

Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

National and State Award Winning Branch

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



PRESIDENTS' CORNER



As a St. Louis native, I'm used to our infamous question, "Where did you go to high school?" At the state and national conventions, we'll be asked, "What's going on in St. Louis?" Our city has been in the news for the entire world to see, and, sadly, the issues are not unique to St. Louis, but it is our story.

As an organization, I think we need to begin a dialogue on how we can effect change. AAUW's Public Policy Program states "The work of AAUW builds on 130 years of responsible public participation and is committed to working in partnership with diverse allies and coalitions to break through the educational and economic barriers for women and girls."

As the Ferguson story unfolded, we heard the need for quality education; equitable employment opportunities; more representation in policy and decision making positions; ending discrimination; and supporting an individual's civil rights—again, part of AAUW's Public Policy Program.

What can **each of us** do to bring change and healing? Participate in conversations and events about the issues with friends in AAUW and other groups.

- For those who identify as white, investigate a YWCA sponsored group that uses the text *Witnessing Whiteness*. There also are groups for those who identify as people of color. New groups are forming—consider joining one, as I have done. I learned about this from SLEVAWN.
- Attend *MOTHER 2 MOTHER*, a conversation with black mothers to white mothers about the 'talk' with their black sons, Monday, January 26, 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel. RSVP by calling National Council of Jewish Women, 314-993-5181. This is sponsored through NCJW and the YWCA of Metro St. Louis.
- Utilize resources from AAUW on diversity and inclusion.

Together, we can be the voices of change and hope!

~ Karen Francis

BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting is February 5, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend.

Contact Karen Francis, karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com, if you cannot be there.

February Branch Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Rd (at Woods Mill Rd.)

8:45 a.m. – Registration, Signups

9:30 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. – Program; 11:30 a.m. – Adjourn

Mental Health - the Importance of Strengthening Medicaid of Missouri's Mental Health System

**Jacqueline Lukitsch, Director of Advocacy
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

Under the leadership of Director Lukitsch, NAMI St. Louis expanded programs to reduce incarcerations and injuries to people with severe mental illness throughout Missouri. She was instrumental in securing funding to implement Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT) statewide.

Lukitsch serves as co-chair of the Missouri Federation of Advocates for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and as a member of the steering committee for the Missouri Medicaid Coalition.

Healthcare and advocacy are AAUW priorities. Funding for mental health is a serious concern in our society.

HOSPITALITY

Coordinating Hostess: Linda Roberson

Hostesses: Marge Anderson, Carol Anthony, Marcia Block, Jan Horner, Becky Kaley, Jill Norton, BJ Portas, and Susie Teicher

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AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD ELECTED OFFICERS

Presidents: Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis
V-P Program: Barbara McQuitty & Becky Ragan
V-P Membership: Marilyn Fletcher & Linda Seibert
Secretary: Susan Fenwick
Finance Officer: Rita Hawkins-Page

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Care Notes: Jayne Kasten
Communications/Web: Joyce Katz
C/U Partners: Erlaine Eltomi
Directory: Marilyn Beiter & Leslie Wier
Dollars for Scholars: Barbara Jowett & Barb Tackitt
Educational Opportunities Fund:
Marian Bauer & Linda Roberson
Fall Brunch: Judy Green & Joanne Nelson
Governance/Parliamentarian: Doris Nistler
Historian: presently not filled
Hospitality: Vickie Jany & Darlene Harris
IBC: Erlaine Eltomi
International Relations: Susie Teicher
Legal Advocacy Fund: Linda Evans
Newsletter Editors: Bette Bude & Mary Jermak
Public Policy: Barbara Butchart & Pat Shores
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

Advisor: Marian Bauer
Dollars for Scholars Financial Aide: Susan Haynes
Interest Group Coordinator: Michele Mangnall

For membership information, contact

Marilyn Fletcher, marilynletcher597@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.

February 12 is the deadline for articles for the March newsletter.

DIRECTORY

The March 2015 Supplement is being prepared and will be published with the March newsletter. Please submit any changes to Leslie Wier (wierls@sbcglobal.net) or Marilyn Beiter (wibeiter@swbell.net) by February 6.

