March Branch Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Rd (at Woods Mill Rd.)

8:45 a.m. – Registration & Social Time
9:30 a.m. – Business Meeting
10:15 a.m. – Program
11:30 a.m. – Adjourn

Speaker: Denise Lieberman
Washington University

Voter Suppression
Voter Rights, Voter Suppression, and its Impact on Women

The right to vote is basic to Americans. The trend regarding voter identification laws can be characterized as the largest rollback of voter rights in a century. Hear the facts from Denise Lieberman, senior attorney for the Advancement Project’s Voter Protection Program.

Lieberman currently serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Political Science and School of Law at Washington University.

AAUW Priority: Social Justice

HOSPITALITY
Coordinating Hostess: Susan Haynes and Rebecca Kaley
Committee: Lorna Anderson, Karen Fatzinger, Susan Fenwick, Julia Goodon, Betty Jo Hogan, Michele Mangnall, Carol Reed, Rosann Swaringim, and Marian Weber.

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March is Women’s History month, or should we say HERSTORY Month? Hopefully you’ll all vote in the presidential primary on March 15—a great way to support It’s my Vote: I will be Heard—Getting Out the Vote (GOTV). Every meeting begins with the AAUW mission “...advocacy, education, philanthropy and research,” but how does that impact us as women on a daily basis? Here are a few facts:

~ We earn 77 cents to every dollar a man earns and the stats are worse for women of color–60 cents for African American women and 55 cents for Latinas, and we pay more for gender specific items.
~ 91 percent of colleges reported they had no issues of sexual assaults on their campuses, yet we know that one in four women is a victim of domestic violence.
~ Women are over 50 percent of the population, yet hold 88 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 20 in the Senate.
~ We’re “Silent Princesses”—a recent CBS Morning Show report indicated that in 11 of 12 Disney Princess movies, men spoke more. This includes Frozen, where females were the lead, yet they spoke only 41 percent of the time.
~ In 2015, 235 bills were introduced to restrict women’s reproductive rights.

What can you do? As a member of AAUW you should be signed up for AAUW Action Alerts and Washington Updates so you’re educated on the issues and how to advocate. Participate in the Equity Action Day on April 12 in Jefferson City and support GOTV activities. Attend the AAUWMO State Leadership Conference in Jefferson City on April 30. You’ll hear an AAUW board member and participate in workshops led by Grassroots Advocacy Manager Elizabeth Holden. Attend the AAUW Regional Conference in Kansas City June 3–4. Plan and attend a Dollars for Scholars event. Nominate a member for recognition at our May Luncheon. Volunteer to become a member of our board when there are openings.

As Eleanor Roosevelt said, “With each new day comes new strength and new thoughts.” I encourage you to think about how you can be more involved in the AAUW mission!

Karen Francis
**AAUW Events:**

- **April 12:** Equity Action Day
- **April 30:** AAUW MO meeting, DoubleTree, Jefferson City
- **June 3 & 4:** Midwest Ten State AAUW Biennial Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, Kansas

See the branch website for details and flyers on upcoming events.

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**AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH**

**3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.**

- **March 15:** Union Loafer’s Café & Bakery, 314-833-6111, 1629 Tower Grove, 63110
- **RSVP** to Kay Meyer (kimeyer51@gmail.com)

**AAUW ¡ADELANTE!** 4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Barnes and Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

- **March 24:** Women’s History Month
  - *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd will be reviewed by Karen Francis.

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

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**WEB SITE ADDRESS UPDATE**

Our branch will drop the current website address, aauwballwinchesterfield.org, and use the official web address given by national: ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauwnet.

Please change your bookmarks as needed. Both names will be current through October 4, 2016. Because we are picked up by search engines, just type ballwinchesterfield in your browser to pick up the website!

Questions? Contact Joyce Katz, web manager.

