother, Joe.

June became an active member of the Creve Coeur branch and participated in the Afternoon Literature and Trivia Interest groups since the branch's beginnings. As a dual-member with B-C, June attended several meetings yearly and supported our Winter Auction financially as a sponsor.

June loved to go garage sale shopping, especially with B-C member Carole Stafford, out to eat (especially Chinese), see current and old DVD movies, and attend theater performances as a subscriber to Stages, the Rep, and The Fox Theater. June supported the Parkinson Foundation after caring for her husband who suffered this affliction. A former neighbor recalls that June was a loyal, steadfast friend and a wonderful neighbor. "Even after we moved to Kansas City 29 years ago, she still kept up our friendship with frequent phone calls." They would reunite yearly for St. Louis Opera Theater performances. June was a quiet woman with a ready smile and delightful sense of humor. Whenever anyone needed help, she was certain to volunteer. We shall miss her.

~ **Jayne Kasten, Carole Stafford,**  
**Mary Gaffey, & Terri Ciccolella**

**Students from Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience magnet school at EYH conference.**



**A Workshop and Large Group Session**





**Maryville scholarship reception, L-R: Marian Bauer, Kristeen Jordan, Jamie Valentine, and Vickie Jany**

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Vickie Jany and I had the opportunity to attend the annual scholarship reception at Maryville University on Thursday, March 9. Well over a hundred people attended this lovely event. Donors, scholarship recipients, faculty, and administration heard Maryville President Mark Lombardi speak about their goal of education. Two major donors and a student explained their participation in this important program.

We enjoyed appetizers and had our photo taken with our two local scholarship recipients, Jamie Valentine and Kristeen Jordan. Each expressed to us how grateful she was for the Ballwin-Chesterfield scholarship, and they shared with us that they were very interested in learning more about AAUW. It was a privilege and joy to represent Ballwin-Chesterfield at this function. Your constant support of Dollars for Scholars makes these scholarships possible.

~ Marian Bauer & Vickie Jany, EOF Co-Directors

### 79 Examples of How Women Are Still Treated Unequally

- ~ Of the workers who make more than \$100,000 in the U.S., only 27 percent are women.
- ~ More than three-quarters of public school teachers are women, but a mere 20 percent of superintendents are women.
- ~ Fewer than 19 percent of patents have at least one female inventor.
- ~ Women are primary inventors in only 8 percent of patents.
- ~ Women college athletes receive \$176 million less in scholarships annually than what their male counterparts receive.
- ~ Soccer players on the U.S. women's national team earn less than half of what those on the men's national team earn.
- ~ An online tool called Rate My Professor found that evaluations by both male and female students were likely to refer to male teachers as "brilliant" or "smart" and to women professors as "rude" or "strict."

### PUBLIC POLICY

#### Pay Equity Efforts

As a follow-up to the Women's Marches in January, millions of women around the world took action on International Women's Day to advance gender equality. For AAUW, it wasn't a day off, but rather a day on. We know women can't afford to wait for equality, and it won't happen without mobilized action. Here in Missouri we are keeping up the fight for fair pay by making weekly contacts with our legislators and asking them to support equal pay for equal work. Let Pat Shores know if you would like to participate.

#### Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

The Nevada Senate ratified the ERA on March 1 with the expectation that it would pass the full body. If it does pass, only two more states are needed to ratify the ERA. Wouldn't it be ironic if the current threat to the rights of women would have the unintended consequence of passing the ERA? Judy Morgan put forth the ERA bill again in the Missouri House, and Jill Schupp filed the bill in the Missouri Senate. Thank them for filing the legislation in Missouri by emailing [Judy.Morgan@house.mo.gov](mailto:Judy.Morgan@house.mo.gov) and [Jill.Schupp@senate.mo.gov](mailto:Jill.Schupp@senate.mo.gov).

#### St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT)

SCCAT is sponsoring a conference, *Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking*, for leaders in the migrant and immigrant community on April 27 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 Lindbergh, from 8:15 a.m.–noon. A complimentary breakfast will be provided courtesy of our Ballwin-Chesterfield Community Action Grant. The following organizations are partnering for this event: AAUW, Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), International Institute of St. Louis, O'Fallon, (MO) Police Department and St. Louis County and City Police Departments Human Trafficking Task Force. Check out the flyer on the website and please come out and support our grant event. <http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/newsletters-flyers/flyers-and-forms/>

~ Pat Shores & Barb Butchart,  
Public Policy Co-Directors

#### LAF Individual Giving

At the March 9 branch meeting, Ballwin-Chesterfield members donated \$1,949 to the LAF Individual Giving Campaign. Thank you to all donors for their generous contributions.

