



# Branching Out

## AAUW Ballwin–Chesterfield (MO) Branch

### National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Jan Horner

### Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

What a unique time, with unique challenges, to become your new co-president. The COVID-19 pandemic is a few months old and many questions are still unanswered. Jan and I have been in touch regularly and discussed how we will keep our branch work continuing during this time. The board had Zoom meetings in April and May, and some of the interest groups and committees also met using Zoom. We are planning our general meetings to be either via Zoom or in person, depending upon current CDC and St. Louis County guidelines at the time. Program is booking speakers willing to present via Zoom or in person. Public Policy is focusing on voting issues, while maintaining awareness of other issues as they arise. Dollars for Scholars is providing links to interesting online events for your edification. Please donate to DFS so our scholarships can continue next year. I enjoy being a member of our branch, working with such amazing and knowledgeable women who are focused on equity for girls and women in so many ways. We will continue to do our work, one way or the other!

~Sage Taber,  
Co-president

### Meeting During COVID-19

It is highly encouraged that until September, all AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield committees and interest groups meet by Zoom or other electronic methods when conducting business. Those choosing to conduct in person gatherings may do so at their own risk and should review and adhere to local, state, and government advisories.

The board will not meet in July or August. The next board meeting will be September 3.

### Summer Gathering and Virtual Picnic Thursday, July 9 at 11 a.m.

You are invited to the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield first ever virtual gathering via ZOOM. Please join us from the comfort of your own home for our summer meeting. Find out what exciting things are planned for the year, if and when we can meet in person, and opportunities for ways to stay connected when we are sheltered in place.

Never used ZOOM before and want to learn how? Contact [sagemo@aol.com](mailto:sagemo@aol.com) before July 1 and a branch member ZOOM trainer will get in touch with you by phone to get you started.

All branch members will receive an email from [AAUWbcpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:AAUWbcpresident@yahoo.com) with the ZOOM invitation and information sometime after July 1.

### Named Gift Honorees

This recognition is given to members for special accomplishments and service to the branch. Congratulations to these members who walked the extra mile for AAUW B-C this past year.

- Jean Elliott—Outstanding Branch Member
- Patricia Burroughs Bishop
- Carol Greenaway
- Jane Hemer
- Diane Huey
- Eileen Krahan
- Denise McKibben
- Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy
- Janet Sloey



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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the September newsletter is August 12, unless otherwise specified by the department co-editor. Send news items to Sandy Brody ([sandybrody163@gmail.com](mailto:sandybrody163@gmail.com)). Send DFS notices to Joan Davis ([jmdavis@pstcc.edu](mailto:jmdavis@pstcc.edu)) and send Interest Group information to Jean Light ([jhl1234@charter.net](mailto:jhl1234@charter.net)).
- The branch website is [Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net](http://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 Judy Stagoski ([jms4331@gmail.com](mailto:jms4331@gmail.com)) and Pat White ([pgwhite02@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhite02@gmail.com)) for membership information.
- To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed ([j6a8r1@aol.com](mailto:j6a8r1@aol.com)) or Joyce Katz ([joycekatz44@gmail.com](mailto:joycekatz44@gmail.com)).

### AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Jan Horner & Sage Taber  
 VP Program: Carol Anthony & Yvonne Ward  
 VP Membership: Judy Stagoski & Pat White  
 Finance Officer: Pat Shores  
 Secretary/Archivist: Leslie Weir  
 Ex-Officio Immediate Past President: Jean Elliott

#### ELECTED DIRECTORS

AAUW Fund: Marian Bauer & Eileen Krahman  
 Public Policy: Karen Francis & Angela Janik

#### APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Branch Fundraising: Marcia Block & Linda Kridel  
 Directory: Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy & Joan Hewitt  
 Dollars for Scholars: Susie Teicher & Janet Sloey  
 Governance: Marsha Weppelman  
 Hospitality: TBA  
 Newsletter Editors: Sandy Brody, Joan Davis, & Jean Light  
 University Liaison: Carol Greenaway & Susan Shriver  
 Special Events  
   Fall Brunch: Eileen Krahman & Jean Elliott  
   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

**Next Meeting: September 24**

*200 Women Who Will Change the Way You See the World*  
 Compiled by Geoff Blackwell and Ruth Hobday

### Notes from the Finance Officer Membership Renewal for 2020-21

The AAUW year begins anew on July 1, 2020, thus your current membership expires on June 30. The national annual dues are \$59. AAUW MO dues are \$10 and Ballwin-Chesterfield branch dues are \$22, which totals \$91 for the upcoming year. Fifty-six dollars of the national dues are tax deductible.

