



# Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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



Sandra Murdock

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Happy New Year and Greetings from Sandra and Marcia. As we start the New Year off working hard for AAUW, we look forward to the many programs and activities sponsored by our branch.

A special thank you for shopping at the December *Winter Soiree* auction. Thank you to Suzanne Couch and Karen Francis and their committee for their very hard work making the event a success. This was a fun event to enjoy while giving to our AAUW branch.

Our wonderful newsletter has all the information concerning branch activities this year. Please read it monthly. There is

something of interest for everyone. AAUW B-C has many great branch Dollars for Scholars events for you to enjoy. Your newsletter keeps you informed.

This is the time of the year for election of officers for the branch. Consider serving yourself and nominating someone to serve. Contact Marsha Weppelman to submit a nomination. Forms are available on the branch website.

This January the national AAUW Art Contest opens. Information about submitting your art can be obtained on the AAUW website. In 2017 we had a national Art Contest winner, our own Susan Fenwick. Her beautiful photographic art was "Peeking Cardinal."

AAUW nationally has been empowering women since 1881, so let's look forward to another great AAUW year in 2018.

~ Sandra Murdock, Co-president

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## JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, January 11

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd.  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

8:45 a.m.—Social Time & Signups

9:30 a.m.—Business Meeting

10:30—Program 11:30 a.m.—Adjourn

## Speaker

Adrienne Davis, J.D.

Professor & Vice-Provost

Washington University School of Law

## *Women and Leadership – Strategies That Work*

Adrienne Davis is renowned for advocacy and scholarship on race and gender. Ms. Davis is a past Women of Achievement honoree. Her presentation is sure to enlighten on the relevant, current topic.

## HOSPITALITY

**Coordinating Hostesses: Marcia Block and Marilyn Schatteman**

**Hostesses: Carol Greenaway, Marsha Koch, Susie Teicher, Mary LaRuffa, Barb Tackett, Carol Derington, and Carol Prince**

**There is no board meeting in January.**

**The next board meeting is February 1, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the **February newsletter is January 12**, unless otherwise specified by department co-editor. Send news items to co-editors Sandy Brody ([sandybrody163@gmail.com](mailto:sandybrody163@gmail.com)) and Mary Jermak ([marygjermak@att.net](mailto:marygjermak@att.net)). Send DFS notices to Joan Davis ([jmdavis@pstcc.edu](mailto:jmdavis@pstcc.edu)) and send Interest Group information to Jean Light ([jhl1234@charter.net](mailto:jhl1234@charter.net)).

The branch website is [Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/](http://Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/). Communications/Web Co-Directors Joyce Katz and Linda Roberson post announcements on Facebook at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW and 'like' the page to receive updates.

For membership information, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Mersine Kallaos ([mkallaos@prodigy.net](mailto:mkallaos@prodigy.net)) and Michele Mangnall ([bmmags@yahoo.com](mailto:bmmags@yahoo.com)).

To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed ([j6a8r1@aol.com](mailto:j6a8r1@aol.com)) or Joyce Katz ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)).

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

## AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Sandra Murdock & Marcia Block

VP-Program: Marilyn Fletcher & Sage Taber

VP-Membership: Mersine Kallaos & Michele Mangnall

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

Ex-Officio Immediate Past President: Barbara McQuitty

### ELECTED DIRECTORS

Educational Opportunities Fund: Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoski

Legal Advocacy Fund: Doris Nistler & Julie Triplett

Public Policy: Barbara Butchart & Eve LaJeunesse

### APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Branch Development for Leadership/Operating Funds:

Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis

Communications/Web: Joyce Katz & Linda Roberson

Directory: Marilyn Beiter, Joyce Katz, & Leslie Wier

Dollars for Scholars: Janice Buckhold & Phyllis Oakes

Governance: Marsha Weppelman

Hospitality: Becky Ragan & Pat White

Newsletter Editors: Mary Jermak, Sandy Brody,  
Joan Davis, & Jean Light

### Special Events

Fall Brunch: Susan Fenwick, Barb McQuitty, & Linda Roberson

Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony & Linda Kridel

STEM: Jean Elliott & Carol Greenaway

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

## SAVE-THE-DATE

### IBC Spring Fling Luncheon

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Glen Echo Country Club, Normandy, MO

Cost: \$35

Program: The principals of the Miss Jubilee group, powerhouse soloist, Valerie Kirchhoff, and her renowned pianist, Ethan Leinwand will play an energetic blend of Hot Jazz, Hokum and Low-Down Blues from the 1920-30's.

