



Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Presidents' Corner

When you were a child and the bell rang on the last day of the school year, remember how you looked forward to so much time to do NOTHING. Then the middle of the summer arrived, and you were SO BORED. Well, we all waved good-bye at the Spring Luncheon and haven't had an event for several weeks – are you bored? If you are (and even if you are not), we have several suggestions in this newsletter for everyone to consider.



Jean Elliott

Lifelong Learner? Go online and take the **AAUW Work Smart Course**. You probably are not seeking employment, but the training can help you understand the program and explain it to younger women. Besides, learning new things keeps your brain active.

Like to be involved? Our committees are having organizational meetings this summer. Find the one that is of interest to you and get in touch with the co-chairs to see what you can do. What a great way to get to know new people.



Jan Horner

Enjoy field trips? Get in touch with one of our Dollars for Scholars directors (Marilyn or Susie) and plan a Dollars for Scholars event. It doesn't have to be a major trip, just a simple visit to somewhere in the St. Louis area and, of course, lunch. That will give you a chance to try a new restaurant or share one of your favorites with others.

Like to read? We have several excellent book clubs. Contact the group leader and attend the next discussion. Sometimes it's interesting to see how different people view a book.

Interested in Equality? August 24th is Equality Day and you can register to go to brunch at the Clayton Plaza Hotel to hear Lisa Maatz, a nationally recognized speaker and former AAUW staff member. I am sure she has excellent information to share.

Just want to see your friends? Come to the summer picnic on July 11th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Bring a dish to share and find out what exciting things will be happening in the fall. Hope to see you there.

~Jan Horner, Co-president

Summer Picnic & July Branch Meeting

Thursday, July 11
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141
Parking and Entrance is in the rear of the church

You are invited to the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Summer Picnic! Please join us for a great opportunity to visit and get to know our members better in a relaxed atmosphere. The picnic is indoors, which means air conditioning and no bugs! Bring a salad with a serving utensil or a sliced sub-type sandwich or wrap. Drinks, desserts, and way too much fun will be provided. Look for the AAUW sign out front. Please come and have a great time!

Set up is Wednesday, July 10, at 3:30 p.m. All Summer Picnic committee members, and any able-bodied members available, please come to help set up. This task should take about an hour.

Contact Linda Roberson (robersonlinda11@att.net) or Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) for further information.

Directions:

From Route 141/Woods Mill Rd. and Olive Blvd., travel east on Olive to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, which will be on your right, at the intersection of Olive Blvd. and Fernview Dr.

or

From Hwy 270 and Olive Blvd. Travel west to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, which will be on your left, at the intersection of Olive Blvd. and Fernview Dr.

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The Board will not meet in July or August. The next board meeting will be September 5 at 9:30 a.m.

- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the September newsletter is August 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 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 Angela Janik (amjanik53@gmail.com) and Willeyne Berger (bobwilleyne@gmail.com) 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: Jean Elliott & Jan Horner

VP Program: Sage Taber & Mary Jermak

VP Membership: Angela Janik & Willeyne Berger

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Secretary/Archivist: Sue Lancaster

Ex-Officio Immediate Past President: Marcia Block

ELECTED DIRECTORS

AAUW Fund: Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoski

Public Policy: Karen Francis & Abby Roessler

APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Branch Fundraising: Marcia Block & Jan Buckhold

Directory: Joan Hewitt & Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Dollars for Scholars: Susie Teicher & Marilyn Fletcher

Governance: Marsha Weppelman

Hospitality: Linda Roberson & Colleen Fell

Newsletter Editors: Sandy Brody, Joan Davis, & Jean Light

University Liaison: Carol Greenaway & Susan Shriver

Special Events

Fall Brunch: Eileen Krahan & Marilyn Schatteman

Spring Luncheon: Jane Hemer & Yvonne Ward

STEM: Barb McQuitty & Susan Fenwick

Web Manager: Joyce Katz & Patricia Scott

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

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 June 16 from 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 June 1 to June 30 will have one chance to win a Panera gift card.

Public Policy

Public Policy Priorities 2019–21 were overwhelmingly passed by our members. Please read them (aauw.org). At the state and national level, our main focus is on pay equity, violence against women, and maintaining Title IX.

