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Branching Out

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Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.

March 9, 2023, Branch Meeting

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

Social time 9 a.m.

Business meeting 9:30 a.m.

Program 10:30 a.m.

Members may bring their own beverage.

Tony Messenger, Pulitzer Prize winning Metro Columnist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, will speak about the research that led to his book, *Profit and Punishment: How America Criminalizes the Poor in the Name of Justice*. You won't want to miss hearing about the atrocities he has found. Only by exposing these miscarriages of justice can we reform them.

Messenger will sign copies of his book, so bring yours.



Vice President-Program Marcia Block



Presidents' Corner

Sage and I offer greetings to all!



If you are a member of AAUW B-C, you can be very well informed about the many events and circumstances that affect us at the branch, state, and national levels of AAUW. In addition to reading this newsletter, you can keep on top of this mountain of information at ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net.

The Ballwin-Chesterfield website allows you to stay informed about current legislative actions, such as voting and women's rights, and educational issues through the Public Policy section. Branch Public Policy Directors keep us informed about dates, contact information, and summaries of the issues. You can support DFS, both as an event participant or as a host of a future event. You can download forms and read past newsletters. You can become a B-C Booster by accessing the form posted on the website.

The state and national websites are easily accessible through the B-C website as well. The state website, aauw-mo.aauw.net, provides details for important events, such as the legislative retreat, statewide meetings, and activities of the other Missouri branches. The national website currently features information related to Black History month and the many issues directly affecting women.

Sage and I hope to see you all at the March 9 branch meeting. You will enjoy visiting with fellow members, hearing branch news, and learning from this month's dynamic speaker.

Co-President Sandy Brody

Save-the-Date!

Two important 2023 events for AAUW Missouri members.

AAUW MO Annual Conference *Changing Lives Through Equity*

May 6, 2023, via Zoom

AAUW Vice-President Malinda Gaul is the keynote speaker.

AAUW Central States Regional Conference hosted by AAUW of Missouri

October 19–21, 2023

Drury Plaza Arch Hotel

Join members from 14 central states for three days of education, stimulation, great ideas, fun, and friendship.

Look for further details for each event in future newsletters and notices.

2023–24 Elected Officer Nominations

The branch nominating committee, consisting of Ann Patrice O’Shaughnessy, Linda Roberson, and Susan Teicher, thanks everyone who reached out to members and encouraged them to consider accepting leadership positions and subsequently submitted nomination forms.

Special thanks to the following members who have agreed to serve in one of the following positions:

Co-President Sage Taber

Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak

Co-VP Membership Susan Teicher

Co-VP Program Kathleen Brown

Co-Director Public Policy Angela Janik

The slate of officers will be announced at the March Branch Meeting. The April *Branching Out* newsletter will feature nominee biographies and photos. Voting will take place at the annual meeting in April. With the consent of the nominee, any additional nominations can be made from the floor at the time of the elections.

**Nominating Committee Chair
Linda Roberson**

Become a Ballwin-Chesterfield Booster Club Member

Do you remember some of the outstanding programs we have had at our monthly branch meetings, such as *Educating Isolated Immigrant and Refugee Women in the St. Louis Community*, *Thrivers and Strugglers: A Growing Economic Divide*, or *An Overview of Why Native Americans are Invisible to Many?* Many branch members join Ballwin-Chesterfield because of the educational programs we are able to present.

Our annual local dues do not begin to cover the cost of these programs or the many things we do in our community. STEM Girls of Promise, NCCWSL Sponsorship, and our St. Louis Science Fair Awards are some of the local programs our branch supports with funds beyond our local dues.

You can help us to continue these informative programs and to enhance the outstanding investment in the future of girls in our local community by becoming a member of the B-C Booster Club. From now until our April branch meeting all contributions will be gratefully accepted, but contributions of \$50 or more will make you a member of the B-C Booster Club. If you or your interest group have already contributed, we thank you.

