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AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

National and State Award Winning Branch

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In case of inclement weather, if Parkway or Rockwood School Districts are closed, Ballwin-Chesterfield meetings will be cancelled.



Suzanne Couch

**PRESIDENTS'
CORNER**



Karen Francis

Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays are a source of happiness and good memories for you. We won't discuss the extra cookies or that piece of cheesecake that "couldn't go to waste." The new year brings a new beginning, so let's enjoy it and look to the future.

This fall, I attended the *Pay Equity: Realities, Challenges, and Opportunities* symposium given by the Lifelong Learning @ UMSL, where a group of women sponsored by the International Visitor Liaison were attendees. This group of women from all over the world had been to the White House and were then traveling throughout the United States to see how our country works. Present were women from Egypt, Nepal, Guatemala, Zambia, and Yemen and these women held positions which ranged from Vice Minister of Labor and Welfare for Guatemala to the Vice President of the Law Association of Zambia. One woman from Yemen owned an optics company and was a major employer. What peaked my interest about these fascinating women is that they were not only extremely well-educated and successful in parts of the world we tend to see as hostile to women, but that they found it incredible that we still don't have pay equity or equal rights! They knew that they had problems in their own countries, but shouldn't America be the beacon they follow? We tried to explain to them that we are diligently working to pass the legislation necessary to assure those things, but as an American, I felt almost apologetic for letting down women struggling in other countries.

I think of these women often, and I wonder if the paradigm shift, or the complete change of attitude toward the equality of women, will come first to us as Americans, or if we will lag behind the rest of the world. We are in a new year, and maybe it is time to dedicate ourselves to working harder on these issues. I know of one cute little live-wire in Yemen who doesn't want to settle for less; let's be her beacon of hope.

~ Suzanne Couch

January Branch Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Rd (at Woods Mill Rd.)

Diane Ray

Vice President-Patient Services

Chief Nursing Officer

St. Luke's Hospital

Join us as we learn from Diane Ray how to

BOOST YOUR BRAIN POWER TIPS TO KEEP YOUR MIND SHARP

Diane Ray has been at St. Luke's Hospital since 1980. She is responsible for the professional practice of nursing throughout the organization.

In her present position, she has responsibility for all in-patient nursing divisions, from respiratory therapy to perinatal center, and home health and hospice services.

8:45 a.m. – Registration, Signups

9:30 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program

11:30 a.m. –Adjourn

HOSPITALITY

Coordinating Hostess: Nancy Shepard

Committee: Kathy Dicke, Linda Evans, Susan Fenwick, Helen Fick, Michele Mangnall, Beth Ann Murphy, BJ Portas, Linda Roberson, Leslie Wier

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BOARD MEETING: There is no meeting in January. The next board meeting will be February 5, 2015.

Visit Our Websiteaauwballwin-chesterfield.org

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Chair Joyce Katz, joyka234@aol.com.

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD
ELECTED OFFICERS**

Presidents: Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis
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Secretary: Susan Fenwick
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Publicity: Pat Shores
Recognition: Julie Triplett
Spring Luncheon: Carol Derington & Judy Stagoski
STEM: Marcia Block & Sandra Murdock
Summer Picnic: Barb Schillhahn
Winter Auction: Judy Schaefer-Piet & Susan Zerjav

BOARD ASSISTANTS

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Marilyn Fletcher, marilynfletcher597@gmail.com, or
Linda Seibert, lindajbseibert63@gmail.com.

Branching Out is published monthly except June and August. Please email or phone articles to newsletter editors.
The deadline for articles for the February newsletter is January, 2015.

