



# Branching Out

## AAUW Ballwin–Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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**Jan Horner**

### Presidents' Corner



**Sage Taber**

Welcome Fall! This election year it is important that every eligible voter gets a chance to vote and still feel safe from the pandemic. Greater opportunities have been put in place for voting by mail. Please read the details in the Public Policy article in this *Branching Out*.

We continue to meet via Zoom. I hope you were able to join us at the first general meeting in September. If you are having difficulties with Zoom, please email me at [sagemo@aol.com](mailto:sagemo@aol.com) and we will arrange for training. Remember, none of us knew how to use Zoom until recently.

Our October general meeting will be via Zoom on the regular meeting date. We have an excellent speaker lined up for you after the business meeting, so be sure to join in. The Octoberfest luncheon will be an outside affair at the Trinity parking lot. I am really looking forward to meeting with members again, even if we are socially distanced wearing masks. Look for complete information about this fun event in this newsletter. The following Tuesday, October 13, is the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, which is another opportunity to be outdoors with members.

As you can see, we continue to find ways to communicate so that we can work towards equity for women and girls in new and creative ways. I look forward to seeing all your faces, either on Zoom or when we can meet in person.

"A woman is like a tea bag—you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." Eleanor Roosevelt

**~Sage Taber, Co-President**

The next board meeting will be October 1 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.

### October Branch Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2020

On Zoom

9:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program

How to Discern Accurate Information in an Election Year

**Julie Smith, Instructor**

**Webster University, School of Communications**

Julie Smith teaches in the School of Communications at Webster University and is the author of "Master the Media: How Teaching Media Literacy Can Save Our Plugged-In World." Julie travels internationally, providing workshops for students, parents, and teachers about the role the media play in our lives and classrooms.



**Celebrating 100 years of women's right to vote**

L to R: Nancy J. Miller & Louise T. Wilkerson, Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, Dr. Sam Page, Jan Scott, AAUW St. Louis, Dr. A. Patricia Shores, AAUW MO

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- The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is October 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 Krahnman  
 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 Krahnman & 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

#### 2020–21 Proposed Budget

The 2020–21 proposed budget was approved by the board in September. The next step is for members to approve the plan at the October branch meeting. A copy of the proposed budget will be emailed to each member before the branch meeting to review. Contact Pat Shores at [apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net) with specific budget questions before the October meeting.

#### Ballwin-Chesterfield Bank Accounts

**The Operating Fund Account** is the biggest and most active account and is funded in two ways. First, B-C retains the \$22 branch dues portion of the \$91 paid to AAUW national, and second, by the winter fundraiser. Operating Fund expenses mainly include rental and coffee for the board and branch meetings at Trinity, speaker costs, liability and director and officer insurance policies, an AAUW Fund donation, International Relations, IBC and NCCWSL support, STEM activities, AAUW state and regional convention attendance, and officer, director and committee expenses. Check the Operating Fund section of the budget to see all the other wonderful things we support.

**The Dollars for Scholars Account** is funded by the Dollars for Scholars outings that our members plan. During COVID-19 restrictions, members can make a personal donation to DFS to fund scholarships. This is not tax-deductible. The account contributes towards tuition for four women returning to college.

**Schnucks/Contingency Account** (new name) receives direct deposits from your store purchases. There are no expenses. Since Schnucks has changed their reward program to require a choice between a personal reward or an organizational donation, branch rewards have been reduced considerably. If you would like to support Ballwin-Chesterfield, please present your Schnucks card to the cashier at the beginning of the transaction. If you want to use your rewards for your personal account, you must enter your phone number. You cannot do both things during each purchase. You must make a choice. Ballwin-Chesterfield sincerely appreciates the members who choose to continue to designate rewards to our branch.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

### AAUW ¡Adelante!

This group is on hold until 2021. More information will follow at a later date.

#### 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.

## Membership



The Membership Committee's Birthday Card Greeting was successfully launched with the recognition of August birthdays. Cards were mailed to each August birthday girl who provided her birthdate information (only month and day), and the September cards have been mailed to arrive on the special day.

