

Presidents' Corner

Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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**Ballwin-Chesterfield board/branch meetings are cancelled when the Parkway or Rockwood school districts have an inclement weather closing. **

Jean Elliott



Jan Horner

Happy New Year! Jan and I hope 2020 is

an exciting and special year for you. It's a leap year—one extra day to enjoy.

We hope you were able to attend Winter Belles and enjoyed the shopping, food and drink, entertainment, and spending time with good friends. A special thank you to Marcia Block, Jan Buckhold, and their committee for a fun and successful event. The money raised will go directly to support branch activities. Can you see yourself stepping up to chair this event next year? There are many other branch activities that use your leadership and/or participation. Look through this newsletter for some ideas.

This is the time of year to begin the process of electing new officers. Consider nominating yourself or someone you know who would serve faithfully. See the branch website for the forms. Contact Barb McQuitty with any questions.

We will soon form a committee to plan our branch's celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment. A Tea Party is being planned in July in place of our usual summer picnic. Thanks to the summer picnic committee for agreeing to this change. The suffragettes often held tea parties to organize their activities. We welcome all ideas, suggestions, and help you can give us. And we'll need teapots, lots of teapots. Many hands make light work.

This new year for AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield is going to be a busy one. Our program committee has arranged great speakers for our monthly meetings. If you're not somewhere warm and sunny, come join us. The coffee will be hot and the food good. Some other exciting news is that there will be a regional AAUW conference in June in the Quad Cities. Plans are well underway for interesting speakers, breakout sessions, and sharing with members from more than 15 other states. Put that on your list of things to do this summer. As I said earlier, this newsletter is full of information. Read it through and give some activity a try.

~Jean Elliott, Co-president

Note: There will be no board meeting in January. The next board meeting is on February 6, 2020.

January Branch Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2019 **Trinity Lutheran Church** 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road, 63017

> 9 a.m. - Social Time & Signups 9:30 a.m. - Business Meeting 10:30 a.m. - Program 11:30 a.m. - Adjourn

Educating Isolated Immigrant and Refugee Adults in the St. Louis Community

Sarah Paradoski

Director of Program Development, Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program

Ms. Paradoski will address the issues of the immigrant and refugee population in the St. Louis area and speak specifically about those who are isolated and face barriers to accessing English, life skills, and cultural education. She will discuss how the Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program serves these women and the challenges they face.

Sarah Paradoski is a St. Louis native. She has been working with IRWP for nearly 11 years and has volunteered in the program to teach English and life skills to three women during that time. She earned her master of arts in economics with an emphasis in international affairs at the New School for Social Research in New York City. She is the mother to two young children.

Hospitality

Coordinating Hostess: Marcia Block Hostesses: Sandy Brody, Kathy Brown, Colleen Fell, Susan Fenwick, Mersine Kallaos, Linda Seibert, Susie Teicher, Mary Lou Wilson

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the February newsletter is January 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 Angela Janik (<u>amjanik53@gmail.com</u>) and Willeyne Berger (<u>bobwilleyne@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).

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, & 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 Managers: Joyce Katz & Patricia Bishop

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

AAUW ;Adelante!

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

Barnes & Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Chesterfield

January 23—Kay Meyer will lead the discussion of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stephenson

Missouri Women's Network Legislative Retreat

Saturday, January 18, 2020

If this date is cancelled due to weather, the retreat will take place the following Saturday, January 25.

Location: Hyvee, 25 Conley Road, Columbia, MO

Plan to be a part of the gathering of representatives from Missouri's women's organizations who will develop a list of priorities for the 2020 legislative session. Be trained in *Fast Democracy*, a new and easier way to track the Missouri House and Senate bills. Don't miss this opportunity to help decide which bills we will support, and which bills we will work to defeat during the spring session.

Contact Pat Shores (apatriciashores@att.net) for more information.

IBC Spring Fling Save the Date

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Greenbrier Hills Country Club 12665 Big Bend Blvd. 63122

Menu

Chicken Mushroom with salad, rolls, and butter or Quiche Florentine with salad, rolls, and butter Coffee, tea, and water included.

The price will be \$38 and includes lunch and a narrated pictorial history of the Suffragist movement.

Complete information and a registration form will be in the February newsletter.

Nominations Requested by January 27, 2020

The Nominating Committee, Barb McQuitty, Bette Bude, Judy Stagoski, and Linda Roberson, is accepting your nominations for 2020–21 elected officers as follows:

Co-president
Co-vice president Program
Co-vice president Membership
Secretary/Archivist
Co-director AAUW Fund
Co-director Public Policy

For job descriptions, see the AAUW B-C website or contact Barb. The nominating committee will review the nominees and prepare the slate of officers.