If you are a new member (or a continuing member wanting a fresh "pose"), be sure to have Joyce Katz take your picture at the branch meeting, or send a print or digital photo to Joyce. Your print will be returned to you.

~ **Leslie Wier & Marilyn Beiter, Directory**

AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH

3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

February 17: Ranoush (Syrian), 6501 Delmar Blvd.,
University City (314-726-6874)

RSVP to Kay Meyer, kicmeyer51@gmail.com

Visit Our Website aauwballwin-chesterfield.org.

For tech assistance, contact Communications/Web Chair
Joyce Katz, joyka234@aol.com.

St. Louis Metro Inter-Branch Council News

The annual **Spring Fling** luncheon will be on March 21 at the Highlands in Forest Park—cost, \$28. Send your reservation, by check, to Carol Davis McDonald by March 6. Flyers and registration form available on branch website.

The program will include a historical enactment of Rachel Carson by Dianne Moran and the presentation of the Barbara Lackritz Award to an outstanding IBC member. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. The menu will offer an entrée choice of chicken piccata or pork medallions plus a vegetarian option. A Mayfair salad, seasonal vegetable, whipped red potatoes, carrot cake, and beverages are included. A cash bar will be available. The flyer is available on the branch and IBC websites and at the February branch meeting. Branches are providing raffle baskets and our branch participation in this event is very important.

The National Conference for College Woman Student Leaders guidelines have been finalized and Deb McWard asked that each branch designate a member to serve on the scholarship award committee. Branches will contribute to the scholarships and individual member contributions are also encouraged.

~ **Erlaine Eltomi, IBC Representative**

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 in the March newsletter. Mark your calendar now.

~ **Julie Triplett, AAUW MO Vice President, Program**

¡Adelante! IBC Book-of-the Month Club

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Barnes and Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

February 26: The Round House, by Louise Erdrich

Questions: Julie Triplett, julietrip@att.net



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A SINCERE WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to welcoming Ellen and Ginger at branch events and to our AAUW community.

Ellen Alper
 Email: elialper@ncjwstl.org

Chesterfield, 63017

Ellen earned her bachelor's degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. She is currently the Executive Director of National Council of Jewish Women, St Louis.

Virginia (Ginger) Johnson
 Email: Gingerabc@sbcglobal.net

St Louis, 63131

Ginger earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Missouri. She earned an associate degree (R.N.) in nursing from Maryville University. Ginger's active working life was spent as a developmental screener in Parkway's Early childhood program and as a registered nurse. She is currently retired and volunteers to do Ability Awareness presentations in area schools, serves as garden club president and enjoys art, literature, history, music, and nature.

~ 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

February 10: *The Status of Women in the World* is the second lecture presented by AAUW and TWA. Dr. Farida Jalalzai, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science, UMSL, will be the speaker. Upcoming lectures will include *Will 3-D Printing Change the World?* on March 10 and *Shattered Arctic Ocean in Peril* on April 14.

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!

~ Susie Teicher, International Relations

SPRING LUNCHEON - May 14, 2015

Yes, plans are already under way for that special event where we celebrate our year and recognize those who have done so much for Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW. Chef Jessie at Whitmoor is planning a delicious menu and the creative Jill Norton will be working her wonders with decorations.

As with every branch activity, volunteers are important in making the luncheon a success, and thanks, in advance, to all who have agreed to give their time and talents. The menu tasting will take place on March 5. Make your reservations at the March and April branch meetings.

Be sure to reserve the date for this festive event and make your reservation early!

~ Judy Stagoski and Carol Derington, Spring Luncheon

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

NAMED GIFT HONOREES FOR 2015

Please Submit by March 20

One of the loveliest things we do each year is recognize our branch members who have made a significant contribution to the AAUW mission and goals. These ladies are honored at our Spring Luncheon.

We have so many generous members who give of their time, talent, and treasure to make Ballwin-Chesterfield such a success. You may nominate as many members as you like. Past honorees are listed in the directory; however, a member may be nominated again.

This year we will use a nomination form to collect information on potential awardees. Please download the form from the branch website. Nomination forms will also be available at the February and March branch meetings. Send nominations to Marianbauer@sbcglobal.net. Or, you may mail it to me—the address is in the directory.