If you were not at the meeting and wish to donate to support the important work of LAF, you may send your donation check (fully tax deductible) to Julie Triplett. Please make check payable to AAUW Fund with LAF in memo line.





**MARCIA BLOCK for Co-President** Marcia has been a member of AAUW since 2005. She has served as parliamentarian, EOF co-chair, and spring luncheon co-chair. From 2010–12 she was branch co-president. Currently she is STEM co-chair. In addition, she has served as a member of several committees, including LAF, public policy, EOF, board restructuring committee, fall brunch, auction, high tea, and picnic. She helped write the *Why So Few?* Traveling Tool Kit, and volunteered for the Wellston science project as part of the AAUW Community Action Grant *Each One Teach One*.

Marcia has attended a number of state and regional conferences and will attend her fourth national AAUW convention this summer. She frequently sponsors and attends Dollars for Scholars events. She is also a member of several interest groups. In 2008 she was a Named Gift Honoree and in 2012 an Outstanding Branch Member. In an earlier life, Marcia taught high school English for 36 years.



**DR. A. PATRICIA (PAT) SHORES for Finance Officer** Pat is currently the Ballwin-Chesterfield Public Policy Co-Director, publicity chair, and the AAUW Community Action Grant Project Director of *Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking*, a two-year project. She recently served as the B-C Board Restructuring Committee Facilitator; led the Get Out the Vote, ERA, and pay equity campaigns; and was previously branch co-president and a two-term treasurer.

This year Pat acts as the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Service Award Selection Committee Co-chair and was the 2010 Lackritz Service Award recipient. She serves as the AAUW MO Public Policy Co-chair and the facilitator of the AAUW MO Impact Grant for 2016–17. Last year, Pat was honored to be recognized as one of the AAUW MO Women of Distinction. She is treasurer for the Missouri Women's Network and has served as treasurer of several community organizations which has allowed her to become proficient with Quicken, Excel, and the budgeting and financial monitoring processes.



**MERSINE KALLAOS for Co-Vice President Membership** Mersine has been an AAUW member since May, 2000. She has served as co-president, treasurer, hospitality chairperson, advisor to the board, care notes chair, financial review member, and parliamentarian. She also contributes as a member of the EOF, LAF, membership, and public policy committees. She has hosted Dollars for Scholars events, co-chairs the movie discussion group, and has remained a member of the Lit II and play reading groups since their inception. Mersine also was a hostess for two High Tea tables, served on nominating committees for named gift awards and selection of officers, and attended the national conference in Phoenix.

Mersine was an "Air Force brat," educated at UMSL and Webster University, taught for 16 years as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and 12 years in gifted education. She is married with one son and two grandchildren and enjoys literature, women's faith group, gardening, Jeopardy, walking, travel, and visiting with friends and family. She feels fortunate to associate with such caring, generous, intelligent women in AAUW.

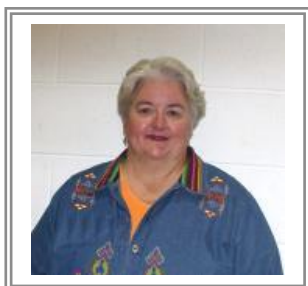


**SAGE TABER for Co-Vice President Program** Sage joined AAUW in 2013 and from the beginning became involved in branch meetings and working on committees. She served on the public policy committee for three years and participates monthly in the Court Watch program. She served on the winter auction registration committee, including chair of registration for the 2016 Winter Auction.

Sage is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, working several years in domestic violence prevention. She retired from BJC Behavioral Health working in community mental health. She volunteers with Forest Park Forever, St. Louis Public Schools, and the Soulard Restoration Group. She and her wife Becky have two children, Amy (a member of B-C branch), and Ben, and three granddaughters. Her bachelor of science degree is from Illinois State University and her master of social work is from Washington University.



