



Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

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Jan Horner

Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

Forty years ago, the Lafayette branch of AAUW began with forty-one chartered members. It later changed its name to Ballwin-Chesterfield and has welcomed many outstanding women to membership over the years. Two of the original Lafayette chartered members, Marianne Word and Carolyn Pohlkotte, are still involved in our branch today.

Turning forty is a time of reflection, a time to take stock of values, friends and relationships. Earlier this summer Sage sent a survey to each of you asking what you valued about Ballwin-Chesterfield. It was clear that what you felt was important, in addition to the mission, were the friendships you have made with other members, support of local STEM programs, and the Dollars for Scholars activities and its creative way to fund local scholarships.

During the last year, we have had to take a few steps back to stay safe, but it is our plan to gather with friends again this year, in person when possible, and be grateful for ZOOM when in person is not safe. We will be able to support local STEM programs and offer even more scholarships to non-traditional students with your help and support.

Welcome back! Our first meeting of the year on September 9 is going to be a homecoming event, complete with games, prizes and time to see friends. We will offer a delicious catered lunch and information about the exciting events planned by committees for the year. As CDC guidelines change, our plans may also need to change. Be sure to check the Friday Reminder on September 3 for the details. As long as it is safe, we will meet in person, but if needed our plans will change to ZOOM. Either way, come celebrate with us as we continue to make the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch great.

Co-president, Jan Horner

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) if you are unable to attend.

September Branch Meeting and Fall Brunch

September 9, 2021, 10 a.m.

Do Not Arrive before 9:45 a.m.

Trinity Church, 14088 Clayton Road
Town and Country, MO 63017

Come and celebrate Homecoming—our return to Trinity Church for a kickoff meeting and festival. Board members will be introduced, fun and games will be happening, and a free box lunch will be provided for members and guests who make reservations.

If you signed up to attend at the July picnic, Jean Elliott will contact you by email for your choice. If you have not signed up for the event, please email Jean before September 1, with your choice of box lunch from the following:

1. **Homemade Chicken Salad** with breast of chicken, celery, mayonnaise and savory spices, on a large croissant
2. **Mesquite Turkey & Smoked Gouda** on a croissant
3. **The Vegetarian** with fresh garden veggies, gouda & Swiss on 100% stone wheat bread
4. **Country Colby Wrap** with ham, beef, Colby, lettuce, tomato in a sun-dried wrap.

Each selection includes a side and a dessert. Let Jean know of your dietary restriction(s). We will try to accommodate everyone.

Information for you to consider:

- Masks will be worn in the building.
- Individual waters and ice teas will be available.
- Lunches may be eaten at Trinity.
- If you desire, lunches may be picked up and taken with you to be eaten elsewhere.

This is current information. Changes may need to be made due to COVID issues and Trinity Church guidelines. Continue to read Friday Reminder and website for any updates.

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

The membership vice-presidents and the finance officer appreciate the timely renewal of their AAUW membership by members. Many used the preferred online link. Member renewal helps the branch prepare for the new year. Hundreds of eligible names were in the drawing for the Panera gift card, and Diane Correll was the big winner this time.

Budget committee members Jan Horner, Cay Noble, Sage Taber, Leslie Wier, and Finance Officer Pat Shores prepared the proposed 2021–22 branch budget, which the board will review and approve in September. Then, the membership will review and accept this budget in October. All reviews ensure that branch 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.

~ Finance Officer Pat Shores

Membership

Introducing Our Newest Members

Welcome these new members to AAUW and the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch.



April Walgren awalgren@msn.com

April earned a bachelor of arts degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska. She holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, Columbia and a master's in business administration from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. She is retired from her work in IT communications. Her interests include most kinds of music, attending concert and plays, church choir, social justice, and media literacy.

Joan Fromme itsjoanie@att.net

Joan earned a bachelor's degree at Northeast Missouri State, now Truman University, and a master's degree from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. A retired teacher, Joan enjoys biking, travelling, and playing trivia.

