I am sure you have heard the expression, “There is nothing permanent except change.” It is attributed to the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, circa 500 BC. This year, change will dominate the agenda, conversations, and activity of AAUW B-C.

The first change you may have already noticed is in our mission statement. It now reads, “AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.” AAUW has consistently conducted research on relevant issues of gender equity, thereby influencing policy makers, informing the public, and prompting action. The latest two research publications are Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans and The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap. These publications are available on the AAUW website. They are easy to understand, with tables and graphs to break down topics. You may already be aware that student debt has become a women’s issue, with women holding nearly two-thirds ($900B) of outstanding student debt. This is intertwined with the pay gap. As of 2016, women working full time in the United States typically were paid 80 percent of what men were paid. Read, become informed, and confidently advocate for equitable resolution of these issues.

I bring up research because our traditional Eleanor Roosevelt Walk is coming up on October 16 at Des Peres Park. This event helps to fund the type of research just mentioned and brings up the second big change I wanted to discuss. Our branch has designated November as Annual Giving Month for the AAUW Fund. You will no longer be asked to give to EOF, LAF, or the ER Walk separately. Please see the articles on pages three and four for more information on both these events.

On a final note, I hope to see you at meetings, or DFS events, or at one of the many activity groups. Listen closely, get involved, and you’ll find that change can be a good thing.

~Jean Elliott, Co-president

The next board meeting will be on October 4 at 9:30 a.m. All Elected and Appointed Officers should attend. Contact Jean Elliott (elliotts01@sbcglobal.net) if you cannot attend.
The Branching Out newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is October 12, unless otherwise specified by the 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. Web Manager 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 (joycekat44@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 Fundraising: Marcia Block, Diane Correll, & Jane Miller
Web Manager: Joyce Katz
Directory: Joan Hewitt & Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy
Dollars for Scholars: Susie Teicher & Marilyn Fletcher
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 & Barb McQuitty
Standing committee chairs are listed in the Directory.

AAUW ¡Adelante!
4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
October 25: Barnes & Noble,
1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield
Contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

Meet and Eat Group/IBC Lunch
3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
October 16: Dado's Cafe, Casual American and Classic Greek food.
5425 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63109 (South City),
314-224-5588
For further information or to RSVP, contact Kay Meyer (kicmeyer51@gmail.com).

A Note from the Finance Officer

The 2018–19 proposed budget was developed by budget committee members Marcia Block, Mary Jermak, Pat Shores, and Leslie Wier. It was approved by the board at its September meeting. A copy of the proposed budget will be emailed to each member before the October branch meeting, where it will be presented to the membership for approval. For specific questions about the budget, contact Pat Shores before the meeting (apatricia.shores@att.net).

For your information, Ballwin-Chesterfield has three bank accounts:

The Operating Fund Account, the biggest and most active account, is funded in two ways: first, by the $22 branch dues portion of the $91 dues paid to AAUW and second, by the winter fundraiser, the Winter Party. Operating Fund expenses include: rental and coffee for the board and branch meetings at Trinity; rent for the summer picnic location; liability, and director and officer insurance policies; an AAUW Fund donation; AAUW Missouri convention attendance; and officer, director, and committee expenses.

The Dollars for Scholars Account pays for local scholarships. Income comes from the Dollars for Scholars fees.

The Schnucks Account receives direct deposits from your store purchases including the pharmacy. There are no expenses. The Schnucks reward program currently is being revised. Schnucks personnel say that we will eventually be able to share our purchases with our home account and our B-C account. Stay tuned for further developments, and please keep using your Schnucks card.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

November is Annual Giving Month. For further details, see page four.
### 2018 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk

**2018 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.**  
**Des Peres City Park, 12325 Manchester Road 63131**

The tradition continues! Join your AAUW friends at beautiful Des Peres Park for our annual ER Walk. No clock, no race, no winners, just a healthy good time. Sign up at the October branch meeting. This year we will not be charging a registration fee. Donations will be accepted, of course, but members are encouraged to donate during the November AAUW Fund Drive. You may designate the ER Fund on your check so that your contribution supports the important research on topics important to AAUW’s goals and mission. Contact Carol Derington (carol.derington@sbcglobal.net) or Eileen Krahman (eakrahman@yahoo.com) for more information.

~Carol Derington and Eileen Krahman  
Co-chairs Eleanor Roosevelt Walk

### 2018 Fall Brunch Report

The approximately 150 women who attended the annual Fall Brunch and September kick-off meeting for the 2018‒19 AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield year were challenged to *Mix It Up*, the theme of this year’s gathering.