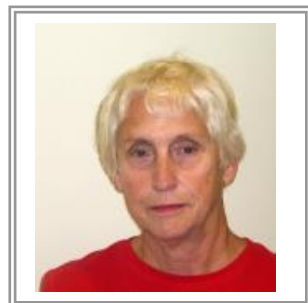
**MARIAN BAUER for Co-Director Educational Opportunities Fund** Marian joined AAUW in 2005. She has served as historian, international relations chair, branch co-president 2011–13, and EOF co-director 2014–17. Her committee membership includes finance, membership, Get-Out the Vote, Lobby Corps, and EOF. Marian has helped with various luncheons, brunches, auctions, and participated in the ER Walk. She attended several state and regional conventions and the 2011 AAUW convention in DC. She supports Dollars for Scholars and participates in several interest groups. Marian received the Named Gift Award in 2009 and the Outstanding Branch Member Award in 2013. Marian is committed to equity for women and girls.



**VICKIE JANY for Co-Director Educational Opportunities Fund** Vickie joined the branch in 2010. She is currently co-director of EOF and chairman of the nominating committee. Previously, she was co-chair of hospitality. Her committee membership includes summer picnic, strategic planning, and LAF. Vickie also has helped with the fall brunch, winter auction, and the high tea. She participates in Lit II, Canasta, Genealogy, Expressions group, and attends Dollars for Scholars events. Vickie taught social studies at Pacific High School for many years. In 2010, she retired from the Parkway School District where she worked at Central Middle for 12 years as a school aide.



**JULIE TRIPLETT for Co-Director Legal Advocacy Fund** Julia has been an active leader of AAUW at the branch, state, and national levels. She has served the branch as co-president and served as chair of LAF, EOF, and recognition. She was a leader of the AAUW Community Action Grant, *Each One Teach One*, that provided science and math training for Wellston Middle School students and, through her efforts, funds were raised for the project's second year. She has served AAUW of Missouri as president, program vice-president, LAF chair, and currently is the fund director. For five years, she chaired the AAUW Community Action Panel and later served on the AAUW nominating committee. Julie co-chaired the volunteer committee for the 2009 AAUW Convention held in St. Louis. She is currently a member of the national AAUW LAF committee.



**DORIS NISTLER for Co-Director Legal Advocacy Fund** Doris joined AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield in 2001 and has been an active member ever since. She was international relations chair from 2003 to 2007, co-vice president for program from 2008 to 2010, bylaws and governance chair from 2010 to 2016, and is completing an unfinished term as LAF co-director from 2016 to present. She has also served as AAUW MO fund co-officer from 2011–2013, and AAUW MO Board Secretary from 2015 to present. AAUW is a great organization, and Doris is happy to be part of it. In her past life, Doris practiced law for 25 years.



**BARBARA BUTCHART for Co-Director Public Policy** Barbara joined the branch in 2001 and is currently the B-C Co-Director of Public Policy. She has served as co-director for Issues and Diversity, Legal Advocacy Fund, Trivia Night, and Spring Luncheon. She is on the EOF and LAF committees. Barb has hosted numerous Dollars for Scholars events and currently hosts monthly canasta, which raises funds for AAUW and SCCAT. Barb has attended state, regional, and national conventions and received the 2013 Barbara Lackritz Service Award. She was a Named Gift Honoree in 2006 and 2011. Barb collaborated with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in starting the St. Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT), and currently serves on the board of directors.



**EVE LAJEUNESSE for Co-Director Public Policy** Yvonne (Eve) LaJeunesse joined AAUW in May, 2015 and is a member of the public policy committee with a special interest in helping those affected by human trafficking. She participated in several branch activities such as the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, the Women's Correctional Facility tour, the Women's March in St. Louis, and the high tea, and she especially enjoys subbing for the Wednesday bridge group.

Eve retired from teaching at the Special School District in 2013 and continues to regularly work in its career program and also now runs a small pet service. She completed a master's degree in secondary educational administration at UMSL. Eve loves tennis, reading, and animals.



