



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

Before you read this newsletter get your calendar ready because there are many great opportunities on the pages ahead. First, the Missouri State Convention is May 6-7 in Columbia, MO. This convention is an opportunity to meet women from across the state who share our values, and a chance to be present for the installation of the new state president, Karen Francis.

Be sure to write your check and make your reservation to attend Ballwin-Chesterfield's Spring Luncheon at the Whitmoor Country Club on May 12. Do you remember how great those luncheons used to be? The country club is beautiful, and the food was always outstanding. This luncheon will be even better because we have been waiting three years!

In addition, we have in-person interest groups and several Dollars for Scholars events happening. Enjoy time with other branch members, and even bring along a friend to introduce them to AAUW.

After three years, this will be my last article as co-president. This job was certainly not what I anticipated when I was installed in May 2019. We have faced many challenges together, and I have learned several new skills as we worked our way from in-person to zoom to hybrid and back to in-person gatherings. But I have to say the absolute best part of the job was getting to know some of the most outstanding members of our branch. There are some incredibly generous ladies who give their time and talents to AAUW, and especially to Ballwin-Chesterfield.

Thank you to all of you for your support and flexibility as we worked to find ways to continue to support gender equity for women and girls. It has been an honor to serve as co-president.

~Co-president, Jan Horner

Spring Luncheon Making A Difference – Step by Step

May 12

Whitmoor Country Club

Social Hour: 11 a.m. Lunch: 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.

Anyone interested in attending may send a check for \$28 to Carol Derington payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield. Please also include guests with your reservation. Checks must be received by April 27.

Table selections can be made at the time of the reservation and payment. If you have dietary needs, let us know when you make your reservation.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's luncheon. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact co-chairs Michele Mangnall (bmmags@yahoo.com) and Susan Fenwick (susanfenwick3@icloud.com).



**The next board meeting will be May 5 at 10 a.m.
You may arrive after 9:45 a.m. All elected and
appointed directors are expected to attend.**

**Please contact Jan Horner
(janethorner@yahoo.com) if you are unable to
attend.**

From the Finance Officer and Membership

AAUW has a new membership system, the Community Hub, which is every member's personal portal into AAUW. The new system is still being updated and the technical problems are being corrected, so here is what we recommend that members do at this time:

- Login on the aauw.org home page and follow the directions to fill in your information. You can do this yourself.
- **Do not** pay your dues now online with a credit card. The dues amount is not correct.
- **Do not** send a check to Finance Officer, Pat Shores, at this time. Pat has not been trained on how to submit checks in the new system yet.
- Watch for emails, as updates will be sent about the best time and way to pay your dues.

Ballwin-Chesterfield usually collects the next year's dues beginning in March. Payment for 2023 are not officially due until July 2022, so members have plenty of time to renew their annual membership.

Pat and Judy will be happy to help you login for free, but if you would like to donate to Dollars for Scholars for the help, we will be happy to pass it on. Contact information is in the directory.

~ Finance Officer Pat Shores and Membership Co-Vice President Judy Stagoski

2022 AAUW MO State Conference Celebrating a Century of Success

Make reservations now for the 2022 AAUW MO State Conference in Columbia on May 6 and 7!
Get a flyer [here](#) and registration form [here](#).



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

On Saturday morning, coffee, rolls, and muffins will be available prior to the meeting.

Best of all, Ballwin-Chesterfield will reimburse fees for members who attend! See particulars in the [April branch newsletter, p. 6!](#) 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

Membership

As the branch celebrates the conclusion of another successful year, we want to thank our members for their loyalty and flexibility. While we had to make some adaptations due to the “surprises” Covid sent our way, we navigated them successfully. We recognize the challenge of logging in to the new Community Hub, and if you haven't been successful yet, we encourage you to continue to try logging in. National assures us that the problems are being solved.

Most of all, we want each member to know how important she is to the success and viability of AAUW and specifically to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch. We repeat the closing message of the membership report at the April meeting, YOU are the face of AAUW! Spread the importance of AAUW's focus and goals. Encourage potential new members to attend an event or a branch meeting. Most of all, we look forward to seeing you and all the enthusiasm you bring to our future events and meetings.

~ Membership Co-Vice Presidents Judy Stagoski and Linda Roberson

AAUW Fund: Not-So-Golden Years

Women encounter a pay gap at every stage of life, but nowhere is it more pronounced than during the retirement years. On all three components of the three-legged stool of retirement security — Social Security, pension, and savings — women fall short. As a result, women have 70 percent of the income that men have during retirement. Older women are more likely than men to live below the poverty line: In 2018, 11 percent of women over age 65 lived in poverty, compared to 8 percent of men. Even those who aren't impoverished struggle to live on meager incomes. While white men over 65 have an average annual income of \$44,200, Black women in that age group have only \$21,900, Latinas have \$14,800, and white women have an average annual income of \$23,100.

Over the course of a lifetime, the gender pay gap causes women to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in earnings, which makes it difficult to accumulate savings. Moreover, because women are more likely to work part-time, or to move in and out of the workforce as they juggle caregiving responsibilities, they are less able to save for retirement and less likely to have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan. Lower wages, coupled with time away from work, result in lower Social Security benefits. **The Greatest Needs Fund** fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay and equity.

Source: www.aauw.org/issues/equity/retirement/

~Genevieve Gibson-Newman AAUW Fund committee member

Ballwin-Chesterfield Supports Women Student Leaders

A Recent History of Branch Scholarships for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

Ballwin-Chesterfield is proud to be part of the IBC effort to send women student leaders to the NCCWSL leadership conference and always sends \$500 to IBC for an IBC attendee. Then in 2020, we decided to support a second student's attendance at NCCWSL from the branch budget. UMSL student Nicole Caldwell was our student, but the conference was cancelled because of COVID. The branch then committed to send Nicole to the 2021 conference in Washington, D.C. However, that conference was also cancelled, so we paid for Nicole to participate in a virtual event. Nicole enthusiastically reported that the virtual conference was "the best Zoom meeting she ever attended."

