



AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and AAUW MO Award-Winning Branch

Branching Out

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Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.*

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Ballwin-Chesterfield Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 13, 2023, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ballwin Golf Course Events Center

333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

Social time 10:30 a.m. Lunch and meeting 11 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Sign Ups

Please join us for an opportunity to visit with members and to sign up for 2023–24 committees and events. Bring ready to serve picnic food — a salad, sandwiches, or a dessert. Cold drinks will be provided. Let Carol Derington know if you will attend. Carol’s contact information can be found in the Directory.



Hospitality Directors Carol Derington and Suzanne Couch



Presidents’ Corner

Summer Greetings to all! There are several items to be aware of this month. First and foremost, if you have paid your annual dues, please accept a round of applause and a big thank you to all members who renew by June 30. Your payment will be accepted after June 30, but it creates more work for your friends at AAUW B-C if your payment is late. With AAUW’s new payment system, renewals after June 30 will create a different renewal date for you.

Second, we still have several open positions. They include University Liaison and the Fall Brunch. University Liaison is a job in which you stay in contact with a representative at UMSL or Maryville by phone or email. You are also invited to a lovely dinner at Maryville in April.

Fall Brunch is a fun event that kicks off the year. A coordinator is needed to work with an established committee. If no one steps forward by July 1, we will go to Plan B: the September meeting plus an activity

Finally, we would like to encourage everyone to think about and help plan Dollars for Scholars events. Nancy Pierson and Betty Jo Hogan have many ideas to share, and everyone loves events that include lunch but not too much walking. Please contact Nancy or Betty Jo for ideas or to offer to plan an event.

We hope to see you all at the Summer Picnic on July 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Center.

Co-Presidents Sandy Brody and Sage Taber



Sandy Brody



Sage Taber

To contact any branch member, please consult your B-C Directory.

Introducing Our Newest Member

Please welcome **Pam Bowman** to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW communities. Pamela completed her associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing at Maryville University; she also has a bachelor's in healthcare management from Maryville. She is retired from the nursing profession, enjoys machine quilting, and crocheting.

**Membership Vice President
April Walgren**

Eleanor Roosevelt Walk Donations Now Support Dollars for Scholars

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Board voted to make the walk a branch event since national has not supported an Eleanor Roosevelt Walk for many years. Walk donations will not be sent to National and will not count toward the Century Club or the Century Club Plus and will not be tax deductible.

The first walk of the branch's Walking Group's year will celebrate Eleanor on Friday September 15, 2023, at Des Peres City Park. Sign up to walk, come to cheer on the walkers, and to support Dollars for Scholars.

***With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.
Eleanor Roosevelt***

Eleanor Roosevelt Walk Chairs Carol Derington and Pat Shores

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch's Lines of Communication

AAUW B-C strives to keep its members informed. The branch has four main forms of communication. Access all the following to stay knowledgeable and current on branch topics.

Website, <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>, provides the most thorough and up-to-date information about the branch. It includes a calendar of all events, newsletters, forms, information on joining AAUW and donating, and Dollars for Scholars. It is the go-to place for all things AAUW B-C.

Newsletter, *Branching Out* publishes ten issues annually. It contains AAUW news and business, with articles about committees, Interest Groups, Dollars for Scholars, fundraising, branch meetings, etc. The newsletter is posted on the website and notice of publication is sent to members electronically.

Friday Reminders are sent by email to all members every week. The purpose is to remind B-C members of current events for the upcoming week. Much of the information in the Friday Reminder is available on the website or in the newsletter. Corrections or time-sensitive information is published, as needed.

The Directory is published annually with supplements for additions/changes also published each year. The Directory contains events, meetings, activities, a membership roster, and bylaws and policies.

Directory

Work will soon begin on the 2023–24 Directory to be distributed in the fall. If you have made any changes to your information, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are tired of seeing your old photo from years ago you may provide a new photo. Please check your email from time to time as we may need more information about a committee and may contact you.

All members receive a digital copy of the Directory that can be loaded on your phone, tablet, or laptop. If that is sufficient for your needs, you do not need to contact us. If you want a printed copy, you must let us know via email. We do not want to waste paper and funds on directories that are not wanted. Contact me at the email address listed in this year's Directory.

