Branching Out
AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch
National and State Award-Winning Branch
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Presidents’ Corner
Happy Fall! We thought we’d get a head start on Thanksgiving and express our gratitude to some of those who lately have made our AAUW Branch so lively and successful. In no particular order, let us thank:

*Dollars for Scholars co-chairs, sponsors, and attendees,
*Eleanor Roosevelt Walk co-chairs, walkers, and supporters,
*The used book sale committee who sell books at great prices and no longer have to worry about upper body strength,
*The bags of bean soup put together and sold according to some secret recipe,
*The delivery of our directories with member photographs in color,
*The editors of our newsletter who produce a top-notch edition every month,
*The team writing the Friday reminder,
*The website production/design team,
*The program committee who started the year by arranging our interesting speaker—Dr. Steve Coxon of Maryville University,

*The AAUW Fund leaders who explained concisely and understandably its new job description,
*In advance, all our members who generously will support the AAUW Fund in November,
*Our four speakers at the monthly Munching Matters luncheons,
*The committee who will spend many hours creating, arranging, planning, and coordinating our best December Winter Party,
*The members of our branch board who lead, inspire, and work harder than you imagine,
*And all members who come to meetings, provide refreshments, belong to interest groups, and support our mission in innumerable ways.

In conclusion, thanks for the smiles, kind words, suggestions, cooperativeness, friendliness, and acceptance you give us, your co-presidents. It is heartwarming and priceless.

~Jean Elliott & Jan Horner, Co-presidents

November Branch Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road, 63017
9:00 a.m. - Social Time & Signups
9:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. - Program
11:30 a.m. - Adjourn

Women and Investing:
Turning Complexity into Confidence

Kathleen M. Palumbo
Executive Director,
THE PALUMBO GROUP of Oppenheimer & Co.

Every stage of our financial lives, including retirement, has challenges. Kathy will address those issues during her presentation. With close to 30 years of experience as an advisor, she is the thought leader of an established, well-respected practice which provides customized investment and estate planning strategies for high net worth individuals, families, conservators, and members of the legal community in Missouri. Kathy attributes her success with clients to the skills acquired in an earlier career: 20 years as a registered nurse, which required listening compassionately, developing a plan, and executing it to improve the patient’s condition.

Hospitality
Coordinating Hostess Laqueta Barstow
Hostesses: Michele Mangnall, Susan Shriver, Marilyn Beiter, Donna Kloeppel, Anne Wolf, Becky Ragan, Alice Crippen, Carolyn Pohlkotte

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The next board meeting will be November 7 at 9:30 a.m. All elected and appointed directors are expected to attend. Please contact Jan Horner (janethorner@yahoo.com) if you cannot attend.
The Branching Out newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the December newsletter is November 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 (jh1234@charter.net).

The branch website is Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauwnet. 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).

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

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, & Joan 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 Bishop

Standing committee chairs are listed in the Directory.

A Note from the Finance Officer

Winter Belles, the name of our annual winter fundraiser this year, is critically important to the financial health of our branch operating fund. The $22 portion of AAUW annual dues that Ballwin-Chesterfield retains does not cover all the wonderful things we do. The winter fundraiser is the way we raise the additional monies we need to maintain our high-quality programs and activities, and is an every-member participation event.

Whether or not you cannot attend this year’s event, Winter Belles, you can contribute $50 and become a “Belle of the Branch.” Your name will be featured on a poster and in the program. All you need do is write a check made payable to AAUW B-C and give it to Pat Shores, at the November meeting. If you prefer, you can mail your check to Pat at the address found in the Directory.

--Pat Shores,
Finance Officer

Directory

We have received and distributed the 2019–20 AAUW B-C Directory. If you haven’t picked up a copy, please do so at the branch meeting. A digital version of the directory has been sent by email to the membership.

Everyone is encouraged to have a picture in the directory. To do so, please email a digital photo or send a photo print by mail to Ann Patrice O’Shaughnessy, using the address in the directory. Your photo print will be returned to you later. An alternative would be for you to let us take your picture at one of our AAUW meetings.

New members should also be given a binder cover when receiving a directory. If you did not receive one, please come to the directory table so we can supply what is missing.

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

AAUW ¡Adelante!
(aka Operation Equality: Reading for Results)
4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

October 24—Betty Takahashi will lead the discussion of The Only Woman in the Room: Why Science is Still a Boys’ Club by Eileen Pollack

Barnes & Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Chesterfield

Next Meeting: January 23—Kay Meyer will lead the discussion of Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stephenson
Introducing Our Newest Members
Welcome these new members to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW community.

