

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.*



Jan Horner

Presidents' Corner



Sage Taber

Hello Spring! With the downward trend of the Omicron virus, we are happy to be meeting in person, with Zoom available when needed. The April *Branching Out* will tell you about new events for Dollars for Scholars, the branch Spring Luncheon, as well as all the other events with branch Interest Groups.

AAUW national has determined that Equal Pay Day was March 15. That is the day when white women earn in 15 months what white men earn in 12 months. The number of months for Black and Latina women is far greater: August 3, 2021, and October 21, 2021, respectively. This reminds us that we still have work to do to reach our goal of equity for women and girls. A bright spot is the advance the United States women's soccer team is making towards equal pay with the men's soccer team, which is currently paid much more, even though they have been less successful.

On the branch website, Public Policy has developed a way to follow AAUW mission-related bills as they advance through the Missouri legislature. Be sure to visit the site and learn how you can give your opinion to your legislators.

Join the newsletter team! If you can copy and paste in Word, you have what it takes to make our newsletter zing! Let Jan Horner or me know if you're ready to join the newsletter gang.

~ Co-President Sage Taber

April Branch Meeting

April 14, 2022

10 a.m. Business Meeting

11 a.m. Program

**Microbiologist Carol Gravens
Advanced Level St. Louis Master
Gardener**

Missouri Botanical Garden



Plants that Changed the Course of History

The interconnection of plants and human existence is monumental. Food, shelter, fuel, medicines, clothing, oxygen, and carbon dioxide—have you ever considered the impact of plants on our daily lives? Plants don't need humans to exist, but we would not exist without them. Carol will speak on a number of these plants that have changed the course of history.

The next board meeting will be April 7 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.

2022 AAUW MO State Conference 2022

Celebrate AAUW MO 100th Anniversary!

- **Friday May 6, 6:30–9:30 p.m.** Centennial Celebration Dinner & Program (special guests from our past)
- **Saturday May 7, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.** The AAUW MO state meeting includes awards, elections, installations, keynote speakers, breakouts, and programs.
- **Reservations 573 445 8531**, Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive, Columbia, MO 65203
- **Deadline: April 6** for special AAUW Rates Room rate is \$119 + taxes/fees per night, with up to four persons per room.
- **Registration link [American Assn. University Women](#):** you may need to hit CONTROL key and then hit the link to activate.
- On Saturday morning, coffee, rolls, and muffins are available prior to the meeting.
- **See Registration Reimbursement article, page 6.**

From the Finance Officer and the Vice Presidents for Membership

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in October of 2020 to increase the individual member dues for the next three years. Renewal for 2022–23 will be a second increase, in the amount of \$5.

Dues for 2022–23 will be \$67 for national (previous \$62 plus \$5 increase), \$10 for state (no change), and \$22 for Ballwin-Chesterfield (no change) for a grand total of \$99. Sixty-four dollars of the national dues are tax deductible. For more information about the increase, see the October 30, 2020 *Notice of Dues Adjustment* document from Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair.

Due to technical difficulties with the AAUW National website, you will not be receiving your personal payment link until further notice. Please look for upcoming announcements regarding dues payment online in the May-June *Branching Out* or the Friday Reminder. The alternate method is to send your \$99 check to Pat Shores. Write your check to AAUW.

The Finance Officer and the Membership Vice Presidents are offering an early dues payment incentive. Members who renew from April 16 to April 30 will get three chances to win a \$30 Panera gift card. Members who renew from May 1 to May 31 will get two chances to win the gift card. Members who renew from June 1 to June 30 will have one chance to win a Panera gift card.

~ Finance Officer Pat Shores

~ Membership Vice Presidents Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson



Why be a Member?

Are you aware that by becoming a member of AAUW, or renewing your existing membership, you're joining a community which is committed to AAUW's mission, and are directly providing funds to that mission?

Members' dues help support AAUW's work to:

- Train millions of women to negotiate for higher salaries and benefits.
- Support state and local fair-pay legislation to ban the use of salary history in hiring. This practice puts women at a financial disadvantage
- Develop more women leaders through workshops and conferences.
- Fund the research that is informing national conversations on the gender pay gap, women's student-debt burden, and other key equity issues.

