

# Branching Out

## AAUW Ballwin–Chesterfield (MO) Branch

### National and State Award-Winning Branch

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### Presidents' Corner



**Marcia Block**

It's time to rouse from your winter slumber; spring is here. Now that Mother Nature is finally shaking off her cold temperatures, it's time to consider how to fill your days with AAUW activities that further our mission as advocates for women and girls.

The STEM committee is busy planning Girls of Promise recognition breakfasts at Maplewood-Richmond Heights and Valley Park High Schools. What a joy to see such talented and accomplished high school women ready to take on the world. Public Policy plans include Equity Action Day and getting women to sign up for the Work Smart on-line class. Learn more about the gender pay gap and fair pay negotiations in the work place. Then share this with the young women you know. Encourage them to take the course. May brings a chance to attend AAUW's state meeting and our own elegant end of the year awards luncheon. Don't miss either one. The food alone is worth making a luncheon reservation. Not enough to do? How about sponsoring a Dollars for Scholars event?



**Jean Elliott**

All of these events are explained in more detail in this newsletter. Perhaps you are hesitant to try one of these activities. Just remember what a great organization AAUW is and what wonderful women make up the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. Jump in, get active, shake off those winter blues. There are many members waiting to work alongside you. Thank you in advance and hope to see you soon.

~Jean Elliott,  
Co-president

The next board meeting will be April 4 at 9:30 a.m. All elected and appointed officers should attend. Contact Jean Elliott ([elliotts01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elliotts01@sbcglobal.net)) if you cannot attend.

### April Branch Meeting

**Thursday, April 11**

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

8:45 a.m.–Social Time & Signups

9:30 a.m.–Business Meeting

10:30–Program 11:30 a.m.–Adjourn

**Meg Engelhardt**

**Seed Bank Manager**

**Missouri Botanical Gardens**

### *Global Plant Conservation through Seed Banking at the Missouri Botanical Garden*

In her presentation, "Global Plant Conservation through Seed Banking at the Missouri Botanical Garden", Ms. Engelhardt will discuss current efforts to collect and conserve seeds gathered from the wild in order to support the Garden's mission: *to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life.*

Come join us as we welcome Ms. Engelhardt and learn more about this interesting and important work.

### **Hospitality:**

**Coordinating Hostess:** Pat Shores

**Hostesses:** Marge Anderson, Carol Anthony, Diane Correll, Genevieve Gibson-Newman, Darlene Harris, Jane Hemer, Linda Kreidel, Michele Mangnall, Abby Roessler, Marilyn Schatteman

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the May/June newsletter is April 12, unless otherwise specified by the department co-editor. Send news items to Sandy Brody ([sandybrody163@gmail.com](mailto:sandybrody163@gmail.com)). 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/). 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](mailto:mkallaos@prodigy.net)) and Angela Janik ([amjanik53@gmail.com](mailto:amjanik53@gmail.com)) for membership information.
- To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed ([j6a8r1@aol.com](mailto:j6a8r1@aol.com)) or Joyce Katz ([joycekatz44@gmail.com](mailto: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 Fundraising: Marcia Block & 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, & 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, April 25, 1:30 p.m.

Barnes and Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield

Julie Triplett *Before We Were Yours*- Lisa Wingate

For further information, please contact Julie Triplett ([julietrip2428@gmail.com](mailto:julietrip2428@gmail.com)).

### Meet and Eat Group/IBC Lunch

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, April 16 11:45 a.m.

Mango Peruvian Cuisine, 1001 Washington Ave.,

St. Louis, 63101 314-621-9993

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

### Membership Renewal for 2019-20

The AAUW year begins anew on July 1, 2019, thus your current membership expires on June 30. The national annual dues are \$59. 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 are tax deductible.

**The preferred method to renew is online.** B-C members received a personalized renewal email on March 16 from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org). 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. Members who renew from March 16–April 30 will get three chances to win a \$30 gift card to Panera. Members who renew from May 1–May 31 will get two chances to win. Members who renew from June 1 to June 30 will have one chance to win.

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

### Schnucks Reward Program

Schnucks has finally settled on how to use their new rewards program. If you would like to support Ballwin-Chesterfield with your purchases, you must use your Schnucks eScrip card and present it to the cashier at the beginning of the transaction. If you want to use the rewards for your personal account, you must enter your phone number. You cannot do both things during each purchase. You must make a choice.

