



Branching Out

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Branch Meeting April 10, 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.

April Speaker: Jamie Grandinetti, St Louis Art Museum Director of Exhibits,
Effective Strategies for Selecting and Organizing Museum Exhibits



Ms. Grandinetti received a B.A. in Anthropology with a concentration in Archeology from Portland State University and attended the University of Denver where she studied Museum and Heritage Studies. Next, she was in Benton, Arkansas, as the Director of Collection Loans and Exhibits at the Art Bridges Foundation whose mission was to expand access to American art through partnerships with museums of all sizes. She then coordinated logistics for the traveling Denver Art Museum exhibits.

Since 2022 she has been the Director of Exhibits at the St. Louis Art Museum where she works with all departments across the museum.

Presidents' Corner

By Presidents Sage Taber
and Carol Anthony



Sage Taber



Carol Anthony

March is here along with longer days, basketball, baseball, and unpredictable weather.

Please save Saturday, March 29th, for the IBC 2025 Spring Luncheon where, along with a delicious lunch and entertainment, we will celebrate our "Sheros" and the honorees of the Barbara Lackritz Award.

The Clark Family Library Tour was a great success. The architecture, the layout, and all that it includes make you proud to live in St. Louis. The Tai Chi event was equally successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Janet Sloey for her wonderful and informative presentation. These are two events that we will try to host again soon, along with adding some new events.

I would encourage you to visit the AAUW Missouri Facebook page where you will be updated daily on what is going on with voting, women's rights, education, civil rights, DEI, and more.

At the national level, the AAUW Board approved a modest dues adjustment of \$2 per year for the next two years. Beginning 04/01/2025 dues will be \$74, and then \$76 starting 04/01/2026. AAUW realizes that we have large challenges coming to us after the 2024 election. These are issues concerning equal opportunities in education and the workplace, gender equity, women's rights, and more. AAUW is positioned to influence the policies concerning these issues. None of that work is possible without the continued support from all the members of AAUW. We continue to work to overcome obstacles that lie ahead.

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Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting April 3, 2025

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of the month, **at 9:30 a.m., at the West County EMS and Fire Protection District Station, 1 Administrative Bldg., 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO 63011.** All board members are expected to attend. If you are in a two-person position, only one person needs to come but all are welcome. Branch members are welcome to attend any board meeting.

Elected Officer Nomination Slate for 2025-2027

Co-President Janet Sloey

Janet has served our branch in several capacities. She was the co-chair of Dollars for Scholars, Co-Vice President of Program, and Hospitality Co-Chair. In addition, she assists with proofreading the monthly newsletter and is currently sending Care Notes.

Janet earned a Bachelor of Science in Child Development from Iowa State University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Webster University, and a Reading Specialist certification from UMSL. She has taught preschool through eighth grade, primarily in communication arts and remedial math through a U.S. Department of Education program. Her hobbies include Tai Chi and Mah Jong. As a volunteer, she teaches Mah Jong through the Manchester Parks Department. In 2023 she lost her husband, Mike, just before their 54th anniversary. She has a son, a daughter, one granddaughter, and one grandson.



Co-Vice President Program Kathy Skiles



Kathy Skiles joined AAUW Chesterfield after being invited by a previous coworker who was a member. This co-worker was enthusiastic about the group's mission and thought Kathy might enjoy the group's activities. Indeed, Kathy found this collection of accomplished women to be interesting, thoughtful, and politically active.

Kathy has a bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State University and two master's degrees from Lindenwood University. Education has been her primary focus most of her working life; however, she has also spent time as a real estate investor, a manager of a small grocery store, and a fabric business. She worked as a FACs teacher, gifted educator, counselor, and psychological examiner.

Kathy lives with a Siamese cat and has a daughter in New York. Reading, traveling, cooking, sewing, and politics are her hobbies.