Carolyn Brown
email: brown725@att.net
Carolyn earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. She holds a master’s degree in business administration from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. Carolyn is retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Her interests include piano, photography and the environment.

Mary Sisul
email: mary.m.sisul@gmail.com
Mary earned a bachelor's degree from Fontbonne University, Clayton, Missouri. She is a retired teacher.

Agnes Sobel
email: aasobel@sbcglobal.net
Agnes earned a bachelor’s degree of science and arts from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. She is a retired certified public accountant. Her interests include golf, cards (canasta, hand and foot), mah jongg, and reading.

Kathy Wehrfritz
email: fritzkath@gmail.com
Kathy earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan. She holds a master’s degree in business administration from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. She retired after a career as a wealth manager and financial advisor and has worked at Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, and Bank of America. Her interests include yoga, gardening, travel, reading, and her eight grandchildren. Kathy has held board positions that reflect her interests: Focus on St. Louis, Ranken Jordan, Safe Connections, and Places for People.

Judy Willett
email: will2boutdoors@gmail.com
Judy earned a bachelor’s degree in science education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She holds a master’s degree in French literature from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Judy is a retired French teacher in the Parkway School System. She has previously been a member of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.

~ Angela Janik & Willeyne Berger, VP-Membership

Winter Belles
December 12

Sit back, enjoy a mimosa with your friends at the winter fundraiser, and help your branch. There will be a silent auction, boutique items to purchase, Elegant Edibles for holiday entertaining, raffles, a wine and mimosa bar, a yummy box lunch, and musical entertainment. Tickets for Winter Belles will be available for $25 at the November branch meeting or you may mail your check to Sage Taber.

New this year: Contribute $50 and become a “Belle of the Branch.” Your name will be featured on a poster and in the program. All you need to do is write a check and give it to Pat Shores, our Finance Officer. So easy, and you will feel you have done your share.

You may contribute a “basket” of your own or with someone else for the silent auction. If you’d prefer to contribute an item to be a part of a basket, see the adjacent note from Diana Huey and Denise McKibben.

Contact Erlaine Eltomi for Elegant Edibles, and Marilyn Beiter and Carol Derington for the boutique. Please let them know what you are bringing.

~ Marcia Block & Janice Buckhold, Co-chairs

The ABC’s of the Silent Auction!
Members and groups are invited to contribute to the Silent Auction with completed baskets or individual items. To ensure variety, members are encouraged to donate items according to the member’s last name.

A-D dog items, for the garden (seeds, gloves, tools), tea/coffee

E-H car wash, baby items, any sport items

I-L bridge (tallies, cards, paper goods, snacks), BBQ, movie treats/gift card

M-P 2019 book best sellers, family games, greeting cards/stationary

Q-U Legos, wine/appetizer items, food variety (i.e. Italian, gluten free, Mexican), utensils

V-Z spa (lotion, gels, candles), learning gifts for children, cat items

Diana and Denise will assemble the baskets. Donated gifts in any of the categories are appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

Contact: Diana Huey (dinajo_452@msn.com) or Denise McKibben (mckibbendenise@gmail.com)
AAUW Fund: Annual Giving

Since November is here, we are reminded that the season of giving is upon us as well. Because of the members’ generous backing of AAUW’s mission through their contribution to AAUW Funds, women receive support through AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, Education and Training Fund, Economic Security Fund, and Leadership Fund. These contributions help promote equity for women and girls since they support AAUW’s critical work.

Ballwin-Chesterfield’s Annual Day of Giving will again be at the November Branch meeting. At the Fall Brunch, we were reminded that in 2019–20, we celebrate 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote. Members were challenged to make a $100 donation to AAUW Funds in commemoration of this momentous event. This donation will also add your name to the 2019 Century Club. As always, we are thankful for the generosity of our members which makes our support of AAUW’s mission possible.

If you are unable to be at the November meeting you may mail your check to Judy Stagoski (address found in the Directory) or donate online at AAUW.org and let Judy know about your online donation. Will you accept the $100 challenge on November 14?

~submitted by Judy Stagoski, Co-director, AAUW Fund

AAUW Fund: STEM

STEMpack: Tech Savvy, is a STEM conference shared by National AAUW as a project that can be done by AAUW branches. It is a one-day science, technology, engineering, and math conference for girls in grades 6–9 and their parents or guardians. It is usually held on a college campus and introduces underrepresented girls to STEM at a younger age than many of our programs. The day also helps demystify college admissions and the funding process for parents.

This event is similar to the Expanding Your Horizons program that AAUW B-C does annually, but introduces STEM earlier, and includes parents. It is intended to be presented conference style with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions. Some hands-on STEM experiments led by volunteers with help from experienced STEM and campus professionals should be included. This is food for thought for growth to EYH.

