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Presidents' Corner

Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Marcia Block



Jean Elliott

The last two years have gone quickly. Thank you for the privilege of serving Ballwin-Chesterfield as co-president. I have learned much and enjoyed working with you all. Now it is time for me to turn over the position to new leaders. Jean Elliott and Jan Horner will do a wonderful job of leading the branch. It is up to the rest of you to support them and to step up when asked. The branch is not just the elected leaders or the board. It takes all of us to keep Ballwin-Chesterfield the active, successful branch that it is.

We thrive only when members participate. This year we have had wonderful speakers. If you have missed them, that is your loss. Next year, put the second Thursday on your calendar and come. Then participate in Dollars for Scholars. You will have fun, learn something, and feel good about contributing to our local scholarships. For example, I'd always been curious about back stage at Powell Hall, and now I've seen it. It is indeed as cramped as I'd heard.

Join an interest group. Or two. That's how you get to know fellow members. Participate in STEM activities. It is inspiring to see these young women. If you have never done anything except gripe about politicians, get involved in Public Policy. We really can't complain unless we first try to affect outcomes. And there is much more, of course,

Joining Ballwin-Chesterfield is the best thing I have done in retirement. And that is all because I became involved. My life is richer and happier for the friends I have made and the things I have learned. May the same be true for you.

~Marcia Block, Co-president

The next board meeting will be May 2 at 9:30 a.m. All elected and appointed officers should attend. Contact Marcia Block(mhblock@sbcglobal.net) if you cannot attend.



AAUW B-C Spring Luncheon **Opening Windows for Others**

Thursday, May 9 **Whitmoor Country Club** 11:15 a.m. Social /Noon Lunch **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!

Guests are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce friends to the benefits of membership.

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

You may reserve your place at the luncheon by sending a check made payable to AAUW B-C to Yvonne Ward (sadilla24@gmail.com). Cancellations after May 1 are not refundable.

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) or Jane Hemer (jdhemer25@gmail.com

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AAUW, IBC, & Branch News

- The Branching Out newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the July/August newsletter is June 12, unless otherwise specified by the department co-editor. Send news items to Sandy Brody (sandybrody163@gmail.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 <u>Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net</u>. 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 (<u>mkallaos@prodigy.net</u>) and Angela Janik (<u>amjanik53@gmail.com</u>) 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 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, 1:30 p.m May 30 (5th Thursday), Deb McWard *Maude by* Donna Mayberry Barnes and Noble,1600 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield For further information, please contact **Julie Triplett** (julietrip2428@gmail.com).

Meet and Eat Group/IBC Lunch

3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. May 21, DD Mau Vietnamese Eatery 11982 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, 314-942-2300 For further information or to RSVP, please contact Kay Meyer (<u>kicmeyer51@gmail.com</u>).

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 April 16 from <u>memberinfo@aauw.org</u>. 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. Membership renewal began on March 16. Members who renewed from March 16–April 30 got three chances to win \$30 in gift cards to Panera. Members who renew from May 1–May 30 will get two chances to win the \$30. Members who renew from June 1 to June 30 will have one chance to win the \$30 in gift cards.

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

AAUW MO Annual Meeting

May 3–4 Holiday Inn Executive Center 2200 I-70 Drive SW Columbia, MO

Keynote Speakers: Kim Churches, CEO AAUW Wendy Doyle, CEO Women's Foundation, Kansas City

STEM Report STEM Girls of Promise 2019

On April 26, AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield will honor five Valley Park High School girls, who have been selected by their teachers and principal for their excellence and promise toward careers in the STEM areas. The STEM committee and members of our branch will meet at 7 a.m. at the school's gymnasium. We will have a light breakfast for the girls, their parents and teachers, and present the five girls with a small cash gift, a certificate, and a medal for their hard work and achievement. Each of the honorees will talk briefly about her plans for the future. If prior years are any guide, they will be impressive.

We will also honor students at Maplewood Richmond Heights High School. The date for the second STEM Girls of Promise Breakfast is May 2nd at 7:30 a.m. We invite members of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield to join us at both events. It is always wonderful see the promise of these young women. The committee will provide the breakfast treats. We ask that those bringing food for the event, or request more information, contact Carol (<u>KMGCAG@charter.net</u>) or Barbara (<u>bimcquitty@aol.com</u>).

 Carol Greenaway and Barb McQuitty, STEM Co-directors

Directory

If you have not yet picked up your *Directory* for the current year, we will have some available at the Spring Luncheon. Any new members who have yet to receive their copy will be able to get both a directory insert and cover.

Work will begin soon on the 2019–20 *Directory*, which will be available at the September meeting. A new or retake picture can still be taken at the Spring Luncheon or Summer Picnic, or you may send a photo via email to Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy (annpatriceo@gmail.com).

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

AAUW Membership Campaigns



AAUW offers two ways that local branches can increase their membership and share the benefits of our organization.