**The preferred method to renew is online.** If you do not renew by June 30, B-C members will receive a personalized email on July 16 and August 16 from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org). Open the message and click on "click here to renew". With one click, pay dues with your credit card. It's simple, safe, and efficient. The alternate method is to send your \$91 check to Pat Shores. Write your check to AAUW B-C.

The Finance Officer and the Membership VPs are offering an early dues payment incentive. Members who renew from June 1 to June 30 will have one chance to win a Panera gift card.

More than half our members have paid their dues early this year. This is very much appreciated by the Membership Chairs and the Finance Officer because it helps us know who is returning to the branch in time to prepare for the new year.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

### Directory

Work will soon begin on the new 2020-21 Directory which we plan to distribute at the September meeting. For those who do not have a picture in the Directory, please send or email one to us and we will include it in the database. If the picture is an original, we will return it to you.

Please let us know immediately if there are any changes required for your Directory information.

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

## AAUW Fund

The 2019–20 year has seen five fellowships and grants awarded to students and non-profits in the St. Louis area. Michelle Bach received an American Fellowship to St. Louis University where she is seeking her doctoral degree in health care ethics. Sara Lichtsinn received a Career Development Grant to Maryville University; she is seeking her master's degree in accounting. One of the sponsors of Sara's grant is Ballwin-Chesterfield. Andrea Warner has received a Career Development Grant at University of Missouri-Columbia. She is pursuing her master's degree in public and nonprofit management.

FOCUS St. Louis (<https://focusnorthamerica.org/where-we-work/st-louis/>) and its director, Yemi Akande-Bartsch, have received a Community Action Grant to promote FOCUS Women in Leadership-STEM program. This grant is partially funded by the Ballwin-Chesterfield Silver Anniversary Grant. Room at the Inn and its director, David Weber, have received a Community Action Grant for the program Equal Chance/Equal Hope to aid homeless women and girls to improve their success in school.

Congratulations to these students and non-profits. Thanks to all our members who have contributed to these important works. add website

~Marian Bauer, Co-director AAUW Fund

## Public Policy

Our country has been through a lot during the last few months—COVID-19, issues of racism, economic insecurity, and more. Hopefully, you and your family are safe and healthy. Many may not be as fortunate. That is why AAUW advocacy is especially important.

1. Read AAUW's statement on racism, available on our website, and Kim Churches' letter to AAUW members asking us to listen, learn about systemic racism, have discussions regarding injustices, and vote.
2. Make sure you have completed the 2020 Census and remind others to do so. The census determines congressional representation and how hundreds of billions of federal dollars are allocated to communities for hospitals, fire departments, schools, and lunch programs. Every person not counted costs local areas about \$13,000 for ten years.
3. Register and vote in the August election. More information is in this newsletter on page 5.
4. Know the candidate's position on issues.
5. AAUW MO supports voting YES on Amendment #2—Medicaid Expansion. Why?
  - It expands eligibility to individuals aged 19–64 making under \$17,000 or couples earning under \$23,000.
  - Residents in 36 states that expanded Medicaid have better health outcomes and also saw lower mortality rates.
  - It is projected to bring insurance coverage to 215,000 Missourians. Approximately 90,000 children and 23,000 adults lost coverage last year.
  - By not having expanded Medicaid, the Missouri state legislature rejected \$15 billion in federal funding.
  - It will support health care infrastructure in rural Missouri, where six hospitals have closed.  
(information from [lwvmissouri.org](http://lwvmissouri.org) and [missourihealthcareforall.org](http://missourihealthcareforall.org))

~ Karen Francis & Angela Janik, Co-directors, Public Policy

## University Liaison (UL)

University Liaison is providing scholarships to four non-traditional female students working toward their bachelor degrees. Two scholarships are for Maryville University students and two for UMSL students. Due to university closings it is not certain at this time if several of these women were able to finish their degrees this semester. This will be updated when the information is received from the schools.

Your constant support of Dollars for Scholars and our Book Fairs helps these women succeed in their education. Please start/keep saving your books, jigsaw puzzles, and DVDs over the summer months as the book fair will start again with the October general membership meeting—provided we are able to get together then!

The UL committee will meet soon to plan for the coming year. Please contact one of the co-directors if you would like more information or to get involved more directly.

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

## STEM Report

The STEM Chairs and committee have successfully wrapped up the year as summer makes its entrance. It was an interesting year with a few twists and innovative measures needed to get the STEM activities accomplished. The exception was the Expanding Your Horizons program which was cancelled due to its timing during Spring Break.

