It's spring and time 'to spring into action’ regarding equal pay!! This is your personal invitation to attend the Equality Day Rally in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 14. Equal pay has been an issue for AAUW since 1896–this is no typo–when the first research report, Compensation in Certain Occupations of Women Who Have Received College or Other Special Training was published. Recently, at the Academy Awards, this issue was in the spotlight. According to the latest data, we now earn 78 cents for every dollar a man makes. At that rate; we will catch up with what men earn by 2058! The figure is even lower for African American women earning 64 cents on the dollar and Hispanic women at 55 cents for the same work. But, do you know what that means in practical terms? After a woman graduates from college, she will earn $1.2 million less than a man with the same degree and if she graduates with an MBA, law degree, or medical degree, she would lose 2 MILLION DOLLARS over her career! What could we all have done with that $1.2 - $2 million? Forty percent of women are the sole or primary source of income for their family. The Institute of Women Policy Research has predicted our poverty rate would be cut in half if women were paid equal wages. Don’t your daughters, granddaughters, and their families deserve better? If so, join your AAUW “sisters” on the bus that will leave from Trinity and take us to the Equality Day Rally.

In April we'll elect our new officers and directors, and you'll have an opportunity to volunteer to serve on committees like STEM. Bette Bude, Marcia Block, Sandra Murdock, and I recently volunteered at the Expanding Your Horizons in Mathematics & Science Conference. More than 400 girls, grades 7–10, were introduced to STEM careers. Our STEM committee budget paid the registration for 25 girls. It was an awesome day!

Our branch is successful because YOU chose to volunteer for our many activities. As always, we're open to all suggestions to make B-C even better!

See you on the bus!  

~ Karen Francis

**BOARD MEETING:** The next board meeting is April 2, 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.
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!
Have your say in AAUW’s future by casting your vote!

WHO: All AAUW members
WHAT: the 2015 AAUW ELECTION.
VOTE on the 2015-17 Public Policy Program; VOTE on five proposed amendments* to AAUW Bylaws; VOTE for directors for the AAUW Board—a B-C member is on the ballot!
WHEN: Between April 15 and June 19, 2015.
WHERE: At your computer or by mail-in ballot.
WHY: Every members’ vote is important!

To learn about issues and candidates, use the upcoming spring/summer issue of Outlook or AAUW National Election 2015 Voter Guide (www.aauw.org/resource/nationalelection)

*Bylaws Proposed Amendments:
1. Eliminate the Degree Requirement for Membership.
2. Provide A Process For Filling Vacancies After Voting Has Begun.
3. Change of Titles for Leadership and Board of Directors.
4. Permit 2-Term Director to Serve as President.
5. Permit 2-Term Committee Member to Serve on a Different Committee.

AAUW MO State Meeting
Saturday, May 2, 2015
Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, MO
Be sure to register by April 15
Get the registration form from the website

Erica Stout, AAUW Training and Program Manager, will present two sessions: “How to Market Your Branch” and “Designing Engaging Meetings.”

Need more information? Contact julietrip@att.net

DIRECTORY

NEW for the 2015–16 Directory: If you pay dues at the Spring Luncheon, please come to our Directory table to reserve your Directory for the fall (on paper, electronically, or both). You may also reserve a Directory, provide new information, or place an advertisement via email to either Marilyn Beiter (wlbeiter@swbell.net) or Leslie Wier (wierls@sbcglobal.net).

Joyce Katz will take a new or re-take picture at the luncheon or you may email or mail her a picture.

Firm directory deadline: if you have not paid dues by July 17, you will not be in the directory until a later supplement. This will help us meet printing deadlines without last-minute crunches.

~ Leslie Wier & Marilyn Beiter, Directory
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2015—16
A Message From the Finance Officer

AAUW accepts dues payments online via credit card. Annual dues for national, state, and branch total $81. Online payment is preferred, if possible. AAUW electronically deposits the state and local dues into the respective accounts. If you plan to pay by check, please write your $81 check to AAUW. Please remember not to add Ballwin-Chesterfield on the payable line of your check.

I will be collecting annual dues at the April or May branch meetings. Or you may mail your check to me, Rita Hawkins-Page; please refer to your Directory for mailing address. If you need help making your payment on line, you may contact Joyce Katz for assistance.

