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AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

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Jan Horner

Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

Here we are at the end of 2021, an eventful year with unique challenges, but AAUW B-C took things in stride. We have been celebrating Ballwin-Chesterfield's 40th year as a branch of AAUW, starting with the Fall Brunch and ending with our December Party. Look for information in this newsletter about registration for the party, buying raffle tickets, and donating \$40 for your name on a candle on our birthday cake as a branch Light of Leadership.

Looking to 2022, the Nominating Committee is asking for your nominations for several positions on the Board. Consider accepting a leadership position yourself or talk to someone you think would be a good candidate. Think of the talents you will be able to share with the branch and new friendships you can make while helping the branch to remain a viable force for women.

We wish each of you a wonderful holiday season, and thank you for your continued support of AAUW B-C.

~Co-president, Sage Taber,

The next board meeting will be January 6 at 10 a.m. You may arrive after 9:45 a.m. All elected and appointed directors are expected to attend. Please contact Sage Taber (sagemo@aol.com) if you are unable to attend.

Please use the AAUW B-C Directory to find member phone numbers, email, and postal mailing addresses

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.

It's Our 40th Birthday Party! Thursday, November 9 at 10 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017



Please join us for our annual winter fundraiser and celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch.

Reservations, lunch selection and check for \$20 are due by December 1st

Reservation includes a box lunch from Chicken Salad Chick, musical entertainment by the group *Hooked on Tonics*, trivia, games and the drawing for our 40-card raffle.

Doors open at 10 a.m. Lunch at noon. All details on page four.

Be a part of the annual fundraiser and *It's Our 40th Birthday!* celebration.

Nominations Requested for 2022-24 Elected Officers

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for these positions: Co-President, Co-VP Programs, Co-VP Membership, Finance Officer, AAUW Fund Director, and Public Policy Director. The committee needs your help to find outstanding members to be a part of the leadership team. For job descriptions, please look on the AAUW B-C website.

Please follow these steps to nominate a member:

1. Receive permission from the person you are nominating.
2. Use the nomination form on the branch website under FLYERS & FORMS. This is also available at branch meetings.
3. Send the completed form to a member of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Liz Maher, Judy Stagoski, and Yvonne Ward, will review the nominations and prepare the slate. Please send your nominations by January 31, 2022.

In Memoriam: Linda Tinker



Linda Tinker served on numerous Ballwin-Chesterfield committees, was editor of the branch newsletter, and fulfilled leadership roles including co-president in 2002–04. She attended AAUW Missouri state conventions. Linda worked hard to bring the mission of AAUW to reality. She helped women run for public office, worked at the polls to be sure the elections were accurate, and fought for equal pay and women's rights. She was a founder and served as president of West County Democrats.

Linda was a graduate of Missouri State Teachers College (Truman State University) where she achieved her master's degree. A dedicated teacher, she taught in the Jennings High School business department for over 29 years. Linda was widowed, the single mother of Matt. She traveled extensively with him to provide enriching experiences. When he married and became a father, Linda moved to California to be nearby.

Linda loved cooking her family recipes and invited B-C members to enjoy food and time together. Linda had a wonderful sense of humor, and treasured family ties. Her son and three grandchildren were always in her heart.

~Yvonne Morrison and Joyce Katz

International Relations Lecture Series 2022

Ethical Society of St. Louis 9001 Clayton Road St. Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January through April, in the upper auditorium. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45–50-minute lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

Save the Dates

January 11, 2022

Feeding the Dragon: US Choices and Habits that Contribute to the Growth of Chinese Power
Speaker: Julie Blasé, Professor of Political Science, Principia College

February 8, 2022

Climate Change
Speaker: Carl Bender PhD, Professor of Physics, Washington University, St. Louis

March 8, 2022

Welcoming Refugees to St. Louis and a Glimpse at the World Refugee Situation
Speaker: Ariel Burgess, MSW; V.P. of Client Services at the International Institute of St. Louis

April 12, 2022

The Waxing and Waning of Democracy Around the World
Speaker: Olga Bezhanova, Associate Professor at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Nicole Caldwell Shares Her NCCWSL Experience



Nicole Caldwell, who was our Ballwin-Chesterfield sponsored student leader for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C. for the past two years, shared her experience with branch members at the November meeting.

