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Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.*

October Branch Meeting

October 13, 2022
Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility
333 Holloway Rd., Ballwin 63011



**Speaker: Ariel Burgess of the International Institute
Vice President of Client Services**

Ariel Burgess will speak on the topic of "Refugee Resettlement in St. Louis—Afghans and Others." She has been with the International Institute since 2000 and oversees refugee resettlement and immigration. She is a licensed social worker with an MSW from Washington University.

Our members have no doubt been moved by the plight of recent refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine and have seen news reports of their arrivals. St. Louis has long had the reputation of being a welcoming area, and we know how the community has in turn benefitted from earlier waves of refugees. We look forward to her presentation.

Program Vice President Marcia Block

Presidents' Corner

Greetings to all! By the time you read this, we should be well into autumn, stuffed with pumpkin bread, pumpkin spiced lattes, pumpkin beer, pumpkin cookies and pumpkin marshmallows. This morning at Dierberg's, I saw pumpkin Cheerios. While this is all great fun, AAUW has been tracking and acting on the more serious matters of fall, 2022.



AAUW has applauded the plan to reduce and/or forgive some student debt. However, Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW CEO, points out that, "Student debt remains an obstacle to gender and racial equity. The administration must provide a permanent solution to canceling student debt and expand loan repayment options." Visit the national website, aauw.org to read her entire statement.

Along the same lines, AAUW is promoting passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant workers. Examples of this idea would be assuring access to bathroom breaks and water bottles. You can support this act by using the two-minute activist available on the national website.

Sandy Brody

AAUW joined many other groups and strongly condemned the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding reproductive freedom. In her official statement, Gloria L. Blackwell states, "Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security, which is a crucial component of AAUW's mission." The entire statement is available on aauw.org.

On the local front, AAUW is closely tracking implementation of the new Missouri election laws. Many of our members are working to secure voting access, and some have even taken steps to become certified voter registrars. Access to voting is central to the AAUW mission. Continue reading in this newsletter for action you can take prior to the November election.

Being a member of AAUW connects you with a national, state and local organization that tracks and acts on issues that affect all of us, no matter what, where or when. You can stay informed, even during the season of pumpkins. Happy autumn to everyone!

Co-president Sandy Brody

2022 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Des Peres City Park, 12325 Manchester Road, 63131

Please join your AAUW friends at the beautiful Des Peres Park for the annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk. Your donation will go to support research on topics important to the AAUW goals and mission. Sign up at the October meeting or send your donation to Pat Shores. Please make your check payable to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. If you have questions, contact Carol Derington or Pat Shores. Cancellation of the event is possible due to inclement weather.

ER Walk Co-chairs Carol Derington and Pat Shores

Public Policy

November 8 is Election Day in the US and the first time the new Missouri voting law will take effect. There are major changes that went into effect August 28, 2022, that you, your family, and friends need to know:

- You must show a nonexpired Missouri driver's license or non-driver state ID card, a nonexpired US passport, a nonexpired military ID including a veteran's ID card or another current Photo ID from the Missouri state or federal government to vote.
- Unless you are verified through the Secretary of State as a Voter Registration Solicitor, you cannot share voter registration information or absentee voter information with more than ten people.
- This law is curtailing the ability of organizations to assist voter registration.

To exercise your right to vote, you must be registered by October 12.

1. Make a plan to vote.
2. Check your registration status at sos.mo.gov/elections or call your local election authority.
3. Verify that you have the correct voter identification.
4. If you have any questions or concerns on election day, call the Election Protection hot line @1-866-our-vote.

Remember, your voice is your vote. Please contact us with any questions.

Public Policy Co-chairs Angie Janik and Marian Bauer

AAUW Survey: Nearly Half of Women Feel Financially Insecure

In the wake of the pandemic, nearly a third of the women polled by AAUW reported that their income is not sufficient to meet their basic needs. Nearly half of those polled reported that they did not feel financially secure. The poll, conducted in August 2021, asked 723 women living in New York City how the pandemic affected their economic status. A significant portion said that they had lost some or all their income during the pandemic. Among those who did not report losing income, many were struggling to meet ends meets long before the pandemic.

AAUW advocates for women by calling for comprehensive unemployment insurance, paid leave for all and canceling crippling student debt to give millions of women and families the financial stability they need to thrive. Through AAUW Fund, our resources are used to take concrete steps toward ending the systemic inequities that are hurting women and their families. AAUW Fund fuels our efforts to keep AAUW a political powerhouse; the White House knows our name. We can and will make a positive and significant contribution to women's lives through our contribution to AAUW Fund.

