

Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Marcia Block

Presidents' Corner

Do you have time to read this? Or are you too busy enjoying your summer? While I hope the second question gets a "yes" answer, I also hope you can spare a moment or two to catch up with AAUW B-C happenings.

This newsletter contains articles that prove AAUW B-C has something for everyone. Read about the Spring Luncheon, Dollars for Scholars activities, volunteer opportunities, Interest Groups, STEM recognition breakfasts, and 2018-19 upcoming events. Oh yes, and lots of pictures of beautiful, busy, and amazing members. Consider this newsletter your Save the Date card and start filling your calendar.



Jean Elliott

Join us July 12 for the Summer Picnic, a

potluck luncheon—you'll be amazed by the salads, sandwiches, and desserts offered by our members. Indoors and no bugs! Plan on attending the Women's Equality Day Brunch on August 25. As September comes along, the first branch meeting will be held on September 13. This is our annual Fall Brunch. Hope to see many of you at these events.

As your newly elected co-president, I hope to spend the summer attending committee meetings, as well as the events listed above. I hope that gives me an opportunity to get to know more of you and be inspired by your dedication to the mission of AAUW. I also know I will spend time preparing for the two years ahead. I hope that leaves me time for a few days on the golf course. Let's all relax this summer, and I'll see you soon.

Please note: To continue receiving Friday Reminders, please update your contact list to include Bette Bude (bettebude@outlook.com) and Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com). **All items** for the Friday Reminder should now be sent to Bette and Mary Kay.

Also add Co-Presidents Marcia Block (mhbblock@sbcglobal.net) and Jean Elliott (elliotts01@sbcglobal.net), who will send occasional emails.

~ Jean Elliott, Co-President

The board will not meet in July or August.

The next board meeting will be September 6, 2018.

Hospitality's Summer Picnic & July Branch Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Parking is in the rear of the church.

*You are invited to the
AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield
Branch's Summer Picnic!*

Please join us for a great visit and get to know our members better in a relaxed indoor atmosphere—that means **Air Conditioning** and **No Bugs!** Bring a salad with a serving utensil or a cut-up sub type sandwich to share. Drinks, desserts, and fun will be provided. Look for the red, white, and blue balloons and the **AAUW** sign. Come and have a great time!

Set-up is on Wednesday, July 11, at 3:30 p.m. All able-bodied members, come and help us set up. It should take less than an hour.

Contact Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) or Becky Ragan at (ragan4@swbell.net) for further information.

DIRECTIONS: From 141/Woods Mill Rd. and Olive Rd., travel east on Olive Blvd. to 13014 Olive Blvd. Holy Cross Lutheran Church is on the right at the intersection of Olive Blvd. and Fernview Dr. OR From Hwy 270 and Olive Blvd., go west to 13014 Olive Blvd. Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be on the left at the intersection of Olive Blvd. and Fernview Dr.

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the **September newsletter is August 14**, unless otherwise specified by department co-editor. Send news items to co-editors Sandy Brody (sandybrody163@gmail.com) and Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com). 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 Director Joyce Katz posts announcements on Facebook at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW. "Like" the page to receive updates.
- Contact Membership Vice-Presidents Mersine Kallaos (mkallaos@prodigy.net) and Angela Janik (ajanik@charter.net) for membership information.
- To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed (j6a8r1@aol.com) or Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com).
- For phone numbers and mailing addresses of branch members, check the branch *Directory*.

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Marcia Block & Jean Elliott

VP-Program: Sage Taber & Mary Jermak

VP-Membership: Mersine Kallaos & Angela Janik

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Secretary/Archivist: Sue Lancaster

Ex-Officio Immediate Past President: Sandra Murdock

ELECTED DIRECTORS

Educational Opportunities Fund: Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoski

Legal Advocacy Fund: Doris Nistler & Julie Triplett

Public Policy: Eve LaJeunesse & Karen Francis

APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Branch Development for Leadership and Operating Funds:

Marcia Block, Diane Correll, & Jane Miller

Communications/Web: Joyce Katz

Directory: Joan Hewitt & Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Dollars for Scholars: Rita Hawkins-Page & Barb McQuitty

Governance: Marsha Weppelman

Hospitality: Pat White & Linda Roberson

Newsletter Editors: Sandy Brody, Joan Davis,

Susan Fenwick & Jean Light

Special Events

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

Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony & Jane Hemer

STEM: 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

September 27: *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim* by Sabeeha Rehman will be reviewed by Betty Takahashi.

Contact : Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

Meet and Eat Group, IBC

3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.

July–December lunch venues TBA

For further information or to RSVP, contact

Kay Meyer (kicmeyer51@gmail.com).