## MO WOMEN'S NETWORK

### LEGISLATIVE RETREAT

January 13, 2018 Registration is free.

Hy Vee, 405 East Nifong Blvd.

Columbia, MO 65201

Keynote Speaker: To Be Announced

8:30—9 Continental Breakfast (Provided)

9—10 Welcome, Introductions  
Review of the 2017 Legislative Session

9:45—10 Speaker/Presentations  
Update on National/State Elections and  
Pre-filed 2018 Bills

12—12:30 Lunch on your own at the Hy Vee

12:30—2:30 Review 2018 Bills  
Set 2018 Legislative Priorities

Mail your registration by January 2, 2018 to Pat Shores.  
For info email [apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net).

## AAUW ¡ADELANTE!

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble  
1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

January 25: Julie Triplett will review *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue.

Please contact Julie Triplett ([julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net))  
for further information.

## MEET and EAT GROUP, IBC

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

January 16, 2018 Location TBA

The group will choose the January—June 2018 dining venues at its December meeting.

For further information or to RSVP, contact Kay Meyer  
([kicmeyer51@gmail.com](mailto:kicmeyer51@gmail.com)).

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

Welcome these new members  
to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch.



**Cheryl Fellner**

Email: [cfellner@charter.net](mailto:cfellner@charter.net)

Cheryl Fellner is a graduate of William Jewell and holds a master's degree in education from UMSL and Lesley College. Cheryl is a retired teacher who enjoys genealogy, politics, social justice issues, and theology.

**Suzanne Robinson**

Email: [mrob5@charter.net](mailto:mrob5@charter.net)

Suzanne received an associate's degree from the University of Utah. She is retired from the Convention and Visitors Commission where she supervised volunteers. Suzanne is the former owner of tennis and candy shops. She enjoys tennis, golf, fishing, reading, travel, and bridge.

~ Michele Mangnall & Mersine Kallaos,  
VP-Membership

## 2018 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES

2nd Tuesday, January through April at 10:30 a.m.  
**The Ethical Society**

9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, 63117

AAUW B-C joins with TWA (Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society) to present four free lectures to the community on aspects of international relations. Gather at 10 a.m. for coffee and social time. Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch and stay afterwards to further discuss the topic.

**January 9: *The Power of Political Cartoons and Media Standards***

Dan Martin has been an illustrator, cartoonist and designer for the St. Louis Post Dispatch for over 37 years. He has drawn the paper's front page mascot since 1986, in addition to his Saturday political cartoon "Postcard from Mound City". Mr. Martin will explore the art of political cartooning from its international origins to the present American art form. He will also explain St. Louis' contribution to the art as well as our city's historical connections to cartooning in general. In addition he will demonstrate how to draw his daily creation: The St. Louis Post-Dispatch Weatherbird.

**February 13: *The History of the Korean Crisis***

**March 13: *Human Trafficking***

**April 10: *The Fate of Democracy in a Changing World***

In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0995 x 224. Please note that the driveway is heated!

**Barbara Kelley**

Barbara Kelley, a long-time member of AAUW, died in France on November 14 after a long struggle with cancer. Barb had taught French at Parkway West and later at Parkway Central High School and was foreign language department chair at each school.

Barb loved the French language and all things French. About ten years ago, her husband Bob was transferred to France, where she continued teaching. She started a class for women who wanted to improve their English conversation skills. She also taught orientation classes for English-speaking newcomers to Rueil, and provided English translations for historic markers in the town. Before moving, Barb was active in Ballwin-Chesterfield, serving as newsletter editor and leader of the Movie Group. She was an avid reader and a member of Literature I, and sponsored many Dollars for Scholars events. Barb also volunteered extensively, translating old letters for the Historical Society, reading books on tape for the blind, and cooking for the St. Patrick Center.

When back in St. Louis, Barb continued to be involved in AAUW. She often brought little treasures from France for the auction, including an antique christening gown.

Barb was a devoted correspondent, sending regular "Paris Notes" to many of us, detailing daily life and extensive travels. She also continued her love of movies, frequently sending suggestions for French films to look for.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, two sisters, a brother, and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by the many people she touched all over the world.

