

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

Sage and I wish each of you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2022. We want to thank all those who attended, supported and contributed in any way to our 40th birthday party in December. The fundraiser part was a tremendous success thanks to our generous members. We are always amazed at the willingness of our members to contribute time, talent and treasure to any of our branch programs. It is because of you that we continue to be an outstanding branch.

This is the time of year to begin the process of electing new officers. Consider nominating yourself or ask someone you know if you can submit her name. Keep in mind that most positions have co-officers who can divide the duties in ways that best meet their needs. Seldom will you have to do everything alone because you share the job, plus there will be people on your committee who are always happy to help.

Ballwin-Chesterfield is known for its outstanding programs and activities, but those can continue only if we have women ready and willing to lead or be a part of a group. Make 2022 the year that you try something new in AAUW. You will find some great new friends that may have just been acquaintances in past years.

Remember that our January meeting will be via ZOOM. As we planned the year, we knew January weather is often icy, and talk of new COVID outbreaks was also a concern. Hybrid meetings are not as easy to deliver as you may think. Stay home, stay safe and join us on ZOOM.

~Jan Horner, 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.

January Branch Meeting

Via Zoom Only ~ Link will be emailed.

January 13, 2022

10 a.m. - Business Meeting

11 a.m. Program

Cheryl Roberts

**Senior Organizational
Development & Diversity
Executive
Missouri Department
of Transportation**



Living Life Through an Inclusive Lens

Cheryl Milton Roberts will focus on how to identify and learn more about ourselves and the things that impact our perspectives, so we can move toward "Living Life Through an Inclusive Lens". Roberts has a successful track record developing diverse, collaborative business relationships and cultures. She is a dynamic facilitator recognized for her innovative approach to incorporating diversity, inclusion and equity into an innovative learning, development and business model. She partners with business leaders to create and implement strategies to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion into organizational business models to enhance business success.

Roberts holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and business from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's from Webster University in human resource development and has obtained her Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification. She participated in a yearlong leadership development program at the St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative, which provides an opportunity for growth and enhances the network of diverse professionals in the region.

Roberts has served on the New City School board for over 17 years and is currently an emeritus board member, past president of the board of trustees, and former chair of their board diversity committee. She has also served as a member of the John Burroughs School Board of Trustees where she chaired their diversity committee, the All-American Gymnastics board of directors, the We Stories advisory board, and is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Nominations Requested for 2022–24 Elected Officers

The nominating committee is accepting nominations for the 2022–24 elected officers. These positions are Co-President, Co-VP Program, Co-VP Membership, Finance Officer, AAUW Fund Co-Director, and Public Policy Co-Director. The committee needs your help in finding outstanding members to be a part of the leadership team.

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.
3. Send the completed form to a member of the nominating committee (emails and addresses are in the Directory).

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

International Relations Lecture Series 2022

Ethical Society of St. Louis 9001 Clayton Road St. Louis, MO 63117
2nd Tuesday of the month, January through April

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. 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 to 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.

January 11

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

Julie Blasé is responsible for International Relations courses, and focuses on U.S. foreign policy, globalization, and contemporary security. Please join us to hear some provocative ideas about the future of United States-China relations. The growth of Chinese power and influence has been assisted by the unintended outcomes of U.S. choices. Do Americans want to limit Chinese power enough to change our own approach to economics, leadership and security?



Save the Date: February 8, 2022

Climate Change

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

AAUW State Project Has Launched

AAUW branches across our state are making plans to add sites and individuals to the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS) maps and database. For example, the AAUW Columbia branch has a committee of five ready to look for pre-1920 suffragists, in their area. The Parkville branch took information to a Park University history professor to see if students would like to participate in adding to the national register.

If you would find it interesting to do local research to find suffragists and meeting places around the Ballwin-Chesterfield area, talk to Pat Shores, state coordinator for the Missouri Trail Project. Let's see what we can find to add to our Missouri history of women getting the vote.

~Pat Shores, apatriciashores@att.net

AAUW Two-Minute Activist

A big thank you to branch members who have joined AAUW's Two-Minute Activist initiative. As we move into 2022, let's increase our voice in D.C. by letting your legislators know where you stand on issues that reflect the mission of AAUW. Once you sign up, you will receive alerts from AAUW to be able to take timely action in making your voice known to your legislators.

Go to aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/ to sign up. Public Policy will be available to help you sign up at our next in-person meeting. In the meantime, contact Angie Janik for assistance.

