

Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin–Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Sandra Murdock

We are all aware that there is a large gender gap in leadership in every field, from business and government, to all others. AAUW is working to lessen that gap by shaping the next generation of leaders. Among the many programs are AAUW Campus Ambassadors. These women represent AAUW at their schools, receiving leadership tips monthly. Campus Action Projects are annual, grant-funded, student-led projects that allow students to take action on women's issues on campus. On the AAUW website, you can read about a wide variety of these projects, ranging from mentoring of younger women, to STEM projects, to a "Be the Revolution" series that led to more females in student government. Start Smart, a project many of us are familiar with, teaches salary



Marcia Block

negotiation skills so that women don't begin their careers behind their male peers. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/>.

Perhaps the most influential of these programs is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, (NCCWSL, pronounced "nick whistle"). Nearly 800 college women and campus professionals will be meeting at the University of Maryland, College Park, from May 30 through June 2, 2018, to build skills, listen to inspiring speakers, and network. This year Ballwin-Chesterfield contributed \$2000 to AAUW to provide scholarships for a few young women to attend this program. This contribution was funded by Dollars for Scholars sponsors and participants. In addition, the branch contributed \$500 to Interbranch Council (IBC) toward the NCCWSL fund. Our own Shima Rostami, a graduate student at Lindenwood University, will be one of two young women from St. Louis attending because of support from IBC. By the way, last December, several members from Ballwin-Chesterfield and other local branches wrapped gifts at Barnes and Noble, raising approximately \$700 toward the IBC NCCWSL fund. Consider joining in the fun next year.

Our branch is proud of the scholarships we offer to local women. We can add NCCWSL to that list.

~Marcia Block. Co-President

The next board meeting will be on April 5 at 9:30 a.m. All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend. Contact Marcia Block (mhbblock@sbcglobal.net) if you cannot attend.

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, April 12

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 a.m.–Program 11:30 a.m.–Adjourn

Racial Diversity and Disparity in Education in St. Louis

Joy Weese Moll

West County Action Network & ASSIST

Joy Weese Moll's area of concentration has been on school discipline reform and related issues to close the educational disparities between black students and their white counterparts.

WE CAN ASSIST (A Solid Stay-in-School Team) has been working with west county schools and members of the community in Rockwood, Parkway, Pattonville, and Kirkwood as they focus on school strategies, on discipline issues, and on initiatives in restorative and social justice to break the school-to-prison pipeline.

Joy also is the coordinator for the Community for Understanding and Hope (CFUH) Book Group in Kirkwood.

HOSPITALITY

Hostesses: Suzanne Couch, Karen Wood, Judy Schaefer-Piet, Marian Weber, Barbara McQuitty, Margaret Estes, Linda Roberson, Sandra Murdock, Eileen Lesevoy, and Mary Jermak

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the **May/June newsletter is April 14**, unless otherwise specified by department co-editor. Send news items to co-editors Sandy Brody (sandybrody163@gmail.com) and Mary Jermak (marygjermak@att.net). Send DFS notices to Joan Davis (jmdavis@pstcc.edu) and send Interest Group information to Jean Light (jhl1234@charter.net).
- The branch website is 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) and Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com).
- To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed (j6a8r1@aol.com) or Joyce Katz (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*.

AAUW ¡ADELANTE!

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

April 26: *Stolen Beauty: A Novel* by Laurie Lico
Albanese will be reviewed by Grace Poertner
Please contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

MEET and EAT GROUP, IBC

3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

April 17: The Clover and the Bee, 100 W. Lockwood,
Webster Groves, 314-942-1216

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

MO WOMEN'S NETWORK EQUITY ACTION DAY

When strong women unite, we have the power to make a difference. On Tuesday, April 10, Missouri women will gather in Jefferson City to let our representatives know what we care about. You may arrange your own transportation or join us on the bus (the reduced \$27 fare is subsidized by AAUW MO); bus seats are limited to the first 24. Participants may order a Panera box lunch for \$11 which will include a ½ sandwich (choice of 3), a ½ salad, a French baguette, and a cookie (assorted).

Although women from collaborating organizations will lobby legislators on different subjects, AAUW members will focus on the gender pay gap to ask for legislators' support of legislation to close the gap. Members will be trained on the bus about talking points and will be given a packet of information for themselves and for their legislators. It is rare to actually meet your representatives in their offices. Usually we leave the material with the administrative assistant.