Vice President Membership Sage Taber

Sage joined AAUW-BC in 2013. She became involved in branch meetings and committee work from the start. For three years she participated in the public policy committee while serving in the monthly Court Watch program, a community-based initiative. In 2021 she was the chair of registration for the Winter Auction and Co-Vice President of Program. Most recently she has served two terms as Co-President of our branch. She also serves as chair of the AAUW Fund on the MO state board.

Sage is a licensed clinical social worker, working for several years in domestic violence prevention. She retired from BJC Behavioral Health where she worked in community mental health. She is a volunteer in the St. Louis Public Schools and Soulard Restoration Group. Her family includes her wife, Becky, two children, Amy and Ben, and three granddaughters. Sage earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University and a Master of Social Work from Washington University



(Officer Slate continued on the next page)

Slate of Officers – continued)

Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask



Kathy Lask taught at Pattonville Senior High with Marcia Block who invited her to a meeting of AAUW several years ago. From that first meeting, she knew she wanted to be a part of AAUW. Kathy has since had another friend join. In addition, a library friend of hers will be attending her first meeting in February after participating in the January Zoom meeting.

Kathy graduated from the College of St. Rose and went on to receive a master’s degree plus thirty credit hours from Webster University. Kathy taught English for 35 years at different schools. After her first daughter was born in 1971, she started teaching at Pattonville Senior High, and stayed until she retired in 2001.

Early in 2002, Kathy began a 21-year career as an assistant librarian with St. Louis County Library at the Sachs Branch. She retired from the library in 2023, but she continued hosting a Book Discussion Group and coordinating a Warm Up America program. WUA donates knitted and crocheted items to local charities. Each year this organization donates hundreds of afghans, scarves, hats, and baby items to area people in need.

Elected Directors Slate for 2025-2027

Public Policy Director Angela Janik

Angela joined AAUW B-C in 2016 and has been on the branch financial planning, public policy and program committees. She has engaged in activities that support branch efforts to shape public policy, specifically the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition. Angela has served as co-vice president of membership and co-director of public policy. In addition, she has experience as a board member and officer of professional and community volunteer organizations: a founding charter member of the Michigan Hospital Association Keystone Center Board, Kalamazoo County EMS Board, and elected treasurer of the Michigan Organization of Nurse Leaders.



Angela was on the Kalamazoo Hospital Hospitality House Board, the American Red Cross Blood Service Board for Chesapeake Bay region, and was a board and committee member including secretary of the Executive Women’s Golf Association of St. Louis. She earned a bachelor of nursing from the University of Michigan, a master of nursing from the Catholic University of America, and a master of business administration from Baldwin-Wallace College.

AAUW Fund Co-Director Karen B. Francis



Karen is a retired educator having been a classroom teacher and counselor in Pattonville and a high school administrator in Rockwood. After retiring she volunteered at Legal Advocates for Abused Women, was a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and has worked as a counselor at Hope Clinic for Women. She has been a passionate supporter of AAUW since joining in 2010, serving as branch president, public policy director, college university liaison, and now as AAUW fund chair. At the state level, Karen is the immediate past state president. She has chaired the public policy committee and served as the Start Smart and Work Smart coordinator.

Karen was part of the leadership team at the AAUW Central State’s Regional Conference in 2023 and chairs the annual AAUW MO Legislative Briefing. At the National level, Karen has chaired the National Public Policy Committee and currently serves on the National Inclusion and Equity Committee. In addition to her leadership with AAUW, she is president of Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice. Karen has served on the Board of Safe Connections as well as the local and state board of National Women’s Political Caucus. In her 'spare' time, she loves to be with her family and seven grandchildren. Traveling and attending theatre round out her year.

St. Martha’s Hall Final Collection

By St. Martha’s Volunteer Collection Person Pat Shores

April will be the last collection opportunity for St. Martha’s. Since the weather prevented us from making our usual monthly collection earlier, please consider bringing in a double donation in April so the shelter will not run low on the items we provide.

Here are the ongoing needs of the shelter and the best items for Ballwin-Chesterfield members to donate every month: toilet paper, paper towels, reusable grocery bags, gift cards.

