



Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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Jan Horner

Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

So many things have changed since the close of the year last May. New words and phrases that have become a normal part of our vocabulary are Zoom, 'you are muted', intersectionality, equality vs equity, COVID and socially distanced. Things are different, yet Ballwin-Chesterfield has remained a viable branch. Octoberfest was our last in-person gathering, but we conducted business as usual thanks to the technology of email and Zoom. The branch received the Missouri Star Award, National Five Star Award, contributed a significant amount to the AAUW Fund and held a great branch fundraiser.

Sage and I are so grateful for our board members who were able to come up with ways to keep us informed and engaged. The membership committee could not greet you at the meetings, so they sent you a birthday card. Our program committee was able to provide outstanding presentations via Zoom and are so organized that speakers are already scheduled for next year. Public Policy gave highly informative reports at branch meetings and up-to-date information in the Friday Notes and monthly newsletters. Dollars for Scholars suggested weekly events to attend via YouTube and websites that suggested fun activities even if you could not leave your home.

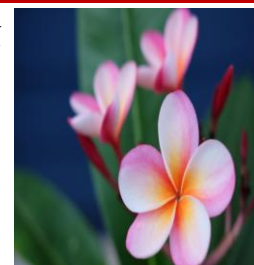
Who knows what next year will bring? We may be able to return to in-person meetings, or we may need to stay at least partially on Zoom. We are certain that we can handle anything life throws our way. Most of our officers have agreed to stay on for one extra year, but they cannot run the branch alone. They need your help. If you are asked to take a job or chair a committee, please say, "Yes." It is a wonderful way to get involved, meet new friends and make a difference for women in the community and everywhere. It takes all of us working together to make Ballwin-Chesterfield an active, successful branch. Can we count on you to help?

~Jan Horner, Co-President

The next board meeting will be May 6 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. All elected and appointed directors are expected to attend. Please contact Jan Horner (janethorner@yahoo.com) if you are unable to attend.

A Thursday in the Park Picnic

May 13
Paul Schroeder Park Shelter
11:30 a.m. Lunch
Reservations Required



AAUW B-C has replaced the Spring Luncheon this year with a spring picnic lunch at Paul Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester. The reserved shelter is handicapped accessible.

Box lunches will be catered by Gioia's Deli **at no cost to members**. For reservations, email Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com) with your name and menu selection. **Reservation deadline is May 5.**

Menu selections are:

- A. Hot Salami sandwich garnished with pepperoncini, onions and spicy mustard (Gioia's award-winning sandwich)
- B. Turkey and Beef Club sandwich served on white bun and garnished with lettuce, tomato and pickles (mayo/mustard packets included)
- C. Veggie sandwich on wheat bun full of Gioia's veggies with spicy mustard and oil and vinegar
- D. Gioia's Salad includes Romaine lettuce, black olives, shredded Provel and parmesan cheeses, and pepperoncini with oil and vinegar dressing on the side. Chips and a cookie are included with each. Water and iced tea will be available.

This is AAUW B-C's opportunity not only to celebrate spring but to join other members, in person, once again. Of course, masks and social distancing are mandatory. We hope to see you at the *Thursday in the Park Picnic*.

~Jane Hemer and Michele Mangnall,
Co-Chairs Spring Luncheon

Meeting During COVID-19

It is highly encouraged that 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 and state government advisories.

Renewing Your Membership

The 2021–22 dues will increase by \$3

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in October to increase the individual member dues over the next three years. Dues for 2022 will be \$62 for national (previous \$59 plus \$3 increase), \$10 for state, and \$22 for Ballwin-Chesterfield for a **grand total of \$94** which is \$3 more than last year's total. Fifty-nine dollars of the national dues will be tax deductible. For more information see the October 30, 2020 *Notice of Dues Adjustment* document from AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown.

The AAUW year begins anew on July 1, 2021, thus your current membership expires on June 30. The preferred method to renew is online. B-C members will receive a personalized renewal email on May 16 and finally June 16 from 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 \$94 check to Pat Shores. Write your check to AAUW.

The finance officer and the membership vice presidents are offering an early dues payment incentive. Members who renew from May 1–31 will get two chances to win a \$30 Panera gift card. Members who renew from June 1–30 will have one chance to win.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer, Judy Stagoski and Pat White, Co-VP's Membership

Membership

Why Be a Member?

In the previous two newsletter issues, the membership article has discussed various valid reasons which answer the question, "Why be a member?" Besides those noteworthy reasons for becoming a member or renewing one's membership, AAUW's member benefits can also enhance your professional and your personal life. In addition, each time you avail yourself of one of the member benefits, you are also supporting AAUW's vital work, and that is what makes AAUW one of the nation's most powerful voices on women's issues.

Each time a member makes a purchase or uses a service included in AAUW's Discounts & Perks, AAUW receives a royalty that supports equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, the student leadership conference, and more! A complete list of discounts and perks is found on the national website, aauw.org.

