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The membership will be voting upon two important topics at this meeting for which a quorum is required. Please make plans to attend.

### BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, April 9

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Rd. (just east of Woods Mill)

8:45 AM\*

### SPEAKER:

**Dr. Lewis Wall,**

Gynecologist, Washington University

## *Treating the Cast-Off Women of Nigeria*



Hospitality: Coordinating Hostess: Joyce Katz  
Committee: Carol Berry, Brenda Fulsom, Jan  
Garnett, Ann Hirsch, Pat Jennings, Margaret  
Kemner, Jill Norton, Susie Teicher, Carolyn Trice,  
and Mary Kay Wolfe

\*8:45 – Registration      9:30 – Business Meeting  
10:30 - Speaker

### PRESIDENTS' CORNER

On July 1, 2007, delegates to the AAUW National Convention in Phoenix voted unanimously to approve sweeping changes to AAUW's organizational structure. As a result of the restructuring vote, the Association and the AAUW Educational Foundation are to combine many of their assets and activities to form a streamlined, mission-driven organization with a single set of elected officers. This restructuring is moving forward and will culminate in a vote on the bylaws for the restructured entity at the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis.

The American Association of University Women (the Association) is a 501(c)(4) organization that has approximately 100,000 members. It operates through branch and state organizations and has members-at-large as well. The members elect the Association's board through delegates at the Association's convention. The Association bylaws can be amended only by a vote of the Association's members. The Association, a membership organization, is tax exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(4), making it a "public" or "social welfare" organization.

The AAUW Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that has a board of directors who are its only members. The board of the Educational Foundation is elected by the Association members at the Association convention. The bylaws of the Educational Foundation can be amended only by a vote of its members, the board. The Educational Foundation is tax exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(3), making it a "public charity." Contributions to it are generally tax deductible as charitable donations; the ability of the Educational Foundation to lobby is limited; and It can engage in absolutely no political campaign activities.

The AAUW Leadership and Training Institute is a 501(c)(3) subsidiary organization that currently houses AAUW programs such as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, the biennial convention, Campus Action Projects, and Campaign College, and it operates under the direction of the Association board.

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**BOARD MEETING – Thursday, April 2, 9:30 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church.** All elected officers and appointed chairs should attend. Please contact Mary Jermak (636-532-3040, [mjermak@earthlink.net](mailto:mjermak@earthlink.net)) if you cannot be there.

# AAUW, IBC & BRANCH NEWS

## BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <u>Co Presidents</u>                | Mary Jermak<br>Pat Shores<br>Bette Bude |
| <u>Vice Presidents - Program</u>    | Doris Nistler                           |
| <u>Vice Presidents - Membership</u> | Harriett Hirschfeld<br>Yvonne Morrison  |
| <u>Secretary</u>                    | Jayne Kasten                            |
| <u>Treasurer</u>                    | Carol Thomas                            |
| <u>Appointed Chairs:</u>            |   |
| Bylaws                              | Marsha Weppelman                        |
| Dollars for Scholars                | Sandy Camillo<br>Jackie Fleck           |
| Educational Foundation              | Marcia Block<br>Cecelia McFadden        |
| Historian                           | Becky Kruse                             |
| Hospitality                         | Nancy Shepard<br>Judy Stagoski          |
| International Relations             | Marian Bauer                            |
| Issues & Diversity                  | Marie Dargan<br>Leslie Wier             |
| Legal Advocacy Fund                 | Ruth Griffin<br>Julia Triplett          |
| Newsletter Editors                  | Joyce Katz<br>Linda Tinker              |
| Parliamentarian                     | Pam Valentine                           |
| Public Policy                       | Erlaine Eltomi<br>Jane Miller           |
| Publicity                           | Pat Jennings                            |
| Recognition                         | Carol Derington<br>Julia Triplett       |
| Technology                          | Joyce Katz                              |

For membership information, call Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) or Yvonne Morrison (636-391-6026).

The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Newsletter is published 10 times a year (each month except June and August) and mailed or e-mailed to each member. Your newsletter co-chairs are Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, [joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)), and Linda Tinker (636-273-5605, [richborough2342@att.net](mailto:richborough2342@att.net)). Please e-mail articles if possible. You may phone articles in, or mail to Linda Tinker, 16419 Newpoint Ct., Ballwin, MO 63011. The deadline for articles for the May-June newsletter is April 9, (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday).

