



# Branching Out

## AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

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

One of my favorite parts of AAUW is participating in branch STEM activities. Long-time members are probably familiar with Expanding Your Horizons, a one day conference for middle school girls in March; STEM Girls of Promise recognition for junior women at two area high schools; and Science Fair awards. The STEM Committee will have more to say about each of these and how you can participate.



**Marcia Block**

At the national level, AAUW continues to emphasize STEM as potential careers for women. In 2010 your AAUW contributions were instrumental in the publication of *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. That research has been

widely cited as interest in and efforts toward STEM, particularly for women, has grown. Middle school is a crucial time for girls as they start to think of their future. Recently AAUW, and its partner organizations, has developed a series of lesson plans for middle school. With the Arconic Foundation, there is a series of five lessons to encourage interest in physics and engineering. More units are planned. With Symantic, lessons in cyber security and computer science have been developed. AAUW is currently working with Verizon and MIT to build a Mobile App Inventor Program. Don't you wish such hands-on lessons had been available when you were a school girl?

In 2017, AAUW collaborated with Dell in publishing *Playbook on Best Practices: Gender Equity in Tech*. The audience is businesses and what they can do to hire, encourage, and retain women employees. There is lots of practical, easy to implement advice, valuable for all companies, not just those in technical fields. Employees can also learn a lot from this publication. While most of us are not in a position to benefit from these materials directly, our daughters and granddaughters are. You can download these publications or direct interested persons to the website. Such valuable material needs to be seen to affect the future for girls and women.

~ **Marcia Block, Co-President**

**The next board meeting will be February 1 at 9:30 a.m. All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend. Contact Marcia Block [mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net), if you cannot attend.**

### FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

**Thursday, February 8**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd., 63017**

**8:45 a.m.—Social Time & Signups**

**9:30 a.m.—Business Meeting**

**10:30—Program 11:30 a.m.—Adjourn**

### *History of Integration in St. Charles County schools*

**Speaker: Tom Stephenson**

Tom Stephenson will speak about educational integration in Missouri from the 1930's to the 1950's, and the problems and progress made since then. He attended both Franklin and Sumner High Schools in St. Louis and will discuss his personal experiences and memories. Mr. Stephenson presented his program to the AAUW St. Charles (MO) Branch where it was well received.

**Please assist the Program committee by completing the survey on p. 9 and returning it to one of the Program VP's. The committee will have its annual meeting immediately after the February branch meeting. Anyone interested in being on the committee, or who has an idea for a speaker for next year, is welcome to attend.**

### HOSPITALITY

**Hostesses:** Linda Roberson, Christine Lampmann, Abby Roessler, Susanne Couch, Julie Triplett, Joanne Barnes, Phyllis Oakes.

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The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the **March newsletter is February 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. "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 and 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*.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

IBC Spring Fling Luncheon

Cost: \$35

April 21 at 11 a.m.

Glen Echo Country Club, Normandy, MO

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.

Equity Action Day

April 10

Contact Karen Francis ([karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com)) or Pat Shores ([apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net)).

AAUW MO Annual Meeting

May 5

Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO

## WINTER AUCTION REPORT

The 2017 *Winter Soiree*, whose goal was to support the branch's Operating Fund and Leadership Development Fund, was a huge success. The event grossed \$12,653.51. After expenses of \$2,552.21, we netted \$10,101.30. Again we want to thank all who served on the various committees for your time, talents, and efforts. Many thanks also to those who attended the event and to those who supported the event with their donations. These proceeds will support all the programs which makes Ballwin-Chesterfield the outstanding and generous branch we love.

Here are the highlights:

Donations—\$1479

Silent Auction—\$1954

Oral Auction—\$2600

Boutique—\$547.50

Bingo and 50/50—\$337

Lottery—\$305

Interest Group donations—\$240

Wine Bar—\$480

Hoodie sale proceeds—\$140

The Square was used for the first time and auction goers appreciated the ability to use a credit card for their purchases.

~ Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis, Co-Directors

Branch Development for Leadership and Operating Funds

## AAUW ¡ADELANTE!

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble

1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

February 22: *Then Comes Marriage: United States V. Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA* by Roberta Kaplan will be reviewed by Deb McWard.

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

## MEET and EAT GROUP, IBC

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

February 20: *Circa STL*, 1090 Old Des Peres Rd., 63121  
314-394-1194 (American)

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.



Janet Sloey Manchester, MO  
Email: [jegs115@gmail.com](mailto:jegs115@gmail.com)

Welcome to our newest member, Janet Sloey, who is a graduate of Iowa State University, holds a master's degree in teaching from Webster University and has a Special Reading Certificate from UMSL. She is a retired teacher who enjoys playing Mah Jongg, doing Tai Chi and Sudoku, reading and traveling. Janet was introduced to AAUW by Jayne Kasten and Linda Roberson.

~ Michele Mangnall & Mersine Kallaos, VP-Membership

**DIRECTORY UPDATE PLANNED**

The March Directory supplement will contain contact information for members who joined since November and any updates in contact information for existing members that have taken place since the last supplement was published.

Please send any updates to Joyce Katz ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)), Marilyn Beiter ([wibeiter@swbell.com](mailto:wibeiter@swbell.com)), or Leslie Wier ([wierls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wierls@sbcglobal.net)) before February 18.

~Joyce Katz, Marilyn Beiter, &  
Leslie Weir, Directory

**NAMED GIFT HONOREE NOMINATIONS**

The Branch Honoree Committee invites members to submit their nominations for Named Gift Honoree recognition. Members should start considering who they may nominate from our branch. One or more members may be selected as the "Outstanding Branch Member" in addition to Named Gift Honorees.

Named Gift Honoree nominees shall be considered on the basis of their service, leadership, and significant commitment to the AAUW mission and the branch. One individual may be chosen for each \$500 the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Affiliate (branch) has contributed to the AAUW Fund.

Do start thinking about who you might nominate to be honored from the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch. There are so many wonderful members qualified for this honor. Nomination forms are available on the branch website. Nominations must be received by the March branch meeting on March 8th. The members chosen by the Branch Honoree Committee will be recognized at the May Spring Luncheon.

Please submit nomination(s) to Branch Honoree Committee Chair Barbara McQuitty ([bmcquitty841@gmail.com](mailto:bmcquitty841@gmail.com)), or you may send them to Barb via postal mail.

**HOSPITALITY**

Do you enjoy a little snack with your coffee at our monthly meetings? Help us continue this welcoming tradition by signing up to bring your favorite foods to the meeting. We need your help!

Contact Pat White ([pgwhite02@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhite02@gmail.com)).

~Becky Ragan & Pat White, Co-Directors Hospitality

**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.

**February 13: *The History of the Korean Crisis******Mistakes of the Past: Making Sense of the North Korean Crisis***

Daniel Pieper, Ph.D., East Asian Studies Department, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Pieper is a lecturer whose research focuses on the cultural history of modern Korea. He spent seven years living in South Korea, most recently as a Fulbright Junior Researcher in Seoul from 2016–17, where he witnessed the massive peaceful protest that removed the right-wing Korean president Park Geunhye from power.

Dr. Pieper will present a brief history of how thoughtless geopolitical division by superpowers resulted in war, ideological dictatorships, and now the surreal juxtaposition of a hyper-modern model democracy and the last Stalinist state on earth. Dr. Pieper will also discuss issues of North and South Korean identity and the disparate perceptions of the North Korean crisis in the United States and in South Korea.

**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!



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

For over 30 years Ballwin-Chesterfield has supported local women who are trying to finish their undergraduate degrees. These non-traditional students are over 28 years old and maintain a 3.0 average. In recent years we have sought women in the STEM fields. We are happy to announce that Candace Blake graduated in December from Maryville University with a bachelor of science in nursing. We congratulate her and thank all our members who assisted in her education by sponsoring and/or attending Dollars for Scholars events. Candace will receive a membership to AAUW national through the Give a Grad a Gift program. Learn more at: Go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>.

