



Branching Out

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and State Award-Winning Branch

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AAUW Advances Gender Equity for Women and Girls Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.

Presidents' Corner



Jan Horner



Sage Taber

It is once again February, and the members of Ballwin-Chesterfield are honoring and learning during Black History Month, celebrating all that we love with Valentine's Day, and enjoying the holiday in remembrance of our nation's presidents. It's also time for all committees to meet and plan for the rest of the branch's year. Jan and I both have Zoom subscriptions paid for by the branch to have available for you and are happy to schedule a Zoom session for your committee, if desired.

It's also time for you to consider what committee you might want to chair in the coming year or join as a member. This is where our important work is carried out, and the enthusiastic participation of members is greatly appreciated. You will not be alone; we are here to assist each other to fulfill our mission of equity for women and girls.

~Sage Taber, Co-President

The next board meeting will be February 3 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.

February Branch Meeting

February 10, 2022

10 a.m. Business Meeting

11 a.m. Program

Valerie Battle Kienzle

Lost St. Louis:

Lost Landmarks of the Gateway to the West



Valerie Battle Kienzle has a lifelong love of history and historical places, beginning with a family property in Tennessee that is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been owned by her family since 1796. For over 40 years she has researched and written, whether as a reporter or writing advertising copy or books.

In recent years she has turned her attention to St Louis's historic places and will speak to us about this topic. Many iconic landmarks have come and gone in the last 250 years. What was torn down when the Gateway Arch was built? Or what happened to the Lion Gas Building? Or the Chinese community under Busch Stadium? She will detail some of the fantastic forgotten and lost places from our past.

2022 Virtual MO Women's Network Legislative Retreat

Saturday, February 19, 2022

9-11 a.m.

MO Women's Network (MWN) is a coalition of groups and individuals working for equity for women. The mission of the MO Women's Network is based on principles articulated in the *National Plan of Action* adapted in 1977. MWN was formed in 1983 in the aftermath of the defeat of the ERA to consider alternatives for keeping the quest for women's equality alive.

You will receive the Zoom invitation from AAUW of Missouri President Sue Shineman about five days prior to the event.

From the Finance Officer

Ballwin-Chesterfield Not Approved for Next Schnucks Community Partner Cycle

Schnucks has developed a new Donate Your Rewards program for 2022. Please dispose of any cards you have from the previous EScript program as we will no longer be participating.

From Schnucks, December 27, 2021

Although we do appreciate being considered by your organization as a community partner, unfortunately your application/organization was not approved for the next cycle. With that said, we encourage all local non-profits to review how we can help throughout the year with your fundraising activities as Donate Your Rewards is just one way we give back. We provide support for local one-time fundraising events through donations.

We also offer local solicitations at our stores. All inquiries are handled through donation.schnucks.com.

~Pat Shores, Finance Officer

Membership

Dues Increase \$5 for 2022-23

As you may recall, AAUW Board President, Julie Brown, notified members of the dues increase in the *Notice of Dues Adjustment*, October 30, 2020. The National AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase the individual member dues each year for the following three years. As a result, dues for the coming 2022-23 year will total \$99.

The breakdown of the dues total is as follows: \$67 National (a \$5 increase), \$10 AAUW MO, (no increase) and \$22 Ballwin-Chesterfield (no increase); \$64 of the \$67 is tax deductible. Renewal of dues begins on March 1 and early bird responders will have their names entered in a drawing for Panera cards.

~ Pat Shores, Finance Officer

~ Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson, Membership Vice Presidents

International Relations Lecture Series 2022

Ethical Society of St. Louis

2nd Tuesday of the month, January through April, 10:45 a.m.

The 2022 lecture series will be via Zoom: <https://lectureseries.org/>

Click "Join A Meeting"

Enter the Zoom meeting I.D. 384 422 5785

February 8, 2022

Climate Change

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

Carl M. Bender is the Konneker Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Physics at Washington University in St. Louis. He will speak about the science behind climate change. By far, the most serious problem that the earth's population faces is that of climate change. Scientists have been well aware of this problem for more than a century, but in recent years there have been major advances in measurement and prediction. The latest comprehensive studies are contained in the Sixth Assessment Report of the U. N. *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (IPCC) that was published recently in August 2021. This talk will summarize some of the recent findings and predictions

Save the Date: 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

Program Committee News

It's time to start planning for the 2022–23 year. The program co-vice presidents welcome your suggestions of topics that would interest our members. If you have heard a dynamic speaker, please send his or her name and topic.

