



# AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and AAUW MO Award-Winning Branch

## Branching Out

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### The Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 11, 2024

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ballwin Golf Course Events Center

333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

Summer Picnic Committee, Carol Anthony, Carol Derington,  
Michele Mangnall, and Janet Sloey

Please join us for the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Summer Picnic, "In the Garden." Plan to bring your favorite picnic dish to share and spend a few hours enjoying the company of friends. You may sign up for a committee(s), hear a few words from our incoming and continuing officers about future plans, and best of all, enjoy fabulous food. Iced tea, lemonade, and water will be provided. We encourage you to invite your friends.

Please bring your items ready to serve, including serving utensils. Members' favorite foods are sandwiches, various salads, deviled eggs, fruits, vegetables, and desserts.

### Presidents' Corner

By Co-presidents Sage Taber and Carol Anthony  
Past president Sandy Brody

As we wrap up the 2023–24 year at AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, it is a good time to think of what a successful year it was. With the guidance and assistance of the finance and budget committees and the committee chairs, who accepted budget cuts, and the cooperation of the membership, the branch finished the year financially stable and ready to greet the future.

The AAUW Central States Regional Conference predominated fall 2023 activities. It was a great success, thanks to the participation and leadership supplied by Ballwin-Chesterfield members who served in many positions.

The branch raised over \$4,000 for the operating fund through the B-C Boosters. This was accomplished with a combination of donations from individuals and interest groups. A huge thank you to all!

AAUW MO members supported Open Up AAUW—Breaking Our Own Barriers. More than 55 percent of our members voted and over 73 percent of Missouri members voted to eliminate the degree requirement.

B-C board positions are open for next year. These positions are Dollars for Scholars (DFS), the Winter Event, and the Spring Luncheon. All leadership jobs have established timelines and responsibilities and many helpful contacts. Each can all be shared by two people. Please consider working with a friend and accepting a position. Leadership is rewarding, not too time-consuming, and fun!



Sage Taber



Carol Anthony

## **It's Time to Renew Memberships**

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

For long-time Ballwin-Chesterfield members, memberships expire on June 30. However, members who joined since January 1, 2022 renew on the anniversary dates of their joining.

Paying dues online is quicker and easier than paying by check once you have established your online account. The total AAUW dues for 2024–25 will be \$104. The total breaks down to \$72 for national dues, \$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 reallocated to AAUW, Inc. There is an additional explanation of the move under Membership: FAQs, at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

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.

## **B-C Booster Club 2023–24**

**By B-C Booster Club Committee Member Linda Roberson**

Thank you for the generous contributions from the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch members and interest groups. This year \$4,183 was raised to support many branch programs and activities.

### **Gold Level \$250—\$499**

Lorna Anderson  
Sandra Murdock  
Doris Nistler  
Pat Shores  
Sage Taber

### **Silver Level \$100—\$249**

Margaret Andersen  
Marcia Block  
Sandy Brody  
Kathy Brown  
Bette Bude  
Carol Derington  
Margaret Estes  
Genevieve Gibson-Newman  
Angela Janik  
Jayne Kasten  
Barbara McQuitty  
Ann Riley  
Linda Roberson  
Judy Schaefer-Piet  
April Walgren  
Expressions Group  
Arlene Spector  
Diane Siegel

### **Bronze Level \$50—\$99**

Susan Fenwick  
Jan Horner  
Mary Jermak  
Sandra Kalin  
Jean Light  
Michele Mangnall  
Nancy Pierson  
Janet Sloey  
Yvonne Ward  
Eugenia Webdell  
Mary Kay Wolfe  
Karen Woods  
Literature II  
Reading Reality

### **Friends Level Up to \$49**

Marian Bauer  
Carolyn Pohlkotte  
Literature 1 Group

## Save the Date Branch Meeting September 12, 2024

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Ballwin Golf Course Events Center  
333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO 63011  
By President Sage Taber and Past President Sandy Brody



What's Next for Ballwin-Chesterfield?

Plan to join us for food, social time, games, and interesting discussions of what 2023–24 will bring for B-C.

Light refreshments will be served.

## Public Policy

By Public Policy Committee Member Sandy Brody

Be prepared to vote! As you are all aware, elections are coming up and deadlines are approaching. Stay in the know with help from the Public Policy Committee.

