



# Branching Out

## AAUW Ballwin–Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Jan Horner

### Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

In July we were notified that Ballwin-Chesterfield was one of only 14 branches nationally to achieve Five Star National Recognition. This is a new program based on advancement, communication, public policy, governance, and programs. We were recognized thanks to the hard work of our members and committees, especially Pat Shores and Marcia Block. Locally, proclamations were signed by the mayors of Chesterfield and of Ballwin declaring August 26, 2020 as the Centennial of the 19th Amendment Ratification Day.

Our year was off to a great start until we realized Covid-19 was not going away. It is uncertain when we can meet again as a large group, but we cannot put everything on hold. Women and girls need AAUW scholarships and support. There is a saying, "The show must go on," and more than ever, that is true of the branch's plans and programs. Each committee is working to accomplish our goals even if we cannot be together. We are scheduling one month at a time, for either in-person or online activity. The branch will meet virtually in September, but our fall brunch has been postponed until October with the hope that some guidelines are lifted. The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk will happen in person, outside and socially distanced. There will be a Winter Fundraiser. Dollars for Scholars events can be attended from the comfort of your home. Speakers for monthly programs were informed that they will present on Zoom if we are not at Trinity. Our goals are achievable, but only with the help of our membership. You can attend Zoom meetings or events, write a check to help our local scholarships and STEM projects, become a part of the AAUW Century Club to fund national programs, support Public Policy actions, or contact the co-presidents to volunteer to serve on a committee. If everybody does a little toward our mission, we can achieve our goals because AAUW B-C wants our show to go on.

~Jan Horner, Co-president

The next board meeting will be September 3 at 9:30 a.m. All elected and appointed directors are expected to attend. Please contact Jan Horner ([janethorner@yahoo.com](mailto:janethorner@yahoo.com)) if you are unable to attend.

### September Branch Social Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2020  
From the comfort of your own home  
9:30 a.m. General Meeting  
10 a.m. Socialize and Breakout rooms

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield invites members and prospective members to the first branch meeting of 2020–21. Join us as we kick off an unforgettable year of new ways to get inspired and strengthen our emphasis on education, action, training and leadership for women and girls. The Zoom invitation will be sent to your email one week prior to the meeting. Feel free to invite your friends to join us.

The annual fall brunch has been postponed and will take place in October, if it can be safely attended. Please refer weekly to the Friday Notes for the most up-to-date events and scheduled activities.



Co-president Jan placing a sign honoring the 100-year anniversary of women's winning the vote at Jayne's house.

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the October newsletter is September 12, unless otherwise specified by the department co-editor. Send news items to Sandy Brody ([sandybrody163@gmail.com](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*.

### Notes from the Finance Officer

More than one hundred members paid their dues early this year, and additional members renewed when the new year started in July. Many members paid their dues by the preferred online method. This renewal is very much appreciated by Membership Committee and the Finance Officer because it helps us know who is returning to the branch in time to prepare for the new year. All eligible names were in the drawing for the Panera gift card, and Marcia Block was the big winner.

Budget Committee members Jan Horner, Mary Jermak, Sage Taber, Leslie Wier, and Finance Officer Pat Shores prepared and approved the 2020–21 budget. The board will review and approve the proposed budget in September. Then, the membership will review and accept the proposed budget in October. All of these reviews ensure that our finances are being handled prudently, that the financial health of the branch is safeguarded, and that our budget choices support the AAUW Mission and Strategic Plan.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

### Meeting During COVID-19

It is highly encouraged that until October 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 do so at their own risk and should review and adhere to local, state, and government advisories.

### 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



The proclamation signing by the Mayor of Chesterfield Bob Nation for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment providing the vote for women.

L to R: Pat Shores, Mayor Nation, Sage Taber, Jan Horner

## Membership



Welcome this returning member to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW community.

**Nancy Frederiksen**                      [nanfred7@msn.com](mailto:nanfred7@msn.com)

Welcome back to Nancy who has rejoined Ballwin Chesterfield after taking a brief hiatus. Her bachelor's degree was earned from Western Michigan University.

The first meeting of the Membership Committee took place via Zoom. Although we are naturally discouraged by the limitations set by the virus, committee members are enthusiastic about finding other ways to contact and make our members feel special. One idea inspired by member Pam Kulp is to recognize birthdays. If you have not already done so, please let Judy Stagoski, Pat White, or Jan Horner know the month and day of your birthday. Stay tuned for more ideas.

~ **Judy Stagoski & Pat White,**  
**Co-Vice Presidents, Membership**

### Correction to the July/August Branching Out:

Dr. Veronica Hilyard is a member of the Maryville University National Leadership Council, not the Nurse Licensure Compact. We apologize for this error and warmly welcome her to our AAUW branch.

## University Liaison (UL)

The University Liaison committee met virtually in early August to plan for the upcoming year. Our Dollars for Scholars events provide the funds for non-traditional female student scholarships at UMSL and Maryville.

Panera Bread gift cards will likely be sold this year by pre-order only with a minimum order of 5 cards or \$50. Details about the sale dates will be forthcoming. We hope to have our bean soup mix for sale at the winter branch meetings if they are held.