~submitted by Barb McQuitty, STEM Committee

AAUW Fund: Legal Advocacy Fund

LAF adopted a new pay equity lawsuit this week. Freyd vs University of Oregon addresses pay discrimination faced by Jennifer Freyd, a professor at the university who is paid substantially less than her male colleagues who hold the same positions, are junior to her, and are no more accomplished. The disparity is due primarily to retention raises, and the case will help to establish whether such raises are considered “a factor other than sex” under the Equal Pay Act.

AAUW also signed on to a new amicus brief to the Ninth Circuit concerning the case of Aileen Rizo. Rizo is a Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff who faced pay discrimination in her teaching role due to the use of salary history.

~submitted by Barbara Butchart

Public Policy

AAUW’s mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. To meet this goal, our public policy priorities at the branch and state level include economic security and violence against women. Why is this important? Time yourself as you read this article, then multiply that by 20. That is the number of people who suffered physical abuse by an intimate partner while you read this. One in four women and one in nine men are victims of abuse by their partners. Women from ages 18–24 are most commonly abused. On a typical day, 20,000 phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide. The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent. (Source: National Statistics Domestic Violence Fact Sheet)

Abuse occurs in all socioeconomic levels, but many women stay with their abuser due to financial issues. That is why AAUW is working to close the gender pay gap by 2030 and why we are focusing on training 10 million women on Work Smart by 2022. As ambassadors of AAUW, we have the opportunity to share our Work Smart course in the hope that at least one of the women taking the course will learn the power of her voice in negotiating salaries and benefits, and give her the economic security to leave an abusive relationship.

~Karen Francis, Co-director, Public Policy
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 non-traditional 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.

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**A Message from Marilyn Fletcher and Susan Teicher**

Dear Members,

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

Note: We’d like someone to offer to sponsor the new St. Louis Art Museum exhibit of the Dutch Painters and Rembrandt, which runs through January 14, 2020. Please contact Roz Marx for more information.

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**Bread and Beans**

**Panera Bread Cards**

November 14 branch meeting

Cost: $10

We started in September with 400 cards--only 97 remain. The November branch meeting will be the last sale this year, so plan to stock up and beat the holiday hustle. Let the little green cards bring happiness to many. Every $10 card we sell returns $1 to our B-C Branch. Our scholarship recipients will be so thankful!

Let’s see if we can spread the bread! If you wish to reserve some cards, please email Bette or Carol.

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

**Bean Soup Gourmet Mix**

On sale at fall branch meetings

Cost: $6

Our homemade gourmet mix, featuring 15 kinds of beans, will be for sale at fall branch meetings. Be prepared for cool fall days and frosty winter nights or buy some bags for zesty gifts. The mix is easy to use and makes a large pot of delicious soup.

Questions? Contact Carol Greenaway (KMGCA@charter.net)

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**Used Book Sale**

**All proceeds will go to Dollars for Scholars.**

Donate your used books! Visit our table at the November meeting!

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

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Linda Kriedel (lykmo65@gmail.com).
Legally Blonde (the play)

Cost: $20

Sunday, October 27
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 production of this musical comedy. 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)

A Walking Tour of The Missouri Botanical Garden

Cost: $22 for members
$28 for non-members

Thursday, October 31 at 11 a.m.
Missouri Botanical Gardens, 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110
For car-pooling, meet at Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot at 10 a.m. If you plan to drive on your own, meet at the garden entrance at 10:45 a.m.
The fee includes tour guide, admission to the garden, and Dollars for Scholars donation.

Lee Ann Grush, garden docent and a very special Mah Jongg friend, will lead a walking tour with wonderful commentary, The Historical Garden Tour. This tour is 90 minutes long and covers approximately 1.3 miles of the garden. It includes the Sachs Museum and the Tower Grove House.

Wheelchairs are free to borrow with a valid driver's license; motorized scooters rent for $25. The Sachs Museum is wheelchair accessible, but Tower Grove House is not.

Plan to join in the fun at the optional lunch after the tour at Three Monkeys Restaurant, 3153 Morganford Rd at Juniata, St. Louis, MO 63116, at approximately 1 p.m.  Menu: threemonkeysrestaurant.com

Sponsors: Jayne Kasten (kastenc@sbcglobal.net) and Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com)

The Holocaust Museum and Learning Center

Cost: $15

Wednesday, November 6 at 10 a.m.–12 noon
12 Millstone Campus Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146
Carpool at 9:15 am from Trinity for the 10 a.m. tour.