The STEM Girls of Promise program was made possible with the help of the Valley Park High School principal and Maplewood-Richmond Heights STEM contact. They actually drove the gift boxes to the home of each awardee. They even snapped the pictures of the girls that you see with this article. The gift boxes were filled by the STEM committee with certificates, medals, checks, and a congratulatory letter from AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch.

**Girls of Promise Valley Park: Jasmine Kieu, Kiera McKillop, Grace Nieuwendaal, Cynthia Papalotzu and Emily Stiles.**

**Girls of Promise Maplewood-Richmond Heights: Tegan Daw, Morgan Kim and Laila Patterson.**

The Science Fair became an e-fair. Our judges, Sandra Murdock and Jean Elliott, had no trouble picking the winners online. The two girls who won were from the Honors Division. They are Rayna Friedman, whose entry was Effects of Non-Pharmaceutical Treatments of Music Therapy & Aromatized Essential Oil on Blood Pressure, and Margie Lodes, whose entry was the Effects of Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals on Crayfish in a Freshwater Ecosystem. Both projects were well thought out and interesting. The girls were each given a MOST 529 scholarship for college and a congratulatory letter from our branch.

As members are thinking about the coming year, Susan Fenwick and I hope you will consider joining us on the STEM committee. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

~Barb McQuitty & Susan Fenwick  
STEM Committee



|| **Welcome this new member to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW community.**

|| **Veronica Hilyard, PhD email: [drhilyard@gmail.com](mailto:drhilyard@gmail.com)**

|| Dr. Hilyard earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Gwynedd Mercy University, Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania. She holds a master's degree and certificate in gifted and talented education from Maryville University.  
 || Veronica (Ronnie) earned a doctor of education and certificate as superintendent of schools from St. Louis University, Missouri. She is a retired educator and educational administrator. Ronnie is a previous member of the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. She currently serves on the national board of the Senior America Pageant and is a former MS Missouri Senior America (2012). She has held the position of president for the Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club, Maryville University Nurse Licensure Compact, Phi Delta Kappa for Washington and Maryville University and Metro Council STL.  
 || Ronnie studies voice and Italian and is the founder and facilitator of the Book Lovers' Book Club for the Missouri Pageant Alumni Club.

|| ~ Angela Janik & Willeyne Berger  
 || Co-Vice Presidents, Membership 2019-20



Important information about voting from your AAUW MO Public Policy Chair, Pat Shores.  
Please share with friends and family.



- Are you confined, ill or at high risk of COVID-19? Vote Absentee – No Notary Required
- Permanent absentee voter – No Notary Required
- All other voters – Can vote by mail in 2020 – Ballot must be notarized

**HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE OR BY MAIL IN MISSOURI IN 2020 DUE TO COVID-19**

	How Can I Vote by Mail?	Does my ballot need to be notarized?	How can I request a ballot?	Deadline to request a ballot?	How can I submit my ballot?	Deadline to submit the ballot
Do you expect to be confined due to illness or disability, or are caring for someone who is?	Can vote absentee under excuse #2:  (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability (permanent)	NO	By email, fax, in-person or by mail	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday before Election Day  Can vote absentee in person until 5p.m. day before Election Day	Can be returned in-person or by mail, by voter or a close relative of voter	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day
Do you have or are you at risk of complications from COVID-19?  At risk includes: • 65 years or older • in a long term care facility, chronic lung disease or moderate/severe asthma • serious heart condition, • Immunocompromised, • diabetes, • liver disease, • chronic kidney disease/dialysis	Can vote absentee under excuse #7:  (7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (For 2020 only)	NO	By email, fax, in-person or by mail	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday before Election Day  Can cast absentee ballot in person until 5p.m. day before Election Day	Can be returned in-person or by mail, by voter or a close relative of voter	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day
I wish to vote by mail but don't meet any of the excuses to vote absentee.	Any voter can vote by mail for 2020 elections. No excuse required. (For 2020 only)	YES	By mail only	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday before Election Day	Must be returned to the election authority by MAIL only.	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day

**MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION**

Questions? [denise@movpc.org](mailto:denise@movpc.org)

Sign up for alerts from MOVPC: Text MOVPC to 66866

## Missouri Election Dates

August 4, 2020 - State Primary Election, register by July 8, request absentee ballot by July 22

November 3, 2020 - General Election, register by October 7, request absentee ballot by October 21

Check your voter registration at <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/elections/VoterLookup/>

Find your polling place at <https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/PRD/VoterOutreach/>

## Medicaid Expansion Vote on August 24

The Medicaid Expansion vote is moving faster than expected. **It will be Amendment 2 on the August 4 ballot.** Health Care for Missouri is the Medicaid expansion campaign for Missouri which AAUW supports. MOVE (the Missouri Organizing and Voter Engagement Collaborate is a coalition of grass-roots not-for-profit organizations leading a campaign for Medicaid Expansion. Please encourage your friends and family to vote yes.