Mable Davis mdhumantraffickingactivist@gmail.com

Mable earned a business administration associate degree from St. Louis Community College, Forest Park, a bachelor of science degree in political science from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, and a master of arts degree in international relations from Webster University. Mable is passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion, and serves at the state level on the DEI Committee. She is equally passionate in bringing awareness about human trafficking and in advocating for the Fair-Trade Initiative. Mable is currently a high school social studies educator for St. Louis Public Schools.

~ Membership Co-Vice Presidents Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson

In Memoriam

Gloria Goetsch, a long time Ballwin-Chesterfield member, passed away peacefully at age 89 in January 2020. Because of the pandemic, her celebration of life was deferred. Gloria met her husband through the St. Louis Tip Toppers (he was 6'4" and she was 5' 11"). The Goetsch family moved to River Bend in 1963, where Gloria became an original member of the Sweet Adeline's River Blenders and participated in the local school community. She was active in AAUW, Wednesday Club, Repertory Theater Board, International Travel Club, and many others. Gloria had a lifelong love of acting and dancing. Her husband, Fred, passed away in April 2021, before Gloria's memorial could be held. The children and grandchildren plan a combined celebration for both Gloria and Fred this summer.

Jan Loudon was a smiling face to anyone who needed her. After she married Bob, the love of her life, together they raised four active boys. She was the mom who drove all the carpools and never missed any of the boys' games or practices. Once the boys were in school, she worked in sales for several years and then taught children with special needs in the St. Louis Public Schools. Jan was the quintessential beloved socialite who always wanted to be involved. In retirement, she volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Delta Gamma Foundation, Presbyterian Children's Home, her church, many political candidates, and AAUW. Even when declining health required her to stay home, Jan stayed involved by making telephone calls to check on others and by participating in Zoom committees.

Janet Ludwig was proud of being a registered nurse. She continued to keep up with classmates at St. John's School of Nursing. Skills learned there helped her take care of family medical needs, and even some of her AAUW friends, including helping Jan Loudon. Janet was an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed playing with friends. For many years, she was chair of branch interest group Bridge I. Janet chaired the Claymont Estates Stock Club in which B-C member Jean Wagner participated. During part of her life, Janet worked for the Board of Election as a supervisor. She was organized and kept up with all of the rules for the elections and took care of the other workers. Some could not do their job and Janet spent extra time helping them and did extra work to cover for their inabilities.

Thank-you to Yvonne Morrison and Jean Wagner for sharing their remembrances of Janet.

AAUW Fund

New Study Explores Impact of COVID on Latinas

A new study by AAUW examines how Latinas in the US have suffered disproportionate repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic and calls for targeted policy solutions to address their needs. This study is grounded in the real-life stories of Latina women based on interviews of more than 40 women who represent the diversity of the Latina population in the U.S.

The fact sheet gives a look at nearly 30 million Latinas with demographic information on educational levels, workforce rates, political engagement, access to health, economic status, and more. The study recommends policy changes that explore ways to recover from the COVID crisis and advocates specific policies for the nation's Latinas. This document outlines AAUW priorities and calls for immediate action.

For further information, visit: www.aauw.org/resources/research/latina-initiative/

~ AAUW Fund Director Marian Bauer

Directory

In July I sent an email to everyone asking about changes in personal data, interest group changes, and who wants to reserve a paper copy of the directory. If you already sent me this information, thank you. If you haven't done that yet, please take a few minutes to contact me. Call my land line and leave a message or email me.

Everyone will be emailed a digital copy of the Directory. Many people prefer that and don't want a paper copy. I know many others want a paper copy. We are only printing paper copies for those who request them. Don't miss out! Contact me if you want us to have paper copy printed for you.

~ Directory Director Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Public Policy

AAUW Public Policy Priorities for 2021–23 were recently supported by AAUW membership and are now available for members at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities/>. This year's changes were based on member leader feedback:

- Refine and add specificity regarding AAUW's commitment to addressing systemic racism.
- Refine our commitment to equitable access to higher education for all.
- Emphasize the importance of high-quality data collection.

