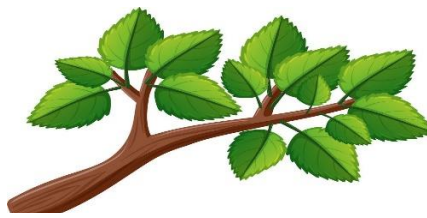




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# Branching Out

## The Ballwin-Chesterfield Newsletter

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**Branch Meeting, January 9, 2025  
 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 10:30 a.m.**

**January Speaker Joe Regenbogen: *Our Controversial Supreme Court, Past, Present, and Future***

**By Program Chair Marcia Block**

Unlike the first two branches of our government, the Constitution says little about the Supreme Court. As a result, it has frequently struggled to assert its power effectively and has sometimes caused more harm than good. This presentation will examine the reasons behind its periods of dysfunctionality and then offer some thoughts and ideas about what would improve its effectiveness within our system of checks and balances.

Joe Regenbogen is a retired award-winning high school history teacher who now spends his time writing books and helping care for his two granddaughters. His opinion pieces often appear on the Op-Ed page of the Post-Dispatch. This presentation is sure to be as interesting and provocative as his writing.



**PRESIDENTS' CORNER**

**By Presidents Sage Taber  
 and Carol Anthony**



Sage Taber Carol Anthony

Everyone had a wonderful time at our Winter Party! Lovely Pink Poinsettias decorated the tables, and lively chatter filled the air. Thanks, **Marcia Block and Kathy Lask** for your fearless leadership of this event. Thanks also to the many committee members who helped put it all together. Thanks also to the "members" of the Elegant Edibles Society for the enticing delectables offered. The Parkway West Jazz Choir, led by Terry Fitzpatrick, entertained with a medley of holiday songs. Branch member, **Kay Wunder**, was recognized as a past director of the choir.

This event was also the kickoff of the B-C Boosters fundraising drive. The drive contributes to our branch Operating Fund, which includes STEM Girls of Promise and St. Louis Science Fair Awards to high school young women with outstanding projects in the STEM field.

The B-C Booster forms are available at the end of this newsletter and at each branch meeting through April and on the website at <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/files/2023/11/2023-4-BC-Booster-form.pdf>. Bring forms to your Interest Group meetings and suggest shared sponsorship. Send your completed form and check to Linda Roberson. Let us keep the important work of Ballwin-Chesterfield going. (See pictures on page 4)

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## No Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting in January

### Introducing Our Newest Member

By Membership Chairs April Walgren and Susie Teicher

Please welcome our newest member to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch and the AAUW community.

#### Lois LeBloch

Lois earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a master's in education from the University of Illinois-Urbana. She taught at the secondary level and was most recently an instructor with the Parkway Adult Education & Literacy/English as a Second Language program. Her interests include singing with Sweet Adelines International, traveling, and attending estate sales.



### 2025-2026 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

By The Nominating Committee

The 2025-2026 nominating period for elected officers closed on December 31, 2024. The slate of officers will be announced at the March branch meeting. The April *Branching Out* newsletter will feature the nominee biographies and photos. Voting will take place at the annual meeting in April. Also, at the April meeting, with the consent of the nominee, nominations can be made from the floor before the final vote is taken.

The Nominating Committee thanks everyone who reached out to members and encouraged them to consider accepting leadership positions. We especially thank our members who have agreed to be nominated.

### AAUW 2025 Priorities

By Public Policy Committee Member Barb Butchart

AAUW will not alter its commitment to fight for equal rights for women and girls. Listed below are the critical priorities that AAUW will advance and support in 2025.

- Supporting the economic security of all women by advocating for policies like the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act and Healthy Families Act which would guarantee paid leave to care for loved ones.
- Breaking down the gender pay gap. Research has documented the gender pay gap and exposed the reality that it is both a gender gap and a racial gap. At the current rate, the gap won't close until 2066.
- Making college more affordable despite the Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action and attacks on DEI initiatives meant to increase diversity and equity. We must fight to make higher education accessible to the next generation of women leaders.
- Ending discrimination and harassment on campus. Title IX was created to ensure that all students have access to an education free from gender discrimination.