**COMMUNICATIONS/WEB****Tax Information for 2017**

It's that time of year when we need to organize for 2017 taxes. Here's information you'll find useful regarding AAUW:

- \$46 of your annual dues is tax-deductible.
- Contributions to the AAUW Fund, LAF, EOF, or other AAUW-sponsored funds are tax-deductible. To view your 2017 contributions, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), then to the Member Services Database.
- Materials you have purchased for branch use that were not reimbursed are tax deductible.
- Fees for Dollars events, branch special events (i.e., Winter Auction, May Luncheon), admissions to concerts or events ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

~Joyce Katz & Linda Roberson,  
Communication/Web Co-Directors



## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2018-20 ELECTED OFFICERS

Be a Star! Nominate yourself or a fellow member. Do you have leadership skills? Do you work well with others? Do you enjoy planning a good program? Do you support AAUW's efforts for women and girls? Then the Nominating Committee consisting of Bette Bude, Leslie Wier, and Marsha Weppelman would like to hear from you.

The following positions are open: Co-President, VP-Program, VP-Membership, and Secretary/Archivist.

Nomination forms are currently on the AAUW B-C website under "Flyers and Forms" and also will be available at the January branch meeting. Remember to ask permission of the person you are nominating. Then send the completed nomination form to Marsha Weppelman ([rmwepp@aol.com](mailto:rmwepp@aol.com)) or by postal mail by **Saturday, January 20**.

Remember, we need to have good leaders to have a dynamic branch, and we need your help in finding these candidates for our slate of officers.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Through the generous donations of our members during the November Giving event to the AAUW Fund, Ballwin-Chesterfield contributed \$2655 to AAUW programs, which help women throughout the United States succeed in reaching goals that may not have otherwise been attainable due to financial constraints. Since November giving, further contributions were made to national online. **Thank you again to all who donated.**

Sales of used books, puzzles, and CDs will resume at the January branch meeting and continue at each meeting through April. From sales of the past two months, we have earned \$408. Again, thank you for participating, and you are encouraged to continue to buy books, bring books, buy more books! We look forward to another very successful year.

EOF Co-Directors represented Ballwin-Chesterfield at the Maryville University President's Holiday Open House. We had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with President Mark Lombardi, who expressed appreciation to the branch for the \$1000 Scholarship which the branch awards each term. Thanks again to all who support this important cause.

~ **Judy Stagoski & Marian Bauer, Co-Directors, EOF**

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) continues to vigorously advocate for Title IX. In the November online issue of the *LAF Express*, the recipients of the \$750 Campus Outreach Grants were announced. Their projects are as follows:

1. The University of Michigan's student organization will host a tabling series, educating students on Title IX and sexual assault.
2. Lock Haven University's local AAUW branch will put on a panel featuring women in STEM.
3. Washington State University's local AAUW branch will arrange a convening of women leaders.
4. Valparaiso University (Indiana) student organization will hold a workshop on sexual assault and women's leadership.

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch could consider working with a local campus to apply for a grant next year.

LAF also announced three new cases which it has adopted: *Portz v. St. Cloud State University* and *Minnesota State College and University Systems*, *Spencer v. Virginia State University*, and *Robb v. Lock Haven*.

Nathalie Gosset, LAF plaintiff, shares her experience in Gretchen Carlson's new book *Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back*. In September 2016, LAF adopted Gosset's case through its case support program. The book chronicles stories from women who confronted workplace harassment. This book looks to be a good "read and discuss" book for our reading groups.

~ **Judy Green, LAF Committee Member**

## PUBLIC POLICY

The U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce introduced H.R. 4508, a bill that proposes vast changes to the Higher Education Act. The proposed alterations would affect a number of AAUW's priority issues, including student debt and campus sexual assault. The plan would include changes to federal student loan borrowing, income-based repayment, and loan forgiveness. The reauthorization bill also alters the Clery Act which provides much-needed transparency in the fight against campus sexual violence.

The proposed bill to overhaul the HEA will make college more expensive and further out of reach for many. It also weakens campus safeguards. H.R. 4508 would:

- a) Eliminate student loan forgiveness for public service employees and alter income-driven repayment options, increasing debt burdens for struggling borrowers.
- b) Weaken schools' abilities to prevent and end campus sexual assault and support survivors.
- c) Fail to strengthen the Pell Grant program, which makes college possible for millions of low-income students, or increase its annual grant amount to reflect inflation.

Please urge your representative to oppose H.R. 4508.

An important date to remember is January 11, which is Human Traffic Awareness Day. On January 4, 2010 former President Obama issued a proclamation naming January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

~ **Eve LaJeunesse & Barbara Butchart,  
Co-Directors, Public Policy**



**THANK YOU** to all who served on the various committees. Your donation of time, effort, and talent made the 2017 *Winter Soiree* such a success! The finance officer will report the auction final numbers in February's *Branching Out*.