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

January 20, 2015: Giovanni's Kitchen, 8831 Ladue Road, 63124
RSVP to Kay Meyer, kicmeyer51@gmail.com

**¡Adelante! IBC Book-of-the Month Club
4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.**

Barnes and Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield
January 22, 2015: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline will be reviewed by Julie Triplett.
For February - Round House: *A Novel* by Louise Erdrich
Questions: Julie Triplett, julietrip@att.net

SAVE-THE-DATE**IBC SPRING FLING LUNCHEON****COST \$20**

Saturday, March 21, 2015

The Highlands Club House in Forest Park, St. Louis

Presenter: Diane Moran as Rachel Carson

Flyers available in January

HIGH TEA, Dollars for Scholars Event

April 17, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

**Two Sisters Teahouse & Gift Shop, 505 West Main Street,
Fenton, MO 63026**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee, composed of Julie Triplett, Mary Kay Wolfe, and Becky Kruse, is now accepting your nominations for officer positions for 2015–17 as follows: Co-President, Co-Vice President of Program, Co-Vice President of Membership, and Treasurer. Please download the nomination form from branch website/flyer. Nomination deadline: Thursday, January 20, 2015.

After receiving permission from the person you are nominating, send completed form to the nominating committee. The committee will then review the nominees submitted and prepare the slate of officers they believe will enable our branch to have an outstanding leadership team. The nominating committee needs your nominations! Send your forms to Julie Triplett, Committee Chair, by mail or email, julietrip@att.net.

WOMEN'S ISSUES LEGISLATIVE RETREAT

January 10, 2015, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

The State of Politics for Women in Missouri

Hy-Vee Grocery Conference Room, 573-442-8595

405 E Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO

The agenda will include

- a review of the 2014 MO legislative session and a preview of the 2015 session
- 2014 mid-term and state elections will be analyzed
- Legislative priorities for the upcoming session will be determined.

For those wishing to travel to Columbia the night before, the Stony Creek Inn is nearby.

To receive more information, email sbreeze@mindspring.com or mamosley@tranquility.net.

AAUW MO

May 2, 2015: AAUW MO annual meeting, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia

AAUW Member Leadership Programs will conduct two sessions on leadership training. In addition, the state board will have a session on team building and leadership on Friday.

Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director will be the keynote speaker. Registration information will be available after the first of the year. Mark your calendar now.

~ Julie Triplett, AAUW MO Vice President, Program



GETTING TO KNOW YOU
A SINCERE WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Judy Willett
St. Louis 63146
Email: will2boutdoors@gmail.com

Judy received her bachelor's degree in secondary education (French) from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and her master of arts degree in French literature from the University of Wisconsin. Judy is retired from the Parkway School District where she taught French.

We look forward to welcoming Judy at upcoming branch events and to our AAUW community.

~ Linda Seibert & Marilyn Fletcher, V-P Membership

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES

January through April at 10:45 a.m. – 2nd Tuesday at the Ethical Society on Clayton Road

January 13: *The End of the Ottoman Empire: the Creation of the Modern Middle East* is first in the series of lectures given by AAUW and TWA. Dr. Tahmineh Entessar, Retired Assistant Director of the Graduate Program in International Relations at Webster University will be addressing this fascinating subject.

Please meet at 10:40 a.m. in the lower meeting room and remember that all lectures are free, but donations are welcome!

In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0955 ext. 224. Note that the driveway at the Ethical Society is heated!

Looking forward—mark your calendars:

February 10: *The Status of Women in the World*
March 10: *Will 3-D Printing Change the World?*
April 14: *Shattered Arctic Ocean in Peril*

~ Susie Teicher, International Relations

SPRING LUNCHEON - May 14, 2015

The day of our annual Spring Luncheon, will be here before we know it! We will celebrate another successful year and recognize members who have contributed time and talent to make this success possible. We'll return to Whitmoor Country Club to enjoy Chef Jesse's superb culinary delights, as we are surrounded by the beautiful decorations designed by the extraordinarily talented Jill Norton. As you turn your calendar to the New Year, be sure to "save the date".

Volunteers are most welcome! Please contact Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com) or Carol Derington (carol.derington@sbcglobal.net).

~ Judy Stagoski & Carol Derington,
Spring Luncheon

COMMUNICATIONS/ WEB

The Members Only section of aauwballwinchesterfield.org has lots of useful helps. You can get a tax-exempt letter, reimbursement form, generic event sign-up form, Dollars for Scholars packet, officer nomination form, Schnucks card, and more! Check it out—type the password, *memberinfo* (no spaces or punctuation), to enter.

Remember to invite friends interested in our branch to visit the website to get acquainted with AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.

