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Branching Out

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May 11, 2023, Ballwin-Chesterfield Spring Luncheon

Connecting with Our Communities

Doubletree by Hilton, Canopy Ballroom
16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017
Social Hour 11 a.m. Lunch 12 p.m.

Ballwin-Chesterfield members and guests are invited to this annual luncheon. Reservations are \$40 by check only, made out to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, and sent to Carol Derington. Checks must be received by Monday, May 1. This special event includes recognition of retiring officers and installation of new officers, announcement of member achievements within the past year, and acknowledgement of the contributions of our membership.



Please indicate your entrée choice with reservation:

- ❖ Chicken with lobster basil cognac sauce,
- ❖ Grilled boneless pork loin chop with apple brandy sauce,
- ❖ Pan seared salmon with citrus cherry glaze.
- ❖ Entrees include salad, sides, and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Spring Luncheon Directors Yvonne Ward and Susan Fenwick



Presidents' Corner

After three years of participating in masked get togethers, AAUW B-C seems to be back in full swing! This spring, many of us will have attended STEM Girls of Promise events at three area high schools, will meet on Zoom for the AAUW MO conference, and will attend our annual spring luncheon at a new venue.

The work of AAUW continues. As we read the national and state news, it appears that attacks on libraries, civil rights and women's issues are on the upswing. Branch Public Policy chairs and their committee will track the news that pertains to the AAUW mission to advance gender equity and civil rights and will keep you abreast of the issues and what you can do to help. You can find updated information in the Friday Reminder in addition to the newsletter.

On the local front, we are looking for members to help with various jobs for the coming year. One additional person is needed to serve as University Liaison. This person will team with an experienced partner to distribute scholarships to Maryville and/or UMSL funded annually with AAUW B-C funds. The open positions for Branch Fundraising, Fall Brunch and Book Sale each have written guideline information. There are lists of people and committee members who will help you. You don't have to reinvent the wheel! Grab a friend, help the branch, and have some fun!



Sandy Brody



Sage Taber

Co-Presidents Sandy Brody and Sage Taber

It's Time to Renew Memberships!

AAUW opened its online membership renewal form April 1.

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.

1. Go to aauw.org. **Log In** at top right of page; enter your email address and password, then **LOG IN**.
2. Your Personal Snapshot page displays; scroll down and click **RENEW**.
3. Update personal information on the Membership Management screens; then **Next**.
4. Select Membership Type, click on *National*; **Next**.
5. For Branch or State Memberships: Select **Yes**; **Next**.
6. Select branch *MO7084*; scroll to the bottom and **Next**.
7. If you belong to more than one branch, choose your primary branch using the drop-down arrow; click **Next**.
8. Ensure that the *MO-Missouri State Dues* box is checked; scroll to the bottom and **Next**.
9. Optional donation to the Greatest Need Fund; then **Next**.
10. Enter Payment Type and select *Pay Now—New Credit Card*.
11. Enter card information; **SUBMIT**. Allow time for the system to process your information. You will have the option to print a receipt.

For most Ballwin-Chesterfield members, existing memberships expire on June 30. Members who have joined since July 1, 2022, will renew on their anniversary dates (i.e., 12 months from the date of joining). If you have any questions or concerns, we are available to assist.

Membership Vice-Presidents Michele Magnall and April Walgren

Protect Student Loan Borrowers

AAUW research has long shown that women bear the brunt of student debt. Women hold nearly two-thirds of the country's \$1.7 trillion student debt. This debt follows a woman throughout her life, from graduation until retirement

www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-student-debt/.

As Gloria Blackwell noted in *US Today*, it isn't a student problem – it's a gender inequity problem.

AAUW encourages us to urge Congress to enact permanent solutions to lessen the economic burden of educational debt.

Excerpt from AAUW Acton Fund Washington Update

Director Public Policy Marian Bauer

Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans

AAUW is dedicated to getting the college debt crisis under control. Learn more about how women are disproportionately impacted by student loans — and steps we can take to make college more affordable and accessible for all.