The following people were indispensable on the *Winter Soiree* team!

- **Jayne Kasten and team** created the beautiful table settings and signs;
- **Sage Taber and Jayne Kasten** managed reservations and made it possible to deliver lunches quickly;
- **Joyce Katz** did communications;
- **Mersine Kallaos and Michele Mangnall** distributed the name tags;
- **Judy Stagoski** led Greeters and was in charge of intake/pricing aided by **Donna Kloeppel, Linda Seibert, Linda Roberson, Susan Haynes, and Marilyn Fletcher**;
- **Sue Lancaster** organized runners/placement of Silent Auction items;
- **Rosann Swaringim, Sue Lancaster, and team** closed the Silent Auction and delivered the bid slips to tables;
- **Betty Hartman and Pam Triplett** provided music and song;
- **Erlaine Eltomi** managed the breakfast foods;
- **Mary Jermak** served as the photographer;
- **Pickett Lema** headed the Food Emporium;
- **Pat Shores** headed the Oral Auction and was the Oral Auction reader;
- **Nance Roth and Arlene Spector** managed Oral Auction items;
- **Marilyn Beiter, Carol Derington, Leslie Wier, and Joan Hewitt** created and managed the Boutique;
- **Joan Lunt, Elaine Frost, Donna Kloeppel, Marcia Koch, Joyce Katz, and Linda Seibert** managed the wine;
- **Pam Kulp and team** sold Pot O'Gold, and Pam helped members create items for the auction;
- **Jean Elliot and team** sold and ran the bingo games;
- **Julie Triplett and Marian Bauer, with their cashier team**, handled checkout and deposits;
- **B-C Board** provided wine and breakfast treats.

**Congratulations** to the following prize winners:

**Lottery Board**, Carole Prince

**Pot of Gold**, Sandy Brody, Carole Prince, and Linda Bogusky (guest of Jayne Kasten)

**Bingo winners**, Elaine Williams and Carol Greenaway

We wish to thank the various Interest Groups, talented crafters, bakers, and individuals who donated to make the *Winter Soiree* a success. The auction benefits the Operating Fund, which allows us to manage and grow our branch, and the Leadership Development Fund, which provides leadership opportunities for our members.

~ **Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis, Co-Directors**

Additional photos at <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/events/meetings/> and on Facebook at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW.





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

**DFS events raise funds for scholarships, give members opportunities to meet in small groups for enriching and educational experiences, and introduce AAUW to non-members.**

***Make Dollars for Scholars Checks Payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.***



**ALL PROCEEDS FROM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENTS SUPPORT WOMEN'S EDUCATION.**

**~ Janice Buckhold ([jbuckhold@charter.net](mailto:jbuckhold@charter.net)) and Phyllis Oakes ([phylanddave@peoplepc.com](mailto:phylanddave@peoplepc.com)),  
Dollars for Scholars Co-Directors**

*Don't miss out on any of the fun! Be sure to bring enough checks to each meeting so that you are able to sign up for several events. Each event requires its own check.*



## **DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!! Bring donations from January–April**



Collect your books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles and bring them to branch meetings. Members of the EOF committee will then sell items before the meetings, at the break and after the meetings. The remainders will be sold to local used bookstores. All money funds Dollars for Scholars.

Have friends who are readers? Invite them to drop by, browse the book sale and then stay for the meeting. Great way to find new reading material AND learn about AAUW!

**Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)).**

### **#1 IN CIVIL RIGHTS: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE IN ST. LOUIS**

**Friday, February 2, 2018, 10 a.m.**

**COST: \$13.**

Carpool from Trinity, 9:30 a.m.

Missouri History Museum, 5700 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, 63112

St. Louis has been front and center in contesting racial inequities, but our complex history has been overlooked in the telling of the larger national narrative. This guided tour will uncover our compelling history with a facilitated discussion and plenty of time to listen to oral histories, engage with artifacts, and interact with an ACTivist actor interpreter. Lunch will be on your own at a place to be determined.

**Sign-up at January branch meeting or contact Marcia Block ([mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)), Pat Shores ([aptriciashores@att.net](mailto:aptriciashores@att.net)), or Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy ([annatroce42@charter.net](mailto:annatroce42@charter.net)).**

## ***THE SURPRISE EVENT!***

### **THE HAMILTON AND BROADWAY MUSICALS LUNCHEON**

**COST: \$30**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 11:30 a.m.**

**The Brookdale, Creve Coeur, located on Craig Road just north of Olive. Valet parking provided at the front entrance.**

Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW members are invited to a Dollars for Scholars Luncheon.

