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Spring Luncheon ~ Encircling All Women

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Marriott West Hotel, 660 Maryville Center Drive, St Louis, MO 63141

Social Hour 11 a.m. Lunch 12 noon

Reservation \$45 ~ Deadline May 1

The Ballwin-Chesterfield branch invites all members and their guests to the annual Spring Luncheon. Installation of new officers, recognition of member achievements this year, and the acknowledgement of the contributions of our membership will take place during this special event. The menu choices are:

- Roasted Chicken with shallot Demi-Glace.
- Pan Seared Salmon with lemon-dill cream sauce.
- Penne Pasta with basil and olive oil tossed with asparagus, mushrooms, and sun-dried tomatoes.
- Chicken and Salmon entrees also include vegetable medley and herb- seasoned mashed potatoes.
- All meal choices include salad, dessert, and a beverage.



To make a reservation, send your check to Jean Light. Make the check payable to AAUW B-C with Spring Luncheon on the memo line.

Spring Luncheon Director Yvonne Ward

Presidents' Corner

Greetings to all,

We have had an active year here at the AAUW B-C Branch, thanks to all of you! This spring, many attended STEM Girls of Promise events at three area high schools. Moreover, many members will meet in Columbia, MO for the AAUW MO conference and will attend our annual spring luncheon. The July Summer Picnic begins our new year with delicious potluck dishes, comradery, and opportunities to sign up for the committees that most interest you.

Voting to eliminate the degree requirement for AAUW membership started April 3 and ends May 15. AAUW, AAUW MO, and your B-C co-presidents urge you to vote YES. Voting YES will better align AAUW with our mission and demonstrate our priority on inclusion.

You should have gotten an email on April 3 from vote@simplyvoting.com, which contains your ID and pin. If your email is not on file with AAUW, you will receive a paper ballot. If you did not receive an email or paper ballot, please notify Sandy or Sage.

The work of AAUW continues. As we read the national and state news, it becomes more important than ever to register to vote and to keep up with the information on the issues that impact the future of our families and the nation. You can always find updated information on the website, in the newsletter, and in the Friday Reminders.



Sandy Brody



Sage Taber

Presidents Sage Taber and Sandy Brody



2024 Annual AAUW of Missouri Conference

- Saturday, May 4, 2024
- Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 1-70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO
- 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Preconference May 3, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- See registration form at <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net>
- Early Bird registration reimbursement is available. Talk to Sandy Brody or Sage Taber.

Membership

Please welcome our newest member Anne Marie Apollo-Noel. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia and a student at SLU where she also serves as Director of Development Communications.

Anne Marie is responsible for conducting the survey which resulted in new ideas for increasing our B-C AAUW membership. Her skills in web content writing, leadership, and organizational development will certainly be used in our branch.

On a personal note, her mother is Carol Anthony. You will get to greet Anne Marie at our Spring Luncheon in May.

Dues Information from Finance and Membership

April 1 kicks off the 2025 Fiscal Year (FY25) membership dues collection process for AAUW branches. The total AAUW dues for 2024–25 will be \$104. The total breaks down to \$72 for national, \$10 for state, and \$22 for Ballwin-Chesterfield.

All the national dues are now fully tax deductible. In a change for this year, the Action Fund portion of the national dues are being reallocated to AAUW, Inc. There is an additional explanation of the move under Membership: FAQs, at <https://aauw>.

Paying dues online is quicker and easier than paying by check once you have established your online account. If you have any questions or concerns, we are available to assist. If you need to write a check, make it payable to AAUW, put dues renewal on the memo line, and send it to Jean Light.

Finance Officer Jean Light
Membership Vice Presidents April Walgren and Susie Teicher

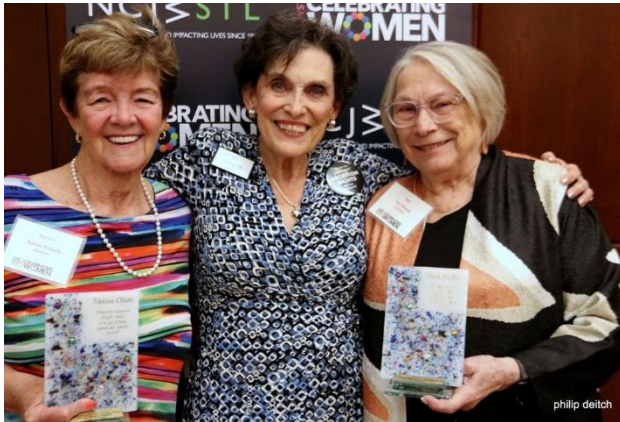
GOTV ~ Members Share Voting Information

Public Policy committee member Marge Anderson scheduled six meetings at community sites to share current 2024 voter information with citizens. The sites included The Willows in Chesterfield, Friendship Village in Chesterfield, Friendship Village in Sunset Hills, and the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eureka.