Please follow these steps to nominate a person for office:

- 1. Receive permission from the person you are nominating.
- 2. Use the nomination form on the branch website under Flyers & Forms. Nomination forms will also be available at the January branch meeting.
- 3. Send the completed form to Nominating Committee Chair, Barbara McQuitty (bmcquitty@aol.com) or by postal mail to Barb's address in the branch Directory.

The committee needs your help to find members ready and able to be part of the branch leadership. If you are asked to take a position, please seriously consider accepting. It is an honor to be asked to serve. You will meet many new friends, and make a valued contribution to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.

-Barb McQuitty,
Chair, Nominating Committee

University Liaison (UL)

We are happy to announce that one of our scholarship awardees from Maryville University just received a degree in Nursing in December. She has been given a membership to AAUW national through the Give a Grad a Gift program. A new scholarship recipient has been chosen at Maryville for the Spring 2020 semester.

Our Dollars for Scholars events continue to provide the funds for these women's scholarships. Our bean soup and Panera gift cards sales are done for the year as we have sold out. Thanks to all who supported these fundraisers with their purchases. The used book sale will resume with the January meeting and run through April. Please continue to collect your used books, jigsaw puzzles and DVDs over the next few months. Thank you!

~ Carol Greenaway and Susan Shriver, UL Co-Directors

2020 International Relations Series

AAUW B-C joins with TWA (Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society) on the second Tuesday of each month, from January through April, to present four free lectures to the community on aspects of international relations. Gather at 10 a.m. for coffee and social time. Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch and stay afterwards to further discuss the topic.

January 14, 2020 10:45 a.m. The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road

Organized Voter Suppression Tactics: An International Perspective Speaker: Denise Lieberman, J.D.

Ms. Lieberman is director of the Power & Democracy Program at Advancement Project, a civil rights organization based in Washington, D.C. A seasoned constitutional and civil rights lawyer for more than 20 years, Lieberman has been at the forefront of voting rights actions in Missouri and across the country. She is also an adjunct professor with Washington University School of Law, lecturing on the international aspects of election issues as well as other subjects.

Save the Date: February 11
Triple Threat of Global Warming:
Ecological, Environmental, and Humanitarian Crises
Speaker: Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy

The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45–50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period.

In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955 ext. 224. The driveway is heated.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEB

Tax Information for 2019

It's that time of year when we need to organize for 2019 taxes. Here's information you'll find useful regarding AAUW:

- \$56 of your annual dues are tax-deductible.
- •Contributions to the AAUW Fund or other national AAUW sponsored funds are tax-deductible. To view your 2019 contributions, go to www.aauw.org, then to the Member Services Database.
- Materials you have purchased for branch use that were not reimbursed may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.
- Fees for Dollars events, branch special events (i.e., Winter Auction, Spring Luncheon), admissions to concerts or events **are not tax deductible**.

~Joyce Katz, Web Manager

AAUW Fund

Fellowships and Grants

Do you know where your money goes when you contribute to the AAUW Fund? Our national office selects outstanding individuals who will be the recipients of Fellowships and Grants, Career Development Grants, Selected Professional Fellowships, and International Fellowships. AAUW also funds Community Action Grants, International Project Grants, and Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science.

In the past two years, AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield's contributions have helped sponsor two women who received Career Development Grants. Both live in the St. Louis metropolitan area and are excellent representatives of what AAUW strives to achieve.

Sara Lichtsinn, award winner for 2019–2020, is from Brighton, Illinois, and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics. She currently works as an accountant at a community college in Illinois. Upon graduation with a master's degree in accounting, she plans to continue her career in governmental/educational accounting.

Carolyn Moore, award recipient for 2018–2019, is a 28–year veteran of the St. Louis Fire Department, where she serves as a fire captain. She is the only African American woman commissioned officer for the department. Carolyn is pursuing a master's degree in management and leadership and plans to use her education and experience to develop a mentoring and leadership program for young women. Additionally, she plans to start a fire service management and leadership consulting firm.

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield members, by contributing to the AAUW Fund, are helping to create a better world for deserving individuals and for ourselves.