The Biennial Action Priorities are:

- To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity, and inclusivity, and to address the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls.
- To achieve economic security for all women.
- To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society.

AAUW national policy resources include:

- AAUW Action Network and Two-Minute Activist Tool is the cornerstone of AAUW's e-advocacy efforts. The Action Network sends subscribers urgent email notices when advocacy is most needed.
- Two-Minute Activist (www.aauw.us/twominuteactivist) allows you to contact your legislators quickly and make your voice heard.
- AAUW Washington Update email bulletin offers an insider's view on the latest policy news. Join the list at www.aauw.us/washingtonupdate today.
- AAUW Quick Facts is a compilation of current information on issues related to AAUW Public Priorities can be found at www.aauw.us/aauwissues.

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Public Policy Committee will be communicating to members through the branch's website. We ask that you check the public policy sections often to kept abreast of issues and actions you can take to support AAUW's mission.

~ Public Policy Co-directors Angela Janik and Ann Riley

2021 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk
October 19, 2021, 10 a.m.
Des Peres City Park, 12325 Manchester Road 63131



You are invited to join your AAUW friends at the beautiful Des Peres Park for the annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. Your donation will go to support research on topics important to AAUW goals and its mission. Sign up with Carol Derington at the fall meetings or send your donation to Eileen Krahman at her address in the Directory. Please make your donation payable to the AAUW Fund and write #4450 on the memo line. Donations must be in the form of a check because National does not accept cash. The check ensures that you will receive credit at AAUW National. If you have questions, please contact Eileen Krahman (eakrahman@yahoo.com) or by calling her phone number listed in the Directory.

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

~ ER Walk Co-chairs Eileen Krahman and Carol Derington

University Liaison (UL)

University Liaison is pleased to announce that our two scholarships at Maryville University and one of our scholarships at UMSL for the fall semester have been awarded to the same women who received our scholarships last year. One of the recipients of last year's scholarship at UMSL has graduated, so we have one new awardee at UMSL this fall. It is rewarding to continue supporting these deserving scholars as they continue their studies.

Plans are to resume Panera gift card sales in October, with each card worth \$15. Sales of bean soup kits are being considered again this fall, subject to Trinity rules and CDC and county guidelines. The used book/CD/puzzles sales will also resume this fall. See the related article in the DFS section page 5 this newsletter.

Please contact Susan Shriver (sbs301@gmail.com) or Lorna Anderson (lawoman354@aol.com) if you would like more information.

~ University Liaison Co-directors Lorna Anderson and Susan Shriver

Spring Luncheon Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 1 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Room 123



After a two-year absence, we are excited to return to the Whitmoor Country Club in May 2022 for our Spring Luncheon. The committee is ready to pick up where we left off in 2020. If you are a new or returning committee member, please join us for our first planning meeting.

For information contact either co-chair Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com) or Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com).

Save the Date *Details to Follow!*

40th Anniversary Celebration of the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch



Thursday, December 9, 2021
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch Celebrates 50 Years of Empowering Women and Girls!



All Are Invited to Our Celebration Brunch!
Reservations by September 28

Saturday, October 16, 2021, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Greenbriar Hills Country Club

**Guest Speaker: Supreme Court of Missouri Justice
Robin Ransom**

Event flyer and registration form can be found on the B-C website under Flyers and Forms. Send your registration and \$30 per person to Carol Davis McDonald.



Dollars for Scholars Events

DFS member-planned events raise funds for tuition support for local non-traditional women students: women who have been out of high school for at least ten years. DFS 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 Co-directors Janet Sloey (jags115@gmail.com) and Nancy Pierson(pierson4_99@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or to plan an event.

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

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch celebrates 28 years of Dollars for Scholars

At its inception in 1993, DFS goals were, and continue to be in 2021, to raise money for scholarships, to give members an opportunity to interact in small group settings, to provide new experiences for members, and to introduce AAUW to non-members.