Reminder to members:

To be sure you can receive branch emails for members, please add my name and email address to your personal email address book: Joyce Katz, joyka234@aol.com.

~ Joyce Katz, Communications/Web

CARE NOTES

The Care notes officer will send cards from our branch to members who are ill, have surgery scheduled, or have lost a close family member. Please send your email to Jayne Kasten (kastenc@sbcglobal.net) concerning the illness/surgery/loss and specify whether or not a notice should be emailed to all members.

~ Jayne Kasten, Care Notes

DIRECTORY

Spring Directory supplement information should be sent to us by February 6, 2015.

If you are a new member or would like a picture retake, be sure to have your picture taken at a branch meeting by Joyce Katz or send Joyce a picture by email or postal mail (see directory for information).

~ Leslie Wier & Marilyn Beiter, Directory

PUBLIC POLICY

The AAUW Action Network helps anyone with an interest and an email address to take action to affect the outcome of important policy issues. Please become a part of these networks today.

- **Two-Minute Activist** is the cornerstone of the AAUW's e-advocacy efforts. The Action Network sends subscribers urgent email notices to contact their members of Congress. With the AAUW online activist tool it takes just two minutes to make your voice heard. First, spend one minute reading about the latest policy issue. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and send it to your member of Congress. Here are some of the recent subjects on Two-Minute Activist: equal pay, paid family and medical leave, campaign finance reform, and fair student loan costs. Go to www.aauw.org/actionnetwork to sign up.
- **Washington Update** is AAUW's free, members-only weekly e-bulletin. *Washington Update* offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest policy news, resources for advocates, programming ideas, and updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department. Sign up at VoterEd@aauw.org.
- Upcoming Events
January 10: Human Trafficking presentation, 10 a.m. to noon, Spencer Library, 427 Spencer RD., St. Peters, 63396.
January 10: Women's Legislative Retreat, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Columbia, MO
January 11: National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

~ **Pat Shores & Barbara Butchart, Public Policy**

LEGAL ADVOCACY NEWS

PAY PROTECTION: President Obama signed two executive orders that banned federal contractors from retaliating against workers who discuss their salaries. At his side were AAUW's Lisa Maatz and our friend Lilly Ledbetter. The US Dept of Labor will now collect wage data to identify patterns of discrimination and enforce compliance. We will continue to fight for equal pay for equal work for everyone.

PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION: *Young v. UPS* was argued in the Supreme Court on December 3 to determine employers' responsibilities under the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. UPS reported that they did not provide light-duty work to any employees unless they were injured on the job or had a condition covered by the American with Disabilities Act.

Since the justices agreed in July to hear the case, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has updated guidelines that clarify that they should accommodate pregnant workers. UPS has since changed its policy and says it will voluntarily offer pregnant workers light duty starting in January. Conversely, the US Postal Service, an independent federal agency, does not offer light duty and has reported no plans to do so.

A decision in *Young v. UPS* is expected by late June. Currently, only nine states have laws protecting rights of pregnant workers—Missouri is not one of the nine states. AAUW will monitor the effects of the ruling and will determine if we need to advocate for new legislation.

~ **Linda Evans, LAF**

5TH ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

February 12, 2015

ALL PROCEEDS FOR DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Book collection at branch & board meetings continues through January. Good quality, high interest books are needed. Jigsaw puzzles, children's books, DVD's, CD's are also accepted. For other arrangements, contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Marian Bauer (marianbauer@sbcglobal.net), event co-chairs.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Two years ago Ballwin-Chesterfield members were surveyed about various elements of our branch. When asked what made them the most proud, a vast majority replied, our local scholarships.

We take pride in the accomplishments of two of our UMSL scholarship awardees. On December 20, 2014 Nermana Huskic and Jennifer West will graduate. Nermana's degree is in social work and Jennifer's is in nursing. They have both expressed their sincere thanks for the help our scholarship money provided. Your constant support of Dollars for Scholars events has helped make their great accomplishment possible.

Fellowships and grants provided by EOF received a great boost from Ballwin-Chesterfield's November Individual Giving. Over \$1600 was donated to the F. Elaine Richardson Fund (4037), and \$250 to the EOF Fund(4336). Congratulations, and thank you for your generous support of education for women.

