

Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Ballwin-Chesterfield board/branch meetings are cancelled when the Parkway or Rockwood districts have an inclement weather closing.



Barbara McQuitty

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hard to believe, but March is almost here. Traditionally with AAUW, March is Women's History Month. This year, however, the focus on women and their history is every month for us. From the January International March that stressed the continuance of support for women's issues everywhere, to pay equity, we are on top of women's issues. We're already working on 2018 elections and the election of persons who will support women's rights.



The Nominating Committee will present the 2017-18 Slate of Officers at the March branch meeting. You can nominate a member from the floor at the Sandra Murdock March meeting if you have your nominee's

permission. It's inspiring to have our members step up to serve our AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. New leaders will be voted on at the April branch meeting. Whoever they are, they will be looking to all members to support them and step up to be on committees. It takes all of us to make our branch the strong organization that it is, and to support the projects we undertake.

Many of us anticipate becoming advocates for women's pay equity. We will travel to Jefferson City twice to visit our legislators' offices to ask them to vote for HB 518 and SB 205. You can help by either joining us in Jefferson City, or by calling or emailing your senator and representative asking him or her to vote "yes" for these bills. For more information, talk to the Public Policy Committee Chair Pat Shores, or Karen Francis who has been working with Pat.

We have a lot coming up in the next month. Put the Spring Fling Luncheon of the Interbranch Council (IBC) on your calendar for March 25. The AAUW of Missouri Conference will be in Columbia on May 6. Do plan to go to this. It is wonderful to meet women from throughout Missouri who are working on our same issues. Last is the AAUW National Convention in Washington D.C., June 14-17. Some of our members will attend. If you are interested in attending, talk to Sandra Murdock or me to get information.

Look to spring for new thoughts and endeavors. We draw our strength from our members and their involvement in AAUW.

~ Barbara McQuitty

The next board meeting will be March 2 at 9:30 a.m. All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend. Contact Barbara McQuitty (bmcquitty841@gmail.com) if you cannot attend.

MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, March 9 **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

Speaker: Mary Lee Stephens Executive Director of GLXi

The Global Learning Exchange Initiative (GLXi) is a nonprofit founded in 2012. The mission of GLXi is to empower a new generation of people in developing countries to create sustainable opportunity through literacy and continuing education.

The March speaker will inform and broaden our knowledge of this literacy program and the accomplishments of the children who take part in this after-school learning program.

HOSPITALITY

Coordinating Hostesses:

Carol Anthony and Linda Kridel

Hostesses: Joyce Katz, Margaret Estes, Susan Haynes, Mary Lou Wilson, Alice Crippen, Joan Lunt, Barbara Tackett, and Bette Bude

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The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for article submission for the April newsletter is March 14. Submit articles to Newsletter Editors Bette Bude (bettebude@outlook.com) or Mary Jermak (marygjermak@att.net).

For membership information, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Fran Reiland (<u>fgreiland@sbcglobal.net</u>) or Susan Teicher (<u>svteicher@gmail.com</u>).

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

For Care Notes, contact Joan Reed (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).

Contact Joyce for tech assistance. Communications/Web Co-Directors post branch information on Facebook. Search Facebook for ballwin-chesterfield 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

March 23: Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Conner and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman will be reviewed by Lynn Roney. Contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net) for further information.

AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH

3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

March 21: Peacemaker Lobster & Crab 1831 Sidney Street, 63104 314-722-8858 RSVP to Kay Meyer (kicmeyer51@gmail.com).

AAUW is a Non-partisan Organization

AAUW is a non-partisan organization that is working hard for all women's rights. With respect to all, let's be observant of non-partisanship at branch meetings and events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* MO Women's Network Equity Action Day Tuesday, April 4, Jefferson City, MO Contact Karen Francis (karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com).