The *Paycheck Fairness Act* heads to the Senate, as the need for policies that will help us get closer to pay equity continues. Mom's Equal Pay Day was June 10, the symbolic day where a mother's average earnings finally catch up to the average wages of fathers from the year before. As part of the pay equity battle, Work Smart Online is available to help all women learn to negotiate salaries and benefits. If you haven't taken it, please do so right now. Closing the gender pay gap is our gift to the next generations. As always, contact your legislators and share the issues that are important to AAUW.

To learn more about Ballwin-Chesterfield's Public Policy work, sign up for the committee. You'll be on the cutting edge of knowing the facts, and helping to advocate the AAUW mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. There will be a meeting in late summer.

~ Karen Francis and Abby Roessler,
Co-directors, Public Policy

AAUW ¡Adelante!

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m

September 26- Kay Meyer

Just Mercy by Bryan Stephenson

Barnes & Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Chesterfield

For further information, please contact **Julie Triplett**
julietrip2428@gmail.com).

Missouri Women's Annual Equality Day Brunch

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Between 1879 and 1919, Missouri was a regular site for suffrage conventions and events as the state's women organized around the cause. You have an opportunity to celebrate the work of those exceptional women when you attend The Missouri Women's Network Annual Equality Day Brunch on Saturday, August 24, at the Clayton Plaza Hotel, 7750 Carondelet, Clayton, MO from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The dynamic Lisa Maatz, a nationally sought-after speaker, writer, and political analyst on women and public policy, will be the featured speaker. The program will include honoring women from around the state with Equality Day awards and remembering the prominent women we lost this year. The Save the Date and registration flyer is on the B-C website now. Please plan to be part of the women living in Missouri now who are looking out for women's rights and protections. Contact Pat Shores for more information (apatriciashores@att.net).

Directory

How about getting your picture taken at the AAUW picnic? Wouldn't it be nice if your picture appeared in the new Directory? Pictures will be taken at the picnic. Just ask Ann Patrice (annpatriceo@gmail.com) or Joan (joanhewitt@sbcglobal.net) about having it taken. If you already have a picture that we can use, please give it to us at the picnic or email it to us and we will include it in the database and return the original to you.

Don't be left out! Please let us know immediately if there are any changes required for your directory information.

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

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. Keep these in mind when you're talking to prospective new members

STEM

Science Fair 2019

On May 8, 2019, the annual Science Fair was held at Queeny Park. Young women recognized by AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield presented two excellent submissions. Emma Mueller, an eleventh grade student from St. Joseph's Academy was a finalist with her submission of *The Effect of Acid Rain on Soil pH and Plant Growth*. Our other student, Kristin Steiner, an eleventh grader from Cor Jesu Academy, was a semi-finalist with her submission of *The Effects of Common Spices as They Relate to the Growth of E.Coli*. Each student was awarded a gift card for their significant work by our branch.

~ Carol Greenaway & Barb McQuitty
Co-directors, STEM

Save the Date Fall Brunch

Thursday, September 12, 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 Eileen Krahmann (eakrahman@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Schatteman (mschatteman@yahoo.com). There is no charge, but organizers must know how many members and guests plan to attend.

Save the Date for *Winter Belles*, the annual branch fundraiser. It will be December 12, 2019, the usual branch meeting day. It's not too early to think about how you can help the branch raise funds to support AAUW B-C activities. As we remind you each year, dues don't begin to cover expenses, so we need everyone to pitch in.

We will have entertainment again, in addition to a delicious lunch and wine and mimosa bar. Elegant Edibles will return, so all of you bakers and cooks think about what you can offer. The boutique will also return as well as raffles. Many of us are downsizing rather than acquiring, so rather than things, we enjoy experiences. Can you offer a luncheon or party? Do you have a vacation spot you would be willing to offer? How about a lesson teaching something new? People do seem to go for an interesting piece of jewelry or a fun accessory. Ask merchants you patronize if they will offer a gift certificate. Cash contributions are welcome, too.

Contact the Co-directors, Marcia Block (mhblock@sbcglobal.net) and Janice Buckhold (jbuckhold@charter.net), if you have questions. We welcome ideas and helpers!

STEM**Girls of Promise 2019**

AAUW B-C honored five STEM Girls of Promise at Valley Park High School on April 26. An appreciation breakfast was held for the honorees, their parents, and teachers before the presentation of medals, certificates, and a cash gift. Principal Matt Bailey spoke about the meaning of the recognition to the young women, the school, and its teachers. The honorees spoke about plans for the future and the course of study they plan to pursue. It was a very impressive group.