B-C committed to sponsor two NCCWSL attendees in 2022. However, we needed to select another local institution because UMSL is not a current AAUW partner. The revised 2021 IBC NCCWSL Guidelines state that the candidate should be "...a student of a St. Louis area institution that is an AAUW College/University Partner Member." Therefore, Pat coordinated with University of Health Science and Pharmacy to send two rising junior students to Washington, D.C. Once again, an on-site conference was cancelled so we paid \$165 each for the young women to attend via Zoom and pledged to support both next year when they can hopefully go to D.C.

Feleesia Cunningham plans to earn a doctorate in physical therapy and work in sports therapy. Shayla Pham wants to become a hospital pharmacist. This year's IBC representative is Webster University student Natalie Scheers, who wants to build an inclusive theater system when she graduates.

~Pat Shores, IBC NCCWSL Committee Member

Spring STEM Events

This year's St. Louis Science Fair was once again conducted as an e-fair, with online judging. Students uploaded their projects before 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.

On April 18, we honored five junior girls from Pattonville High School as STEM Girls of Promise. On April 20, we honored five junior girls from Valley Park High School, and on April 28 five junior girls will be honored from Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School. All 15 STEM Girls of Promise will receive an attractive gift box that contains a medal, a certificate, a check for \$100, and a personal letter of congratulations from AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield.

For additional information, contact Genevieve Gibson-Newman.

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

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.

In Memory of Ken Berry.

In Memory of Judy Giovanoni.

In Honor of Lorna Anderson for her birthday.

To honor my granddaughter Gwyn Scallions, an A+ scholar who is finishing her final semester at St. Louis Community College, and who has a good heart as well as a good brain!

To honor my granddaughter Sophia Wier, who has embraced moving into high school by maintaining her high academic levels, making new friends, and trying new activities.

To honor my granddaughter Corinne Wier, who chose to support a friend by running cross country, and who has improved both her running times and her grades with hard work.

To honor my grandson Donovan Wier, who continues to excel at reading, and who is working at being the best Donovan he can be.

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)

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 the St. Louis 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 at 9:15 a.m. (attendees will be contacted) or meet at the museum.

Lunch is at the Art Museum restaurant, Panorama.

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."

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

Thursday June 23, 10 a.m.

6303 Michigan Ave, 63111

Cost: \$15

Carpool at 9:10 a.m. TBD

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.

Members Celebrate at IBC Metro Event

The annual AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council "Swing into Spring" Luncheon on March 26 was a delightful event. AAUW members were pleased with the food and venue, thrilled with the entertainment provided by Queens of Swing, an all-female 1940's tribute band, and in awe of the Barb Lackritz honorees. Seventy plus members from five metropolitan branches, including many former Barb Lackritz honorees, renewed friendships, shared memories, and raised money for IBC activities. A big thank you to all who attended.

**Pam Kulp St. Charles, Jeanne Webdell K-WG,
Sue Barley STL, and Carolyn Herstroetter F-F**



2022 Barbara Lackritz Honorees



**Joyce Katz
2022 Ballwin-Chesterfield
Barbara Lackritz Honoree**

2022 AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council Spring Fling

B-C Members Enjoy Spring Fling Luncheon Event



**Previous Barbara Lackritz Service Award Recipients
Including Six Ballwin-Chesterfield Members**

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.

May 19

Book: *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

Hostess: Arlene Spector

Reviewer: Sande Mawhinney

June 16

Luncheon and Book Selection

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.

May — no meeting

June 14 Luncheon and Book Selection

Contact Marcia Block (mhbblock@sbcglobal.net) or

Mary Kay Wolfe (mkwolfe@hotmail.com).

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

May 26 & June 23

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.

May 16 & June 20

Contact Mary Pinney

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

May 3 & June 7

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost

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

May 24 & June 28

Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost

Golf

Meets every Monday in May and June.

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.

May 18

The Blue Duck

2661 Sutton Blvd.

Maplewood, MO 63143

June 15

Annie Gunn's

16806 Chesterfield Airport Rd

Chesterfield, MO 63005

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

May 3 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

We will introduce a popular new craft, Diamond Paint, and learn how to make everything from tiny ornaments to large, framed pictures.

Expressions will resume in Fall 2022.
Contact Nance Roth (nance.roth@yahoo.com)
or Pat White (pgwhite02@gmail.com).

The pictures on the right are some of the cards the Expressions group made for hospitalized children.



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.

Coordinators Julie Triplett and Doris Nistler

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 May

02, 09, 16, 23 Golf
3 Expressions
04 DFS Soldiers Memorial 10:30 a.m.
05 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
06–07 Missouri State Conference, Columbia MO
12 Spring Luncheon 11 a.m.
18 Out to Lunch
19 Lit I
24–26 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
26 ¡Adelante! to be announced
29 DFS Manhattan Transfer 6:30 p.m.

Coming In June

06, 13, 20, 27 Golf
03 DFS Impressionism and Beyond 10 a.m.
14 Reading Reality Book Selection Luncheon
15 Out to Lunch
16 Lit I Book Selection Luncheon
23 DFS Tour the Carondelet Museum 10 a.m.
¡Adelante! to be announced

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 July-August newsletter is June 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

Dollars for Scholars Janet Sloey & Nancy Pierson
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Newsletter Editors Sandy Brody, Mary Jermak, & Jean Light
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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*.