AAUW Fund Co-chair Suzanne Couch

Finance

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch 2022–23 proposed budget was approved by the board at its September meeting. The next step is for members to vote to approve the proposed budget at the October branch meeting. A copy of the proposed budget will be distributed to each member for review before the branch meeting. Contact Pat Shores with specific budget comments or questions **before** the October meeting. For your information, the branch has two bank accounts and one CD account of \$3070 approximately.

The Operating Fund Account is the biggest and most active fund. The income comes mainly from two sources: the \$22 portion of the dues that our branch retains and the winter fundraiser. Operating Fund expenses mainly include rental costs for the board and branch meetings at the Ballwin Golf Club Events Facility, Liability and Director and Officer insurance policies, an AAUW Greatest Needs Fund donation, IBC, NCCWSL and International Relations support, cash awards for high school girls planning STEM college studies, AAUW state conference attendance, and officer, director, and committee expenses. Check the Operating Fund portion of the proposed budget to see the many mission-based activities our branch supports.

The Dollars for Scholars Account income comes from the ten-dollar donation that the branch keeps. The expense in the DFS account is for the scholarships for four mature women returning to school and costs of an outing, if applicable.

Finance Officer Jean Light



Save the Date for our Annual Branch Fundraiser

Thursday, December 8, 2022

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Become a B-C Booster

This year there will be no silent auctions, no boutique sales, no Elegant Edibles and no major raffles. **There will be** entertainment, games, great food and the opportunity for you to become a B-C Booster to help Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch to continue to support our wonderful local programs.

Fundraising Chair Jan Horner

Gourmet Bean Soup Mix Available Until Supplies Run Out

The Ballwin-Chesterfield delicious soup mix packages will be available for sale at the October and November branch meetings. The gourmet mix of beans, peas and lentils will be sold for \$7 a bag and includes directions for preparing a vegetarian or meat-flavored soup. Buy some for yourself to enjoy during the long winter season and for others to share with friends and family.

Lorna Anderson, Pat Shores, and Sue Shriver

Fall Brunch Recap

Three cheers for the eighty-four members and guests who attended the Fall Brunch on September 8 to kick-off the meetings, activities, and events for 2022–23. The Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility provided a fitting venue for fun, food and fellowship that celebrated the theme of “Carving New Memories.”



After a short business meeting to introduce the present board, members joined together to match wits with the presidents and play rapid games of bingo unlike any they ever played before. A tasty lunch provided by Best Box Lunches followed. Drawings for themed baskets and door prizes for table decorations rounded out the event. Hats off to the committee for organizing and keeping the attendees happy.

Fall Brunch Chair Jean Elliott

The Hospitality Committee Needs You

The Hospitality Committee is back. After two years of being on hiatus due to Covid, the Hospitality Committee is now ready to roll. We need volunteers to provide a delightful assortment of nibbles at our branch meetings. Bringing homemade or purchased treats is an easy way to contribute. Without your help we will not be able to offer snacks at the meetings. Sign-up spots are still available. Contact Jane Hemer or Joan Hewitt.

Hospitality Chairs Joan Hewitt and Jane Hemer

AAUW Missouri Focus on AAUW Mission: Keeping members “in the loop”

At the state level, we have four working committees that are focused on keeping our members informed and giving members the opportunity to participate. AAUW MO Committees are Public Policy, College University Partners (CU), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), and science, technology, and math (STEM). Please consider joining one or more of these committees.

AAUW MO has been approached to participate in a CU working group, as well as presenting our DEI Inclusion/Infusion Program, as part of the National DEI Training Program. The purpose is to introduce various elements of DEI in small segments to our members at every opportunity, through activities and outreach, while keeping DEI at the forefront of everything we do. AAUW MO is making a difference in the lives of women and girls.

AAUW MO President Karen Francis

Votes for Women Second Historic Marker Installation

Please join us for the installation of a second historical roadside marker at the site of one of Virginia Minor’s homes on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. Wear your suffragists’ white and gold to Provident Counseling, 2652 Olive Street, St. Louis.

Interested parties will gather at the Schlafly Tap Room after the celebration for refreshments at your own expense. Contact Pat Shores if you want to carpool. See details about the event on the branch website home page, <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>.