[READ THE REPORT](#)

AAUW Voting

Voting is underway in the AAUW 2023 Election. Each member has been emailed their voting pin number and simple voting instructions. Voting closes at 5 p.m. EDT, on Monday, May 15, 2023.

Members are being asked to elect members to the national AAUW Board of Directors and vote on important changes to the bylaws and Public Policy Priorities. Detailed information may be found at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>.

Please vote to accept the entire bylaws document, rather than voting on each article, because the reorganized provisions are all interrelated. Much of the inconsistency in our current bylaws has resulted from piecemeal amendments of individual provisions. The goal is to avoid that problem by asking for approval of the complete document.

A quorum of 5 percent of the members is needed to have the election count. To amend the bylaws, 2/3 of the votes cast need to be in the affirmative.

AAUW is YOUR organization! Please vote!

National Advancement Committee Member Sue Barley

AAUW MO Annual Conference *Changing Lives Through Equity*

May 6, 2023, via Zoom,

Registration is necessary by **May 3**. Please use <https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2023/04/Flier-and-Registration-Form-2023-AAUW-MO-Annl-Mtg-PDF> to register and see the conference schedule. Once you are registered, you will receive the Zoom link and the e-packet of conference materials.

Speakers

AAUW National Vice Chair Malinda Gaul will speak about “AAUW Today” with Q&A.

Colleen Norman with the Missouri Library Association will focus on Censure, Cancellations, and Bannings.

Save the Date ~~ October 19–21, 2023

AAUW Central States Regional Conference hosted by AAUW of Missouri

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.

B-C Booster Campaign Ended April 15

In December 2022 we began our first ever B-C Booster Campaign to raise funds for branch programs such as STEM Girls of Promise for local high schools, NCCWSL scholarships, St Louis Science Fair awards, and outstanding speakers for meetings. The goal was to raise \$5000 from branch members and/or interest groups to invest in the future of women and girls in our community.

Did we achieve our goal? Jayne Kasten is entering the final totals. Find out at the Spring Luncheon. The grand total and names of the B-C Boosters at each level will be recognized and celebrated.

B-C Booster Chair Jan Horner

Celebrating Strong Women

On March 18th, the AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC Luncheon was held with 66 members and guests who shared friendship, good food, and fundraising for worthy causes. Each of the five branches had an honoree who received the Barbara Lackritz Award.



Pat Shores, coordinator of the Barbara Lackritz award, introduced each of the honorees and their accomplishments.



St. Louis Metro IBC Barbara Lackritz honorees L-R:
Marcia Block Ballwin-Chesterfield,
Barbara Johnson Kirkwood-Webster Groves,
Pat Kelemen Ferguson-Florissant,
Barbara Olive St. Charles,
Ellen Irons St. Louis Branch.



B-C members, front row L-R
Marcia Block, Erlaine Eltomi, Carol Davis McDonald, Suzanne Couch, and Jan Horner

Back row L-R
Marian Bauer, Sandy Brody, Genevieve Gibson-Newman, Mary Jermak, Pat Shores, Pam Kulp, Deb McWard, Jeannie Webdell, and Kay Meyer.

Ballwin-Chesterfield Calendar of Events

May

**Dues Renewal Continues
 AAUW voting through May 15**

Golf Monday thru October

- 3 registration deadline for AAUW MO conference
- 4 B-C board meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 6 AAUW MO Annual Conference, 9 a.m.–noon
- 11 Spring Luncheon, 11 a.m.
- 15 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 17 Out-to-Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Lit. I 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Walking Group 9 a.m.

May continued

- 22 Lit. II, 11 a.m. at the Hearth Room
- 25 Movie Group, 11 a.m.
- 26 DFS Holocaust Museum, 1 p.m.

