

# Branching Out

## AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

### July–August 2021

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Jan Horner

### Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

Welcome summer! Everyone is glad to be getting out more after such a long pandemic fall and winter, and the opportunity to be fully vaccinated! Approximately 78 members attended our branch Spring Picnic, and the weather cooperated beautifully, with just a few gusts of wind here and there. It was a joy to see each other again in person!

Please consider supporting our branch's STEM programs by stepping up to co-chair the STEM committee. This important work is so essential to our mission, and we have well developed programs that just need leaders to guide them along. Contact Jan or Sage if you would like to discuss STEM with us further.

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield! We are beginning our celebration with our Summer Picnic on July 8. We are once again able to meet at Trinity Church, but we are each asked to bring our own lunch. However, we will be serving cupcakes to begin our celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> year. This will be your chance to review the committees and sign up!

Items of note to continue the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment:

- Votes for Women Trail Project, July 2021
- The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration Panel Event on Zoom August 26 at 7 p.m.

All details of the project and of the August 26 event are in your spring issue of AAUW MO newsletter (p 6): [aauwmo.aauw.net/files/2021/05/Spring-2021-Missouri-in-Motion-1.pdf](http://aauwmo.aauw.net/files/2021/05/Spring-2021-Missouri-in-Motion-1.pdf).

Have a great summer and see you July 8!  
~Sage Taber, Co-president

The next board meeting will be September 2 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.

### Summer Picnic and July Branch Meeting

Thursday, July 8  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
14088 Clayton Road  
Town and Country



Happy birthday, Ballwin-Chesterfield! Yes, our branch was founded in 1981 and we are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Our picnic will be the start of our party, and we will have many ways that you can join in the festivities in 2021. This event on July 8<sup>th</sup> is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and discover the exciting activities that are planned for our branch and our continued birthday celebration.

We will be indoors, with air-conditioning and no bugs invited. Bring your own lunch (we are not sharing food this year and following CDC guidelines.) The branch will provide bottled water and bottled tea, birthday cupcakes and fun.

### Directory

Work will begin soon on the 2021–22 Directory. If you do not have a photo in the current Directory, please email one to me. Any snapshot you like will do. If it is a group photo, we can eliminate others in the picture.

Please let me know if you have any changes you would like made in your Directory information.

~Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy,  
Director, Directory

### UPDATED EXECUTIVE BOARD COVID-19 STATEMENT

All AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield committees and interest groups are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines. Check with the sponsor of the activity if you have questions.

## From the Finance Officer

### 2021–22 dues increased by \$3

As you recall, the AAUW Board of Directors voted, in October, to increase the individual member dues for the next three years. So, dues for 2021–22 are \$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 about the increase, see the October 30, 2020, *Notice of Dues Adjustment* document from Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair.

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 received a personalized renewal email on the 16<sup>th</sup> of every month from March through June. Pat Shores asked that the email be sent 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 offered an early dues payment incentive which ends in June. The winning entry will be drawn at the Summer Picnic.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer and Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson, Co-VPs, Membership

## Membership

..."Couldn't have done it without you"...a phrase often heard, and which definitely applies as membership considers its successful year amid the challenges thrown at all of us by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown. Thank you one and all!

Success has been on display many times throughout the year. There has been an enthusiastic response to the individual birthday cards sent to each member. The October outdoor gathering was well attended. A sizable number of members join us via Zoom for monthly branch meetings and offer positive feedback for the excellent speakers who have made their presentations via Zoom. Once again, our B-C membership displayed its support for our mission by contributing generously to the AAUW Fund Annual drive. Finally, there was an enthusiastic turn out for the Picnic in the Park which replaced the Spring Luncheon this year. Kudos to all for maintaining enthusiasm for AAUW B-C during this unusual year!

At the end of May, our national database shows that 103 members have renewed their membership through 2022 and beyond. Have you renewed yet?

~Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson, Co-VPs, Membership

## STEM

The 2021 Academy of Science St. Louis Science e-Fair was held the last week of April. Once again, AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield sponsored awards and participated in the judging. Sandra Murdock and Jean Elliott evaluated 28 student science projects to arrive at their selection of winning entries.

Our branch recognized three young women for their well-designed experiments and impressive presentations. Kareena Kanumury, a tenth-grade student from Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School (MICDS) Upper School, entered *Constructing Biodegradable Plastics from Everyday Materials*. Oviya Srihari, an eleventh-grade student at Ladue Horton Watkins High School, submitted *Predictors of Health Service Utilization Rates Among Patients with Eating Disorders: A Meta-analysis*. Madison Massmann, a twelfth grader at Cor Jesu Academy, presented *The Effects of Social Media on Body Shape Satisfaction in High School Girls*.

In addition to funding three MOST-529 scholarships to honor these awardees for their significant work, AAUW B-C sent a personal message of congratulations to each girl.

