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March 14, 2024, Branch Meeting,

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

Social Time 9 a.m. Business Meeting 9:30 a.m. Speaker 10:30 a.m.



Rebeka McIntosh

Vice President of the Missouri National Education Association

Rebeka is a proud public-school teacher. She has worked as a Parent Educator, taught kindergarten through fifth grade, and most recently specialized in elementary alternative programming for at-risk students. She works full time for the 33,000-member state affiliate of the National Education Association. "I believe that our public schools should meet the unique needs of every student and support each student's social, creative, and academic growth," says McIntosh, who is passionate about Missouri NEA's capacity to make a difference for members and students and MNEA's work for the respect and support our public schools deserve.

President's Corner

Greetings to all,

Part of the AAUW mission is to advocate for state and local laws to ensure equity and end discrimination. To that end, AAUW B-C is working hard to keep everyone informed about current events. The Public Policy co-directors, Angela Janik and Marian Bauer, work tirelessly to bring us the latest news on the national, state, and local fronts. Bette Bude and Mary Kay Wolfe, the *Friday Reminder* editors, stay abreast of incoming information as do the *Branching Out* team of Joyce Katz, Pat Shores, and Mary Jermak

The Ballwin-Chesterfield website <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net> allows you to stay informed about current legislative actions, such as voting, women's rights, and educational issues through the Public Policy section. You can support DFS, both as an event participant or as a host of a future event, download forms, read past newsletters, and become a B-C Booster by accessing the form posted on the website.

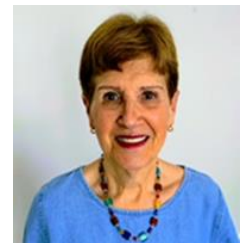
The state and national websites are easily accessible through the B-C website as well. The state website, <https://aauw-mo.aauw.net> provides details for important events, such as the legislative retreat, statewide meetings, and the activities of other Missouri branches. The national website, <https://aauw.org>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

Sage and I hope to see you all at the March 14 branch meeting. You will enjoy visiting with fellow members, hearing branch news, and learning from the dynamic speaker.

Presidents Sandy Brody and Sage Taber



Sage Taber



Sandy Brody

AAUW MO2024 Legislative Retreat

AAUW MO is facilitating another Legislative Retreat on Saturday, February 24, via Zoom, from 9 a.m. – 11:30 am, and you are invited to attend. The leaders of 15 Missouri organizations will give a brief description of their group, an explanation of their main legislative priority, including bill number, title, and author of two bills they would like us to monitor. Activists from organizations across the state will share information about pay equity, ERA, book bans, sensible gun safety, LGBTQ+, abortion action, voter protection, and much more. Please use this link for access to the 2024 Legislative Retreat.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81145384169?pwd=OhRkbsDzmdCsgJpr680HwSbjl3gcDH.1>

Meeting ID: 811 4538 4169 Passcode: 589130

Missouri History Day

The theme this year is *The Turning Point in History*. The event will be held on Saturday, April 27, at the University of Missouri campus. AAUW MO will award three \$100 prizes for the best entries in the junior and senior divisions for performance and documentary on women's history.

Branches are encouraged to promote the contest in local middle schools with 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and in high schools. If you are interested in being a judge contact Betty Takahashi, Missouri History Day Chair at <https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/connect/board/>.

Spring Luncheon, Encircling All Women

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Social Hour 11 a.m. Lunch 12 noon

Marriott West Hotel

660 Maryville Center Drive

St Louis, MO 63141

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.

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 Co-Director Yvonne Ward



Introducing Our Newest Members

Welcome these new members to the Ballwin-Chesterfield and AAUW community.

Rachel Canis

Rachel earned a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising and a master's in business administration from Fontbonne University. Now retired from the fashion industry, she has many interests, including music, art, theater, cooking, and volunteering.

Kathleen (Kathy) Lask

Kathy received her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Rose. She earned a master of arts in teaching from Webster University and taught high school English for 35 years. A knitting enthusiast, she enjoys donating her creations to the Warm Up America program at St. Louis County Library.

Do you have an idea for outreach to potential new members? Let the membership team know; we would love to hear your thoughts!

Membership Vice Presidents Susie Teicher and April Walgren



Over her entire career, a woman high school graduate earns an average of \$700,000 less than a man, and a woman with a college degree earns an average of \$1.2 million less.



The Walking Group Returns

4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

- The Walking Group will resume in April and continue monthly through October. The group will meet at various parks around the area from Chesterfield to Kirkwood. Each month the selected park will be noted in the Interest Group section of the newsletter. If you want to be on the contact list and receive monthly reminders or alerts regarding each walk, let Michele know.