See www.ballwin/chesterfield-mo-aauw.net for more information and a contribution form. Send all donations to B-C Booster Club, C/O Jayne Kasten (contact information is in the Directory) or bring your check to our monthly meeting.

B-C Booster Chair Jan Horner

2023 International Relations Lecture Series, March 14, 2023

Relations Among Taiwan, China, and the United States Speaker: Haney Rowold, Th.D

Dr. Rowold is a retired Professor Emeritus of International Research of the Institute of Mission Studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Before joining the faculty of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Rowold went to Taiwan to learn the culture and the language. In his IRLS talk, he will share his perspective on the history of China and Taiwan, and the US involvement with these countries.

AAUW is a sponsor of the International Relations Series and Ballwin-Chesterfield is a long-time financial supporter of the programs. In person meetings are held at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 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 may bring a lunch and stay to continue the discussion of the topic. The lectures will also be available on Zoom. www.ethicalstl.org.

International Lecture Relations Series Committee member Susie Teicher

Public Policy

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently hearing oral arguments in two cases on the Biden Administration's student debt cancellation program (Biden v. Nebraska and Department of Education v. Brown). AAUW joined over 200 organizations in calling on President Biden to extend the student loan repayment pause until the conflict is resolved and the cancellation plan is processed for borrowers. The President extended the payment pause until 60 days after the litigation is resolved or June 30, 2023, or whichever comes first.

With the forgiveness plan up in the air, borrowers may be unsure what they owe. After three years without payments, millions of Americans have simply become accustomed to life without student debt bills. These student loan borrowers had the reasonable expectation and belief that they would not have to make additional payments on their federal student loans. Unless the Education Department is allowed to provide one-time student loan debt relief there is the expectation that this group of borrowers will have higher loan default rates due to the ongoing confusion about what they owe.

This issue will continue to be a concern for all student loan borrowers until it is resolved.

**Public Policy Committee Member
Marge Andersen**

AAUW FUNDS

With your help AAUW continues to advocate for women and girls to improve their quality of their life. Your support of AAUW Funds will protect and expand the power of AAUW. Here is a list of the AAUW Funds and their purposes.

9110-The Greatest Needs Fund:

Allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge whether it's a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation.

4449-Economic Security Fund:

Promotes women's livelihoods through advocacy for fair-pay legislation, researching the pay gap, training women to negotiate for the salaries they deserve, and advising employers on fostering fair cultures.

4450-Education and Training Fund:

Addresses the barriers that prevent women from thriving in school and pursuing the career of their dreams. That means championing equal access to education and ensuring women can learn in environments free from harassment and discrimination.

4451-Governance & Sustainability:

Enables AAUW to function as effectively and efficiently as possible following the latest best practices for hiring and governance and incorporating state-of-the-art technology into our member database and other systems.

4452-Leadership Fund:

Supports the effort to bolster the number of women in top roles across all industries by addressing systematic biases and giving women the skills and resources they need to lead.

Thank you so much for your support.

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AAUW Funds Committee Member Barbara Butchart



Spring Luncheon, Connecting with Our Communities

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Social Hour: 11 a.m. Lunch: 12 noon



The Ballwin-Chesterfield branch invites all members and their guests to the annual Spring Luncheon. Installation of new officers, recognition of member achievements within the past year, and the acknowledgement of the contributions of our membership will take place during this special event.

Stay tuned for an announcement of the new location for the luncheon. Committee representatives will be available to assist members and to accept your reservation at the March and April meetings. As a reminder, please bring your checkbook to secure your table reservation.

Spring Luncheon Director Yvonne Ward

Planning for 2023–24 Speakers

The program vice-presidents need your help! We are proud of the fantastic speakers we have heard this year but need your help to continue at this level. First, if you have heard a speaker(s) our members would enjoy, please let us know their name(s) and how to reach them. Or we'd love to hear suggestions for a topic. Please contact us soon so we can get them on our list for the committee's consideration in March. We are particularly interested in speakers that reflect the AAUW mission.