Contact Pat Shores NOW (apatriciashores@att.net) to join this citizen lobby of committed women and men, who represent 14 plus state-wide organizations. We need branch members to support this Equity Action Day as it is more important than ever to have our voices heard. See <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/files/2018/02/EquityActionDayApril10-2018.pdf>.

~ Pat Shores & Karen Francis,
Co-Chairs, AAUW MO Public Policy

AAUW MO ANNUAL MEETING

May 4 & 5, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO

The branch will reimburse your registration fee; contact Marcia Block or Sandra Murdock for information.
Early Bird Registration \$60 and Hotel reservations by April 15.

Friday: AAUW MO Board Meeting; Dinner with outgoing and incoming board; Reception for **AAUW CEO Kim Churches**

Saturday: A Call to Action – Kim Churches

Taking the LEAD Workshops:

Building Your Branch Website

How to Spot Fake News

Social Media 100

Panel discussion: Young Women's Perspectives

Registration form and details:

<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2018/02/2018-leadership-conf-flyer.pdf>

AAUW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS



AAUW offers two ways that local branches can increase their membership.

Give A Grad A Gift allows any member to give a recent college graduate a gift of one-year free membership. What a great graduation gift for family and friends!
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

Shape the Future allows local branches to offer half-off national dues for the first year when someone joins at a public event. Our branch began offering this benefit last year. Keep these in mind when you're talking to prospective new members.

*~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 the 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 brown bag lunch and stay afterwards to further discuss the topic.

April 10, *The Assault on Global Democracy*

Ryan D. Kulik has spent over 20 years working as a lobbyist and public relations consultant with an emphasis in government communications. He specializes in taking controversial issues and creating new partnerships with the goal of implementing positive social change. Through SeedSing.com, Mr. Kulik has created a community of independent journalists who, without influence or bias, spotlight the politics and popular culture of the day.

With the rise of inexpensive technology, recent years have seen the global communities get more connected. Many people, like Mr. Kulik, thought this new global connectivity would advance the humanist philosophy and bring freedom to a large group of people. The rise of nationalist figures like Donald Trump, Narendra Modi, and Rodrigo Duterte has shown a retreat of traditional humanist values. Is the dream of Global Democracy gone? What does the future of freedom look like?

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018-19

The AAUW year begins anew on July 1, 2018, thus your current membership expires on June 30. As you know, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase the national annual membership dues from \$49 to \$59 in 2018-19. AAUW MO dues are \$10 and Ballwin-Chesterfield branch dues are \$22, which totals \$91 for the upcoming year. Fifty-six dollars of the national dues is tax deductible.

The preferred method to renew is online. B-C members should watch for a personalized renewal email on March 16 from memberinfo@aauw.org. Simply open the message and click on "click here to renew". With one click, pay dues with your credit card. It's simple, safe, and efficient. The alternate method is to send your \$91 check to Pat Shores. Write your check to AAUW; **do not** put B-C on the memo line.

The Finance Officer and the Membership VPs are offering an early dues payment incentive. Dues renewal begins on March 16 and members who renew from March 16-April 30, will get three chances to win a \$25 gift card to Panera. Members who renew from May 1-May 31 will get two chances to win the \$25 Panera gift card. Members who renew from June 1-June 30 will have one chance to win the \$25 gift card.

Finance Officer Pat Shores will be available to discuss the dues renewal opportunities at every branch meeting.

IBC Spring Fling Luncheon

Reservation: \$35

Saturday, April 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Glen Echo Country Club,
Normandy, MO

Join AAUW branch members from around the St. Louis area for a delightful luncheon and entertainment and to celebrate the Barbara Lackritz award recipient Karen Francis, a fellow Ballwin-Chesterfield member.

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

The Menu: Chicken piccata with seasonal vegetables and garlic roasted fingerling potatoes (or) pasta con broccoli with house salad. Guests are welcome.

A reservation form can be found at
<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/files/2018/02/2018-IBC-Spring-Fling-Flyer.pdf>.