AAUW was founded to confront the issues women in education face. Until all girls and women are truly safe and free to study what they want, speak their minds, express their interests, and walk their campuses and communities without fear of assault or retribution AAUW's work must continue.

AAUW is committed to ensuring that women have the resources and support they need to succeed. Source: National Letter to Members Regarding Contributions to AAUW Funds. December 2024.

**AAUW Fellows and Grant Recipients in Missouri 2024**  
**Reprinted from Kirkwood-Webster December 2024 Newsletter, Lynne Roney's Article**

Among the more than two hundred grant recipients of AAUW Fellowships and Community Action Grants this year there are five in Missouri.

**American Fellowships**

Jennifer Bean, Doctor of Philosophy in nutritional sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia  
Merve Fejzula, post-doctoral work in African history and Black political thought, University of Missouri, Columbia

**International Fellowships**

Jolie Sifa Kpaka, Master of Business Administration, international affairs and relations, Missouri State University, Springfield  
Onyekachi Ilpasuo, doctorate, cancer immunotherapy, University of Missouri, Columbia

**Community Action Grant**

Satonya Booker, project on transitional housing and job readiness for young moms and their families, Almost Home, St. Louis

**Help Get the Equal Rights Amendment into the Constitution**

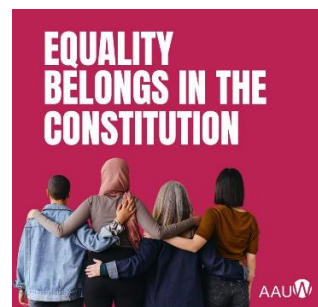
By Public Policy Committee Member Pat Shores

Text President Biden every day, at 302-404-0880, and tell him to publish the Equal Rights Amendment. President Biden has the authority, responsibility, and opportunity to institute this critical protection for women, girls, and LGBTQIA+ Americans. It is time for the president to act boldly and protect our rights.

The ERA will:

- Add women to the U. S. Constitution.
- Protect us from discrimination based on sex and gender.
- Provide a comprehensive tool to fight inequality and protect freedoms for everyone.

We need a massive grassroots campaign urging him to act for this to happen. Please do your part by sending a text every day to our president. Go to <https://www.shatteringglass.org> for information about how to take further action.



**St. Martha's Hall Collection Starts Up Again in January**

By Delivery Committee Member Pat Shores

Every single day St. Martha's does critical work for women and children. Here is a recent statement from a former client named Elizabeth.

*Saint Martha's taught me to value myself and to value how to be free from abuse in all respects. I know that I am not alone, that I always have help, and that I do not have to live in fear.*

CEO Jessica Woolbright tells us that the shelter has ongoing needs for certain things. Here are the only items Ballwin-Chesterfield members should donate every month to help fill that need.



toilet paper,  
paper towels,  
reusable grocery bags,  
and gift cards.



## . Winter Party Recap By Winter Party Chairs Marcia Block and Kathy Lask

Everyone had a wonderful time at our winter party. Poinsettias decorated the tables, and lively chatter filled the air as members mingled, bought raffle and Lotto tickets, and bid on the Elegant Edibles. Many thanks to the committee members, the volunteers, and everyone who attended.

The B-C Booster campaign kicked off and will run through April. Enthusiastic singing of the original “Boosters Song” encouraged members to donate to support branch programs.

The fifteen members of the Parkway West Jazz Choir, led by Terry Fitzpatrick, entertained the group with a mixture of traditional and current songs. The “Grinch” song was especially well received! The lucky winner of the Lotto was **Angie Janik**; the winner of the 50/50 was **Sue Shriver**; and **Julie Triplett** won the lovely poinsettia door prize. We enjoyed delicious box lunches by the Art of Entertaining before departing for home.