Meeting Agendas and the Branch E-mail list are reserved for AAUW & branch business only!

**AAUW (IBC) DOWNTOWN LUNCH (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 11:45 AM).** April 21: Sweetie Pies at the Mangrove, 4270 Manchester (in Grove Neighborhood). Please contact Jean Shull (314-822-7821, [jshull2@mindspring.com](mailto:jshull2@mindspring.com)) for reservations.

**ADELANTE (IBC Book-of-the Month Club)**  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Borders Books on Olive St. Rd., Creve Coeur. April 23: A discussion of The Girls Who Went Away by Ann Fessler will be led by Carol Gerard

## President's Corner - continued

Once restructuring takes effect on July 1, 2009, the "new" organization will be known as AAUW. AAUW will control both the Section 501(c)(3) public charity, which will be the primary organization, and the Section 501(c)(4) public or social welfare organization, which will engage in limited activities related to lobbying and get out the vote initiatives. It will be called the AAUW Action Fund.

After restructuring, donations to the national AAUW Section 501(c)(3) public charity will be tax deductible, but donations to the national AAUW Section 501(c)(4) public welfare organization - the "AAUW Action Fund" (that supports our Lobby Corps and election-related activities) will continue not to be deductible. Beginning April 1, 2009, AAUW national dues will be \$49.00, of which \$46.00 will be tax deductible (\$3.00 of that national dues payment will not be tax deductible because it will be used to support the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) activities).

This information was excerpted from Briefing #18 in our AAUW Current Topics Briefing Series issued by Linda Hallman, CAE, Executive Director. Please go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) to read the complete Briefing and to learn more about the new AAUW which will be focused on a single objective: to break through barriers for women and girls.

- Pat and Mary

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER

The budget committee met in the summer of 2008 and along with the treasurer approved a local dues increase for the branch of \$5. (The current local dues are now \$17 and this raise would bring them to \$22.) The increase would be effective with dues for next year (2010-2011) year payable June 15, 2010.

The membership will be voting on this proposal at the April meeting. A two-thirds majority of those present is required for passage. If you have any questions, please call.

The official deadline for submitting membership dues for 2009-2010 is June 15. However, please consider paying your dues early! You will have the satisfaction of getting a necessary task "out of the way" and it will help the branch and the treasurer.

~Regular member: **\$76** (Association: \$49, State: \$10, Branch" \$17),

~Dual members: **\$17**, Life Members: **\$23**.

Make your check payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield and mail to Carol Thomas, 18208 Ashford Oaks Drive, Glencoe, MO 63038

- Carol Thomas, Treasurer

By special request, an original limerick series will serve as a motivational reminder for members to get their dues checks in:

Spring at Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch  
Is a time for renewing our chance  
To help women and girls  
Move up in the world  
EARLY DUES PAYMENTS make our group dance!  
- Anonymous

# AAUW, IBC & Branch News (Continued)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2011

We are pleased to announce that the following women have accepted the nomination to serve in these leadership roles:

**Co President – BETTE BUDE.** Bette joined AAUW in July, 2004, and worked as a volunteer at the Kathy J Weinman Center until 2008. She has also served on and chaired the Public Policy Committee, served on the Woman-to-Woman Community Dialogue on Social Justice Committee and the St. Louis Women's Coalition Public Policy Committee. Bette was Tabor Workshop Co-chair, Stem Cell Research Seminar Co-chair, and at present is completing a two-year term as Co VP of Programs. She is a volunteer for the *Each One, Teach One* Community Action Project and participates in the Literature I and Reading Reality interest groups. Bette taught Unified Studies at Parkway Central Middle School, retiring in 1999. She tutored for Parkway in an after-school reading/writing program at the General Protestant Children's Home until 2004.

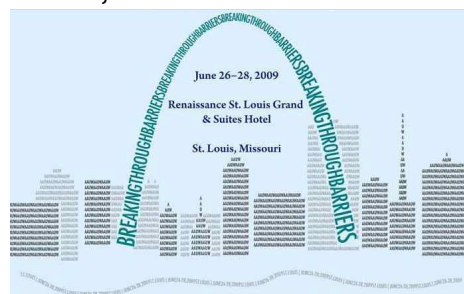
**Treasurer-CAROL THOMAS.** Carol has been a member of AAUW since 1983, and of Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch since 2001. She has served as Co VP of Membership, Co-chair of the Educational Foundation Committee and at present is completing a term as Treasurer. Carol is active in the Bridge III, Duplicate Bridge, Literature I and golf Interest Groups. She has represented the branch at both state and regional conferences.

