



November Branch Meeting

November 10, 9:30 a.m.

Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility
333 Holloway Rd., Ballwin 63011

Hospitality provided; members may bring a beverage.

Speaker: Galen Gritts of the Cherokee Nation

Missouri Humanities Council Native Heritage speaker Galen Gritts, a registered member of the Cherokee Nation, will talk about indigenous people and their history in this area long before statehood. Gritts will relate the story of the historic tribes in Missouri and their forced removal from their homes by the U.S. government. Gritts' presentation, "The Forgotten Trunk in the Attic," will address what it's like to be a Native person in Missouri and the continued presence and importance of indigenous people to the future of Missouri history, life, and culture.

Program Vice President Janet Sloey

Presidents' Corner



Sandy Brody

Greetings to all! As I write this, it is about 3 weeks until the next election. Although most AAUW members do not need reminders to vote, please take the time to encourage family and friends to make time for this critical task. If you or anyone you know needs assistance voting, try sos.mo.gov/elections, or call 1-888-our-vote.

AAUW has remained focused on equity for women and girls throughout the election season. The recent student debt cancellation is welcome, but it is unlikely to solve the economic stress many women face due to their unequal financial status. Women still earn substantially less than men, they hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt, and their pensions are limited due to their reduced earnings over a lifetime. What can be done? AAUW (aauw.org) suggests:

- Strong state and federal laws focused on ensuring equal pay for all American women.
- Employers need to commit to continuous improvement and to enacting policies and practices that will help put women on par with men.
- Women individually need to advocate for themselves: They need to negotiate for the best possible pay and benefits and pursue higher-paying jobs, promotions, and leadership opportunities.

AAUW will stay focused on these goals as well as other opportunities to help women and girls flourish. You can enjoy the coming fall season with family and friends and still participate in the AAUW mission. You can contribute to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, join a club or committee, attend a meeting, or meet friends for pumpkin spiced latte. Whatever you choose, have fun!

Co-president Sandy Brody

People say money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured that if you have enough money, you can have a key made. Joan Rivers

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2021 By the Numbers



Keeping Ballwin-Chesterfield in the AAUW Missouri Loop

This is what our state committee members are doing:

- Branch President's Focus Group received updated information from the committees and shared it with their branch members.
- Public Policy provided information on Voting ID changes for the 2022 election.
- College University Partners (CU) increased the number of schools and student members.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) members participated in national training. Fourteen states have requested information regarding our Inclusion/Infusion Program.
- STEM put together materials that branches can request

This is what you can do to stay in the loop:

- ✓ Check emails about national webinars.
- ✓ Join the Action Network at aauw.org
- ✓ Reach out to me about questions and concerns and to share ideas.

AAUW of Missouri President Karen Francis

Public Policy

Are You Ready for November 8?

The November 8 General Election is approaching quickly; are you ready? The passage of H. B. 1878 has changed many aspects of voting in Missouri, from required forms of identification to how assistance in the voting process can be provided to voters.

Here is what you need to know with only a few days left until November 8:

- ✓ You must present a non-expired government issued photo ID to vote.
- ✓ If you do not have a valid ID, you can cast a provisional ballot. Your signature will be checked to determine validity or you can return with a valid ID before the polls close.
- ✓ No-excuse, in-person absentee voting at your Election Authority ends at 5 p.m. on November 7.
- ✓ Mailed absentee ballots must be received by your Election Authority by 5 p.m. on November 7.
- ✓ Mailed absentee ballots must be notarized unless you meet specific requirements.
- ✓ Free notarization is available at UPS and St. Louis County Libraries; no appointment required.

If you need a ride to the polls, contact Margie Andersen for assistance.

Your Vote Matters – So Vote on November 8!

Public Policy Co-chairs Angie Janik and Marian Bauer

AAUW Extends Dues Renewal Date to November

Since members had issues renewing their dues through AAUW's Community Hub, AAUW will extend the grace period for renewing AAUW memberships through November 30, 2022. This means that members who were slated to lose their AAUW membership June 30, 2022, now have until November 30 to renew while retaining their June 30 expiration date. After November 30, these members will need to rejoin AAUW. Their expiration dates will change depending on the date they renew. Their membership history will remain intact.

Reprinted from AAUW.

Finance Officer Jean Light

AAUW Fund

AAUW Executive Director Gloria Blackwell issued a statement on September 13, 2022, in response to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Among the findings were:

Comparing full-time year-round workers, women took home 83.7 percent of the pay men did.

Including part-time and seasonal workers, women were paid 77 percent of men's wages.

Black women were compensated 64 percent and Latinas 54 percent of what white, non-Hispanic men were paid.

In coalitions with other equity organizations, AAUW has the goal to attain a fuller sense of what women are paid in the workforce. AAUW remains committed to advocating for laws and policies that remedy the burden on women. Your contributions to AAUW Fund ensure that this important work continues.