~ Suzanne Couch, AAUW Fund Committee

LAF

Know Your Rights at Work

Laws exist to protect employees from discrimination and harassment. The rights of employees are protected by federal, state, and local laws, as well as by common law for discriminatory or illegal behavior by their employers. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is pleased to provide the *Know Your Rights at Work* resource. This resource, developed by experts, provides up-to-date content and reflects the latest legal developments, so you know you're getting current information on workplace protection.

For additional information, visit www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/know-your-rights-at work.

~ Barbara Butchart, AAUW Fund Committee

Public Policy

The focus of AAUW Public Policy is on local, state, and national issues. Be sure to sign the Medicaid Expansion Initiative Petition to get the issue on the November 2020 ballot. We'll have the petitions at our January meeting. Missouri is facing a health care crisis as over a half million adults, ages 18–24, are uninsured. Missouri is one of 15 states that has not expanded Medicaid, which has resulted in a loss of more than \$15 billion to date.

Another issue that AAUW-MO will be following is Defend the Win. This initiative defends the Clean Missouri constitutional amendment that Missouri voters supported in 2018. The legislature is trying to overturn Clean Missouri with new gerrymandering plans. You'll be hearing a lot about our opposition to SJR 38, SJR 49 and SJR 54.

Continue to celebrate and support all the 19th Amendment activities and remind all women that the right to vote is currently the only right we have guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution. That's why passing the Equal Rights Amendment is still crucial. The results of the November 2019 election opens the door for Virginia to be the 38th and final state to ratify.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the bill that supports federal workers getting 12 weeks of paid parental leave will have become law. The Paycheck Fairness Act has passed the U.S. House. Call our senators to pass the act as well. As a reminder, AAUW is political and non-partisan; our issues are our issues

~Karen Frances, Director, Public Policy











Thank you to all who served on the various committees. Your donation of time, effort, and talent made *Winter Belles* a rousing success. The finance officer will report the final numbers in February's *Branching Out*. The following people were indispensable:

- ✓ Diana Huey and Denise McKibben did an amazing job of putting together baskets and running the silent auction. They also arranged the table decorations. They were assisted by Diane Carenza, Ginny Johnson, and Gloria Campion.
- Sage Taber and Sandy Kalin handled registration and place cards.
- ✓ Joyce Katz prepared the program.
- ✓ Angela Janik and Willeyne Berger distributed name tags.
- ✓ Carol Anthony, Bette Bude, Alice Crippen, Karen Francis, Linda Kridel, Michelle Mangnall, Cay Noble, Nancy Pierson, and Mary Kay Wolfe were the Greeters.
- ✓ Barb McQuitty arranged for the lunches and was assisted by Ann Hansen and Carol Montgomery.
- ✓ Marilyn Beiter and Carol Derington led the Boutique and were assisted by Joan Hewitt, Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy, Linda Roberson, Rosann Swaringim, and Leslie Wier.
- ✓ Joyce Katz was in charge of the wine and mimosa bar and was assisted by Bonnie Brewbaker, Donna Kloeppel, Carol Davis McDonald, Mary Pinney, Linda Seibert, and Nicole Snyder.
- ✓ Erlaine Eltomi supervised the Elegant Edibles and was assisted by Suzanne Couch, Jane Miller, and Judy Stagoski.
- ✓ Jan Sloey arranged for the entertainment. Weren't those young people wonderful?
- ✓ Pam Kulp organized Pot of Gold and was assisted by Jan Barrett, Marilyn Fletcher, and Eileen Lesevoy.
- ✓ Joan Davis, Sue Lancaster, and Diane Siegel sold chances for the Money Tree.
- ✓ Doris Nistler prepared and sold tickets for the Lotto Board.
- ✓ Mary Jermak took photographs.
- ✓ Pat Shores headed the cashiers and handled all things financial. She was assisted by Marian Bauer, Bette Bude, Phyllis Oakes, Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy, Judy Stagoski, and Sage Taber.
- ✓ Lorna Anderson and Gloria Campion constituted the *ad hoc* committee.
- ✓ Marilyn Fletcher, Jane Hemer, and Yvonne Ward assisted in various ways.
- ✓ Congratulations to the following prize winners:
 - Lotto Board—Kim Laubacker (guest)
 - Pot of Gold—Kim Laubacker, Linda Magre, and Kay Wunder
 - Money Tree—Jean Elliott

We want to thank the various interest groups, talented crafters, bakers, and individuals who donated to make *Winter Belles* a success. We also thank the Belles of the Branch and all those whose purchases helped raise funds to benefit the Operating Fund, which allows us to manage and grow our branch.