~ Rita Hawkins-Page, Finance

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
A SINCERE WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER
We look forward to welcoming Tevy at branch events and to our AAUW community.

Karen (Tevy) M. Vetter
Email: tevvetter@gmail.com

Tevy earned her bachelor's degree in education from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Tevy has now retired from her careers in real estate and teaching. She especially enjoys skiing and playing golf.

~ Linda Seibert & Marilyn Fletcher, V-P Membership

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES
The Ethical Society on Clayton Road 10:45 a.m.

April 14: Will 3-D Printing Change the World? is the last lecture presented by AAUW and TWA. Warren Doherty, Market Wide Format Specialist at Konica Minolta, will be the speaker.

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.

~ Susie Teicher, International Relations

SUMMER PICNIC
May 19: 10 a.m.
There will be a meeting for all helpers at Barb Schillhans's home.

Please RSVP to Barb by email (baschillhahn@gmail.com) or by phone.

SPRING LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
May 14, 2015, WHITMOOR COUNTRY CLUB, 11:15 a.m.
Reservations: $25

And We All Shine On, Like the Moon, and the Stars, and the Sun

Please join fellow branch members and their guests to celebrate another successful branch year! Reservations may be made at the April branch meeting or send your check payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield to Becky Kruse or Nance Roth, Reservations Co-Chairs (consult Directory for mailing address). Note that payment is by check only. All reservations and payments must be received by April 23. After April 23, payments are non-refundable. No tickets will be issued.

As in previous years, table selection and seating will be made at the time of reservation. We welcome guests. To ensure that all ladies in a party be seated together, all members of the party please reserve at the same time.

There will be no valet service; however Greeters will be at the door for assistance. There is a covered portico for drop-off and the parking lot is flat.

Questions: contact by email Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com); Carol Derington, (carol.derington@sbcglobal.net); or Barb Jowett, (briowett@yahoo.com), or by phone as listed in the Directory.

~ Judy Stagoski and Carol Derington, Spring Luncheon
PUBLIC POLICY

The Gender Pay Gap: Missouri

According to current statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, median earnings for U.S. full-time working women were 78 percent of men’s median earnings—a gap of 22 percent. Progress to close the gap has stalled in the last decade and the gap is even greater for women of color. More than 50 years after passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, it’s clear that the pay gap is unlikely to go away on its own. AAUW is leading a nationwide campaign to close the pay gap and end pay discrimination. Go to www.FightForFairPay.org for more information.

AAUW reports Missouri men's median earnings were $43,921 compared to women’s earnings of $34,708. The ratio is 73 – 87 percent depending upon where you live. A study from the Women’s Foundation and the University of Missouri’s Truman School of Public Affairs confirms that economic independence for women tops the list of state problems. The wage gap is even greater for the 865,738 women who work full-time and earn 29 percent less than the million men full-time workers.

If you are concerned about the wage gap, please join us on Tuesday, April 14, for Equal Rights Action Day in Jefferson City. A bus will leave from Trinity at 6:30 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. Visit the B-C website to see the flyer and bus arrangements. Let Pat Shores know right away if you want to ride the bus.

~ Pat Shores & Barbara Butchart, Public Policy

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

AAUW is a leader in advancing educational, professional, and economic opportunities for women by providing nearly $4 million annually for fellowships and grants. Six grants and fellowships are available to aid the advancement of women today.

One of these fellowships is the Selected Professions Fellowship. These fellowships are awarded to women to pursue a full-time course of study in a master’s or professional degree program in which women’s participation traditionally has been low. Selected Professions Fellowships are available in the fields of architecture, computer/information, engineering, and mathematics/statistics. Other Selected Professions Fellowships are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in the fields of business administration, law, and medicine.

Your generous support of EOF funds helps to provide these exceptional opportunities to women who will be the leaders of the future.

~ Marian Bauer & Linda Roberson, EOF

LEGAL ADVOCACY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: October 24 Trivia Night for LAF

Thank you to all members who contributed to LAF at the March branch meeting. If you missed the meeting, you may still donate to LAF online or by check sent to Linda Evans (address in Directory). LAF donations fund AAUW’s support for legal cases challenging sexual discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Here is a result from a LAF supported case.