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**IBC SPRING FLING**

March 12, 11 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Enjoy fellowship with members of other AAUW branches. The annual Spring Fling luncheon will be held at Keegan’s Restaurant in the Highlands Golf & Tennis Center in Forest Park. The cost is $28. **The registration deadline is March 5.** Flyers and registration forms are available on the branch website.

The program will feature the Gateway Spotlight Chorus, a member of Sweet Adelines International. These women are committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop four-part harmony through education, competition, and performance. The St. Charles chapter will entertain with a variety of a cappella patriotic songs, show tunes, popular songs of yesteryear, and more.

The luncheon choices are chicken piccata or cheese manicotti served with a Mayfair salad, seasonal vegetable, whipped red potatoes, rolls and flatbreads, or a Cobb Salad paired with a fresh fruit cup and flatbreads. Dessert bars/cookies, coffee, and tea are included with all meals. A cash bar will be available.

Branches are providing raffle baskets and our branch participation in this event is very important.

~ Suzanne Couch, IBC Representative
NAMED GIFT HONOREES FOR 2016
Please Submit by March 18

It’s time again to recognize and honor our branch members who have made a significant contribution to the AAUW mission and goals. The ladies will be honored at our Spring Luncheon. We have so many generous members who give of their time, talent, and treasures to make the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch such a success. You may nominate as many members as you wish. Past honorees are listed in the Directory; however, a member may be nominated again.

Please download the nomination form from our branch website or get a nomination form at the March branch meeting. Send nominations to Suzanne Couch (couchsuzanne749@gmail.com), or mail them to her.

Thank you!

~ Suzanne Couch, Named Gift Committee

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Welcome our new members to the AAUW B-C branch.

Sandy Brody, Manchester 63021
Email: sandybrody163@gmail.com

Sandy is a retired elementary principal with a bachelor’s degree in speech communication from the University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo; a bachelor’s in elementary education from the University of Kansas, Lawrence; and a master’s in educational administration from UMSL.

She now enjoys reading, travel, eating, music, and movies.

~ Linda Seibert & Marilyn Fletcher, V-P Membership

DIRECTORY

The March 2016 Directory Supplement is sent with this newsletter and contains new or updated information since the December 2015 supplement. Thinking ahead to the 2016–17 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.

~ Leslie Wier & Marilyn Beiter, Directory

2016 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES
January through April 2nd Tuesday 10:45 a.m.
The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, 63117

At the February lecture, Ken Denson, a life-long environmentalist and son-in-law of member Julie Triplett, spoke earnestly about the Climate Crisis—Status post-Paris.

Coming up on March 8, John Horn, senior lecturer in economics, Olin Business School at Washington University, will present Microeconomics: How Incentives Drive Our Behavior. He will explain how consumers, companies, government agencies, workers, and managers make decisions and how those decisions affect the economy.

As usual, the meeting will begin promptly in the upper auditorium. Like church, admittance is free but donations are welcome! Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day’s topic with the speaker.

Remember, in case of inclement weather, dial 314-991-0955 ext. 224 to determine if the meeting is being held.

~ Susie Teicher, International Relations

SPRING LUNCHEON
May 12, Whitmoor Country Club, 11:15 a.m. Reservations: $26 by April 29, checks only

Please plan to attend the annual Spring Luncheon – Plant Your Dreams and Watch Them Grow. We anticipate an enjoyable day celebrating this year’s accomplishments, honoring members, and installing our new officers. Reservations may be made at the March and April branch meetings. You may also send your check made payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield to Carol Anthony or Kay Meyer, reservations co-chairs. After April 29, payments are not refundable.

Table selection and seating will be made at the time of reservation. Those members who want to be seated together should make their reservations at the same time. Guests are very welcome. There will be no valet service; however, greeters will be at the door to assist you.