Save the Date

Fall Brunch ~ *Mix It Up*

Thursday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield invites members and prospective members to kick off a new year of engaging activities and outstanding accomplishments at its annual Fall Brunch. Sign up at the Summer Picnic or contact Linda Roberson (robersonlinda11@att.net). There is no charge, but organizers must know how many members and guests plan to attend.

~ **Linda Roberson, Barbara McQuitty & Susan Fenwick, Co-Directors, Fall Brunch**

Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard Election Deadlines

- ✓ July 11: Last day to register to vote in the August 7 primary
- ✓ August 1: Last day to request an absentee ballot
- ✓ August 7: Primary Election. The polls are open from 6 a.m.—7 p.m.

2018 AAUW MO Awards

At the AAUW MO annual meeting the weekend of May 5, the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch was recognized in the following categories:

- Top branch in Missouri in Total Giving
- Sixth in Missouri in Per Capita Giving
- Galaxy and 10-Star Awards

The 10-Star Award is given to branches who fulfilled their goals in leadership, programs, membership, visibility, education, funds giving goals, public policy, international affairs, technology, and social justice. Branches may receive up to 10 stars; B-C has received all 10 stars annually.

The Galaxy Award is the highest level of the AAUW Missouri Star Program and recognizes a branch mission-based project. B-C received the Galaxy Award for its Munching Matters Interest Group lunches, whose focus is topics relating to the AAUW mission. This series features B-C members who tell stories about their lives. (AAUW MO State Awards in 2018).

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.

Legal Advocacy Fund

Many members have heard Aileen Rizo speak and have been following her case for equal pay. Here is the latest information from *The LAF Express*: On April 9, 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed a decision from a smaller panel last year in *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*, holding that prior salary alone as a "factor other than sex" or in combination with other factors cannot justify a pay differential. This case matters because basing pay on salary history can perpetuate the gender pay gap due to women typically being paid less in prior jobs than men, in direct contrast with the intent of the *Equal Pay Act (EPA) of 1963*.

This decision is a huge victory for employees within the jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit. However, the fight for protections for all workers continues. Federal legislation like the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, currently pending in Congress, would ban the use of salary history nationwide and provide much-needed updates to strengthen the EPA. AAUW will continue to support Rizo through our legal case support program as her case moves through any further appeal.

~ *Julie Triplett* for the LAF Committee

Educational Opportunities Fund

Congratulations to Jaimie Talir and Kristen Jordan who graduated from Maryville University. In May these two women earned their bachelor degrees. Jaimie received her bachelor of science in nursing and Kristen received her bachelor's degree in actuarial science. Many of us met them when they attended our branch meetings over the past two years. They are very grateful to Ballwin-Chesterfield for our help. They each were given a membership to AAUW national through the Give a Grad a Gift program.

Your constant support of Dollars for Scholars has helped these women succeed in their education. Thank you, and remember we have great power for good in our hands.

Equality Day Celebration

August 25, 10 a.m.—2p.m.

Clayton Plaza Hotel

7750 Carondelet, Clayton, MO

Cost: \$40, Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Mail your check to Julia Triplett (see *Directory*).

Please come to the Missouri Women's Network 31st Annual Equality Day Brunch and join the celebration of women winning the vote. The program will include honoring women who have made equity better for women in Missouri, recognizing prominent women feminists who have died in the past year, a speaker on women's issues, and other programming.

To register, contact Pat Shores (apatriciashores@att.net).

See the flyer on our branch website home page (Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net).

Many thanks to all members who have renewed for next year. If you have not yet renewed, see the following information from Finance Officer Pat Shores.

~ *Michele Mangnall & Mersine Kallaos, VP-Membership*

The new AAUW year begins on July 1—current membership expires on June 30. National membership dues are now \$59; AAUW MO dues are \$10; and Ballwin-Chesterfield branch dues are \$22, which total \$91 for the upcoming year. Fifty-six dollars of the national dues are tax deductible.

The preferred method to renew is online. Pat Shores will send you a personalized email from memberinfo@aauw.org on July 16. Just open and "**click here to renew**" to renew by credit card. It's simple, safe, and efficient. **The alternate method** is to send your \$91 check to Pat. Write your check to AAUW; **do not** put B-C on the memo line.

If you know that you will not be able to renew your membership for next year, please let Pat (apatriciashores@att.net) know, so you will not receive a reminder email or call from a membership committee member.