Photographs by Pat Shores and Susan Fenwick



Co-Chairs Kathy Lask & Marcia Block



Registrars April Walgren and Pam Bowman



Greeters Yvonne Morrison & Carol Derington



Elegant Edibles Sponsors Erlaine Eltomi & Bette Bude



Entertainers: The Parkway West High School Jazz Choir



Door Prize-Kathy Lask & Judy Schaefer-Piet



Table Decorations by Janet Sloey, Karen Francis & Pam Kulp



Doris Nistler and the always-popular Lotto Board

## 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.

### USED BOOK SALE TO BENEFIT DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS RESUMES IN JANUARY Facilitators Barb McQuitty and Sue Truitt

#### TAI CHI CLASS AND DEMONSTRATION

**LEARN TAI CHI** Friday, February 7, 2024, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Twin Oaks Town Hall, 1381 Big Bend Rd., Ballwin 63021 (same shopping center as Walgreen's and Schnucks) Cost: \$15 for Dollars for Scholars

Drumming the Earth? Find out what that means! If you are interested in learning an ancient form of exercise that adds to your overall physical wellbeing, please consider attending the Tai Chi Class and Demonstration by member Janet Sloey.

Janet has taken lessons and practiced the art form since 2008. You will be taught the Baduanjin Qigong (Eight Pieces of Brocade) form. The form is done standing in one place, but it may also be done in modified form seated

Tai Chi has been practiced for hundreds of years and is known for its benefits to balance, memory, and overall fitness. Besides that, it can be a lot of fun. Janet will also demonstrate the 24 and 32 Yang style forms, as well as a form using a fan and another using a sword.

Participants should wear comfortable shoes and loose-fitting clothes. Janet will have a handout for you to take along with a list of the Eight Pieces steps (and images of a funny little guy demonstrating them)!

To reserve your spot, sign up and pay at a branch meeting or contact Janet.



#### BECOME A DOLLARS EVENT SPONSOR

Is there an interesting venue or event to visit in the St. Louis area in the near future? If it catches your interest, it is sure to appeal to others.

Everyone enjoys a fun experience, a "day out," and the chance to see and do something new!

Dollars events fund our scholarship program. Members have enjoyed many fine outings learning new things about our area.

Directions for sponsoring an event are found on the branch website section titled *Dollars for Scholars* <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/dollars-for-scholars-fundraisers/>

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Presidents Carol Anthony and Sage Taber for help.

**CLARK FAMILY LIBRARY TOUR** Friday, February 21 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Clark Family Library, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd (Plenty of parking and an elevator in the building) Cost: \$10 for DES  
Optional lunch at Brio's following the tour.

The Clark Family Branch is a 74,000. ft., two-story library that opened to the public on July 9, 2024. It features a browsing collection, art from the Kranzberg Arts Foundation, children and teen areas, a business center, outdoor reading deck, a recording studio, and a video game room. Brent Trout from the History and Genealogy department will lead our tour. He will demonstrate how to use the new Memory Lab; it is free to use with staff available to assist patrons on how to digitize photographs, videos, and audio formats to a flash drive. For more information, contact Carol Anthony.



#### AAUW BC Board

##### Elected Officers

Presidents Carol Anthony & Sage Taber  
Finance Officer Jean Light  
VP-Membership Susie Teicher & April Walgren  
VP Program Kathy Brown & Marcia Block  
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 & Database Joyce Katz  
Governance Marsha Weppelman & Pat Shores  
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 & Kathy Lask  
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.

### BookGroups Welcome All Readers

Download book lists at

<https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/interest-groups/>

#### Literature I 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**January 16 *North Woods*** by Daniel Mason Reviewer and Hostess Mary McFarland  
Contact Alice Crippen.

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

**January 27 *After Annie*** by Anna Quindlen Reviewer Beth Ann Murphy Venue Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons, Rt. 141 & Clayton Rd., Chesterfield 63017  
Contact Joyce Katz or Erlaine Eltomi.