Guests will enjoy an elegant luncheon menu in the spirit of *Hamilton* with games and music, plus we will "raise a glass to freedom" as the Revolutionary War Heroes did.

King George will inform us that we are his "favorite subjects".

Reservations will begin at the January Branch meeting with a Dollars for Scholars donation of \$30 (checks made payable to AAUW B-C).

**For additional information, please contact  
Jayne Kasten ([kastenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kastenc@sbcglobal.net)).**



## TOUR OF THE FABULOUS FOX THEATER

A private tour is being planned for April 25 and will include backstage as well! There is a minimum requirement of people for a private tour so please plan to bring a friend or two! More information will follow in the weeks to come.



**Sponsor:** Kathy Brown ([k.brown@centurylink.net](mailto:k.brown@centurylink.net))

## MAGIC CHEF MANSION TOUR

**April 27, 2018**



This magnificent 12,000 square foot mansion filled with beautiful antiques is also known as the Stockstrom House for the family who built it and lived there from 1908 to 1990. Stockstrom co-owned the Magic Chef Company, the largest stove maker in the world at one time.

A minimum of 15 attendees is needed in order to assure the lowest cost, so the more the merrier. More information will be provided in the weeks ahead.

**Sponsor:** Pam Kulp ([kulpp10@gmail.com](mailto:kulpp10@gmail.com))

## COMING THIS SPRING

The highly anticipated North American opening of **SUNKEN CITIES: EGYPT'S LOST WORLD** at the St. Louis Art Museum.

Reserve your place at the February branch meeting for a special, docent-led tour. **SPACE IS LIMITED. Reserve by check only at sign-up.** Art Museum members bring your member numbers.

**Sponsors:** Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)) and Bette Bude ([bettebude@outlook.com](mailto:bettebude@outlook.com)).

Cost, date, and time information will be available at the February meeting.



**TICKLER LIST** — Here are events that are in process; they have sponsors, with details still being finalized.

### Still to come in spring 2018:

- The ST. LOUIS GATEWAY ARCH TOUR
- GRIOT MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY
- WELDON SPRING INTERPRETIVE CENTER



### *A note from Phyllis and Janice:*

In addition to previously sponsored events, you will find an updated sheet of **DFS EVENT IDEAS** plus an amazing list of **MUSEUMS IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA** at the January sign-up tables! This information will also be in the **SPONSOR EVENT PACKETS** and online!

Remember, spouses, friends, friends of friends and friends of spouses are always welcome to join in the fun of DFS events. In other words, come one, come all!!

**New sponsors are encouraged to sponsor an event. It's a great way to get to know people and have fun all rolled into one!**

Branch Interest Groups are primarily social and bring members with similar interests together. Try one! Contact an Interest Group Chair today. Interest Group Chairs are listed in the front of your *Directory*. Barb Jowett ([brjowett@yahoo.com](mailto:brjowett@yahoo.com)) coordinates all Interest Groups and can help with the information you need.

### BOOK CLUBS ~ WE WELCOME ALL READERS

Please RSVP to the host by the Friday before the meeting. All addresses are listed in the branch *Directory*. Download the 2017-18 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

Questions? Contact the name listed for the book group.

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

**January 18:** Host, Alice Crippen

*Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett will be reviewed by Mary Kay Wolfe.

For more information, contact Alice Crippen

([jccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccripp@sbcglobal.net)).

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

**January 22:** Host, Marilyn Fletcher

*Camino Island* by John Grisham will be reviewed by Beth Ann Murphy.

For more information, contact Joyce Katz ([joyka@aol.com](mailto:joyka@aol.com)) or

Erlaine Eltomi ([erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net)).

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

**January 9:** Host, Erlaine Eltomi

*Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari will be reviewed by Becky Ragan.

This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block ([mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)) or Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)).

*You are invited. . .*

Thinking about joining a book club? Alice Crippen, Joyce Katz, and Marcia Block are waiting to hear from you – contact one or all and plan to visit.

### MUNCHING MATTERS, LUNCH WITH FOOD

#### FOR THOUGHT Wednesday, January 10

Walnut Grill 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

1386 Clarkson Clayton Circle, Ellisville, MO 63011

Coordinators: Karen Francis and Julie Triplett

The focus will be on topics relating to our AAUW mission and feature B-C members who tell stories about their lives. This meeting will feature Shima Rostami who will discuss her experiences as a young Muslim woman living in the U.S.