~ **Marian Bauer and Linda Roberson, EOF**

THE BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD WINTER AUCTION REPORT

This year's Winter Auction was a huge success—netting more than \$10,000. Over 150 ladies attended, making it an enjoyable and profitable event. The Oral Auction brought in \$4250; the Silent Auction, \$2575; the new Boutique, \$911; and over \$200 in donations were received.

Lucky raffle winners were **Helen Fick** for the 50-50 (\$278) and \$100 each to **Ann Ogawa, Marilyn Fletcher, and Ann Hirsch!**

Thanks goes out to the many ladies who helped so much:

- ✚ **Rosann Swaringim** and **Willeyne Berger** for the wonderful table decorations.
- ✚ **Jayne Kasten** and crew for taking all the reservations and making up all the special spread sheets that helped both the speedy distribution of the paddles and the cashiers lists to aid in an efficient check out.
- ✚ **Harriet Hirschfeld** and **Ann Hirschfeld** for the wonderful program.
- ✚ **Doris Nistler** and **Betty Hartman** for the lovely music.
- ✚ **Marilyn Bieter** and her committee for set up, serving and clean-up.
- ✚ **Marilyn Fletcher** and membership crew for name tags and greeters.
- ✚ **Susan Haynes** and her helpers from the Paddle committee.
- ✚ **Sue Lancaster, Rosann Swaringim, Jan Horner** and their helpers for pricing and working the Silent Auction.
- ✚ **Nance Roth** and helper with the Oral Auction
- ✚ **Marilyn Bieter, Carol Derrington, and Karen Fatzinger** with the new and very successful Boutique.
- ✚ **Joyce Katz** for all our online updates to members and photography.
- ✚ **Rita Hawkins-Page** and **Leslie Wier** and the team of cashiers.
- ✚ **Eileen Lesovoy** and helpers for a great 50/50.

With the generous giving of many Interest Groups, individuals donations, talented crafters, and fabulous bakers, we had a great success with this year's AAUW Winter Auction. We all worked together for many months so that major contributions could be made to our Operating Fund and our Leadership Development Fund to support branch activities to make a difference for women and girls.

~ **Judy Schaefer-Piet & Susan Zerjav, Winter Auction**



Susan Zerjav & Judy Schaefer-Piet



Welcome from Sage, Marilyn, & Jayne Kasten



Marcia, Erlaine, & Suzanne bring culinary treats!



Susan & Judy say 'raise your paddles'!



Music from Doris & Betty



Bid, Bid, Bid!



Silent Auction drop-off with a smile!



Members enjoy shopping & socializing:
 1. Nancy, Jill, Rosann, Pat & Terri.
 2. Yvonne, Ruth, Sue, & Sandy



Happy New Year from Mary & Bette!

*Dear Members,
Your December 2014 Newsletter included information on changes in our Ballwin/Chesterfield Board proposed by the Restructuring Committee.
The Bylaws Committee now submits to you the bylaws and policy amendments needed in order to implement the recommendations of the Restructuring Committee. For your information and comparison of these proposed changes, please refer to the present bylaws and policy sections beginning on page 81 of our current 2014-2015 branch directory. Voting by the membership on these amendments will take place at our January 2015 branch meeting.*

The Restructuring Committee recommendations and the proposed bylaws and policy amendments were approved unanimously by our Ballwin/Chesterfield Board and by AAUW Missouri State Governance.

Thank you, Doris Nistler, Governance Chair

**BYLAWS AND POLICY AMENDMENTS
OCTOBER, 2014**

Proposed bylaws and policy amendments based on restructure committee recommendations:

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

- A. The elected officers for the branch shall be co-presidents, (hereinafter referred to as the president), co-vice presidents, (hereinafter referred to as the vice president) of program, co-vice presidents, (hereinafter referred to as the vice president) of membership, a secretary/archivist, a finance officer, and the immediate past-president, ex officio. Each elected officer shall have one vote.
- B. There shall be three elected director positions, Educational Opportunities Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Public Policy. Each position may be shared and shall have one vote.
- C. There shall be appointed directors for Branch Development for Leadership and Operating Funds, Communications/Web, Directory, Dollars for Scholars, Governance, Hospitality, Newsletter, Special Events and STEM. These directors shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Each position shall have one vote.
- E. Succession: All elected officers, elected directors, and appointed directors, shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. There shall be, thereafter, a lapse of four (4) years before an elected officer may serve again in the same office, and a lapse of one (1) year before an elected or appointed director may serve again in the same office.

