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BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD AAUW BRANCH MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Ballwin Golf Course Event 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.

November Speaker: Historian Joe Regenbogen "America's Evolving Role in the World"

By Program Chair Marcia Block



For the first 150 years of its existence, the United States, much like a sheltered child growing bigger by the day, leveraged its geographical advantages to adopt an isolationist policy. This period of seclusion came to an abrupt end with the attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan in 1941. Following this pivotal moment, the United States utilized its wealth and military strength to establish a "Pax Americana," characterized by a web of alliances, the Cold War rivalry with the Soviet Union, and unmatched military capabilities. However, as Donald Trump embarks on his second term, American foreign policy finds itself at a critical crossroads with an uncertain future.

Joe Regenbogen is an award-winning former high school history teacher who took up writing later in life. His first two books, *Questioning History* and *Relearning History*, were intended to deepen students' historical understanding. His next two, *The Boys of Brookdale* and *Making a Difference*, chronicled the heroic lives of people he interviewed. *Longs Peak* and *Dying of the Light* are his two introspective novels.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Janet Sloey and Carol Anthony

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Board and Committee Chairs have been preparing for 2025-2026 AAUW events.

The Public Policy Directors, **Angela Janik and Marian Bauer**, are working on ways to help us be informed voters.

Marcia Block and Kathy Lask and their committee have plans underway for a great Winter Party.

Interest groups are meeting. Information on Interest Groups can be found in your Directory, on the Ballwin-Chesterfield website, in the Friday Reminders and on page 10 of this publication.

At the October branch meeting it was announced that the STEM committee is up and running with co-leaders taking responsibility for each of the individual jobs needed to complete the STEM mission for this year.

We would like to encourage members to host a Dollars for Scholars event in the months ahead. Step-by-step directions are posted on the website.

Remember, being a member of AAUW connects you with a national, state, and local organization that tracks and acts on issues that affect all of us.

From the B-C web page, you can access both the AAUW state and national sites which provide details about important events at each level of AAUW. (continued)



Carol Anthony

Janet Sloey

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AAUW-BC BOARD MEETING

November 6, 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.

Presidents Corner (continued from Page 1)

Barriers still hold women and girls back. Systemic obstacles threaten access and equity at every level. AAUW works to remove those barriers and advance inclusive, affordable, and equitable education. The work of our national organization can only continue with support from members through action on policy issues and contributions to the Greatest Needs Fund. Please do not forget that our local B-C branch needs support as well. One of the easiest ways to help is through B-C Boosters which will begin in December and run through the spring. No amount is too small to help our branch meet its operating expenses. Another way to show branch support is to invite guests to meetings and events to build our membership. We look forward to seeing you at AAUW events throughout the year.

NOVEMBER IS INDIVIDUAL GIVING MONTH

By Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW Fund Donations Directors Karen Francis and Suzanne Couch

At our November meeting we will be asking you to be a “life saver” and bring your check book to donate to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

“Greatest Needs” is four percent of the national unrestricted assets and allows AAUW to respond quickly and effectively to emerging challenges and opportunities like policy advocacy, subject matter expertise, salary negotiation training, and member services. This year you can support the Greatest Needs Fund, (9110), or designate your donation to the Defend Higher Education Fund (4513) or to the Public Policy Fund (4337). Last year forty-three members donated to the Greatest Needs Fund. This year our goal is to have fifty percent of our members give. By giving, you are supporting an organization that began in 1881 and hopefully will be around for the next generations.

The national AAUW budget is 96% restricted which means that AAUW has no flexibility on how that money is spent. The other 4% of the budget can then be used for everything else. The everything else includes big ticket items like research, webinars, publications, and national support staff, to name a few. Ballwin-Chesterfield is one of the largest branches in the United States. We have more than one hundred members, which puts us in the rare one hundred plus category that includes only 10% of the branches nationwide. Last year only forty-three people gave a personal gift to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. This year our goal is to double our participation.

You can donate on line. But feel free to bring your check book to the meeting and we will collect your donation checks. One more reminder, your national donations are tax deductible. Reach out if you have questions. Our contact information is in the directory. Thanks for supporting AAUW!

Is Your Contact Information Up to Date with AAUW?

Reprinted from September Mission & Action

AAUW is moving to a new mass email platform to better serve you! Access your AAUW personal snapshot and update your contact information and preferences.

Frequent users, click [LOG IN](#) as usual. Non-frequent users, click [LOG IN](#), then below the blue log in button, click FORGOT PASSWORD. Enter your email address and click RESET YOUR PASSWORD to receive and confirm a new password to access your Personal Snapshot. Need help? Email connect@aauw.org and enter LOG IN HELP in the subject line.

