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National and AAUW MO Award-Winning Branch

Branching Out

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October 12, 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.

No Sister Left Behind: Changing Lives and Sewing Hope into the Hearts and Minds of Formerly Incarcerated Women Speaker Kacie Starr Long

Kacie Starr Long is a wife, author, entrepreneur, and speaker. She is the founder of the Sew Hope Community Sewing Room, a unique creative space in Florissant that features sewing, quilting, and craft classes, along with sewing therapy groups for formerly incarcerated women, and those who find themselves in a difficult place and need healing through the arts.



Prior to launching the Sew Hope Community Sewing Room in 2022, Kacie made history as one of St. Louis' youngest elected officials, serving as Alderwoman of the 6th Ward. Kacie and her husband, Alfred T. Long, lead Jacob's Ladder Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides faith-based services to individuals and families impacted by incarceration.

Program Vice-President Janet Sloey

President's Corner

Fall is here, and with it our Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW branch is in full swing with meetings, committees, interest groups and activities. The September Kick-Off meeting had delicious food and essential information about current and future happenings. The members heard from Felicia Cunningham, one of the students who attended the NCCSWL conference for student leaders. In addition to the business meeting, the group took a Dollars for Scholars survey, a national survey, and heard from interest group chairs.



Sandy Brody

All members have the special opportunity to attend the Midwest Regional AAUW Conference that is being hosted by the AAUW of Missouri on Oct. 19, 20, 21, 2023. Please go to the Ballwin-Chesterfield website to find information about the regional conference. Your early bird registration costs will be reimbursed to members who submit receipts after the conference is over.



Sage Taber

We look forward to seeing each of you at AAUW events and activities this year.

Presidents Sage Taber and Sandy Brody

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

Nominations for the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award

The St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council branches may submit nominations for the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award in November. Each IBC branch can select a member to receive this award. The honorees will be acknowledged at the annual IBC Spring Fling in March 2024.

Please submit your nomination to Marcia Block, chair of the branch IBC Barbara Lackritz Award Committee. With your nomination, please include a few sentences about your nominee. The criteria to consider are as follows:

1. Upholds the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.
2. Provides service to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s).
3. Provides leadership to AAUW at any of the state, local, regional, or national levels(s).
4. Provides service and leadership in non-AAUW areas in the community, religious, professional and/or political arenas

Submit nominations to Marcia Block by October 31, 2023. The award is named after Barbara Lackritz, who was a Ballwin-Chesterfield member and an AAUW leader and mentor. Marcia Block was the most recent honoree from our branch.

Past-President/IBC Representative Jan Horner

Ballwin-Chesterfield 2023-24 Proposed Budget

The board approved the proposed budget at its September meeting. The next step is for members to vote to approve the proposed budget at the October branch meeting. A copy of the proposed budget will be distributed to each member for review before the branch meeting. Contact Jean Light with specific budget comments or questions before the October meeting.

This year, the Operating Fund and Dollars for Scholars funds have been combined for easier management. The branch income comes from the following: the \$22 portion of the dues that our branch retains, the Winter Fundraiser and Dollars for Scholars events. In addition to the Operating Fund account, the branch also has a CD.

Branch expenses mainly include rental costs for the branch meetings at the Ballwin Golf Club Events Facility, liability insurance, an AAUW Greatest Needs Fund donation, IBC NCCWSL, International Relations support, cash awards for high school girls planning STEM college studies, AAUW regional and state conference attendance, scholarships for four mature women returning to college, speaker stipends and officer, director, and committee expenses.

Finance Officer Jean Light

First in the World

Missouri Kansas City Current, a member of the National Women's Soccer League, will have its very own stadium next spring. The facility, currently under construction, is the first stadium in the world expressly for a pro women's sports team.

Reprinted from Ms. Magazine, Fall edition, page 7.

The AAUW Greatest Needs Fund and Why We Should Support It

The annual collection for the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund will take place at the November branch meeting—we want to tell you why this is so important. Your dues cover approximately 20 percent of the national budget. Donations to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly to the critical issues that affect women at the national, state, and branch levels.

Recent examples of what the Greatest Needs Fund supports include:

- ✓ Updating research data about the pay gap for The Simple Truth.
- ✓ Financing programs, NCCWSL, Work Smart, and webinars.
- ✓ Covering the public policy budget.

We encourage you to donate online, but Suzanne and I will be happy to accept checks for any amount at our November meeting. Donations that are sent to national are tax deductible. Reach out to Karen or Suzanne if you have any questions.

AAUW Fund Directors Karen Francis and Suzanne Couch

Eleanor Roosevelt 2023 Walk Results

Since national AAUW no longer has the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, our board decided to dedicate the walk collection to our local Dollars for Scholars fund.