### Upcoming Events

#### Equity Action Day

April 16

Contact Karen Francis ([karenbitzfrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbitzfrancis@yahoo.com))

#### AAUW Mo Annual Meeting

May 4 Columbia, MO

### Introducing Our Newest Members



Welcome these new members to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW community.

**Mary Hargett Biggs** email: [marytomb@gmail.com](mailto:marytomb@gmail.com)  
Mary earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Auburn University. She holds a master's degree in communication from Webster University, and master's degree in library media from Lindenwood University. She is a retired educator. Mary has done ballet with the Ballet Guild of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been a choreographer with Sailor Circus of Sarasota, Florida, and was engaged with Children's Books for Alabama.

**Mary Ann Sunderland**  
email: [maryannsunderland@lcloud.com](mailto:maryannsunderland@lcloud.com)  
Mary Ann earned a master's degree from Webster University. She is a retired paralegal. Mary enjoys travel, reading, gardening, and movies. She has a strong interest in human rights issues.

~Mersine Kallaos & Angela Janik,  
VP-Membership

### 2019 International Relations Series

AAUW B-C joins with the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society on the second Tuesday of each month, from January through April, 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 discuss the topic in more detail. Additional information can be found at <https://lectureseries.org/>.

#### April 9, 2019: Dr. Harvey R. Fields Jr. The Intersection of Religion and Politics in an International Setting

Dr. Fields is the Assistant Dean of Student Success at Washington University. A native of Augusta, GA, he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and chemical engineering from Morehouse College and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Fields earned his doctorate in chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis and has worked there for over fifteen years in various administrative and leadership roles in Student and Academic Affairs. Dr. Fields is also a licensed and ordained minister and recently retired pastor of a local church after twenty-seven years of service.

The public is cordially invited to hear this informative and entertaining 45-50 minute lecture which will be followed by a question and answer period. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955 ext. 224.



### *Opening Windows for Others* May 9, Whitmoor Country Club

**Social at 11:15 a.m. / Lunch at noon**

**Reservations: \$28 by check only**



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

Reservations may be made at the March and April branch meetings. You may also reserve your place at the luncheon by sending a check made payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield to Yvonne Ward. 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. Also, please let us know of any special dietary needs you may have at the time you are making your reservation.

Whitmoor does not have a valet service. However, the parking lot is flat, and there is a covered drop-off entrance. Greeters will be at the door to assist you.

***If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Carol Anthony ([Canthony70@att.net](mailto:Canthony70@att.net)) or Jane Hemer ([jdhemer25@gmail.com](mailto:jdhemer25@gmail.com)), your Spring Luncheon Co-Directors.***

**EOF**

Every year hundreds of college women join AAUW for three days of education and leadership training at NCCWSL, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. NCCWSL was founded in 1983 with the purpose of helping women to have a meaningful impact on their campus, mobilize their community, and prepare for personal and professional success after graduation. This year the conference will be held May 29–June 1 at the University of Maryland in College Park MD. Your contribution to AAUW Fund helps to make this important program possible.

Local scholarship students, supported by AAUW B-C, are working hard to complete their undergraduate education. Dollars for Scholars Events support these scholarships. We encourage you to participate in and sponsor a Dollars event. The book sale will continue in April. Be sure to bring used books and buy ones for your summer reading.

~Marian Bauer and Judy Stagoski,  
EOF Co- directors

**Public Policy**

Help AAUW reach our first bench mark as we close the gender pay gap. We need 100,000 people to sign on to Work Smart ([salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org)) by August 1, 2019 to qualify for a grant from Coca Cola. This issue is so very important. Please make friends or family members aware of this wonderful opportunity to take this course.

AAUW continues to advocate for three key pieces of legislation to make workplaces fairer for all:

- **The Paycheck Fairness Act:** would update the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and close loopholes in existing law, among other protections.
- **The Pay Equity for All Act:** would prohibit employers from considering salary history when making job offers, so the financial impact of prior discrimination can't follow women from job to job.
- **The Fair Pay Act:** would require employers to provide equal pay for work of equivalent value.

**Reminder: Equity Action Day is Tuesday, April 16**  
State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Missouri  
9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

We continue to ask you to oppose SCS/292(Eigel) and HCS/HB (Roeber) by urging your state senator or state representative to oppose these charter expansion bills.