Contact Michele Mangnall

AAUW 2022–23 Fellowships & Grants

Missouri Sponsors

In the 2022–23 academic year, AAUW awarded over \$6M in fellowships and grants to 320 women and community projects. There are 14 endowments established by AAUW Missouri, AAUW Missouri Branches, and AAUW Missouri members who sponsor fellowships and grants each year.

American Fellowships

Justine Therese Lamperty, Tulane University – New Orleans jlamperty@gmail.com
#1608 Leona J. Beckmann

Tiffany Williams, Tennessee State University – Nashville twill278@tnstate.edu
#1061 Vassie J. Hill

International Fellowships

Aparajita Santra University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign asantra2@illinois.edu
#1168 Chloe E. Millikan

Matilda Adeboye, Loyola University – Chicago matilda.adeboye@gmail.com
#1148 Blanche H. Dow

Deepika Chhillar, University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign deepika4@illinois.edu
#1172 Mary Alice Parrish

Career Development Grants

Liana Pichardo Urrutia, University of Texas – El Paso icpichardou@miners.utep.edu
#1465 Missouri State Division Anniversary

Uchenna Ogu, University of Colorado - Denver uchennaogu11@gmail.com

#1364 Independence (MO) Branch

#1639 Kansas City (MO) Branch/Dora Johnson

#1768 Ferguson-Florissant (MO) Branch/Shirley Breeze

#4037 F. Elaine Richardson Fund (MO 2003-04)

#4112 Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

#4286 Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch Silver Anniversary

Laura Wilkinson Sinton, Arizona State University – Tempe laurawsinton@gmail.com
#4009 Missouri Diamond Jubilee

Joyce Litu, Prairie View A & M University – Texas kanguha@yahoo.com
#4280 Maryville (MO) Branch/Opal Eckert

Reprinted from Sue Barley, January 2024 report, and Mission & Action, January 2024

Information about recipients may be found on the AAUW website.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/directory-of-recipients-sponsors/>



Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council 2024 Annual Spring Luncheon
Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Happy March from the Annual Event Committee! Our event is fast approaching. Some information for you:

During the luncheon, each branch is providing a raffle basket based on “*A Day Out*” adventure in each of our communities. You’ll purchase as many tickets as you like and then drop any number of tickets into the buckets of the baskets you’d like to win. You’ll also purchase tickets for a 50/50 drawing, and the Lottery Ticket Tree will be back this year!

Group picture times are expected to be listed on the program. We hope to take branch pictures simultaneously during the luncheon because *Catering to You* has enough space for us to spread out. This will avoid trying to assemble branches at the end of the event when we all prefer to chat and get ready to depart. Help us make this a success by listening for your branch’s name to be called and where to meet!

Pictures of our Barbara Lackritz Award honorees will be taken directly after the award presentation.

We’ve included some detailed directions to the venue, *Catering to You*, as it is located in a plaza and not easy to spot. Remember to take the ramp on the right side of the building to the lower parking lot and enter the venue from there.

Our Program Speaker is Bev Schuetz; we know you will enjoy her presentation. If you haven’t yet sent in your reservation, the sign-up form is below for your convenience. We are accepting registrations through **March 8th**. We look forward to seeing all of you on **March 23rd** and celebrating AAUW!



Bev Schuetz is a popular and dynamic speaker who has created HISTORY TALKS, a series of live presentations available to organizations. She is known for her unique topics, delightful presentations, and thoroughly researched programs. Bev’s presentations showcase her unique perspective and special insight on colorful historical subjects.

Visit historytalks.info

“Meet the fascinating women who broke barriers to succeed in business where no women had gone before.”

Mail form and check by **March 8th** to

Carol Davis McDonald
827 Bergquist Drive
Manchester MO 63011-4215

Please print legibly; depositing your envelope inside the Post Office is recommended.

For more information, contact

Jan Horner 314-422-4881
janethorner@yahoo.com

Name _____ Branch _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____

Reservations _____ * @ \$40 = \$ _____ Checks payable to **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC**

Dietary Restrictions _____

Dollars for Scholars Events

Dollars for Scholars donations are not tax-deductible.

International Relations Lecture Series, a DFS event Sponsors Marge Andersen and Nancy Pierson

The Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, 63117
Cost: \$10 Carpool Available Optional lunch afterward.

* **March 12 Speaker Jessica Mayo, JD, co-director of The Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project in St Louis**, committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. Topic is Global Migration Trends and Implications for the US Asylum System.

* **April 9 Speaker Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease, Professor of International Relations at Webster University.** Dr Pease explains the creation and evolution of NATO and examines debates surrounding NATO expansion including the interactive relationship between NATO and the Russia-Ukraine Conflict.