It is never too late to have your name and birthdate added to the list. Contact Jan Horner, Pat White, or Judy Stagoski with your birthday information.

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

## Winter Fundraiser



We are sorry that an in-person event is not possible this year, but we plan a virtual social activity with information to come at a later date.

We need to raise money for branch operations, since dues do not cover all the wonderful things we do. You will be able to contribute in two ways. First, checks in any amount are welcome and may be sent directly to Pat Shores. Be a Belle of the Branch!

Second, look for an email about raffle tickets. They will be \$10 for one chance and \$20 for three. Prizes include a luncheon for six, at a mutually agreeable date, hosted by the committee: Marian Bauer, Suzanne Couch, Karen Francis, Barb McQuitty, and Pat Shores. There will also be gift cards for restaurants and St. Louis area attractions. Sell raffle tickets to friends and neighbors, and buy some for yourself.

**~Marcia Block and Linda Kridel,  
Co-directors, Branch Fundraising**

## AAUW Fund

The AAUW Fund is the process by which affiliates (branches), such as Ballwin-Chesterfield help promote the work of the national organization. AAUW promotes equity for women and girls. By donating to this fund, members carry out its bold strategic vision for the future. Within the fund there are four major funds: Greatest Needs, Education and Training, Economic Security and Leadership. All donations are tax deductible. For a total donation of \$100 or more during a calendar year, you are honored as a Century Club member; for \$250 or more you will be honored as a Century Club Plus member. You may donate by sending checks to Eileen Krahman, or go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and search for donate. Be part of the great work.

**~ Marian Bauer, Co-director, AAUW Fund**

## B-C PayPal Account Established

Members will now have a choice about how to send money to Ballwin-Chesterfield. You can always send a check for events or donations. Now you can also send payment through PayPal.

If you have a personal PayPal account, you can send payment to [aauwballwinchesterfield@gmail.com](mailto:aauwballwinchesterfield@gmail.com)

If you do not have a personal PayPal account, you can send payment via a credit or debit card through this link: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=VFDSHTJKTGFJ6&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VFDSHTJKTGFJ6&source=url)

Please remember that money sent by PayPal to B-C is charged a fee of 2.9 percent plus \$.30 for each transaction. For example, if you send \$1, the branch receives \$.67 and PayPal keeps \$.33. There is no charge to you. The fee is deducted from your payment to B-C and the remaining amount is deposited into our B-C PayPal account. So, if you intend to send \$1 to B-C, you need to actually send \$1.33.

**~ Pat Shores, Finance Officer**

## Directory 2020-21

The new 2020-21 online Directory will be emailed to the membership in early October. Please be on the lookout for your digital copy of the Directory. If you do not receive it, please check your spam or junk folder. If that fails please contact Joan or Ann Patrice so we can correct the problem.

As you were informed earlier, there will not be a print copy of the Directory this year, because of the virus. During the year we will email updates to the Directory at regular intervals.

Keep AAUW B-C informed of your current information. When your information changes please notify Membership of the change. They will ensure that the information is distributed to the various areas that need to be informed, including Directory.

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

### Research Update

Did you know that on average women in America are paid only 82 cents for every dollar paid to men? At this rate, the pay gap will not close until 2093. Women are not drawn to low-paying fields because they want less money; rather, the work that women do is simply valued less than work done by men. The undervaluing of women's work, bias against working mothers, race and gender bias, and lack of salary transparency all diminish women's earnings. This long-term effect on a woman's retirement and pension benefits increases over time. What can we do? In AAUW's research article, *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap/Fall 2019 Update*, seven ways are listed to close the gender pay gap. AAUW research serves as a catalyst for action, and is based on facts not fiction. Visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) to learn more about the current research.

~Eileen Krahman, AAUW Fund Committee

**2020 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk**  
**October 13 @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Des Peres City Park**  
**12325 Manchester Road 63131**

Please come to beautiful Des Peres Park for the annual ER Walk! There is no registration fee, but donations are greatly appreciated. If you wish to support AAUW's research on topics which sponsor the mission and goals, please make your check payable to AAUW Fund. On the memo line, please write #4450. We will meet under the large pavilion near the parking lot. Walking is not required, just a friendly smile. Feel free to bring your lunch, a drink, a mask and your good sense of humor! We can then socialize safely and catch up with each other!