Feather River Community College Cases: In 2005, three employees, one male and two female, sued the college for sex discrimination and retaliation of reporting Title IX compliance issues and sexual harassment complaints. The male employee lost his job after reporting a student’s sexual harassment complaints and for advocating for equal pay for a new-hire female head coach. The new head coach was hired, but never paid, and was forced to resign. The other female faculty member was also sexually harassed after reporting the student’s complaints and was forced to resign. The case was finally heard in 2009 by the California’s State Personnel Board. The decision in favor of the three plaintiffs ordered reinstatement and awarded back pay and damages. After a lengthy appeal by Feather River, the CSP upheld the judge’s 2009 decision in favor of the plaintiffs. After eight years, the plaintiffs hope to receive their restitution.

This case matters because the civil rights laws are only effective if they are enforced. It is important to protect employees who have the courage to speak out and do the right thing.

~ Linda Evans, LAF

STEM

Girls of Promise Program Expands

The STEM committee is excited to report an expansion of our program. In addition to recognizing five junior women from Valley Park High School, Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School is added this year. On Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m, we will recognize five juniors from MRH at an awards program. On Thursday April 30 at 7 a.m., we will recognize five juniors from Valley Park. These young women have been selected by their STEM teachers for excellence and promise in the STEM fields.

If anyone would like to join us for the recognition at either or both schools, please let Sandra Murdock or Marcia Block know.

~ Marcia Block & Sandra Murdock, STEM
BARBARA MCQUITTY joined the branch four years ago and is currently serving a second year as the Co-Vice President of Program for AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield. Since joining, she has worked with the Public Policy Committee, been active in the Lifelong Learning@UMSL, and participates in interest groups for the branch. She attended the 2013 AAUW Convention in New Orleans, Interbranch Council meetings, and the AAUW MO Convention in Columbia.

Barbara earned her bachelor’s degree in business management, attending Washington University and graduating from Webster University. She worked primarily in the non-profit world, serving as the Executive Director at the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders, the CEO of the National Kidney Foundation, and the Executive Director of the Older Women’s League. Now retired, Barbara plans to be active in the AAUW organization and work with other causes as a volunteer.

A Ballwin-Chesterfield member since 2006, JUDY STAGOSKI immediately became Hospitality Co-Chair for the following three years. She served one term each as Branch Secretary and Co-Vice President Membership and currently is Spring Luncheon Co-chair. Judy has served on the committees for Fall Brunch, Winter Auction, Spring Luncheon, and Summer Picnic annually. She co-hosted a table at three High Teas. She attends the State Leadership Conference in May and attended the 2014 Biennial Regional Convention. She attends and supports Dollars for Scholars events and has been an event organizer. She is active in several interest groups.

Judy is a graduate of Fontbonne University where she earned a degree in education. She taught in elementary schools of the St. Louis Archdiocese for 25 years. During her last three years, she was principal of St. Dismas School, Florissant, MO.

JO ANN BLACK joined AAUW in the fall of 2004 after teaching 31 years in the Parkway School District. After retirement Jo Ann continued to work for Parkway teaching long-term substitute positions. She has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri Columbia, a master’s degree in Special Reading from UMSL, and advanced studies as a Reading Recovery Specialist.

Jo Ann served as co-chair for the summer picnic for two years and has served on the membership committee. She also initiated the start of the Saturday Night Singles group and has participated in various AAUW activities.

Jo Ann enjoys attending the Symphony and other concerts, the Fox, and a book club. She currently is a Trustee for her Village and serves on two boards. Jo Ann has two married children and two grandchildren.

RITA HAWKINS-PAGE joined the branch in 2008 after being invited to the Fall Brunch. She quickly became involved in bridge, a non-fiction book group, Saturday Night Singles—prior to marrying Larry Page, and Dollars for Scholars. Rita became so involved in Dollars she was asked to become a Co-chair, which she agreed to do with Becky Ragan. After one year in this position, she was asked to become the Finance Officer in 2013.

Rita graduated from UMSL in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and started teaching in Jennings. Returning to college, she earned a master’s degree from Maryville in environmental curriculum in 1997. Rita retired from teaching in 2006 after 31 years in Parkway. She continues to run her pet service, PAWS. Rita enjoys traveling with her husband Larry and, when possible, her dog ChiChi.