“Dare To Color Outside the Lines” the Ballwin-Chesterfield Annual Spring Luncheon

Chairs: Jane Hemer and Michele Mangnall

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Social hour 11:00 a.m. Lunch served at noon

Cost: \$45

Marriott West Hotel 660 Maryville Center Drive, 673141

Reservations will be taken at the April Branch Meeting. Cost is \$45 (checks only, please).

If unable to attend the meeting, please send check and menu selection to Jane Hemer. Lunch selections are roasted chicken or pan seared salmon with mashed potatoes and vegetable medley, or (vegetarian option) penne pasta in basil and oil tossed with asparagus, mushrooms and dried tomatoes. Marriott salad, rolls, dessert and coffee or tea are included with all entrees.. There will be a raffle for floral planters, games, gifts and more.

You won't want to miss this elegant event, an opportunity to extend your thanks to retiring officers and celebrate the installation of our new officers for 2025-2027. Deadline for reservations is May 1st. Guests are welcome!



Missouri Amendment 3 Update

By Public Policy Committee Member Marge Anderson

Missouri's Amendment 3, passed in November 2024, enshrined abortion rights in the state constitution, overturning the previous near-total abortion ban. However, abortion access in Missouri remains limited due to ongoing legal and legislative challenges.

In February 2025, Republican lawmakers filed joint resolutions in both the House and Senate in response to a Jackson County Judge's ruling that temporarily blocked regulations requiring abortion clinics to be licensed in the state. Additionally, a recent court ruling temporarily blocked several state laws restricting abortion providers, including a 72-hour waiting period, deeming them unlawful under the new constitutional right to abortion. These rulings have allowed abortion services at Planned Parenthood clinics in Kansas City and St. Louis to resume.

As of the first week in March, a proposed constitutional amendment, SJR 33. reinstating Missouri's abortion law cleared the Senate committee reviewing the amendment. It is now on its way to the full Senate for debate.

While Amendment 3 has restored abortion rights in Missouri, access to abortion services remains limited and subject to ongoing legal, legislative, and political challenges.

FINAL USED BOOK SALE FOR DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS



To have a successful book sale without it being overwhelming for both shoppers and workers, we are asking members to adhere to the following criteria:

- 1- Please limit your donations to 10 items.
- 2- Donate current books in good condition (published in the last 5 years) and hardback and oversized paperbacks to garner the most money. We know there may be exceptions (for example, tried and true classics), but in general, please use the 5-year guideline. Do not donate textbooks.
- 3- We accept books (both children's and adult), DVD's, and puzzles. Thank you for supporting the book sale and helping to fund local scholarships. Questions? Contact Mary Kay Wolfe

AAUWMO WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD NOMINEES DUE APRIL 5

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING B-C MEMBER FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AAUW MISSOURI AWARD

The nominee must be an outstanding AAUW member of AAUW Missouri who has promoted the mission and values of AAUW in her branch and community. The deadline for nominations is April 5. See the nomination form on pages 11 and 12 of this newsletter. Ballwin-Chesterfield is an active branch whose members make many contributions to the advancement of AAUW priorities. Let's give them the recognition they deserve. See more about this award, and previous awardees, at <https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/about/aauwmo-honorees/>

Each branch may nominate one member. (She need not be a member of your branch.) One award presentation will be made during the AAUW MO Conference each year. Nominees may be resubmitted in subsequent years. (Previous award winners are not eligible.) Contact the branch presidents when you are ready to make your nomination.

AAUWMO ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 3, 9 a.m. – Noon BY ZOOM

All members are invited to attend this year's annual conference. Hear speakers and updates on important issues affecting AAUW members in Missouri. See a copy of the conference flyer with more information on page 10 of this newsletter. The flyer may be seen/downloaded at <https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2025/03/AAUW-MO-2025-annual-meeting.pdf> Register for the AAUW MO State Conference by responding to the special email to be sent in early April.

