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“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

Marriott West Hotel 660 Maryville Center Drive, 63141

Reservations will be taken by phone until May 1. Cost is \$45 (checks only, please).

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. Guests are welcome!

Presidents' Corner

By Presidents Sage Taber

and Carol Anthony



Sage Taber



Carol Anthony

Greetings to all,

We have had a lively year here at the AAUW B-C

Branch, thanks to all of you, and plans are underway for even more activity.

All AAUW members are invited to this year's annual AAUW MO conference, held via Zoom, on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please visit

<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/files/2025/03/AAUW-MO-2025-annual-meeting.pdf>

and see page 2 for more information.

Our branch's Spring Luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. on May 8 at the Marriott West Hotel. Our July gathering is going to be different from previous years, with a Happy Re-New Year Party on July 10th.

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

BC Boosters Update By Chair Marcia Block

Thank you to all who have given to our fundraising effort. We are very close to our goal. If you were unable to donate, it is not too late. Send a check to Linda Roberson. Make it payable to AAUW-BC with BC Boosters on the memo line. At the Spring Luncheon, we will be recognizing donors and announcing our grand total.

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AAUW-BC BOARD MEETING – MAY 1, 2025 9:00 AM Social, 9:30 AM Meeting
at the CLARK FAMILY LIBRARY, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131-3598 ROOM B
All board members should attend
Please call Carol Anthony if you are not able to be there



AAUW MO ANNUAL MEETING AND STATE CONFERENCE
by ZOOM - May 3, 2025

Get the [updated flyer and Zoom registration link here](#),

<https://aauw-mo>

The AAUWMO.org website

Member Dues Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

By Membership Chair April Walgren

The dues cycle opened on April 1. Please watch your email Inbox for notifications from national AAUW reminding you to renew your membership.

What are our dues for 2025-26? \$106 - This amount reflects an increase of \$2 toward your national membership. The AAUW Board's decision to increase dues allows the national office to cover more costs of member support and help offset increased costs due to inflation.

When should I pay my dues? Most Ballwin-Chesterfield members have an expiration date of June 30. Members who have joined since July 1, 2022, will renew on their anniversary dates (i.e., 12 months from the date of joining). If you are unsure when your dues expired or will expire, you can always contact the Membership chairs, Susie Teicher or April Walgren.

How do I access the online renewal process?

1. Go to aauw.org.
2. Click on Log In in the upper right corner. The "Welcome" page displays.
3. Enter your email address and your password. If you have not chosen a password, go to Forgot your password? which is located below the Log In box and follow the prompts.

Paying Dues

By Finance Office Jean Light

Paying dues online is quicker and easier than paying by check once you have established your online account. If you have any questions or concerns, I am 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.

Happy (Re)New Year! Thursday, July 10, 2025

Ballwin Golf Course & Event Center

Please join us for a membership-themed summer gathering on Thursday, July 10 from 1-3 p.m. This will be a perfect time to bring a guest and introduce her to AAUW-BC. You can also:

- Drop off your membership renewal check
- Get help with renewing your dues online
- Sign up for 2025-26 committees and events
- Consider why you value your AAUW membership

In keeping with the New Year's theme, and the legendary Ballwin-Chesterfield hospitality, you are invited to contribute a party-sized appetizer or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Watch for more details in the July-August newsletter.



Public Policy by Public Policy Director Marian Bauer

Today, when women's rights are being challenged at all levels of government, AAUW stands with its goal of promoting women's advancement through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW's public policy connects with advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. We utilize lobbying efforts to advocate for policies that overcome educational and economic barriers. You will get the opportunity to vote on AAUW Public Policy priorities beginning April 14, as AAUW National notices are received by individual AAUW members. Please be an active participant in this endeavor.



STEM Girls of Promise by Stem Director Marcia Block

By the time you read this, we will have already awarded medals and cash gifts to four young women at Valley Park High School (above). It is a joy to see them and their parents and hear their plans for the future. On Friday, April 18, we were at Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School at 7:30 a.m. On Tuesday, April 22, we visited Pattonville High School at 7:00 a.m.

These Juniors were selected by their teachers for their promise and effort in one or more of the STEM fields. Our goal is to encourage them to continue in these fields and make a difference in the future.

AAUW St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council 2025 Sheroes Honored

Excerpted from Carol Davis-McDonald April Document

In April, members were invited to name “sheroes” at the Metropolitan St. Louis Interbranch Council Spring Fling luncheon. Ballwin-Chesterfield members chose to honor the following:

The late Ellen Irons (St. Louis Branch), Julia Triplett, Carol Davis-McDonald, all the state AAUW leaders who keep the gears of our mission moving forward, Patricia Shores, Yvonne Morrison, Susan Barley, the late Mabel Lupkey Gebauer (Jayne Kasten’s mother), the late Myrna Gebauer Green (Jayne Kasten’s sister), the late Debi Green Mueller (Jayne Kasten’s niece), Ballwin-Chesterfield board, the late Barbara Lackritz (Creve Coeur, B-C, past AAUW MO president), the many wonderful AAUW women who helped me along the way and continue to do so. The late Jean Shull (K-WG, past AAUW MO president), the late Ann Kisslinger (Nancy Hutchins’ mother), the late Virginia Hutchins (Nancy Hutchins’ mother-in-law), Kay Meyer. Lynne Roney (K-WG, past AAUW MO president). Deb McWard (K-WG, B-C), Jeanne Webdell (K-WG, B-C), Marsha Koch (K-WG, past AAUW MO president), Patty Murray (Ferguson-Florissant), AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield board and membership, Bette Bude, and Mary Kay Wolfe.