~Angie Janik and Ann Riley, Public Policy Co-Directors

AAUW Fund Critical Debates in Congress and the Supreme Court

ACT: Take-action on the most pressing policies

In 2021 AAUW focused advocacy efforts on prioritizing women in crisis and economic recovery, particularly through the Build Back Better Act. It was a bumpy negotiation process, but it passed the House in November. We must ensure that the bill remains intact until it reaches President Biden's desk. Keep the pressure on by contacting your elected officials regularly. ACT now!

LEARN: Dig deeper into the issues that matter--The Supreme Court and Abortion

Justice Sotomayor has sounded the alarm. The new Texas law is "a breathtaking act of defiance—of the Constitution, of this Court's precedents, and of the rights of women seeking abortion."

United States v. Texas: The U.S. Department of Justice filed legal action arguing S.B.8 is preempted by federal law and asking the Court to consider whether the federal government may sue in federal court to prohibit its enforcement. AAUW stands in solidarity with all individuals who continue to be harmed by cruel abortion bans. We will continue to fight on their behalf to demand abortion access for all.

ENGAGE: Share the important work AAUW is doing

The Senate voted to block debate on an updated bipartisan version of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, again refusing a full Senate vote on critical voting rights legislation. AAUW will continue to advocate for the freedom to vote until Congress does its job and advances protections for all voters.

DONATE: AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (#9110) This unrestricted fund can be directed to the most critical issue of the moment. It allows AAUW to stay relevant and visible.


Source: aauw.org/washingtonupdate

~Barbara Butchart, AAUW Fund committee

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

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!

The graphic features a green background with a white banner at the top containing the text "SAVE THE DATE!". To the left of the banner is a line drawing of a trumpet. To the right is a line drawing of a drum set. The main text is centered and includes the event name, honoree, date and time, price, entertainment, and fundraising information.

It's our 40th Birthday Party Highlights

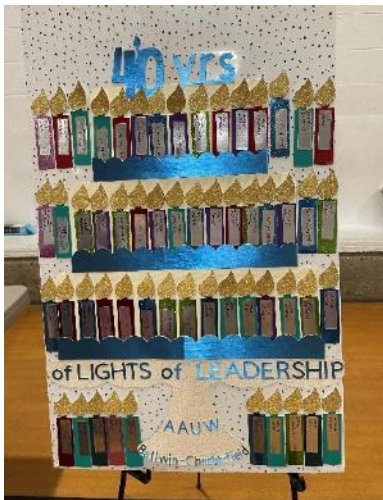
This year our annual December fundraiser was combined with the 40th birthday of Ballwin-Chesterfield. We had food, entertainment, and a chance to visit with friends. Funds were raised for branch programs. Lunches from Chicken Salad Chick and Panera's and cupcakes from Sam's delivered nourishment. Carolyn Pohlkotte's stories of branch beginnings, Doris Nistler's challenging trivia and a group called Hooked on Tonics provided entertainment. Gift card raffles and Lights of Leadership contributions gave us the funds we hope to use for STEM, scholarships and leadership programs.



The gift card raffle winners were 1st place – Judy Schaefer-Piet, 2nd place – Terri Ciccolella and 3rd place – Barb Kellams. Those who attended went home with smiles under their masks and an appreciation of the good works of Ballwin-Chesterfield.

We have so many people to thank for helping to make this a successful event. First, we have the Birthday Committee members, some who started out in the fall of 2019 as the 100th Anniversary Committee, went on sabbatical during the first year of Covid, and returned to plan the birthday party. They are Carol Anthony, Janet Barrett, Marilyn Beiter, Marcia Block, Jean Elliott, Susan Fenwick, Marilyn Fletcher, Sandy Kalin, Jayne Kasten, Pam Kulp, Michele Mangnall, Doris Nistler, Judy Stagoski, Pat White, Jan Horner and Sage Taber.

Interest groups and individuals were invited to contribute gift cards to be used for the fundraising raffle. It is because of the generous donations by the following that our raffle was even possible. The contributing interest groups were Bridge II, Genealogy, Golf, Literature I, Literature II, Movie Group, Out to Lunch and Reading Reality. The individuals who contributed were Marcia Block, Cathy Brown, Bette Bude, Jean Elliott, Susan Fenwick, Darlene Harris, Jane Hemer, Jan Horner, Angie Janik, Pam Kulp, Liz Maher, Michele Mangnall, Doris Nistler, Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy, Nancy Pierson, Linda Roberson, Dottie Schainker, Susan Shriver, Janet Sloey, Arlene Spector, Judy Stagoski and Pat White.