Renewing your membership lets you avail yourself of the host of opportunities offered by AAUW to get involved with a local community of activists. We are looking forward to your participation.

~ Membership Vice Presidents Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson

Public Policy

Making Strides in Gender Equity

Here is some good news on the gender equity front!

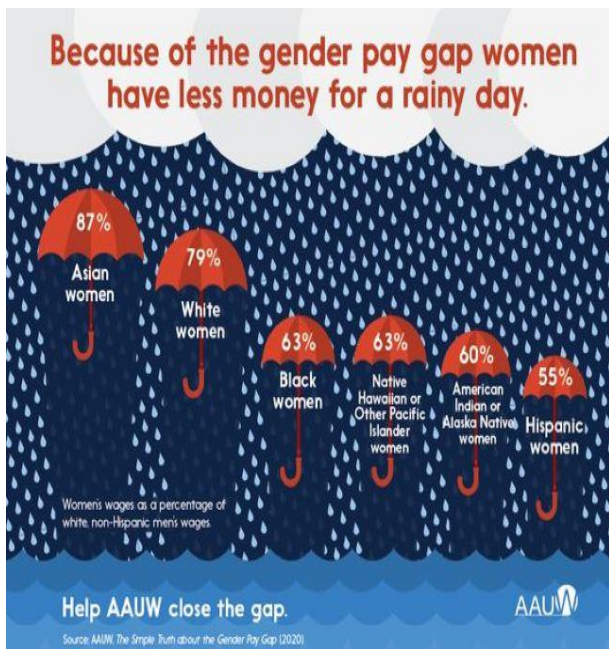
The United States Women's Soccer team won their July 2021 appeal in which they claimed that a federal judge was wrong to dismiss their claim that in May 2020 they were paid less for the same work as the United States Men's Soccer team. The United States Soccer Federation has agreed to pay a lump sum of \$22 million in back pay to players. Additionally, the Federation will put \$2 million into a fund for players' post-career goals and charitable efforts, with each player able to apply for up to \$50,000. The settlement is contingent on the ratification of a new collective bargaining agreement.

- The Pew Research Center 2020 gender pay gap indicated gains in younger age groups:
 - Women ages 25-34 earned 93 cents for every dollar a man earned in the same age group.
 - In 1980, women ages 25-34 earned 33 cents less than males compared to 7 cents in 2020.
 - In 1980, the gap for all ages was 36 percent compared to 16 percent in 2020.
- Recent review of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the number of women as CEOs of Fortune 500 companies has grown from 2 in 2000 to 41 in 2021.

Even with these strides AAUW members need to continue to work toward gender equity for all.

~ Public Policy Co-directors Angela Janik & Ann Riley

AAUW Fund



AAUW National Research Report

One of the things that I love and respect about the B-C branch and AAUW National is how the members continuously work for the future of my daughters, granddaughters, nieces, grandnieces through research.

According to the AAUW research report the *Simple Truth about the Pay Gap*, at the current rate of progress, the gender pay gap will not close until 2111. In the 2021 update for the report, the United States Census Bureau (2020) cited the trend for equity Asian women will attain equity in 2041, white, non-Hispanic women in 2069, Black women in 2369, and Hispanic women in 2451.

The gender pay gap affects the daily living expenses of all American women including insurance coverage, savings, childcare, finances, housing, medical coverage, retirement, mental health, and their family's future. The graph (L) shows how this affects all women. Thank you AAUW for watching out for us!

For more information, see www.aauw.org/resources/research/simple-truth/. Scroll down to download the 2021 update.

~ AAUW Fund Co-directors
Eileen Krahman & Marian Bauer

Ballwin-Chesterfield Elected Officer Nominees 2022–23



Sandy Brody, Co-President

Sandy has been a member of AAUW B-C since spring 2016. She has served as an editor of *Branching Out*, the B-C newsletter, since 2017. Sandy has a bachelor's degree in speech communication from University of Southern Colorado and in elementary education from University of Kansas; she holds a master's in educational administration from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. She spent the greatest part of her working life at elementary school, teaching grades 4 and 5 and then as a building administrator. Sandy is a widow and has a daughter and two grandchildren. She has been active in AAUW B-C and the Assistance League of St. Louis. Sandy's hobbies are work and travel.