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BRANCH NEWS

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3. Use the form on page 11- 12 of this newsletter

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Marge Anderson and **Bette Bude** are members of the nominating committee and will, with the head of the committee, review your nominees and prepare the slate of officers. Please send your nomination form in by December 20, 2025.

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Thank you for participating in choosing your leadership.

PUBLIC POLICY

By Public Policy Director Marian Bauer

Missouri is dealing with several issues that are of concern to all of us.

The special legislative session called by Governor Kehoe in September passed their redistricting bill that changes the congressional districts to give seven seats to the Republicans and one to the Democrats.

Several lawsuits have been filed to challenge this map. There is also a Referendum Petition to put the map to a vote of the people. A group named *People Not Politicians* is circulating a petition to support this cause which the AAUW Missouri state board endorses. Petitions will be available to sign at branch meetings. We need 117,000 signatures, by December 11, to get this on the ballot.

Another issue of concern is HJR 3 Amendment 4 which changes the Initiative petition process that has been in the Missouri Constitution for one hundred years. It would effectively take away the people's right to one person, one vote. A petition by the group *Respect MO Voters* is circulating about this bill. The AAUW MO State Board has not endorsed this petition.

The final issue is Amendment 3 which relates to reproductive rights. The Legislature has passed a new amendment with the same number that will nullify the previous Amendment 3. It reduces the protection currently existing in the Missouri Constitution.

Continue to look for updates on these critical issues.

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Ballwin-Chesterfield Winter Party

Thursday, December 11, 2025

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ballwin Golf Course Events Center

333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, 63011

Reservations \$30 by December 1, 2025

Guests are welcome.

You are invited to join the fun at our annual branch winter party and fundraising event. Reservations **by check only** payable to AAUW-BC will be available at the October and November meetings or may be mailed to Sandy Kalin. Include your luncheon choice.

The Art of Entertaining will provide lunches. They use the highest quality meats, breads, and homemade dressings to ensure a delicious meal. Each lunch includes a sandwich, a small side, and a dessert. A vegetarian salad is also available.

- *Chicken Salad Sandwich
- *Roast Top Round Sandwich (rare)
- *Tuna Salad Sandwich
- *Big Bend Turkey Sandwich
- *Red, White, and Blue Salad and Roll (vegetarian)
- *Gluten free upon request
- *Water is provided. You can bring your own drink.

Special features:

The Valley Park High School Choir will provide entertainment.
There will be raffles and fun. Be sure to bring small bills.
Silent auction for Elegant Edibles.
Poinsettias will be available for \$10 purchase.

Do not miss this special event!



Eleanor Roosevelt Walk Report

By Walking Chair Michele Mangnall and

Eleanor Roosevelt Walk Chair Pat Shores

Eight enthusiastic walkers enjoyed a vigorous walk, on September 25, at an overcast but beautiful Des Peres Park. Nineteen members supported the walkers and raised \$1,370 for our mature women returning to college. A hearty thanks to the people who walked and to the people that gave generously to Dollars for Scholars. Eleanor would be immensely proud of us and the way we raise, and spend, our money.



Scholarship Recipients Announced **By University Liaisons Mary Jermak and Karen Francis**

The AAUW of Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch is pleased to recognize April Clayton and Julia Hof, Maryville University students and recipients of our 2025-26 scholarships for non-traditional students.

April Clayton is a junior pursuing a bachelor of science degree in biology. She earned an associate degree at Jefferson College and enrolled at Maryville in fall 2023. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2027.

Julia Hof, also a non-traditional transfer student, is a senior pursuing a bachelor of science in computer science. She earned an associate degree at St. Louis Community College and began enrollment at Maryville University in summer 2024. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2026.

The branch is pleased to support to these STEM students, made possible by member participation in the Dollars for Scholars Program.

DONATE BOOKS TO BENEFIT DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS **By Used Book Sales Facilitator Linda Roberson**

Book sales return to the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch meeting in November. We will have the book sale at the branch meetings in November, February, March, and April. Proceeds from the book sale will be donated to Dollars for Scholars.

Volunteers display sale items and take any unsold items to the used bookstore, *Half Price Books*. Money received from *Half Price Books* for the sale of these leftover books, games, puzzles, and DVDs is donated to Dollars for Scholars. **Win-Win!**

Our volunteers for the November Used Book Sale are Kathy Brown, Darlene Harris, and Michele Mangnall. For a successful book sale, members should follow these guidelines:



- Limit your donations to five items.
- Donate current books in good condition that have been published in the last five years.
- Puzzles, games, and DVDs are welcome.
- Donated hardback and oversized paperback books earn the most money.