Second, please join us after the March branch meeting to discuss possible speakers. We hope to have the slate of speakers set by early summer, so we need to contact people early to get on their schedules for next year.

**Program vice-presidents
Marcia Block and Janet Sloey**

STEM Update

If you would like to be on the STEM Committee, please contact Marcia Block (information in the directory). We will meet by Zoom in early March to plan our celebration breakfasts for spring STEM Girls events.

STEM Girls of Promise will recognize five junior women at Valley Park High School on April 13. We will meet them and their parents at 7:15-8:15 a.m. If you are interested in attending and / or bringing food, please contact Marcia Block. We will also recognize young women at Maplewood-Richmond Heights and Pattonville High Schools in April or May, date TBD. We will also send congratulatory notes to last year's STEM Girls as they graduate.

Expanding Your Horizons will be back in 2024.

STEM Committee chair Marcia Block

AAUW Metro IBC Spring Luncheon

March 18, 2023, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

EdgeWild Winery and Restaurant

550 Chesterfield Center, Chesterfield 63017

Join fellow AAUW IBC members on March 18 for fun, fabulous food, fundraising, and celebrating the 2023 Barbara Lackritz honorees. The honorees will be recognized for upholding the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Ballwin-Chesterfield is proud to celebrate Marcia Block as its 2023 Barbara Lackritz honoree. Marcia's long history of leadership and service, both in AAUW and in the community, distinguishes her as a branch member who exemplifies leadership and service to AAUW and the community. Let's gather to celebrate Marcia as our B-C Lackritz honoree.

The program will be presented by **Nicole Evelina**, who will share her love of history and the importance of retelling stories about strong women. <https://nicoleevelina.com/>.

Find complete information about the IBC Luncheon and the registration flyer at

<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/files/2023/02/2023-IBC-Spring-Luncheon-Info.pdf2023-IBC-Spring-Luncheon-Info.pdf>

Celebrating Strong Women

Registration Deadline March 13



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 Janet Barrett ~ In Appreciation of her assistance.

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 the memo line, and email Nancy Pierson the name/address of your honoree. To donate in memory of a loved one, email Nancy Pierson the name/address to whom the acknowledgment postcard may be sent.

Jazz St Louis Thursday Coffee Concert 3536 Washington Ave, St Louis, 63103

Thursday, March 16, Concert at 11 a.m.
Discounted Cost: \$44 (\$10 to DFS)

Complimentary coffee, tea, donuts, bagels at 10 a.m. Carpool available
Grammy-nominated jazz singer, Catherine Russel and her jazz band will perform.
Optional Lunch available at The City Foundry, 3730 Foundry Way, St. Louis, 63110 **Sponsor: Roz Marx**

Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum 36 Millstone Campus Dr., St Louis 63146

Friday, March 31, and Friday April 21 at 1 p.m.
Cost: \$20 (\$10 to DFS)

The new world-class St Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust, educating about its causes, and illustrating how what happened during this tragic period relates to our lives today. Send your reservations for one of the tours to Marian Bauer. **Sponsors: Marian Bauer, Julie Triplett, and Pat Shores**

Myths and Hymns, Musical Drama Webster University Conservatory of Arts Loretto-Hilton Mainstage 1129 Edgar Road, Webster Groves, 63119

Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.
Cost \$20 (\$10 to DFS)

Please note – sign up and payment deadline due by the March 9 branch meeting.

Enjoy 19 songs composed by Adam Guettel “that paint an emotional landscape of faith and yearning” with lyrics inspired by Greek mythology and a 19th century Presbyterian hymnal. The genre includes romantic art songs, Latin, gospel, and R&B music. **Sponsor: Roz Marx**

Used Book Sale Continues in March and April

Collect your books and puzzles and bring them to the branch meetings in March and April. Please limit your donations to ten items in good condition.