It was expected that Nicole would be going to D.C. two years ago, but the pandemic cancelled that conference. Then, last spring hopes were up again about a trip to D.C., but the conference went virtual. However, Nicole was not disappointed and told the group that she participated in the best Zoom conference ever.

Nicole also told us that she is a volunteer for Gateway Human Trafficking, which is the rebranded name of SCAAT, the prevention of human trafficking nonprofit that Ballwin-Chesterfield helped start. She will be traveling to France for study in December and to teach when she graduates.

Ballwin-Chesterfield always gives \$500 every year to support the NCCWSL candidate from IBC. This is the first time we chose to also support our own student leader. Didn't we find a gem!

~Pat Shores

AAUW Fund

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest contributors to funding of women's graduate education. Our branch has supported AAUW's funding of women's education and nonprofit organizations through two grants completed in 2004 and 2012.

The funding created by these grants is used annually to benefit women preparing to change or advance their careers, or for worthy projects that promote equity for women and girls. In 2020–21, our grant helped support Jane Dempsey who is pursuing a master's degree in mathematics at Northwestern University; she hopes to encourage young women to enter STEM fields. In 2021–22, our grant is assisting Chinyere Oteh in pursuing her master's degree in library sciences so she can continue her dedication to social justice work.

The funds our branch raises are directed to worthy causes and deserving women. If you have not already donated to the AAUW Fund, please consider doing so. You will be supporting AAUW's mission of promoting gender equity, lifelong education, and positive societal change for women and girls.

Read more about the recipients of Ballwin-Chesterfield's grants at www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/directory-of-recipients-sponsors/. Click on *Search the Directory* and search by fund number (#4112 or #4286).

AAUW Fund Committee, Mary Kay Wolfe

Public Policy

AAUW MO Public Policy Committee Sets Initiatives

AAUW MO Public Policy Committee presented their initiatives in the Fall 2021 edition of *Missouri in Motion*. They have identified six initiatives for our advocacy work. These initiatives aim to make social change for women and girls, and to foster a more equitable environment in their daily life, work life and in their community. Areas of focus include:

- Elimination of the use of salary history in the hiring process.
- Promote equal pay for equal work at the local level.
- Promote local gender studies of pay practices.
- Determine which local employers provide paid leave of any kind.
- Reach out to students through career development offices of schools.
- Review compliance with Title IX in local organizations and schools.

Learn more about these initiatives at aauw-mo.aauw.net.

~Public Policy Co-directors Angela Janik & Ann Riley

Membership

Cate McManus

Cate3930@gmail.com



Welcome new member, Cate McManus, to our Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch! Cate earned a bachelor of arts degree in English Literature from Principia College, Elsah, Illinois. Retired as the owner of an office supply company, Cate now enjoys church, reading and cooking.

IBC "Swing into Spring" Luncheon
honoring Barbara Lackritz Awardees
Saturday, March 26, 2022, 11:30 am
\$35
Entertainment by The Queens of Swing!
Raffles and NCCWSL fundraisers!
Registration form will be available soon!



Winter Luncheon: *It's Our 40th Birthday Party!* December 9 at 10 a.m.



For 40 years Ballwin-Chesterfield members have been supporting women and girls in our community and at the national level. With your assistance we can continue to do that. Here are two ways that you can help:

1. Contribute \$40 in honor of our 40th birthday and become a Light of Leadership. Send a check payable to AAUW B-C to Jayne Kasten.
2. Sell raffle tickets (\$10 each or three for \$25) to your friends, family or buy some for yourself for a chance to win forty (40!) gift cards. The tickets for sales can be found on our website or you can pick some up at the branch meeting. Send sold raffle tickets with checks payable to AAUW B-C to Jayne Kasten.

Then to assure your place at the table at the party send your check for \$20 payable to AAUW B-C to Sandy Kalin with your lunch menu selection: **All lunch reservations must be received by December 1.**

All lunch entrees come with a side of fresh fruit made from strawberries, blueberries, and red & white seedless grapes, a side of pasta salad made of rotini pasta in an Italian dressing with feta & parmesan, black olives, & artichoke hearts, and a bag of chips.