And **WOW**, 10 women walked and 11 more supported the walkers for a total collection of \$ 835. Members enjoyed a beautiful outing at Des Peres City Park.

Thank you to our members who honored Eleanor's memory in such a big way.

Eleanor Roosevelt Chairs Carol Derington and Pat Shores



L-R: Mersine Kallaos, Jan Horner, April Walgren, Susan Fenwick, Marian Bauer, Kathy Brown, Carol Derington. Front row, L-R: Lorna Anderson, Nancy Pierson, Michele Mangnall, and Jane Fetick.

Membership Matters - Reflection

A virtual high five to all who have renewed their AAUW B-C memberships! As we resume our monthly meetings, programs, and other activities, it is a good time to reflect on why we belong.

Which benefits of belonging to AAUW do you value? Friendship? Intellectual stimulation? The support you receive, the support you can give, or the opportunity to serve?

Perhaps you agree with this headline from a recent Virginia branch newsletter: "Now more than ever membership matters." The article described AAUW as "the voice of women who are engaged" and stated, "We are aware of the ramifications of changes in leadership, law, and the symbiotic connections of the landscape. We come together to support one another to amplify our voices."

This year we hope you will use your voice to invite and encourage others to learn about AAUW B-C.

Membership Vice Presidents Susie Teicher and April Walgren

Public Policy

More than 50 years have elapsed since the passage of Title IX, which has protected generations of women against sex-based discrimination in education. AAUW played a critical role in shaping the law that changed the face of education.

In 2020, the Trump Administration eviscerated Title IX's safeguards against campus sexual assault and harassment—a huge step backwards. AAUW is working on undoing that change and further expanding Title IX's reach in the following ways:

- Provides strong, specific public comment outlining needed protections.
- Rallies activists like you to be among the hundreds of thousands of voices demanding change.
- Joins coalition efforts to push back on legislative efforts to exclude transgender women and girls in school sports.

Later this year, the Biden administration is expected to finalize rules that will restore protections for students experiencing sexual harassment, clarify protections for LGBTQ+ students, and strengthen support for pregnant and parenting students.

What can you do? Contact your U.S. senators and representatives to ask them to pass the long-overdue Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA), which includes provisions for more resources, training and technical assistance to support Title IX's full implementation.

Josh Hawley, hawley.senate.gov, 314 354 7060

Eric Schmitt, schmitt.senate.gov, 314 230 7263

Ann Wagner, wagner.house.gov, 636 799 5449

Blaine Luetkemeyer, luetkemeyer.house.gov, 636 327 7055

Public Policy Committee Member Barbara Butchart

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

Today's AAUW members can be proud of the work of LAF. The case that started LAF was *Zahorik et al. v. Cornell University*. In 1978, five female professors at Cornell, Donna Zahorik, Judith Long Laws, Jacqueline Livingston, Antonia Glasse, and Charlotte J. Farris, sued the university for sex discrimination in hiring, promotion, and tenure. Each had been denied tenure and passed over for opportunities in favor of male counterparts. At Cornell only four percent (34) of the 765 full professors were women. The case expanded to include six more women and became popularly known as the Cornell 11. It would develop into a class-action lawsuit involving 43 women employed at Cornell.

The suit also called for Cornell University to raise women's salaries to a level comparable to those of men holding similar positions, engage in new affirmative action plans, and provide for women to serve on committees which make decisions about employment and promotion.



LAF *continued*

Plaintiff, Antonia Glasse, had been a branch member of AAUW in Ithaca. The branch participated in creating the Friends of the Cornell 11. They contacted the AAUW national office for financial support. At the 1981 AAUW convention, the AAUW Board voted to establish a pilot program with the Cornell 11 as the first case. An AAUW committee would develop a budget, guidelines, criteria for cases, and opinions on the longevity and permanence of the fund. At the first meeting, Mary Purcell, president of AAUW, stated, "I hope you realize this is a rather momentous occasion. I feel like we are making history to be around this table discussing and being a part of the pilot project."

The Cornell 11 primarily needed financial support because Cornell University had hired the fanciest lawyers money could buy. In 1984, with \$22,500 in AAUW's support, the 11 named plaintiffs...settled the case." The Legal Advocacy Fund became a permanent entity in 1983 and has continued to support women through legal advocacy in a myriad of cases.

Source: AAUW Archives, Archivist Jessica Miller

Save the Date for our Annual Winter Party

Thursday, December 14, 2023

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Become a B-C Booster

This year there will be no silent auctions, no boutique sales, no Elegant Edibles and no major raffles. **There will be** entertainment, games, great food and the opportunity for you to become a B-C Booster to help Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch to continue to support our wonderful local programs.