~Marcia Block & Jan Buckhold, Branch Fundraising Directors

Additional photos at https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/events/ and on Facebook at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW.





















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 and indicate event name on memo line. Be sure to bring enough checks to each meeting, so that you can sign up for several events and not miss out on any of the fun!

A Message from Marilyn Fletcher and Susan Teicher

Members: Please help us make money for our scholarships by sponsoring a DFS event. Contact Susie Teicher or Marilyn Fletcher for event ideas and/or more information. We have plenty of ideas but need sponsors.

Unfortunately, we do not have any events for January through March, but watch for these two events in April – both sponsored by Roz Marx:

- 1. April 1, 2020 Jazz at the Bistro;
- 2. April 25, 2020 Bright Star musical at Webster University

Details and sign-ups will start in January.

Check out the following ideas (we have literature on all of these) and consider sponsoring a DFS event for anytime from January through the end of the year:

- 1. A meal and tour of the Lemp Mansion Restaurant.
- 2. A visit to Cahokia Mounds Historical Landmark in Collinsville, III.
- 3. Any ideas you can think of!

Used Book Sale Resumes in 2020

All proceeds will go to Dollars for Scholars.

Donate Your Used Books!! Bring donations from January-April

Collect your books, CD's, DVD's, and puzzles and bring them to branch meetings. Members of the EOF committee will then sell items before the meetings, at the break, and after the meetings. Those remaining will be sold to local used bookstores. All money funds Dollars for Scholars.

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Linda Kridel (lykmo65@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 2019–20 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

Literature I 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

January 16: Host, TBA

Book: Trouble With Goats and Sheep by Joanna Cannon

Facilitator: Mary Kay Wolfe

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m. January 27: Host, Joan Lunt

Book: *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah **Facilitator:** Roseann Swaringim

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

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. (note time change)

January 14: Host, Jean Light

Book: The Bettencourt Affair by Tom Sankton

Facilitator: Teri Steinberg

This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block (mhblock@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Kay Wolfe (mhblock@sbcglobal.net).

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m. January 20: Judy Stagoski

For more information about this group, contact Julie Triplett (julietrip@att.net).

Expressions

Tuesday, January 7, 1 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church 13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

We will be designing wrapping paper and note cards using Gelli pad printing. Please bring an apron, scissors, and brayer, if you have one, and plastic gloves to keep hands free from paint. There's a \$5 charge for the class.

For more information, contact Nance Roth (nance.roth@yahoo.com) or Pat White (pgwhit02@gmail.com).

Genealogy Group

4th Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Meetings will resume in March 2020.

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

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

January 23: Mary Lou Wilson

New members are welcomed.

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

Munching Matters, Lunch with Food for Thought

New Season Features 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.

Wednesday, January 8, Barbara McQuitty will share her experiences as director of a nonprofit.

Next events: 2nd Wednesday on February 12 and March 11 Sign-up sheets will be available at the next AAUW B-C branch meeting. You MUST register to attend with Julie Triplett (julietrip2428@gmail.com). Karen Francis and Julie Triplett, Coordinators

Bridge Calendar

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

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

Bridge Buddies 2nd and 4th Wednesday 11 a.m. The Shack 14810 Clayton Rd. Lunch and Bridge January 22: Judy Stagoski

Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge January 16: Judi Hart

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

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Walnut Grill January 21: Contact Jean Wagner

Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m. Hearth Room

January 22: Kay Kreder

Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m. Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill January 14: Joanne Nelson

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Hearth Room January 20: Elaine Frost

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m. January 7: Jane Miller

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

January 28: Carol Osterloh

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

January 28: Barb Jowett





Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. January 15: Hostess, Liz Maher Hunan & Peking Garden Chinese Restaurant 1262 Old Orchard Court Ballwin, MO 63021

RSVP to Liz Maher (lizlbm@sbcglobal.net).

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

January Activities Calendar

January



08 Munching Matters 11 a.m.

09 Branch Meeting 9 a.m.\$ DFS Used Book Sale

12 Deadline for February newsletter submissions

14 International Relation Series 10:45 a.m. Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.

15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

16 Literature I 9:30 a.m.

18 Missouri Women's Network Legislative Retreat

20 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

23 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.Movie Group 10 a.m.

27 Literature II 10 a.m.

Deadline for officer nominations

Coming in February

06 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

11 International Relations Series 10:45 a.m.

12 Munching Matters 11 a.m.

Deadline for March newsletter submissions

13 Branch Meeting 9 a.m.

\$ DFS Used Book Sale

27 'Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