Officer and Director nominations respectfully submitted by Julie Triplett, Becky Kruse, and Mary Kay Wolfe, Nominating Committee.
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FUND CO-DIRECTORS

MARIAN BAUER joined AAUW in 2005 after retiring from 40 years in elementary education. She has served as Historian, International Relations Chair, branch Co-president 2011–13, and EOF Co-chair. Her committee membership includes Membership, Finance, Get Out the Vote, ERA, and EOF. Marian has helped with various luncheons, brunch, the auction, and participated in the ER Walk. She attended several state and regional conventions and the 2011 AAUW Convention in DC. She supports Dollars for Scholars and participates in interest groups. Marian received the Named Gift Award in 2009 and the Outstanding Branch Member Award in 2013, and she states that she is committed to equity for women and girls.

LINDA HOBESON joined the branch in 2011. She served one year as Summer Picnic Co-chair and two years as EOF Co-chair, first getting involved as a member of each committee. Linda has enjoyed attending the High Tea as a guest and last year co-hosted one of the tables. She attends many Dollars for Scholars events, Biography Book Club, Adelante Book Club, Out-to-Lunch, Canasta at Whitmoor CC, and is a very enthusiastic Mah Jongg player. Linda received her bachelor's degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills and a master's in education from Maryville University. She retired from teaching in the Webster Groves School District four years ago.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND CO-DIRECTORS

LINDA EVANS joined AAUW in 2013 and currently serves as LAF Chairperson. She is an active member of the Public Policy Committee. She attended the Missouri Women’s Network banquet and legislative retreat. She participates in Dollars for Scholars, Out-to-Lunch, Movie Interest Group, and Canasta. Linda earned a bachelor of science in speech pathology from Western Illinois University and master of science from Central Missouri State University. She worked as a speech-language pathologist in hospital and school settings and as an Area Coordinator for Special School District of St. Louis County. She enjoys duplicate bridge, choir, Bible study, and theatre.

JULIA TRIPLETT has been an active leader of AAUW B-C serving in a number of positions, including Co-president, LAF chair, EOF chair, and Recognition chair. She shared the leadership of the Community Action Grant that provided science and math training for Wellston Middle school students and, through her efforts, funds were raised for the project's second year. Julia is a past president of AAUW MO and also served as AAUW MO LAF chair. For five years, she chaired the Association Community Action Panel and later served on the Nominating Committee. Julie co-chaired the Volunteer Committee for the AAUW Convention held in St. Louis. Julie received the 2008 Barbara Lackritz Service Award.

PUBLIC POLICY CO-DIRECTORS

BARBARA BUTCHART joined the branch in 2001 and is currently Co-chair of Public Policy. She has served as co-chair for the Legal Advocacy Fund, Trivia Night, and Spring Luncheon. She is on the EOF and Membership committees. Barb has hosted numerous Dollars for Scholars events and currently hosts monthly Canasta, which raises funds for EOF and LAF. Barb has attended state, regional, and national conventions and received the 2013 Barbara Lackritz Service Award. She works with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in starting the St. Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Barb received a bachelor's degree from St. Louis University and a masters degree from Webster University.

DR. A. PATRICIA (PAT) SHORES is a current Public Policy Co-Chair, Co-chair of Genealogy, and a newsletter proof reader. She recently served the branch as Restructuring Committee Facilitator, led the Get Out the Vote and ERA campaigns and was branch co-president and treasurer. Pat acts as the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Service Award Selection Committee Chair and was the 2010 Lackritz Service Award recipient. She serves as AAUW MO Communications Chair and is on the state and regional convention committees. Pat represents B-C on several collaborating organizations: the Missouri Women’s Network, SLEVAN Court Watch, St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT) Secretary, and the UMSL Lifelong Learning Advisory Council.
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!

SEE THE NEWEST ART MUSEUM EXHIBIT, **NAVIGATING THE WEST**, BY MISSOURI’S MOST FAMOUS ARTIST, GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM

Tuesday, April 28, 10:15 a.m. Tour 9:15 a.m. carpool from Trinity  
St. Louis Art Museum, One Fine Art Drive, Forest Park, St. Louis 63230 

**Limited to the first 20 participants who sign up**

Join us on for a visit to the St. Louis Art Museum to explore life along the rivers of the new frontier through the masterworks of Missouri's most famous artist, George Caleb Bingham. We will take a docent-led tour of the 22 paintings and related drawings and prints on view from the museum collection and on loan from other museums and prominent collectors. Make your $22 check out to AAUW B-C with Dollars for Scholars on the memo line.