~Eve LaJeunesse and Karen Francis,  
Public Policy Co-directors

**LAF****Jane Doe et al v Howard University**

*Jane Doe, et al v. Howard University* is a case involving six current and former Howard University female students (Jane Does) who reported sexual assaults in 2014, 2015, and 2016. They allege that these assaults were committed by male employees and students at the university.

The six Jane Doe students filed their claim against Howard University in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The students asserted that they experienced discrimination in violation of *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*. The Jane Does maintain that Howard University acted with deliberate indifference to their complaints of sexual assault when the school failed to respond to requests for information about their cases, and their pleas for support, remedial measures, and academic accommodations. They also claim that Howard violated Title IX by failing to promptly investigate their complaints of sexual assault, ignoring the university's own policy prohibiting sex discrimination, and instead took actions which made them vulnerable to further harassment or assault.

Title IX stipulates that schools must act when they learn about incidents of sexual harassment and that students should not have to endure repeated sexual assaults before the school intervenes. In 2018, AAUW signed on to two amicus briefs that address Title IX liability based on universities' deliberate indifference: *Weckhorst v. Kansas State University* and *Kollaritsch v. MSU Board of Trustees*. Cases like these are significant to the protections of students' Title IX rights and to AAUW's mission to ensure students can access education free from sex discrimination.

Excerpted from *LAF Express*  
~Pat Shores,  
LAF Committee

**Directory**

Is your picture in our branch's directory? If not, please have your picture taken at the branch meeting in April. You may even want to update your picture in our Directory. Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy will be taking the pictures in the area of the Directory table. An alternative to having your picture taken would be for you to email a picture to Ann Patrice ([annpatriceo@gmail.com](mailto:annpatriceo@gmail.com)).

~Joan Hewitt and Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy,  
Co-directors, Directory

## STEM Report

The Expanding Your Horizons Conference for approximately 350 girls in grades 7-10 took place March 12 at St. Louis University. Our branch 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 speakers were Katelyn Bagwell, a junior college student studying Biomedical Engineering, and Jaelah Wright-Keely, a SLU graduate chemistry student. Ten B-C members also volunteered their time during the conference.

Two STEM Girls of Promise high school breakfast and recognition events will be held in April and May. The first is at Valley Park High School on April 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:20 a.m. and the second is at Maplewood Richmond Heights High School on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. The STEM committee will recognize five junior women for promise in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at each of these events. We welcome AAUW members to join us in honoring these young women.

For more information, contact Carol ([KMGCAG@charter.net](mailto:KMGCAG@charter.net)) or Barb ([bjmcquitty@aol.com](mailto:bjmcquitty@aol.com)).

~ Carol Greenaway and Barb McQuitty, STEM Co-Directors



## Elected Officer Nominees 2019-21

### Co-President:



**Jan Horner:** Jan has agreed to a two-year term. Jan has been a member of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield since being invited by Jayne Kasten in 2007. In our branch she has held several positions including EOF Co-director and Co-Vice President of Program. Jan holds dual membership with the Independence Branch where she has been Vice President of Membership and is currently Newsletter/Webmaster Chair.

She received a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State and a master's degree from Maryville University. After completing a 26-year teaching career in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, she was employed for 10 years at Maryville University in the School of Education.

Jan served Tri Sigma Sorority as the National Vice President of Publications and National Chairman of the Foundation Board. At the present time she volunteers at Tower Grove House in the Missouri Botanical Garden, represents Tri Sigma in the St. Louis Alumnae Panhellenic, serves as treasurer of her PEO Chapter, and spends time with family.

### Co-Vice President Program:



**Sage (Margaret) Taber:** Sage has agreed to serve another two-year term. She joined AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield and from the beginning became involved in branch meetings and working on committees. She is completing her first term as Co-Vice President for Program. She served on the Public Policy Committee for three years, and participated monthly in the Court Watch program for four years. She coordinated the Soulard Parlor Tour Dollars for Scholars event in December 2018. She serves on the winter event registration committee.

Sage is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, working several years in domestic violence prevention. She retired from BJC Behavioral Health where she worked in community mental health. She volunteers with Forest Park Forever, St. Louis Public Schools, and the Soulard Restoration Group. She is an avid paper crafter and belongs to many groups of like-minded enthusiasts. She and her wife, Becky, have two children, Amy and Ben, and three granddaughters. Her bachelor's degree is from Illinois State University; her master's degree is from Washington University.