* AAUW of Missouri Meeting Saturday, May 6, Holiday Inn, Columbia, MO Register with a \$60 check, before April 6, and mail to Ellen Johnson. See branch website (Flyers & Forms) for details and registration form.

Conference highlights:

- > LAF Speaker Aileen Rizo, Plantiff, 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 Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

DIRECTORY

The March 2017 *Directory Supplement* is sent with this newsletter and contains new or updated information since the December 2016 supplement.

Thinking ahead to the 2017–18 *Directory* for next September, we ask that if your picture is not yet in the *Directory*, or if you'd like a retake, please have Joyce Katz take it at a branch meeting or mail or email a picture to Joyce (joyka234@aol.com). Your picture will be returned to you.

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

BYLAWS

Ballwin-Chesterfield Policy Change Vote in March

After a careful review of the current practices, the Board is recommending that Section IX. Conventions Articles A. and B. on page 93 of the Policies in the *Directory* be changed. The rationale for this change is to amend the existing policy to be in line with actual practices for disbursement and use of branch leadership monies.

The proposed wording is as follows: IX. CONVENTIONS

A. Monies will be designated from the annual budget to be placed in a leadership development fund to be used by elected officers and directors, appointed officers, and branch members to attend the AAUW Convention, the AAUW of Missouri Convention, and other AAUW conferences. The procedures specified in the current Guidelines for Leadership Fund Disbursement for Convention and Conferences will be followed.

B. Monies allocated for the AAUW Convention and AAUW of Missouri meetings will be given to eligible attendees after attendance at the conference has taken place and when a receipt and evidence of conference attendance is presented. Additional monies derived from fundraising or uncommitted branch funds may be allocated by the Board of Directors for use in attending AAUW conventions and conferences.

Note: A majority vote of the branch members present at a branch meeting is required to change this policy.

~ Marsha Weppelman, Governance



Jo Ann Black

In January, soon after her 68th birthday, our friend and branch member Jo Ann Black, a nonsmoker, lost her battle with lung

cancer. Joan Lunt said that Jo Ann had a "a smile that would light up a room. She was always caring about others and sought out ways to help them in their time of need. She was a loyal, selfless, and generous friend."

Jo Ann joined AAUW B-C after a long career in education as a primary level teacher, a Reading Specialist, and a Reading Recovery Instructor. After retiring, Jo Ann continued to be active in teaching and served as a long-term sub.

Jo Ann was actively involved with the branch. She served as chair of the Summer Picnic for two years. Her friend and cochair Eileen Lesevoy shared that Jo Ann was "excited, organized, and happy to plan this annual event. There was pride and a sense of accomplishment when all was done." In 2014, Jo Ann graciously stepped in at the last moment and agreed to be the nominee for Membership-VP. Unfortunately, her diagnosis months later forced her to withdraw.

First and foremost, her children and her family were the center of Jo Ann's life. Jo Ann had a love of music and played the violin. Her children Jordan and Julie are now music educators. Jo Ann has been described as inclusive to all, happy for others' good news, having a great sense of humor, and grateful for much. As we celebrate Jo Ann's life, we know that she is beloved and is missed by many.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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



Peggy Harris

St. Louis, MO 63130

Email: peggyharris7070@gmail.com

Although Peggy completed her bachelor's degree at University of Illinois in social welfare and her master's degree from Webster University in gerontology, the career from which she retired was in marketing and management. Her previous AAUW membership was in Montgomery County, Texas, where she was co-founder of the chapter there and served as co-president. As a retiree she enjoys cooking, reading, quilting, and gardening.

Nancy Frederiksen

Manchester, MO 63021

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Nancy received her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and worked as an elementary school teacher for many years. Now she enjoys outdoor activities and volunteering, especially at the St. Louis Zoo and at the Ronald McDonald House. She also enjoys yoga, quilting, reading, and gardening. Certainly she will find many new friends with similar interests at AAUW-BC!