Please RSVP to Marian Bauer (marianbauer@sbcglobal.net) or Pat Shores (apatriciashores@att.net)

LUNCH: On your own at Panorama, which will offer special dishes inspired by *Navigating the West*  
*COST – $22 Total, $10 for Dollars for Scholars and $12 (senior rate) for Art Museum Special Exhibit. Art Museum members get into the exhibit FREE.
TOUR FREDERICK BATES’ THORNHILL FARM
Friday, May 29 10 a.m.  COST: $14
Faust Park, 15189 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO 63017

Join a docent-led tour and relive pioneer history as you visit the Thornhill farm of Missouri’s second governor, Frederick Bates, his wife, and their children. The home, a Virginia-style “plantation,” along with the barn, reconstructed summer kitchen, ice and smoke house, orchard and herb garden show how the Bates family lived on the frontier in the early 1800’s. The family cemetery is located near-by. Frederick Bates was more than just a farmer; he played a pivotal role in bringing the Louisiana Territory under the control of the United States government.

Lunch will be at Yia Yia’s and is not included in the cost.

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

Directions: Meet in the parking lot behind the St. Louis Carousel at Faust Park

Please Note: This tour is completely different from last year’s tour of the Faust Historic Village.

BEE-DAZZLED IN THE GARDEN
GARDEN PARTY LUNCHEON  Cost: $25
Wednesday, June 3, 11:30 a.m.*
1808 Sumter Ridge Court, Chesterfield 63017, Laqueta Barstow’s Home

It’s June – breezes blowing, flowers budding, spirits soaring. Start your summer with a friend at a lovely garden party and enjoy an afternoon luncheon prepared by our members, good conversation, relaxation, and a surprise or two!

In keeping with a garden party theme, hats and long skirts are lovingly suggested, but are optional. Laqueta has beautiful hats for anyone wishing to borrow one.

Please park at the Villages of Baxter Ridge Subdivision Clubhouse parking lot. Complete directions will be printed in the May-June Branching Out newsletter. Beginning at 11:15 a.m., the Barstow Chauffeur Service will begin, driving attendees from the parking lot to the Bee-utiful garden party. Make checks payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield. Deadline is May 16.

Questions: Contact hostess Laqueta Barstow (laquetabarstow@sbcglobal.net or call using the number printed in the Directory).

*Rain date is Thursday, June 4

GUIDED TOUR OF THE HILL
Thursday, June 11 9:30 a.m. Carpool from Trinity at 8:50 a.m.
COST: $20

Join native Joe DeGregorio on a walking/riding tour that covers the colorful history of the Italian immigrants. Enjoy a homemade ravioli-making demo at Mama Toscano’s. Tour the historic St. Ambrose Church. Learn the game of bocce at the indoor Italia-American Bocce Club. Visit wonderful Italian markets and bakeries. Lunch (not included in the cost) will be at Anthonino’s.

Sign up at the April branch meeting or contact Barb Jowett (briowett@yahoo.com).
OUR INTEREST GROUPS are primarily social and bring members together who have a similar interest to enjoy an activity. Some groups, such as bridge, must limit their numbers, but others are open and people come as often as they can. Try one! Contact an Interest Group chair today.

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

BOOK GROUPS

Please RSVP to the hostess by the Friday before your meeting. Check the B-C Directory for her address.


LITERATURE I 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
April 16: Hostess, Carol Thomas
A discussion of Bitter Brew by William Knoedelsieder will be led by Elaine Frost.
Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net) for more information about this group.

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.
April 27: Hostess, Pat Shores and Joan Lunt
A discussion of The Round House by Louise Erdrich will be led by Pat Shores.
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.
April14: Hostess, Becky Ragan
A discussion of Empty Mansions by Bill Dedman and John Clark Newell, Jr. will be led by Becky Ragan.
This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (mhbblock@sbcglobal.net).

BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (BBC) 1st Monday, 10 a.m.
April 6: Hostess, Brenda Ernst
A discussion of The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown will be led by Susan Shepperd.
This group reads and discusses nonfiction, especially biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies. We welcome new members. Contact Brenda Ernst (ernst2@charter.net) for more information.