Interbranch Council Spring Luncheon By IBC Representative Sandy Brody

The annual IBC Spring Luncheon was held on March 29, 2025, at Catering to You. A wonderful time was had by all attendees.

- ♥ Displays included the *Women's Quotes* quilt from the 2024 Missouri Conference meeting in Columbia; a display of *Shero*es honorees; beautifully decorated cakes for dessert; a proclamation and photo of Virginia Minor; and a sale table arranged by Kirkwood-Webster Groves with pecans, jewelry, and t-shirts.
- ♥ Final numbers were not available at the time of this writing, but an estimated \$1,800 was raised through the *Shero*es campaign as well as the 50/50 and Lotto raffles.
- ♥ The five Barbara Lackritz Honorees, including B-C's Jan Horner, were introduced by Lynne Roney.
- ♥ Entertainment by *Mixed Nuts*, an A Capella Quartet, included a variety of songs. The chorus of "Wind Beneath My Wings," had a word change from "You are my hero," to "You are my Shero," to follow the 2025 theme.



Lynne Roney presenting the Barbara Lackritz Award to Jan Horner



Standing, L to R: Jan Horner, Carol Derington, Janet Sloey, Jeanne Webdell, Linda Roberson, Bette Bude, Marian Bauer, Karen Francis, Pam Kulp
Front Row: Kay Meyer, Julie Triplett, Carol Davis McDonald, Marcia Block, Doris Nistler, Sage Taber



AAUW-BC National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) CANDIDATE CHOSEN

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) unites college student leaders from across the nation for a transformative experience in leadership development, networking, and inspiration.

Through engaging workshops and hands-on activities, NCCWSL challenges and inspires attendees to make meaningful impacts on their campuses and communities long after the conference ends.

The conference will now be organized and administered by NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

Interbranch Council representatives reviewed applicants for this conference: All agreed that Sophie Price, from Webster University, was the student leader we would like to send to the 2025 conference.

We look forward to hearing all about her experiences when she comes back from the Maryland conference.

AAUW is Part of the UN Commission on the Status of Women Submitted by Alice Kitchen, AAUW MO Public Policy Chair

The Commission on the Status of Women is an annual event in New York where women come from around the world to share information, attend sessions inside the UN, and exchange ideas. Over 10,000 women participated. And 40,000 more viewed virtual presentations.

Alice Kitchen presented at the conference "What Next?" sponsored by the U.S. Women's Caucus. AAUW is a member of the ERA Coalition which supports the placement of the 28th Amendment in the Constitution.

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.

ROARING – ART, FASHION, AND THE AUTOMOBILE 1918-1938, St. Louis Art Museum Tuesday, June 17, 2025 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for SLAM members; cost to be determined for non-SLAM members

Lunch reservations available at the Art Museum's Panorama restaurant
Please join us for a look at this fascinating exhibit featuring couture, art, and beautiful cars. Our popular docent, Clare Richardson, will lead the tour.



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.



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

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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.

May 15 *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding

Reviewer and Hostess Terri Ciccolella

June 19 10 a.m. Luncheon at Hearth Room Cafe, 265 Lamp & Lantern Village. We will choose our books for 2025-2026. *Contact Alice Crippen.*

Literature II 4th Monday, 11 a.m.

No May meeting

June 23 Hearth Room Cafe, 265 Lamp & Lantern Village. We will choose our 2025-2026 books.

Members please send book recommendations to Joyce Katz.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

No May meeting

June 10 Ya Ya's Euro Bistro, 15601 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield 63017. We will choose our 2025-2026 books. *Members, please send book recommendations to Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.*

AAUW ¡Adelante! May 29 (Not May 22) 1:30 p.m.

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult Reviewer Patty Murray

No meeting in June, July or August. All meetings via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 873 9362 5222 Passcode: 922338

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

May 22, June 26 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.

No May meeting

June 18 Annie Gunn's 16806 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005. *Contact Mary Biggs, Ann Hansen or Barb McQuitty by email or phone by June 11 for a reservation.*

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

May 28 Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road 63127. Meet at Aronson Fine Arts Center, next to the parking lot off the corner of Geyer Road and Rott Road.

June 25 Queeny Park, 550 Weidman Road, 63131. Upon entering the park off Weidman, take the first left and meet in the parking lot at the top of the hill. *Contact Michele Mangnall to be added to the contact list.*

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

May 19 Host Ann Riley.

June 16 Host Yvonne Morrison.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher.

Munching Matters
Lunch with Food for Thought
SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER

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

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

May 6, June 3 *Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.*

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

May 27, June 24 *Contact Elaine Frost or Alice Crippen.*

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

May 19, June 16 *Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.*