The Holocaust Museum and Learning Center is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust, educating about its causes, and illustrating how this tragic event relates to our lives today. We will have lunch at Kohn's Deli and Meat Market, owned by a Holocaust survivor.

Sponsors: Donna Kloeppel (donna.kloeppel@yahoo.com) or Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com)

Soulard Holiday Parlor Tour

Cost: $38

Saturday, December 7,
Carpool from Trinity at 9:45 a.m. or go directly to the starting point at Gene Slay’s Boys Club of St. Louis, 2524 S. 11th St.

Take a historic tour on a shuttle through St. Louis’ oldest neighborhood and see all the beautiful decorations.

Sponsor: Sage Taber (sagemo@aol.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 2019–20 book lists from the Interest Groups page on the branch website.

**Literature I** 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
November 21: Host, Diane Siegel  
**Book:** The Overstory by Richard Powers  
**Facilitator:** Marcia Block  

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

**Literature II** 4th Monday, 10 a.m.
November 25: Host, Jean Light  
**Book:** Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman  
**Facilitator:** Linda Seibert  

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

**Reading Reality** 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.
November 12: Host, Dianne Compton  
**Book:** Becoming by Michelle Obama  
**Facilitator:** Angie Janik  

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.
November 18: Host, Suzanne Couch  
For more information about this group, contact Julie Triplett (marilynfletcher597@gmail.com).

**Genealogy Group** 4th Thursday, 1–4 p.m.
Meetings will resume in March 2020.

Contact Roz Marx (Rozsie3@gmail.com) or Pam Kulp (kulpp10@gmail.com).

**Movie Group** 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.
November 26: Hostess, Liz Maher  
(Note date change due to Thanksgiving.)

New members are welcomed.

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

**Out to Lunch** 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
November 20: Hostess, Linda Seibert  
Pan d’Olive  
1603 McCausland Ave., 63117  
Named for the warm bakery fresh olive bread served, Pan D’olive offers diners a celebration of Mediterranean cuisine with a California twist in a stylish contemporary setting.

RSVP to Linda Seibert (lindajseibert63@gmail.com).  
No carpool planned.

For more information, contact Linda Seibert (lindajseibert63@gmail.com) or Liz Maher (lizbm@sbcglobal.net).

**Munching Matters, Lunch with Food for Thought**  
New Season Features Exciting and Informative Speakers

Wednesday, November 13, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Walnut Grill on Clayton Rd. just west of Clarkson Road. There is no charge to attend, but lunch will be on your own. Mersine Kallaos shares her experience in adopting a child.

2nd Wednesday on January 8, February 12, March 11  
Sign-up sheets will be available at the November AAUW B-C branch meeting.

You MUST register with Julie Triplett (julietrip2428@gmail.com) or Doris Nistler (dnistler14@att.net) 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
November 21: Charmaigne Scott

**Bridge Buddies** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
The Shack at 14810 Clayton Rd.
Lunch and Bridge
November 13 & 27: Nancy Hughes

**Bridge Friends** 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge
November 21: Judi Hart

**Bridge I** 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
Hearth Room
November 6: Contact Janet Ludewig

**Bridge II** 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
Walnut Grill
November 19: Jan Louden

**Bridge III** 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
November 20: Teri Steinberg

**Bridge V** 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Kaldi’s at Schnucks Woods Mill
November 12: Joanne Nelson

**Bridge VI** 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
November 18: Joan Lunt

**Duplicate Bridge I** 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.
Walnut Grill
November 5: Nancy Russell

**Duplicate Bridge II** 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Walnut Grill
November 26: Jeanne Neuner

**Duplicate Bridge III** 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.
Hearth Room
November 26: Mary LaRuffa

**Golf**
Golf will resume in April 2020.
If you are interested in playing golf, contact Bev Wait (wait89@aol.com) or Elaine Frost (elfrost7@charter.net).

**Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m.**
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd.
Expressions will resume after the first of the year.
Check the newsletter for planned projects.
Stop by the Expressions table to get on our mailing list for future projects.
*For more information contact Nance Roth (nance.roth@yahoo.com).*

**Activities Calendar**

**October**
24 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.
27 $ Legally Blonde 2 p.m.
31 $ Botanical Garden Tour 11 a.m.

**November**
06 $ Holocaust Museum & Learning Center 10 a.m.
07 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
12 Deadline for December newsletter submissions
   Reading Reality 1 p.m.
13 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
14 Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.
   Annual Day of Giving
18 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
20 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
21 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
25 Literature II 10 a.m.
26 Movie Group 10 a.m.

**Coming in December**
07 $ Soulard Holiday Parlor Tour
12 Deadline for January newsletter submissions
   Winter Belles