Jean Light, Finance Officer

Jean holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from East Tennessee State University. She also has an associate degree in Data Processing. After briefly teaching, she changed to information technology where she enjoyed a 30-year career in sales and services. She plays piano and enjoys listening to a wide range of music from jazz to classical. She loves live theater and movies. She is a co-editor for the AAUW B-C newsletter, focusing on Interest Groups. Jean is widowed with two adult children, a daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren. She enjoys living in St. Louis and being with family and many wonderful friends.



Michele Mangnall, Membership Vice President

Michele Mangnall graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in psychology. She also received a master's degree in special education from the University of Missouri-St Louis. She worked in various roles in the special education department in The City of St. Charles Public Schools for 15 years. During that time, she obtained a certificate from the University of Missouri-St. Louis as a school counselor. She then worked as a school counselor for 16 years in the Parkway School District. She has volunteered with the 100 Neediest Cases Program through the United Way for the past 15 years. She has been married for 43 years, has two grown children and two grandchildren. For fun she likes to bake, garden, read, and hike in area parks.



April Walgren, Membership Vice President

April is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University (BA), University of Missouri (Columbia) School of Journalism (MA) and University of Missouri-St. Louis (MBA). Early work experience included publications positions at the Missouri Historical Society and the Catholic Health Association. As office technology evolved, a focus on technical writing led to positions at MasterCard and most recently Nestle Purina. She is widowed, has three children and enjoys tap dancing. AAUW is the first organization she joined since retiring in 2019!



Janet Sloey, Program Vice President

Janet received a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University with a major in child development and minor in modern language. She earned a master of arts in teaching from Webster College (now University) with a major in elementary school mathematics, and reading specialist certification through University of Missouri St. Louis.

Janet has taught preschool 4-year-olds and kindergarten through 8th grade, primarily reading and communication arts. She taught remedial math through a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Her hobbies include Tai Chi and playing Mah Jongg. She volunteers through the Manchester Parks Department to organize and teach a group of Mah Jongg players. Janet and her husband, Mike, have been married for 53 years. They have a son and a daughter, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Karen B. Francis, AAUW Fund Co-director



Karen received a bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State University and a master's in education-school counseling/psychological examiner from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. She earned a Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate in Educational Leadership/ Administration from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Karen worked as a high school social studies instructor and Middle School Counselor in the Pattonville School District and was a high school administrator at Eureka High School, Rockwood School District. She was a counselor at the Hope clinic for Women in Granite City, IL.

Karen has served in many leadership positions in AAUW as well as in Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice, National Women's Political Caucus, and Safe Connections. She has done volunteer work in public policy and social justice. Her hobbies are her grandchildren, theater, and travel. Karen and her husband, Terry, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Suzanne Couch, AAUW Fund Co-Director



Suzanne is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University and received her master's degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Suzanne is retired from the Rockwood School District. She taught for 30 years as a home economics teacher at Lafayette and Eureka High Schools.

Suzanne joined AAUW B-C in 2002, and has since served as president, vice-president of program, and as the chair of many committees, including the Winter Auction Committee several times. She has been chair of IBC and has served as a liaison to the AAUW Missouri State President. Currently, she collects items from our members for St. Martha's Hall, the abused women's shelter in St. Louis. After living in Ballwin for many years, she currently resides in Fenton with her three cats: Mr. Mittens, Mr. Socks, and Ms. Boots.

Marian Bauer, Public Policy Co-director



Marian joined Ballwin-Chesterfield in 2005 and has held many leadership positions. She was branch historian, International Relations Lecture Series coordinator, branch president 2011–13, EOF co-director and AAUW Fund co-director. Marian served on many committees including membership, EOF, university liaison, and program. She has attended many AAUW MO and two national conventions and promotes numerous Dollars for Scholars events. Marian received her bachelor's in history from Marillac College and master's in education from Notre Dame College, Belmont CA. She spent 40 years in elementary education as teacher and principal. She has one niece, three nephews, 13 great nieces and nephews, and five great-great nieces and nephews. Marian enjoys their company and that of her friends, and enjoys traveling, movies, and golf.