You MUST register to attend with Julie Triplett ([julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net)). No charge, but each pays for her own lunch.

### MOVIE GROUP 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.

**January 25:**

Host, Mersine Kallos

For further information, contact Doris Nistler ([dnistler14@att.net](mailto:dnistler14@att.net)).

### EXPRESSIONS 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

**January 2: No meeting**

**February 6:** Host, Jan Barrett, Jewelry Making

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** 13014 Olive Blvd.

Cost: \$10 for prepared kit to make a memory wire OR a chainmail bracelet.

RSVP to Jan Barrett ([jbarrett02@gmail.com](mailto:jbarrett02@gmail.com)) with your kit choice by February 1.

Contact Carol Greenaway

([kmgcag@charter.net](mailto:kmgcag@charter.net)) for more information.

### GENEALOGY GROUP 3<sup>RD</sup> Thursday, 1 p.m.

**January 18**

**Daniel Boone Library**

Host, Pat White

The young telegrapher tapped out the message with a sinking heart: "Railroads closed due to blizzard in Des Moines." He was supposed to be on that train to go to his own wedding.

Thus begins a family story, one of many shared in the AAUW Genealogy Interest Group. We all long to know more about our family history and stories, and we wish to share those discoveries and stories with others.

We are happy to announce that the Genealogy Group has a new home at the Daniel Boone Library, beginning in January. We are fortunate to have member Lisa Barks with us, to guide and advise us about research.

We want to help you discover your stories. You are welcome to join us.

At the January meeting, Lisa Barks will talk about "Mining Documents for Genealogical Gold" and Marilyn Fletcher will present her amazing research.

RSVP to Pat White ([pgwhite02@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhite02@gmail.com)) or call her.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Pat White ([pgwhite02@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhite02@gmail.com)) or Roz Marx ([rozzie1@yahoo.com](mailto:rozzie1@yahoo.com)).



## PLAY READERS 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.

January 15:

Host, Judy Stagoski ([jms4331@gmail.com](mailto:jms4331@gmail.com))

For more information about this group, contact Julie Triplett ([julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net)).

## OUT TO LUNCH GROUP 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

**All members and guests are welcome.**

January 17: Walnut Grill

1386 Clarkson Clayton Circle, Ellisville, MO 63011

The Walnut Grill offers fresh, polished casual dining and cocktails and has a little something for every taste. Check out the lunch menu at [www.eatwalnut.com/Ellisville-mo](http://www.eatwalnut.com/Ellisville-mo).

No carpool from the church. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

Please Note: To reserve a place or to cancel a reservation, you must contact Harriett Hirschfeld by mail ([Hhirschfe@aol.com](mailto:Hhirschfe@aol.com)) or by phone. (See your *Directory*.)

## DECEMBER BRIDGE CALENDAR

To play or sub in a group, contact Barb Jowett ([brjowett@yahoo.com](mailto:brjowett@yahoo.com)).

### BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND

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

January 18: Susan Zerjav

### BRIDGE BUDDIES 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

January 10: Sheila Kalman

January 24: Sheila Kalman

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

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

January 18: Contact Mary LaRuffa

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

January 3: Contact Janet Ludewig

### BRIDGE II 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill

January 16: Pat Jennings

### BRIDGE III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room

January 24: Host, Kay Kreder

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

January 2: Canceled

### BRIDGE V 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

January 9: Contact Sheila Kalman

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

January 15: Elaine Frost

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.

January 2: Diane Correll

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Walnut Grill

January 23: Jean Wagner

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

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room

January 23: Jane Hemer

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



09 International Relations Series 10:30 a.m.  
Reading Reality 1 p.m.

10 Munching Matters 11 a.m.

11 Branch meeting 8:45 a.m.

\$\$ Used Book Sale

13 MO Women's Network Legislative Retreat

15 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

16 Meet and Eat Group, IBC 11:45 a.m.

17 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

18 Literature I 9:30 a.m.  
Genealogy 1 p.m.

20 Deadline for submitting Officer Nominations

22 Literature II 10 a.m.

25 Movie Group 10 a.m.  
¡ADELANTE! 1:30 p.m.

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

01 Board meeting 9:30 a.m.

02 \$\$ #1 in Civil Rights 10 a.m.

08 Branch meeting 8:45 a.m.

*The Branching  
Out Editors  
and team wish  
you the very  
best 2018!*

*Sandy, Joan,  
Bette, Mary,  
Mary Kay,  
Jean & Susan  
(insert).*