### Primary Election August 6, 2024

- The last day to register to vote is July 10, 2024.
- Absentee Mail-in-Ballot request must be done by 5 p.m. on July 24, 2024.
- Absentee Ballot must be received by the close of polls on Election Day.
- No Excuse Absentee Voting begins July 23, 2024, and ends the day before the election on August 5, 2024.
  - Local Election Boards designate locations.
- Permanent Disability
  - Apply any time.
  - You will then automatically receive an absentee ballot application for each election.

### General Election November 5, 2024

- The last day to register to vote is October 9, 2024.
- Absentee Mail-in-Ballot request must be done by 5 p.m. on October 23, 2024.
- Absentee Ballot must be received by the close of polls on Election Day November 5, 2024.
- No Excuse Absentee Voting begins on October 22, 2024, and ends the day before the election on November 4, 2024.

## Walking Group Celebrates Eleanor Roosevelt

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Schroeder Park  
359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester 63021  
By Walking Group Chair Michele Mangnall and  
Eleanor Roosevelt Chair Pat Shores

Sign up to walk and/or to cheer on the walkers, and to support Dollars for Scholars.



Last spring the Ballwin-Chesterfield board decided to dedicate the funds to Dollars for Scholars. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk donations no longer count toward Missouri Century Club or Century Club Plus and are not tax deductible. We raised \$1010 for scholarships in 2023. What will we do this year? Register with Pat Shores.

## Now Is the Time to Order the Directory

By Joyce Katz

The Branch Directory for 2024–25 is the sole source for member contact information, future meeting and event dates, and vital branch information. Please note:

- Every member will receive a digital copy by email. Because of privacy concerns, the directory is not available on the website.
- Printed directories must be ordered in advance this year.
- Please review your present listing, then send new pictures, address changes, contact information updates and orders for print copies to Joyce Katz by August 1 or earlier.



## Encircling All Women, Ballwin-Chesterfield Spring Luncheon

By Spring Luncheon Chairs Carol Anthony and Yvonne Ward

The annual AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Spring Luncheon hosted about 70 attendees. The event included a lively social hour, followed by a delicious meal in the lovely surroundings of the Chesterfield Maryville Marriott Ballroom. The program included the recognition of Doris Nistler as the branch's 2024 Barbara Lackritz Award recipient (see <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/files/2024/04/2024-May-June-Branching-Out.pdf>.)

Joyce Katz was celebrated as the AAUW MO Woman of Distinction. Susan Barley was recognized with the AAUW MO Special Service Award.



To read about the many contributions of Joyce and Susan, please see

<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2024/05/2024-Spring-Missouri-in-Motion-1.pdf>



L-R Karen Francis, Joyce Katz, & Sue Shineman

L-R Sue Shineman, Susan Barley & Karen Francis

Jan Horner led the installation of incoming branch officers. Pictured from left to right. **Public Policy Directors Marian Bauer and Angela Janik, AAUW Fund Directors Suzanne Couch and Karen Francis, Vice Presidents Membership Susie Teicher and April Walgren, Vice Presidents Program Kathleen Brown and Marcia Block, Finance Officer Jean Light, Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak, and Presidents Sage Taber and Carol Anthony.**

We congratulate all incoming officers for their strong commitment to AAUW.

Visit the branch website to see the Spring Luncheon picture gallery created by

Webmaster Carolyn Brown.

[https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/latest-branch-meeting/img\\_2677/](https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/latest-branch-meeting/img_2677/).



## **STEM Awards**

**By STEM Committee Members Marcia Block and Barb McQuitty**

This spring celebrations were held at each of the three supported high schools, Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Pattonville, and Valley Park. Encouraging these young women in their pursuit of higher education and rewarding careers is an important part of AAUW's mission.

Ballwin-Chesterfield awarded medals, certificates, and \$100 checks to junior women at each school. In addition, some of last year's juniors attended the celebrations. It is always a delight to meet these young women and hear about their plans. Some parents were able to be there, too. You will recognize many Ballwin-Chesterfield members in these pictures. Next year, perhaps you can come.

The branch also selected two young women's projects at The Academy of Science, St. Louis Regional k-12 Science Fair and awarded them certificates and \$100 each. At present, we do not have their names and photos, but we hope to be able to give you that information in the next newsletter.