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

**Please be aware that a cancellation is possible because of these uncertain times.**

**Octoberfest**  
**Saturday, October 10**  
**from 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
**Trinity Church Parking Lot**  
**Drive Through or Stay for Awhile**



AAUW B-C invites you and prospective members to the fall Octoberfest for a lunch from Best Box and a root beer! Be sure to wear your mask and bring a folding chair. We will be required to socially distance ourselves for everyone's safety. We are unable to use the gym but that will not stop us from having a good time. There is no charge but please make a reservation by October 2 to Jean Elliott at ([elliotts01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elliotts01@sbcglobal.net)). Your choices are:

1. Country Wrap with sugar-smoked ham, roast beef, Colby cheese, lettuce, in a tortilla
2. The Vegetarian with fresh veggies, Gouda and Swiss cheese on a stone wheat bread
3. Mesquite turkey & Gouda on flaky bakery croissant
4. Specify if you would like diet or regular root beer.

\*\*Each lunch has potato salad or slaw, grapes and a yummy dessert, lettuce, tomatoes and condiments on the side with utensils and a napkin.

\*\*\*Vegan or gluten-free upon request.

See the article on page six for how to donate to the book collection, also known as the used book sale, at this event. Contact Eileen Krahman if you can help direct traffic, or distribute lunches and drinks ([ekrahman@yahoo.com](mailto:ekrahman@yahoo.com)). If the weather is inclement, we will still distribute the lunches, so drive by and get yours.

**Public Policy**

AAUW is committed to the campaign of Every Voice, Every Vote. We can only be successful if every citizen can exercise the right to vote. The B-C Public Policy committee will be supporting activities to get out the vote for the next two months. The areas of focus will be to provide members with information about absentee and mail-in voting, to direct them to key sources of information and to inform about Amendment 3 and advocacy opportunities.

**Key Dates for the November Elections**

- October 7 Last day to register to vote
- October 14 Recommended deadline to apply to vote by absentee or mail-in ballot
- October 21 Last day to request an absentee or mail-in ballot
- November 2 Last day to vote absentee in person
- November 3 Election Day

**Where to Get Information**

- State of Missouri <https://www.mo.gov/government/election-and-voting/>
- Election Protection <https://866ourvote.org>  
866-OUR-VOTE
- AAUW B-C Friday Notes



Celebrating 100 years of women's right to vote, L to R: Sage Taber, Pat Shores, Jan Horner

**Absentee versus Mail-in Voting**

Absentee	Mail-In
Step 1: Complete application for absentee ballot, return in person or by mail, email or fax.	Step 1: Complete application for mail-in ballot, return in person or by mail.
Step 2: Complete received ballot and have return envelope notarized, if needed.	Step 2: Complete received ballot and have the envelope notarized.
Step 3: Return ballot to local election authority, by mail or in person.	Step 3: Return mail-in ballot through U.S. mail only.

**Exception to Notary Requirement**

You are eligible to vote absentee without a notary for the November 2020 election if your reason is because of:

- Incapacity or confinement due to illness
- In 2020, has contracted coronavirus or is at-risk due to any of the following:
  - Is age 65 or older
  - Lives in a long-term care facility
  - Has chronic lung disease/asthma
  - Has a serious heart condition
  - Is immunocompromised
  - Has diabetes
  - Has chronic kidney disease and is undergoing dialysis
  - Has liver disease

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

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



**Check your email beginning at 8:15 a.m. the day of the event for updates or cancellation.** DFS events raise funds for scholarships, give members opportunities to meet in small groups for enriching and educational experiences, and introduce AAUW to non-members.

**Proceeds from Dollars for Scholars events support scholarships for local 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

## A Message from Janet Sloey and Susie Teicher

Dear Members,

We are so happy to share that a few people are continuing to send donations to Pat Shores for our ongoing Dollars for Scholars account. Some donations are monthly, and some occur as members view and appreciate the online recommendations that are listed every week in your Friday Reminder. These really are delightful experiences, although not quite as much fun as having them together in person! Let us keep building this account so that we can continue supporting our scholars for the coming year.