### Co-Vice President Membership



**Willeyne Berger:** Willeyne has agreed to a two-year term. Willeyne has served on the Membership committee. She sent out newsletters for several years when she first joined AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield. She has helped in the auction activities for many years and has brought in several members.

Willeyne graduated from Drury University majoring in physical education and elementary education. She got her master's degree at Webster University and joined AAUW in 2000. She taught at Craig and Claymont Schools in the Parkway District. Willeyne substituted for 17 years in Parkway.

**Finance Officer**

**Pat Shore:** Pat has agreed to a second two-year term. Pat is completing her two-year term as Finance Officer for Ballwin-Chesterfield and would be honored to serve another term. To keep the Ballwin-Chesterfield financial records in order, Pat maintains complete records for the Operating Fund, Dollars for Scholars and Schnucks accounts in checkbooks, and on-line; prepares a monthly Excel report for each checking account and gives an asset report each month to the board and the branch. If re-elected, Pat will again coordinate the winter event cashiers and facilitate the Financial Planning Committee, which was established during her first term to institute a yearly committee review of the branch income and expense.

**AAUW Fund Co-director**

**Marian Bauer:** Marian has agreed to a two-year term. Marian joined AAUW in 2005 after retiring from 40 years as an elementary teacher and principal. She was historian, International Relations Chair, and from 2011–13 was Co-president of the Ballwin-Chesterfield chapter. During the past five years she has served as EOF Co-director. Marian has served on many committees including Membership, Fall Brunch, Winter Auction, Spring Luncheon, Budget Committee, Named Gift Nominating Committee, and the 2018 Restructuring Committee. She attended two AAUW National Conventions and many state and regional conventions. She has planned several Dollars for Scholars events and attends many more. She belongs to the Movie Group and the Golf Group.

**AAUW Fund Co-director**

**Judy Stagoski:** Judy has agreed to a one-year term. Judy has been a member of AAUW since 2006. She served as Hospitality Co-chair for three years. In the following years, she served as Secretary, Membership Co-Vice President, Program Co-Vice President, and EOF Co-director. She served on the Fall Brunch, Winter Auction, Spring Luncheon, High Tea, and Summer Picnic committees. She has attended the last five annual state meetings in Columbia, MO. Judy has worked on "Get Out the Vote," participated in the Women's March commemoration, and hosted and attended Dollars for Scholars events. She is currently serving as a *Branching Out* proofreader.

Judy is an active member of Lit II and Playreaders and enjoys hosting meetings in her home. She plays bridge in the Wednesday Bridge Buddies group. Judy is a graduate of Fontbonne University. She taught in the Archdiocese of St. Louis School system and was an elementary school principal. Since 2001, Judy has served as a volunteer at Mercy Hospital where she has been a cuddler in the hospital NICU for the past ten years.

**Public Policy Co-director**

**Karen Francis:** Karen has agreed to continue for a one-year term. Karen is a retired public school educator, serving as a high school social studies teacher and a middle school counselor in Pattonville, as well as a high school administrator in Rockwood. She's been a member of AAUW since 2010 and has been Co-President, Public Policy Co-chair, Missouri State Public Policy Chair, and is the current Chair of AAUW's National Public Policy Committee. Karen is currently the Task Force Chair for the AAUW MO/KS - Women's Foundation Work Smart Initiative. Karen is active with collaborating organizations: Advocacy Director for Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice, Legislative Chair for Women's Political Caucus of St. Louis; and a member of the advisory committee for NCJW St. Louis, State Public Policy.

Karen serves on the board of Safe Connections and is a Witnessing Whiteness facilitator sponsored by the YWCA. She has been a Named Gift Honoree for the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch, named an AAUW Outstanding Missouri Member, and was honored with the Barbara Lackritz Award. Karen loves theater and always has time for the loves of her life, her seven precious grandchildren – each one an angel.

**Public Policy Co-director**

**Abby Morrel Roessler:** Abby has agreed to serve a two-year term. Abby has been a member of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield since September 2016. She holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a juris doctorate from Washington University. Abby began her legal career at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) where she was a trial attorney and a supervising attorney. After leaving the NLRB, Abby worked part-time in private practice for several law firms, including Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, where she specialized in labor law. In 2000, Abby began her career in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, working as a career law clerk for federal judges. She retired in August 2018. Abby has three daughters and six grandchildren (soon to be seven). She is married to Rich Roessler, a practicing attorney.