Spring Luncheon: Making A Difference – Step by Step

May 12 Whitmoor Country Club
Social Hour: 11 a.m. Lunch: 12 noon
Reservations: \$28 by check only



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 April branch meeting, or you may send a check for \$28 to Carol Derington, payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield. Please include any guests with your reservation.

Table selections can be made at the time of payment for your reservation. If you have dietary needs, let us know when you make your reservation. We look forward to seeing you at this year's luncheon.

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

International Relations Lecture Series

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. The meeting can be accessed at <https://lectureseries.org/>. Click “Join a Meeting,” and enter via the Ethical Society’s Zoom ID **384-422-5785**.

April 12, 2022

The Waxing and Waning of Democracy Around the World

Speaker: Olga Bezhanova, associate professor, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

After the fall of the USSR in 1991 and the subsequent efforts of countries in Eastern Europe and the Global South to establish democratic regimes, there was a widespread feeling that humanity had achieved what Francis Fukuyama termed “the end of history” and accepted the primacy of representative democracy over other types of political systems. Since then, however, we have seen the initial enthusiasm for democracy weaken in Latin America and countries of Central and Eastern Europe. At the same time, well-established democracies of the West have experienced a series of crises that cast doubt over their capacity to preserve fully democratic systems of government. What is the future of democracy? Will it renew itself in the coming years or are we to prepare for continued weakening of democratic institutions everywhere?

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Ballwin-Chesterfield Member AAUW MO Conference Reimbursement Incentive



You will certainly want to be part of the AAUW of Missouri state conference, the first to be held in two years, which will occur in Columbia on May 6 and 7.

Please take advantage of Ballwin-Chesterfield’s reimbursement guideline of “receipt of registration and proof of attendance,” which allows each member reimbursement for early bird registration for the Saturday conference day. Saturday conference registration is \$60, which includes lunch, and must be made by April 6; thereafter registration is \$70.

On May 6, there will be an optional banquet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of AAUW MO. The fee for the banquet is \$50, which is paid by each attendee. Please see the branch website for complete conference information and registration forms (<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>)

I usually write the reimbursement checks by the end of Saturday, so you can go home with \$60 to spend on the way back to St. Louis after enjoying an interesting day with your AAUW friends from around the state.

~ Finance Officer Pat Shores

Spring STEM Events

This year’s St. Louis Science Fair will once again be conducted as an e-fair, with online judging. Students will upload their projects by April 21, and winners will be announced on May 3 via the Science Fair website. Our branch will honor three girls from the Honors Division whose science projects are deemed outstanding. Each of these students will receive a \$125 MOST 529 college scholarship and an emailed congratulatory message from AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.

In late April or early May, up to five junior girls from Valley Park High School, five from Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School, and five from Pattonville High School will receive a STEM Girls of Promise award. Each student will receive an attractive gift box that contains a medal, certificate, check, and personal letter of congratulations from AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.





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 (jlegs115@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/

April Used Book Sale – Last One till Fall!

Drop by the April Used Book Sale. Plan to donate items AND purchase.

Donation criteria:

- Please limit your donations to **10 items**.
- Donate **current** books in **good condition** (published in the last 5 years), exceptions such as tried and true classics, but, in general, please use the 5-year guideline. Do not donate textbooks.
- We accept books for children and adults, DVDs, and puzzles.
- Hardbacks and oversized paperbacks are most popular.

Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe.



The AAUW Honor Roll

In honor of Pat White who gave her time, materials, and expertise to teach my granddaughter how to craft a Kumihimo bead bracelet on a cold Saturday.

Members may celebrate others with DFS contributions to honor a birthday, an academic or an athletic goal, promotion, or other milestone. 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**.

To donate in memory of a loved one, please send Nancy the name/address to whom an acknowledgement postcard may be sent. Thank you to AAUW members and friends for honor donations and memorial donations to the DFS Honor Roll.