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

**January 14 *The Sisterhood: Women at the CIA*** by Liza Mundy Reviewer and Hostess Doris Yohe  
Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

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

**January 23 *Circling the Sun*** by Paula McLain Reviewer Deb McWard

All meetings via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 873 9362 5222 Passcode: 922338

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Contact Patty Murray at [pattymurrayaaauw@gmail.com](mailto:pattymurrayaaauw@gmail.com)

### Bridge Groups

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

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

**January 20, 2025** Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.

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

**January 7, 2025** Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.

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

**January 28, 2025** Contact Alice Crippen or Elaine Frost.

#### Expressions 1st Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.

No meeting in January. Next meeting February 4

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141. Park in back of church and enter through the last set of double glass doors.

Contact Kay Meyer or Nancy Hutchins.

#### Movie Group 4th Thursday, 11:15 a.m.

**January 23** Meet at Talayna's Restaurant, 68 Four Seasons Shopping Center, Chesterfield 63017. If you like movies and discussion you will enjoy this group.  
Contact Ann Campion Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

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

**January 15** Give your taste buds a treat with some fine New Orleans style food at Big Sky Cafe in Webster Groves.

Big Sky is located at 47 S. Old Orchard Ave. Parking is conveniently right next to the restaurant. I've had some cheese grits and shrimp there that were delicious. Join us by calling or emailing Barb McQuitty for your reservation by January 8.

#### Walking Group 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

This group meets April through October and will resume in April 2025. Contact Michele Mangnall to be added to the contact list.

#### Play Readers 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.

**January 20** Members will be contacted with meeting details. Contact Marilyn Fletcher.

#### Munching Matters: Lunch with Food for Thought 2nd Wednesday in January, February and March, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**January 8**, Doris Yohe speaker;  
February 12, Erlaine Eltomi speaker; March 12, Diane Correll speaker.

All meetings at the Hearth Room Cafe, 265 Lamp & Lantern Village. If you have not signed up and wish to attend one or all meetings, email Doris Nistler.

**B-C BOOSTER SPONSORSHIP FORM  
HELP US REACH OUR GOALS**

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW has a visual presence in the community, but to maintain some the outstanding programs we need more funding than provided by our annual branch dues of \$22 per member. You and/or your interest group can help sponsor B-C's activities.

<b>\$25-\$49</b>	<b>Blue Level</b>	Helps to support branch local programs not covered by annual dues.
<b>\$50-\$99</b>	<b>Bronze Level</b>	Helps pay for our monthly speakers.
<b>\$100-\$199</b>	<b>Silver Level</b>	Sponsors STEM Girls of Promise at a local high school (Valley Park, Maplewood-Richmond Heights. Pattonville)
<b>\$200-\$499</b>	<b>Gold Level</b>	Supports our St Louis Science Fair awards to high school women with outstanding projects in STEM fields and college scholarships for mature women returning to college to obtain their degree..
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Platinum Level</b>	Supports 1/2 of a scholarship for a mature woman finishing a degree.

At the January-April meetings we will be collecting your contributions and putting names on our poster.

Sponsorship Level            \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Blue  
 (May be made by            \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Bronze  
 individuals or                \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Silver  
 groups)                        \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Gold  
                                       \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Platinum

Name (or group) \_\_\_\_\_

Email and phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to AAUW-BC with B-C Booster on memo line. Mail to Linda Roberson or pay at a branch meeting.



The public is cordially invited to the **International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS) 2024**

Ethical Society of St. Louis  
9001 Clayton Road  
St. Louis, MO 63117

**10:45 am Second Tuesday of January, February, March and April**

The TWA and AAUW invite you to learn from experts about the most critical issues affecting our global community. The 45-50 minute lectures begin promptly at 10:45 am in the upper auditorium and are followed by a question and answer session. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Free parking is available behind the building. In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

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Usha Sathe, Chair

**January 14, 2025 Our Planet's Plastic Crisis**

**Dana Ripper, M.S.**

There is growing awareness of the plastic crisis. amongst people around the world. What we previously thought of as simply unsightly, plastics - particularly single-use disposables - now pose serious climate, water, and air quality threat as well as being detrimental to human health. This presentation will consist of an in-depth discussion of our planet's plastic crisis. From the extraction of component materials to various manufacturing processes, to its end destination in human bodies, waterways, and incinerators, plastic is one issue that needs to be tackled immediately. We'll talk about the various points in plastic production and waste management where change can be made and how you can become involved in that change.



