



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.****

Presidents' Corner



Jean Elliott

Have you ever looked at a calendar to see all the things that can be celebrated each month? In February, for example, there's Ice Cream for Breakfast Day on February 1, Rosa Parks Day on February 4, and Valentine's Day on February 14, just to name a few. We are always looking for ways to honor important events and accomplishments.



Jan Horner

If we wanted to recognize the achievements of American Association of University Women (AAUW) we could have Work Smart Day, for the women who were trained in salary negotiation skills, or Empowerment of Women Leaders Day, for the program designed to help women

explore their own leadership journeys. Another special day could be Champion the Next Generation of Women Day to honor the more than 800 young women who gathered last year at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Jean and I would like to recognize and celebrate some of the outstanding programs initiated by Ballwin-Chesterfield. Our Dollars for Scholars events are fun, educational ways that members get together for activities and lunch to raise funds for local scholarships. There is also the STEM Girls of Promise Program held annually in Maplewood-Richmond Heights and Valley Park School Districts to recognize outstanding female students interested in the STEM field. Our Spring Luncheon is a gathering to applaud women who have made significant leadership contributions to our branch. There are so many other activities and events I could name that celebrate women and their accomplishments, but newsletter guidelines only allow me 350 words.

Find ways that you can celebrate with us. You can chair a committee, join a new interest group, attend a meeting or come to our Celebration Tea in July. Get involved. We do hope to see you soon and celebrate with you.

~Jan Horner, Co-president

The next board meeting will be February 6 at 9:30 a.m. All elected and appointed officers should attend. Contact Jan Horner (janethorner@yahoo.com) if you cannot attend.

February Branch Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

Bryan M. Jack

Associate Professor of
Historical Studies,
Southern Illinois University,
Edwardsville

St. Louis proudly wears the title of “Gateway to the West.” The Old Courthouse (Dred Scott case) speaks to St. Louis’ and Missouri’s history of slavery. While Missouri is commonly recognized as mid-western, its historical identity is more complicated. The area of Little Dixie along the Missouri River, the conflict with Kansas on Missouri’s western border before and during the Civil War, a history of codified racial segregation, and even the University of Missouri’s recent inclusion in the Southeastern Conference all speak to the state’s identity as “the northernmost southern state.”

Using examples from history and popular culture, historian Bryan Jack explores Missouri’s southern identity to help listeners understand how Missouri’s geography and culture occupies a unique place in American culture.

Hospitality

Coordinating Hostess: Karen Francis

Hostesses: Lorna Anderson, Colleen Fell, Marilyn Fletcher, Joyce Katz, Eileen Krahman, Barb McQuitty, Judy Stagoski, Marian Weber

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the March newsletter is February 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).

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 Krahnman & 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 Equity: Reading for Results)

4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble, 1600 Clarkson Rd. Chesterfield

February 27—Teri Brecht will lead the discussion of *My Black Friend Says: Lessons in Equality, Inclusion, and Cultural Competency* by Heather Flemming

2020 Winter Belles Income and Expenses

The Ballwin-Chesterfield *Winter Belles* Party was an exceptional event and a successful fund raiser for the Operating Fund. Here are the financial highlights:

Reservations	\$ 3,025.00
Lunch Resale	\$ 35.00
Silent Auction	\$ 1,756.00
Elegant Edibles	\$ 1,012.00
Belles of the Branch	\$ 2,330.00
Boutique	\$ 439.00
Change	\$ 165.00
Interest Groups	\$ 195.00
Lotto Board	\$ 365.00
Money Tree	\$ 470.00
Pot O Gold	\$ 208.00
Past President Entertainment	\$ 200.00
Wine/Mimosa	\$ 371.00
Total Income	\$ 10,571.00
Minus Total Expense	\$ 2,190.28
B-C Profit	\$ 8,380.72

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

IBC Spring Fling

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:30 a.m.— 2 p.m.

Greenbriar Hills Country Club

12665 Big Bend Blvd. 63122

Menu

- ❖ Chicken Mushroom *Crepes* with salad OR
- ❖ Quiche Florentine with salad
- ❖ Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options will be available
- ❖ Coffee, tea, water, rolls & butter, and dessert included

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

Complete information and a registration form is on the website (<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>)

Branch Honoree Recognition (Named Gift)

One of the nicest things we do as a branch is to recognize the efforts of members who have gone over and above in their efforts for Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW. Nominees shall be considered on the basis of their service, leadership, and significant commitment to the AAUW mission and the branch.