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! <u>https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/</u>

Shape the Future allows local branches to offer halfoff 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.

Upcoming Events

Summer Picnic, July 11, 2019

There will be a Summer Picnic planning meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 2 p.m. at Linda Roberson's home for any member who is interested in helping with the event.

Please RSVP by email or phone to Linda Roberson (<u>robersonlinda11@att.net</u>) or Pat White (<u>pgwhite02@gmail.com</u>).

Winter Event

Though it's barely spring, 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.



On Wednesday, April 10, the EOF Co-directors, Judy Stagoski and Marian Bauer, attended a reception for scholarship donors and awardees at Maryville University. At this lovely dinner we received many thanks for the scholarship funds we have made available to Maryville students. The program included the keynote speaker, Flint W. Fowler, who is president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. An honored donor, Margaret Galbraith, and a scholarship awardee, Austin Davis, shared with us their dedication to education and their gratitude for scholarships.

Your support of Dollars for Scholars events has made these scholarships available. The used book sale, Panera Cards, and bean soup sale have contributed to Dollars income. Enjoy the summer and continue to support this wonderful educational endeavor.

~Marian Bauer and Judy Stagoski, EOF Co- directors

AAUW Scholarships in Action

Dr. <u>Esther Ngumbi</u> grew up in a farming community on the coast of Kenya and knew firsthand that insects could wipe out entire crops of corn. This could spell the difference between poverty and economic security for people in rural areas like the one where she grew up, a place where access to insecticides and agricultural education was limited.

With support from her 2007–08 <u>AAUW International Fellowship</u>, Ngumbi earned a doctorate in entomology (the study of insects), becoming the first person to earn a doctorate in a community where women's education is not typically a priority. Today, as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she studies sustainable crop growth and environmentally friendly insecticides. She holds three U.S. patents and recently won <u>the 2018 Society of Experimental</u> <u>Biology Presidents Medal</u>.

Ngumbi has also gone above and beyond when it comes to giving back. She mentors young leaders and women scientists through the <u>Clinton Global Initiative University</u>. She also cofounded a school in her hometown that serves more than 100 elementary and middle-school students.

"AAUW paved a way for me, which is why I can now pave a way for others," she says. "For me, it's so other women of color can say, 'Hey, she made it despite all of the challenges."

For International Women's Day this March, AAUW invited Ngumbi to be the special guest for an <u>#AAUWAsks</u>Twitter chat about her career and fellowship. Click here <u>(www.aauw.org)</u> to read her answers and find out more about AAUW scholarships.

Excerpted from aauw.org\leadership

Public Policy

Make your voice heard by participating in the 2019 AAUW National Election to elect members to our board of directors and set AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. Online voting is now open and will close on May 14. Please note: your membership number and pin were sent to you via email on April 1, 2019, making the process very smooth and easy.

We have ambitious work to do as we seek to expand participation in AAUW's Work Smart salary negotiation program, support key legislation, and work with employers to implement fair-pay practices. Your vote will determine the board members who will guide AAUW to achieve equity for women and girls.

This year, you'll also be voting on amendments to the 2019–21 Public Policy Priorities, providing the framework for the advocacy efforts AAUW initiates at the local, state, and national levels. Thanks to you and other advocates, the House of Representatives just voted 242 to 187 to pass the *Paycheck Fairness Act* (PFA) with bipartisan support. Now it's up to the Senate to act. Equal pay for equal work is something we can all get behind. Congress must pass the *Paycheck Fairness Act* which would:

- Require employers to prove that pay disparities between men and women are a business necessity and job-related.
- Ban the use of salary history.
- Protect workers from being penalized for discussing their salaries.
- Help employers implement fair-pay practices.

Reminder: please register for Work Smart Online

~Eve LaJeunesse & Karen Francis Public Policy Co-directors





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) **Dollars for Scholars, Co-directors**

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

A Message from Marilyn Fletcher and Susan Teicher

Dear Members,

Scholarship fundraising 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.

Jazz Coffee Concert

May 22 10 a.m.-noon, Jazz at the Bistro

John Pizzarelli Trio with Catherine Russell – "Billie and Blue Eyes" – paying 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.

Sponsor: Roz Marx (Rozsie3@gmail.com)

Art Museums – Contemporary and Pulitzer

June 13 Carpool departure at 9:15 a.m. from Trinity to CAM, 3750 Washington Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, or CAM, presents six main gallery exhibitions featuring national and international artists from a variety of cultural backgrounds and working across various mediums, and a number of regularly changing exhibitions in its Front Room gallery which focuses on experimental art by emerging artists.

Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, 3716 Washington Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

Regularly hailed by those in the know as one of the USA's finest contemporary art museums, the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts resides in a building designed by Pulitzer Prize-winning, internationally acclaimed Japanese architect, Tadao Ando. With a focus on modern and contemporary art, the Foundation has a two-fold purpose: to be a premier destination to view cutting-edge contemporary art and to generate ideas and conversations about art, architecture, and culture.