By buying some of these items at the branch meeting before they go to the used bookstore, you are supporting scholarships for our non-traditional women returning to college with your donations and purchases.

The NOT SO Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap **Reprinted from the 2025 AAUW Supplement**

The gender pay gap remains a glaring pay inequity, undermining both women's earnings and savings over their lifetime, as well as the strength of our economy. In 2023, women working full-time year-round earned just 83% of what men earned-\$55, 240 compared to \$66,790. The gap, even worse when we include part-time and seasonal workers, which increase, the pay gap to 76%, leaving women and their families at a financial disadvantage.

The challenges grow even more complex for women of color, LGBTQ+, and women with disabilities, who face compounded structural and social inequities.

Go to aauw.org to read the full report, *The Simple Truth About the Pay Gender Gap*.

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AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Welcomes New Legacy Circle Member

By Legacy Circle Liaison for Missouri, Sue Barley



Sue Barley Kay Meyer

At the October Ballwin-Chesterfield branch meeting, Kay Meyer was welcomed as a Legacy Circle member. The AAUW Legacy Circle is made up of people who have included AAUW National in their estate plans. These visionary members will be helping AAUW continue our mission of equity for women and girls in the future.

Thirteen members of our branch are Legacy Circle members. They are **Susan Barley, Bette Bude, Theresa Ciccolella, Erlaine Eltomi, Karen Francis, Darlene Harris, Jayne Kasten, Pam Kulp, Kay Meyer, Yvonne Morrison, Patricia Shores, Julie Triplett, and Jeannie Webdell.** They join with over 700 Legacy Circle members who are committed to the AAUW mission. AAUW thanks them for their inspiring generosity and lasting dedication.

To learn more about this wonderful opportunity, check out the planned giving section on the AAUW website <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/ways-to-give-aauw/leave-a-legacy/>. You may also talk with Susan Barley, AAUW Legacy Circle liaison for Missouri. She can answer questions and share ideas.



L to R: Pat Shores, Pam Kulp, Darlene Harris, Kay Meyer, Erlaine Eltomi, Bette Bude, Sue Barley

St. Martha's Donations

By St. Martha's Delivery Person Pat Shores

St. Martha's is committed to supporting women and children impacted by domestic violence. St. Martha's Director of Community Engagement, Carla Masey, told us what items the shelter needs now. This list has been updated from last year, so please note what our members can give to support the shelter in 2026. Here are the only things for Ballwin-Chesterfield members to donate every month:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Feminine pads
- New bath towels
- Reusable bags

Thank You Note from Saint Martha's

From Donor Engagement Manager, Bridget Polark

Thank you so much for your continued support of Saint Martha's. It is donations like yours that make big impacts on the women and children we serve. Because of you, we can help provide these families with essential goods and ease the burden on struggling moms. We are so grateful that you all continue to choose them again and again. Thank you!

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BRANCH NEWS

October 8 BRANCH MEETING RECAP

The business meeting began with the mission statement and remarks from Co-presidents Carol Anthony and Janet Sloey. October Hospitality Hostesses were recognized and thanked.

Several announcements:

A Nominating Committee is being formed; consider volunteering to lead the committee.

Also, start considering a member to nominate for the Barbara Lackritz Award.

The January branch meeting will be held on Zoom.

A 9-question survey on fundraising was distributed for members to complete.

After the approval of the minutes, officers gave their updates:

--**Finance: Jean Light** reported that the Branch has \$30,000+ in its accounts. Also, Jean presented the budget, and it was unanimously approved.

--**AAUW Fund: Pat Shores** stood in for **Karen Francis** and announced Individual Giving will be held at the November meeting. Members were strongly encouraged to donate.

--**Public Policy: Marge Anderson** recapped the status of current bills and encouraged signing of the Gerrymandering petition. Outside the building, Public Policy committee members collected signatures concerning the Citizens Initiative Petition Process. Marian Bauer spoke about the upcoming No Kings rally (see below).

--**DFS: Marian Bauer** announced that the US Grant tour has been cancelled due to the government shutdown and will be offered again when the shutdown is resolved.

--**Programs: Marcia Block** previewed our November speaker, Joe Regenbogen, who will talk about Foreign Policy.

--**Planned Giving: Sue Barley** spoke about Planned Giving and presented **Kay Meyer** with a Legacy Pin. Kay joins over 700 members who have including AAUW in their estate planning.