June

- 13 Reading Reality book selection, noon
- 15 Lit I book selection meeting, 9:30 a.m., Hearth Room
- 16 Walking Group 9 a.m.
- 19 Play Readers 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Out-to-Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- 22 Movie Group, 11 a.m.
- 26 Lit. II book selection meeting, 11 a.m., Hearth Room

Dollars for Scholars Program

- DFS member-planned events provide tuition support for local non-traditional women students.
- DFS events are also listed on ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/ and the Friday Reminder.
- Donations are not tax-deductible. Send donations to Finance Officer Jean Light with check payable to AAUW B-C.

Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum
Friday May 26, 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. **Waiting List only.**

The AAUW Honor Roll

In Memory of LeVergne (Lee) Bryant
In Memory of Fredrick (Rick) Smith

Celebrate a friend or family member by donating to the DFS Honor Roll. To donate in memory of a person, email Nancy Pierson the name/address to whom the acknowledgment postcard is sent. Send donation checks to the finance officer with Honor Roll on the memo line, and email Nancy Pierson the name/address of your honoree.

DFS Dollars for Scholars Sponsors Needed

DFS chairs are eager to assist and brainstorm ideas for new spring and summer events and offer ideas. Here are some examples:

- There is a waiting list for a third Holocaust Museum Tour; please consider sponsoring with a friend.
- MO Botanical Gardens is welcoming a new Chihuly exhibit beginning in May.
- West Newsmagazine recently highlighted a newly restored African Schoolhouse in Faust Park that offers guided tours.
- the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the UMSL campus has a varied line-up of entertaining performances.

Do you have a favorite *out-and-about* activity that can translate to a Dollars for Scholars event? Contact Nancy Pierson or Betty Jo Hogan for assistance with planning.

DFS Co-Directors Betty Jo Hogan & Nancy Pierson

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.

Contact Membership Vice-Presidents Michele Mangnall and April Walgren for membership information. www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/

Board and branch meetings are held 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.

The general membership meeting is the second Thursday of the month 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. September–April. The annual May Luncheon occurs on the second Thursday of May.

The *Branching Out* newsletter is published ten times annually.

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*.

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 book lists at

<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/>

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

May 18: *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*,
By Olga Tokarczuk.

Hostess and Reviewer: Bette Bude

June 15: Book Selection at the Hearth Room

Contact *Alice Crippen*.

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

May 22: *West with Giraffes*, by Linda Rutledge

Reviewer: Joyce Katz

June 26: Book Selection Meeting

Venue: Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

Contact *Joyce Katz* or *Erlaine Eltomi*.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

May 9: no meeting

June 13: Book selection. YaYa's

For information about this non-fiction book group,
contact *Marcia Block* or *Mary Kay Wolfe*.

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

No meetings until September

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

Bridge Groups

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.

May 15 and June 19

Contact *Ellen Friedman* or *Jean Light*.

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

May 2 and June 6

Contact *Chris Magilligan* or *Elaine Frost*.

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

May 23 and June 27

Contact *Alice Crippen* or *Elaine Frost*.

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1–3 p.m.

Meets at Holy Cross Lutheran Church,
13014 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Expressions will resume in the Fall.

For information about this creative activity group,
contact Nancy Hutchins.

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

May 25 and June 22: Talayna's Restaurant,
68 Four Seasons Shopping Center,
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Contact *Ann Riley* or *Mersine Kallaos*.

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

May 17: The Hill Antique Market & Restaurant,
4923 Daggett, St. Louis, MO 63110

June 21: Annie Gunn's, 16806 Chesterfield Airport Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63005

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.

May 19: Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Road, 63141

June 16: Faust Park. 15185 Olive Boulevard, 63017.

Meet at the parking lot near the Community Music School.
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, April thru October

All skill levels above beginner welcomed!

Play is scheduled at different courses around the area.

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

Play Readers 3rd Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

May 15: Hostess Roz Marx

June 19: Hostess Yvonne Morrison

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact *Marilyn Fletcher* to learn more and join.