The program committee will meet in March to discuss possible speakers. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, contact Carol Anthony or Marcia Block, preferably before the March branch meeting, so we can assemble a list.

Public Policy

AAUW of Missouri is shifting the focus of the Equal Pay Advocates from communicating with Missouri state legislators to meeting with local city officials about the gender pay gap.

The Equal Pay Advocates are making the change because most members of the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives have not been receptive to discussing the gender pay gap nor bringing bills to the floor. Five bills were filed last year, some were assigned to a committee, but none had a hearing. As the registered AAUW of MO lobbyist, Pat Shores will continue to monitor the equal pay bills in the next session.

AAUW branch members established a personal relationship with local officials in 2020–21 when we asked them to support proclamations for the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote. We want to build on that relationship with our Equal Pay Advocate meetings. We will share information in support of equal pay for equal work for the women who work in their cities. We will also help them see that AAUW is a trusted source of information about the gender pay gap. Pat and a local B-C Ballwin resident and a local B-C Chesterfield resident will visit the city administrative offices soon. Let's hope we get good results.

~ Pat Shores, AAUW MO Lobbyist

AAUW Fund

LAF challenges sex discrimination in business and higher education. Over the past several years, millions of dollars have been provided to support hundreds of cases of discrimination. You can find more about these cases on the LAF Current Cases section of the website. Five recent cases are highlighted at www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/current-cases/. They include cases regarding salary discrimination, Title IX and pregnancy discrimination in the field of higher education and the workplace.

Our contributions to AAUW Fund enable the organization to support these women involved in litigation financially and morally during their search for justice.

~Marian Bauer, AAUW Fund Co-director

Spring Luncheon: Making A Difference – Step By Step

May 12 Whitmoor Country Club
Social Hour: 11 a.m. Lunch: 12 noon

The Ballwin-Chesterfield branch cordially invites all members to the annual Spring Luncheon. Celebrating the achievements of the past year, acknowledging the contributions of our membership and installing new officers will be among the highlights of the day.

Reservations may be made at the March and April branch meetings, or you may send a check at a later date. Full details will be included in future newsletters. Please save the date so we can once again gather to celebrate our branch.



~Co-chairs Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com) and Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com)

Swing Into Spring March 26, 2022, IBC Luncheon!

The IBC planning committee is really looking forward to seeing you at the in-person IBC Spring Luncheon at Catering To You in Florissant ([map](#)) on Saturday, March 26, starting at 11:30 am. **Registration is now open** for this elegant, sit-down hot buffet luncheon where we will celebrate our five Barbara Lackritz Honorees and be entertained by The Queens of Swing. A registration form is provided on this page and on the [IBC Website](#) Show your support for our Barbara Lackritz Honorees!

- ❖ **Joyce Katz, Ballwin-Chesterfield**
- ❖ **Carolyn Herkstroetter, Ferguson-Florissant**
- ❖ **Jeanne Webdell, Kirkwood-Webster Groves**
- ❖ **Pam Kulp, St. Charles**
- ❖ **Sue Barley, St. Louis**



Enjoy the Entertainment The Queens of Swing, reminiscent of female swing bands of the 1940s, are dedicated to restoring the forgotten history of these bands. Over a hundred of these bands responded to the skyrocketing American demand for swing during World War II. With many young men in military service, female musicians took up the slack and provided live music during the stressful years of World War II. They provided diversion, comfort, and social contact through music and dance. As they performed, the bands engaged in quiet social revolution and taught people how to be together. AAUW thanks The Queens of Swing for continuing to provide great music as they fight to keep alive the artistic contributions of female bands to American history.

Contribute to IBC and NCWSSL

Fundraising this year will generate funds in several ways:

- If you can't attend but want to donate, please feel free to send in your registration form with a **direct donation**. All amounts are appreciated!!
- At the event itself we will have a **Gift Card raffle**. These will reflect themes chosen by the branches, with six chances total to win gift cards to interesting, fun, or tasty places.
- We will have a **50-50 raffle** – always a crowd pleaser!
- New this year, you will be able to **purchase a “piece of the NCCWSSL” scholarship funding puzzle** by choosing to donate an amount that covers specific expenses such as money for one meal or the cost of airfare. You can help complete the puzzle!