~ Barbara McQuitty and Susan Fenwick, STEM



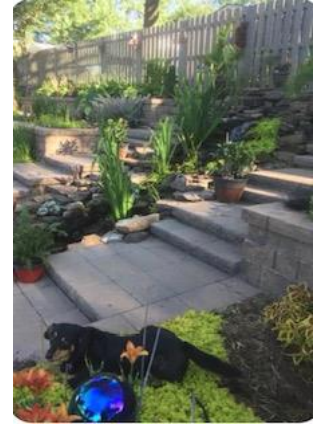
**Joan Davis**

Joan Davis, 74, passed away June 9, 2021, after a short illness. Joan joined AAUW of Ballwin-Chesterfield in 2016 after relocating from Tennessee. She was newly widowed, and her only daughter, Jane, worked here at the time. Joan taught AutoCAD for computer drafting at Pellissippi State Technical Community College and prior to this, she taught at the state tech community college. She authored a textbook on the topic of AutoCAD computer drafting.

Bette Bude shares that she met Joan at a church event. Bette invited Joan to our first meeting, the Fall Brunch, where she met

lots of members and joined immediately. She was a generous person and quick to volunteer her time and considerable talents. In 2017, Joan jumped right in to become a *Branching Out* co-editor for the DFS section. She gave a DFS presentation in her home and garden about her bee keeping. Joan was a master gardener who installed a water feature on her own. She also was a beekeeper who made lip balms from the honey, which she then gave as gifts. She made friends with all the neighborhood families and often babysat for them, considering herself, "grandma."

Joan was an active board member when she became ill. She will be greatly missed. Appreciation goes to Sandy Brody, Bette Bude, and Jean Light for this information.



**Joan's beautiful garden was the scene of a much-enjoyed DFS event about beekeeping.**

## AAUW Fund

The National Council for College Student Leaders (NCCWSL) virtual conference was held May 25–26. The program included skill building workshops and panels designed to challenge and inspire young women to make an impact on their campus and community. Featured speakers provided an opportunity to hear from groundbreaking women working across a range of fields.

Each year at this conference AAUW presents the Women of Distinction Award to recognize women who have made extraordinary accomplishments in their professions and communities. This year's awardees included Raquel Willis, Morgan Jerkins, Door Tagouri and Dr. A. Yvette Myrick.

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

## Public Policy

Thank you to outgoing Co-director Karen Francis for her many contributions to public policy and welcome to Ann Riley as the incoming Co-director of public policy for 2021–23. As the new year begins, the branch Public Policy Committee members will be meeting to align our 2021–22 strategies with the 2021–23 AAUW Public Policy Priorities that were recently supported by AAUW membership.

Key Missouri issues during the last legislative session included Medicaid expansion and voting bills. Funding for Medicaid expansion did not pass but a lawsuit seeking to force Missouri to expand Medicaid coverage under a voter-approved constitutional amendment will go to trial in Cole County on June 18. Voting rights bills did not come to a final vote before the close of Missouri's legislative session, but there is the possibility of a special session to be called to vote on these bills.

The United States Senate failed to advance the Paycheck Fairness Act. Voting rights bills are still active; contact your representatives in support of the *For the People Act* and the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*. The U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights held a virtual hearing on Title IX, June 7–11. AAUW provided public comment that emphasized the need to create regulations that uphold the commitment to ensuring equal and nondiscriminatory access to education for students at all educational levels and restore rules and guidance removed by Secretary DeVos.

Public Policy will be communicating to members through our branch website. We ask that you check out the Public Policy section often to keep abreast of issues and actions you can take to support AAUW's mission.

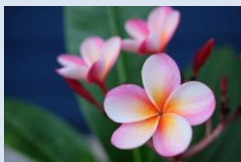
**~Angela Janik and Ann Riley, Co-directors Public Policy**

## University Liaison (UL)

University Liaison (UL) is pleased to announce Lorna Anderson as our UMSL liaison for this year as she has agreed to continue the great work Carol Greenaway did for the past two years.

The University Liaison (formerly EOF) committee is getting ready to resume fundraising for our scholarships. We are happy to support four local scholarship awardees, two at Maryville and two at UMSL. These women are nontraditional students, 28 years old or older, who have not had the opportunity to complete their undergraduate education. Our Dollars for Scholars events provide the funds for these women's scholarships. The used book/CD sales will resume when we can meet again in person, hopefully this fall. The bean soup kits and Panera card sales are being considered. Please contact Susan Shriver (sbs301@gmail.com) or Lorna Anderson (lawoman354@aol.com) if you would like more information. Also, please consider working with us on the UL committee.