Please continue to save your used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles for the future used book sales. We hope to have a contactless book drop off sometime in the fall. If you must get rid of your books now, you can take them directly to the ½ Price Book Store on Clarkson Rd for sale. Contact the store directly (636.536.3925) to schedule your buy time. You can then mail a check for the amount you receive to Pat Shores. Please make checks out to AAUW B-C and note Dollars for Scholars in the memo line.

Because of the pandemic, we have had to put many of our events on hold. In the meantime, please feel free to send any monetary donations you wish to make towards the Dollars for Scholars fund to Pat Shores.

~ **Carol Greenaway & Susan Shriver,**  
**Co-directors, UL**

## Directory 2020–21

The Directory committee has been busy assembling the 2020–21 online Directory. It follows the basic layout of the previous online directories. As in the past, your new Directory will provide comprehensive information about our AAUW B-C branch and member contact information. It will contain photos of most members. You will receive your Directory by email.

Throughout the year you will receive corrections and updated information at regular intervals. If you wish, you can physically update last year's print directory. If your old print directory is damaged, contact Joan Hewitt for a replacement. You may have one as long as we have a supply of last year's directories.

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

### **Case Update: Yovino v Rizo (formerly Rizo v Fresno County Office of Education)**

On July 2, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to the Ninth Circuit Court decision that prohibited reliance on employee's salary history to justify pay disparities. As such, the Ninth Circuit's February opinion stands. It held that using prior salary alone, as a "factor other than sex," or in combination with other factors, cannot justify a wage differential between employees. Only job-related factors may serve as affirmative defenses to Equal Pay Act claims.

**Why Rizo Matters:** Basing pay on salary history is one factor that can perpetuate the pay gap, precisely because women are typically paid less than men. But many people do not understand the domino effect that pay inequity can have on economic security. Rizo's case sheds light on this important yet often unrecognized factor that contributes to the pay gap.

AAUW is proud to fight for Aileen Rizo and other women by advocating for pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits as a means to achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women. AAUW supports brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for Title VII, Title IX, equal pay, sexual harassment, and tenure denial violations and allocates \$100,000 annually to help fund landmark cases. Learn more at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal>.

~ Submitted by Barb Butchart, AAUW Fund Committee

### **2020 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk October 13, 2020 Des Peres City Park 12325 Manchester Road 63131**

You are invited to join your AAUW friends at the beautiful Des Peres Park for our annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. There is no reservation fee, but your donation will go to support research on topics important to AAUW goals and mission. Please sign up at our October Fall Brunch meeting and make your donation to: AAUW Fund #4450. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future. Why in person? Sign up/donation also by mail?

For more information or questions please contact Carol Derington, ([carol.derington@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol.derington@sbcglobal.net)) or Eileen Krahan at ([ekrahan@yahoo.com](mailto:ekrahan@yahoo.com)) or Jean Elliott at ([elliotts1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elliotts1@sbcglobal.net).)

**Please be aware that a cancellation is possible due to these uncertain times.**

### **Annual Fall Brunch and Branch Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2020**



AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield invites members and prospective members to this year's Fall Brunch. Join us and get inspired to take actions necessary to strengthen our emphasis on education, training, and leadership.

Please reserve your lunch choice and let the committee know if you can help serve:

1. Country Colby Wrap with sugar-smoked ham, roast beef, Colby cheese, lettuce, in tortilla with secret dipping sauce (on the side)
2. The Vegetarian with fresh veggies, gouda & Swiss cheese on stone wheat bread
3. Mesquite turkey with gouda cheese on a croissant
4. Vegan or gluten free upon request

Please contact Jean Elliott ([elliotts01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elliotts01@sbcglobal.net)) to order and reserve your lunch by October 2. Please be aware that cancellation is possible if St. Louis County COVID numbers increase. Emails will be sent to notify you of a cancellation.



## Public Policy

The August election is behind us and we send a big thank you to all of you who voted for Amendment 2 on Medicaid expansion. November 3 will be our next opportunity to have our voices heard. Until election day, our B-C Public Policy team will be focusing on three areas: educating members about mail-in ballots and absentee voting, informing members about Amendment 3, and advocacy opportunities.

AAUW is committed to Every Voice, Every Vote. We can only do that if every citizen can exercise the right to vote. We are celebrating the centennial of the 19th amendment, in which women in every state were officially granted the legal right to vote. However, it took four decades for women of color to fully exercise their voting rights. AAUW is pushing hard for state legislation and the federal John R. Lewis Advancement Act. These legislative actions would restore voting procedures that were stripped away in 2013 from the 1965 Voting Rights Act. AAUW is one of 155 civil rights organizations urging immediate congressional action on voting rights.

### Important Dates for the November Elections

- September 22 Absentee voting starts, and National Voter Registration Day
- October 7 Last day to register to vote
- October 14 Recommended deadline to apply to vote absentee due to possible mail delays
- October 21 Official deadline to apply to vote absentee
- November 3 Election Day

Please reach out to Karen Francis or Angie Janik, if you have any questions about voting.