Enjoy a hot buffet luncheon with Roasted Top Round of Beef Au Jus, Mushroom Herb Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Homestyle Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls, drinks, and dessert.

 Make registration and/or donation check payable to: **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC**
Mail no later than March 12 to Carol Davis McDonald (davis-mcdonald@outlook.com).

Print Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Email (required) _____

_____ I plan to attend “**Swing into Spring**” and am sending a check for:

My Registration _____	\$35 _____	
_____ Guest(s) Registration _____	\$ _____	(\$35 x #)
_____ Donation (enter amount) _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	TOTAL
_____ I am not able to attend but will donate _____	\$ _____	TOTAL

Enter guest names and special dietary needs here. _____

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 (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/



The Manhattan Transfer Live at Jazz St. Louis

Sunday, May 29, 2022, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Reservation Deadline: February 28

Roz Marx has arranged for AAUW B-C tables at this event. Discounted \$60 tickets are \$50 + \$10 for Dollars for Scholars. Attendees may order dinner, salads, desserts, and drinks. Seats and tables are already selling for this popular event and reservations are needed by February 28.

If you plan to attend, please email name to Roz (rozsie3@gmail.com) and bring \$60 check to the February branch meeting. Table assignments will be made when the reservations are received. A list of attendees will be sent in April so carpools can be arranged. Valet or street parking is available.

The AAUW Honor Roll

In honor of Bev Palmer for her birthday

In celebration of Joyce Katz, as the B-C branch Barbara Lackritz honoree

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 and **send donations to Pat Shores**.

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**. Thank you AAUW members and friends for honor donations and memorial donations to the new DFS Honor Roll. We have received more than 30 donations since inception this fall!

Used Book Sale

All good things come to those who wait...

The book sale will return at our next in-person branch meeting.

Hope to see you around the book table in February!

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe.



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.
February 17**

Book: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Hostess: Cay Noble

Reviewer: Mary Kay Wolfe

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net).

**Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.
February 28**

Book: *The Searcher* by Tana French

Hostess: Marilyn Fletcher

Reviewer: Marilyn Fletcher

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

**Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
February 8**

Book: *Hooked: Food, Free Will, and How the Food Giants Exploits Our Addictions* by Michael Moss

Hostess: Terri Ciccolella

Reviewer: Terri Ciccolella

This group reads non-fiction selections. Contact Marcia Block (mhblock@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

**AAUW ¡Adelante! 4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
January 27: postponed till February 24**

February 24 ¡Adelante!

Book: *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara Japanese American family relocated to 1944; Jayne Kasten leader Chicago after WWII incarceration in internment camp.

Also, *It's Your World* by Chelsea Clinton; Teri Brecht leader

To join ¡Adelante! via Zoom, contact Deb McWard (debmcward@earthlink.net) or Teri Brecht (tebrecht@yahoo.com)

aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/

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.

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

February 21

Contact Mary Pinney

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

February 1

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost

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

February 22

Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

February 24

Ballwin Pasta House

14007 Manchester Rd.

Manchester, MO 63011

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

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

February 16

Anthonino's Taverna

2225 Macklind Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63110

Munching Matters Lunch with Food for Thought

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

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

March 9: 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).

Julie Triplett and Doris Nistler, Coordinators

Expressions

**Tuesday, February 1, 1:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Back by popular demand we will be designing and making jewelry with Jan Barrett. Bring tools and any old jewelry you don't wear in order to craft new treasures.

RSVP by January 26 to nance.roth@yahoo.com. This way if we have to cancel, we will notify everyone. Thanks!

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

- 01 Expressions 1 p.m.
- 03 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 08 International Relations Lecture Series 10:45 a.m.
Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.
- 09 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
- 10 Branch Meeting 10 a.m.
- 12 **Deadline for March newsletter submissions**
- 16 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 17 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 19 MO Women's Network Legislative Retreat 9 a.m.
- 24 Movie Group 11 a.m.
- 28 Literature II 10 a.m.

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Deadline for Spring Fling reservations
- 24 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.
- 26 Spring Fling 11:30 a.m.

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 for 2021–22 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 March newsletter is February 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 (maryjermak@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*.