Questions: contact Carol Derington by phone or at carol.derington@sbcglobal.net. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

~ Carol Derington and the Spring Luncheon Committee
PUBLIC POLICY

Sign Up Now For Two Important Upcoming Projects

Mid-February through Late May, Missouri Legislator Contacts

Just as we did with the ERA, we will be asking our members to contact Missouri legislators and encourage them to support pay equity bills and legislation that will lessen sexual assault on campus. Branch members who want to help will get directions locating their legislators and will receive weekly comments to send to their representatives about these two important AAUW issues. Barb and Pat are getting weekly reports on the new bills filed and a weekly status report on previous bills from a new service, State Net MO. This service will help monitor and manage pending legislation, so we can confidently assess the impact, influence proposed matters, prepare for upcoming changes, and deliver meaningful information to members across the state. AAUW State Policy Analyst Kate Nielson will also help us track the bills we want to watch. Although our main focus will be pay equity and campus sexual assault, we will, from time to time, ask members to contact legislators about other bills related to the AAUW mission.

Please tell Barb or Pat if you want to be included in making legislator contacts.

PUBLIC POLICY

Mid-February through October 12
It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard - 2016

B-C members signed up many new voters in 2012. We will again work to engage young women in the 2016 election by registering voters at a variety of community events, educating voters about ballot initiatives and state referenda, and ensuring that voters know their rights. Barb and Pat will share detailed instructions about how to have a successful registration drive and turn out the vote plan with members.

Please take the time now to tell Barb or Pat if you will participate in getting out the vote.

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

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Ballwin-Chesterfield members had the opportunity to meet Jamie Valentine, our scholarship awardee, who attends Maryville University. Jamie is majoring in biology. She was so pleasant and interesting. Jamie is a wife, mother, and a graduate of a rural high school and local community college. She is very happy to have our assistance in completing her undergraduate degree. We know she will be very successful in the future.

Your support of Dollars events makes stories like Jamie’s possible. Remember to continue supporting our book sale; books will be available at the March and April branch meetings.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCWSSL) will be presented June 2–4, 2016, at the University of Maryland. AAUW has participated in this event since 1985 and has been a major sponsor since 2000. Ballwin-Chesterfield will participate with IBC in choosing a local woman to attend this inspirational event. The woman will attend with the help of a scholarship from Ballwin-Chesterfield. Women who attend will hone their skills as leaders on their campuses and get valuable experience for their role as leaders in the future.

~ Marian Bauer & Linda Roberson, EOF Co-Directors

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

March is LAF Individual Giving Month
All Contributions Are Tax Deductible

Title IX Co-Author Patsy Mink

AAUW LAF supported cases are usually filed based on Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and/or Title IX of the United States Education Amendment of 1972, both of which include prohibition against sex discrimination. Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was written in order to end discrimination in various fields, it did not include any prohibition on gender discrimination in public education and federally assisted programs.

Patsy Mink, a Japanese-American U.S. Representative from Hawaii and strong supporter of equal rights, was co-author and co-sponsor of Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act, best known for its impact on high school and collegiate athletics. It states in part, “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

In October 2002, less than a month after her death, Congress passed a resolution to rename Title IX The Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush. Patsy Mink received a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama on November 24, 2014.

~ Doris Nistler, LAF Committee

AAUW Value Promise ~ by joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

AAUW Unifying Focus ~ Breaking through barriers.
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!

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

BRANCH BOOK COLLECTION & BOOK SALE CONTINUE, SEE BACK PAGE.

15th BIENNIAL TEAPOT EXHIBIT
Friday, March 4  10:30 a.m.
Craft Alliance, 6640 Delmar, U. City
COST: $10  Carpool from Trinity: 9:45 a.m.

Greet March with Interpretations, an exciting Craft Alliance exhibit.

This exhibit celebrates contemporary variations on a classic theme—the teapot. Over 50 teapots from nationally and locally recognized artists will highlight relationships between functionality and ornamentation.

Learn about the history of the teapot before attending the High Tea later in the month in a special presentation for AAUW B-C by an expert in the field.