AAUW Empowering Women Since 1881.

~Judy Stagoski and Pat White, Co-VPs Membership

STEM Girls of Promise Are Recognized

The AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield STEM Committee is pleased to announce the names of the ten high school junior class women who are being honored by the branch this spring for demonstrating perseverance, respect for others, and outstanding academic performance in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics. This year's STEM Girls of Promise from Valley Park High School are Annalise Schnitker, Maggie Menley, Emily Geary, Micheala Chittakhone, and Michelle Manegre. The STEM Girls of Promise from Maplewood Richmond Heights High School include Olivia Armstrong, Katherine Barron, Raghad Hamed, Abeer Hreedeen, and Franciska Tiede.

Because it was not possible to hold a STEM Girls of Promise awards breakfast at the schools with parents, teachers, and members of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield in attendance, gift boxes were delivered to the schools to be presented to these young scholars. Each girl received a medal, a certificate bearing her name, a monetary gift for her college fund, and a personal letter of congratulations from our branch. The AAUW B-C STEM program has been well received by our faculty contacts at both high schools, and we appreciate their cooperation in arranging for these deserving students to receive their awards.

~ Barbara McQuitty and Susan Fenwick, Co-directors, STEM

What Stands Before Us 2021 AAUW MO Annual Meeting, May 1, 2021



AAUW MO Board Meeting April 24 10 a.m.; all members are welcome to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86878553131?pwd=V09CRWMyRFF5eDVzSzZFU1QraUFQQT09>
Meeting ID: 868 7855 3131 Passcode: 101206 One tap mobile +19292056099,,86878553131#,,,,*101206#

AAUW MO Meeting May 1

9:30 a.m. Welcome by AAUW MO President Sue Shineman
9:45 a.m. Guest speaker AAUW National Board Member Jeanie Latz, *AAUW Issues Before Us*
10:15 a.m. Election and installation of officers and awards

Members may log in after 9 a.m. for social time prior to the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83356501330?pwd=V3QrZnQxVmU0SG1RZStLRjVHZTV3UT09>
Meeting ID: 833 5650 1330 Passcode: 330455
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AAUW Fund

These Ballwin-Chesterfield Century Club Plus Members donated \$250 or more to the AAUW Fund, and the Century Club Members donated \$100 or more. We honor them as members for their generosity and dedication. Thank you to all!

Century Club Plus Members

Carol Anthony, Susan Barley, Sandy Brody, Suzanne Couch, Karen Francis, Angela Janik, Eileen Krahman, Liz Maher, MO7084 Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch, Yvonne Morrison, Doris Nistler, Janet Sloey, and Sage Taber.

Century Club Members

Lorna Anderson, Marian Bauer, Marcia Block, Bette Bude, Barbara Butchart, Carole Derington, Jean Elliott, Carole Hesley, Janet Horner, Mary Jermak, Sydney Jumper, Sandy Kalin, Jayne Kasten, Joyce Katz, Barbara McQuitty, Judith Schaefer-Piet, Patricia Shores, Agnes Sobel, Arlene Spector, Judith Stagoski, Julia Triplett, Leslie Wier, and Mary Kay Wolfe.

Public Policy

There is still time to shape AAUW's future. AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by an every-member vote, establish federal action issues on which AAUW members focus their advocacy efforts and which guide the work of the national staff. AAUW MO and branches also use these priorities to inform their advocacy efforts on state and local issues. Voting on the 2021-23 Public Policy Priorities continues until May 17, 2021. The Public Policy Committee urges you to exercise your vote as an AAUW member.

AAUW MO is one of over 50 organizations in the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, a nonpartisan statewide network of voting advocates. Our branch has worked with them to get out the vote during federal, state and local elections. Focus now is on stopping proposed Missouri legislation that would place barriers on freedom to vote for Missouri citizens. AAUW MO opposes HB 334 – strict photo ID; HB 738 – elimination of electronic voting machines; and SB – 137 purging voter lists. Please contact your state legislator to voice your opposition of these bills.

Missouri lawmakers voted against funding Medicaid health care expansion that was supported by voters and AAUW MO. Contact your state legislator to voice your concerns with this action. The Public Policy Committee continues to track and highlight Missouri legislative bills that impact economic security and education. The Friday Notes will continue to provide timely information. Please read the Friday Notes to keep up to date and to get involved in public policy.

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. It has been challenging for many to maintain their mental health during this pandemic. Please be sensitive to the challenges others are experiencing.

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



Dollars for Scholars events raise funds for tuition support for local non-traditional women students.

DFS member-planned events give members opportunities to meet in small groups for enriching and educational experiences and introduce AAUW to non-members. DFS events are listed in the weekly Friday Reminder and on the branch website. Contact Susie Teicher (svteicher@gmail.com) and Janet Sloey (jegs115@gmail.com) Co-directors, Dollars for Scholars for more information.

ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/

We are so happy to let everyone know that there is an in-person Dollars for Scholars event scheduled in August, a visit to the aquarium in Union Station. Many thanks to Marian Bauer and Pat Shores for persevering in sponsoring this event! Meanwhile, we will continue enjoying the virtual DFS events found for us by Janet Sloey and published each week in the Friday Notes and updated regularly on the branch website. Of course, all are welcome to continue sending donations in appreciation for these events to Pat Shores, marking DFS on the subject line.

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

Tour the St. Louis Aquarium

Thursday, August 12

201 S 18th St, St. Louis, MO 63103

Cost: \$30 for seniors

Carpool from Trinity Church at 9:15 a.m. or meet at the St. Louis Aquarium at 10 a.m.

The fee includes admission to the aquarium, a visual train ride, and \$10 donation Dollars for Scholars. There is a 20 person limit, so sign up early and wear your walking shoes.

If you think the literal and proverbial train left St. Louis Union Station years ago, your mind may be changed by several thousand fish, a few otters and two blue lobsters. In the aquarium, you will be whisked away on a visual train ride; interact with marine animals in the six galleries; and at every station, learn from the knowledgeable guides as you enjoy the underwater worlds of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and the deepest parts of the ocean.

Lunch will be on your own at the Union Station Soda Fountain, where the menu features the countertop classics you know and love with over-the-top twists. Be sure to save room for a creamy ice cream dessert—maybe a banana split. Parking is free with a coupon from the Soda Fountain.

This tour will not include riding the St. Louis Wheel, which has an additional charge. People interested in adding the Wheel must make their own arrangements for after lunch and carpool with those who also want to ride.

If you sign up for this Dollars for Scholars outing, be reminded that we will continue to follow St. Louis County and City health requirements. Make checks payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield and register with Pat Shores at her email by July 26.

Sponsors: Marian Bauer (marianbauer5985@gmail.com) and Pat Shores (apatricashores@att.net)

Branch Interest Groups are primarily social and bring members with similar interests together. Try one!

Contact an Interest Group Chair. Consult the front of your Directory for information for all groups and check the Interest Groups section on the branch website:

ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/

Golf
Genealogy
Book Groups
Out to Lunch
Social and Duplicate Bridge Groups

Play Readers
Munching Matters
Movie Group
Expressions



Movie Group

4th Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

May 27: Via Zoom

June 24: Picnic Meeting at 11 a.m. Information will be sent to group.

Contact Liz Maher (lizlhm@sbcglobal.net)

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

May 19: Uncle Julio's, 2011 S. Lindbergh Blvd, Frontenac

June 16: Addie's Thai, 14156 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield

Contact Linda Seibert (lindajbseibert63@gmail.com).

Golf

If you are interested in playing golf, contact Bev Wait (wait89@aol.com) or Elaine Frost (elfrost7@charter.net).

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 a.m.

May 17: Suzanne Couch

June 21: Contact Marilyn Fletcher
(marilynletcher597@gmail.com)

Book Groups ~ Welcome All Readers

Download the 2020-21 book lists at ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/.

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

May 20: Via Zoom

Book: *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

Facilitator: Cay Noble

June 17: Via Zoom

Book Choice Meeting for 2021-22

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

May 24: Venue TBA

Books: *Waking Up White and finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Also discussing...

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

Facilitator: Pat Shores

June 28: Venue TBA

Book Choice Meeting for 2021-22

Contact Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or

Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

May 11: Via Zoom

Book: *The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months that Changed the World* by A. J. Baime

Facilitator: Jan Horner

June 8: Via Zoom

Book Choice Meeting for 2021-22

This group reads non-fiction selections.

For more information, contact

Marcia Block(mhblock@sbcglobal.net)

or Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

Activities Calendar

**Save the Date:
July 8 Summer Picnic**



Golf every Monday through October

May

01 AAUW MO Annual Meeting 9:30

05 RSVP for Picnic in the Park

06 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

11 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

13 Thursday in the Park 11:30 a.m.

16 Membership renewal email

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.

June

08 Reading Reality 1 p.m.

12 Deadline for July-August newsletter articles

16 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.,

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28 Literature II 10 a.m.

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.



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 Wier

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,

Mary Jermak and 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 Manager: Joyce Katz

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

New Members Welcome

To join the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com) and Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com) for membership information.

Annual dues are \$22 for the branch, \$10 for AAUW MO, and \$62 to AAUW national; \$59 of national dues are tax-deductible.

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/>

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the July-August newsletter is June 12, unless otherwise specified by the department co-editor.

Please submit newsletter items as follows:

- news items to Sandy Brody (sandybrody163@gmail.com),
- DFS notices to Joan Davis (jmdavis@pstcc.edu),
- Interest Group information to Jean Light (jhl1234@charter.net).

Visit Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net, the branch website.

Web Manager Joyce Katz posts announcements on Facebook at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW. "Like" the page to receive updates.

To submit an item to Care Notes, contact Joan Reed (j6a8r1@aol.com) or Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com).