Lunch will follow at The Fountain on Locust. Sign up at the Spring Luncheon or contact the sponsors.

Sponsors: Barbara McQuitty (bmcquitty841@gmail.com) and Ellen Friedman (vellenf@aol.com)

Endangered Wolf Center and World Bird Sanctuary

June 27 10 a.m.-noon Endangered Wolf Center, 6750 Tyson Valley Road, Eureka, MO. 63025 Lunch Noon-2 p.m. Joe Boccardi's in Eureka 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. After lunch we will we go on to the Wild Bird Sanctuary from 2:30 – 3:30. This promises to be a great day. Contact the sponsors to sign up.

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

Cost: \$15

Cost: \$46

Cost: \$26

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.

May 16: Hostess, Judith Brostron A discussion of *Soul of America* by Jon Meacham will be led by Barb Mueller. June 20: Book selection for 2019–20 Salad and dessert luncheon.

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m. May: No meeting. June 24, 11 a.m. Book choices for 2019–20, Walnut Grill.

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

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m. May: No meeting. June 11: Book selection for 2019–20. Venue TBA.

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

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m. May 20: Hostess, Marilyn Fletcher June 17: Hostess, Judy Stagoski

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

Golf

Every Monday, May through October May 06, 13, 20, 27 June 03, 10, 17, 24

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

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 10 a.m. May 23: Hostess, Mersine Kallaos June 27: Movie & Lunch Out as a Group

New members are welcomed.

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

Expressions

1st **Tuesday, 1 p.m. Expressions will resume in October 2019.** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

For more information contact Jayne Kasten (<u>kastenc@sbcglobal.net</u>) or Nance Roth (<u>nance.roth@yahoo.com</u>) or Carol Derington (<u>carol.derington@sbcglobal.net</u>).

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. May 15: Hostess, Liz Maher Bristol Seafood Grill, 11801 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141 RSVP to Liz Maher: <u>lizlbm@sbcglobal.net</u>

June 19: Hostess, Linda Seibert The Frisco Barroom, 8110 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves at 11:00 A.M. (Note the early time) Parking behind the restaurant. RSVP to Linda Seibert: <u>lindajbseibert63@gmail.com</u> No carpool planned.

For more information, contact Linda Seibert (<u>lindajbseibert63@gmail.com</u>), Jane Edwards (<u>paral1@aol.com</u>), or Liz Maher (<u>lizlbm@sbcglobal.net</u>).

Genealogy Group

May 16, 1–3 p.m. Sharing workshops from the National Genealogy Conference. Making plans for next year. Grand Glaize County Library, 1010 Meramec Station Road, Manchester, 63021, Meeting room 2. RSVP to rozsie3@gmail.com.

Meetings will resume in September.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact Roz Marx (<u>Rozsie3@gmail.com</u>) or Pam Kulp (<u>kulpp10@gmail.com</u>).

Bridge Calendar

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

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Basic Bridge and Beyond 3rd Thursday 10 a.m. Hearth Room May 16: Susan Zerjav June 20: Susan Zerjav

Bridge Buddies 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m. The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd. Lunch and Bridge May 8 & May 22: Kathy Childers June 12 & June 26: Susie Teicher

Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge May 16: Joanne Nelson June 20: Jane Arneson

Bridge I 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Hearth Room May 1: Contact Janet Ludewig June 5: Contact Janet Ludewig

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill May 21: Nancy Russell June 18: Diana Hauser

Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room May 22: Kay Kreder June 26: Kay Kreder

Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m. Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill May 14: Susan Shriver June 11: Marianne Word

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room May 20: Lorraine Cline June 17: Jane Arneson

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m. Walnut Grill May 7: Alice Crippen June 4: Jan Loudon

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m. Walnut Grill May 28: Alice Crippen June 25: Elaine Frost

Duplicate Bridge III 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. Hearth Room May 28: Carol Reed June 25: Jane Arneson

Membership Renewal Through June 30

Activities Calendar

May

- 02 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
 - Richmond Heights Girls of Promise Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- 03, 04 AAUW MO Annual Meeting
- 06, 13, 20, 27 Golf
- 09 Spring Luncheon 11:15 a.m.
- 15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Genealogy 1 p.m. Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Meet and Eat Group/IBC Lunch 11:45 a.m.
- 22 \$\$ Jazz Coffee Concert 10 a.m.
- 23 Movie Group 10 a.m.
- 30 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

June

- 03, 10, 17, 24 Golf
- 11 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 12 Deadline for July/August newsletter submissions \$\$ Art Museum Tours 9:15 a.m.
- 17 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 19 Out to Lunch 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Literature II 11 a.m.
- 27 Movie Group 10 a.m.
 - \$\$ Endangered Wolf Center 10 a.m.\$\$ World Bird Sanctuary 2:30 p.m.

Coming in July

11 Summer Picnic