Special Note: After 11 years of working with the sale, Mary Kay is retiring from the Book Sale business. Since its inception, the Book Sale has earned nearly \$9,200 (thanks to the support of members) for the branch's local scholarship funds. Would you like to see the Book Sale continue in 2023–24? Volunteer, either solo or with friends, to take over. It is fun – who doesn't like chatting about books? It is worthwhile – who doesn't value raising money for our local women's scholarships? Need encouragement? Contact Mary Kay.

Book Sale Coordinator 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.

March 16

Book: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

Hostess: Brenda Bussen

Reviewer: Chris Magilligan

Contact Alice Crippen

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

March 27

Book: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

Venue: Hearth Room

Reviewer: Susie Teicher

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

March 14

Book: *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang

Hostess: Terri Ciccolella

Reviewer: Mary Jermak

Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

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

March 23 via Zoom*

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

Book: *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee with John David

Reviewer: Carol Davis-McDonald

*Contact Deb McWard or Teri Brecht to sign up and get ZOOM information

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

March 7 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Expressions will meet to make cards for hospitalized kids. Bring scissors and your ideas—card stock, felt tip pens, and glue will be provided. Come help brighten a child's day!

Contact Nance Roth or Pat White.

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

March 23 at Talayna's Restaurant,

68 Four Seasons Shopping Center,
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

Munching Matters (Lunch with Food for Thought) Wednesday, March 8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Mimi's Café, 17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd., 63005

Our speaker is Angela Janik, who will share experiences and changes over the years in her nursing career in her topic "Notes on Nursing".

Contact Doris Nistler or Julie Triplett for more information.

Out-to-Lunch 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

March 15

Pan D'Olive, 1603 McCausland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63117.

This sociable luncheon group meets at different restaurants around St. Louis each month.

Contact Jean Light for a reservation.

Walking Group – 3rd Fridays, 9 a.m.

March 17 at Longview Farm Park

13525 Clayton Rd, 63141

No sign up is required; meet at the horse barn by 9:10 a.m.

In inclement weather, we will meet at Chesterfield Mall, inside the doors to the AMC Movie Theater next to the Cheesecake Factory.

You will receive an email that morning if we decide to move indoors. Be sure to get on the contact list by telling Michele you'd like to join the group.

Contact Michele Mangnall.

Golf – Play 9 on Mondays, May thru October

All skill levels above beginner welcomed!

Contact Bev Wait or Elaine Frost to get on the email list.

Play Readers

3rd Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher to learn more and join.

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.

March 20 Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

March 7 Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

March 28 Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost.

Events Calendar and Branch Information

March

- 2 Board meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 7 Expressions
- 8 Munching Matters 11 a.m.
- 9 Branch meeting 9:30 a.m. and Used Book Sale
- 9 Program planning meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 13 Deadline IBC Spring Luncheon reservations
- 14 International Relations Lecture 10:45 a.m.
- 14 Reading Reality 1 p.m.
- 15 Out to Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Literature I 9:30 a.m.
- 16 DFS Jazz St. Louis Concert 11 a.m.
- 17 Walking Group 9 a.m.
- 18 IBC Spring Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 23 Movie Group 1 p.m.
- 23 AAUW ¡Adelante! 1:30 p.m.
- 27 Literature II 11 a.m.
- 31 DFS Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum 1 p.m.

Save-the-Date

May 6 AAUW MO Annual Conference

May 11 Spring Luncheon

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, Joyce Katz,
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.

All board and branch 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 April newsletter is March 10.

- Contributors are contacted by the editors.
- News, Ann Riley, and Pat Shores,
 - DFS notices and events, Mary Jermak,
 - Interest Group information, Joyce Katz.

Visit the branch website ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/.

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.

Equity Now

Together, we can achieve a vision of
equal opportunity for all