AAUW NATIONAL DUES INCREASE By Managing Director and Chief of Staff Shannon Wolfe Reprinted from March 10, 2025, AAUW Document

The AAUW Board approved a modest dues adjustment — \$2 per year over the next two years. New national dues: \$74 starting April 1, 2025, and \$76 starting April 1, 2026.

Member dues are an important funding source for AAUW. While costs for member support increase annually, dues have not kept pace. During the feedback process, we heard from more than 750 members. The Board's decision to increase dues by \$2 reflects an adjustment to the original proposal to lessen the burden of a dues increase on members while keeping pace with inflation.

Your national member dues help fund services such as:

- Administrative Support: Assist with dues processing, Community Hub management, 990N filings, branding materials, and toolkits (e.g., DEI Toolkit, College/University Member Toolkit).
 - Website Support: Update and manage ~500 branch and state websites and provide ongoing Site Resources support.
 - Member Trainings: Hold regular virtual member gatherings and training programs.
 - Member Engagement: Organize member-led groups and committees like Archives Corps, Lobby Corps, and national committees.
 - Speaker Engagement: Offer National speakers for branch meetings and state conventions.
 - Real-Time Support: Connect Team provides daily assistance and semi-weekly "Office Hours" for member leaders.
- And more.

The bottom line: We heard you. The dues increase balances AAUW's financial sustainability with the member feedback we received. Thank you for being an engaged leader!



Online Security By Sue Shineman, AAUWMO President

Reprinted from the Independence Branch Newsletter March 2025

There have been several AAUW MO members whose email, phone, and texting, have recently been hacked. This information is timely. A few simple guidelines:

If you do not recognize the sender do not open any links within the email or text.

If an email address looks strange with letters and numbers, do not respond to it.

Send the message to SPAM and then delete everything in your SPAM folder.

If you discover you have been hacked, please share it with your branch president, and other organizations that you belong to. Share on your social media that you have been hacked, so others do not respond to your 'fake' requests.

Learn more here (this link is safe and is provided by the American Association of University Women.)

<https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/online-security-1-types-of-fraud/>

B-C Boosters By Chair Marcia Block

You may recall that only \$22 of our annual dues stays with the branch. That's less than \$3,000 and doesn't even pay for room rental and speakers. Add about from \$5,000-\$6,000 Dollars for Scholars. That only begins to maintain all our local activities and scholarships. We have budgeted over \$15,000 for everything. So each year we have to come to our members and ask them to help make up the difference. On page 9 of this newsletter you will find a flyer with information on how to contribute. Please be generous and help us reach our goal of \$6,000. Consider how important AAUW's mission is to you and how long it may have been since you wrote a check to support the branch. Contributions from individuals as well as Interest groups are very welcome. Thank you.



NEWS FROM NATIONAL The latest from AAUW

Snippets From the [AAUW Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report](#) By AAUW Fund Director Karen Francis

There are Forty-One Thousand AAUW Members.

Seventy-one percent are branch members.

Twenty-six percent are national members.

Two percent are student members.

One percent are college/university members.

Fourteen Percent of Our Membership Pays No Required Fees to National.

Three thousand are lifetime members who pay one time for lifetime membership. They do not pay any more national dues, but they may pay branch and state dues.

Six thousand are Honorary Lifetime members who have been 50-year members and often pay no additional branch or state dues.

These are the Branch Sizes.

Ten percent have more than 100 members. Ballwin-Chesterfield is in this group.

Twenty-seven percent have 50-99 members.

Fifty-three percent have 10- 49 members.

Ten percent have 10 or fewer members.

Why We Ask for Donations to AAUW Fund.

Ninety-six percent of all funds are donor restricted.

Four percent, are without restrictions to help AAUW address emerging priorities, stay agile in supporting branches and states, and work for women and girls.

Take AAUW MO President, Sue Shineman's, Advice and Read More about AAUW's Impressive Accomplishments.

Luckily, the national office has written them all down for us. Although reading the [AAUW Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report](#) sounds as interesting as the list of ingredients in a bag of Purina® Dog Chow, you may be surprised that you won't doze off!