**Each time a member sponsors or participates in an activity,
she is saying YES to education and educational equity for women and girls.**

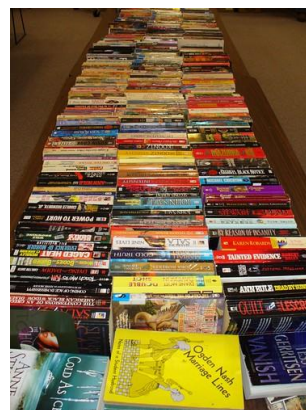
Used Book Sale **Tentatively** Planned for **October**

All proceeds go to Dollars for Scholars

Plans for the return of the Used Book Sale are in the works! We have hopes of collecting and selling books at the October meeting. However, this will depend on Trinity's rules and CDC and county guidelines. When we do resume the sale, there will be limitations on number and types of books donated.

As the October date grows closer, details will be published in the next newsletter and in the weekly Friday Reminders. Thank you for saving and donating your books, supporting the book sale, and helping to fund local scholarships.

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe, Mkwolfe@hotmail.com.



**B-C members enjoy a tour of the St. Louis Aquarium;
the first in-person DFS event in over a year!**



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/

Book Groups ~ Welcome All Readers

Download the 2021–22 book lists at ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/.

Literature I 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
September 16

Book: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman
Hostess: Elaine Frost
Facilitator: Cay Noble
Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.
September 27

Book: *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline
Hostess: Bonnie Brewbaker
Facilitator: Rosann Swaringim
Contact Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or ErlaineEltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
September 14

Book: *The Book of Difficult Fruit* by Kate Lebo
Hostess: Bette Bude
Facilitator: Mary Jermak

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.



Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
September 15

Big Sky Cafe, 47 South Old Orchard, Webster Groves 63119

RSVP to Linda Seibert (lindajbseibert63@gmail.com).
For more information, contact Linda Seibert.

Expressions

Expression dates will appear in the newsletter.

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

Genealogy Group

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

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

For more information, contact
Roz Marx, (rozsie3@gmail.com)

Golf

Every Monday, April through October

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

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

Kickoff luncheon Thursday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.
Details will be emailed.

For more information about this group, contact Liz Maher (lizbm@sbcglobal.net).

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

For more information about this group, contact Marilyn Fletcher (marilynletcher597@gmail.com)

Munching Matters, Lunch with Food for Thought

New Season Features Exciting and Informative Speakers

Wednesday, November 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Walnut Grill on Clayton Rd. just west of Clarkson Road.
There is no charge to attend, but lunch will be on your own.

Carol Davis McDonald will be the speaker.

2022 Munching Matters dates are January 8, February 12, and March 11. Sign-up sheets will be available at the AAUW B-C branch meetings.

You MUST register with Doris Nistler (dnistler14@att.net) to attend.
Doris Nistler and Julie Triplett, Coordinators

Bridge Calendar

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

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Contact Jean Wagner

Bridge III 4th Wednesday 10 a.m.
Contact Kay Kreder

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.
Contact Mary Pinney

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.
Contact Elaine Frost or Chris Magilligan

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Contact Carol Osterloh

Note: If you would like to play bridge, contact the bridge chair of the group that interests you. Some groups need players and subs. Bridge chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

Activities Calendar



September

02 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

08, 13, 20, 27 Golf

09 Branch Meeting and Fall Brunch 10 a.m.

12 Deadline for October newsletter submissions

14 Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.

15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.

16 Literature I 9:30 a.m.

23 Movie Group 10 a.m.

27 Literature II 10 a.m.

Coming in October

07 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

12 Deadline for November newsletter submissions

13 Spring Luncheon Committee Meeting 10 a.m.

14 Branch Meeting 10 a.m.

Sign up for Eleanor Roosevelt Walk

19 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk 10:30 a.m.



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: 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 (MO) Branch, 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 October newsletter is September 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, 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).