Around one hundred people were registered to vote or assisted with updating their voting information. Special emphasis was given to explaining how to obtain a Permanent Disability Absentee Form, which was the main goal of the Ballwin-Chesterfield committee for this year.

Public Policy Committee Member Pat Shores

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Honored by National Council of Jewish Women



L-R: Karen Francis, Nancy Litz, president NCJW, and Pat Shores

On April 3, 2024, the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch was honored with the Community Partnership Award from NCJW at the Celebrating Women Ceremony.

The Community Partnership award is presented to a non-member or community-based organization who supports our programs and projects through collaboration, coalition or other partnerships.

NCJW President Nancy Litz presented two beautiful Tikkun Olam awards to Karen Francis and Pat Shores as representatives of the branch. Carol Anthony also joined the celebration. Over the years AAUW and NCJW have worked together on the following projects, issues, and events:

- Preventing Human Trafficking
- Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence through the St. Louis Network
- Participating in NCJW's Mother to Mother Conversations
- Working at the Back-to-School Store
- Sharing legislation at AAUW MO Legislative Retreat
- Participating in packing Emergency Contraceptive Packets
- Working Together for the Missourian for Constitutional Freedom- ending the MO Abortion Bans
- Attending each other's Leadership Conferences

Celebrating Women Honorees for Ballwin-Chesterfield Pat Shores

In Memoriam: Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy, a long-time member of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield passed away Saturday, April 6, 2024, after a long illness.

Ann was an active supporter of the branch and a friend to many. She participated on committees, was a member of the Literature II book group, and co-produced the branch Directory.

Her kind humor and sociability were enriching to those who knew her. Ann will be sadly missed.



AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Challenges Sex Discrimination

LAF is a strong advocate for women in higher education and the workplace. AAUW has provided millions of dollars to support hundreds of cases. Learn more about current cases—all links are live for further reading.

Louk v. Visible College –Mara Louk was a senior at Visible Music College, a private Christian school, when a fellow Visible student forcibly raped and strangled her. Visible refused to investigate Mara’s report of the assault, and instead disciplined Mara for allegedly having premarital sex with a prior boyfriend. Mara filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, and the Department is now investigating Visible for retaliation and other violations of the Clery Act and Title IX.

Complainant, The University of Colorado Boulder –A sexual assault student victim at the University of Colorado Boulder reported under Title IX to the University. Her case was considered under one of the new tribunals created by damaging Title IX regulations that went into effect in August 2020. The student’s attorney navigated her rights in the investigative and disciplinary process, which involved significant procedural irregularities and inequities creating barriers to the exercise of her rights under Title IX.

Joseph v. Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia et al. –

MaChelle Joseph is the former Head Coach of the Georgia Institute of Technology’s women’s basketball team, which she successfully led for 16 years. The university’s athletic department, however, afforded Coach Joseph and her team significantly fewer benefits and resources than it provided to the men’s basketball team. Soon after Coach Joseph filed a complaint about this discriminatory treatment, the university suspended and ultimately terminated her employment.



Miller v. Sam Houston State University/Texas State University System –Dr. Audrey K. Miller, an expert in gender violence, trauma, and forensic psychology, was a tenure-track assistant professor of psychology at Sam Houston State University. Despite her excellent performance reviews and nominations for university awards, Dr. Miller was denied promotion and tenure after she expressed concern to administrators about discriminatory treatment that she and other women in her department had experienced.

Paige v. USAID –Three women, each of whom worked for USAID for more than 27 years in overseas posts, achieved the highest rank in the Senior Foreign Service (Career Minister). But in 2016, each discovered that, despite their greater seniority and higher rank, they were paid considerably less than dozens of lower ranking and less experienced male Senior Foreign Service officers.

Jane Doe v. The University of Kentucky –To ensure access to education for women and girls, AAUW advocates for the full protection of Title IX. AAUW’s Legal Advocacy Fund supports this case to reform the sexual assault hearing process on campuses. Currently, alleged assailants have multiple opportunities to re-victimize survivors through the hearings process, under the guise of due process.

Portz v. St. Cloud State University et al. –Portz v. St. Cloud State University et al. is a case involving 10 female student athletes who filed a lawsuit against St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and Minnesota State College and University Systems alleging violations of Title IX.

Source: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/current-cases/>

Ballwin-Chesterfield Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Ballwin Golf Course Events Center

333 Holloway Road,

Ballwin, 63011

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please join us *In the Garden* for the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Summer Picnic. The picnic will take place indoors. Plan to bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Spend a few hours enjoying the company of friends, signing up for a committee or two, and hearing a few words from our incoming and continuing officers about our future plans –and best of all, enjoying fabulous food. Beverages will be provided.



Hospitality Chairs Carol Derington and Janet Sloey

IBC Spring Luncheon – Celebrating Strong Women



Doris Nistler, B-C Lackritz Honoree

On March 23rd, the AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC Spring Luncheon was held at Catering to You in Florissant, MO. Sixty-nine AAUW members and guests shared friendship, great food, and fundraising.

