



# AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

National and AAUW MO Award-Winning Branch

## Branching Out

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Through Research, Education, and Advocacy.

[ballwin-chesterfield.com](http://ballwin-chesterfield.com)

### Branch Meeting, September 12, 2024

#### Ballwin Golf Course Events Center

333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

Signups and Social time 9 a.m. Business meeting 9:30 a.m.

Program 10 a.m.

Come one, come all, to the Kick Off meeting for the 2024-25 year.

Breakfast items will be served. Invite interested friends.

### Presidents' Corner

By Presidents Sage Taber and Carol Anthony

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. We look forward to September 12 when we kick off the new AAUW year.

At the September branch meeting members can enjoy breakfast and sign up for interesting groups and projects. Committee chairs and Interest group leaders will talk about the new year plans. The meeting will close with a bingo game relating to our branch.

Be sure to stay informed through the *Branching Out* newsletters, the Friday Reminders, and the Ballwin-Chesterfield website. Changes are happening. Do not miss out!



### 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 are \$104, \$72 goes for national dues, \$10 goes for AAUWMO dues, and \$22 is for Ballwin-Chesterfield's branch dues. All \$72 of the national dues are now fully tax deductible. Payments can be made by credit card. To pay by personal check, make it payable to AAUW, put dues renewal on the memo line, and send it to Jean Light.

**Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting** Thursday, Sept. 5 9:15 a.m. social time, 9:30 a.m. meeting  
**West County EMS and Fire Protection District Station, 1 Administration Building, 223 Henry Avenue, Manchester MO 63011**

Board members are expected to attend, however only one co-director per position should attend. Contact a co-president if you are unable to be there. Board meetings are open to all branch members.

# Fall Means New Beginnings

By Membership Chairs Susie Teicher and April Walgren

How many of us, even when our school-going days are far behind, look forward to September as a time to start anew? A time for new friends, new opportunities, and yes, new assignments. Doesn't that sound like AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield?

This fall, your Membership team invites you to consider working on your AAUW elevator speech, your personal response to the question, "What is AAUW?"



See the template below and make it your own!

*AAUW stands for American Association of University Women. We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

*I am a member of the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch. We have monthly programs with interesting speakers related to our mission, and many members take part in activities outside of meetings such as book clubs, out to lunch groups, and golf. We collaborate with area high schools to recognize outstanding STEM students, and we raise money for college scholarships through our special Dollars for Scholars events.*

*All individuals with a 2-year or 4-year degree are welcome to join. Would you like to be my guest at our next meeting?*

Once you have the words in mind, practice delivering your pitch a few times. Then look for opportunities to share. Assignment completed!

Stay Connected: Re-Subscribe to AAUW Emails Are you missing out on updates and important announcements from AAUW? Ensure you stay connected by re-subscribing to AAUW emails. Click [aauw.us/emailoptions](https://aauw.us/emailoptions) to re-subscribe and catch up on the latest news, webinars, and opportunities from AAUW.

## PICK UP YOUR 2024-25 BRANCH DIRECTORY AT THE BRANCH MEETING!

The printed copies of the 2024-25 branch directory, which contains so much necessary branch information, will be available for pickup at the September meeting. The directory will be available to members in two ways:

1. A digital copy will be emailed to each member on Tuesday, September 3. Please save it to your device. It can then be available to you on your computer, your tablet, and your phone.
2. Printed copies may be picked up at branch meetings for all members who want one. They can be placed in the little blue covers you were issued when you joined the branch.
3. If you are a new member and need a blue directory cover, please contact the Membership Chairs.

## Finance Report

By Finance Officer Jean Light

PAY DUES



The membership vice presidents and the finance officer appreciate the timely renewal of the 2024–2025 dues by the Ballwin-Chesterfield members. Many people used the preferred AAUW Community Hub for the first time and others paid by a check sent to the finance officer.

Budget Committee members Sandy Brody, Sage Taber, Carol Anthony, Ellen Friedman, and Jean Light developed the 2024–2025 proposed budget which the board will review at their September meeting. The membership will receive the proposed budget for review prior to the October meeting and will vote on it at the October branch meeting. All reviews ensure that our budget choices support the AAUW Mission and Strategic Plan, that Branch funds are being managed prudently, and that the financial health of the branch is safeguarded.

## AN OLYMPICS MILESTONE REACHED

Paris 2024 is the first Olympics in history to achieve numerical gender parity, with the same number of female and male athletes participating. The picture on the right is of U.S. athletes.

*@female quotient*



### SPECIAL EVENT

**Walking Group Celebrates Eleanor Roosevelt**

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

**Schroeder Park**

**359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester 63021**

Sponsored by Walking Group Chair Michele Mangnall and Eleanor Roosevelt Chair Pat Shores. Sign up at the September meeting 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 ER contributions to Dollars for Scholars. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk donations will no longer count toward Missouri Century Club or Century Club Plus and are not tax deductible.

We raised \$1010 for scholarships from our walk in 2023. What will we do this year? Register with Pat Shores at the September meeting or by contacting her.