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.
March 26: Hostess, Pam Valentine (pamsueval@charter.net)
Movies for discussion: Leviathan, McFarland, Red Army, The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Two Days One Night

April 23: Hostess, Dot Soskin (dotsoskin@gmail.com)
For more information about this group, contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

BRIDGE GROUPS

Any Ballwin-Chesterfield branch member 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
April 16: Nancy Hughes

BRIDGE BUDDIES 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
Hearth Room: lunch and bridge
April 8: Jane Clendenin
April 22: Barb Tackitt

BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room: lunch and bridge
April 16: Jane Arneson

BRIDGE I 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Hearth Room
April 1: Contact Janet Ludewig

BRIDGE II 3rd Tuesday, 11 a.m.
Villa Farotto
April 21: Marjorie Klutho

BRIDGE III 4th Wednesday
10 a.m. Hearth Room
April 22: Jeanne Wagner

BRIDGE IV 1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Kaldi’s at Schnucks Woods Mill
April 7: Teresa Reeves

BRIDGE V 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
April 14: Sue Eastes

BRIDGE VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room
April 20: Jackie Fleck

DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.
April 7: Marilyn Morton

DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4th Tuesday, 9:45 a.m.
Hearth Room
April 28: Chris Magilligan

BEGINNERS’ DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4th Tuesday,
10:15 a.m. Hearth Room
April 28: Marilyn Beiter
GREAT DECISIONS 2015 - Inspiring Learning about the World
Thursday in April, Noon—1:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd., 63117-1003
Join a fascinating exploration of our world as presentations and discussions continue in April.
Contact Roz Marx for more information.

April 2: US Policy towards Africa “The US has promised to promote ‘Strong institutions, not strong men,’ and to favor good governance and healthy economies over profits. How can the US live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?”
April 9 : Syria’s Refugee Crisis “As Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and other neighbors strive to accommodate the millions of Syrian refugees, the risk of allowing Syrians to become dependent on emergency aid and forming a 'lost generation' remains. Ultimately, the safety of displaced Syrians rests with the international community.”
April 16: Privacy in the Digital Age “Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn’t kept pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.”
April 23: Brazil’s Metamorphosis “After economic troubles in the 1990’s, Brazil has risen to new global prominence. But some of Brazil’s trickiest problems—deep divisions over how to tackle serious income inequality, weak civic institutions, and poor regional leadership—have held it back.”

OUT TO LUNCH GROUP
3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
April 15: PEACEMAKER LOBSTER AND CRAB NOTE: This restaurant was cancelled in February due to bad weather. OTL group will try again!
1831 Sidney St., St Louis, 63104. Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church at 10:45 a.m.

For reservations, sign up at the April branch meeting or contact Harriet 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.

GOLF Mondays
Our golf season will gear up again in April. We play at different courses. All skill levels above beginner are welcome! Play for fun—9 or 18 holes—and come as often as you can. If you are interested in playing golf, contact the Bev Wait (wait89@aol.com) or Elaine Frost (elfrost7@charter.net).

GENEALOGY
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. We welcome new members. Please contact Fran Reiland (freiland@sbcglobal.net) for upcoming events.
~ Suzanne Couch, Fran Reiland, and Pat Shores

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

PLAY READERS 3rd Monday, 12:45 p.m.
April 20: Hostess, Marilyn Fletcher (marilynfletcher597@gmail.com)
For more information, check with Julie Triplet (julietrip@charter.net).

TEEN, ANYONE?
Are you interested in playing tennis once a week? Please contact Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com).

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.  Rockwood Bank, Hwy. 109, Wildwood 63040
April 7: BOX GREETING CARDS
Join us in welcoming spring with unique greeting cards. Sage Tabor, whose box greeting cards were a hit at the Winter Auction Boutique, was asked to show members how to create their own. Attendees will create box cards with a spring theme and they will leave with a template to make their own to decorate as they wish. Materials to Bring: scissors, double stick tape, pop dots (optional). Most supplies will be available to make the assembled kits. Cost: $5 each.
Contact Sage (sagemo@aol.com) 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.
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**Coming in May**

- 2 AAUW MO meeting
- 8 Deadline for requesting optional paper ballot for AAUW National Election
- 14 B.C Spring Luncheon
- 19 Summer Picnic Meeting
- 29 $$ Thornhill Farm Tour

**April Calendar**

Remember to **Vote**

AAUW all-member voting begins in April.

April begins the Voting Period