During the social period before the program, members and guests explored opportunities to sign up for various interest groups and Dollars for Scholars outings, while being welcomed to the brunch by lovely piano music performed by our own Doris Nistler and Betty Hartman.

The program included an overview of the goals related to gender equity for women and girls set by our AAUW national office and covered some of the ways that our branch supports these goals. Also pointed out were various activities that allow members to get together to learn, have fun, and form lasting friendships. Attendees were encouraged to mix it up this year by trying some new ways of participating in AAUW.

Two lucky women won $115 each in the 50/50 raffle, and twenty-two winners of the centerpiece drawing took home the chrysanthemum centerpieces given as attendance prizes.

Thanks go to Fall Brunch Co-directors, Linda Roberson, Barbara McQuitty, and Susan Fenwick; and VP-Membership Mersine Kallaos and Angela Janik. Special thanks to the Fall Brunch committee: Bonnie Brewbaker, Kay Meyer, Pat White, Yvonne Morrison, Judy Stagoski, Eve LaJeunesse, Pam Kulp, Karen Francis, Jean Elliott, Linda Seibert, Eileen Krahman, Jan Horner, Marilyn Beiter, Marian Bauer, and Janet Sloey. Hats off to our 50/50 ticket sales ladies, Janice Buckhold and Karen Francis, who did a masterful job of selling tickets.

The brunch was just the beginning of a great year of changes, challenges, and achievements for Ballwin-Chesterfield!

~Susan Fenwick  
Fall Brunch Co-director

### New Member Orientation Coffee

**New Member Orientation Coffee**  
**Thursday, October 25, 1 p.m.**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road, 63017**

If you are a member who joined the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch since November 2017, this is your opportunity to learn more about our active branch! Our co-presidents, elected and appointed board members, and heads of committees will speak briefly.

Come and meet other new members, enjoy delicious refreshments, and learn more about our dynamic branch and what makes the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch unique. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

RSVP: Mersine (mkallaos@prodigy.net) or Angela (amjanik53@gmail.com).  

~Mersine Kallaos & Angela Janik  
VP-Membership

### Winter Party and the Budget

The Winter Party is critically important to the financial health of our branch Operating Fund. The $22 portion of our dues that Ballwin-Chesterfield retains does not cover all the wonderful things we do. The Winter Party is the way we raise the additional monies we need to maintain our high-quality programs and activities and is an every-member participation event. If you cannot attend the Winter Party, please donate to the Operating Fund.

~Pat Shores  
Finance Officer
Public Policy

AAUW 2017–19 National Public Policy Priorities provide the state and local branches guidelines for action. The biennial priorities for national action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong membership support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution or leadership.

Get Out the Vote
The AAUW and AAUW Action Fund’s Voter Issue Guide provides concise information about key policy issues, topical buzzwords, and questions to ask the candidates — helping you prepare for the upcoming election and educate eligible voters! When women vote, we change the conversation. The deadline for voter registration is October 10. Please watch Friday Reminders for specific activities where you and your AAUW friends may volunteer.


Title IX Delivery Project
AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity. AAUW advocates vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education. Our branch will follow the state’s lead in focusing on the Title IX Delivery Project.

Closing the Gender Pay Gap is crucial as women’s overall wages remain stalled behind men’s. Despite civil rights laws and advancement in women’s economic status, workplace discrimination persists. To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes. AAUW will lead the fight for equal pay legislation and continue programs that empower women to ask for salaries they deserve.

~Barbara Butchart,
Public Policy Priorities Committee Member

Are You Signed Up for the AAUW National MSD?

MSD stands for Member Services Database. This web page lets you check your donation amounts, renew your dues, update your contact information, and print a membership card. You can also view our entire branch roster. Go to aauw.org and log in with your membership number found in your directory. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Member Services Database. First-time users will be prompted to register and create a special password. If you have visited before, just continue and log in with your special password.

Besides being informative, our branch website (ballwin-chesterfield.aauw.net) has useful forms for members, such as our tax-exempt letter and Office Max-Depot discount cards. Contact Joyce for the special password (joycekatz44@gmail.com).

~Joyce Katz,
Web Manager

Annual Giving

November is Annual Giving Month. In the past we had two annual giving months, one for Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF) and one for Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), plus a collection in October for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. With the many changes in AAUW, we now will have just one collection for AAUW Fund that will cover all the national funds and help give money to new programs in development.

We urge you to give generously to this collection. All donations are tax exempt and apply to Missouri Century Club and Century Club Plus. AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield always has been very interested in promoting equity for women, and the monies from our annual giving will go a long way in promoting this worthy cause. If you cannot be present at our November meeting, you can donate on-line at AAUW.org.

~Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoski, Co-directors EOF
~Julie Triplett & Doris Nistler, Co-directors LAF
~Carol Derington & Eileen Krahman, Co-chairs E.R. Fund
It's a Party!

Help us celebrate the upcoming winter holidays while raising funds for our branch. The Winter Party is an update of the former auction, and we are planning exciting changes. There will be an expanded boutique and food items to purchase; a wine and mimosa bar to get you in the mood to celebrate; raffles, games, a musical program by the award-winning group City Voices; and plenty of items to purchase. Look for creative baskets/containers and plenty of gift certificates.

As always, this event will be both fun and a necessary boost to our branch finances. Registration will be $25, and this will include a delicious box lunch. See below for details.

~ Jane Miller, Diane Correll, & Marcia Block, Winter Party Fundraiser Directors

What You Can Do

We need your help to make the “Let’s Make a Deal” table at the party a success. Ask merchants you patronize for gift certificates. Get together with friends to put together a basket or creative grouping—or do one yourself. These baskets/creative containers should be in the $50-$100 range.

Lunches, dinners, and parties have always been among our most popular items. How about offering one? Do you have a vacation spot/getaway? A girls’ weekend would be great.

Cash contributions to the branch are easy and always welcome.

~ Mary LaRuffa, Mary Buck, Susan Heigel, Ginger Johnson, & Barb Tackitt, Let’s Make a Deal Committee

You may register at the October or November meeting or send your check to Jayne Kasten, at the address listed in the Directory, with your choice of Option A - E.

OPTION A: Callier's Special -- combo of smoked turkey, beef, ham, salami, provol cheese, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, onion, and house Italian dressing on freshly baked French bread with fruit cup, and Ultimate Double Chocolate Brownie

OPTION B: Grilled Chicken Ranch Wrap -- marinated grilled chicken breast, lettuce, diced tomato, diced red onion, cheddar cheese with dressing in a sun-dried tomato wrap with fruit cup, and Ultimate Double Chocolate Brownie

OPTION C: Smoked turkey, provol cheese, lettuce, and sliced tomatoes on croissant with fruit cup, and an Ultimate Double Chocolate Brownie

OPTION D: Gluten-free choice available upon request

OPTION E: Vegetarian choice available upon request

Hospitality Needs You!

We need your help to continue providing the delicious array of morning snacks at each meeting.

Bringing homemade or purchased treats is an easy way to contribute to the meeting. We also need coordinating hostesses for planning the table decor and displaying the various offerings as they are brought to the meeting. This has been an easy job when we have lots of helpers—10 to 12 per meeting.

Please let Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) or Linda Roberson (robersonn Linda11@att.net) know if you can give us a hand! Months available are October, November, January, February, March, and April.

~ Pat White & Linda Roberson, Co-directors, Hospitality

Directory

We are celebrating the completion of the 2018–19 AAUW B-C Directory. It has been distributed to the B-C board and to members who attended the Fall Brunch. Thank you to everyone who picked up their copies. Digital copies of the directory have been emailed to our members. For those who still need to receive a print copy of the directory, these will again be available at the October 11 branch meeting. Corrections or additions should be sent to Ann Patrice O’Shaughnessy (annpatriceo@gmail.com) or to Joan Hewitt (joanhewitt@sbcglobal.net).

For your picture to appear in the directory, please email a digital photo (or selfie) or send a photo print by mail to Joyce Katz. Your photo print will be returned to you.

If you are a new member, please stop by the directory table for a directory cover/binder at our next meeting.

~ Joan Hewitt & Ann Patrice O’Shaughnessy, Co-directors, Directory
Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

Thursday, October 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Daniel Boone Library, 300 Clarkson Road, 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 at the October branch meeting.

Questions? Contact Genealogy Interest Group Coordinators Roz Marx (rozsie3@gmail.com) or Pam Kulp (kulpp10@gmail.com).

Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

Cost: $10

Tour the Dynamic Bosnian Neighborhood

Tuesday, October 23, 9:30 a.m.
We will leave Trinity Church at 9 a.m.

We will meet our guides at 5017 Gravois Ave near the Bevo Mill. The first stop is a Bosnian Bakery where our lead guide Joe will provide a brief history of the area, beginning with its German history, and transforming to the Bosnian culture it has become. The tour continues to the refugee center, a European coffee shop and grocery store, then a Turkish Bazaar. During lunch at the Bevo Mill, we will be serenaded by a professional accordion player. Cost of lunch is not included in the tour.

