



# AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and AAUW MO Award-Winning Branch

## Branching Out

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*AAUW Advances Gender Equity for Women and Girls  
Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.*

### January Branch Meeting January 12, 9:30 a.m.

**Ballwin Golf Course Events Center**  
333 Holloway Rd., Ballwin 63011  
Members may bring their own beverage.

**Speaker: Nicole Adewale**

**“They Think It’s a Man’s World, but It Would Be Nothing Without a Girl.”**

Adewale is the co-founder of ABNA, a civil engineering firm which provides a wide variety of services, including design, structural, geotechnical, construction management, and testing and inspection. She holds degrees in civil engineering and in urban affairs and is currently pursuing a doctorate in social justice.



One of her greatest passions is opening doors for young people to pursue careers in STEM. As a lifetime member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), she has helped raise over \$100,000 for college scholarships through the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of NSBE. ABNA has also provided internships for dozens of students over the years, four of whom are full-time employees.

**Program Vice President Marcia Block**

### Presidents’ Corner

Sandy and I wish you all a Happy New Year for 2023. We want to thank all those who attended, supported, and contributed in any way to the December Winter Holiday Fest. Many have already become a member of the B-C Booster program, the main fundraiser for our branch’s many local programs. You will still have an opportunity to join in future months. Look for more information here in the branch newsletter. It is because of you that we continue to be an outstanding branch.

This is the time of year to begin the process of electing new officers. Will you consider sharing your skills and interests in a leadership position, such as president, vice president of membership, vice president of program, secretary/archivist, director of AAUW Fund, and director of public policy? Except for secretary/archivist, these positions have co-officers who can divide the duties in ways that best meet their needs. There are clear and complete job descriptions and guidelines. Please contact Sandy Brody or me for a copy of a specific job description.



**Sage Taber**

I would be lost if those before me had not had the wisdom to develop such a comprehensive and easy-to-follow job description for the presidents. Seldom will you have to do everything alone because you share the job, plus there will be people on your committee who are always happy to help.

Make 2023 the year that you try something new in AAUW. You will find great new friends that may have just been acquaintances in past years.

**Co-president Sage Taber**

## Nominations Requested for 2023–25 Elected Officers

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for these two-year positions:

president  
vice president membership  
vice president program  
secretary/archivist  
director AAUW Fund  
director public policy

The committee needs your help to find outstanding members to be a part of the leadership team. For job responsibilities, please see the Policies of the Branch, Section IV, Duties of Officers (page 59) in the About Us section on the AAUW B-C website. Presidents Sandy Brody or Sage Taber can supply specific information for responsibilities for each of the positions to be filled.

Please follow these steps to nominate a member:

1. Receive permission from the person you are nominating.
2. Use the nomination form on the branch website under FLYERS & FORMS. This is also available at branch meetings.
3. Send the completed form to a member of the nominating committee. The nominating committee, consisting of Susie Teicher, Linda Roberson, and Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy, will review the nominations and prepare the slate.

**Please send your nominations by January 31, 2023.**

**Nominating Committee Chair Linda Roberson**

## 2023 International Relations Lecture Series

AAUW is a sponsor of the International Relations Series and Ballwin-Chesterfield is a long-time financial supporter of the lecture series. In person meetings are held on the second Tuesday at the **Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63117 and begin at 10:45 a.m., January through April.**

Free parking is available in the rear of the building. There is no fee, but contributions are appreciated. A question-and-answer period follows the 50-minute lecture. Interested parties who bring their own lunch may stay and continue the discussion of the topic. The lectures will also be available on Zoom ([www.ethicaltl.org](http://www.ethicaltl.org)).

**The first lecture is Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

***International Energy Markets, in Flux*, Dr. Lea-Rachel Kosnik presenting.**

Lea-Rachel Kosnik is a professor of economics at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She received her PhD from the University of California-Los Angeles after having spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Ankara, Turkey, studying hydroelectric power and renewable energy in the Middle East. Her active research agenda focuses on energy and environmental economics, including broad equity and environmental justice implications in these markets.

Global energy markets have had a wild past couple of years, with prices, production, and consumption patterns often exhibiting extreme volatility. Professor Kosnik will discuss historical and current trends in global energy patterns, including how political shocks such as the war in Ukraine have been affecting energy markets. She will offer policy prescriptions on ways to regulate energy markets in the future, with an eye towards managing climate change and other global crises.