**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.**

**To sponsor an event, contact Janice Buckhold ([jbuckhold@charter.net](mailto:jbuckhold@charter.net)) or Phyllis Oakes ([phylanddave@peoplepc.com](mailto:phylanddave@peoplepc.com)).**



## DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!!

**April is the final book sale before October 2017!**

Bring your donations of books (children's included), CDs, DVDs, and puzzles to the April branch meeting and then start collecting for next fall!  
 Members of the EOF committee will sell items before the April meeting, at the break, and after the meeting. The remainders will be sold to local used bookstores. **All money funds Dollars for Scholars.**  
 What a great reason to clean your book and media shelves! And, remember the challenge: bring one book or more this April and save to bring a book a month next fall; see how it adds up!  
**Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)).**

## MAD HATTER TEA PARTY AT THE HEARTH ROOM

**Thursday, March 30, 3–6 p.m.**

**COST: \$30**

**RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT AT TIME OF SIGN-UP.**



Step through the looking glass! Alice in Wonderland meets a hatter in the forest, and a story is born. As Alice said, "Curiouser and Curiouser." If that's you, join us in a step back in time where stories were sweet and full of magical adventure. Enter a Mad Hatter's Tea Party complete with delectables and, of course, plenty of friends to share them. You won't want to miss the afternoon of fun and adventure.

**Reserve your place by contacting Mary La Ruffa ([marylaruffa0@gmail.com](mailto:marylaruffa0@gmail.com)). A few spaces remain for the Mad Hatter Tea Party.**

## A VISIT TO THE SAINT LOUIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER

**COST: \$10**

**Wednesday, April 5 1 p.m. Carpool from Trinity, 11 a.m.**

**12 Millstone Campus Dr. St. Louis, 63146**

Join us for a one-hour forty-five minute docent-led tour of the museum and learning center followed by a forty-five minute discussion with a Holocaust survivor. Prior to our museum visit we will enjoy an optional lunch at 11:30 a.m. at a location to be determined. Our carpool will leave the church parking lot at 11am., go to lunch, and continue on to the museum. We will return to the church parking lot by 4 p.m.

**For questions or further information, please contact either Judy Green ([onabouttime@gmail.com](mailto:onabouttime@gmail.com)) or Eileen Lesevoy ([esk622@charter.net](mailto:esk622@charter.net)).**



## LUSTRON HOME

**403 S. Sixth Street, St. Charles**

**Friday, April 7 10:30 a.m.**

**Carpool from Trinity, 9:45 a.m.**

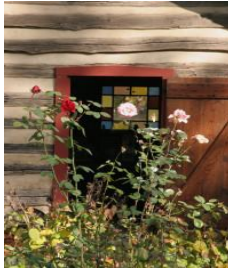
**COST: \$13 (\$3 for tour, \$10 for DFS)**

**LIMIT: 20**

Join us for a one-hour tour and presentation featuring a unique home built by Carl Strandlund, an engineer who produced enameled metal parts for Esso gas stations and White Castle hamburger stands. Strandlund's answer to the post WWII housing shortage was a rodent proof, fire proof, and rust proof home costing \$7000 (about \$70,000 in 2016 dollars). Only 2000 remain in 36 states.

**Optional Lunch**, Prasino, 1520 South Fifth Street, St. Charles, 63303 Prasino is a farm-to-table restaurant, serving organic, all natural, hormone free food. **Register at a branch meeting or contact Pam Kulp ([kulpp10@gmail.com](mailto:kulpp10@gmail.com)).**





### A COUNTRY LUNCHEON CIRCA 1850

Route 94 ~ three miles north of Washington, MO  
LIMIT: 12

Friday, April 21, noon  
Carpool from Trinity, 11 a.m.

COST: \$25

**Please note: this tour is filled. You may sign up on a wait list. \***

A short drive away is Dutzow, the first German settlement in Missouri. Enjoy an elegant homemade lunch and a tour of the house, grounds, antique shop, and 3 log cabins that have been reassembled on the grounds. Directions for the drive to Dutzow will be available from Susie.

\*Contact Susie Teicher ([svteicher@gmail.com](mailto:svteicher@gmail.com)) for more information.

### TOUR FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S 1<sup>ST</sup> ST. LOUIS HOME!

120 North Ballas Road, St. Louis 63122

Wednesday, April 26, 10 a.m.  
Carpool from Trinity, 9:20 a.m.

COST: \$20\*

Join us as we take a docent-led tour of one of only five Wright-designed houses in Missouri and the first built in St. Louis. This house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has retained all its original Wright-designed furnishings and fabrics. After the tour, an optional lunch location will be determined for those wishing to continue meeting.