Each member is encouraged to submit the names of those she feels should be considered. Please include specific information about the individual's qualifications, and submit these to Marcia Block, chair of the Branch Honoree Committee, by March 12.

Program Committee Meeting

March 5 after the board meeting

All committee members please mark your calendars for this most important meeting to consider 2020-21 recommended speakers and begin the planning process.

Interested branch members are also welcome in this vital aspect of branch life.

Please RSVP to Mary Jermak (marygjermak@att.net) or Sage Tabor (sagemo@aol.com).

Thank you,
Mary and Sage

Directory Spring Directory Supplement

Planning has begun for the March Directory Supplement. It will contain information for members who joined since the publication of the December supplement. It will also contain updates for existing members since the last supplement was published.

The deadline for sending updates is Friday, March 20. If you do not have a photo in the Directory, please email one to Ann Patrice at the email address listed below. All other updates should be sent to Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy (annpatriceo@gmail.com) and Joan Hewitt (joanhewitt@sbcglobal.net).

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

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.

February 11

**Triple Threat of Global Warming:
Ecological, Environmental, and Humanitarian Crises**
Speaker: Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy

Dr. Lovejoy coined the term "biological diversity" and played a central role in the establishment of Conservation Biology as a science. He helped establish, and still leads, a large-scale experiment to study the effects of deforestation on the diversity of animal and plant species in the Amazon. This work has guided the planning of conservation areas in the region. Lovejoy has advised three U.S. presidents on climate change. From 1987 to 1998 he served as an assistant secretary for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. From 1999 to 2002, he served as chief biodiversity adviser to the president of the World Bank. Currently Dr. Lovejoy is a Senior Fellow at the United Nations Foundation and professor at George Mason University. He will be introduced by Dr. Peter H. Raven eminent botanist and former Director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Save the Date: March 10
Cyber(UN)Security Speaker: Joseph Scherrer

Mr. Scherrer is the Executive Director of the Henry Edwin Sever Institute, Director of the Cybersecurity Strategic Initiative, and Program Director of Graduate Studies in Information Systems Management & Cybersecurity Management at Washington University.

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, please check either
www.lectureseries.org
www.facebook.com/InternationalRelationsLectureSeries/

The driveway is heated.

AAUW Fund Limiting Our Livelihoods

Have you ever wondered what your AAUW contributions are spent on at the national level? Just this past November AAUW was the source of an analysis by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) data on sexual harassment charges. The article is titled, "Limiting Our Livelihoods: The Cumulative Impact of Sexual Harassment on Women's Careers." It deduced that workplace sexual harassment is a serious problem for women of all ages which can have long-term repercussions on their mental health, short and long term economic security, and access to leadership positions. Using the EEOC data and the AAUW survey of members and networks, EEOC charges were documented by age, race, and sex, describing the cumulative impact of sexual harassment over women's lifetimes. The study gave solutions to end workplace harassment for individuals, employers, state policymakers, and Congress. Isn't this what we want for our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and all working women? Your generous contributions helped make this study possible. Thanks, AAUW.

~ submitted by Eileen Krahnman, AAUW Fund committee

Public Policy

How does Ballwin-Chesterfield concentrate its efforts for Public Policy? The AAUW 2019–21 Public Policy Priorities, state, "The work of AAUW builds upon responsible public participation, and the following priorities provide a basis for AAUW members' actions in local, state, national and international levels."

The branch is currently involved with the initiative petition to adopt Medicaid expansion. Be sure you've signed the petition. Our state legislators returned this week and SJR 38 is already at the committee hearing level. This legislation would overturn Amendment One, Clean Missouri, which Missouri voters passed in November 2018. This amendment focuses on redistricting and ethics reform. Over 1.4 million Missouri voters passed Amendment One with 62 percent in favor. AAUW Missouri supported passage of this law and wants it protected.

In January 2017, CNN shared *25 Ways to be Politically Active, Whether you Lean Left or Right*. The first three items were know your local legislators, know how to reach them, and identify an issue you care about. Ballwin-Chesterfield can put these into action regarding Amendment One, Clean Missouri. If you don't know your elected official, go to www.openstates.org, call or visit them, and tell your elected official to protect our vote on Clean Missouri.

~ Karen Francis, Director, Public Policy

Introducing Our Newest Members



Welcome these new members to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW community.

Christina Boudoures

email: cboudoures@sbcglobal.net

Christina earned a bachelor's degree in art education from the University of Missouri, Columbia. She holds a master's degree in education from Maryville University. Christina is retired and her interests include calligraphy, drawing, painting, reading, and exercise.