Doris Nistler was the Barbara Lackritz Award Honoree from our branch. Bev Schuetz, of History Talks, presented a program highlighting women entrepreneurs from history.

Representing our branch and serving on the Spring Luncheon Committee were Ballwin-Chesterfield Co-President, Sandy Brody; Pat Shores, facilitator of the Barbara Lackritz Award; and Jan Horner, registration and evaluation coordinator. More than twenty branch members attended.

IBC Spring Luncheon Committee Member Jan Horner



Ballwin-Chesterfield Members Gather for IBC Spring Fling

Dollars for Scholars Events

Dollars for Scholars donations are not tax-deductible.

Help! Dollars for Scholars needs new (or repeats of favorite) outings over the spring and summer. Please consider being a sponsor to keep growing our scholarship funds. Contact Nancy Pierson, DFS chair, to help you plan and brainstorm.

Bridge Party to benefit DFS!

May 30, Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Hearth Room Cafe

265 Lamp and Lantern Village, Chesterfield

Cost \$30 per person includes lunch

Bring a partner and enjoy an afternoon of bridge. Partner pairs remain together the entire afternoon and rotate every four hands. Space limited to 40 people (20 pairs).

Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light to make a reservation.

Reservations by May 15.

Lewis and Clark Museum with Film

1050 S Riverside Dr. St Charles, MO 63301

Friday, June 14 Cost \$22 (\$15 to DFS)

Enjoy a brief docent-presented overview of Lewis and Clark's famous expedition to the Pacific, followed by a fascinating 40-minute film depicting the journey. Afterwards stroll around the museum to view the artifacts and paraphernalia displays and dioramas. Docent available to answer all questions. Lunch afterwards at Braddens Restaurant on picturesque St. Charles' Main Street.

Contact Susie Teicher and Nancy Pierson to sign up.

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 memo line.

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.

- 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

www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/

Contact Membership Vice-Presidents

April Walgren and Susie Teicher for membership information.

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

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

- Board meetings are at the West County EMS & Fire Protection District Station 1, 223 Henry Avenue.
- Branch meetings are at the Ballwin Golf Course Events Center.
- The board meets on the first Thursday at 9:30 a.m. September–November and February–May.
- Branch meetings are 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 annual Summer Picnic is the second Thursday of July.

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 Sandy Brody & Sage Taber

Directory Joyce Katz

Dollars for Scholars Nancy Pierson

Governance Marsha Weppelman

Hospitality Carol Derington & Suzanne Couch

Newsletter Editors Mary Jermak, Joyce Katz, &

Pat Shores

University Liaison Susan Shriver

Special Events

Spring Luncheon Yvonne Ward & Carol Anthony

STEM Marcia Block & Barb McQuitty

Web Managers Joyce Katz & Carolyn Brown

Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.

International Relations Susie Teicher & Marge Anderson

Care Notes Joyce Katz & Joan Reed

Friday Reminder Bette Bude & Mary Kay Wolfe

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.

May 16 *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng

Reviewer Marcia Block

Hostess Arlene Spector

June 20 10:30 a.m.

Annual luncheon at The Hearth Room.

Contact Alice Crippen.

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

Venue Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

May 27 No meeting

June 24 Annual Book Selection Meeting

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

May 14 no meeting

June 11 book selection at Ya Ya's at noon.

15601 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield 63017

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

AAUW ¡Adelante! 5th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

May 30 (note date change)

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Reviewer Pat Shores

Next Meeting September 26

This IBC group meets by ZOOM* and 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.

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

April 15 Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

April 2 Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

April 23 Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost

Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Resumes October 1, 2024.

Please bring ideas and suggestions for craft projects you would like to schedule for the new season.

Contact Kay Meyer or Nancy Hutchins.

Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11 a.m.

May 23 and June 27

Talayna's Restaurant

68 Four Seasons Shopping Center, Chesterfield 63017

If you like movies and discussion you will enjoy this group.

Contact Ann Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

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

May 15

We will travel to the 'edge' for a delicious luncheon at

Edgewild Restaurant

550 Chesterfield Center 63017 (near Chesterfield Mall).

For reservations contact Ann Hansen

June 19 Annie Gunn's

16806 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, 63005

The menu has something for everyone.

Plan to join us for our last Out-to-Lunch until September.

Remember to ask a friend if you want to introduce someone new to our fun event.

For reservations contact Barb McQuitty.

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

May 22 Laumeier Sculpture Park

12580 Rott Road, 63127

Meet in the parking lot at the corner of Geyer and Rott Roads. This is a flat walk.

June 26 Queeny Park

Use the entrance at 550 Weidman, 63131. Take the first left turn after entering the park and meet at the parking lot. This walk can be flat or slightly hilly depending on the preference of the group.

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

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

May 20 Hostess Carol Derington

June 17 Hostess Judy Stagoski

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher to learn more and join.

Munching Matters: Lunch with Food for Thought Resumes in November.

This group features member-speakers who share their unique life stories and experiences

Contact Julie Triplett or Doris Nistler for further information.