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# 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, branch meetings will be cancelled.*



**PRESIDENTS'  
CORNER**



March is always a wondrous month for me. Winter can't last much longer and the signs of spring will begin any day.

It was two years ago this month that I began my odyssey as co-president, and as my tenure is coming to a close, I have been reflecting on the job as I now know it and how it differs from what I previously believed the job to be.

My pre-conceived notion was that the co-presidents were involved in so many things that having a life beyond Ballwin-Chesterfield was next to impossible, or at least required super-human stamina and abilities. The reality of the co-presidency is that it not only is manageable, but the rewards far outweigh the negatives. Being co-president has given me the opportunity to work with our members across the board, not just those members of a single committee or interest group. My collaboration with my co-president, Karen Francis, has deepened a friendship which began twenty years ago. I have expanded my knowledge of AAUW and the important issues that I am passionate about. I have truly been blessed to have held this office and my commitment to the AAUW mission has only become stronger. I am looking forward to serving Ballwin-Chesterfield in other capacities in the years to come.

I am sharing my feelings about the co-presidency because I hope you will reconsider any pre-conceived notions you may have about the work of our branch. This year, finding people to fill various positions has been difficult and time-consuming, in part because of the false perceptions of what most jobs entail. I realize that you have a life beyond AAUW, and family, health, and other personal issues certainly have to be considered. Much of what we take for granted in our branch is actually the work of members who find the time to do a job. Much of our work does not require an enormous outlay of time or energy, but the willingness to put ourselves out there. I truly believe that you will be rewarded, as I have, if you will consider going the extra mile.

~ *Suzanne Couch*

**BOARD MEETING:** The next board meeting is March 5, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend. Contact Suzanne Couch, [couchsuzanne749@gmail.com](mailto:couchsuzanne749@gmail.com), if you cannot be there.

## March Branch Meeting

**Thursday, March 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**

**Speaker: Bev Schuetz**

Bev Schuetz is a popular, dynamic speaker and an experienced performer who has appeared in regional and community theater. Members have enjoyed several of Schuetz's "History Talks" in previous years.

## *Justices for All*

~ Be enlightened and entertained by a fascinating review of the United States Supreme Court.

~ Hear about famous cases and the colorful justices who decided them.

~ Prepare to change your idea of the Supreme Court after learning about the brilliant justices and the decisions that have determined the course of our nation.

***This program promises to be both  
challenging and interesting!!***

## **HOSPITALITY**

**Coordinating Hostess: Jane Clendenin**

**Hostesses: Lorna Anderson, Karen Fatzinger, Judy Green, Susan Haynes, Becky Kaley, Michele Mangnall, B. J. Portas, and Susan Zerjav.**

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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

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Linda Seibert, [lindaibseibert63@gmail.com](mailto:lindaibseibert63@gmail.com).

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### DIRECTORY

#### Update for 2014–15 Directory

The March 2015 Directory supplement information is included with this newsletter. It contains new or updated information since the December 2014 supplement.

Thinking ahead to the 2015–16 Directory to be distributed in September, we ask that if your picture is not yet in the directory or if you would like a retake please have Joyce Katz take it at a branch meeting. You may also mail or email a picture to Joyce ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)). Your picture will be returned to you.

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

### SAVE THE DATE

**April 14: Rally for Equity**  
**Jefferson City, MO**

### St. Louis Metro Inter-Branch Council News

Spring Fling, March 21

Cost \$28

The Highlands in Forest Park

Registration: 11 a.m. Lunch: Noon

Send your reservation check to Carol Davis McDonald by March 6. Flyers/registration forms are available on IBC and branch websites.

**Program:** Rachel Carson historical enactment by Dianne Moran and presentation of the Barbara Lackritz Service Award to outstanding IBC member Debbie McWard.

**Menu:** Entrée choice of chicken piccata, pork medallions, or a vegetarian option; plus Mayfair salad, seasonal vegetable, whipped red potatoes, carrot cake, and beverages. A cash bar will be available.

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

~ **Erlaine Eltomi, IBC Representative**

### AAUW MO State Meeting and National Leadership Training

So you can't go to San Diego—AAUW MO is bringing a piece of National to you on May 2. Linda Hallman, AAUW CEO, will join us, as will Erica Stout, AAUW Training and Program Manager. Linda will update us on what is happening at National and give us information about the new research.

Erica Stout, AAUW Training and Program Manager, will present two sessions: "How to Market Your Branch" and "Designing Engaging Meetings." We are so fortunate to have been chosen as one of the states to have Erica as a presenter.

The Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia was selected as the site for the AAUW MO meeting. It proved to be a great facility for us last year and we have been promised no fire alarms this year! Look for the registration form on our website and join your AAUW MO friends for a great day.

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

### AAUW IBC DOWNTOWN LUNCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

March 17: Rooster (Crepes), 3150 South Grand, 63118 (314 772 3447)  
RSVP to Kay Meyer, [kicmeyer51@gmail.com](mailto:kicmeyer51@gmail.com)

### Adelantel IBC Book-of-the Month Club

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Barnes and Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

March 26: *My Beloved World*

Reviewer—Linda Roberson

Questions: Julie Triplett, [julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net)

**AAUW Ballwin Chesterfield Nominating Committee Report, February 2015**

The nominating committee, Becky Kruse, Julia Triplett, and Mary Kay Wolfe present the following nominations for officers and directors for 2015–2017:

<b>Co-President</b>	<b>Barbara McQuitty</b>
<b>Co-Vice President, Program</b>	<b>Judy Stagoski</b>
<b>Co-Vice President Membership</b>	<b>Linda Wells</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Rita Hawkins-Page</b>
<b>Co-Directors EOF</b>	<b>Marian Bauer and Linda Roberson</b>
<b>Co-Directors LAF</b>	<b>Linda Evans and Julia Triplett</b>
<b>Co-Directors Public Policy</b>	<b>Barbara Butchart and Pat Shores</b>

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES**

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

**March 10: *Will 3-D Printing Change the World?*** is the third lecture presented by AAUW and TWA. Warren Doherty, Market Wide Format Specialist at Konica Minolta, will be the speaker. The last lecture in the series is *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

**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 branch meeting in March.

Send nominations to [Marianbauer@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 & the Named Gift Committee

**Get Involved in AAUW National Activity  
*Solving the Equation* Watch Party**

**March 26: 1–2:30 p.m.**

**WATCH PARTY:** The latest research, *Solving the Equation*, will be released on March 26. Ballwin-Chesterfield will host a local watch party to view live streamed video of the release and hear the commentary. *Solving the Equation* seeks to explain the low numbers of women entering STEM fields and suggests ways to increase women's involvement. Some of your contributions through EOF and Dollars for Scholars have supported this research.

**PLEASE RSVP** to Joyce, [joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com), if you can attend. Directions will be sent to attendees.

**VOTE:** Be sure to have your vote counted in the AAUW National election. Voting begins April 15 and closes June 19. To ensure secure online voting, AAUW will issue every member a special voting PIN number that is different from your member number. The PIN will appear on the address label of your Spring/Summer issue of AAUW's *Outlook* and will also be emailed to all members for whom AAUW has an email address.

**Save this number!** To vote, you must use your member number and your special PIN number.

We will be voting for AAUW Directors. BC member Sandy Camillo is retiring as a director and BC member Susan Barley is seeking election.

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and type "vote in the national election" in the search bar. Then you can read about the candidates and view their videos.

~ **Joyce Katz**, Communications/Web

## PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW has called for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which expired in 2007. This year we marked the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last time the U.S. Congress and the President could agree on the nation's education priorities. "No Child Left Behind" was signed in 2002 and continues to be the law of the land. Reauthorization of ESEA will only succeed if legislation shows support for education policies that provide equitable opportunities for all students and does not roll back important civil rights gains.

As congress contemplates the reauthorization of (ESEA). AAUW urges support for the following:

- Improve school accountability measures.
- Require annual statewide assessments.
- Require schools to disaggregate and cross-tabulate data.
- Promote public school choice.
- Improve school climate.
- Strengthen STEM education.
- Save the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA).
- Enhance Title IX compliance by passing the High School Data Transparency Act.
- Expand training in gender-fair teaching.
- Oppose programs that rely on unproven gender stereotypes.
- Invest in after school programs.
- Support early childhood education.

