



# AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and AAUW MO Award-Winning Branch

## Branching Out

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Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.

### April 13, 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.

April speaker Joell Aguirre, Municipal Manager with Republic Services, will give an overview of basic acceptable recycling practices and the need to reduce contamination of recycle material to enhance a sustainable future. Discussion will include acceptable and unacceptable materials.



**Program Vice President Janet Sloey**



### Presidents' Corner



I am so excited to see the daffodils and other spring flowers again, which means our branch's spring events are coming to fruition as well. Exciting news—we have a new venue for this year's Spring Luncheon! Our annual celebration of the year's achievements and the installation of officers will be held in the beautiful, brand-new Canopy Ballroom at the Doubletree by Hilton in Chesterfield. STEM is in full swing, with three schools participating in our STEM Girls of Promise program, and the Science Fair special awards are just around the corner. Members are welcome to attend these events. Contact Marcia Block or Bette Bude to get involved.

**Sage Taber**

After many years of managing the monthly book sales at our general meetings, Mary Kay Wolfe is ready to turn it over to other book enthusiasts. Super thanks to Mary Kay for raising thousands of dollars with book sale profits supporting the scholarships we award at the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch.

It's time to be thinking about what committee you would like to join for the next year. There is something for everyone's interests and passions. If you need more information about what each committee does, just ask Sandy Brody or me.

Members can look forward to two upcoming AAUW events. AAUW of Missouri will hold its annual state conference on May 6, 2023, via Zoom. St. Louis will be the site of *Celebrating AAUW: Reaching New Heights Together*, a regional conference to be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch, October 19–21, 2023. All members are encouraged to attend. There is a lot going on, so keep your *Branching Out* handy.

**Co-President Sage Taber**

## **AAUW B-C Officer Nominees 2023–25**

### **Elected Officers**

#### **Co-President Sage Taber (2 years)**



Sage joined AAUW B-C in 2013. She became involved in branch meetings and working on committees from the start. She served on the public policy committee for three years and participated monthly in the Court Watch program. She served as the chair of registration for the 2021 Winter Auction, was co-vice president of program and most recently, co-president of our Ballwin Chesterfield Branch.

Sage is a licensed clinical social worker, working for several years in domestic violence prevention. She retired from BJC Behavioral Health where she worked in community mental health. She volunteers with Forest Park Forever, St. Louis Public Schools, and the Souldard Restoration Group. She and her wife, Becky, have two children: Amy and Ben and three granddaughters. Sage earned a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University and a master of social work from Washington University.

#### **Mary Jermak Secretary/Archivist (2 years)**



Mary has gracefully and gallantly served AAUW B-C for more than 20 years in various offices including public policy chair, co-president (2008–10), program vice-president, and long-time branch newsletter editor. At the state level, she is the editor of the AAUW MO newsletter, *Missouri in Motion*, and is the AAUW MO Communications Chair. Over the years, she has participated in numerous committees such as public policy, LAF, membership, bylaws, STEM, financial planning, strategic planning, and two restructuring committees. Mary is also the recipient of the 2020 AAUW IBC Barbara Lackritz award.

Mary earned a bachelor of science from Marywood University and a master of educational processes from Maryville University. A retired reading specialist, Mary is the mother of four adult sons and grandmother to eight, soon to be nine. She will celebrate her 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary with husband, John, this year. Her experience, good organization skills, willingness to work, and her appreciation for AAUW make her an ideal candidate for Secretary/Archivist.

#### **Vice President Membership Susan Teicher (2 years)**

Susan joined AAUW-BC in 2006. She became involved in branch meetings, interest groups and various committees, serving as co-chair for membership and Dollars for Scholars and as program vice president. She has also filled several appointed positions, such as picnic committee and International Relations.



Susan taught English at Principia Upper School for 20 years where she served as department chair during the last eight. She has three adult children, thirteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She attended Principia College and University of Wichita where she received her bachelor of arts degree and earned her master's degree in the art of teaching at Webster University.