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

## Winter Fundraiser

We continue to remain flexible in our plans for an in-person event. We will have to decide by mid-October, but we are discussing ways to engage members whether or not we can be together. Either way, we will still need to raise funds to help support the branch mission to aid women and girls.

In September you will receive raffle tickets by email. This raffle will have a value of over \$600 and consist of restaurant gift certificates, a luncheon for six, and tickets to area attractions. By selling these tickets to friends and neighbors, we can tap into more than our branch members for fund raising. The raffle committee consists of Pat Shores, Marian Bauer, Suzanne Couch, Karen Francis, and Barb McQuitty.

The other way you will be able to contribute to the branch is by a cash donation. You can be a Belle of the Branch! Specifics will follow.

We welcome suggestions. In the meanwhile, stay safe.

~Marcia Block and Linda Kridel,  
Co-directors, Branch Fundraiser





**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 Susie Teicher ([svteicher@gmail.com](mailto:svteicher@gmail.com)) and Janet Sloey ([jegs115@gmail.com](mailto:jegs115@gmail.com))  
Co-directors, Dollars for Scholars

**Make Dollars for Scholars checks payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.**  
**Write event name on memo line.**

### **A Message from Janet Sloey and Susie Teicher**

Dear Members,

Serious and sincere thanks to Pam Kulp for her creative thinking and to the Friday Notes composers Betty Bude and Mary Kay Wolfe for their weekly recommendations for interesting online tours and talks. Many of us miss Dollars for Scholars events, but these can be enjoyed remotely and without lunch. Most importantly, very special thanks to those of you who sent checks to Pat Shores for the DFS account in response to those online events. As you know, it is DFS which supports our scholars, the women who are returning to college to continue their education. Since we cannot hold book sales, and since the Schnucks rewards plan has changed, much depends on Dollars for Scholars!

Meanwhile, let's keep fostering the spirit of Intellectual curiosity, caring and camaraderie!

~Janet Sloey and Susan Teicher, Co-chairs, DFS



Does anyone remember when we could go out with friends and visit places? This photo was taken last June at the World Bird Sanctuary. Everyone had a great time!

L to R: Barb Tackitt, Mary LaRuffa, Naturalist from the Sanctuary with American Eagle

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 2020-21 book lists from the **Interest Groups** page on the branch website.

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

**September 17:** Via Zoom

**Book:** *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood

Contact Alice Crippen ([jccripp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccripp@sbcglobal.net)).

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

**September 28:** Via Zoom

**Book:** *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

**Facilitator:** Rosann Swaringim

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.

**September 8:** Via Zoom

**Book:** *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijioma Oluo

**Facilitator:** Bette Bude

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

## 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 Susie Teicher ([svteicher@gmail.com](mailto:svteicher@gmail.com)).*

## Expressions

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

Expressions will not meet until after the first of the year. Watch the newsletter for further information.

For more information, contact Nance Roth ([nance.roth@yahoo.com](mailto:nance.roth@yahoo.com)) or Pat White ([pgwhite02@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhite02@gmail.com)).

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

Check out the St. Louis County Library free access to Ancestry.com.

**Genealogy meetings and will hopefully resume in 2021.**

For more information, contact Roz Marx, ([rozsie3@gmail.com](mailto:rozsie3@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 ([elfrost7!@charter.net](mailto:elfrost7!@charter.net))

## Bridge Calendar

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

**Basic Bridge 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10 a.m.**  
**Hearth Room**  
**September 17:** Contact TBA

**Bridge Buddies 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 11 a.m.**  
**Sunny Street Café Des Peres**  
**September 23:** Cancelled  
 Contact Marilyn Fletcher

**Bridge Friends 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.**  
**Hearth Room**  
**September 17:** Contact Mary LaRuffa

**Bridge II 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Walnut Grill**  
**September 15:** Cancelled  
 Contact Jean Wagner

**Bridge III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 a.m.**  
**Hearth Room**  
**September 23:** Contact Kay Kreder

**Bridge V 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.**  
**Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill**  
**September 8:** Cancelled  
 Contact Joanne Nelson

**Bridge VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.**  
**Hearth Room**  
**September 21:** Cancelled  
 Contact Mary Pinney

**Duplicate Bridge I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.**  
**Venue TBD**  
**September 1:** Sande Mawhinney  
 Contact Elaine Frost or Chris Magilligan

**Duplicate Bridge II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.**  
**Walnut Grill**  
**September 22:** Chris Magilligan  
 Contact Carol Osterloh

**Duplicate Bridge III 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Hearth Room**  
**September 22:** Contact Mary LaRuffa

## 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.

**September 16:** Hacienda, 9748 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63119

Planning, again, to be able to be outside.

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



### September

- 08 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 10 Branch meeting on Zoom 9:30 a.m.
- 12 **Deadline for October newsletter submissions**
- 16 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 17 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Literature II 10 a.m.

### Coming in October

- 02 Deadline for Fall Brunch reservations
- 08 Fall Brunch and Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.  
 Sign up for Eleanor Roosevelt Walk
- 12 **Deadline for November newsletter submissions**
- 13 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk 10:30 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.**