--**Winter Party: Marcia Block** promoted the December Winter Party, saying it will include lunch from Art of Entertainment, entertainment by the Valley Park High School choir, and lots of friends and camaraderie...all for the low cost of \$30. Erlaine Ettomi announced the return of Elegant Edibles and asked for members to sign up to bring a goody for the auction.

--**Directory: Joyce Katz** said all members should have received an online Directory; paper copies were available for those who had ordered them.

University Liaison: Mary Jermak reported on two scholarship awardees at Maryville University.

--**STEM:** The STEM Committee has 16 members who have broken into sub-groups and are forging ahead with their work.

--**Spring Luncheon: Michele Mangnall** asked for all committee members to stay after the branch meeting to begin work on the luncheon.

--**Used Book Sale: Linda Roberson** encouraged everyone both to give and buy some new ones. The sale is a great fundraiser for DFS.

--**Munching Matters:** Munching Matters returns on Nov. 12 with Ann Hirschfeld as the speaker.

PAST EVENT: GO LOOPY FOR ST. LOUIS HISTORY

THIS INTERESTING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENT HELPED FUND OUR BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

Our branch scholarships encourage mature women who are returning to college after a hiatus to obtain their bachelor's degrees.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Arrive Plaza Frontenac 8:30 a.m. for carpool.

Breakfast ~ 9:20-10:45 a.m.,

Moonrise Presentation ~10:45 a.m. followed
by trolley ride to Forest Park

Sponsors: Marcia Block, Bette Bude, and Mindy Zavist

Go Loopy for St. Louis History By Trip Organizer Bette Bude

On a beautiful October day, eighteen members and friends of AAUW B-C enjoyed a Dollars for Scholars event in the historic Delmar Loop. The day started with breakfast in Moonbeam's Genesis banquet dining room. Then, Events Manager Krista Johnson talked to us about the history of the Loop area, which was voted one of the Ten Great Streets in America. She also told us about the development of the Moonrise boutique hotel as part of the Historic District. We toured the Garden Room, the first roof-top eating area in St. Louis, the Twilight Room for large parties, the Vincent Price Suite, the King Room, the full gym, the conference rooms, and the other areas that displayed the hotel's enormous collection of objects relating to space, from early on up to the present. Afterwards, the group caught the Trolley from the Pageant Theatre and looped to the History Museum and back to the Moonrise and home.

Attendees stand on the rainbow staircase leading from eight stories above, members and guests enjoy seeing the Rooftop Garden Bar with its panoramic views of the spectacular St. Louis skyline.



Learn more about sponsoring dollars events at the branch website,
ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net

Dollars for Scholars Program

MEMBERS, grab a friend and sponsor a *Dollars for Scholars* event to help support our important mission of funding scholarships. You can also honor a friend or loved one with a donation to the DFS Honor Roll. See your newsletter and website for details on all DFS events.

DFS HONOR ROLL Honor someone special to you by donating to the *DFS Honor Roll*. Your honoree will receive a personalized tribute postcard and will appear in the next *Branching Out* newsletter. Mail your donation check to Jean Light, write "Honor Roll" on the memo line, and email Co-presidents Janet or Carol with the name and address of your honoree.

THIS EVENT IS POSTPONED DURING THE GOVERNMENT SHUT-DOWN, AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED..

VISIT THE ULYSSES S. GRANT HISTORIC SITE

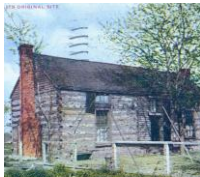
with Marian Bauer and Pat Shores

Friday, October 10, 2025, 10 a.m.

7400 Grant Road, St. Louis, MO 63123 Cost: \$15.00 to benefit Dollars for Scholars. Send reservations to Marian Bauer.

Ulysses S. Grant is one of the most famous Americans of his era. It is his legacy as a person that resonates so strongly at his White Haven home, now known as Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. At White Haven, you can experience the nation's division over slavery and its aftermath through one family's perspective.

We will stop by the Visitor's Center, watch the 22-minute film in the Theater, listen to a presentation in the classroom, visit the White Haven house, check out the Park Museum in the historic stable, enjoy the historic site grounds, and explore the Book Store. Lunch on our own at Helen Fitzgerald's Irish Grill & Pub, 3650 South Lindbergh, St. Louis, 63127.



AAUW B-C Board

Elected Officers

Presidents Carol Anthony & Janet Sloey

Finance Officer Jean Light

VP-Membership April Walgren & Sage Taber

VP Program Marcia Block & Kathy Skiles

Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask

Immediate Past President Sage Taber

Elected Directors

AAUW Fund Suzanne Couch & Karen Francis

Public Policy Angela Janik & Marian Bauer

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Explore the Mind-Body Experience of Tai Chi An opportunity to learn about Tai Chi and its benefits to memory, balance and overall physical well-being.