AAUW B-C continues to support National programs through our contribution to NCCWSL, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. In 2017 we contributed \$2,000 to this worthwhile program. Your support of our Used Book Sale and all other Dollars for Scholars events allows the branch to provide scholarships for local students and provide scholarship support to NCCWSL conference attendees.

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

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

An *amicus curiae*, friend of the court, brief is not filed by any party to the litigation, but by a person or group that has an interest in the outcome of the case. AAUW recently signed onto three *amicus curiae* briefs: **Lazar v. Kroncke**, involving pay equity and retirement benefits; **The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Donald J. Trump, et al**; and **The State of California, et al v. Eric D. Hargan**. These last two cases involve the current administration's issuance of both the religious exemption rule and the oral exemption rule to the *Affordable Care Act*. These exemptions allow employers to refuse to provide their employees with contraceptive coverage "based on sincerely held moral convictions" which expands the scope of the health care law's original religious exemption. AAUW was the lead signatory on these briefs and supports reproductive choice and access to health care and family planning services.

The *amicus curiae* practice is said to have originated in Roman law. A judge could appoint a *consilium*, an officer of the court, to advise on points of a case, and may be why the term translates from Latin as "friend of the court". These briefs may not influence the court's decision, but they do call the court's attention to the level of interest in the outcome of the case.

~ **Doris Nistler and Julie Triplett,**  
Co-Directors LAF

## PUBLIC POLICY

Whether you break down the [gender pay gap numbers by state](#), age, [education](#), [race](#) or [occupation](#)—the gap is substantial. Cities are not immune to this pervasive problem, as indicated by *The Gender Pay Gap in 25 Major Cities* (12/11/17), an AAUW analysis. This study examines the pay gap between men and women working full time, year-round, and includes information about disparities based on race and ethnicity.

The gender pay gap in major U.S. metropolitan areas seem similar to the national gender pay ratio of 80 percent, though on average, urban areas have slightly smaller gaps and rural areas have larger gaps. When comparing the full-time year-round pay received by women of different races and ethnicities to the full-time year-round pay received by white men, the gap varies more widely. For instance in this study, metropolitan St. Louis has a gender pay ratio of 77 percent. The median dollar gap between men and women's annual earnings in St. Louis was \$15,700.

Women working full time in the United States typically were paid just 80 percent of what men were paid. At the current rate of progress in closing the gap, women will not receive pay equity until the year 2119.

Help AAUW Close the Gap at [FIGHTFORFAIRPAY.ORG](https://fightforfairpay.org) and learn and/or take action about the following:

1. Tell congress to take action now.
2. Negotiate your salary!
3. Get the facts on equal pay.
4. Are equal pay laws strong in my state?

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

## AAUW'S FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

AAUW's fellowships and grants have helped scholars and activists overcome barriers to their education and advancement for almost 130 years. Recipients have become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts, and the sciences. **In the current academic year, 250 women and community projects serving women and girls are receiving \$3.7 million from AAUW.** This funding has a tremendous impact on women and their communities by expanding women's potential and supporting their future promise. Here are just a few of the recipients:

\*American Fellow, Zawadi Ahidiana, Portraits of Gentrification: When Neighborhood Change Becomes News

\*Career Development Grant, Moni Briones, Empowering Women Entrepreneurs

\*Community Action Grant, The Juvenile Justice Coalition, Project Director Erin Davies, Developing Leadership for At-Risk and Court-Involved Young Women

Read the complete announcement at  
<https://www.aauw.org/article/fellowships-and-grant-awardees/>

**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.*

**USED BOOK SALE CONTINUES!** Donate your used books (including children's), CDs, DVDs and puzzles!



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. What a great reason to clean your book and media shelves!

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, 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 February branch meeting or contact Marcia Block ([mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)), Pat Shores ([apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net)), or Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy ([annpatrice42@charter.net](mailto:annpatrice42@charter.net)).

## THE HAMILTON AND BROADWAY MUSICALS LUNCHEON

**COST: \$30**

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

The Brookdale, Creve Coeur, located on Craig Road just north of Olive.

Valet parking provided at the front entrance.