AAUW Condemns Actions to Undermine the U. S. Department of Education Reprinted from March 12, 2025, Press Release

The President knows he cannot unilaterally dismantle the U.S. Department of Education through executive order, however this reckless action is part of a deeply troubling agenda to dismantle public education through cuts and chaos. By slashing funding, stripping oversight, and creating disorder, this administration is deliberately undermining students' ability to access and complete higher education. The consequences will be devastating — especially for low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and communities historically marginalized in education.

AAUW calls on Congress to reject this cynical attack on the U.S. Department of Education and to uphold its essential mission: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to a high-quality education.

This is not just an attack on an agency — it is an attack on our students, our economy, and the fundamental promise of equal opportunity. AAUW will not stand idly by as education is placed on the chopping block. We urge students, parents, educators, and advocates across the country to make their voices heard and demand that Congress protect the future of education in America.

Dollars for Scholars Program

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.

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 while 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 and ideas.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH A SPECIAL DONATION “In Honor of” OR “In Memory”

Celebrate a friend's or family member's special achievement, milestone, birthday or other significant event by making a donation to the DFS Honor Roll. Your honoree will receive a personalized acknowledgement postcard, and their name will be listed in the next Branching Out Newsletter. Mail check to Jean Light, write Honor Roll on memo, and email Presidents Sage or Carol the name and address of your honoree. To donate in memory of a loved one, include name/address to whom an acknowledgement postcard may be sent. Contributions to DFS are not tax deductible.



AAUW B-C 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
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? Contact the presidents for help to 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.

April 17 *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

Reviewer and Hostess Jan Horner

Contact *Alice Crippen*.

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

April 28 *Trust* by Hernan Diaz Reviewer Joyce Katz

Venue Hearth Room, Town & Country Commons

Contact *Joyce Katz* or *Erlaine Eltomi*.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

April 8 *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns

Goodwin Reviewer and Hostess Kathy Skiles

Contact *Marcia Block* or *Mary Kay Wolfe*.

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

April 24 *Light on Bone* by Kathryn Lasky

Reviewer Teri Brecht

All meetings via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87393625222?pwd=Z8Lm oZpCgqVwS6wAZmPoNEcUa0b2Pq.1>

Meeting ID: 873 9362 5222 Passcode: 922338

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

Email *Patty Murray* pattymurrayaaauw@gmail.com for a clickable link.

Bridge Groups

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

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

April 21 Contact *Ellen Friedman* or *Jean Light*.

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

April 1 Contact *Chris Magilligan* or *Elaine Frost*.

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

April 22 Contact *Elaine Frost* or *Alice Crippen*.

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

April 1 This will be the last Expressions meeting. Due to a lack of interest we have decided to disband Expressions. Please join us for the final gathering where we will share crafts we have made and have some light refreshments. We will meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur. MO 63141. Park in back of the church and enter through the last set of double glass doors. Signs will direct you to the youth room to the left as you enter the church.

Contact *Kay Meyer* or *Nancy Hutchins*.

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

April 24 Meet at Spiro's West, 1054 N. Woods Mill Rd., Chesterfield, MO 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.

April 16 Join your AAUW friends at Favazza's on the Hill, 5201 Southwest Ave., St. Louis 63139. Enjoy some authentic Italian cuisine in a charming atmosphere.

To reserve a spot, contact *Mary Biggs* by phone or email by April 9.

Walking Group 4th Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. We meet at a different park each month.

April 23 Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Road, 63141 Meet at the horse barn.

Contact *Michele Mangnall* to be added to the contact list.

Play Readers 3rd Monday, 12:15 p.m.

April 21 The meeting will be hosted by Ann Riley.

Contact *Marilyn Fletcher*.

Munching Matters: Lunch with Food for Thought Friday, April 11, 11 a.m. Speaker Erlaine Eltomi

Hearth Room Cafe, Lamp and Lantern Village, Town and Country.

This is a rescheduled meeting from February, which was cancelled because of weather. If you have questions or suggestions, 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.