Sign up at a branch meeting or contact Marsha Koch ([mkwkoch@outlook.com](mailto:mkwkoch@outlook.com)) for more information. Note: \* \$10 for tour/\$10 for DFS



### WOMEN ARTISTS IN THE SLAM COLLECTION *the Story Continues* . . . Friday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.

Sculpture Hall, St. Louis Art Museum Carpool from Trinity, 9:45 a.m. LIMIT: 15 COST: \$12

**Please note: this tour is currently filled. If interested, please sign up on the wait list.**

Contact Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)) or Bette Bude ([bettebude@outlook.com](mailto:bettebude@outlook.com)) for more information.

### BUDWEISER BREWERY TOUR

**Please Note: this tour has been cancelled for May. It could be offered later.**

Contact Sage Taber ([sagemo@aol.com](mailto:sagemo@aol.com)) for more information.

### TROLLEY RIDE, Round Trip from The Loop to Forest Park

August 21 Time and Cost, TBA



*Clang, clang, clang went the trolley, Ding, ding, ding went the bell!*

Be one of the first to catch a ride on the new 2.2-mile Loop Trolley which will run along Delmar Blvd. and DeBaliviere Ave., connecting the Delmar Loop restaurant, shopping, and arts & entertainment district to Forest Park with a stop at the Missouri History Museum.

Rumor has it that lunch will be at a private home in University City with a local celebrity in attendance. More details to follow from Susan Haynes ([suzn44@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzn44@sbcglobal.net)).



**TICKLER LIST** (to tickle your fancy and pique your curiosity) Events in the planning stage include a visit to the redesigned St. Louis Arch Grounds; a genealogy expedition to the St. Louis County Central Library to use the library version of Genealogy.com (perhaps for those new to genealogy research); a tour of the Magic Chef House; and, coming this fall, a second chance to experience *A Country Luncheon Circa 1850*.

Ideas for events are coming our way all the time. Some of the newer ones are the Boeing Museum, the Thomas Eagleton Federal Building, and the Cupples House. And who's to say an event can't be repeated! If you are interested, contact

**JANICE BUCKHOLD** ([jbuckhold@charter.net](mailto:jbuckhold@charter.net)) OR **PHYLLIS OAKES** ([phylanddave@peoplepc.com](mailto:phylanddave@peoplepc.com)).

We *love* talking about DFS events!

Our 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](mailto: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 hostess by the Friday before the meeting. All addresses are listed in the branch *Directory*. Download the 2016–17 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website. Questions? Check with the contact name listed for the book group.

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

**April 20:** Hostess, Barb Mueller ([terrimill@att.net](mailto:terrimill@att.net))  
A discussion of *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich will be led by Jeanne Neuner.  
Contact Alice Crippen ([jccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccripp@sbcglobal.net)).

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

**April 24:** Hostess, Pat Shores ([apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net))  
A discussion of *The Lords of Discipline* by Pat Conroy will be led by Mersine Kallaos.  
Contact Joyce Katz ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)) or Erlaine Eltomi ([erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net)).

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

**April 11:** Hostess, Erlaine Eltomi ([erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net))  
A discussion of *And Then All Hell Broke Loose: Two Decades in the Middle East* by Richard Engel will be led by Dianne Compton.  
*This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block ([mhbblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhbblock@sbcglobal.net)) or Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)).*

### BIO & BEYOND 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.

**April 3:** Please check with Linda Roberson.  
*This group reads and discusses fiction, nonfiction, especially biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies.*  
Contact Linda Roberson ([robersonlinda11@att.net](mailto:robersonlinda11@att.net)) for more information.

## OUT TO LUNCH GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

Carpool from Trinity, 11 a.m.

**April 19: AYA SOFIA**

6671 Chippewa Street, St. Louis, 63109

Driving directions will be available for attendees.

Aya Sofia features old world and contemporary Middle Eastern cuisine and Turkish entrees, some dating back to the Ottoman times.

Look at the delicious lunch menu at **Aya Sofia** by choosing Ctrl+ Click on the name to follow link.

*All members and friends are welcome.*

**Please Note:** You must contact Harriett Hirschfeld to reserve a place or to cancel a reservation. Use email ([Hhirschfe@aol.com](mailto:Hhirschfe@aol.com)) or call her number listed in the new *Directory*.