On May 2, the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch STEM group that included STEM Co-Directors, Carol Greenaway and Barb McQuitty, Co-Presidents, Marcia Block and Jean Elliott, and many members at large, honored five STEM Girls of Promise at Maplewood Richmond Heights High School. Science teacher Kathleen Dwyer was present with the honorees and their parents to celebrate the awards. An appreciation breakfast was held before the recognition event.

Honorees for 2019 are:

Valley Park High School: Amera Alhalabi, Leah Cason, Lucy Saucedo, Haley Wells, Megan Wood

Maplewood Richmond Heights High School: Sophia Akridge, Abigail Haufman, Kadin Kristjansson, Liana Van Zen, Joy Williams

~ Carol Greenaway & Barb McQuitty,
Co-directors, STEM



Valley Park HS



Maplewood-Richmond Heights HS

AAUW Fund

In a recent recommendation by the 2018 restructuring committee, Ballwin-Chesterfield has chosen to establish the AAUW Fund Committee. This committee will follow the decision by national to set up all its funds under the umbrella of AAUW Fund. The committee will have the opportunity to inform the membership about the various national funds and to raise money for them. In the past, each fund had its own committee and raised money for that need. For instance, we had Educational Opportunities Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and many others. Now these funds will be under the umbrella of AAUW Fund. This committee promotes the national goal of promoting equity for women and girls.

Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com) and Marian Bauer (marianbauer@sbcglobal.net) are the local co-directors of this committee. We will be having an organizational meeting this summer. Look for upcoming information and fund raising.

~Marian Bauer & Judy Stagoski,
Co-directors AAUW Fund

University Liaison (UL)

University Liaison (UL), formerly known as the Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF), will again be providing scholarships to four non-traditional female students working towards their bachelor degrees. Two are attending Maryville University and two are attending UMSL. Congratulations to three of our 2018–19 scholarship recipients who recently graduated from UMSL. They are very grateful to Ballwin-Chesterfield for our help, and each was given a membership to AAUW national through the Give a Grad a Gift program.

Your constant support of *Dollars for Scholars* and the Book Fairs help these women succeed in their education. Please start saving your books, jigsaw puzzles, and DVDs over the summer months as the book fair will again start with the October general membership meeting.

The UL committee will be meeting by August to plan for the coming year. Please contact one of the co-directors if you would like more information and to get involved. Thank-you.

~ Carol Greenaway & Susan Shriver,
Co-directors, UL

Spring Luncheon

On Thursday, May 9, the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch's annual Spring Luncheon was held at the Whitmoor Country Club. Spring Luncheon Co-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. Jayne Kasten was honored for 50 years of membership and service. The Ballwin-Chesterfield Presidential Service Award was made to retiring Co-President Marcia Block. Named Gift Honoree recipients are pictured below. For more photos go to <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/events>



Spring Luncheon Co-directors
Jane Hemer and Carol Anthony



Jayne Kasten
50 Years of
AAUW Membership



Marcia Block
Presidential Service
Award



Named Gift Honorees

Front row (L to R): Marcia Block, Mersine Kallaos, Joan Hewitt, Jean Light, Joan Davis, Sandy Brody

Back row (L to R): Liz Maher, Mary Kay Wolfe, Barb Tackitt, Mary La Ruffa, Nance Roth

Not pictured: Pat White



2019–20 AAUW B-C Board: (L to R) Sage Taber, Jan Horner, Jean Elliott, Angela Janik, Pat Shores



Susie Teicher, Julia Triplett



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 Marilyn Fletcher (marilynletcher597@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,

Please be thinking ahead to the fall and planning a DFS event. We need a lot of participation to raise money for our local scholarships.

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. Joe Boccardi's in Eureka
2:30–3:30 p.m. World Bird Sanctuary 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Road Valley Park, MO 63088

Join us for this whole day adventure, "Into the wild!" We will leave Trinity parking lot at 9:15 for the trip to the Wolf Center in Eureka for a 10 a.m. 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 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)

Mah Jongg Party

Cost: \$15 (tables of 4)

July 31 9 a.m.–2 p.m. The Brookdale of Creve Coeur, 1 New Ballas Pl., St Louis MO 63146

This will be a really fun day that will include coffee, tea, pastries, and even lunch! There will be attendance prizes and a Pot of Gold drawing. This activity will be held at The Brookdale of Creve Coeur. Parking is limited. A shuttle will be provided from the Dierberg's parking lot. You can sign up at the AAUW B-C picnic on July 11, or get all the information you need from the sponsors.