Yvonne Ward

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Email: sadilla24@gmail.com

Yvonne completed her undergraduate work at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and her master's degree at St. Louis University. Since retiring from a busy career in speech and language therapy, she is enjoying learning through continuing education, reading, attending lectures, traveling, and playing games! She also enjoys her grandchildren, meeting interesting people, and volunteering.

~ Susie Teicher & Fran Reiland, V-P Membership

2017 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES

The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, 63117 March 14, 10:45 a.m., *Immigrants and Refugees from a Global Perspective*, Uma A. Segal

Uma A. Segal is professor and baccalaureate program director in the School of Social Work at UMSL. Dr. Segal served from 2007 to 2015 as resident scholar on migration on the Advisory Board of the Katherine A. Kendall Institute (KAKI), an international arm of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). She was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* (2004–2012) and is co-editor of *Immigration Worldwide: Policies, Practices, and Trends.* Segal has participated in research projects on cross-national comparisons of migration in Athens, Greece; Sofia, Bulgaria; and Tokyo, Japan. Her research has taken her to Brazil, India, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

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

NAMED GIFT HONOREES FOR 2016

Please Submit Your Recommendations by March 18

There are so many generous members who give of their time, talent, and treasure to make our branch a success. Members who have made significant contributions to the AAUW mission and goals will be recognized at the Spring Luncheon.

Each member may suggest as many nominees as she wishes. Past honorees are listed in the *Directory*; however, a member may be nominated again. Please download the nomination form from the branch website or get a nomination form at the March branch meeting. You may send nominations to karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com, or mail them to her. Thank you!

~ Karen Francis, Named Gift Honoree Chairperson

HOSPITALITYHelp Needed For April!

Do you enjoy a little nosh with your coffee and tea at monthly branch meetings? With your help, we can provide a beautiful table brimming



with buns and bagels, juice, cheese, fruit, and other goodies to welcome you at the branch meeting.

Please sign up with Becky Ragan and the hospitality committee to help.

~ Pat White & Becky Ragan, Hospitality Co-Directors

IBC SPRING FLING

March 25, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Cost: \$28 Glen Echo Country Club, East Room, Normandy, MO 3401 Lucas and Hunt Road, St. Louis 63121 Registrations by March 5, please. Enjoy fellowship with members of other AAUW branches.

Program: Keeping St. Louis Women Safe, speaker, Jessica Woolbright, Children's Program Coordinator at St. Martha's Hall and Chair of St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN). Jessica is a licensed clinical social worker who did her undergraduate work at UMSL and received her master's in social work from St. Louis University. Flyers and registration forms are available on the branch website.

The menu choices are as follows: entree of Chef Salad or Chicken Glen Echo (breast of chicken stuffed with cheese, spinach, and tomatoes, topped with sauce). All plated meals are served with choice of mixed green salad or Caesar chef salad, a starch, seasonal vegetables, cake for dessert, and coffee or tea.

Reservations: \$26 by checks only

~ Karen Francis, IBC Representative

SPRING LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

May 11, Whitmoor Country Club, 11:15 a.m.

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BLOSSOMS



We hope you will plan to attend the annual Spring Luncheon when we will be celebrating the "blossoming" of our branch this year, Named Gift Honoree recipients, and the installation of new officers. Reservations may be made at the March and April branch meetings. You may also reserve your place at the luncheon by sending a check made payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield to Carol Anthony (see directory for address.) Cancellations after April 29 are not refundable.

Table selection and seating arrangements are to be made at the time you make your reservation. Please remember to include any guests. Whitmoor does not have a valet service; however, the parking lot is flat. Greeters will be at the door to assist you. Also, please let us know of any special needs you may have at the time you are making your reservation.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Carol Anthony or Carol Derington, your Spring Luncheon Co-Directors.