**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](mailto:marilynfletcher597@gmail.com)) and Susan Teicher ([svteicher@gmail.com](mailto:svteicher@gmail.com))  
Dollars for Scholars, Co-directors

**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!**

### A Message from Marilyn Fletcher and Susan Teicher

**Dear Members,**

Scholarship fund raising through our Dollars for Scholars Program is running a little behind this year. We really need our members to participate in this endeavor by sponsoring an event. We have several ideas you might consider, so stop by the DFS table at branch meetings and we can get you started.

### Used Book Sale

**Donate Your Used Books!! Bring donations in April!!**

Collect your books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles and bring them to branch meetings. Members of the EOF committee will then sell items before the meetings, at the break, and after the meetings. You can find great reading material at a bargain price! All money collected will fund Dollars for Scholars.

Have friends who are readers? Invite them to drop by, browse the book sale, and then stay for the meeting. It's great way to find new reading material and promote AAUW!



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

### Powell Hall Tour

Cost: \$10

April 9 Carpool from Trinity at 9:45 a.m. for a 10:30 tour of Powell Hall

This event will showcase the place that has been the home of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra for the last 50 years. Learn some of the building's history and see the backstage areas.

Erected in 1925 as the St. Louis Theatre, the building now known as Powell Symphony Hall was acquired by the St. Louis Symphony Society in 1966 through a \$500,000 gift from Oscar Johnson, Jr., a longtime leader and benefactor of the Orchestra. Since its opening in November 1925, the St. Louis Theatre had presented the best in live vaudeville as well as motion pictures.

Have you ever wondered what backstage looks like or why the crystal chandelier in the foyer was once adorned with fruit?

Lunch will follow at a restaurant in the area.

Sponsor: Linda Seibert ([lindaibseibert63@gmail.com](mailto:lindaibseibert63@gmail.com))



## ***Love's Labor Lost***

April 21

2–4 p.m.

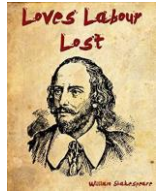
Loretto-Hilton Theater, 130 Edgar Rd., Webster Groves 63119

Cost: \$15

Shakespeare's comedy, *Love's Labor Lost*, will be presented at Webster Conservatory on the main stage of the Loretto Hilton Repertory Theater. It is sure to be a delight.

Please note this is Easter Sunday, but if you are interested in having a good time, let Jayne know that you will join the group. (Optional happy hour/early dinner afterwards at the Big Sky in Webster—YUM!) Bring friends, too, as we have center orchestra seats for only \$5 plus a \$10 donation to Dollars for Scholars. Donna Ross says, "It is the best theater bargain in town."

Sponsor: Jayne Kasten ([kastenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kastenc@sbcglobal.net))



## **Duets, Duos, Discourse & Delights**

April 25 10 a.m.–noon

Hosted by Mary McFarland at her villa

Limit: 20

Cost: \$15

This event is **SOLD OUT**, but you may add your name to a waiting list, and you will be contacted if an opening occurs.

Join us for a one and two-piano musicale with Debbie Schwartz and our own Mary McFarland. Their music and commentary, accompanied by a light champagne brunch, will include a mix of classical, jazz, and standards performed on two grand pianos. All proceeds go to women's scholarships.

For more information, contact  
 Mary Kay Wolfe ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)) or  
 Bette Bude ([bettebude@outlook.com](mailto:bettebude@outlook.com)).



## **Jazz Coffee Concert**

May 22 10 a.m.–noon Jazz at the Bistro

Cost: \$46

John Pizzarelli Trio with Catherine Russell – "Billie and Blue Eyes" – playing tribute to Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra. We have reserved seats for members and their guests in the center of the orchestra and balcony areas.

Sign up at the April branch meeting.

Sponsor: Roz Marx ([Rozsie3@gmail.com](mailto:Rozsie3@gmail.com))



## **Endangered Wolf Center and World Bird Sanctuary**

Cost: \$26

June 27 10 a.m.–noon Endangered Wolf Center 6750 Tyson Valley Road, Eureka, MO. 63025

Lunch Noon–2 p.m. Location TBA

2:30–3:30 p.m. World Bird Sanctuary 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Rd. Valley Park, MO 63088

Join us for this whole day adventure "into the wild!" We will leave Trinity parking lot at 9:15 for our trip to the Wolf Center in Eureka for our 10:00 am tour. There should be new "kits" born by this time for us to see. This facility has golf carts for anyone who wants or needs a lift.