Votes for Women Missouri Trail Coordinator Pat Shores

Nominations for Barbara Lackritz Award

The Interbranch Council of St. Louis area AAUW branches is asking for nominations for the Barbara Lackritz annual service award. Each IBC branch can select a member to receive this award. The honorees will be acknowledged at the annual IBC spring luncheon in March 2023. Please submit your nomination to the branch Barbara Lackritz Award Committee: Mary Jermak, chair, Suzanne Couch, and Barbara Kellams (contact information in the Directory). With your nomination, please include a few sentences about your nominee. The criteria to consider are as follows:

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

Nominations should be submitted by October 31, 2022. The award is named after Barbara Lackritz who served as a leader and mentor for AAUW members and was a member of Ballwin-Chesterfield. In 2022 Joyce Katz received this award from our branch.

Past-President/IBC Representative Jan Horner

Why Join AAUW?

AAUW members get great discounts and special services on insurance, hotels and travel, office supplies, email services and more. Office Depot/Office Max has a new program that offers exclusive benefits and savings as a member. The program is called the AAUW American Association University Women and ODP Business Solutions Community. Go to odpbusiness.com and set up an account. The business is AAUW, and you are the member. Once you are successfully entered into the program, Office Depot/Office Max will send you a store purchasing card that will be laminated free at any store. Information provided by Pat Shores.

Gateway Human Trafficking Conference Preventing and Responding to Child Trafficking Conference October 20–21, 2022, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gateway Human Trafficking is the renamed non-profit organization, formerly St. Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Ballwin-Chesterfield helped to start this group with an AAUW Community Grant. Sessions are fully online at Info@gatewayhumantrafficking.org.

Save the Date

IBC “Annual Event” Luncheon
Recognizing Barbara Lackritz Honorees
Saturday, March 18, 2023
Program speaker: *Acclaimed author Nicole Evelina*
Registration flyer to follow!



Dollars for Scholars Events

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 Jean Light. DFS donations are not tax-deductible. DFS events are also listed in the Friday Reminder and on the branch website. Contact Co-Directors Betty Jo Hogan and Nancy Pierson for more information or to plan an event.

ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/

The AAUW Honor Roll In Honor of Gwen Holdinghausen for her 8th birthday

Celebrate a friend or family member's special achievement, milestone, birthday, or another significant event by donating to the DFS Honor Roll. The honoree receives an acknowledgement postcard, and their name is listed in the *Branching Out* newsletter.

Please mail your check to Finance Officer Jean Light (Honor Roll on memo line) and email Nancy Pierson the name/address of your honoree. To donate in memory of a loved one, email Nancy name/address to whom acknowledgment postcard may be sent.

Thank you to AAUW members and friends for honor donations and memorial donations to the DFS Honor Roll.

Daniel Boone Home Tour, Defiance, MO

October 19 at 10 a.m.

Cost \$16 (\$10 to DFS)

Maximum of 20

Carpool available (time TBD)

Sponsor: Pam Kulp

Take a step back in history with a one hour guided tour of the Daniel Boone Home in St. Charles County. This original four-story home, built in the early 1800s, is a combination of Georgian and 19th century architecture. The site also encompasses other historic buildings. Enjoy an optional outdoor lunch Chandler Hill Winery and enjoy the gorgeous fall weather and scenery. **Contact sponsor Pam Kulp.**

***Into the Woods* performance**

October 30 2 p.m.

Cost \$27.75 (\$10 to DFS)

WU Edison Theatre, 6465 Forsyth Blvd. 63105

Discounted group rate price (TBD)

Musical performed by the Washington University Performing Arts Department. Music and lyrics by Steven Sondheim. Free parking garage. **Sponsored by Roz Marx.**

Jazz St Louis Thursday Coffee Concert

3536 Washington Ave, St Louis, MO 63103

November 3

Total cost \$48 (\$10 to DFS)

Complimentary coffee, tea, donuts, and bagels at 10 a.m.

Concert at 11 a.m.

Carpool and valet parking available

Enjoy the talent of John Pizzarelli, a world-renowned jazz guitarist and singer, who has established himself as a prime contemporary interpreter of the Great American Songbook. **Sponsored by Roz Marx.**

Book Sale Resumes at October branch meeting!

To have a successful book sale without it being overwhelming for both shoppers and workers, we are asking members to adhere to the following criteria:

- Please limit your donations to **10 items**. We plan to hold the book sale at most branch meetings this year, so you will have multiple chances to donate your books – and to purchase new ones!
- Donate **current** books in good condition (published in the last 5 years) hardback and oversized paperbacks to garner the most money. We know there may be exceptions (for example, tried and true classics), but, in general, please use the 5-year guideline. Do not donate textbooks.
- We will accept books (both children and adult), DVDs, and puzzles.



Branch Interest Groups are primarily social and bring members with similar interests together. Try one! Contact an Interest Group Chair. Check Interest Groups at ballwin-chesterfield.com or the front of your Directory for further information.