*The door is open for new beginnings.  
Please join an Interest Group. . .or two!*



## MOVIE GROUP

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

**March 23:** Hostess, Eileen Lesevoy ([esl622@charter.net](mailto:esl622@charter.net))  
The movies for March are these: *A Bitter Harvest*, *United Kingdom*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Salesman*, *I Am Not Your Negro*, *Last Word*, and *Table 19*.

**April 27:**

Hostess, Mary Lou Wilson ([rwilson5510@charter.net](mailto:rwilson5510@charter.net))  
For more information about this group, contact Doris Nistler ([dnistler14@att.net](mailto:dnistler14@att.net)) or Mersine Kallaos ([mkallaos@prodigy.net](mailto:mkallaos@prodigy.net)).

## PLAY READERS 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.

**April 17:** Hostess, Marilyn Fletcher ([marilynletcher597@gmail.com](mailto:marilynletcher597@gmail.com))

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

## GENEALOGY GROUP

**April 27: 1 p.m. Lucky's Market Community Room  
11:30 a.m. The Corner Pub, optional lunch**

Dr. Pat White, Ph.D., will present a program about DNA, including the exciting and tragic story of Rosalind Franklin who was instrumental in the discovery of the helical nature of DNA. We will discuss ethnicity, haplogroups, and more. Come and share your nationality and family stories. Please RSVP to Fran Reiland.

Contact Fran Reiland. ([fgreiland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgreiland@sbcglobal.net)) for more information about this group.

**GOLF**

Join us for golf, starting on April 3.

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

**BRIDGE CALENDAR**

To play or sub in a group, contact Barb Jowett ([brjowett@yahoo.com](mailto:brjowett@yahoo.com)) \* See note below.

**BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND**

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

April 20: Rita Hawkins-Page

**BRIDGE BUDDIES 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 11 a.m.**

Egg & I, Clarkson: lunch and bridge

April 12 & 26: Nancy Hughes

**BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.**

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

April 20: Carol Reed

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

April 5: Contact Janet Ludewig

**BRIDGE II 3rd Tuesday, 11 a.m. Walnut Grill**

April 18: Harriett Hirschfeld

**BRIDGE III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room**

April 26: Teri Steinberg

**BRIDGE IV 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.**

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

April 4: Sally Goodman

**BRIDGE V 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.**

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

April 11: Shelia Kalman

**BRIDGE VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room**

April 17: Jackie Fleck

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.**

April 4: Chris Magilligan

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 9:45 a.m.**

Hearth Room

April 25: Elaine Frost

**BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday,**

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room

April 25: Marilyn Beiter

**\*Note:** You may wish to contact directly the bridge chair of the group that interests you. Some, but not all, groups need players and subs.

**EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.**

April 4: Spring Luncheon Decorations

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, 63141

All are welcome to come and help us create decorations and a program for the May 11 Spring Luncheon. Please bring Elmer's glue.

Contact Carol Derington ([carol.derington@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol.derington@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

**March**

23 Movie Group 10 a.m.

30 \$Mad Hatter Tea Party



**Lobby Corps** meets in Jeff City, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, from January through April for the Legislative Session.

**APRIL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**Registration is open for the National Convention. Renew your membership now!**

03 Golf begins; Bio & Beyond 10 a.m.

04 Expressions 1 p.m.; Equity Action Day

05 \$\$Holocaust Museum 1 p.m.

06 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

07 STEM Girls of Promise event at M/R/H 7 a.m.

\$\$Lustron Home Tour 10:30 a.m.

11 International Relations 10:45 a.m.; Reading Reality 1p.m.

13 Branch Meeting with \$\$Book Sale & election 8:45 a.m.

17 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

18 IBC Downtown Lunch 11:45 a.m.

19 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

20 Lit I 9:30 a.m.

21 \$\$Country Luncheon noon

24 Lit II 10 a.m.

26 \$\$Frank Lloyd Wright Tour 10 a.m.

27 SCCAT Conference 8:15 a.m.; Movie Group 10 a.m.; Adelante! 1:30 p.m.; Genealogy 1 p.m.

28 STEM Girls of Promise event VP 7 a.m.

\$\$Women Artists Special Collection 10:15 a.m.

**COMING IN MAY**

06 AAUW MO meeting

11 Spring Luncheon

23 Summer Picnic Planning

**COMING IN JUNE**

07 LAF Game Day

14-17 National Convention

30 Membership expires