Section 2. Duties

e) The immediate past-president, ex officio, shall act as advisor to the president, branch representative to AAUW St. Louis Metro Area Interbranch Council and shall be responsible for completion of branch Recognition Forms.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be Program, Membership, Public Policy, Finances, Governance, Communications, Educational Opportunities Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, College-University Partners, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, International Relations, Interest Groups, Publicity and any others deemed necessary by the branch Board of Directors.

Note: The above proposed Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a general membership meeting, provided written notice shall have been given to every member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

POLICY AMENDMENT

VII STANDING COMMITTEES

Note: A thru H reads the same – (refer to p. 93 of B/C current directory)

The motion will be to amend Policy VII Standing Committees to add the following committees:

- I. College/University Partners Committee actively seeks to establish partnerships with colleges and universities to promote the mission and to build the next generation of members.
- J. Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Committee supports the work of Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation by generating funds and drawing attention to research.
- K. International Relations Committee collaborates with the Ethical Society Tuesday Women’s Association, and other AAUW branches in planning the lecture series.
- L. Interest Groups Committee serves as a common point of organization and information exchange for the chairs of the individual interest groups.
- M. Publicity Committee has as its primary focus to inform the community at large of branch activities.

**January 5, 2015: 10 a.m.–noon
Trinity Lutheran first floor meeting room**

Members are invited to stop by for an informal Q & A session with their questions related to the proposed bylaws changes.

Doris Nistler, Pat Shores, and members of the branch board restructuring committee will be available to answer member questions.



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

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENTS SUPPORT WOMEN'S EDUCATION.
Make Dollars for Scholars Checks Payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.**

**TO SPONSOR AN EVENT, contact Barb Jowett (brjowett@yahoo.com) or Barb Tackitt (harvibarb@charter.net).
*Please Remember - Take Pictures At Your Event!***

2015 BOOK LOVERS' USED BOOK SALE



Thursday, February 12 at the branch meeting: Book sales will be conducted before the meeting from 8:15—9:20 a.m., during the break, and after the meeting from 11:30—Noon.

Looking for some reading material at a bargain price? Now's your chance to restock your bookshelves! Gently used books will be for sale at our February branch meeting. Hardbacks will sell for \$3 each, oversized paperbacks for \$2, and paperbacks for \$1 each. Browse the selections and purchase some good reads. You may also find a jigsaw puzzle or DVD that catches your fancy. Bring your friends and fellow bibliophiles! All money collected goes to Dollars for Scholars. Come early, stay late!
Questions: Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Marian Bauer (marianbauer@sbcglobal.net).

TOUR THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY

**Friday, February 27, 10:30 a.m. carpool from Trinity
COST \$10
UMSL 1 University Blvd. St. Louis, 63121**

Plan to join us for a special docent-led tour of the **St. Louis Mercantile Library**, founded in 1846. It is the oldest extant library west of the Mississippi River. The library, which is home to major historic collections of books, papers, and art works, is now presenting *Mapping St. Louis History*, part of the 250th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis. John Hoover, the Director, says this of one part of the exhibit:

Pictorial St. Louis, one of the greatest views in detail of an American city produced in any age, was done through detailed drafting in a balloon and subsequent, painstaking lithography on the ground – and was an extraordinary work of engineering. The scale of this ambitious work has never been fully duplicated, and it has almost an international cult of enthusiasts.

An 11 a.m. lunch before the 1 p.m. tour is being arranged. The early carpool from Trinity is to accommodate those wanting to join us for lunch. If you are only attending the tour, please be at Mercantile Library by 12:45 p.m.

Sign up at the January or February branch meeting.
Questions: Contact Marcia Block (mhblock@sbcglobal.net) or Bette Bude (dabbl@sbcglobal.net).