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art and System of exercise and meditation that uses sequences of very slow body movements and controlled breathing. We will be practicing 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.



When: After the branch meetings in Nov., Feb., Mar., and April.

Where: Ballwin Golf Course and Event Center

Donations will benefit DFS, \$5 suggested for each session, but even more would be appreciated!

Sponsor: Janet Sloey

Participants should wear comfortable shoes and loose-fitting clothing. A handout will be available for participants to take along with a list of the Eight Pieces steps.

AAUW B-C Board (continued)

Appointed Directors

Branch FUNdraising Carol Anthony & Janet Sloey

Database Sage Taber

Governance Pat Shores

Hospitality Cay Noble & Elaine Frost

Newsletter Joyce Katz, Beth Ann Murphy

& Pat Shores

University Liaison Karen Francis & Mary Jermak

STEM Facilitators Group

Web Manager Carolyn Brown

Special Events:

Fall Meeting Marian Bauer and Pat Shores

Winter Party Marcia Block & Kathy Lask

Spring Luncheon Michele Mangnall and Erlaine Eltomi

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.

November 20 Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan Hostess and Leader Mary Kay Wolfe
Contact Alice Crippen.

Literature II 4th Monday, 10 a.m.

November 24 An American Story: Everyone's Invited by Wilmer Valderrama Reviewer Ann Riley
Hearth Room Cafe, 265 Lamp & Lantern Village
Contact Erlaine Eltomi or Joyce Katz.

Reading Reality 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m.

November 11 Abundance by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson
Hostess Mindy Zavist Facilitator Jane Miller
Contact Marcia Block or Mary Kay Wolfe.

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

No meeting in November or December. Next meeting January 22, 2026 All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker Reviewer Kay Meyer

All meetings via Zoom. To join Zoom meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83173795268?pwd=tBfxdkYmFSYWYGUC1FNzK7nNKzON7g.1>

Meeting ID: 831 7379 5268

Passcode: 701526

Call-in: 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

For a clickable link to the meeting contact Patty Murray
pattymurrayaaauw@gmail.com.

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

Social Bridge 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.

November 17 *Contact Ellen Friedman or Jean Light.*

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

November 4 *Contact Chris Magilligan or Elaine Frost.*

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

November 25 *Contact Elaine Frost or Alice Crippen.*

Movie Group normally meets 4th Thursday, 11:15 a.m. This month, because of Thanksgiving, we'll meet the 3rd Thursday, November 20, 11 a.m. at

Talayna's (Olive & Woods Mill Rd., Chesterfield). If you like movies and discussion you will enjoy this group. Contact Ann Campion Riley or Mersine Kallaos.

Walking Group 4th Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. We meet at a different park each month, April through October. Next walk will be April 22, 2026.

Contact Michele Mangnall to be added to the contact list.

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

Not yet decided for November. Membership will be notified as to date and place.

Contact Marilyn Fletcher.

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

November 19 Cyrano's 603 E. Lockwood Ave. in Webster Groves. If you enjoy going to a restaurant that many of us remember from college days, Cyrano's will strike a note. They have awesome desserts in addition to a very good lunch menu. Wearing name tags is working out very well in this group, as there are long time members of AAUW as well as newcomers.

Contact Barb McQuitty by November 12 if you would like to attend.

Munching Matters: Lunch with Food for Thought

Next meeting Wed., November 12, 11 am - 2 pm.

Hearth Room Café, 265 Lamp & Lantern Village, Town and Country 63017. A limited menu will be offered at attendees' expense. Sign-up at the branch meeting, or contact Doris Nistler to make your reservation..

Our speaker, **Ann Hirshfeld**, will share interesting information on "Managing a Turtle and Tortoise Small Business."

Further Munching Matters events are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesdays in January, February and March, 2026. Speakers to be announced.

For more information contact Doris Nistler.

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1. Co-President
2. Co-VP Program
3. Co-VP Membership
4. Finance Officer (some accounting knowledge)
5. AAUW Fund Co-director
6. AAUW Public Policy Co-director

I have permission from _____

to make the following nomination: I nominate

for the elected position of _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

My email: _____ My phone: _____

Please send this form to Marge Anderson or to Bette Bude. Also, you may email it to either or call with your nomination. Phone numbers are listed in the Directory. The deadline for nominations is December 20, 2025.