Succulent Planter Private Party for AAUW

Chesterfield Valley Nursery 16825 N Outer 40 Rd., 63005
Friday, March 1, 1–3 p.m. Level 1 (\$35) Level 2 (\$50)
(\$10 to DFS included in cost)

Learn to assemble your own succulent or cactus planter as the perfect accent to your home décor or as a gift to a friend. Complimentary snack bar provided and a 20 percent coupon for additional purchases. Level 1 chooses one succulent or cactus to take home. Level 2 creates and keeps a planter, a selection of succulents and cacti, decorative rock, and potting mix.
Sponsor **Nancy Pierson**

There's Fun in the Factory Sammy Soap Tour

123 Argonne, Kirkwood, 63122

Friday, March 22, noon Cost \$25 (\$15 to DFS)

Learn about cold process soap making where art meets chemistry in the factory and the result is magic. Shop in their interesting store afterward. Optional lunch nearby at Billy G's. Mail your \$25 check to Pat Shores.

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 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.

Sip for Scholars Coffee Bar Cost \$2 per cup

Elegant Edible Raffle—Bring some cash for a chance to win a home-made delectable dessert made by a fellow member.

Book, Puzzle, CD, DVR Sale—Donate current books from last five years. Exceptions made for the classics. No textbooks please. Children's books in good condition are accepted. Please limit your donations to 10 items.

Upcoming Coffee Concerts Sponsored by Roz Marx

Kirkwood Performing Arts Center
Taylor and Monroe Streets, Kirkwood
Concert at 10 a.m. Cost is \$25 (\$15 to DFS).
Complimentary coffee, tea, pastries at 9 a.m.

- **March 5 Wendy Gordon, A Tribute to The Leading Ladies of Jazz, Pop and Blues**
- **March 19 Vesna Delevska, Art in Unusual Places**
- **April 2 Natalie Mayor, A Tribute to Burt Bacharach and The Carpenters**
- **April 12 Anita Jackson, The Queen of St Louis Jazz performs her favorite standards**
- **April 30 Anita Rosamond, Groovin' to the 60's & 70's**
- **May 14 Arvell Keithly, A Tribute to Ray Charles**
- **May 28 Ron Wilkinson, My Music & Some Old Familiar Classics**

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents Sage Taber & Sandy Brody
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VP Membership April Walgren & Susie Teicher
Finance Officer Jean Light
Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak

Elected Directors

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Public Policy Angela Janik & Marian Bauer

Appointed Directors

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Directory Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy & Joyce Katz
Dollars for Scholars Nancy Pierson
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Newsletter Editors Mary Jermak, Joyce Katz, &
Pat Shores

University Liaison Susan Shriver

Special Events

Spring Luncheon Yvonne Ward & Carol Anthony

STEM Marcia Block

Web Managers Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown

- Branch meetings are the second Thursday of the month. September–April 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- Contact branch officers: <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/contact-us/> or the Directory.

Branch Interest Group Events

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 pages 9–11 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.

March 21 *Demon Copperhead* will be reviewed by Mary Kay Wolfe

Hostess Elaine Frost
Contact Alice Crippen.

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

March 25 *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn will be reviewed by Barb Schillhahn

Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons
Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi for your reservation or for more information.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

March 12 *The Splendid and the Vile* by Eric Larson will be reviewed by Erlaine Eltomi

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

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

March 28 *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christoph will be reviewed by Kay Meyer

This IBC group meets by ZOOM* and reads books written from diverse perspectives.

*Contact Patty Murray (pattymurrayaaaw@gmail.com).

Expressions 1st Tuesday

Next meeting to be announced
Holy Cross Lutheran Church,
13014 Olive Blvd, 63141

Movie Group 3rd Thursday this month (Note date change) 11:15 a.m.

March 21 Talayna's restaurant
68 Four Seasons Shopping Center,
Chesterfield 63017

All it takes is a love of movies and discussion to enjoy this group.

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

Munching Matters 2nd Wednesday, 11 a.m.

"Lunch with Food for Thought"

March 13 Mimi's Bistro and Bakery
17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd.,
Chesterfield

Hear about the unique experiences of member-speaker Suzanne Couch, sharing her family's involvement in the founding and development of Eureka, Mo.

Contact Doris Nistler or Julie Triplett to make your reservation, or for more information.

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

March 20 BrickTop, 10342 Clayton Rd.,
Frontenac, 63131

Enjoy lunch and try new restaurants with your AAUW friends! Contact Mary Biggs (see your directory) to make a reservation by email or phone.

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

March 18

Join with friends to deepen your enjoyment of favorite plays. Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher to learn more and join.

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

Enjoy walks with friends in local parklands!

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

Contact Michele Mangnall.

Bridge Groups

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

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

February 19 Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

February 6, Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

February 27 Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost