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Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO)

Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Presidents' Corner

Welcome to a new year with our Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. Jan and I are super excited about the upcoming year, especially since it will mark the 100th birthday of women's suffrage. Plans for Fall Brunch, the programs and speakers at our branch meetings, the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, Dollars for Scholars events, and our Winter Party are already underway. Our challenge to you—don't just show up. Commit to getting involved. You'll get to know more people and have an outlet for your unique abilities.

Jean Elliott



Jan Horner

Have you considered the benefits of being a member of AAUW national? It is a top rated 501c(3). Next year, 2020, will mark AAUW's first truly balanced budget in more than a decade. With more than 170,000 members, AAUW has the strength to guarantee access to an established support system of experienced people who are motivated to get things done on current issues. A check of national's website offers up-to-date information on research, STEM,

public policy, legal case support, educational funding, global connections, member leadership, and salary negotiation. This year alone, AAUW is awarding \$4 million in fellowships and grants to 259 women and community projects. Approximately 43 percent of this money will support women in STEM fields. In addition, \$100,000 is allocated annually to plaintiffs seeking legal redress for Title IX, equal pay, sexual harassment, and tenure violations. Have you signed up to be a 2-minute activist? Email notices will be sent to help you contact members of congress. In one of its largest endeavors, AAUW has offered free on-line courses, Start Smart and Work Smart, which will give women tools to successfully negotiate salary and close the pay gap.

AAUW serves as our catalyst for action, using new and traditional media and updating us on policies with online resources. AAUW exerts the significant political influence needed to advocate for women and girls. Meanwhile, as a local branch, we can deal with the micro issues and our particular projects. Working together, we can stay inspired, stay motivated, and stay successful. ~Jean Elliott, Co-president

The next board meeting will be September 5 at 9:30 a.m. All elected and appointed officers should attend. Contact Jean Elliott <u>(elliotts01@sbcglobal.net)</u> if you cannot attend.

Annual Fall Brunch and

September Branch Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019 Trinity Lutheran Church 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road Chesterfield, MO 63017

9:30 a.m. Socialize and visit displays10:15 a.m. Call to be seated10:25 a.m. Program11 a.m. Brunch is served

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield invites members and prospective members to this year's Fall Brunch. Join us to kick off another outstanding year and get inspired to take the actions necessary to strengthen our emphasis on education and training, economic security, and leadership. Let's all wear white to celebrate the day, in honor of the suffragettes!

Let the committee know which meal option you prefer:

- tortilla wrap with colby cheese, ham, beef
- vegetarian with fresh veggies, gouda & Swiss cheese on stone wheat bread
- mesquite turkey with gouda cheese on a croissant.
- vegan or gluten free available upon request.

The committee could still use a few extra hands in the kitchen and for serving our lunches!

To reserve your lunch, or let the committee know you can help, please contact Eileen Krahman (<u>eakrahman@yahoo.com</u>) or by phone as listed in the Directory.

Important: Organizers need an accurate count of attendees by Friday, September 6.

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AAUW, IBC, & Branch News

- The Branching Out newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the October newsletter is September 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.

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AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Jean Elliott & Jan Horner VP Program: Mary Jermak & Sage Taber 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 & Carol Anthony Newsletter Editors: Sandy Brody, Joan Davis, & Jean Light University Liaison: Carol Greenaway & Susan Shriver Special Events Fall Brunch: Eileen Krahman & Marilyn Schatteman

Spring Luncheon: Jane Hemer & Michele Mangnall

STEM: Barb McQuitty & Susan Fenwick

Web Manager: Joyce Katz & Patricia Scott

Standing committee chairs are listed in the Directory.

Hospitality

To continue providing the delightful assortment of nibbles at each branch meeting, we need your help. We are looking for both hostesses and coordinating hostesses. The coordinating hostess plans the table décor and organizes what is brought to the meeting. The hostesses bring either a homemade or a purchased treat for the meeting. The months we still need your help are January, February, March, and April.

Please let Linda Roberson (robersonlinda11@att.net) or Carol Anthony (Canthony70@att.net) know if you would like to volunteer.

~Linda Roberson & Carol Anthony, **Co-directors**, Hospitality

Notes from the Finance Officer

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More than 150 members paid their dues early this year and many members paid their dues online. This is very much appreciated by Membership and the Finance Officer because it helps us know who is returning to the branch in time to prepare for the new year. Hundreds of names were in the drawing for the Panera gift card and Jane Arneson was the big winner.

Ballwin-Chesterfield Finances

Many B-C members worked hard over the summer to contribute to the development of the 2019-20 budget. Thanks to Marcia Block, Jean Elliott, Jan Horner, Angie Janik, Mary Jermak, Yvonne Morrison, Sue Shriver, and Leslie Wier. They conducted the second annual review of Ballwin-Chesterfield income and expenses as members of the Financial Planning Committee, which advises the Finance Officer.

A second thank you to the Budget Committee members of Marian Bauer, Jan Horner and Mersine Kallaos who approved the proposed 2019–20 budget. The next steps in approval of the budget are the board review and vote in September and the membership vote in October. All of these reviews ensure that our finances are being handled prudently, that the financial health of the branch is I safeguarded, and that our choices support the AAUW | mission.

National AAUW Budget

The national AAUW June *Membership Matters* told us that this year will be "AAUW's first truly balanced budget in more than a decade when considering actual outlays. However, it did not come without sacrifice. We had to make some very difficult decisions, which included reducing valued staff and much needed resources."

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

AAUW ;Adelante!

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m September 26 - Kay Meyer will lead the discussion of Just Mercy by Bryan Stephenson Barnes & Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Chesterfield For further information, please contact Julie Triplett julietrip2428@gmail.com).

2019 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk Tuesday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.

Des Peres City Park, 12325 Manchester Road 63131

You are invited to join your AAUW friends at the beautiful Des Peres Park for our annual ER Walk. There will not be a registration fee, but donations are appreciated. Members are encouraged to make their donations to AAUW Fund. You may continue to designate your donation to the ER Walk, which supports research on topics important to AAUW's goals and mission. We plan to invite other area branch members to join us, and you may invite friends and prospective members as well. We encourage you to bring a salad to share and stay after the walk for a picnic lunch. You may sign up at the Fall Brunch and the October meeting.

In case of inclement weather, we will walk at the West County Mall and cancel the picnic. Participants may wish to form small groups to have lunch at the various restaurants in the area.

For more information contact Carol Derington (carol.derington@sbcglobal.net) or Eileen Krahman (eakrahman@yahoo.net).

Directory

Pick up your new 2019–20 Directory at the September Fall Brunch!

Your new Directory will provide you with information that you need. In the first section you will find information about AAUW and Ballwin-Chesterfield including officers, programs, interest groups, and other activities. The center section contains pictures and information about the individual branch members. Branch bylaws and policies are printed at the back of the Directory. Every member should have both a printed copy and a digital copy of the new 2019–20 Directory. A digital pdf version of the Directory will be sent by email to members for use on their devices. In addition to the new Directory distributed at the Fall Brunch, there will be two supplements, in December and March, that will be distributed during the year to update personal information.

Interest group chairs and members: if you know that members of your group will not be at the Fall Brunch, please help keep them up to date by picking up a Directory to deliver at your next interest group meeting. We are happy to help assist you.

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

Special Directory Notice

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For future updates of your contact information, please
notify Membership Vice Presidents Angela Janik
(<u>amjanik53@gmail.com</u>) and Willeyne Berger
(<u>bobwilleyne@gmail.com</u>).

Schnucks Rewards Program

Schnucks has a new reward program which supports community groups and personal accounts. If you would like to give the credit to Ballwin-Chesterfield, please present your card at the beginning of the transaction. B-C appreciates your donations. In Memoriam Nancy Remley



Nancy was a long-time member of AAUW and the branch. She is best remembered for always having a smile and something kind to say and looking for the goodness in life. Nancy loved the game of bridge and was so much fun at the bridge table. In 2002 she was one of the 12 original members of Duplicate I, and helped to start Duplicate II, where she later served as chair. Nancy and a dedicated group of volunteers hosted the annual, and very popular, Lunch and Games event to benefit Dollars for Scholars. Nancy was a great participant in any group or activity she joined. She leaves behind five daughters and 15 grandchildren.

Spring Luncheon Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. Saint Louis Bread Co. 14123 Clayton Road (across from Trinity Lutheran Church)

A huge "thank you" goes to all the AAUW members who attended the 2019 Spring Luncheon. The committee is delighted that you enjoyed the event and shared so many useful and positive comments with us. We want to continue to make this event successful, and your input helps us do that.

If you are interested in being on the committee for the 2020 Spring Luncheon, please join us for our first planning meeting.

Contact either of the co-chairs for information: Jane Hemer (<u>jdhemer25@gmail.com</u>) or Michele Mangnall (<u>bmmags@yahoo.com</u>).