Pat Shores, Karen Francis, & Barb Butchart staff the Action Table at the Women's March.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Programs, just like people, grow, develop, and mature. We have been informed that EOF national has matured to the point that it is fully funded and will be able to support fellowships and community action grants from interest gained on the fund. We at Ballwin-Chesterfield can be proud of our part in supporting this fund for many years.

Our board has decided to respond to this good news. We passed a motion on February 2, 2017, to change the allocation of funds. Our Dollars for Scholars money will be allocated to our local scholarships and on the national level we will support The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, affectionately known as NCCWSL. This premier conference provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. It is a truly educational experience for women.

Our board also passed a motion to change our November Individual Giving from exclusively for EOF national to AUUW Fund in which we can choose from a number of programs to support. Our constant support has truly made the education of women a priority and a success.

~ Marian Bauer & Vickie Jany, EOF Co-Directors

PUBLIC POLICY

Women's March On St. Louis, January 21, 2017

An estimated crowd of 20,000 people came to March. Rally. Act. AAUW was a sponsor along with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the League of Women Voters (LWV), NARAL, the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), the National Women's Political Caucus, Planned Parenthood, the St. Louis Women's Fund, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice, and the YWCA. The event was organized by DefendHERS, a group of St. Louis women who wanted to have a local event in solidarity with the national march. AAUW had a table for the action part, and material was given to the 500 people who came through. Thanks to all the Ballwin-Chesterfield members who participated.

March Forward With AAUW As A Two-Minute Activist

AAUW members and supporters were among the millions who marched across the nation to deliver the message that women's rights are human rights. But our march forward does not end there. Join AAUW in the 10 actions/100 days campaign. Add your name to the electronic postcards that will come from Two-Minute Activist and make your voices heard. If you are not already a member, join the AAUW Action Network at www.aauw.org.

AAUW of Missouri Impact Grant

B-C successfully fulfilled the requirement for the first Impact Goal, Get Out the Vote. Now it is time for us to work on Goal Number Two, closing the Gender Pay Gap. The Public Policy Committee and board members are contacting their Representative and Senator every week about the importance of passing an equal pay bill. Let Pat Shores know if you want to join the effort. She will send you detailed instructions about locating your legislators and commenting weekly about the need to address the gender pay gap. Six states passed new equal pay laws in 2016. Wouldn't it be great if Missouri were number seven?

Here Are a Few Things the AAUW Action Network Accomplished In 2016:

- 200,000 messages went out to state and federal legislators
- 19 AAUW members were elected to state legislatures.
- 719 resource guides were delivered to Title IX coordinators in 29 states
- 900 plus GOTV events were organized by members in 46 states.
- ~ Pat Shores & Barb Butchart, Public Policy Co-Directors

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

March is LAF Individual Giving Month

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has been instrumental in the success of many gender discrimination cases. In March the LAF committee will ask for and appreciate your individual contributions to LAF. Our efforts towards LAF do not end with the passage of anti-discrimination legislation, and your continued support is needed to see that these laws are upheld in the courts.

Please make your generous check payable to AAUW Fund, with LAF in the memo line. Remember, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is a 501c(3) entity and, as such, contributions to LAF are tax-deductible. Thank you for your continued support!

~Doris Nistler & Julie Triplett, LAF Co-Directors

STEM Report

Along with flowers, spring brings a flurry of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities. First, the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference will take place Monday, March 13, at Florissant Valley Community College. Ballwin-Chesterfield is sponsoring 20 middle school girls from the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience in St. Louis. Adults are needed to assist that day. Just two days earlier (March 11), the Missouri Science Bowl, a trivia contest for middle school students, will take place at Washington University. This is not an AAUW sponsored activity, but adults are needed to assist that day, too. Please contact Marcia or Jean if you are interested in helping.

In April we will recognize the research projects of two young women at the Honors Division of the Science Fair. They will be awarded \$100, a medal, and a certificate. Just recently we were forwarded thank you notes from last year's two winning girls. One wrote in detail, stating that she is thrilled to be able to include our recognition on her college applications. She also wrote "When I saw that the American Association of University Women presented me with an award, I got excited because I had read articles from your organization on gender stereotyping and the negative effects of stereotype threat." Her research was on the effects of stereotypes regarding nonnative accents.