AAUW remains committed to ensuring strong academic principles and bias free public education that closes the achievement gap for all children. It is possible, and necessary, to maintain a commitment to high standards and greater accountability in our nation's public schools through ESEA reauthorization. Additional Information:

[www: civilrightsdoc.info/pdf/education/ESEAprinciples.pdf](http://www.civilrightsdoc.info/pdf/education/ESEAprinciples.pdf)

[www: aauw.org/resource/quickfacts-on-the-elementary-and-secondary-educationact/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/quickfacts-on-the-elementary-and-secondary-educationact/)

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

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Ballwin-Chesterfield members found many treasures at our annual book sale on February 12. Novels, biographies, mysteries, children's books, jigsaw puzzles, and DVD's were available for purchase, thanks to the generous donations of our members. Profits from this sale go to Dollars for Scholars, our fund that supports local and national women students.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be presented at the University of Maryland, May 28–30, 2015. This annual event began in 1985. AAUW has been a major sponsor since 2000. Both IBC and Ballwin-Chesterfield will be sponsoring women to attend this inspirational event. 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 and Linda Roberson, EOF**



### 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](mailto: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**

**LEGAL ADVOCACY NEWS***March Is Individual Giving Month – Please Support LAF*

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** Saturday, October 24, Trinity Lutheran Church. Cost: \$20/\$160 for table of eight. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and Trivia begins at 7 p.m.. Help is needed! Doris Nistler will chair the event, Julie Triplett will take reservations, and Linda Evans will handle donated prizes and gifts. Think about how **you** can volunteer and contact these people by phone or email. Look for upcoming announcements about committee meetings.

**MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE ALERTS–SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Missouri Women's Network reports that the Senate Budget Committee is holding its first hearing on cutting benefits due to fear of catastrophic lack of funds. The network reports that Social Security is not going broke, but has a \$1.7 trillion surplus. It's time to contact your state senator with your views.

**RIGHT TO WORK BILL**

The Women's Network reports that HCS HB 116 & 569, sponsored by Representative Burlison and HB 582, sponsored by Representative Curtis, are currently being debated. The network reports that these measures would further weaken labor unions and undermine workers' rights to bargain collectively in MO. The surrounding states that have these laws in place have seen wages decline. Let your Representative know your viewpoint.

**MISSOURI WOMEN'S NETWORK LEGISLATIVE RETREAT, 1/10/2015, COLUMBIA, MO**

Forty women from advocacy groups across the state attended this discussion regarding our state's new legislative agenda. The branch was represented by Karen Francis, Julia Triplett, Yvonne Morrison, and Linda Evans. Topics included uncontested election races, voter education and participation, Ferguson protests, and advocacy for women's issues. Legislative priorities, based on a review of pre-filed bills, were determined. These priorities will be used as a guide in lobbying efforts with state legislature.

Tier 1 Equal Rights Amendment/Pay Equity and Reproductive Rights

Tier 2 Social Justice (Racism), Ethics, and Poverty

Tier 3 Labor/Minimum Wage/Right to Work, Violence Against Women, and Education

**SEX TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION PASSES U.S. HOUSE**

In January, 12 pieces of anti-human trafficking legislation were passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. These bills amend the federal criminal code to allow local law enforcement to increase prosecution regarding advertising and profiting from sex crimes. Over 75 percent of these crimes are conducted via the internet. At this time, the U.S. Senate is not considering these bills.

LAF will inform all members of progress and need for advocacy in each of these areas.

~ Linda Evans, LAF

**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 plan on joining fellow branch members and their guests to celebrate another successful branch year!** Reservations may be made at the March and April branch meetings. You may also send your check payable to **AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield** to Becky Kruse or Nance Roth, Reservations Co-Chairs (consult your *Directory* for mailing addresses). 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. Further information will be included in the April *Branching Out*.

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

~ Judy Stagoski and Carol Derington, Spring Luncheon



***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](mailto:brjowett@yahoo.com)) or Barb Tackitt ([harvibarb@charter.net](mailto:harvibarb@charter.net)).  
*Please Remember - Take Pictures At Your Event!***

**Thanks to all who made the 2015 Book Lover's Used Book Sale a great success, bringing in \$661, more money for scholarships than any previous year.**

*Mary Kay Wolfe & Marian Bauer*

## **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 250<sup>th</sup> 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.

Contact Marcia Block ([mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)) or Bette Bude ([dabbl@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

Join in on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 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. Murphy's mission is to build a sustainable creative culture 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 learning from Jenny, making a craft from repurposed materials, going to lunch at nearby **Stacked Burger Bar**, visiting St. Louis' oldest hardware store, **Rathbone**, and enjoying the luscious selections from **Whisk Bakery**.

Your check should be made payable to AAUW BC with Dollars for Scholars on the memo line. Lunch and bakery items are on your own.

Please RSVP to Jill Norton ([Jillnorton4567@gmail.com](mailto:Jillnorton4567@gmail.com)) or phone the 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 March branch meeting.