Questions? Contact Event Sponsor Rita Hawkins-Page (pawsl@att.net).

Bread and Beans

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Questions? Contact Linda Bader (lbader7311@aol.com).

Used Book Sale

All proceeds will go to Dollars for Scholars.

DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!! FIRST BOOK SALE OF THE YEAR AT THE OCTOBER MEETING!

Bring your donations from October through April (no collection in December). Collect your books, CD’s, DVD’s & puzzles and bring them to branch meetings. Members of the EOF committee will sell items before the branch meetings, at the break, and after the meetings. The remainders will be sold to local used bookstores. All money goes to Dollars for Scholars. What a great reason to clean your book shelves…and then fill them again with new purchases!

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

Dollars for Scholars

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 Marilyn Fletcher (marilynfletcher597@gmail.com) and Susan Teicher (svteicher@gmail.com).

Make Dollars for Scholars checks payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield and indicate event name on memo line. Be sure to bring enough checks to each meeting, so that you can sign up for several events and not miss out on any of the fun!
Interest Groups

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.

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.
October 18: Hostess, Mary McFarland
A discussion of Rules of Civility by Amor Towles will be led by Mary McFarland.

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.
October 22: Hostess, Barb Schillhahn
A discussion of Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate will be led by Doris Nistler.

Contact Joyce Katz (joycekat44@gmail.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.
October 9: Hostess, Erlaine Eltomi
A discussion of Dark Money by Jane Mayer will be led by Dianne Compton.

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

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.
October 25: Hostess, Pat Shores
New members are welcome.

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

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.
October 2: Boutique Workshop Cost: $5
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Join in the festivities as we prepare crafts to sell in December at the Winter Party (See “It’s a Party!” on page five). If you signed up at the September meeting, you will receive an email reminder.

If you didn't make previous plans to attend, we would still love to have you participate with us. Ideas include making cards, decorating tags, and designing fun items!!

Contact Jayne Kasten (kastenc@sbcglobal.net).

Genealogy Group 3rd Thursday
October 18: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: $10
Daniel Boone Library, Computer Lab

Dollars for Scholars/Genealogy workshop: Finding Immigrant European Ancestors, led by Larry Franke, St. Louis County Genealogist.

Sign up at the October branch meeting, or contact Roz Marx (roznie3@gmail.com) for more information and upcoming events.

Out to Lunch 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
October 17: Hostess, Liz Maher
Meet at Sapore Restaurant, Kirkwood, MO

All members and friends are welcome.

Please note: To reserve or cancel, or to arrange a ride, please contact Liz Maher.

For more information, contact Linda Seibert (lindajseibert63@gmail.com), Jane Edwards (paral1@aol.com), or Liz Maher (lizlbn@sbcglobal.net).

Play Readers 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.
October 15: Hostess, Judy Stagoski

For more information about this group, contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).
Interest Groups and October Calendar

**Golf**
Every Monday, May through October
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

**Bridge Calendar**
To participate, contact Bridge Chairs that are listed in the Directory.

**Basic Bridge And Beyond**
3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
October 18: Susan Zerjav

**Bridge Buddies 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m.**
The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd. Lunch and Bridge
October 10: Judy Stagoski
October 24: Charmaigne Scott

**Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.**
Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge
October 18: Mary LaRuffa

**Bridge I 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.**
Hearth Room
October 3: Contact Janet Ludewig

**Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.**
Walnut Grill
October 16: Diane Correll

**Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.**
Hearth Room
October 24: Judy Green

**Bridge IV** has merged with Bridge V.

**Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.**
Kaldi’s at Schnucks Woods Mill
October 9: Susan Zerjav

**Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.**
Hearth Room
October 15: Nancy Russell

**Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.**
October 2: Elaine Frost

**Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.**
Walnut Grill
October 23: Carol Osterloh

**Duplicate Bridge III 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.**
Hearth Room
October 23: Barb Jowett

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**October Activities Calendar**

**October**

01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Golf
02 Expressions 1 p.m.
04 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
09 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
11 Branch Meeting 8:45 a.m.
   Panera Bread cards, beans, book sales
12 Deadline for November newsletter submissions
15 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
16 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk 10:30 a.m.
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25 Movie Group 10 a.m.
   New Member Coffee 1 p.m.
   ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m

**Coming in November**

04 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
11 Branch Meeting 8:45 a.m.
14 Deadline for December newsletter submissions

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**Missouri**

FOR EVERY $1 MEN MAKE, WOMEN MAKE: 78¢
STATE RANK: 30th
CLOSE THE GAP AT FIGHTFORFAIRPAY.ORG AAUW