Named Gift Committee members are Marilyn Beiter, Jane Clendenin, Diane Correll, Nance Roth, and Nancy Shephard.

Thanks,

~ Marian Bauer, Chair, and the Named Gift Committee

PUBLIC POLICY

The past year, 2014, has been quite a year for AAUW from empowering women at the ballot box to continuing groundbreaking efforts to close the pay gap.

AAUW's Lisa Maatz stood with Lily Ledbetter and the president as he signed executive orders to ban federal contractors from retaliating against workers who discuss their salaries. Thanks to these efforts, the U.S. Department of Labor will now collect wage data to help identify patterns of discrimination and support compliance.

AAUW promises to keep the momentum to empower women and girls in 2015. Some key challenges include these:

- the 22 percent gender pay gap that has barely budged in decades
- schools that disadvantage our daughters and granddaughters in science and math
- the lack of women elected to public office
- the barriers that women and girls face in our workplaces, schools, and legislatures.

All are unacceptable.

Looking forward, AAUW is excited about completing research which addresses biases and stereotypes that have held women back in engineering and computing fields. This spring, AAUW will launch its new report to delineate the concrete actions that families, schools, workplaces, and policy makers can take in the years to come.

College women have been helped to advocate for themselves and learn how to negotiate their salaries through \$tart \$mart workshops. In 2015, AAUW seeks to empower professional women to negotiate better salaries and benefits with the new tool Work \$mart.

AAUW remains a leader in leveling the playing field for women and girls.

~ *Barbara Butchart & Pat Shores, Public Policy*

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Ballwin-Chesterfield members had the opportunity to meet two of our scholarship awardees at the branch meeting on January 8, 2015. Marisa Yoder is a student at UMSL majoring in biology and Sandra Van Berkel is a student at Maryville majoring in biochemistry. Our support of the Dollars events helps them to complete their education in the STEM fields. They are most grateful for our assistance.

Fellowships and grants provided by EOF are a vital part of our educational endeavor. This year, the AAUW MO board has asked us to help fund the F. Elaine Richardson Grant (#4037). Thanks to all who contributed to the individual giving collection in November, we raised almost \$2,000 for this fund. Ballwin-Chesterfield members, along with members throughout the state, have been most generous in helping to complete this grant. At present, the grant stands at over \$25,000 and we are confident the goal of \$35,000 will be reached in the near future. Grant money can only be used when the grant is fully funded.

You may help by going to AAUW.org and clicking **Donate**.

~ *Marian Bauer and Linda Roberson, EOF*

LEGAL ADVOCACY NEWS

Medicaid Issues in Missouri

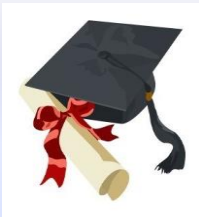
Missouri has continued to refuse to expand its Medicaid system under the 2010 federal health care law. Our state legislature has decided not to expand its Medicaid rolls to residents who make as much as 133 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$31,000 a year for a family of four. As a result of this decision, over 14,000 Missourians do not make enough money to qualify for subsidies in the federal health care exchange, but make too much to qualify for Medicaid.

This coverage gap is expected to affect more people each year. Hospitals are feeling the fiscal pinch of reduced reimbursement, which may affect care for uninsured patients. Each year, our state rejects roughly \$2 billion in federal subsidies that will continue until 2020. After 2020, the federal share of the costs of expanded coverage is set to drop to 90 cents on each dollar, leaving the other dime to the state. The concern of the Republican opponents is that the issue is not just about one dime, but rather about millions of dollars' worth of dimes and the fear that the federal government might reduce its share.

Is it fair to reduce health (including prevention) services for thousands of Missourians and to lose \$2 billion each year? Or, is it fair for our legislature to hold tight on expenditures that will increase after 2020?

LAF will keep you informed about future state legislative action on this important matter.

~ *Linda Evans, LAF*



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).

EXPLORE THE SPLENDOR OF ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST MAGNIFICENT THEATRES!