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



*A Victorian Tea*  
 Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m. COST: \$25  
 The Sisters Tea House  
 505 West Main Street, Fenton, MO 63026

Join us in April for a lovely Victorian Tea at the Sisters Tea House and Gift Shop, located in a charming, historic building (reported to be haunted) in Olde Town Fenton. There will be favors, a prize drawing for ladies who wear hats, and special entertainment.

Our Victoria Tea menu will include a seasonal soup, quiche, scones with cream and fruit, tea sandwiches, and petite desserts plus hot tea, of course.

Jayne Kasten will accept table reservations and \$25 checks at the March branch meeting. For additional information contact Erlaine Eltomi, [erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net), or at her phone number listed in the Directory.

## Interest Groups

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](mailto:bmmags@yahoo.com), coordinates all interest groups and can help with the information you need.

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

March 16: Hostess, Julie Triplett  
 ([julietrip@charter.net](mailto:julietrip@charter.net)).

For more information, check with Julie Triplett.



### 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](mailto:victorianwhodunit@att.net)).

### TENNIS, ANYONE?

Are you interested in playing tennis once a week? Please contact Michele Mangnall ([bmmags@yahoo.com](mailto:bmmags@yahoo.com)).

### MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

February 26: Hostess, Eileen Lesevoy ([esl622@charter.net](mailto:esl622@charter.net))  
 Movies for discussion: *American Sniper*, *Black and White*, *A Most Violent Year*, *Selma*, and *Still Alice*

March 26: Hostess, Pam Valentine ([pamsueval@charter.net](mailto:pamsueval@charter.net))  
 For more information about this group, contact Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com))

### 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 and we welcome new members. Please contact Fran Reiland ([fgreiland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgreiland@sbcglobal.net)) for upcoming events.

~ Suzanne Couch, Fran Reiland, and Pat Shores

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**March 19:** Hostess, Terri Ciccolella  
A discussion of *We Are Water* by Wally Lamb will be led by Doris Nistler.  
*Contact Alice Crippen ([iccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iccripp@sbcglobal.net)) if you wish to be on the Lit. I waiting list.*

### LITERATURE II 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.

**March 23:** Hostess, Barbara Butchart  
A discussion of *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty will be led by Rosann Swaringim.  
*We welcome all readers! For information contact Joyce Katz ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)) or Erlaine Eltomi ([erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net)).*

### READING REALITY 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

**March 10:** Hostess, Dottie Schainker  
A discussion of *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren will be led by Erlaine Eltomi.  
*This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block ([mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)).*

### BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (BBC) 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.

**March 2:** Hostess, Prudy Bertolino  
A discussion of *Priscilla and Babe, from Slavery's Shackles to Millionaire Madams in St. Louis* by Julius Hunter will be led by Yvonne Morrison.  
*This group reads and discusses nonfiction, especially biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies. We welcome new members. Contact Brenda Ernst ([ernst2@charter.net](mailto:ernst2@charter.net)) for more information.*

## OUT TO LUNCH GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Meet at the restaurant

### March 18: THE WALNUT GRILL

1386 Clarkson Clayton Center, Ellisville

The Walnut Grill is located in the building that was previously Chevy's. It has been completely renovated and decorated and has a great menu.

Sign up at the March branch meeting or contact Harriett Hirschfeld ([Hhirschfe@aol.com](mailto:Hhirschfe@aol.com)) or call the number listed in the *Directory* for reservations.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Trinity turn left on Clayton Rd. Continue past Hwy 141 to Clarkson Rd in Ellisville. The restaurant is located on the southwest corner in the Dierbergs shopping center at the corner of Clayton and Clarkson.

## 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](mailto:bmmags@yahoo.com)).

### BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Hearth Room

March 19: Rita Hawkins-Page

### BRIDGE BUDDIES 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

March 11: Nancy Hughes

March 25: Nancy Hughes

### BRIDGE FRIENDS 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

March 19: Mary LaRuffa

### BRIDGE I 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Hearth Room

March 4: Contact Janet Ludewig

### BRIDGE II 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 11 a.m. Bishop's Post

March 17: Susan Shepperd

### BRIDGE III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

10 a.m. Hearth Room

March 25: Margo Foster

### BRIDGE IV 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

March 3: Contact Teresa Reeves

### BRIDGE VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

March 16: Kay Kreder

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.

March 3: Mary Jermak

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 9:45 a.m.