- A. **Olivia's Old South** - A southern tradition combining all white meat shredded chicken, sweet pickles & egg, fresh lettuce, & sliced tomato served on a croissant.
- B. **Fancy Nancy** - All white meat shredded chicken with Fuji apples, seedless grapes, pecans, fresh lettuce, & sliced tomato served on white bread.
- C. **Turkey Club** - Oven roasted turkey breast, crispy bacon, provolone, honey mustard, fresh lettuce, & sliced tomato served on wheat bread.
- D. **Pimento Cheese** - A blend of freshly grated sharp cheddar & pepper jack cheeses combined with just a smidge of creamy house dressing, fresh lettuce, & sliced tomato served on a croissant.

We will have games, trivia, musical entertainment and all sorts of fun. Join us, invite friends, celebrate 40 years of continued support to women and girls.

~It's Our 40th Birthday Committee

Joyce Katz, 2021–22 IBC Barbara Lackritz Award Honoree for the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch

Beginning in 2021, each branch may choose its own recipient of IBC Barbara Lackritz Award. The B-C Barbara Lackritz committee, Suzanne Couch, Barbara Kellams, and Mary Jermak, reviewed applications and recommended Joyce Katz as the Ballwin-Chesterfield recipient to co-presidents Jan Horner and Sage Taber. Joyce will be honored at the IBC event on March 26.

The purpose of the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award is to recognize the branch member who:

- Upholds the AAUW mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.
- Provides service and leadership to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s).
- Provides service and leadership in non-AAUW areas in the community, religious, professional, and/or political arenas.

Joyce Katz supports each part of the AAUW mission with her time, funds and considerable talent and energy. Always quick to volunteer, Joyce serves on numerous committees at the branch, IBC and state levels. She utilizes her special technical skills as the webmaster for Ballwin-Chesterfield, IBC Metro, and AAUW of Missouri. Since 1978, Joyce was at the forefront to support AAUW Missouri's entrance into the digital age. This year she is setting up and maintaining new websites for all state branches without a website.

Joyce's extensive community service and leadership includes thirty years as a Parkway Middle School teacher and participation in civic and social organizations. Joyce is serving in service and leadership positions at her new home in Friendship Village. To read more about the Barbara Lackritz award and its past recipients, go to <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/barbara-lackritz/>.

Dollars for Scholars Events

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Celebrates 28 Years of Dollars for Scholars

DFS member-planned events fund tuition support for local non-traditional women students who are at least ten years post-high school. DFS small group events are open to members and guests, provide enriching experiences, and introduce AAUW to non-members.

Write DFS donation checks to AAUW B-C and send to Finance Officer Pat Shores. DFS donations are not tax-deductible. DFS events are also listed in the Friday Reminder and on the branch website. Contact Co-directors Janet Sloey (jega115@gmail.com) and Nancy Pierson (pierson4_99@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or to plan an event.

<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/>



The AAUW Honor Roll

In Honor of Jo Ellen Miller for Her Birthday

*To Celebrate Joyce Katz, 2021-22 IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award Honoree
from the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch*

In Memory of Dorothy Chesley

In Memory of Pat Jennings (two donations)

In Memory of Linda Tinker (three donations)

In Memory of Pam Valentine (six donations)

The AAUW Honor Roll allows members to celebrate the people in their lives with DFS contributions. You may honor a birthday, an academic or an athletic goal, a personal milestone, promotion, or other noteworthy occasions. Please write *Honor Roll* on your check memo line. **Donors should email Nancy Pierson** the name and address of their honoree.

If you donate in memory of a loved one, please send Nancy the name and address to whom you want an acknowledgement sent. DFS chairs will mail an acknowledgement postcard and those honored will be listed in *Branching Out*.



Ballwin-Chesterfield's annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk.
First row, L-R: Carol Derington, Eileen Krahman, Marilyn Fletcher, Pat Shores.
Second row, L-R: Marie Neville, Jean Elliott, Marian Bauer, Susan Fenwick, Karen Francis

AAUW Fund Eleanor Roosevelt Walk

Many thanks to all our AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield members who supported the annual Eleanor Roosevelt Birthday Walk on October 19! Over \$1,200 dollars were collected from members by walking, talking, or texting their intentions or donations! Event participants are pictured at left.

All donations support the AAUW Education and Training Fund which conducts research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. View the recent research reports at www.aauw.org/what-we-do/reasearch/.

AAUW members are the best!