Janet Haas

email: piltea@aol.com

Janet earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. She holds a master's degree in education from the University of Missouri, Columbia. She is a retired teacher.



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)
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!

Used Book Sale Donate Your Used Books!!



Collect your books, CD's, DVD's, and puzzles and bring them to branch meetings. Then buy a few new books from the interesting selection that is always available. All money collected goes to Dollars for Scholars which helps fund scholarships for local women.

Have friends who are readers? Invite them to drop by, browse the book sale, and then stay for the meeting. It's great way to find new reading material and promote AAUW!

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com) or Linda Kridel (lykmo65@gmail.com).

Genealogy Workshop - Break Through Your Brick Walls

Cost: \$10

Friday, March 27, 1–3 p.m.

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131-3598

Come to County Library Headquarters to participate in a genealogy workshop to help you "Break Through Your Brick Walls" in your family research. This will be led by Larry Frank who has done several other workshops for us through the years. You can bring your own laptop or a flash drive to save your information if you use the library's computers. Sign up at future branch meetings.

Sponsor: Roz Marx (Rozsie3@gmail.com)

The Manhattan Transfer – Jazz at the Bistro

Cost: \$51

Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m.

Washington University Performing Arts, 6465 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, 63130

Carpooling from Trinity TBA

All music lovers will want to attend this! The Manhattan Transfer will present a concert where they will play jazz, swing, rock and roll, and other styles. Before the music starts you will be served breakfast beverages and pastries. You have a choice of sitting at a table for four or center balcony. Bring husbands, relatives, and friends to this special event. Sign up at future branch meetings.

Sponsor: Roz Marx (Rozsie3@gmail.com)

Bright Star

Cost: \$15

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.

130 Edgar Rd, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Carpooling from Trinity at TBA

Webster University's spring offering will be the musical, *Bright Star* on their Loretto Hilton Stage. This delight was written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell and was a 2016 Tony Award Nominee and 2017 Grammy Award Winner. The subject matter concerns a Blue Grass Festival that took place in the Blue Ridge Mountains from 1923 to 1945.

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

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

February 20: Hostess, Elaine Frost

Book: *Clockdance* by Anne Tyler

Facilitator: Barbara Mueller

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

February 24: Hostess, Susie Teicher

Book: *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah

Facilitator: Marcia Block

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

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

February 11: Hostess, Erlaine Eltomi

Book: *The Unwinding of the Miracle* by Julie Yip Williams

Facilitator: Linda Roberson

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.

February 17: TBA

For more information about this group, contact Marilyn Fletcher (marilynletcher597@gmail.com).

Expressions

Tuesday, February 4, 1 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Our project will be constructing fabric stars using origami. Kits will be available for \$5 and all you need to bring is a pair of scissors and yourself.

For more information, contact Nance Roth (nance.roth@yahoo.com) or Pat White (pgwhite02@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.

February 27: Eileen Lesevoy

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

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, February 12, Donna Ross will describe her career as a teacher and published author.

Next event: 2nd Wednesday March 11

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next AAUW B-C branch meeting.

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

Bridge Calendar

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

Basic Bridge 3rd Thursday 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
February 20: Susan Zerjav

Bridge Buddies
Date and Location TBA
Judy Stagoski

Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
February 20: Mary LaRuffa

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

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
Walnut Grill
February 18: Contact Jean Wagner

Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
February 26: Contact Kay Kreder

Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill
February 11: Joanne Nelson

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.
Hearth Room
February 17: Marilyn Morton

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.
Hearth Room
February 4: Diane Correll

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Walnut Grill
February 25: Nancy Russell

Duplicate Bridge III 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.
Hearth Room
February 25: Judi Hart

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
February 19: Hostess, Linda Seibert
11 Bel Lago, 11631 Olive Blvd.
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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

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

February Activities Calendar



February

- 04 Expressions 1 p.m.
- 06 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 11 International Relations Series 10:45 a.m.
Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
Deadline for March newsletter submissions
- 13 Branch Meeting 9 a.m.
\$ DFS Used Book Sale
- 17 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 19 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Literature II 10 a.m.
- 27 Movie Group 10 a.m.
\$ Genealogy Workshop
¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

Coming in March

- 05 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Program Committee meeting 11 a.m.
- 10 International Relations Series 10:45 a.m.
- 12 Branch Meeting 9 a.m.
\$ DFS Used Book Sale
Branch Honoree Nominations due
Deadline for April newsletter submissions
- 20 Directory Updates due
- 27 \$ Genealogy Workshop 1 p.m.
- 28 \$ IBC Spring Fling 10:30 a.m.