AAUW Fund committee member Marian Bauer

	AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (#9110) Education..Equity..Advocacy..Sustainability..Economic..Security..Research..Communications .. Partnerships..Leadership..Governance..Legislative Action..Relevance..Social Justice..Visibility
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Winter Holiday Fest

Join us on Thursday, **December 8, 2022, at 10 a.m.** for our annual Winter Fundraiser. This year there will be no silent auction, gift card raffle, or other items to take home.

There will be musical entertainment by the Queens of Swing, games, and all sorts of fun. Join us, invite your friends, and discover how Ballwin-Chesterfield continues to support women and girls. Learn where our money goes in the local community and how you can become a B-C Booster to assist us in continuing to fund these outstanding programs.

To assure your place at the party, send your check for \$25, payable to AAUW B-C, to Sandy Kalin (address in the Directory) with your menu selection on the memo line. Deadline for reservations is December 1.

- A. Chunky chicken salad with mayo, sour cream and celery on croissant
- B. Sliced turkey breast with Provel cheese and lettuce on wheat bread
- C. Fresh veggies with cream cheese and ranch spread in a wrap

All lunches will include Italian pasta salad, fresh fruit salad, and gourmet brownie. Bottled water and bottled tea will be available or you may bring your own beverage if you prefer.

Winter Holiday Fest Chair Jan Horner

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's Inclusion/ Infusion Program

AAUW Missouri's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee developed an Inclusion/ Infusion Program to use at state and branch meetings. Often raising the topic of diversity brings negative feelings. The goal is to build diversity knowledge; to equip our members with the right tools to build diversity; and to celebrate what diversity adds to AAUW.

Your Ballwin-Chesterfield board members are active DEI Inclusion/Infusion participants. Ten-minute activities introduce the board to DEI concepts. We have focused on equity and diversity, discussed equity in our community, and discussed diversity in our branch.

The board discussions recognized Ballwin-Chesterfield's diversity strengths in members' professional experiences, varied backgrounds, and meeting in an accessible location. The group identified age, race, and meeting time as areas where we can improve diversity.

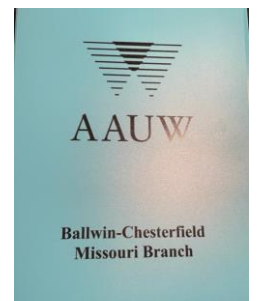
Our plan to improve diversity at Ballwin-Chesterfield ensures that we are working to fulfill the expectations of the AAUW Mission, Vision and Diversity statements.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leader Karen Francis

Directory

If you ordered a print copy of this year's Directory and haven't picked it up yet, please do so at the next meeting, or ask a friend to pick it up for you. Let me know if you are unable to do either of these and I will see that you get your copy.

We will start working on the December supplement to the Directory soon. If you know of any changes to be made such as address, phone numbers, or errors corrected in the new Directory, please notify me.



Directory Co-chair Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Introducing Our Newest Member

Welcome our new member to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch and the AAUW community.
Nancy Price email: nprice07@gmail.com

Nancy earned a bachelor's of science degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Purdue University, Krannert School of Management.

Nancy, formerly a vice president of the St. Louis League of Women Voters, is now the chair of the League of Women Voter Speakers Bureau. She is a board member of the Kirkwood Public Library and the Kirkwood Garden Club.

Membership committee member Michelle Mangnall

Virginia Minor Honored with Historical Roadside Marker

The National Votes for Women Trail, a project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, has collaborated with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to install historical roadside markers in every state to commemorate events and leaders of the women's suffrage movement.

AAUW, League of Women Voters members, and other interested parties attended the dedication of the marker commemorating the work of Women's Suffrage leader Virginia Minor on October 15, 2022. The marker was installed at the site of a previous home, currently occupied by Provident Counseling, 2652 Olive Blvd, Louis, Missouri.

Minor was the 1867 founding president of the Woman Suffrage Association of Missouri. Her attempt to register to vote was rejected, and on October 15, 1872, she sued. The case reached the United States Supreme Court which ruled:

Neither the Constitution nor the fourteenth amendment made all citizens voters ... a provision in a state constitution which confines the right of voting to "male citizens of the United States," is no violation of the Federal Constitution. In such a state women have no right to vote.

The court's decision in *Minor v. Happersett* led to a shift in strategy by suffragists to focus efforts on obtaining women's suffrage through a constitutional amendment.



AAUW members in attendance L-R: Laura X, Kathleen Farrell, Jeanne Webdell, Sue Barley, Jan Scott, Kathy Brown, Ellen Irons, Pat Shores, Shirley Breeze, and Pam Kulp

Votes for Women Missouri Trail Coordinator Pat Shores

Gourmet Bean Soup Mix Available Until Supplies Run Out

The Ballwin-Chesterfield delicious soup mix packages will be available for sale at the November branch meeting. 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

All proceeds benefit Dollars for Scholars scholarships.