Dana Ripper is the Executive Director and Co-founder of the Missouri River Bird Observatory and a wildlife ecologist who focuses on conservation via ecosystem health. She has an MS in ecology from Arkansas State University (2002) and worked on wildlife research projects across the U.S. before making Missouri home in 2008. In 2010, Dana co-founded the MRBO, a nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation via science, education, and advocacy. Since plastic production and waste mismanagement pose significant threats to climate stability, biotic and abiotic natural resources, and human health and quality of life, one of Dana's major emphases in her work with MRBO is systemic reduction in single-use plastics. MRBO is an affiliate organization of Break Free From Plastic and Beyond Plastics.



Committee: *Kathyrne Meyer*

**February 11, 2025 Water Security in a Changing Climate**

**Jason Knouff, Ph.D.**



Access to clean water is essential for all aspects of society. As the climate changes and access to water becomes more uncertain, perceptions of water security may also change, leading to social, economic, and political instability, and even conflict. This conflict could be addressed through cooperation, or, alternatively, result in the weaponization of water to oppress individuals or gain advantage over rivals. This lecture will explore water security in a changing climate and examine the implications of perceived declines in water security for society.



Jason Knouff is a Professor in the Biology Department at Saint Louis University and the Director of the Freshwater Policy Institute at the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. He has served as a Climate and Water Security Analyst for the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), an INR deputy representative to the Climate Security Advisory Council, an INR ex officio deputy representative to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Climate Security Roundtable, a member of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and a Scientific Review Committee member at the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center. His research focuses on the investigation of freshwater system responses to environmental perturbations, with a particular interest in water security, climate change, contaminants, land use change, and adaptation strategies to address these issues. Knouff received a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Committee: *Sue Williams, Kari Estes*

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**March 11, 2025 Modern Geopolitics: The Ghost of Sir John Mackinder Kevin Jon Fernlund, Ph.D.**

Kevin Jon Fernlund is a Professor of History at the University of Missouri - St. Louis and is the author of *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America* (2009) and *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West* (2000). From 2001 to 2002, he was a Fulbright Scholar in Vietnam and between 2006 and 2012, he directed the Western History Association. His most recent book is *A Big History of North America, from Montezuma to Monroe* (2023).



Dr. Fernlund's presentation is "Donald Trump, America First, and the Ghost of Sir Halford John Mackinder, the Father of Modern Geopolitics," an evaluation of US foreign policy in the second Trump Administration.



Mackinder is often credited with introducing two new terms into the English language: "manpower" and "heartland." The Heartland Theory and more generally classical geopolitics and geostrategy were extremely influential in the making of US strategic policy during the period of the Cold War. Dr. Fernlund spoke earlier this year of how geography shapes global politics, echoing Paul Kennedy's insights on "how distance and terrain and climate affect the affairs of states and men." *Committee: Kathryn Meyer*

**April 8, 2025 Food Insecurity: Hunger and Famine Now, and in the Near Future Patricia Wolff, M.D.**



Pediatrician Patricia Wolff founded the U.S. non-profit *Meds & Food for Kids (MFK)* in 2003 and served as Executive Director until 2020. Since its inception, MFK has saved the lives of almost 1,000,000 children seen in over 50 clinics in Haiti and with Haitian-made Ready to Use Therapeutic Food exported to 17 countries. The MFK approach is to use local labor and local resources to manufacture Medika Mamba, a treatment for malnutrition, which in turn develops the local economy.

For many years, Dr. Wolff spent half her time in Haiti to develop *Meds & Food for Kids*. She is a pediatrician, endocrinologist, and served as President of Forest Park Pediatrics. Dr. Wolff's many awards include the St. Louis Women of Achievement (May 2017) and the St. Louis Bar Foundation Humanitarian Award (October 2015).