The following members and friends each contributed \$40 or more to be a Light of Leadership, a person willing to lead the way into our 41st year of AAUW local programs. Our lights are Marge Andersen, Lorna Anderson, Susan Barley, Janet Barrett, Mary Biggs, Marcia Block, JoAnn Boock, Sandy Brody, Kathy Brown, Carolyn Brown, Barb Butchart, Bette Bude, Willeyne Berger, Gloria Champion, Terri Ciccolella, Carol Derington, Jane Edwards, Erlaine Eltomi, Susan Fenwick, Ellen Friedman, Genevieve Gibson-Newman, Ann Hansen, Betty Hartman, Marilyn Schatteman, Susan Haynes, Joan Hewitt, Harriett Hirschfeld, Jan Horner, Angela Janik, Mary Jermak, Sandy Kalin, Mersine Kallaos, Jayne Kasten, Eileen Krahan, Pickett Lema, Liz Maher, Barbara McQuitty, Debbie McWard, Yvonne Morrison, Sandra Murdock, Doris Nistler, Cay Noble, Nancy Pierson, Ann Riley, Linda Roberson, Abby Roessler, Nance Roth, Judy Schaefer-Piet, Linda Seibert, Pat Shores, Diane Siegel, Janet Sloey, Arlene Spector, Sage Taber, Julia Triplett, Marsha Weppelman, Pat White, Leslie Wier, Anne Wolfe and Mary Kay Wolfe.

~Jan Horner, Co-President



Entertainment by Hooked on Tonics



Winter Luncheon: It's Our 40th Birthday Party!
Ballwin-Chesterfield Members Celebrate 40th Birthday



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 AAUW Honor Roll

In Memory of Pat Jennings

In Memory of Linda Tinker

In Memory of Pam Valentine

In Honor of Marcia Block for Her Birthday

In appreciation of Jan Barrett

In Honor of Eric Dean Pierson for His Birthday

In honor of Mitsuka Bude - wonderful daughter-in-law and new USA citizen

In honor of the 2021-22 Ballwin-Chesterfield Board for their service to the branch.

(Board members listed on page 9 and standing Committee chairs listed in Directory.)

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 30 donations since inception this fall!

Note: Future Honor Rolls will list honoree names but not the number of donations.



Book Sale Resumes in February!

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.

January 20

Book: *Writers and Lovers* by Lily King

Hostess: TBA

Facilitator: Mary Jermak

Contact Alice Crippen (jccripp@sbcglobal.net)

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

January 24

Book: *The Searcher* by Tana French

Facilitator: Marilyn Fletcher

Venue TBA

Contact Joyce Katz (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or

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

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

January 11

Book: *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson

Hostess: Marcia Block

Facilitator: Bette Bude

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, February, March, April, May

Zoom with Deb McWard (debmcward@earthlink.net)

or Teri Brecht (tebrecht@yahoo.com)

January 27 Jayne Kasten - *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara. Japanese-American family relocated to Chicago after WWII incarceration in an internment camp.

February 27 Teri Brecht – *It's Your World* by Chelsea Clinton

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.

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.

January 27

Ballwin Pasta House

14007 Manchester Rd.

Manchester, MO 63011

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

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday

January 19 – 11:15 a.m. (time change)

Lester's Restaurant in Ladue

9906 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124

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

Munching Matters Lunch with Food for Thought

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

2022 dates include:

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

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).

Expressions

**Tuesday January 4, 1 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Sage Taber will demonstrate the Cricut machine used in crafts, cards and much more.

All are welcome.

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 January

- 04 Expressions 1 p.m.
- 11 International Relations Lecture Series 10:45 a.m.
Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
- 12 **Deadline for February newsletter submissions**
- 13 Branch Meeting 10 a.m., via Zoom
- 17 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 19 Out to Lunch 11:15 a.m.
- 20 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Literature II 10 a.m.
- 27 Movie Group 11 a.m.
¡Adelante! Book Club 1:30 p.m.
- 31 Branch Officer Nominations Deadline

Coming In February

- 03 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 08 International Relations Lecture Series 10:45 a.m.
- 09 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
- 10 Branch Meeting 10 a.m.
- 12 **Deadline for March newsletter submissions**

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 February newsletter is January 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*.