Hearth Room

March 24: Jan Loudon

### BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday,

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room

March 24: Contact Mary LaRuffa

## GOLF

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

**EXPRESSIONS** 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m. Rockwood Bank, Hwy. 109, Wildwood 63040  
**March 3: Spring Baskets**

These little baskets can be woven up quickly. They make cute gifts, and provide an avenue for your own creativity, as you embellish or line them. We will be making the basic basket and Pat White will bring embellishments. If you want to create a button row, please bring your own buttons. Pat will give each participant directions for lining the basket. You will learn how to lay out a base on a D handle, twining, stop/start weaving, and how to build and lash the rim. You will need to bring a large eyed needle, scissors, and a dull knife to use for packing your weavers. **Contact Pat White** ([pgwhite02@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhite02@gmail.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.

## **GREAT DECISIONS 2015 - Inspiring Learning about the World**

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

Join a fascinating exploration of our world. Hear the presentation, watch the whole video, and discuss with attendees and AAUW members until 2 p.m. while enjoying coffee, tea, cookies, and donuts.

**Thursday March 5: Russia and the Near Abroad**

If Putin's Russia isn't afraid to take an aggressive stance against Europeanization in Ukraine, what does that mean for the rest of Russia's neighbors? The speaker is being arranged.

**Thursday, March 12, Privacy in the Digital Age**

Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn't kept pace with technological developments, leaving some of us wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead. The speaker is being arranged.

**Thursday, March 19: Sectarianism in the Middle East**

How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East? What is the US doing about it? The speaker is Brent Shapiro, former US Special Operations Officer.

**Thursday, March 26: India Changes Course**

The US has to determine how to best secure its interests as India asserts itself on the World Stage.

**OF SPECIAL INTEREST - SAVE THE DATE Thursday, April 16: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE 21ST CENTURY\***

Contact Roz Marx for more information.

### **\*Below . . .**

Jill Norton, member of our AAUW Ballwin Chesterfield branch and its Public Policy committee, offers her poem *Small Child* to provoke thought and encourage involvement in finding a solution to the awful problem of human trafficking.

### **Small Child**

Girl child, 8, flower of Thailand,  
 one of too many, her father traded  
 her weight in food, secreted shipboard  
 to our porous shore, trucked in a box  
 to St. Louis, hub of trafficking trade,  
 worth thousands of euro, at least for the first time;  
 flaccid French pedophile, flies in for a day

Boy child, 9, bloom of the desert  
 south of our border, stolen by slavers,  
 his youth a bounty, hushed over highways,  
 St. Louis life: conditioned compliance;  
 does what he's told, whatever orifice,  
 they'll use him; respite: a smelly worn blanket,  
 finally discard him, now needles for sex

Girl child, 10, fair Ozark orphan  
 sold by a brother, for heroin high,  
 mall court transaction, pimp at the ready  
 woo her, beat her, he'll teach her submission,  
 she'll never escape, from tricks and his rape,  
 meth masks the pain, hurt speeds her descent,  
 ugly, she earns less, dark alley death looms

Sad random fate led these innocents here,  
 to suffer this squalid sick degradation,  
 bearing the heart-breaking loss of all hope,  
 never to find the soft cuddling care,  
 that tender touch chaste children trust,  
 clothed ever in shame, fed filthy lies,  
 foregoing promise, love unrealized

~Jill Norton  
 2/06/2015



## National Women's History Month March, 2015

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  Noon Great Decisions	<div style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;">           Please Support  <b>THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND</b>            In March, Individual Giving Month.         </div>	
8	9 <i>International Women's History Day</i>	10 9:30 a.m. Bridge V  10:45 a.m. International Relations  1 p.m. Reading Reality	11 9:15 a.m. \$\$Perennial Trip  12:30 p.m. Bridge Buddies	12 8:45 a.m. Branch Meeting  Noon Great Decisions	13	14
15	16 10 a.m. Bridge VI  12:45 p.m. Play Readers	17 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 & <u>Beyond</u> 9:30 a.m. <u>Literature I</u> 10 a.m. <u>Bridge Friends</u> Noon Great Decisions	20 8 a.m. \$\$Talbots' Fashion Show  Deadline for Named Gifts  <i>Spring!</i>	21 11 a.m. 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. <u>Movie Group</u> Noon <u>Great Decisions</u> 1:30 p.m. <u>¡Adelante!</u> 1 p.m. Watch Party	<div style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;"> <b>Coming in April</b>            Mondays Golf            14 Rally for Equity            15 AAUW Voting Begins            17 \$\$ Victorian Tea         </div>	
29	30	31				