~ Co-chairs of ER Walk Carol Derington,
Jean Elliott and Eileen Krahman



USED BOOK SALE

The book sale will be back again at the January branch meeting.

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe.



Jeanne Webdell, member of the Ballwin-Chesterfield and the Kirkwood-Webster Groves branches, has been welcomed into the AAUW Legacy Circle. She has included AAUW national into her estate plans in order to support women and girls in the future.

Jeanne joins twelve other visionary Ballwin-Chesterfield members: Susan Barley, Terri Ciccolella, Erlaine Eltomi, Karen Francis, Darlene Harris, Nancy Hutchins, Jayne Kasten, Pam Kulp, Yvonne Morrison, Pat Shores, Julie Triplett, and Jennifer Urish.

For more information about the AAUW Legacy Circle: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/support-aauw/leave-a-legacy/>. Susan Barley is also available to answer any questions (barley702@gmail.com).



AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Legacy Circle Members
Pictured L-R: Pam Kulp, Jeanne Webdell, Susan Barley, Pat Shores and Karen Francis

Membership

AAUW is a community of more than 170,000 people standing strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls.

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

Try one!

Contact an Interest Group Chair. All information is listed in the front of your Directory or check the Interest Groups section at ballwin-chesterfield.com

Book Groups Welcome All Readers

Download the 2021–22 book lists at
ballwin-chesterfield.com/interest-groups/.

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

December 16

Book: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Hostess: Mary McFarland

Facilitator: Jane Miller

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net)

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

December - No meeting - Christmas

Contact Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or Erlaine Eltomi (erlaine.eltomi@att.net).

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

December 14

Book: *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Hostess: Erlaine Eltomi

Facilitator: Marcia Block

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

AAUW ¡Adelante! 4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

January, February, March, April, May

No meeting in December.

Contact Deb McWard or Teri Brecht (tebrecht@yahoo.com) to join via Zoom

Visit www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/ for further information.

Bridge Calendar

If you would like to play bridge, contact the bridge chair of the group that interests you. Some groups need players and subs.

Bridge II 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Contact Jean Wagner

Bridge VI 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

Contact Mary Pinney

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

The Movie Group members will be enjoying some special events in December.

Contact Liz Maher (lizlbm@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

December 15

IL Bel Lago
11631 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

For more information or to RSVP, contact Linda Seibert (lindaseibert63@gmail.com).

Munching Matters Lunch with Food for Thought

Munching Matters meet **Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at Walnut Grill, Clayton Rd. west of Clarkson.**

2022 dates include:

January 12: Speaker Jean Light will share her journey from education to information technology.

February 9: Speaker Kathy Brown will share with us old memories of living and working overseas.

March 9: Speaker Angela Janik will share experiences over the years in her nursing career.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the AAUW B-C branch meetings or register with Doris Nistler (dnistler14@att.net).

Expressions

**Tuesday December 7, 1 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

We will have a demonstration by Judy McCown on making dough ornaments. The ornaments are amazing! She will also have some for sale.

For more information, contact Nance Roth (nance.roth@yahoo.com)

Additional Interest Groups

Genealogy Group 3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

Check out the St. Louis County Library free access to [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). For more information, contact Roz Marx (rozsie3@gmail.com).

Golf

Golf will resume in May 2022

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 p.m.

Members will be contacted with meeting details. For more information about this group, contact Marilyn Fletcher (marilynletcher597@gmail.com).



Activities Calendar, Officers, and Branch Information

Coming In December

- 07 Expressions 1 p.m.
- 09 *It's Our Own 40th Birthday Party* 10 a.m.
- 12 **Deadline for January newsletter submissions**
- 14 Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.
- 15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.

Coming In January

- 06 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 11 International Relations Lecture Series 10:45 a.m.
- 12 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
- 12 **Deadline for February newsletter submissions**
- 13 Branch Meeting 10 a.m.
- 27 ¡Adelante! Book Club 1:30 p.m.
- 31 Deadline for Officer Nominations

New Members Welcome

www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/

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

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 B-C branch, \$10 for AAUW MO, and \$62 to AAUW national; \$59 of national dues are tax-deductible

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the January newsletter is December 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 and events to Mary Jermak (marygjermak@att.net),
- Interest Group information to Jean Light (jhl1234@charter.net).

Visit ballwin-chesterfield.com 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).

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

Appointed Directors, *continued*

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*.