Guests will enjoy an elegant luncheon menu in the spirit of "Hamilton" with music and games. 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".

Reserve your spot at the February branch meeting or 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

Friday April 27



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))

## SUNKEN CITIES: EGYPT'S LOST WORLD

Thursday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

St. Louis Art Museum Carpool from Trinity, 9:45 a.m.

**COST:** \$15 for SLAM members

\$30 for non-SLAM members

EPIC STORY, SUBMERGED TREASURES REVEALED, COLOSSAL SCULPTURES, PRECIOUS GOLD. Don't miss your chance to be one of the first in North America to see this exciting exhibit. Art Docent Clare Richardson will lead our personal tour through this extensive, world-class exhibit.

To SLAM members, the exhibit is free with \$15 going to DFS. Please bring your membership card when registering at the branch meeting.

**Registrations are limited – payment reserves your spot.**

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



**TICKLER LIST** — As a reminder, the "Ticklers" is a list of 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 is still being planned for the spring of 2018. It will be a tour of the much anticipated renovation of the Arch museum and grounds of our city's top tourist site.
- GRIOT MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY: Located in St. Louis and founded in 1997, it was originally named the Black World History Wax Museum. The name was changed in 2009. It hosts changing exhibits and amazing pieces of art and culture from the past.
- WELDON SPRING INTERPRETIVE CENTER: Located in St. Charles, the center details the history and cleanup of Weldon Spring plus has prairie views and an 8-mile trail.



## A note from Phyllis and Janice:

Interested in sponsoring an event? It is sooo easy. Need an idea? We have a few ..... or more.

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!!

***We need new people 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 hostess 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? Check with the contact name listed for the book group.

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

**February 15:** Hostess, Cay Noble  
([cnobletx59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cnobletx59@sbcglobal.net))

A discussion of *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi will be led by Marcia Block.

Contact Alice Crippen ([jccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccripp@sbcglobal.net)).

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

**February 26:** Hostess, Barb Schillhahn  
([baschillhahn@gmail.com](mailto:baschillhahn@gmail.com))

A discussion of *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles will be led by Joyce Katz.

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.

**February 13:** Hostess, Barb Schillhahn  
([baschillhahn@gmail.com](mailto:baschillhahn@gmail.com))

A discussion of *The Broken Ladder* by Keith Payne will be led by Jan Horner.

*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)).*

## EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

**February 6:** Hostess, Jan Barrett, Jewelry Making  
Meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd.  
Creve Coeur, 63141

Cost: \$10 for prepared kit to make a memory wire OR a chain mail bracelet. Extra beads will be provided to embellish the memory wire bracelets.

NOTE: Number of chain mail participants is limited. All participants should bring a small hand towel to hold their beads in place.

RSVP to Jan Barrett ([jtbarrett02@gmail.com](mailto:jtbarrett02@gmail.com)) with your kit choice by February 1.

Make a valentine gift for someone you love (or yourself).

Contact Carol Greenaway ([KMGCAG@charter.net](mailto:KMGCAG@charter.net)) for more information.

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

**January 25:**

Hostess, Mersine Kallaos

**February 22:**

Hostess, Susan Shriver ([sbs301@gmail.com](mailto:sbs301@gmail.com))

New members welcomed.

*For more information about this group, contact Doris Nistler ([dnistler14@att.net](mailto:dnistler14@att.net)) or Mersine Kallaos ([mkallaos@prodigy.net](mailto:mkallaos@prodigy.net)).*

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

**February 15: 1–3 p.m.**

Daniel Boone Library

Pat White will facilitate this session, *Love Stories for Genealogists*.

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

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Pat White or Roz Marx ([rozzzie1@yahoo.com](mailto:rozzzie1@yahoo.com)).

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

**February 19:** Hostess, Yvonne Morrison  
([ydmorrison@msn.com](mailto:ydmorrison@msn.com))

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

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

**February 21:** Monsoon Vietnamese Bistro  
14248 Manchester Road, Ballwin, 63011

No carpool from the church. Meet at the restaurant.