Hospitality Resumes at Meetings



Members attending the October branch meeting once again enjoyed the hospitality table coordinated by Hospitality Chairs Joan Hewitt and Jane Hemer and the monthly hostesses for October.

In the spirit of the month, Janet Sloey's spidery deviled eggs were both spooky and delicious, along with a variety of baked goods and snacks provided by the hostesses.

At each branch meeting, members can look forward to enjoying conversation with fellow members, stimulating speakers, and of course, wonderful hospitality. Please put branch meetings on your calendar each month and join the fun.

Please note, members may bring the beverage of their choice.

Eleanor Roosevelt Walk

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch annual ER Walk took place on October 18 at Des Peres Park. Despite the cold, the event was enjoyed by a dedicated group of walkers. To date, \$850 has been raised with additional donations expected.



L-R: Ginger Johnson, Pat Shores, Michele Mangnall, Jean Elliott, Nancy Pearson, Barbara McQuitty, and Karen Francis.

"Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says, 'It can't be done.'" Eleanor Roosevelt

L-R: Susan Fenwick, B. McQuitty, J. Elliott, K. Francis, and Sandy Brody



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. Donations are not tax-deductible. DFS events also are 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 Marsha Koch for her birthday

*In honor of Dr. Janet Barrett's birthday
and to thank her for delicious baked desserts
to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary.*

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

Please mail your check to Finance Officer Jean Light with 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 the name and address to whom acknowledgment postcard may be sent.

Into the Woods performance

October 30 2 p.m.
Cost \$27.75 (\$10 to DFS)
WU Edison Theatre
6465 Forsyth Blvd., 63105

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

Used Book Sale

The book sale continues at the November branch meeting. Please adhere to the following criteria:



- Limit donations to **10 items**. The book sale will occur at most branch meetings, so, you will have multiple chances to donate – and to purchase!
- Donate hardback and oversized paperbacks in **good condition**, published in the last 5 years.
- Do not donate textbooks.
- Juvenile and adult books are accepted, plus DVDs, and puzzles.

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. 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.
November 17

Book: *Matrix* by Lauren Groff
Hostess: Cay Noble
Reviewer: Cay Noble
Contact Alice Crippen

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.
November 28

Book: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray
Reviewer: Rosann Swaringim
Venue: The Hearth Room
Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.
November 8

Book: *The Color of Water* by James McBride
Hostess: Jan Horner
Reviewer: Marcia Block
Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

AAUW ¡Adelante! 4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
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.
November 21
Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 11 a.m.
November 1
Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m.
November 22
Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost.

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m.

November 1
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Back by popular demand - The project is Diamond Paint ornaments for Christmas trees or gifts. \$2 supply charge. These are similar to the keychain ornaments we made last year.
Contact Nance Roth or Pat White.

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

November 17
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.
Mimi's Cafe
17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Speaker Ann Campion Riley will give an insider's view of university administration.

Contact Doris Nistler or Julie Triplett.

Out to Lunch

3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
November 16
Bristol Seafood Grill
11801 Olive Blvd.
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
Contact Jean Light

Additional Interest Groups

Genealogy Group

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.
See St. Louis County Library free access to Ancestry.com.
Contact Roz Marx.

Golf

Resumes in the spring 2023.
Contact Bev Wait or Elaine Frost.

Play Readers

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.
Members will be contacted with meeting details.
Contact Marilyn Fletcher.

Events Calendar and Branch Information

November

- 01 Expressions 9:30 a.m.
- 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
- 11 **Deadline for December newsletter submissions**
- 16 **Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.**
- 17 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Movie Group 11 a.m.
- 20 Literature II 10 a.m.

December

- 1 Reservation deadline for Winter Holiday Fest
- 8 Winter Holiday Fest 10 a.m.
- 9 **Deadline for January newsletter submissions**

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
Secretary/Archivist Leslie Wier

Elected Directors

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

Appointed Directors

Branch Fundraising Jan Horner
Directory Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy & Nancy Hutchins
Dollars for Scholars Betty Jo Hogan & Nancy Pierson
Governance Marsha Weppelman
Hospitality Joan Hewitt & Jane Hemer
Newsletter Editors Mary Jermak, Jean Light,
Ann Riley, & Pat Shores
University Liaison Susan Shriver & Lorna Anderson
Special Events
Fall Brunch Jean Elliott
Spring Luncheon Susan Fenwick & Yvonne Ward
STEM Marcia Block
Web Managers Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

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/>
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:

All meeting take place at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Facility.

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

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the December newsletter is November 11. Contributors are contacted 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.