AAUW and Branch News

The AAUW Fund Committee had its first meeting on Friday, August 9. Members reviewed the process Ballwin– Chesterfield has used for several years to communicate with members and raise funds for our national organization. Last year our branch decided to put various committees (EOF, LAF, Public Policy, ER Walk) under an umbrella group called AAUW Fund. We discussed the new model presented by national and established goals and strategies for the year.

We will be communicating more information about AAUW Fund with the branch through the newsletter and at branch meetings. Our annual fund raising will be in November.

Watch this space for important information about LAF, Fellowships and Grants, STEM, research, Work Smart, NCCWSL, and many other programs offered by AAUW National.

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

University Liaison (UL)

The University Liaison (formerly EOF) committee met in late July to plan for the upcoming year. We are happy to have four local scholarship awardees, two from Maryville and two from UMSL. These women are nontraditional students, 28 years old or older, who have not had the opportunity to complete their undergraduate education.

Our Dollars for Scholars events provide the funds for these women's scholarships. This year we will again be offering the popular bean soup kits, Panera Bread gift cards and the Used Book Sale. Our bean soup and Panera gift cards will be available for purchase at the September meeting. Plan to bring your used books, jigsaw puzzles and DVDs to the general membership meeting in October and support our book sale. The book sale will be held in October, November, January, February, March, and April.

Please contact Carol Greenaway (<u>KMGCAG@charter.net</u>) or Susan Shriver (<u>sbs301@gmail.com</u>) if you would like more information.

~Carol Greenaway & Susan Shriver, Co-directors, University Liaison

Public Policy

Public Policy provides an opportunity for you to be an informed citizen and have your opinions heard. To advocate for issues doesn't mean that you must attend rallies or walk the halls of the Capitol. You can be an arm-chair advocate. Stay informed and watch out for fake news, speak up at meetings, make phone calls, write post cards, talk about your issues, and donate money. You can also turn your birthday party into a fundraiser for one of your issues or write letters to the editor.

Where can you go to check if the news is fake? Here are a few sites to try: <u>FactCheck.org</u>, <u>Snopes.com</u>, and <u>Hoax-Slayer.com</u>. AAUW MO will again focus on Gender Equity, Get Out the Vote, and Title IX. If you haven't registered for Work Smart online, do so. Go to <u>salary.aauw.org</u>. AAUW is committed to closing the gender pay gap by 2030. The crowds in the stands cheered when the U.S. Women's Soccer team won the World Cup and shouted, "Equal pay!" It's time!

Become involved. "We realize the importance of our voice only when we are silenced." (Malala Yousafzal) If you have questions, contact Karen Francis (karenbitzfrancis@yahoo.com) or Abby Roessler (abby_mendillo@att.net).

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

Winter Belles

It's time to start thinking about our winter fundraiser. We will again have entertainment, a tasty box lunch, raffles, a wine and mimosa bar, a silent auction, the boutique, and food items for sale. Plan to join us on Thursday, December 12. Invite your friends, too. It's a great way to get in the mood for the holidays.

As most of you know, about two-thirds of the money we raise to support the branch comes from this event. That's why every member is expected to participate. You can donate items for sale, come prepared to bid and buy, or make monetary contributions, which is the easiest way to help support the branch. A good way to contribute is to ask merchants and service providers you patronize for gift certificates and contributions. People love experiences. How about planning a party or luncheon? Do you have a vacation getaway you could offer for a girls' weekend or family retreat?

If you have questions, please contact one of the event co-directors. If you're interested in working on the winter fundraiser, please stay for a brief meeting after the Fall Brunch.

> ~Marcia Block & Janice Buckhold, Co-directors, Branch Fundraising



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 (<u>marilynfletcher597@gmail.com</u>) and Susan Teicher (<u>svteicher@gmail.com</u>) Co-directors, Dollars for Scholars

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.

Panera Bread Cards

Buy now!

Cost: \$10

Cards will be on sale at branch meetings, starting at the Fall Brunch. Every Panera card you purchase brings you full value and puts \$1 into the DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS fund for local women! Panera cards are redeemable at any Panera or St. Louis Bread Co. across the nation and make great little holiday gifts. Plus, they never expire. Look for the Panera sign at the Fall Brunch.

Questions? Contact Bette Bude (bettebude@outlook.com) or Carol Anthony (Canthony70@att.net)

Bean Soup Sale-Gourmet Mix

On sale at fall meetings

Back again by popular demand, our homemade gourmet mix features 15 kinds of beans. Our mix is easy to use and makes a large pot of delicious soup. Questions? Contact Carol Greenaway (KMGCAG@charter.net)

SAVE YOUR USED BOOKS!!