STEM REPORT**March 12 Expanding Your Horizons Conference at St. Louis Community College, Meramec Campus****Extracting DNA from Strawberries****Examining Wolf Pellets and Skulls****Crater Formation**

The Expanding Your Horizons Conference, for approximately 500 girls in grades 7-10, took place March 12 at St. Louis Community College, Meramec Campus. Our branch again sponsored 20 young women from the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience. The girls participated in hands-on workshops and heard from professional women about STEM careers. This year's keynote speaker was Dorsa Derakhshani, the champion Iranian chess player who now plays for St. Louis University and is majoring in Biology.

Fifteen B-C members, and guests, volunteered their time during the conference. They are pictured as follows:

Jean Elliott, Sandra Murdock, Susan Shriver, Sage Taber, Kevin Greenaway, Carol Greenaway, Jean Light, Bette Bude, Duane Bude, Michele Mangnall, and Marcia Block. Not pictured, Rita Hawkins-Page, Larry Page, and Joan Davis.

Two upcoming STEM Girls of Promise high school events will be held in April. The first is at Maplewood Richmond Heights HS on April 11, and the second at Valley Park HS on April 27. The STEM committee will recognize five junior women for promise in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at each of these events. Recognition and breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. We welcome members to join in honoring these young women. For more information, contact Jean or Carol.

~ Jean Elliott & Carol Greenaway, STEM Co-Directors

AAUW B-C Annual Spring Luncheon Celebrating New Heights

Thursday, May 10, Whitmoor Country Club
11:15 a.m. Social –Noon Lunch
Reservations: \$26 by check only



The Ballwin-Chesterfield branch extends an invitation to all members to attend the Spring Luncheon. We want to celebrate all of the year's achievements, the Named Gift Honoree recipients, and the installation of the 2018-20 officers. **There will be attendance prizes this year!**

Reservations may be made at the April branch meeting. You may also reserve your place at the luncheon by sending a check made payable to AAUW B-C to Carol Derington. Cancellations after May 1 are not refundable.

Table selection and seating arrangements are to be made at the time you make payment for your reservation. Please remember to include any guests when making your reservation. Also, please let us know of any special dietary needs you may have.

Whitmoor does not have valet service. However, the parking lot is flat and there is a covered drop-off entrance. Greeters will be available to assist guests to their tables.

For questions or further information, please contact Carol Anthony or Linda Kridel, Spring Luncheon Co-Directors.

AAUW NATIONAL BOARD BYLAWS PROPOSALS

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. For complete information, including member comments, see <https://www.aauw.org/resource/faq-national-election/>. The proposals are very important, and, if passed, will have a major impact on the future and character of AAUW. Please evaluate carefully and be sure to vote. The proposals are as follows:

PROPOSAL ONE: Stagger the terms of office of members of the Board of Directors on a three-year rotation. This proposal would insure continuity.

PROPOSAL TWO: Open the Board of Directors' membership to non-AAUW members. It is proposed that five of the board members be non-AAUW members and the other ten, AAUW members. This is intended to broaden the expertise of the board.

PROPOSAL THREE: Eliminate the degree requirements for membership in AAUW. This proposal would open membership to anyone willing to join and pay dues.

Members can comment online on the proposals through March 22, 2018. Paper ballots can be requested starting April 16 and must be received by National by May 21. Online voting opens on April 25 and closes on June 9, 2018.

Be on the lookout for your PIN number in April and check back in June for voting results online.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Legal Advocacy in Action: AAUW Signs On to New Amicus Brief

Doe v. Boyertown Area School District, currently in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, involves the rights of transgender students under Title IX. The plaintiffs are students who sued their school district in Pennsylvania to discontinue the district's policy of permitting transgender students to use the facilities that align with their gender identity, arguing that the possibility of being in the presence of a transgender student violates their privacy rights and amounts to a hostile environment, which is a violation of Title IX. On August 25, 2017, Judge Edward G. Smith of the U.S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania denied the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction that would require the school district to revert to its previous practice before it permitted transgender students to use the facility of their choice, but the plaintiffs appealed to the district court.

AAUW, along with 12 other organizations, signed on to an amicus brief in support of the Boyertown school district. According to the brief, "To meet Congress's goal of eradicating sex discrimination in education, Title IX defines discrimination on the basis of sex broadly to include a prohibition on sex stereotyping." Sex stereotyping is the idea that an individual must conform to the traditional cultural norms of the gender typically associated with their sex. From *LAF Express*, February 2018.