Meds & Food  
For Kids   
mfkhaiti.org

*Committee: Elaine Miller*

**Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council: 2025 Spring Luncheon  
Honoring Heroines and Recognizing Barbara Lackritz Honorees  
Entertainment: Mixed Nuts, a women's a capella quartet**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Doors open at 10:30 am**

**Catering to You**

**12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO**

**Mushroom herb baked chicken, roast top round of beef *au jus*, salad, red-skin garlic mashers, steamed garlic buttered broccoli, rolls, butter, self-serve lemonade/coffee/iced and hot tea**

**Registration fee: \$40 - includes meal, program, and entertainment**

**50/50 and Lotto raffles will also be held!**

**Registration deadline for luncheon: March 20, 2025**

*Please print legibly:*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend **Honoring Our Heroines** Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying for \_\_\_\_\_ # of guests X \$40 (list names on back) Total for luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIBUTE DONATION FOR MY SHERO**

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Shero to be named \_\_\_\_\_

Information about how to honor your Shero: (Please check the appropriate spaces below.)

1. My donation is (pick one): \_\_\_ In memory of (deceased Shero) \_\_\_ In honor of (living Shero)
2. As part of the recognition, I would like my Branch name to be listed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
3. I would like to have my name listed as a donor \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
  - a. If Yes, \_\_\_ I want my name on the event display, \_\_\_ I want to be in the final published lists

Luncheon amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Heroines donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC. Mail check and form to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist, Manchester, MO 63011-4215. Use this form for lunch only, donation only, or both.**

**To honor additional heroines, add the names and amounts on a separate sheet and mail together.**

**NOTE: Donations are NOT tax deductible.**

See the next page for more information...

**Our NEW IBC Fundraising Approach – Tribute Donations to Honor Sheroes**

- ♥ **Why does the IBC need to raise funds?** For IBC operating expenses, and to support the International Relations Lecture Series in collaboration with the Tuesday Women’s Association of the Ethical Society.
- ♥ **Our past approach has used raffles.** In the past, each branch donated baskets of items, then we moved to raffling gift cards. We’ve also done 50-50 and lottery ticket tree raffles, which will continue.
- ♥ **Why do we need a new approach?** We have decided not to hold any more raffles or auctions because none of us wants more stuff. We believe the 50-50 and Lottery Ticket tree raffles are still worthwhile. but they won’t raise all the funds we need.
- ♥ **Our New Approach—**We will raise the additional needed funds by honoring our Sheroes with direct donations. We hope this becomes a new tradition: honoring important women in our lives, living or in memory, through tribute donations.



**How will this work?**

Make a donation to honor a Shero in your life. Your Shero will receive a card informing them that they have been named and **your Shero’s name will be part of a display at the Spring Luncheon.** **A final summary** of all names will be **published at the end of the campaign.**

**How much should you donate?**

We encourage you to be as generous as you can. Since this is a fundraiser, the minimum amount to recognize a Shero is \$10. Any level above that is appreciated.

Please complete the form below to donate. Any donations received before Mar 18, 2025, will be recognized at the Spring Luncheon. The campaign will be open until April 3, 2025, with contributions accepted both ***prior to*** AND ***at the Spring Luncheon.***

Questions? Contact the IBC 2025 Spring Luncheon Committee Fundraising Chair – Joyce Bluett, AAUW Ferguson-Florissant Branch.

**TRIBUTE DONATION FOR MY SHERO**

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Shero to be named \_\_\_\_\_

Information about how to honor your Shero: (Please check the appropriate spaces below.)

- 4. My donation is (pick one):  In memory of (deceased Shero)  In honor of (living Shero)
- 5. As part of the recognition, I would like my Branch name to be listed  Yes  No
- 6. I would like to have my name listed as a donor  Yes  No
  - a. If Yes,  I want my name on the event display,  I want to be in the final published lists

**Sheroes donation amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**To honor additional sheroes, add the names and amounts on a separate sheet and mail together.**

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