**International Relations Committee Member Susie Teicher**

## Introducing Our Newest Member

Welcome our new member, Carol Montgomery, to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch and the AAUW community.

Carol is returning to our branch after a short break. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Fontbonne University, a master of arts degree from Maryville University and a masters plus 30 from the University of Missouri-Northwest. She retired after many years as an educator with Special School District. Her interests include reading, travel, socializing with friends, and shopping.

**Membership Vice presidents Michelle Mangnall and April Walgren**

## AAUW Action Fund Washington Update

### **ACT-Take action on the most pressing problems**

The long-overdue passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA), which would ensure workplace safety for pregnant workers. The bill passed the House of Representatives in May 2021, and has been stalled in the Senate ever since.

### **LEARN-Dig deeper into the issues that matter**

Remind newly elected officials of your priorities. AAUW suggests questions on voter access, paid leave, care infrastructure, healthcare, reproductive rights, pay equity, workplace harassment and discrimination, college affordability, campus sexual harassment and violence.

### **ENGAGE-Share the important work we are doing**

AAUW endorsed Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA) introduced in Congress.

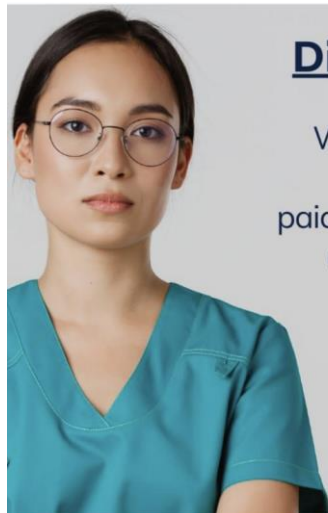
\*The bill 9H.R.9316/S.5047 would combat sexual violence on college campuses, provide resources for survivors, and more.

\*AAUW joined the leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and 38 organizations in a letter calling on the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice to update and publish school discipline guidance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify all students' right to be free from racial discrimination.

\*AAUW joined 39 gender justice and civil rights organizations in a comment to the Virginia Department of Education strongly opposing the Department's 2022 model school rules which require schools to discriminate against transgender and nonbinary students.

\* Sign up as a Two Minute Activist today and keep up to date on our policy work.

**Public Policy Committee Member Barbara Butchart**



### **Did you know?**

Women working full time in the U.S. are paid 83% of what men earn. At the current rate of change, we won't achieve pay equality until 2111.



## Save the Date

**AAUW Legislative Retreat,  
Saturday, February 11, 2023  
Via Zoom 9 –11:00 a.m.**

Join with women from other Missouri organizations who monitor and work to influence legislation action.

**AAUW MO President Karen Francis**

## AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council (IBC)

Ballwin-Chesterfield is one of five branches that form the IBC. The council meets four times a year in person or by Zoom. Each branch has three voting delegates. The Ballwin-Chesterfield delegates are president, either program or membership vice president and one member-at-large.

The purpose of IBC is to foster cooperation among member branches; to financially support programs and projects; and to open channels of communication among branches for the sharing of ideas and interest.

**The next IBC meeting is on February 21, 2023, at 7p.m. via Zoom.**

More information is available on the website at <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net>.

**IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award Facilitator Pat Shores**

## Celebrating Strong Women

**Join us on March 18, 2023, for the AAUW Metro IBC Luncheon 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.  
EdgeWild Winery and Restaurant, 550 Chesterfield Center**

**Registration Is Now Open. See flyer on page 12.**

### Barbara Lackritz Honorees

After 19 years the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award continues to honor the memory and legacy of Barbara Lackritz. The 2023 honorees will be recognized for upholding the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy; providing service to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s); providing leadership to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s); and providing service and leadership in non-AAUW areas in the community, religious, professional, and/or political arenas

### Entertainment



In the spirit of our 2023 theme “Celebrating Strong Women”, nationally recognized speaker **Nicole Evelina**, *USA Today* bestselling author of fiction and non-fiction, will tell the stories of strong women from history and contemporary society. Evelina will share highlights of her book on St. Louis suffragists Virginia and Francis Minor, <https://nicoleevelina.com/>. Evelina has two critical books soon-to-be published: “*Raising Our Voices, the League of Women Voters in St. Louis 1960 – 2020*” (Fall 2022) and “*America’s Forgotten Suffragists: Virginia and Francis Minor*” (March 1, 2023).