Contact Mary LaRuffa (marylaruffa0@gmail.com) or Susan Heigel (sheigel@charter.net).

TEA AROUND THE WORLD
The Hearth Room, Lamp and Lantern Village
Thursday, March 31, 3–5 p.m.  COST: $27

You are invited to High Tea, a Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch tradition. The three-course menu includes soup, a selection of four tea sandwiches, pastries, scones, and a choice of steeped tea with each course.

Support Dollars for Scholars by signing up at an upcoming branch meeting or contact Mary LaRuffa (marylaruffa0@gmail.com) or Susan Heigel (sheigel@charter.net).

MO BOTANICAL LIBRARY & HERBARIUM TOUR  Tuesday, April 5  Tour 10 a.m.  COST: $20
Meet at the Monsanto Center lobby, 4500 Shaw Blvd. See the tulips, irises, azaleas, dogwood, and peonies as background. Tour the Herbarium, one of the world’s outstanding research resources for specimens and information on plants. Lunch is on your own at Favazza’s on the Hill following the tours. Contact Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com) or Barb McQuitty (bmcquitty841@gmail.com) or sign up at an upcoming branch meeting.

GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES
Monday, April 25  10 a.m. carpool from Trinity  COST: $22—$12 for tour, $10 for Dollars for Scholars

Take a guided walking tour of Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville, MO, headquarters of the Budweiser Clydesdales’ breeding operation. See newborns in the foaling area and find out what it takes to become a Budweiser Clydesdale. The indoor-outdoor tour, starting at 2 p.m., lasts 90 minutes. Photos are permitted throughout. Before leaving, sample complimentary Budweiser beer and stop at the gift shop for your Clydesdale souvenirs.

LUNCH: On the way to Warm Springs Ranch, stretch your legs and enjoy lunch in Rocheport at the Les Bourgeois Winery Blufftop Bistro, overlooking the Missouri River Valley. (Lunch is not included in the price.)

Sign up at the March branch meeting or contact Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com) in the price.)

Please make checks payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch.
Our Interest Groups are primarily social and bring members with similar interests together. Try one! Contact an Interest Group chair today. Interest Groups and their chairs are listed in the front of your Directory. Marilyn Fletcher (marilynfletcher597@gmail.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 2015–16 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 3/17 9:30 a.m.
Hostess, Terri Ciccolella (tgarden30@att.net)
A discussion of A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman will be led by Doris Nistler.
Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 3/28 10 a.m.
Hostess, Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com)
A discussion of Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee will be led by Joyce Katz.
Contact Joyce Katz (joyka234@aol.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesday 3/8 1 p.m.
Hostess, Dottie Schainker (dschainker@yahoo.com)
Note book change: A discussion of Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Eric Larson will be led by Bette Bude.
This group reads non-fiction selections. Contact Marcia Block (mhbloc@charter.net).

BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (BBC)
4th Monday 3/28 10 a.m.
Meet at Schnucks, Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Road
A discussion of Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell Jr. will be led by Brenda Ernst. RSVP to Brenda.
This group discusses nonfiction, especially biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies. Contact Brenda Ernst (ernst2@charter.net).

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?
Victorian Whodunit Mayhem at Buffalo Bill’s Wild West by Fedora Amis (Donna Ross) was released on February 17 by Five-Star Cengage, ISBN: 9781432831332.

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.
Note February hostess change.
February 25: Eileen Lesevoy (esl622@charter.net)
February movies are 45 Years, Hail Caesar, Race, Son of Saul, Lady in the Van, and Finest Hours.
March 24: Linda Evans (LindaKayslp@gmail.com)
For more information about this group, contact Doris Nistler (dnistler14@att.net) or Mersine Kallaos (mkallaos@prodigy.net).