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

**Book Collection  
At Oktoberfest  
Saturday, October 10  
from 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Trinity Parking Lot**



Have you been cleaning house and saving books for the used book sale? Since it may be awhile before we can meet in person, peruse all those lovely books and raise money for scholarships, we have the next best thing. Bring your books to the Oktoberfest at Trinity. Donate them to the contactless book collection—lift them from your trunk to ours—and be on your way to the Oktoberfest fun! We will sell them to Half Price Books and then send the money to the Dollars for Scholars Fund. Maybe the collection is not quite as much fun as the used book sale, but it is a way to support our local scholars during these unusual times.

Because Half Price Books is limiting both the times they will accept donations and the number of bags/boxes they will take, we have listed some criteria in order to maximize both our efforts and the funds we receive for the books.

Please :

- Limit your book donations to no more than two medium size boxes or bags.
- Select current books (publishing date no more than 3 years ago is optimum) or hardback and oversized paperbacks to garner the most money.
- Do not donate textbooks. No matter how much you learned from them, Half Price Books does not pay for them.

Details on the exact time and parking lot location for book drop off will be published in the weekly Friday Reminders. Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe, Carol Greenaway, or Susan Shriver.

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.

**October 15:** Via Zoom

**Book:** *Akin* by Emma Donoghue

**Facilitator:** Marcia Block

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

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

**October 26:** Via Zoom

**Book:** *The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger

**Facilitator:** Linda Seibert

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.

**October 13:** Via Zoom

**Book:** *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

**Facilitator:** Jean Light

*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)).

## Golf

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. When play resumes, it will be every Monday, April through October.

Thank you for your understanding.  
Bev Wait ([wait89@aol.com](mailto:wait89@aol.com)) and  
Elaine Frost ([elfrost7@charter.net](mailto:elfrost7@charter.net))

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

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

Genealogy meetings will hopefully resume in 2021.

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

## 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**

**October 15:** Contact TBA

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

**Sunny Street Café Des Peres**

**October 28:** Cancelled

Contact Marilyn Fletcher

**Bridge Friends 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m.**

**Hearth Room**

**October 15:** Contact Mary LaRuffa

**Bridge II 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.**

**Walnut Grill**

**October 20:** Cancelled

Contact Jean Wagner

**Bridge III 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 a.m.**

**Hearth Room**

**October 28:** Contact Kay Kreder

**Bridge V 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

**Kaldi's at Schnucks Woods Mill**

**October 13:** Contact Joanne Nelson

**Bridge VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.**

**Hearth Room**

**October 19:** Cancelled

Contact Mary Pinney

**Duplicate Bridge I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.**

**Venue TBD**

**October 6:** Cancelled

Contact Elaine Frost or Chris Magilligan

**Duplicate Bridge II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

**Walnut Grill**

**October 27:** Marilyn Morton

Contact Carol Osterloh

**Duplicate Bridge III 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.**

**Hearth Room**

**October 27:** Contact Mary LaRuffa

## Movie Group

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

**October 22**

Movie Group will meet via Zoom.

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.**

**October 21**

We will meet at Cyrano's Café, 603 E. Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves 63119. Reservation by October 19 is required.

To RSVP or get more information, contact Linda Seibert, [lindajbseibert63@gmail.com](mailto:lindajbseibert63@gmail.com) or by phone (consult the Directory).

## Activities Calendar



### October

**01 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

**08 Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

**10 Octoberfest 11 a.m.**

**12 Deadline for November newsletter submissions**

**13 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk 10:30 a.m.**

Reading Reality 1 p.m.

**15 Literature I 9:30 a.m.**

**21 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.**

**22 Movie Group 10 a.m.**

**26 Literature II 10 a.m.**

### Coming in November

**05 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

**12 Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

**12 Deadline for December newsletter submissions**

**Please be aware that all events are subject to change to be in accordance with current restrictions. Check with the sponsor to confirm the event will be held.**