### Fundraising

The IBC Spring Luncheon is the primary way to raise funds to support the multiple operations of AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council. We hope you participate in our offerings this year. A gift card raffle is the primary fundraiser, and the theme is gift cards from St. Louis cultural institutions. Lottery ticket scratch-off cards and 50/50 raffles will be available at the luncheon.

### Venue

The EdgeWild Winery and Restaurant in Chesterfield will offer four lunch entrees at the luncheon (no advanced selection needed). The restaurant is handicapped accessible, <https://edgewildwinery.com/>.

A registration flyer is also found on the IBC, <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/> and branch websites, <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/calendar/>.

## AAUW 2022–23 Fellowships and Grants

AAUW MO Fund Chair Sue Barley

Reprinted from AAUW MO Fund report (November 2022)

AAUW awarded over six million dollars in fellowships and grants to 320 women and community projects. There are 14 endowments established by AAUW Missouri, AAUW Missouri Branches, and AAUW Missouri members that sponsor fellowships and grants each year. Missouri has no recipients in 2022. Ballwin-Chesterfield sponsored two grants which benefit Uchenna Ogu at the University of Colorado. Ballwin-Chesterfield members should be immensely proud of our commitment to help women. The complete list of fellowships and grants is available at ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net.

### Career Development Grants

**Lliana Pichardo Urrutia (University of Texas – El Paso)**

#1465 Missouri State Division Anniversary

**Uchenna Ogu (University of Colorado - Denver)**

#1364 Independence (MO) Branch

#1639 Kansas City (MO) Branch/Dora Johnson

#1768 Ferguson-Florissant (MO) Branch/Shirley Breeze

#4037 F. Elaine Richardson Fund (MO 2003-04)

#4112 Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

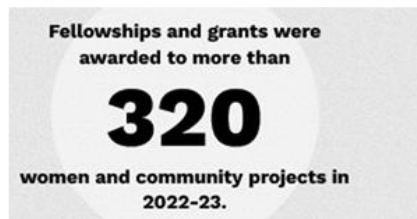
#4286 Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch Silver Anniversary

**Laura Wilkinson Sinton (Arizona State University – Tempe)**

#4009 Missouri Diamond Jubilee

**Joyce Litu (Prairie View A & M University – Texas)**

#4280 Maryville (MO) Branch/Opal Ecker



## New Interest Group Forming

Put on your comfortable shoes and join the Walking Group. We will walk at **Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Road, St. Louis, on the third Friday in January, February, and March.**

After the initial three months, we will poll the group to see where to walk in the future. There is no need to tell us you will be coming. Just gather at 9 a.m. and we will start to walk at 9:10 a.m. If the weather is not conducive to walking outside (below 32 degrees or raining or snowing) we will walk at Chesterfield Mall. Gather right inside the mall doors to the AMC Movie Theater and next to the Cheesecake Factory.

Suzanne Couch, Jean Light, Michele Mangnall, and Pat Shores put this group together. Contact Pat Shores for more information.

**Walking Group Committee Member Pat Shores**





## Winter Holiday Fest Recap

A wonderful time was had by all 80 plus members and guests who attended our annual winter fundraiser. The event was a great success. The tables were festively decorated with silver stars, snowflakes, and picture frames telling the branch's major fundraising needs. As a special treat, homemade chocolate cookies baked by Jan Barrett were at each place at the table.



We were entertained by the Queens of Swing, enjoyed boxed lunches from Genesis Catering, and had games with prizes and social time. The fifty/fifty raffle was won by Arlene Spector and the lottery ticket board went home with Carol Davis-McDonald.

The Winter Holiday Fest Committee, Jan Barrett, Marilyn Beiter, Marcia Block, Debbie Cloud, Jan Horner, Jayne Kasten, Sandy Kalin, Pam Kulp, Doris Nistler, Pat Shores, Judy Stagoski, and Pat White shared an informative presentation about how branch money is spent in our community.



From now until April, monetary contributions will be cheerfully accepted for the B-C Booster Club and should be sent to Jayne Kasten with the form (included on page 8) and information available on our website. Becoming a member of the B-C Boosters is your opportunity to invest in the future of women and girls in the local community.