## WHY AAUW? WHAT ISSUES DOES THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUPPORT?

AAUW supports issues affecting women and girls in the workplace and in education. Here are some AAUW priority issues for 2024-25:

### 1. REMOVING BIAS FROM EDUCATION

Startling inequalities persist in American education. Gender, economics, race, and ethnicity should not limit our opportunities

### 2. FIGHTING FOR FAIR PAY & ECONOMIC EQUITY

It's time to close the pay gap and for the work world to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion so we can all thrive.

### 3. ADVANCING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Women make up more than half of college graduates and half of the labor force. But we're still not represented at the upper levels. We need equal representation.

*Source: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)*

## Dollars for Scholars Events

Members, please consider sponsoring a Dollars for Scholars event to help fund our important mission of providing local scholarships. [See the website](#) for past events, and contact the presidents for help.



### GOURMET BEAN SOUP MIX AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

By Pat Shores and Judy Stagoski

Ballwin-Chesterfield bean soup mix packages will be offered for sale at the September, October, and November branch meetings. This healthy gourmet mix of nine kinds of beans, two kinds of peas, and two kinds of lentils will be sold for \$8.00 a bag and will include directions for preparing a vegetarian or a meat flavored soup.

Buy some for yourself to enjoy during the long winter season. The soup mixes also make a great gift. Put one in a Christmas stocking; surprise the person who keeps your home clean; or gift one to your neighbor.

These bean soup mixes continue a Ballwin-Chesterfield tradition of selling a healthy product and of supporting scholarships for mature women returning to college.

### WELDON SPRING SITE INTERPRETIVE TOUR

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management, 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63304

Friday, October 18, 2024, at 10 a.m.

**\$20 for Dollars for Scholars**  
**Register at Branch meetings**  
**or by contacting the sponsors.**



The Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center offers a window to the past and demonstrates the U.S. Department of Energy's commitment to the future. See exhibits that address the history of the Weldon Spring area, the site's contribution to World War II and the Cold War defenses, area cleanup efforts, and continuing long-term stewardship.

Lunch on your own follows at GIO Modern Italian, 138 Chesterfield Towne Center, Chesterfield, 63005. See the lunch Italian and pizza menu at [dine@gio.stl.com](mailto:dine@gio.stl.com). Sign up at the branch meetings, or send reservations to Pat Shores. The event sponsors are Marian Bauer, Erlaine Eltomi, Joyce Katz, and Pat Shores.

**Celebrate milestones for friends and family with a donation to AAUW— 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 Jean Light.**

## ORGANIZATION NOTES

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 December meeting is a special festive fundraiser
- The annual May Installation Luncheon is held on the second Thursday of May.
- The Summer Picnic is the second Thursday of July.

## AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board

For pictures and more information, visit our webpage at <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/about-us/meet-our-officers/>

### 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 Carol Anthony & Sage Taber  
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: Winter Party Marcia Block  
Spring Luncheon Jane Hemer and Michele Mangnall  
STEM Marcia Block & Barb McQuitty  
Web Manager Carolyn Brown

### Standing committee chairs:

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. Have an idea? Start a new group!

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.

**September 19** *The Women* by Kristin Hannah  
Reviewer Chris Magilligan Hostess Diane Siegel  
Contact Alice Crippen.

#### Literature II 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11 a.m.

Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons  
**September 23** *Lucky* by Jane Smiley  
Reviewer Ann Riley  
Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

#### Reading Reality 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

**September 10** *Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism* by Rachel Maddow  
Reviewer and hostess Bette Bude  
Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

#### AAUW ¡Adelante! 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

**September 26** This IBC group meets by ZOOM\* on the 4th Thursdays (except June, July, August, November, and December). and reads books written from diverse perspectives. The September 2024 book is *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah, discussion leader is Jan Barrett. ¡Adelante! is a Spanish word meaning forward.

\*This ZOOM information will always be the same.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87393625222?pwd=Z8LmoZpCgqVwS6wAZmPoNEcUa0b2Pq.1>

Contact Patty Murray (pattymurray2011@gmail.com)

### Bridge Groups

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

#### Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m. September 16

Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

#### Duplicate Bridge I 1st Tuesday, 11 a.m. September 3

Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

#### Duplicate Bridge II 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m. September 24

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, 11:15 a.m.

**September 26** 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.

**September 18** Cyrano's Restaurant, 603 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves MO 63119  
Ask a friend along and introduce someone new to our branch's fun events. Contact Ann Hansen by September 11 for a reservation.

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

**September 25** Eleanor Roosevelt Celebration  
Schroeder Park, Manchester, MO  
Last year we collected \$1,010 for Dollars for Scholars. Let's see what we will do this year.  
Contact Walking Group Chair Michele Mangnall and Eleanor Roosevelt chair Pat Shores.

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

**September 16** Hostess: Yvonne Morrison.  
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.

Munching Matters will occur on the 2nd Wednesdays of November 2024, and January, February, and March 2025. Please note this change of venue. All meetings will now be held at the Hearth Room Café, 265 Lamp & Lantern Village, Town and County, MO 63017, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be ordered from a limited menu at your own expense. Sign-up sheets for each month will be available at the Fall Branch meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all at lunch.