GENEALOGY Monday, March 28 10 a.m.–noon
Luckys Market Community Room, elevator access NE corner of Clarkson & Clayton, Ellisville, 63017
Topic: Gaining a Historical Perspective for Your Genealogy
Facilitator: Roz Marx. Novices are welcome.
Contact Roz at (rozzzie1@yahoo.com) for more information.

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.
*NOTE new meeting place: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, 63141
March 1: Color Your Way into Spring
The new fad of coloring takes us back to our childhood. Perhaps you loved a new coloring book and a new box of colored pencils, much as I did! For this activity, we will provide coloring pages for your enjoyment as you create lovely spring pictures.

PLAY READERS 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.
March 21
Hostess, Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net)
For more information, check with 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 3: Middle East Alliances; March 10: The Islamic State; March 17: Kurdistan; March 24: Migration; and March 31: The Koreas. The sessions include coffee, tea, snacks, and a fascinating exploration of our current world events.
Contact Roz Marx (rozzzie1@yahoo.com) for more information.
**BRIDGE CALENDAR FOR MARCH**

To play or sub in a group, contact Marilyn Fletcher (marilynfletcher5107@gmail.com).

**BASIC BRIDGE & BEYOND**
9:30 a.m. Heath Room  
3rd Thursday, 3/17: Contact Nancy Hughes

**BRIDGE BUDDIES**  
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4th Wednesday, 3/23: Judy Stagoski

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1st Wednesday, 3/2: Contact Janet Ludewig

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3rd Tuesday, 3/15: Kay Kreder

**BRIDGE III**  
10 a.m. Heath Room  
4th Wednesday, 3/23: Margo Foster

**BRIDGE IV**  
9:30 a.m. Kaldi’s  
1st Tuesday, 3/1: Nancy Hughes

**BRIDGE V**  
9:30 a.m. Kaldi’s  
2nd Tuesday, 3/8: Nancy Hughes

**BRIDGE VI**  
10 a.m. Heath Room  
3rd Monday, 3/21: Jane Arneson

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE I**  
9:50 a.m.  
1st Tuesday, 3/1: Elaine Frost

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE II**  
Note change in place.  
9:45 a.m. Aberdeen Heights  
4th Tuesday, 3/22: Alice Crippen

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**OUT TO LUNCH GROUP**  
3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.  
March 16: McGURK’S PUBLIC HOUSE  
108 S. Main St., O’Fallon, MO 63366

Meet us at McGurk’s in O’Fallon one day before St. Patrick’s Day when “everyone is Irish!” The pub is in an historic building in the old section of the 1880’s boomtown, O’Fallon, where the food is authentic and tasty.

Contact Harriett Hirschfeld (hhirschfe@aol.com) with your reservation. You also may sign up at the March branch meeting.

All members and friends are welcome.

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**GOLF**
Mondays

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

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**REMEMBER!**

**DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS —WITH A TWIST!**

The March and April branch meetings are your last chances to clean out your bookshelves and donate your books! You may wish to browse through the offerings at each branch meeting. Make a purchase and support women scholars; all remaining items will be sold to local used bookstores with proceeds going to Dollars for Scholars.

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

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**WHEN THERE IS NO PLANET EXPRESSIONS**

**3/1**  
1. Expressions, 1 p.m.

**3/3**  
Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Great Decisions, noon

**3/4**  
$$ Teapot Exhibit 10:30 a.m.

**3/7**  
Great Decisions, noon

**3/8**  
International Relations, 10:45 a.m.

**3/10**  
Reading Reality, 1 p.m.

**3/15**  
1st Tu esday, 10:45 a.m.

**3/16**  
Branch Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

**3/18**  
Great Decisions, noon

**3/22**  
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**COMING IN APRIL**

**3/5**  
$$ MO Botanical Library and Herbarium Tour

**3/12**  
Equity Action Day

**3/25**  
$$ Clydesdales Boonville Tour

**3/29**  
Spring Luncheon Reservation Deadline

**3/30**  
AAUW of Missouri Meeting