~ Pat Shores, LAF Committee Member

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Ballwin-Chesterfield's local scholarship awardees from UMSL and Maryville are in the home stretch of their winter semester. These women are so grateful to us for our constant support of their education and their future success. Your participation in Dollars for Scholars events supports this important work. Don't forget that our last book sale of the year will be at the April branch meeting. Used books, DVD's and puzzles are on sale for your enjoyment. Bring your used items and buy new ones.

NCCWSL, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, will take place May 30-June 2, 2018 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Through our Dollars for Scholars events we sponsor women to attend this nationally recognized event. It is a transformative experience that prepares women to return home ready to improve their campus and community. Our continued interest in the education of women empowers them to succeed.

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

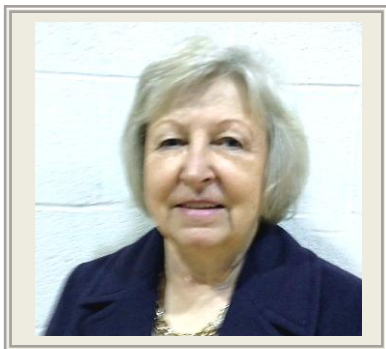
PUBLIC POLICY

One of AAUW's 2017-19 Biennial Action priorities is the vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws. AAUW and AAUW MO Public Policy have made the Title IX Coordinators Delivery Project a priority. Through this project, AAUW members are creating awareness about the purpose and provisions of Title IX: how students are coping in athletics; monitoring the gender ratio in STEM and Career and Technical Education (CTE); working to prevent and end sexual harassment and violence; and supporting pregnant and parenting students. The Title IX Coordinators Delivery Project gives AAUW branches an opportunity to build relationships with local Title IX coordinators to work together to commit to protect students' civil rights. Our branch will be assigned one or more school districts to work with. Public schools K-12 must follow Title IX.

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/titleIXdelivery>

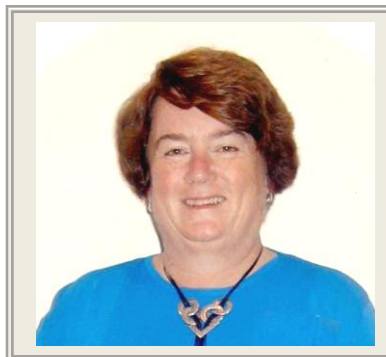
Now more than ever, we need to protect our students as information continues to surface regarding what happened to our Olympic athletes, and how they weren't protected even though Title IX has been the law since 1972. The US Department of Education announced plans to open a Title IX investigation at Michigan State University to assess the institution's systemic issues in responding to the sexual misconduct allegations against Dr. Larry Nassar, a former faculty member now convicted on numerous accounts of sexual assault. The Office of Federal Student Aid, in conjunction with the Office of Civil Rights, has opened an investigation of the school's compliance with *The Clery Act*. AAUW urges a comprehensive review.

~Barbara Butchart & Eve La Juenesse
Public Policy Co -Directors



JEAN ELLIOTT for Co-President Jean joined AAUW in 2012 and has been an active member ever since. She has fond memories of attending an AAUW Tea in Atchison, Kansas, as a senior in college. Now that Jean is retired from teaching high school mathematics, she stays active by volunteering as a math tutor at a grade school near her home, playing golf, traveling, and staying involved with AAUW B-C.

For the past five years, Jean has chaired the branch's Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, developing a deep appreciation for one of the greatest women of the 20th century. Currently, Jean serves as a STEM co-director, a judge at the St. Louis Science Fair for B-C, and bingo coordinator for the Winter Auction. She has also volunteered for the Fall Brunch committee and the LAF Game Day. At the 2017 Spring Luncheon, Jean's service was recognized when she was honored as a Named Gift Honoree.



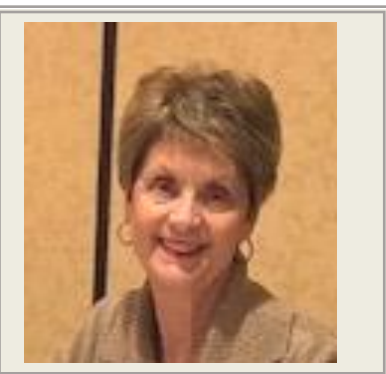
SUE LANCASTER for Secretary/Archivist Sue has been a member of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield since the year 2000, joining after completing a thirty-year teaching career as an elementary school teacher in the Parkway School District. Sue was recognized as a Named Gift Honoree at the 2017 Spring Luncheon.