Sponsors: Janet Sloey (jegs115@gmail.com) and Jayne Kasten (kastenc@sbcglobal.net)



Legally Blonde (the play)

Cost: \$25

October 27 (Sunday) Washington University Performing Arts, 6465 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, 63130. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. start time.
Carpooling from Trinity at 12:45 p.m.

Join us to go to Washington University Performing Arts Department's musical theater production of this humorous play. It will be presented in the Edison Theater. There is free parking on the campus, but we will also carpool from Trinity.

Sponsor: Roz Marx (Rozsie3@gmail.com)

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.

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

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

July 22: Hostess, Doris Nistler
 A discussion of *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles will be led by Susie Teicher.

August 26: Book and venue to be announced.

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

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

July 9: Hostess, Marcia Block
 A discussion of *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright will be led by Jane Miller.

August 13: Hostess, Jane Miller

A discussion of *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean will be led by Mary Kay Wolfe.

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.

Meetings will resume in September.

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

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

July 25: No movie group.

August 22: Lunch and movie outing, details TBA.

New members are welcomed.

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

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

July 17: Hostess, Linda Seibert

Yaya's
 15601 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO

RSVP to Linda Seibert:
lindaibseibert63@gmail.com No carpool planned.

August 21: Hostess, Liz Maher
 Cobalt Smoke & Sea
 12643 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

RSVP to Liz Maher: lizlbm@sbcglobal.net

For more information, contact Linda Seibert (lindaibseibert63@gmail.com), Jane Edwards (paral1@aol.com), or Liz Maher (lizlbm@sbcglobal.net).

Golf

Every Monday, May through October

July 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

August 05, 12, 19, 26

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

SAVE THE DATE: Munching Matters, Lunch With Food For Thought, continues the next 2019-20 season with four exciting and informative speakers.

Walnut Grill 11 a.m.–1 p.m. on Clayton Rd. just west of Clarkson Road.

There is no charge to attend, but lunch will be on your own.

2nd Wednesday, November 13, 2019, January 9, 2020, February 12, 2020, and March 11, 2020.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the September AAUW BC- branch meeting.

You MUST register with Julie Triplett (julietrip2428@gmail.com) to attend.

Karen Francis and Julie Triplett, Coordinators

Bridge Calendar

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

Basic Bridge and Beyond

3rd Thursday 10 a.m. Hearth Room

July 18: Sue Robinson

August 15: Rita Hawkins-Paige

Bridge Buddies 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd.

Lunch and Bridge

July 10 & July 24: Barb Tackitt

August 14 & August 28: Barb Schillhahn

Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge

July 18: Mary LaRuffa

August 15: Linda Magre

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

Hearth Room

July 3 and August 7: Contact Janet Ludewig

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

Walnut Grill

July 16: Harriett Hirschfield

August 20: Teri Steinberg

Bridge III 4th Thursday 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

July 24: Judy Green

August 28: Nancy Remley

Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

July 9: Shelia Kalman

August 13: Joanne Nelson

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

July 15: Nancy Remley

August 19: Jeanne Neuner

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.

Walnut Grill

July 2: Kay Kreder

August 6: Jean Wagner

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Walnut Grill

July 23 & August 27: Contact Carol Osterloh

Duplicate Bridge III 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Hearth Room

July 23: Linda Magre

August 27: Barb Tackitt

Membership Renewal Through June 30

Activities Calendar



June

27 \$\$ Endangered Wolf Center 10 a.m.

July

01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Golf

09 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

11 Branch Picnic 11 a.m.

17 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

22 Literature II 10 a.m.

31 \$\$ Mah-jongg Party 9 a.m.

August

05, 12, 19, 26 Golf

12 **Deadline for September newsletter submissions**

13 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

21 Out to Lunch 11:00 a.m.

22 Movie Group 10 a.m.

¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

24 Equality Day Brunch 10 a.m.

26 Literature II 11 a.m.

Coming in September

02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Golf

05 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

12 Fall Brunch and Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for October newsletter submissions

26 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