Directory Director Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Save the Date ~~ October 19–21, 2023 Meet Me in St. Louis

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.

New Convention Reimbursement Guidelines

Convention and conference reimbursement guidelines have changed as stated in the policies of the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. A Missouri state conference is held annually while an AAUW Regional convention is held on an intermittent schedule. Members attending either convention will be reimbursed for early bird registration upon proof of attendance and contingent on B-C branch funds.

Please refer to the Policies of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, Missouri Branch in the 2022-2023 Directory on page 71, section IX. Conventions which were revised in May by **Sandy Brody, Jean Light, Mary Jermak, Pat Shores**, and **Sage Taber**.

Finance Officer Jean Light

Membership Renewals

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 join after July 1, 2023, 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

Remembering Joan Lunt

Joan Lunt was a valued member of Ballwin-Chesterfield since 2002 who gave her time and talent to branch committees, events, and projects. Joan passed away on May 22, 2023.



Many members remember Joan's strong beliefs, sense of humor, love of talking about books, joy in playing bridge and canasta, and her being the epitome of strength and courage.

Joan was accomplished in numerous ways. In her 50's, she enrolled at Maryville University for her master's degree and graduated summa cum laude. She was recognized professionally and personally with the following awards:

Elementary School Teacher of The Year, Parkway School District
Emerson Electric Excellence in Teach Award
American Association of University Women (AAUW) Named Honoree Award
Teacher for 37 years with her master's plus 15

Joan will be missed and remembered fondly. A donation in Joan's memory has been sent to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.



Legal Advocacy Fund

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms

Created in 1981, AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system. The fund supports brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for equal pay, Title IX, *Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, and tenure denial violations. LAF allocates \$100,000 annually to help fund landmark cases, such as *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* and *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*, as well as cases with the potential to set future precedents like *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*.

- Legal Advocacy Fund Legal Case Support Grants are available to fund cases in state or federal court that address sex discrimination in employment or education and have the potential to set or reinforce precedent for future cases on gender discrimination.
- Unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men.

This year, each issue of *Branching Out* will highlight information about the work of LAF and the cases it supports. The application period for funding of \$5,000-\$20,000 is August 1 through November 15.

John Doe v. Jane Doe

Jane was a college student who reported sexual misconduct by a fellow student to her school. The college conducted a formal Title IX investigation process and hearing, and ultimately found the Respondent responsible for sexual misconduct in violation of its Title IX policy and removed him from the college. The Respondent brought a defamation suit against Jane, which is still pending in court. Case Adopted January 2023.

Excerpted from aauw.org.

Missouri 2023 Legislative Session

Thanks to the efforts of members of AAUW MO and local branches, the Missouri budget was approved with many items cut in the Governor's proposed budget reinstated. Reinstated items that support AAUW's mission included state aid for public libraries, references to DEI were removed, early childhood spending was increased and post-partum care for new mothers and babies covered by Medicaid was expanded to a full year.

- Bills that were passed at the end of the legislative session are finalized when signed into law by the Governor and go into effect on August 28, 2023.
- For a detailed listing of these bills visit <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/>.
- Click on Public Policy, and then click on Missouri 2023 Legislative Session Wrap.
- To check on the status of each bill, visit <https://governor.mo.gov/actions/legislative-actions> to check on the status of each bill.
- Act by contacting Governor Parson's office to voice your view on these bills.

Again, thanks to the efforts of AAUW, branch members, and collaborating groups, such as the MO Voter Protection Coalition and League of Women Voters:

- Various bills proposed to change the Initiative Petition (IP) process did not pass. These changes would have made it more difficult for citizens of Missouri to exercise their right to participate in government.
- Numerous IPs are being created and Public Policy will keep members posted on those aligned with AAUW's mission.
- Bills that focused on creating closed primaries requiring voters to register with a political affiliation did not pass.

Director Public Policy Angie Janik

A Successful STEM Year in Review

An important branch goal is to encourage young women in their pursuit of careers in STEM fields, where women are often underrepresented. To that end we awarded three scholarships of \$125 each to young women from the Honors Division of the Science Fair.