The Monsoon Vietnamese Bistro has a small menu of food made with quality ingredients. Be sure to enjoy the Vietnamese iced coffee at the end of your lunch.

*All members and friends are welcome.*

**Please Note:** You must contact Harriett Hirschfeld ([Hhirschfe@aol.com](mailto:Hhirschfe@aol.com)) to reserve a place or cancel a reservation or call her number listed in the *Directory*.

**NOTICE:** Harriet Hirschfield and Pat Shores are looking for a member to take over the "Out to Lunch" Interest Group as they are retiring after the May 2018 meeting. Call them if you are interested.



## MUNCHING MATTERS, LUNCH WITH FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Wednesday, February 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Walnut Grill, 1386 Clarkson Clayton Circle, Ellisville, MO 63011

The focus is on topics relating to the AAUW mission and will feature B-C members who tell stories about their lives. Kristen Jordan, student and AAUW B-C scholarship recipient, will discuss issues relating to financing a college education and AAUW research *Deeper in Debt* (<https://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/>).

You MUST register to attend with Julie Triplett ([julietrip@att.net](mailto:julietrip@att.net)). Each pays for her own lunch.

### BRIDGE CALENDAR

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

#### BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

February 15: Susan Zerjav

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

The Egg and I: lunch and bridge

February 14: Rita Hawkins-Page

February 28: Rita Hawkins-Page

#### BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

February 15: Judi Hart

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

February 7: Contact Janet Ludewig

#### BRIDGE II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill

February 20: Marjorie Klutho

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

February 28: Jean Wagner

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

February 6: Contact Sheila Kalman

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

February 13: Contact Sheila Kalman

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

February 19: Jane Arneson

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

February 6: Jane Miller

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

Walnut Grill

February 27: Carolyn Baker

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

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room

February 27: Jane Hemer

**\*Note:** You may wish to contact directly the bridge chair of the group that interests you. Some, but not all, groups need players and subs. Bridge chairs are listed on page 10 of the *Directory*.

### JANUARY

25 Movie Group 10 a.m.

### FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



01 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

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

06 Expressions 1 p.m.

08 Branch Meeting & EOF \$\$Book Sale 8:45 a.m.

13 International Relations 10:30 a.m.;

Reading Reality 1 p.m.

14 Munching Matters 11 a.m.

15 Literature I 9:30 a.m.;

Genealogy 1 p.m.

18 *Directory Supplement* Deadline

19 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

20 Meet and Greet Group/IBC Lunch 11:45 a.m.

21 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

22 Movie Group 10 a.m.;

¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

26 Literature II 10 a.m.

### Coming in March

07 \$\$ Hamilton and Broadway Musicals Luncheon

08 Named Gift Honoree Nominations Due



## WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Please help the branch Program Committee plan for programming at future branch meetings. Your input is encouraged and welcomed!

Please copy this survey and share your thoughts with VP Program Marilyn Fletcher ([marilynletcher597@gmail.com](mailto:marilynletcher597@gmail.com)) or Sage Tabor ([sagemo@aol.com](mailto:sagemo@aol.com)).

Or you may email your thoughts to Marilyn or Sage without using the survey. Thank you!

These are the Priority Goals of AAUW; please check the top two you choose for presentations at future programs.

1. Educational Equity\_\_\_\_
2. Health & Economic Well-being\_\_\_\_
3. Diversity/Gender Equity\_\_\_\_
4. Social Justice \_\_\_\_
5. Public Policy/Legislative Issues \_\_\_\_
6. Human Rights \_\_\_\_
7. International Relations \_\_\_\_

Comments:

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If you'd like to join the Program Committee, please complete:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

email\_\_\_\_\_ phone\_\_\_\_\_

*A Special Note to AAUW B-C members from the Financial Planning Committee.*

*We are looking for new ideas for branch fundraising. If you have a fundraising project or event that you think AAUW B-C would benefit from, please let us hear from you. You may send your thoughts to Co-President Sandra Murdock ([sesandram@aol.com](mailto:sesandram@aol.com)).*

*Thank-you for your thoughts, as we look towards future fundraising to support the branch Operating Fund.*

*~ Sandra*