Sue has been dedicated to AAUW B-C by serving on committees and taking on leadership roles. She is a member of the membership committee and the bylaws committee and has been actively involved for several years in the Winter Auction and Summer Picnic committees. In addition, Sue has provided support for women's education locally and nationally by sponsoring or co-sponsoring four Dollars for Scholars events, and she has contributed to the Expressions interest group by leading a session.



ANGELA JANIK for VP-Membership Angie, a branch member since August 2016, is looking forward to learning more about AAUW by serving as VP-Membership. Angela earned a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Michigan, a master of science in nursing from the Catholic University of America, and a master's in business administration from Baldwin-Wallace College. In 2007, Angela moved to St. Louis to assume a corporate position at the largest private faith-based healthcare organization, where one of her roles was developing international care models. Previously, she assumed clinical and administrative positions ranging from clinical nurse specialist to chief nursing officer in community and academic medical centers. She also held faculty positions in schools of nursing, presented seminars, and was instrumental in developing the nursing master's program at Western Michigan University.

During her professional life, Angela had extensive experience on boards of professional and community volunteer organizations, including the American Red Cross, and she held several offices such as secretary and treasurer. Now that she has entered retirement, Angie enjoys more time for reading, golf, and volunteering.



MARY JERMAK for VP-Program Mary joined AAUW while employed and B-C in 2003. Impressed with the branch and wanting to be more involved, she accepted the position of Public Policy chair (2004). She served as co-president (2008-10) and was named Outstanding Branch Member (2010). Mary now is a co-editor of *Branching Out* (from 2010). She has served on the following committees: national AAUW membership (2010-14), branch restructuring, strategic planning; and currently serves on financial planning, bylaws, Directory, EOF, STEM, and as auction photographer. She participates in Duplicate I, Lit I, and Reading Reality interest groups. Mary has attended state and regional conferences and led the branch delegation at the last AAUW delegate convention (St. Louis, 2009).

Mary was a Parkway reading specialist/Reading Recovery instructor. She is a long-time volunteer at Maryville University: a member of the president's National Leadership Council, and editor and writer for the School of Education. Competitive bridge, reading, travel, and gardening are favorite activities. She and husband John look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary this summer with their family, including four sons and eight grandchildren.



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) and Phyllis Oakes (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.

Please make every check for each event payable to: AAUW B-C and indicate event name on memo line.



LAST CHANCE TO DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!

Donate your used books (including children's), CDs, DVDs and puzzles!

The April branch meeting is your **last chance** to clean out your bookshelves and donate your books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles! You will be able to browse through the offerings one last time at the meeting and make a purchase. All remaining items will be sold to local used bookstores with proceeds going to Dollars for Scholars. Thank you for your generosity this year. Questions? **Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).**

TOUR OF THE FABULOUS FOX THEATER

Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. Carpool from Trinity, 10 a.m.

COST: \$13

A private tour of the FOX Theater, in all its fabulousness, includes backstage as well! The backstage tour is a bonus since timing is critical. Productions don't allow tours behind the curtain during setup and performance dates. There is a minimum requirement of people for a private tour, so please plan to bring a friend or two!

Travel arrangements will be confirmed in an email from the sponsor.

Sponsor: Kathy Brown (k.brown@centurylink.net)



MAGIC CHEF MANSION TOUR

Friday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.
3400 Russell Blvd.

Carpool from Trinity, 10 a.m.

COST: \$25

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)



PHOTOGRAPHY AND MORE

COST: \$12

Thursday, May 24, 1 p.m.

Longview Farm Park, 135255 Clayton Road (no carpool).

Ever disappointed in a picture that didn't end up looking like you thought it would? This is a walking and working class expedition to learn how to get that perfect shot and solve that problem. *Grab your camera – get ready - set - snap!*



Sponsor: Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com)

SUNKEN CITIES: EGYPT'S LOST WORLD

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

St. Louis Art Museum, 1 Fine Arts Dr.