**Tuesday, Feb. 17
10:15 a.m. carpool from Trinity
*COST \$16**

The Fox Theatre opened in 1929 as one of the crown jewels in William Fox's motion picture empire. C. Howard Crane designed the six million dollar movie palace with a seating capacity of 5,060. In 1981, a major restoration occurred, including restoring the chandelier to its original brilliance, as well as rebuilding the majestic Wurlitzer organ to perform its rapturous melodies.

Come join Dollars for Scholars as we tour the Fox Theatre, which will include a brief performance on the Wurlitzer Theatre organ. The tour begins at the box office on Grand Avenue and lasts for 1 ½ hours. Parking is available on the Fox Theatre parking lot adjacent to the theatre. Please check with the parking lot attendant to be directed to a parking area.

LUNCH: (not included in price) will follow at The Fountain on Locust, 3037 Locust Street.

***COST:** \$6 for tour, \$10 for Dollars for Scholars. Make checks for \$16 payable to AAUW-B/C Branch.

Contact Barb Jowett (brjowett@yahoo.com) or Barb Tackitt (harvibarb@charter.net) for more information.

TOUR ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY

**Friday, February 27
10:30 a.m. carpool leaves 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.

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 (John Hoover, Director).

LUNCH: 11 a.m. at Spiro's, 8406 Natural Bridge Rd. The carpool will leave Trinity at 10:30 a.m. to accommodate those wanting to join us for lunch (not included in price). If you are only attending the tour, please be at the Library by 12:45 p.m.

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

PERENNIAL AND MORE

Wednesday, March 11, 9:15 a.m. 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! March 20, 8–10 a.m. COST \$15

You are cordially invited to a Dollars for Scholars event at Talbots in Chesterfield on Friday, March 20, before regular opening time.

A new spring fashion show will be presented and a complimentary, continental breakfast will be served. Guests are welcome. Please sign up at the February or March branch meetings.

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

**Don't Miss Our
2015 Dollars for Scholars High Tea, Friday, April 17**

Historic Sisters Tea House

505 West Main Street, Fenton, MO 63026

Gather at 11:30 a.m.



Watch for more information in the March *Branching Out*.

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.

February 19: Hostess, Dorle Bruschke
A discussion of *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd will be led by Dorothy Doyle.
Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net) if you wish to be on the Lit. I waiting list.

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

February 23: Hostess, Pam Valentine
A discussion of *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion will be led by Mersine Kallaos.
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.

February 10: Hostess, Marcia Block
A discussion of *To Timbuktu for a Haircut* by Rick Antonson will be led by Teri Steinberg.
This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (mhbblock@sbcglobal.net).

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

February 2: Hostess, Yvonne Morrison
A discussion of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernam will be led by Linda Roberson.
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.

February 16: Hostess, Yvonne Morrison
(ydmorrison@msn.com)

For more information, check with Julie Triplet (julietrip@charter.net).



TENNIS, ANYONE?

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

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
February 19: Contact Nancy Hughes

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

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge
February 11: Barb Jowett
February 25: Barb Jowett

BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge
February 19: Contact Mary LaRuffa

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

February 4: Contact Janet Ludewig

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

February 17: Diana Hauser

BRIDGE III 4th Wednesday

10 a.m. Hearth Room
February 25: Teri Steiberg

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill
February 3: Sally Goodman

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

February 10: Sheila Kalman

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

February 16: Jane Arneson

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

February 3: Jean Wagner

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

Hearth Room
February 24: Carolyn Baker

BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4th Tuesday,

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room
February 24: Contact Mary LaRuffa

GENEALOGY

Thursday, February 19
Missouri History Library, on Skinker

Come join the genealogy group and learn about your past. The Missouri History Library is great for researching St. Louis and St. Louis County relatives. Lots of information!

The library is open from noon–5 p.m. Meet at noon if you can, or in the afternoon, and work as long as you like. Contact Fran Reiland, fgreiland@me.com or fgreiland@sbcglobal.net, if you have questions.

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

~ Suzanne Couch, Fran Reiland, and Pat Shores

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).

OUT TO LUNCH GROUP

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

February 18: PEACEMAKER LOBSTER AND CRAB

1831 Sidney St., St Louis, 63104.
Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church at 10:45 a.m.

For reservations sign up at the February branch meeting or contact Harriett Hirschfeld (Hhirschfe@aol.com). All members and guests are welcome. This is an interesting seafood restaurant new to St. Louis with good reviews and interesting décor.