The STEM Girls of Promise awards breakfasts were held at Valley Park, Pattonville, and Maplewood-Richmond Heights High Schools. There were 15 girls honored who each received a \$100 check, a medal, and a certificate. At Maplewood HS we were excited to have last year's awardees also attend, and each shared where she is headed in the fall. Several branch members participated in the ceremonies at each of the schools. We would love to have more of you join us next year.

A new part of the program was sending a letter in the fall to the 2022 juniors honorees to stay in touch. A second letter was later sent about connecting with AAUW when in college. It included pointers to become stronger future job candidates.

Valley Park Principal Ryan Luhning, wrote:

"It was so nice to have this event in person at VPHS. The students honored and their families had a great time, and it was wonderful to see as many AAUW members here. Thank you for all you do for our students."

Additional STEM Girls of Promise photos will be posted on branch website/Community Outreach.

STEM Chair Marcia Block



At Maplewood-Richmond Heights

Spring Luncheon ~ Connecting with our Communities ~ May 11, 2023 Doubletree by Hilton – Chesterfield

About 80 AAUW B-C members enjoyed the festivities, including a lively social hour, followed by a delicious meal in the light, bright surroundings. The program included recognition of **Marcia Block** as the branch's 2023 Barbara Lackritz Award recipient, and **Mary Jermak** as an AAUW Missouri Woman of Distinction.

Jan Horner led the installation of incoming branch officers. Pictured at left, L-R: Director Public Policy **Angie Janik**, Secretary/Archivist **Mary Jermak**, Membership vice-president **Susan Teicher**, Program vice-president **Kathleen Brown**, and President **Sage Taber**.



AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield saluted its newest 50-year-old members. Each honoree received a rose and an Honorary Life Member certificate.

We congratulate (L-R at right) **Carol Davis McDonald**, **Gloria Campion**, **Terri Ciccolella**, and **Lorna Anderson** for their strong commitment to AAUW.



B-C Booster Club 2022–23

Thanks to the generous support of branch members and interest groups, \$7000 was raised to support many branch programs and activities. Special thanks to Jayne Kasten who served as treasurer for the Booster Club.

Gold Level \$250–499

Jayne Kasten
Lorna Anderson
Margaret Estes
Sage Taber

Silver Level \$100–249

Arlene Spector
Barbara McQuitty
Bette Bude
Carol Davis
McDonald
Carol Derington
Deborah Cloud
Diane Siegel
Erlaine Eltomi
Jan Horner
Janet Sloey
Jean Elliott
Kathleen Brown

Silver continued

Leslie Wier
Liz Maher
Marcia Block
Pat Shores
Sandra Murdock
Sandy Brody
Sue Barley
Susan Fenwick
Suzanne Couch
Reading Reality
Group

Bronze Level \$50–99

Alice Crippen
Angela Janik
Ann Hansen
Ann Patrice
O'Shaughnessy
Barbara Butchart
Eileen Lesevoy

Bronze continued

Ellen Friedman
Genevieve
Gibson-Newman
Gloria Campion
Jane Hemer
Janet Barrett
Joan Hewitt
Judy Shafer-Piet
Karen Woods
Kay Meyer
Kay Wunder
Linda Roberson
Mable Davis
Margaret
Andersen
Marilyn Beiter
Mary Jermak
Mary McFarland
Mary Kay Wolfe
Mersine Kallaos
Michele Mangnall
Nancy Pierson

Bronze continued

Pam Kulp
Pat White
Sandy Kalin
Willeyne Berger
Yvonne Ward
Expressions
Group
Duplicate Bridge II
Lit I Group
Lit II Group

Friends \$1–49

Anne Wolf
Carolyn Pohlkotte
Judy Stagoski
Marian Bauer
Marilyn Fletcher
Marsha
Weppleman

Dollars for Scholars

Summer Concert in Schroder (Manchester) Park
Friday August 4 6-9 p.m. Cost \$10
359 Old Meramec Station Rd.
Manchester, MO 63021

Grab your lawn chair, your own picnic dinner and favorite beverage, and join your AAUW friends for a summer evening concert by Rockin' Chair (www.rockinchairstl.com)

Sign up at the July 13 picnic or contact sponsor **Nancy Pierson** for more information.