Used Book Sale returns in October

All proceeds will go to Dollars for Scholars

Start collecting your books, puzzles, CD's, & DVD's now and bring them to the branch meetings (October, November, January - April). The book sale will not be held at the December winter event. Donated items will be for sale at each branch meeting with remaining books sold to local used book stores. Last year the Used Book Sale earned over \$1,300 thanks to your generosity in donating and buying books. Let's do it again! You can clean your bookshelves, help a worthy cause, and get some bargains in good books.

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

Legally Blonde (the play)

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 attend Washington University's Performing Arts Department presentation of *Legally Blonde*. This humorous musical theater production will be presented in the Edison Theater. There is free parking on the campus. We will also carpool from Trinity.

Sponsor: Roz Marx (Rozsie3@gmail.com)

Missouri Botanical Garden and the Shaw House

October 31 (Thursday): Carpool from Trinity at 10 for the 11 o'clock tour.

This will be a docent led tour. (Some people are members of the Garden and can take guests in). Lunch at 3 Monkeys afterwards. Sign up at the Fall Brunch or October meeting

Sponsors are Jayne Kasten (kastenc@sbcglobal.net) and Michelle Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com)

Cost: \$6

Cost: \$25

Cost: TBD

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 2019–20 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

Literature I 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m. September 19: Host, Bette Bude Book: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens Facilitator: Judith Brostron

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m. August 26: Host, Mersine Kallaos Book: *Clock Dance* by Ann Tyler Facilitator: Marilyn Fletcher

September 23: Host, Bonnie Brewbaker Book: *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis Facilitator: Erlaine Eltomi

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

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m. September 10: Host, Linda Stark Book: *American Eden* by Victoria Johnson Facilitator: Terri Ciccolella

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

Genealogy Group

4th Thursday, 1–3 p.m. September 26: Grand Glaize County Library, 1010 Meramec Station Road, Manchester, 63021, Meeting room 2.

Topic: Creating/Writing Your Family History

Contact Roz Marx (<u>Rozsie3@gmail.com</u>) or Pam Kulp (<u>kulpp10@gmail.com</u>).

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 10 a.m. September 26: Hostess, Pat Shores

New members are welcomed.

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

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. September 18: Hostess, Liz Maher Candicci's Italian Restaurant 100 Holloway Rd. Ballwin, MO 63011

RSVP to Liz Maher (*lizlbm@sbcglobal.net*). No carpool planned.

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

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m. September 16: Host, Susie Teicher

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

SAVE THE DATE: Munching Matters

Lunch With Food For Thought continues in the next 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.

Upcoming lunches are: November 13, 2019, January 9, 2020, February 12, 2020, and March 11, 2020. Sign-up sheets will be available at the September AAUW B-C branch meeting.

You MUST register with Julie Triplett (julietrip2428@gmail.com) to attend. Karen Francis and Julie Triplett, Coordinators

Interest Groups and September Calendar

Bridge Calendar

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

Basic Bridge and Beyond 3rd Thursday 10 a.m. Hearth Room September 19: Barb Tackitt

Bridge Buddies 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m. The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd. Lunch and Bridge September 11 & 25: Jane Clendenin

Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge September 19: Carol Reed

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

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill September 17: Kay Kreder

Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room September 25: Judy Green

Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m. Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill September 10: Joanne Nelson

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room September 16: Kay Kreder

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m. Walnut Grill September 3: Sande Mawhinney

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m. Walnut Grill September 24: Contact Carol Osterloh

Duplicate Bridge III 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. Hearth Room September 24: Marilyn Beiter

Golf

Every Monday, May through October September 09, 16, 23, 30

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

Expressions Projects and dates will be announced.

For more information contact Nance Roth (nance.roth@yahoo.com).

Activities Calendar

August 26 Literature II

September

- 09, 16, 23, 30 Golf
- 05 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 06 Deadline for Fall Brunch reservations
- 10 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 12 Fall Brunch and Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.\$ Panera Bread Cards & Bean Soup

Deadline for October newsletter submissions

- 16 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 18 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Literature II 10 a.m.
- 25 Spring Lunch Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Movie Group 10 a.m.

Genealogy 1 p.m.

¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

Coming in October

- 03 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 10 Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk 10:30 a.m.
- 27 \$ Legally Blonde
- 31 \$ Botanical Gardens & Shaw House

December: Save the Date!

12 Winter Belles



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