**Valley Park STEM Girls of Promise and B-C Members**



**Pattonville STEM Girls and B-C members  
L-R Bette Bude, Marcia Block, Barb  
McQuitty, Jan Horner, and April Walgren**



**Maplewood-Richmond Heights STEM Girls and  
B-C members L-R Barb McQuitty, Saaauwndra  
Murdock, Sage Taber, Ann Hanson, and Marcia  
Block**



## Updates from National AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

To read about the status of current LAF cases, here is the link: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/current-cases/>

GET EMPOWERED

## AAUW Webinars

### Catch Up on AAUW Webinars

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/>

**May 21, 2024, Leave No One Behind: Combatting Global Human Trafficking**

**July 27, 2023, Tech Power to Economic Power: Closing the Digital Gender Gap**

**March 15, 2023 Social Justice: Creating Change**

**February 23, 2021 The Microintervention Anti-bias Workshop**

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## 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 Ballwin-Chesterfield.

**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, and more. 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 Ballwin-Chesterfield 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 two supplements. The Directory contains events, meetings, activities, a membership roster, and web links to other important branch information.

## Dollars for Scholars Events

Dollars for Scholars donations are not tax-deductible.

Dollars for Scholars needs summer events. Please sponsor an event with a friend and support branch scholarship funds. Nancy Pierson is available to help plan and brainstorm summer activities.

### *Save-the-Date*

## Walking Group Celebrates Eleanor Roosevelt

September 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road,  
Manchester 63021

Sign up to walk and/or to cheer on the walkers, and to support Dollars for Scholars.

The ER Walk donations now support branch scholarships. Register with Pat Shores.

### *The AAUW Honor Roll*

A donation to the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield  
Dollars for Scholars Fund has been  
made in honor of

Celebrate milestones for friends and family— a birthday, graduation, a special event, or *In Memory Of*.

Each honoree receives an acknowledgement postcard, and their name is listed in *Branching Out*.

Mail check to FO Jean Light and email Nancy Pierson the details.

This donation will further AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net

[www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/](http://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/)  
Contact Membership Vice-Presidents  
April Walgren and Susie Teicher.

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 & Carol Anthony  
VP Program Kathy Brown & Marcia Block  
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 Joyce Katz  
Dollars for Scholars OPEN  
Governance Marsha Weppelman  
Hospitality Carol Derington & Janet Sloey  
Newsletter Editors Joyce Katz, Beth Ann Murphy & Pat Shores

University Liaison Karen Francis & Mary Jermak

### Special Events

Spring Luncheon OPEN  
STEM Marcia Block & Barb McQuitty  
Web Manager Carolyn Brown  
Standing committee chairs are listed in the *Directory*.  
International Relations Susie Teicher  
Care Notes Janet Sloey  
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 the Interest Group section in 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.

Next meeting September 19

Contact Alice Crippen.

#### Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

Venue Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

July 22 *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, discussion leader Mersine Kallaos.

August 26 TBA

Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

#### Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

July 9 *The Last Children of Millcreek*, Jane Miller discussion leader. Hostess, Diane Siegel.

August 13 *Bottoms Up and the Devil Laughs: A Journey Though the Deep State*, discussion leader Jan Horner. Hostess, Jane Miller.

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

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

Next Meeting September 26

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

\*Contact Patty Murray ([pattymurrayauw@gmail.com](mailto:pattymurrayauw@gmail.com))

### Bridge Groups

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

#### Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

July 15 and August 19

Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

July 2 and August 6

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

July 23 and August 27

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.

July 25 no meeting

August 22 Spiro Restaurant, 1054 N. Woods Mill Road, 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.

This friendly group resumes in September.

Remember to ask a friend if you want to introduce someone new to our branch's fun events.

Contact Barb McQuitty, Mary Biggs, or Ann Hansen for more information.

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

July 24

Kirkwood Park, 111 S. Geyer Road, Kirkwood, 63122. Meet in the parking lot. This is a flat walk.

August 28

Chesterfield Central Park,

16365 Lydia Hill Drive, Chesterfield, 63017.

Meet at the pavilion by the parking lot. This walk is mostly flat with a slight incline supported by a guardrail at the entrance.

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

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

July 15 No Meeting

August 22 No Meeting

Members will be contacted with meeting details.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher to learn more and join.

We are looking for new members.

### Munching Matters: Lunch with Food for Thought will resume in November.

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

Contact Julie Triplett or Doris Nistler for further information.