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

STEM**Girls of Promise, 2018**

The 2018 Valley Park High School STEM Girls of Promise were honored with an appreciation breakfast on April 27. Members of AAUW B-C, Valley Park Superintendent Dave Kneis and Matt Bailey, school principal, teachers, family, and friends were present to recognize Camryn Christy, Abigail Farless, Natalie Kaminski, Vanessa Keipine, Madelyn Kientzy, and Jilane Pedersen. STEM Co-Directors Jean Elliott, and Carol Greenaway presented the honorees with certificates, medals, and \$25 cash. AAUW B-C Co-Presidents Marcia Block and Sandra Murdock added their congratulations.

The honorees impressed those in attendance with their current courses of study and their plans for the future. What a wonderful group of young women to celebrate Ballwin-Chesterfield's fifth year of sponsoring this event. To quote Principal Dr. Matt Bailey: "We love hosting the event and recognizing these young women for their accomplishments and appreciate the time, energy, and efforts the AAUW puts in to recognize them as well. Thank you again, and we look forward to another year next year."

~ Jean Elliott & Carol Greenaway, Co-Directors, STEM



Valley Park STEM Girls of Promise (l-r): Abigail Farless, Jilane Pedersen, Camryn Christy, Vanessa Keipine, Natalie Kaminski, and Madelyn Kientzy. They are joined by B-C members Jean Elliott, Marcia Block, Carol Greenaway, Sandra Murdock, and Linda Seibert, and Valley Park staff members.

Directory 2018-19

All members: work has begun on the new *Directory*; inserts will be available at the Fall Brunch in September. A new or retaken picture can still be made at the Summer Picnic. Also, a photo may be sent via email (joycekatz44@gmail.com), as a .jpg or sent by postal mail to Joyce Katz.

For new members in 2017-18: replacement covers are here, and if you did not receive a cover (or an insert) at one of the branch meetings, please pick one up at the *Directory* table at the Summer Picnic.

~ Joan Hewitt & Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy, Directory

Winter Auction

Though we're in the midst of summer, some of us are already making plans for a fun-filled experience next December. Many businesses plan their charitable donations well in advance, so it's not too early to begin preparations.

We ask that you help the branch and begin to ask businesses that you patronize if they would consider donating gift certificates.

Questions? Contact Mary LaRuffa
(marylaruffa0@gmail.com).

Spring Luncheon

On Thursday, May 10, the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch's annual Spring Luncheon was held at the Whitmoor Country Club. Spring Luncheon Directors Carol Anthony, Linda Kridel, and their committee orchestrated an outstanding event. The luncheon is the traditional day for branch awards and the installation of officers. New elected officers were installed, and outgoing elected officers were recognized.

Named Gift Honoree Awards

This recognition was given to members for special accomplishments and service to the branch. Joyce Katz was honored with the Lifetime Service Award in recognition of her leadership and dedication to AAUW. The Ballwin-Chesterfield Presidential Service Award was made to retiring Co-President Sandra Murdock. Shisma Rostami was recognized with the Community Service Award. Named Gift Honoree recipients are pictured below. See <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/events/meetings/event>.



Spring Luncheon Co-Directors Carol Anthony and Linda Kridel



Joyce Katz
Lifetime Service Award



Sandra Murdock
Presidential Service Award



Shima Rostami
Community Service Award



Bette Bude



Carol Derington



Susan Fenwick



Mary Jermak



Marsha Weppleman



Ballwin-Chesterfield Elected Officers

At left incoming officers (L-R): VP-Program Mary Jermak, VP-Membership Angie Janik, Co-President Jean Elliott, not pictured, Secretary/Archivist Sue Lancaster.

At right outgoing officers (L-R): Co-President Sandra Murdock, VP-Membership Michele Mangnall, VP-Membership Marilyn Fletcher, Secretary/Archivist Susan Fenwick





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.

Proceeds from Dollars For Scholars events support scholarships for local nontraditional women students.

Contact Rita Hawkins-Page (pawsl@att.net) & Barbara McQuitty (bmcquitty841@gmail.com), Dollars for Scholars, Co-Directors

Make Dollars for Scholars checks payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield and indicate event name on memo line. 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.

Churchill Plus Museum Tour

Cost: \$20 + lunch

Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
Westminster College Campus
501 Westminster Avenue, Fulton, MO 65251

Carpool from church at 9 a.m.

Enjoy a docent-led tour of the resurrected Christopher Wren Church and the Museum devoted to Winston Churchill, who visited the Westminster College campus in 1944 to give his famous *Iron Curtain* speech. Lunch will follow at the Fulton Cafe in the historic Brick District where there are delightful shopping opportunities.

Sponsored by Susie Teicher. Contact Susie (svteicher@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

Cost: \$10

Thursday, Oct 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Daniel Boone Library, 300 Clarkson Rd, Ellisville

Discover the numerous online resources available for researching immigrant ancestors on the Ancestry Library Edition, plus other electronic databases. This event will be facilitated by Larry Franke, genealogist for Saint Louis County Library History and Genealogy Department.



Maximum attendance : 12 library computer spots, plus six who bring their own laptops
Sign up : Summer Picnic, September and October branch meetings.

Contact Genealogy Interest Group Coordinators: Roz Marx (rozzzie1@yahoo.com) or Pam Kulp (kulpp10@gmail.com).

Save the Date

Jazz Coffee Concert
Jazz at the Bistro
3536 Washington Avenue
Wednesday, May 23, 2019, 10 a.m.—noon

Cost : approximately \$45

The John Pizzarelli Trio with Catherine Russell "Billie and Blue Eyes" will pay tribute to Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra. Fifty AAUW seats have been reserved in the center of the orchestra and the balcony seating areas. Preliminary sign-up is at the Summer Picnic, September, and October branch meetings. Payment and final sign-up at February to May meetings.
Contact Roz Marx (rozzzie1@yahoo.com).



Rita Hawkins-Page and Barbara McQuitty are your new Dollars for Scholars Co-Directors. Please welcome them at the branch picnic and hear their new plans and ideas.

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) 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. Download the 2018–19 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

Literature I 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Meetings will resume in September.
Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

July 23: Hostess, Judy Stagoski
A discussion of *Testimony* by Scott Turow will be led by Doris Nistler.

August 27: To be announced.

Contact Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

July 10: Hostess, Dottie Schainker
A discussion of *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan will be led by Jane Miller.

August 14: Hostess, Jane Miller

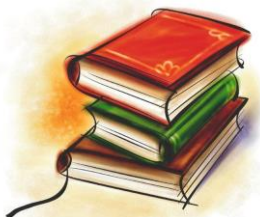
A discussion of *Black Fortunes: The Story of the First Six African Americans Who Escaped Slavery and Became Millionaires* by Shomari Wills will be led by Jan Horner.

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

Play Readers 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

July 16: No meeting.
August 20: Hostess, Julie Triplett

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



Movie Group 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

July 26: No meeting.
August 23: Contact Liz Maher

New members welcomed.

For more information about this group, contact Liz Maher (lizlbm@sbcglobal.net)

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

Expressions will resume in September.

For more information contact Jayne Kasten (kastenc@sbcglobal.net) or Nance Roth (nance.roth@att.net)

Genealogy Group 3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

Genealogy will resume in September.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Roz Marx (rozzie1@yahoo.com) or Pam Kulp (kulpp10@gmail.com).

Golf

Every Monday May through October
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Out to Lunch 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

Out to Lunch will resume in September.

*All members and friends
are welcome.*

For more information, contact Linda Seibert (lindajbseibert63@gmail.com), Jane Edwards (para1@aol.com), or Liz Maher (lizlbm@sbcglobal.net).

Bridge Calendar

To participate contact Barb Jowett. * See below.

Basic Bridge And Beyond

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room
July 19 & August 16: Susan Zerjav

Bridge Buddies 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd: lunch and Bridge
July 11 & July 25: Barb Tackitt
August 8 & August 22: Barb Schilhahn

Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge
July 19: Jane Arneson
August 16: Linda Magre

Bridge I 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Hearth Room
July 4 & August 1: Contact Janet Ludewig

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill
July 17: Harriett Hirschfeld
August 21: Judy Green

Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room
July 25: Contact Kay Kreder
August 22: Marilyn Morton

Bridge IV 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill
Bridge is cancelled until further notice.
Contact Sheila Kalman

Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill
July 10 & August 14: Sheila Kalman

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room
July 16: Lorraine Cline
August 20: Carolyn Baker

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.
July 3: Jan Loudon
August 7: Elaine Frost

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Walnut Grill
July 24: Jan Loudon
August 28: Chris Magilligan

Beginners' Duplicate Bridge 4th Tuesday,
10:15 a.m. Hearth Room
July 24: Barb Jowett
August 28: Linda Magre

***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*.

July & August Activities Calendar

July

- 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Golf
- 10 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 12 Branch Picnic 11 a.m.
- 17 Meet and Eat Group/IBC Lunch 11:45 a.m.
- 23 Literature II 10 a.m.
- 31 \$\$ Churchill Plus Museum Tour 10:30 a.m.



August

- 06, 13, 20, 27 Golf
- 14 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- Deadline for September newsletter submissions
- 20 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Meet and Eat/IBC Lunch 11:45 a.m.
- 23 Movie Group 10 a.m.
- 25 Women's Equality Day Celebration 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 27 Literature II 10 a.m.

Coming in September

- 06 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 10, 17, 24 Golf
- 13 Fall Brunch and Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Deadline for October newsletter submissions