Carpool from Trinity, 9:45 a.m.

COST: \$15 for SLAM members

\$30 for non-SLAM members

THIS TOUR IS FILLED. You may sign up on a wait list by contacting Mary Kay Wolfe.

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



TICKLER LIST — As a reminder, the *Ticklers* is a list of events that have sponsors and the details still being finalized. Be sure to follow the *Ticklers*; events are added every month. **We hope they tickle your fancy!**

Coming this Spring:

- **TOUR OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Central West End:** The focus of this tour would be the church's unique collection of stained glass windows, 13 of which are from the Tiffany Company and reflect the artistry of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Typical of the Tiffany style are features that showcase nature, layers of glass to achieve dimensional effects, and "drapery glass" for adding texture. Lunch in the Central West End – where to eat, where to eat??
- **"THE HILL":** A walking tour with enough stops to enjoy the tastes and sights of our famous "HILL", which has gained even more national recognition from "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives". Toasted ravs, anyone? How about Shaw's coffee, Gioia's famous sandwiches, St. Ambrose, and the list goes on.
- **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. The museum hosts changing exhibits and amazing pieces of art and culture from the past.
- **WELDON SPRINGS INTERPRETIVE CENTER:** Located in St. Charles, the Center details the history and cleanup of Weldon Springs feature prairie views and has an eight-mile trail.

More events are in the "thinking" and "getting organized" stages.
LEAVE THAT DIAL RIGHT WHERE IT IS!



Notes 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! FIRST TIME SPONSORS – Don't get left out, make some fun AND Dollars for Scholars.

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 coordinates all Interest Groups and can help with the information you need.

BOOK GROUPS ~ 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 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

April 19: Hostess, Terri Ciccollella

A discussion of *My Grandmother Ask Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrick Backman will be led by Sande Mawhinney. Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

LITERATURE II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

April 23: Hostess, Linda Seibert

A discussion of *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger will be led by Susie Teicher.

Contact Joyce Katz (joyka123@aol.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

READING REALITY 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

April 10: Hostess, Becky Ragan

A discussion of *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann will be led by Erlaine Eltomi.

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

EXPRESSIONS 1st Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.

April 3: Hostess, Pat White

Kumihimo, Braid-Making— Cost is \$10.

Meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Kumihimo is a Japanese form of braid-making. A foam disk is used with silken cord to create bracelets, necklaces, lanyards, or handles. In this class, we will make bracelets with magnetic closures, using cords of various colors. Once you have mastered the basic cord, you can go on to add beads and other embellishments. Each student will receive a disk, cordage, and magnetic jewelry findings.

For more information or to register for this class, please contact Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) by March 31.

PLAY READERS 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

April 16: Hostess, Suzanne Couch

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

MOVIE GROUP 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

April 26: Hostess, Mary Lou Wilson

New members welcomed.

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

GENEALOGY GROUP 3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

April 19: 1-3 p.m.

Daniel Boone Library

The topic for the April meeting is Genealogy Research on Military and Government Employee Records from the National Archives at St. Louis.

Optional: Lunch at Walnut Grill, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Contact and RSVP to Roz Marx.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) or Roz Marx (rozzzie1@yahoo.com).

OUT TO LUNCH 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

April 18: Café Provencal

429 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122

No carpool from the church. Meet at the restaurant.

Café Provencal features award-winning French Provence style dining. Delicious French food. Smartly paired wines. Sinful desserts. What more could you want? Check out the lunch menu at www.cafeprovençal.com.

All members and friends are welcome.

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

NOTICE: Harriet Hirschfeld 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.



BRIDGE CALENDAR

To participate contact Barb Jowett. * See below.

BASIC BRIDGE and BEYOND

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

April 19: Susan Zerjav

BRIDGE BUDDIES 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd: lunch and bridge

April 11: Nancy Hughes

April 25: Nancy Hughes

BRIDGE FRIENDS 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: lunch and bridge

April 19: Joanne Nelson

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

April 4: Contact Janet Ludewig

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

April 17: Joan Lunt

BRIDGE III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room

April 25: Nancy Remley

BRIDGE IV 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

April 3: Sheila Kalman

BRIDGE V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

April 10: Joanne Nelson

BRIDGE VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room

April 16: Jackie Fleck

DUPLICATE BRIDGE I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.