Fundraising Chairs Sandy Brody and Sage Taber



AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council

Annual Spring Luncheon 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Catering to You

12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant

Recognizing Barbara Lackritz Honorees

Dollars for Scholars Events

Coming in October:

Used Book and Puzzle Sale

Gather your books and puzzles for the return of the Used Book Sale. We have had inquiries about including music CDs and movie DVRs. We are going to give it a try at this October meeting and if successful, we will continue it.

Please check your Friday Reminders for any updates.

Thank you for saving and donating your items, supporting the sale, and helping to fund local scholarships.

Questions? Contact Used Book Sale Chairs Jean Light or Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Gourmet Bean Soup Mix Available Until Supplies Run Out

The delicious bean soup mix packages will be for sale at \$8 per bag at the October branch meeting. The gourmet mix of beans, peas, and lentils includes directions to prepare a vegetarian or a meat-based soup. Buy some for yourself to enjoy this winter and to share with friends and family.

Lorna Anderson, Pat Shores, and Sue Shriver

Cabaret Musical Performance

**WU Edison Theatre 6465 Forsyth Blvd 63105
October 29, 2 p.m. Free parking in WU garage
Total Cost \$25 (\$15 to DFS)**

A raucous and risqué revival of Kander and Ebb's 1967 Tony Award Winning Best Musical, *Cabaret*, will be performed by students of Washington University's Performing Arts Department. The setting is 1929-30 but the message remains relevant. "What good is sitting alone in your room? Come hear the music play..." Sponsor **Roz Marx**

National Weather Service Tour

**12 Missouri Research Park Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304
Friday, November 3, 10 a.m. Cost \$20**

Forecaster Matt Beitscher will lead a tour of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) office that provides weather, water, and climate data, forecasts, and warnings for the protection of life and property, and enhancement of the national economy.

If there is severe weather, the tour may be cancelled on short notice by the National Weather Service.

Lunch on your own, at Firefly Grill, 101 Chesterfield Towne Center, Chesterfield, 63005.

Send your reservation for the tour to **Marian Bauer**.

Sponsors **Marian Bauer and Pat Shores**.

The AAUW DFS Honor Roll

Honor a friend or family member. To donate 'in memory of', email Nancy Pierson the name of the honoree and the contact information to whom the acknowledgement 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.

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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/

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

- Board meetings: West County EMS & Fire Protection District Station 1, 223 Henry Avenue, Manchester
- The board meets on the first Thursday at 9:30 a.m. September–November and February–May.
- Branch meetings: Ballwin Golf Course Events Center.
- The branch meeting, September–April, is the second Thursday of the month 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- The annual May Luncheon occurs on the second Thursday of May.

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents Sage Taber & Sandy Brody
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University Liaison Susan Shriver & Abby Roessler
Special Events

Spring Luncheon Yvonne Ward & Carol Anthony
STEM Marcia Block
Web Managers Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.
International Relations Susie Teicher & Marge Andersen
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.

October 19, *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson will be reviewed by Jane Miller. Hostess Diane Siegel.

Contact Alice Crippen.

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

September 25, *Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz will be reviewed by Erlaine Eltomi
October 23, *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng will be reviewed by Marcia Block

Venue: Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

October 10, *Poverty, By America*, by Matthew Desmond will be reviewed by Jane Miller. Hostess: Dottie Shinker

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

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

September 28 Discussion of *This Tender Land* by Wm. Kent Krueger will be led by Lynne Roney, and the 2023–24 book selection meeting via ZOOM*
Further meetings to be announced.

This IBC book group reads books written from diverse perspectives.

*Contact Patty Murray (pattymurrayaaauw@gmail.com)

Bridge Groups

If you would like to play bridge, contact a bridge group chairperson.

Some groups need players and subs.

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

October 16

Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

October 3

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m.

October 3 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
13014 Olive Blvd, 63141

This activity group creates a variety of crafts. This month's project is a fun "repeat": colorful beaded lanyards. Bring your own beads or pay a small supply charge. Make your own lanyard or one to donate. Funds go to Dollars for Scholars.

Contact Nancy Hutchins, Kay Meyer or Debbie Cloud

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

October 26 at Spiro's Restaurant, 1054 N Woods Mill Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

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

October 18 Maggiano's Little Italy, #2 The Boulevard, Richmond Heights, 63117 (across from Galleria on Brentwood Blvd.)

Please feel welcome to join this friendly group of AAUW members and guests as we try different restaurants around St. Louis each month. Contact Barb McQuitty for a reservation by email or phone.

Walking Group 4th Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

October 25 NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME

Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Road, 63141

Meet at the horse barn.

Get on the contact list by telling Michele you'd like to join.

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.

October 16 Hostess: Ann Riley

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher to learn more and join.