PERENNIAL AND MORE

**Wednesday, March 11, 9:15 carpool from Trinity
COST \$12
7413-15 S Broadway, Saint Louis, 63111**

SAVE THE DATE for our visit to Perennial, Jenny Murphy's 501(c)3 social enterprise which she founded in 2011 to provide a store for community workshops and educational programming. Her mission is to build a creative culture of sustainability in which discarded items are transformed into valued and cherished resources. She provides classes to women in transition, giving them a chance to learn new skills and develop confidence in their ideas, abilities, and gifts through a positive and creative outlet.

The day will include hearing from Jenny, making a craft from repurposed materials, going to lunch at nearby **Stacks**, visiting St. Louis' oldest hardware store, **Rathbone**, and enjoying a selection from **Carondelet Bakery**.

Make your \$12 checks payable to AAUW B-C. The cost of lunch is not included.

RSVP to Jill Norton at Jillnorton4567@gmail.com or phone using Jill's number listed in the Directory.

SPRING INTO SPRING WITH THE TALBOTS' FASHION SHOW!

You are cordially invited to a Dollars for Scholars event at Talbots' in Chesterfield on Friday, March 20, before store opening. A new spring fashion show will be presented and a complimentary, continental breakfast will be served. Guests are welcome. The cost for this event is \$15. Please sign up at the January, February, and March branch meetings.

Questions: Contact Mary Martens (remartens@charter.net) or Marsha Weppelman (rmwepp@aol.com).

OUR INTEREST GROUPS are primarily social 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 an Interest Group chair today.

All Interest Groups and each group's chairperson can be found listed in the front of your Directory. Michele Mangnall, bmmags@yahoo.com, coordinates all interest groups and can help with the information you need.

BOOK GROUPS

Please RSVP to the hostess by the Friday before your meeting. Check the B-C Directory for her address. Questions? Check with the chair listed with your book group. Download the 2014-15 book lists at the branch website, *Interest Groups* page.

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

January 15: Hostess, Barb Mueller
A discussion of *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kine will be led by Teri Steinberg.
Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net) if you wish to be on the Lit. I waiting list.

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

January 26: Hostess, Linda Seibert
A discussion of *Mrs. Lincoln's Rival* by Jennifer Chiaverini will be led by Erlaine Eltomi.
We welcome all readers! For information contact Joyce Katz (joyka234@aol.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

January 13: Hostess, Terri Ciccolella
A discussion of *Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis will be led by Jane Miller.
This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (mhblock@sbcglobal.net).

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

January 5: Hostess, Brenda Ernst
We will have our 2015 book selection at this meeting.
This group reads and discusses nonfiction, especially biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies. We welcome new members. Contact Brenda Ernst (ernst2@charter.net) for more information.

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

January 19: Hostess, Mersine Kallaos (mkallaos@prodigy.net)
For more information, check with Julie Triplet (julietrip@charter.net).

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.

*Rockwood Bank, Hwy. 109, Wildwood 63040 (unless another location is given)

Expressions will not meet in January but will meet again on February 3.

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 Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com).

BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND

3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Hearth Room
January 15: Nancy Hughes

BRIDGE BUDDIES 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge
January 14: Susan Haynes
January 28: Charmaine Scott

BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge
January 15: Mary LaRuffa

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

January 7: Contact Janet Ludewig

BRIDGE II 3rd Tuesday, 11 a.m. Bishop's Post

January 20: Nancy Shepard

BRIDGE III 4th Wednesday

10 a.m. Hearth Room
January 28: Nancy Shepard

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill
January 6: Teresa Reeves

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

January 13: Contact Nancy Hughes

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

January 19: Diane Correll

DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.

January 6: Carol Thomas

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

Hearth Room
January 27: Elaine Frost

BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4th Tuesday,

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room
January 27: Jane Arneson

GENEALOGY

January 6: 10—11 a.m.

Mark your calendar for a Tuesday tour of the History Museum Genealogical Department, 225 South Skinker Boulevard, St. Louis, 63112.

Dennis Northcott, Associate Archivist for Reference will talk to us and lead a tour of the facility. Carpools will leave Trinity at 9:15 a.m. All Ballwin-Chesterfield members are welcome to attend this presentation.