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*.

## Dollars for Scholars

### A Message from Susan Teicher and Janet Sloey

Thank you so much for your online support for Dollars for Scholars. We are counting on everyone to plan an outing or event for next year. Thanks, Susie and Janet.

**Please check Friday Reminders for Virtual DFS events to continue your support of scholarships.**

### Book Groups ~ Welcome All Readers

Please RSVP to the hostess by the Friday before the meeting. Download the 2020-21 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

#### Literature I 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**July 16 & August 20:** Books and meeting details tba  
*Contact Alice Crippen* ([jccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccripp@sbcglobal.net)).

#### Literature II 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.

**July 27:** Via Zoom  
**Book:** *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore  
**Facilitator:** Joyce Katz and Pat Shores

**August 24:** Book and venue to be announced.

*Contact Joyce Katz* ([joycekatz44@gmail.com](mailto:joycekatz44@gmail.com)) or  
*Erlaine Eltomi* ([erlaine.eltomi@att.net](mailto:erlaine.eltomi@att.net)).

#### Reading Reality 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

**July 14:** Via Zoom  
**Book:** *Women of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell  
**Facilitator:** Jane Miller

#### August 11: Via Zoom

**Book:** *No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us* by Rachel Louise Snyder  
**Facilitator:** Mary Kay Wolfe

*This group reads non-fiction selections. For more information, contact Marcia Block* ([mhbblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhbblock@sbcglobal.net)) or *Mary Kay Wolfe* ([mkwolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:mkwolfe@hotmail.com)).

### Expressions

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
 13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

#### Expressions will resume in the fall.

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

### Genealogy Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1 p.m.

Check out the currently free access to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [MyHeritage.com](http://MyHeritage.com).

#### Genealogy meetings and field trips will resume in the fall.

For more information, contact Roz Marx, ([rozsie3@gmail.com](mailto:rozsie3@gmail.com)) or Pam Kulp, ([kulp10@gmail.com](mailto:kulp10@gmail.com))

### Golf

#### Every Monday, April through October

Until all AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield meetings, events, and interest groups resume their normal schedules, the Golf Interest Group will delay regular play until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.  
 Bev Wait ([wait89@aol.com](mailto:wait89@aol.com)) and Elaine Frost ([elfrost71@charter.net](mailto:elfrost71@charter.net))

### Play Readers

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.

#### Play Readers is cancelled until further notice.

*For more information about this group, contact Judy Stagoski* ([jms4331@gmail.com](mailto:jms4331@gmail.com)).

## Bridge Calendar

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

### Basic Bridge and Beyond

3rd Thursday 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

July 16 & August 20: Cancelled

Contact Susan Zerjav

### Bridge Buddies 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Sunny Street Café Des Peres

July 22 & August 26: TBA - Marilyn Fletcher

### Bridge Friends 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room: Lunch and Bridge

July 16 & August 20: Mary LaRuffa

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

This group has been discontinued.

Contact Janet Ludewig

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

Walnut Grill

July 21 & August 18: Cancelled

### Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

July 22: Marianne Word

August 26: Jean Wagner

### Bridge V 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill

July 14: Cancelled

August 11: TBA Contact Joanne Nelson

### Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

Hearth Room

July 20: Jane Arneson

August 17: Mary Pinney

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

Venue TBD

July 7: Kay Kreder

August 4: Jean Wagner

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

Walnut Grill

July 28: Elaine Frost

August 25: Kay Kreder

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

Hearth Room

July 28: Jane Arneson

August 25: Jane Clendenin

## Movie Group

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.

Movie Group will resume in the fall.

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

## Out to Lunch

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

July 15 & August 19: If you've attended lunches this year, you will be notified by email -- if stay-at-home order is lifted.

RSVP to Linda Seibert ([lindajbseibert63@gmail.com](mailto:lindajbseibert63@gmail.com))

For more information, contact Linda Seibert ([lindajbseibert63@gmail.com](mailto:lindajbseibert63@gmail.com))

## Activities Calendar



### July

09 Summer Gathering and Virtual Picnic 11 a.m.

14 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

27 Literature II 10 a.m.

### August

11 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

12 **Deadline for September newsletter submissions**

19 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

**Please be aware that all events are subject to change to be in accordance with current restrictions. Check with the sponsor to determine if the event will be held. At the time of this publication, we are all in flux until health concerns are removed.**