\$25-\$49	Blue Level	Helps to support branch local programs not covered by annual dues.
\$50-\$99	Bronze Level	Helps pay for our monthly speakers.
\$100-\$199	Silver Level	Sponsors STEM Girls of Promise at a local high school (Valley Park, Maplewood-Richmond Heights. Pattonville)
\$200-\$499	Gold Level	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..
\$500	Platinum Level	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.

FINDING A PATH FORWARD—NOW IS THE TIME!
THE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF AAUWMO

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. — Noon

Via ZOOM — Pathway Parties and Individuals
Sue Shineman, AAUW MO President

8:30-9:00 Zoom link open; members sign in Sue Shineman / Tech Team

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Overview of Meeting Sue Shineman

9:10-9:50 Keynote AAUW Speaker - Katrina Sun Breese; AAUW Advancement Vice President

TOPIC: 'AAUW TODAY - Membership & More' / Q&A Time Intro by Diane B. Ludwig

9:50-10:30 Issues Speaker - Amber Bengel, Ed.D., Co-Executive Director, MO Equity Education Partnership

TOPIC: 'The Education Climate in Missouri' / Q&A Intro by Su Bacon

10:30-10:35 BREAK

10:35-11:30 Business Meeting

Call to order Sue Shineman

Credentials Report/Quorum/Standing Rules Marianne Fues

Approval of Agenda Sue S. / All

Appointment of Readers for Minutes Sue S.

Approval of 2024 State Meeting Minutes Sue S. / Diana Curry-McQuirk

Finance Report / Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget Sue S. / Lois Domsch

Elections: Presentation of Slate of Officers/Elections Lynne Roney

/Installation of Officers Sue S.— Elections; Installation

Legacy Circle Recognitions Sue Barley

Missouri STAR Awards (Branch Action Plans) Su Bacon/Diane B. Ludwig

AAUW Fund Awards Sage Taber/Sue Barley

Top Branches/Totals/Per Capitas

Century Club & Century Club Plus

Opportunity Grants Carol Cox

State Awards

Outstanding Member Susie Watson

Woman of Distinction Karen Francis

11:30-11:40 New Business

Recognition of Retiring Officers Sue Shineman

Announcements Sue S. / All

Register for the AAUW MO State Conference by responding to the special email to be sent in early April.

Each person must register to receive the conference e-packet of materials prior to the conference and the Zoom link. Those attending Branch Pathway Parties still need to register individually. Questions? Contact Diane B.

Ludwig, Co-Program VP, 573-642-4664 or dbludwig22@aol.com or Su Bacon, Co-Program VP, 816-746-1222 or pigsubacon@aol.com.

AAUW MO WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD—2025

Nominating Person Contact Information

Deadline April 5, 2025

Note: You may key information into this form. (available on the state website or sent to you by email) Submit the saved completed document by email or printed and mailed. You may also print the form and fill it in by hand.

The nominee must be a member of AAUW Missouri and an outstanding AAUW member who has promoted the mission and values of AAUW in her branch and community.

Each branch may nominate one member from any Missouri branch. She need not be a member of your branch. One award presentation will be made during the AAUW MO Conference each year. Nominees may be resubmitted in subsequent years. (Previous award winners are not eligible.)

SUBMITTED BY:

CONTACT PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE: _____ CELL _____

DEADLINE: Must be received no later than Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Please completely fill out the form and attach your personalized comments.

Return to Karen Francis, Immediate Past President AAUW MO

Questions? Email or Call 314-223-4235

Email to: karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com

OR Mail to: Karen Francis, 11810 Beaverton Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044

Nomination Form on next page

AAUW MO 2025 – WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip Code

Phone

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Business: _____

Education:

Honors:

Service to AAUW:

Service to her profession:

Service to her community and society:

Service to other women:

PERSONAL COMMENTS: Your personalized comments (200 words or less) are very important in the review and selection process. Explain why you have selected this nominee. Please record these comments on a separate sheet and submit them with this application form.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Forms must be received no later than Saturday, April 5, 2025