Tour of Tower Grove Park

Thursday, April 28, 10–11:15 a.m.

Cost: \$10, all proceeds to DFS

A docent guided walking tour, *Historic Heart of the Park*, explores the rich history of the central corridor in Tower Grove Park. Learn about Henry Shaw's vision for the park. See the historic landscapes and architecture including the Turkish Pavilion and the ruins along with anecdotes that go with the history. It's a beautiful time of year for a walk in the park.

Meet at the Trinity parking lot at 9:20 a.m. to carpool or meet at Tower Grove Park. Optional lunch afterwards – location TBD. **Event sponsored by Michele Mangnall, Nancy Pierson, and Janet Sloey.**

Tour St. Louis Soldiers Memorial Military Museum

1315 Chestnut, St. Louis MO 63103

Wednesday May 4, 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$13 (\$3 to guide, \$10 to DFS)

Meet at the park at the Music Stand Loop, Magnolia Street entrance.

Or to carpool, meet at the Trinity parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

Optional lunch at Favazza's Restaurant

Does your family history include members who served in the military? Are you a genealogy researcher and would like to know more about these family members? Are you interested in military history? If "yes" then please join me for a visit to St. Louis's Soldiers Memorial Military Museum. Founded in 1938, the \$30 million renovation makes it a state-of-the-art facility honoring military service members, veterans, and their families. Included is a special focus on women members of the military. Guest veterans may particularly enjoy this tour.

Questions: contact event sponsor Barbara Kellams.

Impressionism and Beyond Docent-Led Tour

Cost: \$12, all to DFS

St. Louis Art Museum, Friday, June 3, 10 a.m.

Group limit is 10, per SLAM requirement; you may sign up for the wait list. The museum could change size limit closer to June. Carpooling from Trinity, 9:15 a.m. or meet at the museum. Lunch TBD

Impressionism and Beyond focuses on the late 19th and early 20th centuries when European life encountered dramatic social, political, and psychological changes, which in turn contributed to significant artistic developments. Artists responded to this fluid environment in many ways, visualizing modern life as it was, but also viewing the world through an imaginative lens.

Art Docent Clare Richardson will lead us through this wonderful and diverse exhibit. She suggests that we may want to add a visit to the Picasso exhibit in Gallery 211, which features the new gift from Emily Pulitzer, "Woman in a Red Hat."

Sign up at the April branch meeting or **contact Bette Bude and Mary Kay Wolfe**. Please pay by check to AAUW B-C with DFS art tour in the memo line.



Tour the Carondelet Museum

June 23, 10 a.m.

6303 Michigan Ave, 63111

Cost: \$15

Carpool from Trinity at 9:10 a.m.

The Carondelet Museum is a treasure of St. Louis history. On our private tour, see a replica of Susan Blow's kindergarten, which revolutionized the philosophy governing the teaching of young children. Learn about the area's early and modern history as told by Dave Bouchein, a museum director. Enjoy the impressive collections of historical artifacts and documents and understand how the area helps explain the St. Louis story.

After the tour, you may enjoy lunch with us at Pietro's Restaurant, a St. Louis favorite since 1960. Sign up at the April meeting or contact sponsors **Joyce Katz and Erlaine Eltomi**.

The Good News Progress Toward Closing the Gender Pay Gap During the Last Four Years



2022 AAUW promotes pay equity for women every day.

A movie about Lillie Ledbetter is in the works.

The US Women's Soccer Team received the same contract as the men.

President Biden urged the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act in his first State of the Union Address.

2021 Over 100,000 women have enrolled in AAUW Work Smart salary negotiations training.

Some form of equal pay is guaranteed in 87/193 countries. The U. S. is not one of them.

Belgium, France, Denmark, Luxembourg, Sweden, Canada, Iceland, Portugal, and Ireland offered full equal pay rights for men and women.

President Biden's first statement on his Biden Agenda for Women is to "improve economic security by fighting for equal pay..."

Finland plans to let workers see colleagues' salaries to close the gender pay gap.

Actress Jessica Chastain fought for fellow female costars on her latest movie to earn equal pay.