STEM Girls of Promise at Valley Park High School continues in its fourth year. On Friday, April 28, we will honor five junior women at a breakfast program attended by teachers, parents, and B-C members. Also in April, we will have a second breakfast program to recognize five junior women at Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School. More information on both events will be in the April newsletter. We hope many of you will be able to join us at either or both events.

~ Marcia Block & Jean Elliott, STEM Co-Directors

From AAUW's 79 Examples of How Women are Still Treated Unequally Women in Leadership

- ~Outright sexism is less common today than in the past, but research shows that unspoken bias still results in unfair treatment, especially for women leaders.
- ~Women comprise 19 percent of the U.S. Congress (104 out of 535),

http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/women-us-congress-2017.

- ~About a quarter of U.S. state legislators are women.
- ~The percentage of women on all U.S. corporate boards has been stuck at about 12 percent for the past decade. Out of the Standard and Poor's 500, only 5 percent of the CEO's are women, and only 17 percent of the board seats are held by women,
- ~Women are 45.4 percent of the associates in the legal field, but only 15 percent are equity partners.
- ~Adding women to a workplace can increase creativity and productivity, which contributes to the bottom line.
- ~Only one in five (19 percent) mayors in the U.S. are women.
- ~ There are only six female governors in the United States-that's about 12 percent representation.

Have you voted in the 9th annual AAUW Art Contest?

To make it easy, go to http://www.aauw.org/contests/.

Our branch is represented in the 2017 AAUW art competition by two members: Sue Barley and Susan Fenwick. Sue has created a quilt entitled Green Tea and Sweet Beans. Photographer Susan Fenwick has submitted two entries: Peeking Cardinal and Dragonfly Resting on Sunburst. Susan's photograph Japanese Garden Drum Bridge was a winner in last year's contest.

To view the submissions, click on https://ww2.aauw.org/contests/art_contest/. Click on an image in the gallery to enlarge; there are arrows on left and right sides to proceed (or back up) to the next submission. There is another tab for voting once you have made your selections. You'll still have the opportunity on the voting page to search for certain entries and to enlarge them.

One of the most glaring and longstanding gaps for women is in the art world. For centuries, women artists were unrecognized, discouraged, or even discredited. In 2012, only 4 percent of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. AAUW hosts an annual art contest to give women artists the attention they deserve. The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.

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 (<u>jbuckhold@charter.net</u>) or Phyllis Oakes (phylanddave@peoplepc.com).



DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!!

Bring Donations in March and April

Bring your donations of books (children's included), CDs, DVDs, and puzzles to branch meetings through April. Members of the EOF committee will sell items before the branch meetings, at the break, and after the meetings. 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 a month and see how it adds up!

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

JAZZ SINGER ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY at JAZZ COFFEE CONCERT

Thursday, March 16 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Carpool from Trinity, 9:30 a.m.

COST: \$38*

Make plans early to join us for a dazzling morning of jazz at Jazz at the Bistro. Hear jazz singer Ann Hampton Callaway, a jazz scene staple, at a coffee concert serving complimentary Tim Horton's donuts, bagels, and cream cheese. Doors open for brunch at 10 a.m. with the concert starting at 11 a.m. How can you pass up jazz and Tim Horton's donuts? Three center tables are reserved for AAUW. Early registration is important to secure extra reserved tables.

Contact Roz Marx (<u>rozzzie1@yahoo.com</u>) for more information.

*COST: A \$38 check to AAUW B-C covers the concert and a \$10 contribution to DFS (group rate is \$28—regularly \$40).

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 paying at a branch meeting or contact Mary La Ruffa (marylaruffa0@gmail.com) for more information.