The AAUW Honor Roll

Honor a friend or family member by donating to the DFS Honor Roll.

*In Memory of
Alfred Michael 'Mike' Sloey*

To donate 'in memory of', email Nancy Pierson the name of your honoree and the contact information to whom the acknowledgment postcard is to be sent.

Send donation checks, payable to AAUW B-C, to Finance Officer Jean Light with Honor Roll on the memo line. Dollars for Scholars donations are not tax-deductible.

Dollars for Scholars Sponsors Needed

Ballwin-Chesterfield members take pride in branch scholarships to non-traditional women students. Member sponsored events fund scholarships and continue a long-standing branch scholarship tradition.

Do you have a favorite *out-and-about* activity that can translate to a Dollars for Scholars event? Nancy and Betty Jo offer a few ideas in this column and have many more to share and spark your ideas and stand ready to assist you with planning an event!

Here are some suggestions for enjoyable summer events.

1. Invite members to enjoy free summer concerts in nearby parks (such as Des Peres Park, Manchester Park, Faust Park, and Blue Bird Park)
2. Attend a nearby Fourth of July Fireworks show with fellow members.
3. Sponsor a Picnic in the Park – meet at a local park with your sack lunch and socialize under a pavilion
4. Queeny Park Art Fair runs September 1 – 3.

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century.

Contact branch officers through <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/contact-us/> or the Directory.

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

- Board and branch meetings are held at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Center.
- The 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 Janet Sloey & Kathy Brown
VP Membership April Walgren & Susie Teicher
Finance Officer Jean Light
Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak

Elected Directors

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

Appointed Directors

Branch Fundraising OPEN
Directory Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy & Joyce Katz
Dollars for Scholars Betty Jo Hogan & Nancy Pierson
Governance Marsha Weppelman
Hospitality Carol Derington & Suzanne Couch
Newsletter Editors Mary Jermak, Joyce Katz, & Pat Shores
University Liaison Susan Shriver & OPEN

Special Events

Fall Brunch OPEN
Spring Luncheon Yvonne Ward & Carol Anthony
STEM Marcia Block and OPEN
Web Managers Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown
Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

OTHER

International Relations Susie Teicher & Marge Anderson
Care Notes Joyce Katz & Joan Reed
Friday Reminder Bette Bude & Mary Kay Wolfe

Branch Interest Group Events and Calendar

Interest group social events bring together members with similar interests.

Try one! Contact an Interest Group Chair.

See <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/> or in the front of your Directory.

Book Groups Welcome All Readers

Download book lists at

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

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

Literature I will resume in September.

Contact *Alice Crippen*.

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

July 24 *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

Reviewer Linda Seibert

August 28 TBA

Venue Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

Contact *Joyce Katz* or *Erlaine Eltomi*.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

July 11 *Once Upon on a Tome*

Reviewer Marcia Block

Hostess Jane Miller

August 8 *Picasso's War: How Modern Art Came to America*

Reviewer Mary Kay Wolfe

Hostess Mary Kay Wolfe

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.

July 17 and August 21

Contact *Ellen Friedman* or *Jean Light*.

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

July 4 and August 1

Contact *Chris Magilligan* or *Elaine Frost*.

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

July 25 and August 22

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.

No meetings in July & August

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.

No meetings in July and August

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

Contact *Jean Light* for a reservation.

Walking Group 3rd Fridays, 9:00 a.m.

July 21 Queeny Park, 1675 S. Mason Road, 63131.

Enter using the Mason Road entrance and go
immediately left to the parking lot where we will meet.

August 18 Vlasis Park, 300 Park Drive, 63011.

Vlasis Park is near the intersection of Manchester and
Holloway Roads. Meet in the parking lot.

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.

To get on the contact list, tell *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.

July 17 Leader *Roz Marx*, Hostess *Judy Stagoski*

August 21 Hostess *Judy Stagoski*

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact *Marilyn Fletcher* to learn more and join.