~Lorna Anderson and Susan Shriver, Co-directors, University Liaison



### Picnic At Schroeder Park May 13, 2021

More than 70 AAUW B-C members turned out on May 13 at Schroeder Park to enjoy our 2021 Spring Luncheon. Thanks to Michele Mangnall and Jane Hemer, we had a variety of sandwiches from Gioia's Deli and visited with each other. The weather was beautiful, and a good time was had by all!



Jane Hemer  
Michele Mangnall



Marcia Block, Elaine Eltomi



Nancy Pierson, Donna Ross



Susan Fenwick  
Marian Bauer



Jan Horner, Doris Nistler



Mary Kay Wolfe, Bette Bude



## 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 Janet Sloey (jegy115@gmail.com) and Nancy Pierson (pierson4\_99@yahoo.co.uk) Co-directors for more information or to plan an event.

[ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/](http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/)

### Tour the St. Louis Aquarium, Thursday, August 12

Cost: \$30 for seniors

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

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 to 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 riding on the Wheel must make their own arrangements 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)**

### Visit the B-C Website for details on these summer concert events.

Outdoor concerts at the Chesterfield Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations to Roz Marx (rozsie3@gmail.com) or you may just show up!

Saturday, June 26, Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band (rock music).

Saturday, July 10, Foreigner Band

Saturday, July 24, Music of Bruce Springsteen

Saturday, August 14, American Band

**Branch Interest Groups** are primarily social and bring members with similar interests together. Try one! Contact an Interest Group Chair. All Interest Group information is listed in the front of your Directory and check the Interest Groups section at [ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/](http://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



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### Movie Group

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

No meetings in July & August. Movie Group will resume in the Fall.

Contact Liz Maher (lizlbm@sbcglobal.net).

### Out to Lunch

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

July 21: Mia Sorella

August 18: Novellus in St. Charles. Carpool from Trinity at 11 a.m.

Contact Linda Seibert(lindajbseibert63@gmail.com).

## Golf

**Golf meets every Monday May through October.**

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

## Play Readers

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

**July 19:** No meeting

**August 16:** TBA

Contact Marilyn Fletcher (marilynletcher597@gmail.com)

## Book Groups ~ Welcome All Readers

Download the 2021-22 book lists at [ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/](http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/).

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

**No meetings in July & August**

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

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

**July 26: time change to 11 a.m.**

**Book:** *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

**Facilitator:** Erlaine Eltomi

Venue to be announced.

**August 23:** To be announced

Contact Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or

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

**Reading Reality 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.**

**July 13:** Hostess, Mary Kay Wolfe

**Book:** *Owls of the Eastern Sky* by Jonathan Slaght

**Facilitator and hostess:** Mary Kay Wolfe

**August 10:** Hostess, Jane Miller

**Book:** *Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting* by Lisa Genova

**Facilitator:** Jan Horner

**Hostess:** Jane Miller

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

**AAUW ¡Adelante!**

Visit <https://ww3.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/> for further information.

## Activities Calendar



### July

**05, 12, 19, 26 Golf**

**08 Summer Picnic 11 a.m.**

**10 DFS Foreigner Band 6:30 p.m.,  
Chesterfield Amphitheater**

**13 Reading Reality**

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

**24 DFS Music of Bruce Springsteen 6:30 p.m.,  
Chesterfield Amphitheater**

**26 Literature II 11 a.m.**

### August

**02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Golf**

**10 Reading Reality 1 p.m.**

**12 Deadline for September newsletter articles**

**DFS St. Louis Aquarium 10 a.m.**

**14 DFS American Band 6:30 p.m.,  
Chesterfield Amphitheater**

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

**23 Literature II 10 a.m.**

**26 The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration Panel Event on Zoom at 7 p.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 & Marcia Block

VP Membership: Judy Stagoski & Linda Roberson

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Secretary/Archivist: Leslie Wier

### Elected Directors

AAUW Fund: Marian Bauer & Eileen Krahman

Public Policy: Angela Janik & Ann Riley

### Appointed Directors

Branch Fundraising: Jan Horner & Sage Taber

Directory: Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Dollars for Scholars: Janet Sloey & Nancy Pierson

Governance: Marsha Weppelman

Hospitality: Joan Hewitt & Jane Hemer

Newsletter Editors: Sandy Brody, Mary Jermak &  
Jean Light

University Liaison: Susan Shriver & Lorna Anderson

### Special Events

Fall Brunch: Eileen Krahman & Jean Elliott

Spring Luncheon: Susan Fenwick & Michele Mangnall

STEM: Barb McQuitty & Genevieve Gibson-Newman

Web Manager: Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

## New Members Welcome

To join the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch (MO), contact Membership Vice-Presidents Judy Stagoski (jms4331@gmail.com) and Linda Roberson (robersonlinda11@att.net) for membership information.

Annual dues are \$94: \$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 September newsletter is August 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 Mary Jermak (marygjermak@att.net),
- Interest Group information to Jean Light (jhl1234@charter.net).

Visit [Ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net](http://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).