The House of Representatives passed the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, but it failed in the Senate.

2020 Kansas City Council directed the city manager to look at the salary of all city employees.

St. Louis City adopted an ordinance that prohibits asking applicants for employment about their salary history, including wages, benefits, and any other compensation during the hiring process.

2019 St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page signed an executive order that bans inquiries into and reliance on salary history for setting pay rates for new hire county employees.

Kansas City adopted an ordinance that prohibits employers from inquiring about an applicant's salary histories.

Eleven states passed fair pay laws. Missouri was not one of them.

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.

April 21

Book: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Hostess: Diane Siegel

Reviewer: Brenda Bussen

Contact *Alice Crippen* (jccripp@sbcglobal.net)

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

Will resume in Fall 2022.

Contact *Joyce Katz* (joycekatz44@gmail.com) or

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

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

April 12

Book: *The Broken Heart of America: St. Louis and the violent History of the U.S.* by Walter Johnson

Hostess: Dianne Compton

Reviewer: Dianne Compton

Contact *Marcia Block* (mhblock@sbcglobal.net) or *Mary Kay Wolfe* (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

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

April 28

Book: TBA

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.

April 18

Contact *Mary Pinney*

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

April 5

Contact *Chris Magilligan* or *Elaine Frost*

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

April 26

Contact *Alice Crippen* or *Elaine Frost*

Golf

Golf resumes in April.

Contact *Bev Wait* (wait89@aol.com) or *Elaine Frost* (elfrost7@charter.net).

Movie Group

4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

Will resume in Fall 2022.

For more information, contact *Mersine Kallaos* (mkallaos@prodigy.net).

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

April 20

Provinces

1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131

For more information or to RSVP, contact *Jean Light* (jhl1234@charter.net).

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.

Expressions

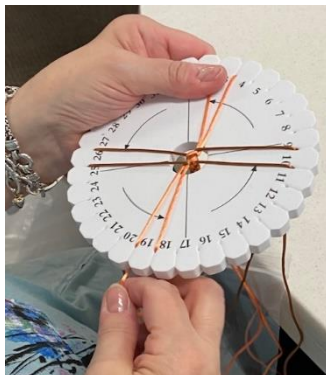
Tuesday, April 5, 1 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Photos at right:
Last month's Expressions group made bracelets.

Expressions will make cards for hospitalized kids. We have supplies for everyone. Join us as we bring smiles to children.

RSVP by March 29 to nance.roth@yahoo.com.
If we must cancel, we will notify everyone.
Thanks!

Contact Nance Roth 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). Contact Roz Marx (rozsie3@gmail.com).

Munching Matters Lunch with Food for Thought

Wednesday meetings at 11 a.m. Will resume in Fall 2022.

Julie Triplett and Doris Nistler, Coordinators

Play Readers 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Members will be contacted with meeting details. Contact Marilyn Fletcher (marilynletcher597@gmail.com).



Activities Calendar, Officers, and Branch Information

Coming In April

- 05 Expressions 1 p.m.
- 07 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 12 International Relations Lecture Series 10:45 a.m.
Reading Reality 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Branch Meeting and Used Book Sale 10 a.m.
- 15 **Deadline for May-June newsletter: *Note change***
- 16 **Dues Renewal Email**
- 20 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Lit I 9:30
- 28 DFS Tower Grove Park Tour 10 a.m.
¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

Coming In May

- 04 DFS Soldiers Memorial 10:30 a.m.
- 05 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 06–07 Missouri State Conference
- 12 Spring Luncheon 11 a.m.
- 16 **Dues Renewal Email**
- 24–26 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
- 29 DFS Manhattan Transfer 6:30 p.m.

Coming In June

- 03 DFS Impressionism and Beyond 10 a.m.
- 16 **Dues Renewal Email**
- 23 DFS Tour the Carondelet Museum 10 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 2022–23 are \$99: \$22 for the B-C branch, \$10 for AAUW MO, and \$67 to AAUW national; \$64 of national dues are tax-deductible

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the May-June newsletter is April 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 Carolyn Brown 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 Krahan
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 Krahan & 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*.