## Vice President Program Kathleen Brown (2 years)



Kathleen joined AAUW St. Charles in 2009 and the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch of AAUW in 2015. She has volunteered her time for various branch committees, such as directory, hospitality, fall brunch, and the spring luncheon.

Kathy earned a bachelor of arts from Fontbonne College with a double major of elementary and special education. She received a master of arts from Arizona State University with a special education focus on learning disabilities. She taught in St. Louis for two years, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, and for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools for 30 years. Her assignments for the department of defense were in Germany, Ethiopia, Japan, and Midway Island. Kathy has 91 nieces and nephews that span three generations. Kathy's interests include genealogy and traveling.

## Elected Director

### Director Public Policy Angela Janik (2 years)

Angela joined AAUW B-C in 2016. She has been on the branch financial planning, public policy, and the program committees. Angie has engaged in activities that support branch efforts to shape public policy, specifically the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition. Angela has served as co-vice president of membership and co-director of public policy.



In addition, she has extensive experience as a board member and officer of professional and community volunteer organizations: a founding charter member of the Michigan Hospital Association Keystone Center Board, Kalamazoo County EMS Board, and elected treasurer of the Michigan Organization of Nurse Leaders. Angie was on the Kalamazoo Hospital Hospitality House Board, the American Red Cross Blood Service Board for Chesapeake Bay region, and was a board and committee member including secretary of the Executive Women's Golf Association of St. Louis. She earned a bachelor of nursing from the University of Michigan, a master of nursing from the Catholic University of America, and a master of business administration from Baldwin-Wallace College.

## Last Chance to Become a Member of the B-C Booster Club

Time is running out. April 15 is the last day for contributions to our 2023 B-C Booster Campaign. Any size donation is gratefully accepted; however, donations of \$50 or more by an individual or an interest group will be recognized as a B-C Booster member. The final total collected and names of the B-C Boosters at each level will be recognized and celebrated in May.

All funds collected will be used to continue sponsorship of STEM Girls of Promise for local high schools, NCCWSL scholarships, St. Louis Science Fair Awards, and the outstanding monthly speakers at branch meetings.

Please consider becoming a member of the B-C Boosters. See [www.ballwin/chesterfield-mo-aauw.net](http://www.ballwin/chesterfield-mo-aauw.net), for more information and a contribution form. Send all checks to B-C Booster Club, C/O Jayne Kasten or bring your check to the April branch meeting. Don't delay. Be a part of this campaign to invest in the future of women and girls in our community.



**B-C Booster Chair Jan Horner**

## AAUW Dues Renewal 2023–24 Creating an Online Account

AAUW is implementing the last of three national dues increases. Dues for 2023-24 will total \$104: \$72 for national, \$10 for state and \$22 for Ballwin-Chesterfield. Sixty-nine dollars of the national dues are tax deductible. We expect the website to be available for renewals on April 1. Do not try to submit your renewal before then. If you have any questions or concerns, we are available to assist.



Paying dues online is quicker and easier than paying by check once you have established your online account. During the past year, national AAUW has been working hard to address the issues that caused frustration last year. In preparation for a smooth process of dues renewal this year, we encourage everyone to complete your online account set-up using these **steps**.

1. Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).
2. Click on **Log In** in the upper right corner. The “Welcome” page displays.
3. Enter your email address and your password. If you haven’t chosen a password, go to **Forgot your password?** which is located below the **Log In** box and follow the prompts.

**Finance Officer Jean Light  
Membership Vice Presidents Michele Mangnall and April Walgren**

## Stem Events

The STEM committee will meet by Zoom on Friday, March 24, to plan for the breakfasts with our young women. Those on the committee will receive the link. If you are not already on the committee and would like to be involved, please contact Marcia Block.

The breakfast for Valley Park High School will be on Thursday, April 13, at 7:15 a.m. Pattonville will be Tuesday, April 18, at 7 a.m. Maplewood-Richmond Heights will be Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 a.m.

**STEM Committee Chair Marcia Block**

## Gender Pay Gap is Math, Not Myth

Women’s economic security is under constant threat and, no matter how you measure it, the gender pay gap remains persistent and unacceptable. In a calculation of the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau comparing full-time, year-round workers, women took home 83.7 percent of the pay of men—a figure that is not statistically different from the pay gap in 2020. In addition, a more comprehensive calculation that compared everyone with earnings in 2021 (including part-time and seasonal workers) found that women were paid a shocking 77 percent of men’s wages last year.