April 3: Teri Steinberg

DUPLICATE BRIDGE II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Walnut Grill

April 24: Alice Crippen

BEGINNERS' DUPLICATE BRIDGE 4th Tuesday,

10:15 a.m. Hearth Room

April 24: Joanne Nelson

***Note:** You may wish to directly contact the bridge chair of the group that interests you. Some groups need players and subs. Bridge chairs are listed on page 10 of the *Directory*.

GOLF Monday, April 2

Every Monday April through October

If you are interested in playing golf, contact Bev Wait (wait89@aol.com) or Elaine Frost (elfrost7@charter.net).

APRIL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Renew your membership now!



02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Golf

03 Expressions 1 p.m.

05 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

10 Equity Action Day

Reading Reality 1 p.m.

International Relations 10:30 a.m.

11 Stem Girls of Promise, MRH 7 a.m.

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

16 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

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

18 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

19 Literature I 9:30 a.m.;

Genealogy 1 p.m.

21 IBC Spring Fling Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

23 Literature II 10 a.m.

25 \$\$ Tour of the Fabulous Fox Theater 10:30 a.m.

On Line Voting on AAUW Bylaws Begins

26 Movie Group 10 a.m.

¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

27 Stem Girls of Promise, Valley Park HS 7 a.m.

\$\$ Magic Chef Mansion Tour, 10:30 a.m.

COMING IN MAY

04 AAUW MO Annual Meeting

10 Spring Luncheon 11:15 a.m.

24 \$\$ Photography and More

31 \$\$ Sunken Cities: Egypt's Lost World

American Association of University Women Announces Senior Leadership Team to Advance Equity

March 13, 2018

WASHINGTON—The [American Association of University Women](#) (AAUW) today announced the appointment of a restructured senior management team as AAUW moves forward with a robust strategic planning process to better advance equity for women and girls.

“AAUW has been empowering women since 1881, and our focus on ensuring women and girls can thrive in education, the workplace, and our communities is as relevant and pressing today as it was then,” said Kim Churches, the chief executive officer of AAUW. “I am pleased to be joined by a group of dynamic and experienced executives committed to our mission of advancing gender equity.”

The senior leadership team includes:

Sheila Amo, chief administrative officer

Amo previously served as the vice president of human resources for AAUW. She has provided leadership and strategic support in the design, management, and implementation of effective human resource strategies, services, and functions, including ways in which AAUW can attract, retain, motivate, support, and develop employees.

Gloria L. Blackwell, senior vice president of fellowships and programs

Blackwell previously served as AAUW's vice president of fellowships, grants, and global programs. An AAUW leader for nearly 14 years, Blackwell directs \$4 million in global fellowships and grants for women. She is also responsible for designing and implementing initiatives to expand equity for women and girls and broaden their experiences in nontraditional spaces and educational and career settings. She also serves as AAUW's main representative to the United Nations.

Kendra Davis, senior vice president of advancement and partnerships

Davis most recently served as Refugees International's (RI) vice president of external relations. She has demonstrated the ability to create diversified revenue and development plans, an accomplished record of increasing revenue for advocacy organizations, and specialized expertise overseeing programs focused on women's empowerment at the U.S. State Department, United Way Worldwide, and the League of Women Voters.

Laura Segal, senior vice president of communications and external relations

Segal most recently served as the vice president of public affairs for the Trust for America's Health (TFAH). Her previous experience includes working for emerging technology companies, on presidential campaigns, as a cabinet-level speechwriter, and at the White House.

Deborah J. Vagins, senior vice president of public policy and research

Vagins joins AAUW from her most recent role as a chief of staff and principal attorney advisor at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Vagins has a long career advocating for civil and women's rights issues, including serving as the senior legislative counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union Washington Legislative Office, where she was instrumental in passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 and was a co-chair of the Paycheck Fairness Act coalition.

Shannon Wolfe, managing director and chief of staff

Wolfe previously served as the senior director of advancement services at the Brookings Institution where she offered expertise in a variety of operational and fundraising roles. She joins AAUW with a 20-year career in nonprofit organizations.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and 800 college and university partners. Since AAUW's founding in 1881, our members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. Learn more and join us at www.aauw.org