Then we will go to lunch at a restaurant in the area before we go on to the Wild Bird Sanctuary from 2:30 – 3:30. Promises to be a great day. Sign up at the April branch meeting or contact the sponsors.

Sponsors: Mary LaRuffa ([marylaruffa0@gmail.com](mailto:marylaruffa0@gmail.com)) and Barb Tackitt ([harvibarb@charter.net](mailto:harvibarb@charter.net))



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

**April 18:** Hostess, Terri Ciccolella

A discussion of *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer will be led by Mary Kay Wolfe.

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

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

**April 22:** Hostess, Pam Valentine

A discussion of *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman will be led by Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy.

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

### Reading Reality 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

**April 9:** Hostess, Jan Horner

A discussion of *The Girl with Seven Names* by David John will be led by Kathy Skiles.

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)).

## Play Readers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.**

**April 15:** Hostess, Suzanne Couch

For more information about this group, contact Julie Triplett ([julietrip2428@gmail.com](mailto:julietrip2428@gmail.com)).

## Genealogy Group

**April 25, 1-3 p.m.**

Grand Glaize County Library, 1010 Meramec Station Road, Manchester, 63021

Mtg Room 2. RSVP to [rozsie3@gmail.com](mailto:rozsie3@gmail.com).

Pat White is presenting on Women and DNA.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Roz Marx ([Rozsie3@gmail.com](mailto:Rozsie3@gmail.com)) or Pam Kulp ([kulpp10@gmail.com](mailto:kulpp10@gmail.com)).

## Movie Group

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.**

**April 25:** Hostess, Doris Nistler

New members are welcomed.

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

## Expressions

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.**

**April 2**

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

We will work on decorations for the spring luncheon. Please bring your best paper cutting scissors, double-sided tape, and come join in the fun of working on the programs with Jane Hemer and other Expressions members.

RSVP to Jayne Kasten.

For more information contact Jayne Kasten ([kastenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kastenc@sbcglobal.net)) or Nance Roth ([nance.roth@yahoo.com](mailto:nance.roth@yahoo.com)) or Carol Derington ([carol.derington@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol.derington@sbcglobal.net)).

## Out to Lunch

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.**

**April 17:** Hostess, Jane Edwards

Katie's Pizza and Osteria

Near Trinity Lutheran Church close to the Woods Mill and Clayton Rd. intersection at 14171 Clayton Rd. (behind the gas station on the NE corner).

RSVP to Jane Edwards, [para1@aol.com](mailto:para1@aol.com). There is no carpool.

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

## Golf

Every Monday, May through October

**April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

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

## Bridge Calendar

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

### Basic Bridge And Beyond

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10 a.m. Hearth Room

April 18: Susan Zerjav

Bridge Buddies 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd.

Lunch and Bridge

April 10: Marilyn Fletcher

April 24: Marilyn Fletcher

Bridge Friends 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge

April 18: Joanne Nelson

Bridge I 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Hearth Room

April 3: Contact Janet Ludewig

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Grill

April 16: Carolyn Baker

Bridge III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

April 24: Kay Kreder

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

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

April 9: Susan Zerjav

Bridge VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

April 15: Jackie Fleck

Duplicate Bridge I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.

Walnut Grill

April 2: Mary Jermak

Duplicate Bridge II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Walnut Grill

April 23: Diane Correll

Duplicate Bridge III 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Hearth Room

April 23: Kathy Childers

## Membership Renewal Through June 30

### Activities Calendar



### April

01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Golf

02 Expressions 1 p.m.

04 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

09 \$\$ Powell Hall Tour 9:45 a.m.

International Relations Series 10:45 a.m.

Reading Reality 1 p.m.

11 Branch Meeting 8:45 a.m.

12 **Deadline for May/June newsletter submissions**

15 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

16 Equity Action Day

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

17 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

18 Literature I 9:30 a.m.

21 \$\$ Love's Labor Lost 2 p.m.

22 Literature II 10 a.m.

25 \$\$ Duets, Duos, Discourse & Delights 10 a.m.

Movie Group 10 a.m.

Genealogy 1 p.m.

¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

26 Valley Park Girls of Promise Breakfast 7:20 a.m.

### Coming in May

02 Richmond Heights Girls of Promise Breakfast  
7:30 a.m.

04 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

AAUW MO Annual Meeting

09 Spring Luncheon 11:15 a.m.

22 \$\$ Jazz Coffee Concert 10 a.m.