In coalition with other equity organizations, AAUW this year used this new calculation that assesses all workers. Our goal was to get a fuller sense of the wage gap at a time when millions of women were forced out of the workforce due to layoffs and increased caregiving demands. The results underscore a grim reality: Women still face a pay gap that has, at best, stagnated over the past several years and, at worst, widened further.



**Reprinted from AAUW Chief Executive Officer Gloria Blackwell, September 2022**

## Ballwin-Chesterfield Spring Luncheon, Connecting with Our Communities

Thursday, May 11, 2023  
Doubletree by Hilton, Canopy Ballroom  
16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017  
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 acknowledgement of the contributions of our membership will take place during this special event in a beautiful new venue.

Reservations are \$40 by check only. All meal options include salad and dessert. The meal choices are Chicken with Lobster Basil Cognac Sauce, Dry Rubbed Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce and Armagnac Demi-Glace and Pan Seared Salmon with Citrus Cherry Glace.

Committee representatives will be available to assist members in selecting a table and accept your reservation at the April meeting. Please bring your checkbook to secure your table reservation.

**Spring Luncheon Chairs Yvonne Ward and Susan Fenwick**



## St. Louis County Municipal Elections Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Go to <http://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-government/board-of-elections/> to find information on your municipality's ballot; to register to vote; to apply for an absentee ballot; to find the location and hours for in person no excuse voting and much more.

**Voting is a great privilege and a serious duty  
in a democratic society.**

**Director Public Policy Marian Bauer**



### **Anna Nash Marker Installation March 24, 11 a.m., Maryville, Missouri**

You are invited to a ribbon cutting for the Alma Nash Historical Marker. The installation will be at Pocket Park, at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Streets. A reception will follow at the Nodaway County Historical Society Museum, 110 N. Walnut, at 1st and Walnut, where people can visit displays about Alma Nash, the band, and local suffrage speakers. There is free street parking in the area.

Alma Nash was the lead Maryville woman in the Missouri Ladies Military Band in the National Women's Suffrage Parade in D.C. and the Suffrage Tour of Central Missouri in 1913. <https://nodawaycountymus.wixsite.com/stairwaystars/alma-nash>

**Votes for Women Missouri Trail Coordinator Pat Shores**

## 2023 AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders University of Maryland May 31, 2023–June 2, 2023

The Ballwin-Chesterfield branch is very pleased to announce that it will send two students to the conference: Feleesia Cunningham and Shayla Pham, from the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy.

Each of these students had previously committed to attending two NCCWSL conferences, but COVID interfered. Finally in 2023, Feleesia and Shayla can attend an in-person event. B-C will cover the costs of registration, a refundable airline ticket, transportation costs to the university, and give them \$50 spending money. Once again, we can be very proud of the ways that our branch helps develop future leaders.

**NCCWSL Facilitator Pat Shores**



**Shayla Pham and  
Feleesia Cunningham**

### Important AAUW Events

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 Hotel St. Louis at the Arch  
Join AAUW members from 12 central states for three days of education, stimulation, great ideas, fun, and friendship.

### 2023 International Relations Lecture Series

**April 11, 2023, at 10:45 a.m.**

**A Truly Global Problem: Coping with Climate Change**

**Speaker: Marlene Katz, Ph.D.**

Marlene Katz, Ph.D., is an educator and speaker on environmental problems. She received her master of science and Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Chicago. Katz is currently a facilitator at Washington University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

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. 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 lunch and continue the discussion of the topic. The lectures will also be available on Zoom. [www.ethicalstl.org](http://www.ethicalstl.org).

**International Lecture Relations Series Committee member Susie Teicher**



## 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

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.

**Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum**  
**Friday, March 31, and Friday April 21 at 1 p.m.**  
**36 Millstone Campus Dr., St Louis 63146**  
**Cost: \$20 (\$10 to DFS)**

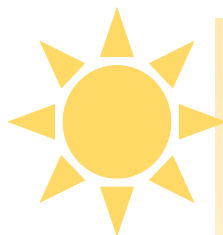
The new world-class St Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust, educating about its causes, and illustrating how what happened during this tragic period relates to our lives today.

Send your reservations for one of the tours to Marian Bauer.  
**Sponsors: Marian Bauer, Julie Triplett, and Pat Shores**

**Myths and Hymns, Musical Drama**  
**Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.**  
**Webster University Conservatory of Arts Loretto-Hilton Mainstage**  
**1129 Edgar Road, Webster Groves 63119**  
**Cost \$20 (\$10 to DFS)**

Enjoy 19 songs composed by Adam Guettel "that paint an emotional landscape of faith and yearning" with lyrics inspired by Greek mythology and a 19<sup>th</sup> century Presbyterian hymnal. The genre includes romantic art songs, Latin, gospel, and R&B music.

**Sponsor: Roz Marx**



*Members:*

*Please consider sponsoring a DFS event this spring or summer.*

## April Used Book Sale – Last One This Year

Collect your books and puzzles and bring them to the branch meeting in April. Please limit your donations to **10 items in good condition**.

**Special Note:** After eleven 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](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.

April 20

**Book:** *West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge

**Hostess:** Jan Horner

**Reviewer:** Jan Horner

Contact Alice Crippen

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

April 24

**Book:** *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson

**Venue:** Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

**Reviewer:** Ann Riley

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

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

April 11

**Book:** *Kindred: Neanderthal Life* by Rebecca Wragg Sykes

**Hostess:** Linda Roberson

**Reviewer:** Diane Compton

Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

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

April 27 via Zoom\*

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

**Book:** *The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted* by Robert Hillman

**Reviewer:** Teri Brecht; Karen Francis

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

## 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.**

**March 20** Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

**March 7** Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

**March 28** Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost.

### Expressions 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

April 4 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Expressions will celebrate our year with refreshments and a show-and-tell of work created throughout the year. Bring any works in progress and join in the fun!

Contact Nance Roth or Pat White.

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

April 27 at Talayna's Restaurant,

68 Four Seasons Shopping Center,  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

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

April 19 at Thai Nivas Café, 11054 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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

Contact Jean Light for a reservation.

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

April 21

Beginning in April, the walking group will be at a different location every month.

In April we will meet at Laumeier Sculpture Park's Aronson Fine Arts Center, 12580 Rott Road, 63127, by 9:10 am.

In inclement weather, meet at Chesterfield Mall, inside the doors to the AMC Movie Theater next to the Cheesecake Factory. Look for 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!

Play is scheduled at different 9-hole courses around the area.

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

### Play Readers 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

April 17 Hostess – Susie Teicher

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher to learn more and join.



## Events Calendar and Branch Information

### March

24 Anna Nash marker installation 11 a.m.  
31 DFS Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum 1 p.m.

### April

1 Dues Renewal begins on AAUW Community Hub  
4 St. Louis County municipal elections  
7 Board meeting  
11 International Relations Lecture 10:45 a.m.  
13 STEM Girls of Promise at Valley Park HS 7:15 a.m.  
13 Annual branch meeting & election of officers 9:30 a.m.  
13 Book Sale  
14 Newsletter Deadline  
15 Deadline for B-C Booster Club donations  
18 STEM Girls of Promise at Pattonville HS 7 a.m.  
22 DFS Myths and Hymns 2 p.m.  
25 STEM Girls of Promise at  
Maplewood-Richmond Heights 7:30 a.m.

### May

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 Michele 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, &  
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 Michele Mangnall and April Walgren. Annual dues for 2023–24 are \$104: \$22 to the B-C branch, \$10 to AAUW MO, and \$72 to AAUW national; \$69 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 May/June newsletter is April 14.

Contributors are contacted by the editors.

- News Pat Shores,
- DFS notices and events Mary Jermak,
- Interest Group information Joyce Katz.

Visit the branch website [ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/](http://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.

## AAUW COMMENTARY & OPINIONS

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/insights/>