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) or Eileen Lesevoy (esk622@charter.net).

COST: \$25

LUSTRON HOME

Friday, April 7 10:30 a.m. Carpool, 9:45 a.m. from Trinity

403 S. Sixth Street, St. Charles

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).



A COUNTRY LUNCHEON CIRCA 1850

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

Route 94, ~ three miles north of Washington, MO

LIMIT: 12

A short drive away is Dutzow, the first German settlement in Missouri. The Circa 1850 house is home to the Munneckes and is in keeping with the charm of the time. Lunch, included in the cost, is homemade and served using linens, china, and silver of the period. Enjoy a tour of the house, grounds, antique shop, and 3 log cabins that have been reassembled on the grounds. A special note to gardeners— Martha Munnecke is an avid gardener, and spring flowers in keeping with the period are sure to abound. Directions for the drive to Dutzow will be available from Susie.

Sign up at a branch meeting or contact Susie Teicher (svteicher@gmail.com).

TOUR FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S 1ST ST. LOUIS HOME!

120 North Ballas Road, St. Louis 63122

Wednesday, April 26, 10 a.m. COST: \$20* Carpool from Trinity, 9:20 a.m.

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. An optional lunch will be determined for those wishing to continue meeting over the lunch after the tour.

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



COST: \$12

LIMIT: 15

Friday, April 28 10:15 a.m.



Carpool from Trinity, 9:45 a.m.

WOMEN ARTISTS IN THE SLAM COLLECTION the Story Continues...

Sculpture Hall, St. Louis Art Museum, 1 Fine Arts Dr. 63110

Continuing our exploration of women artists in the SLAM collection, Docent Clare Richardson has arranged for a special visit to the Prints/Drawings/Photographs study room. This aspect of the SLAM collection is open by appointment only, and our tour will begin here. Additionally, we will look at some of the names and personalities behind a few of the female portraits on view in the galleries. Meet in the Sculpture Hall at 10:15 a.m. and we will be taken to the study room as a group.

Optional Lunch, reservations required: noon, Panorama

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



TICKLER LIST (to tickle your fancy and pique your curiosity) Events in the works, to name a few, include these: Budweiser Brewery Tour on May 17, Intro to Genealogy, the Loop Trolley Ride & More on August 21, and a visit to the revitalized Arch grounds in early fall.

More suggestions for events are available. For an entertaining, educational and easy way to support women, contact either JANICE BUCKHOLD (jbuckhold@charter.net) OR PHYLLIS OAKES (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) 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 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

March 16: Hostess, Brenda Bussen (<u>gusbuss@msn.com</u>)
A discussion of *Margaret the First* by Danielle Dutton will be led by Doris Nistler.

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

March 27: Hostess, Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com)

A discussion of *The Means* by Douglas Brunt will be led by Erlaine Eltomi.

Contact Joyce Katz (joyka234@aol.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

March 14: Hostess, Diane Correll (dcorrell01@gmail.com) A discussion of Zoobiquity: The Astonishing Connection between Human and Animal Health by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz will be led by Terri Ciccolella.

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

BIO & BEYOND 1st Monday, 10 a.m.

March 6: Please check with Linda.

This group reads and discusses fiction, nonfiction, especially biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies.

Contact Linda Roberson (<u>robersonlinda11@att.net</u>) for more information.

GENEALOGY GROUP

March 23: 2-4 p.m.

St. Louis County Library, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd, 63131

The genealogy group will be holding an *Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition Database* workshop Larry Franke will be the facilitator. There is no charge for the workshop but you must sign up for own laptop or Library computers at February genealogy meeting or RSVP to Roz Marx.

RSVP: Roz Marx (<u>rozzzie1@yahoo.com</u>)

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

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

March 20: Hostess, Judy Stagoski (<u>jms4331@gmail.com</u>) For more information about this group, contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

GREAT DECISIONS March Thursdays at noon Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road

Great Decisions is offered by the World Affairs Council. Special speakers present from noon–1:30 p.m. and are followed by a documentary video and AAUW discussion. The following are topics for March.