DIRECTIONS: from Trinity go left on Clayton to south on 141. Continue to Highway 44, turning left heading east. Continue to Jefferson; turn right heading south. Go past Gravois, turning left at Lynch St. Turn left at the first street, Indiana, which dead-ends at Sidney. Turn right and go to the last building on the left before going over 55. Park on the street.



MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

January 22: Hostess, Marcia Block
(mhblock@sbcglobal.net)

Movies for discussion: *Big Eyes*, *Foxcatcher*, *The Imitation Game*, *Into the Woods*, *Unbroken*, *Wild*

February 26: Hostess, Eileen Lesevoy
(esl622@charter.net)

For more information about this group, contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com)

EXPRESSIONS

1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

*Rockwood Bank, Hwy. 109
Wildwood 63040

February 3: Fleece Blankets



Babies in Mercy Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will be comforted by being wrapped in these **no-sew** baby blankets. Bring 2 yards of fleece, appropriate for a baby, yardstick or long ruler, and sharp scissors. A rotary cutter and mat would be useful, too, for this sweet project.

Contact Carol Derington (carol.derington@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Directions: Take Manchester Rd. west from Clarkson to Hwy. 109. Exit, then turn left, going south on 109 about one mile to the bank, on the left.

*Please park on the side of the bank near the side door, not in the front parking lot reserved for customers.

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).

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 TRAFFICKING IN THE 21ST CENTURY*, and *Brazil's Metamorphosis*.

Contact Roz Marx for more details.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Nominating Committee Needs Your Nominations!

Deadline: Thursday, January 20, 2015.

The committee, Julie Triplett, Mary Kay Wolfe, and Becky Kruse, ask for your 2015–17 officer nominations as follows:

Co-President, Co-Vice President of Program, Co-Vice President of Membership, and Finance Officer. Because of recent bylaws changes, nominations are also needed for three **elected Directors: Public Policy, Legal Advocacy, and Educational Opportunity.** Download the nomination form from branch website, flyers and forms page.

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

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE (1875-1955)

Invest in the human soul.

Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough.

Mary McLeod Bethune's words guided her as an educator and advisor. Born after emancipation to parents who had been slaves, Bethune's inspiring story is one devoted to learning and service. Bethune burned to bring education to other African Americans. She founded an elementary school focused on educating young girls and the Bethune-Cookman College. Bethune served in the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration and founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. Mary's words to her students inspire young people still today:

I leave you love. I leave you hope.

I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another. I leave you respect for the use of power.

I leave you faith.

I leave you racial dignity.

February, 2015 – Black History Month

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 10 a.m. BBC	3 9:30 a.m. Bridge IV 10 a.m. Duplicate Bridge I 1 p.m. Expressions	4 10:30a.m. Bridge I	5 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting	6 Directory Update Due	7
8	9	10 9:30 a.m. Bridge V 10:45 a.m. International Relations 1 p.m. Reading Reality	11 12:30 p.m. Bridge Buddies	12 8:45 a.m. Branch Meeting \$\$Used Book Sale	13	14 
15	16 10 a.m. Bridge VI 12:45 p.m. Play Readers 	17 11 a.m. \$\$ Tour Fabulous Fox 11 a.m. Bridge II 11:45 a.m. Downtown Lunch	18 11:30 a.m. Out-To-Lunch	19 9:30 a.m. Basic Bridge & Beyond 9:30 a.m. Literature I 10 a.m. Bridge Friends Noon–5 p.m. Genealogy	20	21 Coming in March Great Decisions 11 \$\$ Perennial 20 \$\$ Talbot Fashion Show 21 IBC Spring Fling
22	23 10 a.m. Literature II	24 9:45 a.m. Duplicate Bridge II 10:15 a.m. Beginners' Duplicate Bridge	25 10 a.m. Bridge III 12:30 p.m. Bridge Buddies	26 10 a.m. Movie Group 1:30 p.m. ¡Adelante!	27 10:30 a.m. \$\$ Tour Mercantile Library	28



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