Visit <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/> for additional Winter Fest photos and the B-C Booster form.

Winter Holiday Fest Chair Jan Horner



Winter Fest helpers: Bette, Pat, Judy, Kathy, Mary, Sandra, & Judy



Raffle tickets anyone, asks Suzanne.



Branch presidents Sandy and Sage enjoy the festivities.

# Winter Holiday Fest



Membership vice presidents Michele & April welcomed members & guests.



The Queens of Swing performed many enjoyable classic jazz songs.



Barb, Jayne, Janet, Judy, and Karen



Standing L-R: Yvonne W, Pat, Sue, Carol, & Yvonne M. Seated L-R: Pam and Julie



Valentina, Erlaine, Alice, & Marge



# B~C BOOSTER SPONSORSHIP FORM

**HELP US REACH OUR GOALS** Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW has a visual presence in the community, but to continue to maintain some of our programs we need more funding than provided by our \$22 per member annual branch dues. You and/or your interest group can help sponsor B-C's activities.

<b>\$50 to \$99 Bronze Level</b>	\$50 to \$99 contribution helps to support branch and committee needs.
<b>\$100 to \$249 Silver Level</b>	\$100 to \$249 Sponsors STEM Girls of Promise at one local high school (Maplewood Richmond Heights, Valley Park or Pattonville).
<b>\$250 to \$499 Gold Level</b>	\$250 to \$499 Supports our St Louis Science Fair Awards to high school women with outstanding projects in the STEM field.
<b>\$500 PLUS Platinum Level</b>	\$500 Provides funding for students to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and other branch activities.



SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	_____ \$50 to \$99	<b>Bronze</b>
	_____ \$100 to \$249	<b>Silver</b>
	_____ \$250 to \$499	<b>Gold</b>
	_____ \$500 PLUS	<b>Platinum</b>

Contributions may be made by individuals or interest groups for recognition.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Name of Interest Group/Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader Email \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check payable to: AAUW B-C with B-C Booster on the memo line to **Jayne Kasten** (address in the directory).

*Smaller contributions will also be cheerfully accepted toward our local programs.*





## 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/](http://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/)

## The AAUW Honor Roll

*In honor of Jean Light for accepting the leadership role in the Out to Lunch Group.*

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 the 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 name/address to whom acknowledgment postcard may be sent.

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

## Used Book Sale

The Used Book Sale returns at the January branch meeting. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Limit donations to **10 items**. The book sale occurs 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.
- Both adult and children's books are accepted, as well as DVDs and puzzles.

Questions? **Contact Mary Kay Wolfe**

## Save the Dates

Sign up with payment at meetings or contact event sponsors.

### Becoming Jane Exhibit Docent Guided Tour

St Louis Science Center

Friday, February 24 at 11 a.m.

Optional lunch afterward—Carpool available

5050 Oakland Ave, St. Louis

Cost: \$20 (\$11 to DFS)

The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall is a highly engaging exhibition that allows guests to experience the remarkable story of a pioneer in STEAM. Docent Ruth Birch, previous AAUW member, will lead our group through the exhibit. Sign up at the January and February meetings or contact **sponsor Roz Marx**.

### Jazz St Louis Thursday Coffee Concert

Thursday, March 16, Concert at 11 a.m.

Complimentary coffee, tea, donuts, bagels at 10 a.m. Carpool available

Grammy-nominated jazz singer, Catherine Russel and her jazz band will perform. **Sponsor: Roz Marx**

3536 Washington Ave, St Louis, MO 63103

Discounted cost: \$44 (\$10 to DFS)

### Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum Friday, March 31 at 1 p.m.

The event will be repeated on Friday, April 21 at 1 p.m.

Sponsors: Marian Bauer, Julie Triplett, and Pat Shores

**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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

January 19

**Book:** *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead

**Hostess:** Alice Crippen

**Reviewer:** Allice Crippen

Contact Alice Crippen

### Literature II 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11 a.m.

January 23

**Book:** *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley

**Venue:** Hearth Room

**Reviewer:** Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

### Reading Reality 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

January 10

**Book:** *The Man Who Broke Capitalism* by David Gelles

**Hostess:** Mary Jermak

**Reviewer:** Angela Janik

Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

### AAUW ¡Adelante! 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

January 26, via Zoom

This AAUW group meets to discuss books written from diverse perspectives.

*Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*, a national mentoring book by Robert Kolker, reviewed by Jan Barrett.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m.

January 16

Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

### Duplicate Bridge I 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 11 a.m.

January 3

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

### Duplicate Bridge II 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 11 a.m.

January 24

Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost.

### Expressions 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

January 3

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Come join the fun to make bracelets with Jan Barrett.

The cost is \$10.

Contact Nance Roth or Pat White.

### Movie Group 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 11 a.m.

January 26

Talayna's

68 Four Seasons Shopping, Chesterfield, 63017

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos

### Munching Matters (Lunch with Food for Thought)

Wednesday, January 11 at 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mimi's Cafe

17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, 63017

Jean Light will be our speaker on the topic, "My Career Move from Education to Information Technology".

To sign up, please contact Doris Nistler or Julie Triplet.

### Out to Lunch 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

January 18

Santa Fe Bistro

12316 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Contact Jean Light

### Walking Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 9 a.m.

January 20

Longview Farm Park

13525 Clayton Rd., Town and Country, 63141

Contact Pat Shores, Michele Mangall, or Jean Light

## Additional Interest Groups

### Genealogy Group

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1 p.m.

See St. Louis County Library free access to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).

Contact Roz Marx.

### Golf

Resumes in the spring, 2023.

Contact Bev Wait or Elaine Frost.

### Play Readers

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher.

# Events Calendar and Branch Information

## January

- 03 Expressions 1 p.m.
- 10 International Relations Lecture 10:45 a.m.
- 10 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 11 Munching Matters 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 12 Branch Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Used Book Sale Resumes
- 18 Out to Lunch 11 a.m.
- 19 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Walking Group 9 a.m.
- 26 Movie Group 11 a.m.
- 26 ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.
- 31 Deadline for officer nominations

## February

- 5 Board meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 11 AAUW Legislative Retreat 9 a.m. via Zoom
- 12 Branch meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 21 IBC meeting 7 p.m. via Zoom
- 24 \$\$ Becoming Jane Exhibit Tour 11 a.m.

## 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/](http://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 meetings take place at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Center.

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 the Spring Luncheon as the May meeting and an indoor Summer Picnic in July.

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually. The deadline for submissions to the February newsletter is January 13.

- 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](http://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.



**Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council**  
**2023 Spring Luncheon**  
**Celebrating Strong Women**

**Recognizing IBC Barbara Lackritz Honorees**

**Entertainment**

**Nicole Evelina**, *USA Today* bestselling celebrated author, and nationally recognized speaker will share about her love of history, why it is important to keep re-telling strong women's stories, and provide highlights of her newly published book about St. Louis suffragists Virginia and Francis Minor.

**Saturday, March 18, 2023, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Doors open at 11:15 a.m.**

**EdgeWild Restaurant & Winery**  
[Google Map Link to Edgewild location](#)  
**550 Chesterfield Center, Chesterfield, MO 63017**



**Choice of one of four Lunches at the event:** Dijon Chicken; Salmon and Grits; Center Cut Sirloin, OR Stuffed Mushrooms w/roasted vegetables. House salad, water and iced tea, and Ultimate Chocolate Cake dessert included.  
**(Indicate special dietary needs on back of form.)**

**Registration fee: \$45 - includes meal, program, and entertainment**  
**Registration deadline March 3, 2023**

For more information, contact Ellen Irons, [ironnew82@gmail.com](mailto:ironnew82@gmail.com)

**\_\_\_\_\_ please cut here and return form \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC.** Mail form and check no later than **March 3** to  
 Carol Davis McDonald 827 Bergquist Dr. Manchester, MO 63011-4215

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

_____ I plan to attend <i>Celebrating Strong Women</i>	<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>
_____ I am pre-purchasing gift card raffle tickets of:		
_____ 3 tickets for \$10	_____ 6 tickets for \$20	_____ 9 tickets for \$30
		<b>\$ _____</b>
_____ I am unable to attend, but want my tickets entered in the drawing.		
_____ I am paying for _____ # of guests X \$45	(list names on back)	<b>\$ _____</b>
_____ Here's my additional donation of:		<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>CHECK ENCLOSED TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>