Email Pat Shores at apatriciashores@att.net for more information.

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

~ Suzanne Couch, Fran Reiland, and Pat Shores

TENNIS, ANYONE?

Are you interested in playing tennis once a week? Please contact Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com) for more information.

GOLF

Our golf season will gear up again in April. If you have any questions contact the golf chairs: Bev Wait, wait89@aol.com and Elaine Frost (elfrost7@charter.net).

SATURDAY NIGHT SINGLES

This is a group of widows, divorcees, and never-marrieds who come together monthly to enjoy each other's company. The group will have at least one spectacular event each month. Group members will be notified by email with specifics.

To be on the group's mailing list, contact Donna Ross (victorianwhodunit@att.net).

OUT TO LUNCH GROUP



3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

**January 21: EdgeWild Restaurant & Winery
Chesterfield Mall: 550 Chesterfield Center, 63017**

Sign up at the January branch meeting or contact Harriett Hirschfeld (Hhirschfe@aol.com) for a reservation at this locally owned, award-winning restaurant. Enjoy the wine country chic décor and inventive American cuisine.

The wine menu includes a wide range of domestic and international fine wines from select high-end winemakers, including more than 20 varietals of fine wine under the EdgeWild name and label.

DIRECTIONS: From Trinity, take 141 N to 40 W. Take exit 19B from 40. Follow Mo-340/Clarkson Road to 550 Chesterfield Center. EdgeWild is in what was previously the Bahama Breeze restaurant.

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 30 (note change of usual date/time): Group will meet for lunch and discussion at Bishop's Post, 16125 Chesterfield Pkwy West, 63017 at 11:15 a.m. Please RSVP to Mary Kay Wolfe. Movies for discussion: *Birdman*, *Interstellar*, *Kill the Messenger*, *Mockingjay - Pt. I*, *St. Vincent*, *The Theory of Everything*, *Whiplash*

January 22: Hostess, Marcia Block (mhblock@sbcglobal.net)
For more information about this group, contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com)

GREAT DECISIONS RETURNING IN MARCH AND APRIL, 2015

Thursdays, Noon—1:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd., 63117-1003

Come for the topic presentation and video; stay for the special AAUW discussion.

The topics for the March and April 2015 Great Decisions discussions are *Russia and the New Abroad*, *Privacy in the Digital Age*, *Sectarianism in the Middle East*, *India Changes Course*, *US Policy towards Africa*, *Syria's Refugee Crisis*, *HUMAN TRAFFICING IN THE 21ST CENTURY*, and *Brazil's Metamorphosis*.

Watch for more details and dates in the February *Branching Out*.
Roz Marx



JANUARY, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<i>January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month</i>				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 10 a.m. BBC 10—Noon Drop-in Bylaws Session	6 9:30 a.m. Bridge IV 10 a.m. Genealogy 10 a.m. Duplicate Bridge I	7 10:30 a.m. Bridge I	8 8:45 a.m. Branch Meeting Bylaws Vote	9	10 8:30 a.m. Women's Legislative Retreat 10 a.m. Human Trafficking Presentation
11 National Human Trafficking Day	12	13 9:30 a.m. Bridge V 10:45 a.m. International Relations 1 p.m. Reading Reality	14 12:30 p.m. Bridge Buddies	15 9:30 a.m. Basic Bridge & Beyond 9:30 a.m. Literature I 10 a.m. Bridge Friends	16	17
18	19 10 a.m. Bridge VI 12:45 p.m. Play Readers	20 11 a.m. Bridge II 11:45 a.m. Downtown Lunch Officer Nomination Deadline	21 11:30 a.m. Out-To-Lunch	22 10 a.m. Movie Group 1:30 p.m. ¡Adelante!	23	24
25	26 10 a.m. Literature II	27 9:45 a.m. Duplicate Bridge II 10:15 a.m. Beginners' Duplicate Bridge	28 10 a.m. Bridge III 12:30 p.m. Bridge Buddies	29	30 <i>Upcoming in February</i> 6 Directory Update Due 12 Used Book Sale 27 \$\$ Tour Mercantile Library	31