March 02: The Future of Europe: Coping with Crisis

March 09: Trade, Jobs and Politics

March 16: Conflict in the South China Sea

March 23: Nuclear Security

March 30: Latin America's Political Pendulum

Contact Roz Marx (<u>rozzzie1@yahoo.com</u>) for more information.

MOVIE GROUP

4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

February 23: Hostess, Pickett Lema

(pickett.lema@yahoo.com)

The movies for February are Gold, Silence, The Founder, Toni Erdman, and 20th Century Woman.

March 23: Hostess, Eileen Lesevoy (<u>els622@charter.net</u>)
For more information about this group, contact Doris Nistler (<u>dnistler14@att.net</u>) or Mersine Kallaos (<u>mkallaos@prodigy.net</u>).

OUT TO LUNCH GROUP

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Carpool from Trinity, 10 a.m. March15: *McGurk's Public House 108 S. Main, O'Fallon 63366

Driving directions will be available for attendees.

The original John D. McGurk's Irish Pub and Garden was established in 1978 and quickly rose to the top of the class among Irish Pubs in St. Louis. The O'Fallon site features the same great pub grub and traditional Irish food and drink. Check out the lunch menu at http://www.mcgurks.com.

*A special treat: At 10:30 a.m., we will visit the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT) office, a former chicken coop, before heading to McGurk's to enjoy Irish delights.

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) or call her number listed in the Directory.



Interest Groups and March Calendars

GOLF

See you in April, 2017!

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

BRIDGE CALENDAR

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

BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Hearth Room March 16: Joan Reed

BRIDGE BUDDIES 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Egg & I, Clarkson: lunch and bridge

March 8: Judy Stagoski March 22: Rita Hawkins-Page

BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

March 16: Judy Green

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

March 1: Contact Janet Ludewig

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

March 21: Kay Kreder

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

March 22: Susan Shepperd

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

March 7: Jill Norton

BRIDGE V 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

March 14: Shelia Kalman

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

March 20: Kay Kreder

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

March 7: Elaine Frost

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

Hearth Room

March 28: Diane Correll

BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4th Tuesday,

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room March 28: Judy Green

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

Bridge chairs are listed on page 10 of the *Directory.*

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

March 7: Spring Wreath Holy Cross Lutheran Church 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, 63141

Create a beautiful spring wreath. Bring your glue gun and \$5 for a DIY treat to brighten your living space.

Contact Jayne Kasten (<u>kastenc@sbcglobal.net</u>) for more information.

March is Women's History Month

February

23 Movie Group 10 a.m.



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

MARCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

02 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.; Great Decisions noon

06 Bio & Beyond 10 a.m.

07 Expressions 1 p.m.

09 Branch Meeting with EOF \$\$Book Sale &

LAF Individual Giving Month 8:45 a.m.

Great Decisions noon

13 EYH STEM Conference

14 International Relations 10:45 a.m.;

Reading Reality 1p.m.

15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

16 Lit I 9:30 a.m.; \$\$Jazz Concert 11 a.m.;

Great Decisions noon

18 Named Gift nominees due

20 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

21 IBC Downtown Lunch 11:45 a.m.

23 Movie Group 10 a.m.; Great Decisions noon;

¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.; Genealogy 2 p.m.

25 IBC Spring Fling Luncheon

27 Lit II 10 a.m.

30 Great Decisions noon;

\$\$Mad Hatter Tea Party 3 p.m.

Coming in April

Mondays - Golf

04 Equity Action Day

05 \$\$Holocaust Museum Event

07 \$\$Lustron Home Tour

21 \$\$A Country Luncheon

26 \$\$Frank Lloyd Wright House Tour

28 \$\$Women Artists/Special Collection