Book Groups Welcome All Readers

Download the 2022–23 book lists at
<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/>

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

October 20

Book: *Grey Bees* by Andrey Kurkov

Hostess: Elaine Frost

Reviewer: Sande Mawhinney

Contact Alice Crippen

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

October 24

Book: *The Boy in the Field* by Sue Margot Livesey

Reviewer: Pat Shores

Venue: The Hearth Room

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

October 11

Book: *Elderhood: Redefining Aging* by Louise Aronson

Hostess: Bette Bude

Reviewer: Jane Miller

Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

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

October 27

Book: *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom
reviewed by Betty Takahashi

To join ¡Adelante! via Zoom, contact
Deb McWard or Teri Brecht.

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

Bridge Calendar

If you would like to play bridge, contact the chairperson of the group of interest. Some groups need players and subs.

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

October 17

Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

October 4

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

October 25

Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost.

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m.

October 4

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Project is beaded lanyards. Bring your own beads or pay a small supply charge.

Contact Nance Roth or Pat White.

Golf

Meets every Monday in October.

Contact Bev Wait or Elaine Frost.

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

October 27

Spiro's West

1054 N. Woods Mill Rd.

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

Munching Matters (Lunch with Food for Thought)

Wednesday, November 9 at 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

NOTE new location: Mimi's Café

17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd.

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Ann Campion Riley's topic is "An Insider's View of University Administration."

No charge to attend; but lunch is at your expense.

Sign up at branch meeting.

Contact Mersine Kallaos or Judy Stagoski

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

October 19

Llywelyn's Pub

17 Moody Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

Contact Jean Light or Teri Steinberg.

Additional Interest Groups

Genealogy Group

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

See St. Louis County Library free access to Ancestry.com.

Contact Roz Marx.

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher.

Events Calendar and Branch Information

October

- Golf every Monday
- 6 B-C board meeting
- 11 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 13 Branch meeting 9:30 a.m. and Used Book Sale
- 14 Deadline for November newsletter submissions**
- 15 Literature 1 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Unveiling of the Historical Roadside Marker at a Virginia Minor residence
- 18 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk
- 19 \$ Daniel Boone Home Tour
- 19 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Literature 1 9:30 a.m.
- 20 \$ *Into the Woods* performance
- 24 Literature II 10 a.m.
- 27 Movie Group 11 a.m.
- 27 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.

November

- 03 B-C board meeting
- 03 \$ Jazz St. Louis Coffee Concert
- 08 **VOTE!**
- 08 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 09 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
- 10 Branch meeting 9:30 a.m. and Used Book Sale
- 14 Deadline for December newsletter submissions**
- 17 Literature 1 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Literature II 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.

Contact branch officers through
[https://ballwinchesterfield-
mo.aauw.net/contact-us/](https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/contact-us/)
or through the AAUW B-C Directory.

To join the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Michelle Mangnall and April Walgren. Annual dues for 2022–23 are \$99. \$22 to the B-C branch, \$10 to AAUW MO, and \$67 to AAUW national; \$64 of national dues are tax-deductible

Meetings:

The B-C board meets on the first Thursday at 9:30 a.m. September–November and February–May at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility. All elected and appointed officers are expected to attend board meetings. The general membership meeting, also at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility, is held the second Thursday of the month from 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. from September–April with an indoor Summer Picnic in July.

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is October 14. Newsletter contributors are contacted monthly by the editors.

- News, Ann Riley and Pat Shores,
- DFS notices and events, Mary Jermak,
- Interest Group information, Jean Light.

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 or Joyce Katz.

AAUW is committed to staying connected, so regular webinar content is provided for our communities. National staff and outside experts bring you engaging programming on the issues most important to you. You may view recordings from past webinars and see news of upcoming online events at www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/.

June 23, 2022, *Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX*

June 15, 2022, *Exploring Tough Policy Issues Through an AAUW Lens: Title IX & Transgender Student Rights*

June 7, 2022, *Social Justice: Creating Change*



AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents Sage Taber & Sandy Brody
VP Program Marcia Block & Janet Sloey
VP Membership Michelle Mangnall & April Walgren
Finance Officer Jean Light
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Elected Directors

AAUW Fund Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis
Public Policy Angela Janik & Marian Bauer

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Hospitality Joan Hewitt & Jane Hemer
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Ann Riley, & Pat Shores
University Liaison Susan Shriver & Lorna Anderson
Special Events
Fall Brunch Jean Elliott
Spring Luncheon Susan Fenwick
STEM Marcia Block
Web Managers Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