**Co Vice President for Program-SUZANNE COUCH.** Suzanne has been a member of AAUW for 7 years. She serves as chair of the Kathy J. Weinman Committee and is participating in the Grant Project, *Each One Teach One*. Suzanne has chaired the Fall Brunch Committee twice and has continued to be a member of that committee as well as working at the Holiday Auction. Suzanne has assisted with Dollars for Scholars events in the past and continues to assist this year. She is a retired Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and taught in the Rockwood School district at Lafayette and Eureka High Schools.

**Co Vice President-Membership-YVONNE MORRISON.** Yvonne originally joined AAUW in Raleigh, NC in the 1970's, dropped membership to go back to work and rejoined in St. Louis in 1984. She has served the branch on many levels; Co-President, Co-chair of Hospitality, Newsletter editor and Dollars for Scholars, Membership and Recognition committees. She has also served on the EF, LAF, Bylaws, Fall Brunch and Summer Picnic committees. Yvonne participates in Literature II and Play Readers Interest groups. She also serves as a member of the AAUW-MO State Board, chaired their Bylaws and EF committees and worked as an Administrative Assistant at the State level.

**Voting for our 2009-11 officers will take place at the April Branch meeting. Respectfully submitted, your Nominating Committee: Rosann Swaringim (Chair), Joyce Katz and Arlene Spector**

## REGISTER NOW for The AAUW National Convention, June 26-28 -- here in St. Louis!!



The 2009 AAUW National Convention, *BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS*, will be held at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, June 26-28. You will want to put this important event on your calendar and in your budget! Member prices are noted here.

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|----------------------|-------|-------|
| REGULAR REGISTRATION | FULL  | DAILY |
| Mar. 23 – Convention | \$440 | \$245 |

\*The registration fee does not include the banquet (\$125). You may include this with your registration check.

## AAUW-BC's OWN WOMEN'S HISTORY

Our branch archives consist of beautiful albums recording activities that go back over the more than 25 years that the branch has been in existence. Don't miss the opportunity to view some of these albums at the April and May branch meetings.

For the first time members will have the opportunity to "check out" an album and return it the next month. There will be a "fee" of \$10 (donated to Dollars for Scholars) for each album. Sign-up sheets will be available at the branch meetings--see Becky Kruse, branch historian, to participate.

## IBC REGIONAL HISTORY DAY AWARDS

The Metropolitan St. Louis AAUW Interbranch Council awarded a \$50 junior award and a \$50 senior award for the best exhibits dealing with Women's History. The Regional History Day was held at the University of Missouri--St. Louis on February 28. Our IBC judges were Mary Gaffey (Creve Coeur), Amy Weisser (St. Louis), and Jan Ruge (Ballwin-Chesterfield).

The junior winner was Megan McCormick for her display "Margaret Bourke-White: A Photographer Ahead of Her Time." Megan is a 6th-grade student at Wydown Middle School in the Clayton District.

The senior winner was Jordon Berger, for "Closing the Door on Overpopulation, Opening a Window on Women's Choice"--that featured Margaret Sanger. Jordon is a student at Kirkwood High School.

- Jean Shull

***The AAUW Value Promise: By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.***

# AAUW, IBC & Branch News (Continued)

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: LECTURE SERIES** **Tuesday, April 14 - 10:45 AM at the Ethical Society,** **9001 Clayton Rd.**

In our interconnected world we know how important it is to understand world affairs. AAUW's cooperation with the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society helps to provide this knowledge and understanding. We've had three excellent presentations this season. Our final lecture will be on April 14 when Professor Robert Hegel will speak about China's Impact on World Culture. Take this opportunity to learn more about our ever changing and connected world.

Invite your friends to this free lecture and enjoy a stimulating morning. Questions? Contact Marian Bauer (636-227-1781, [marianbauer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianbauer@sbcglobal.net)).

## **OWL (Older Women's League) PRESENTS "Inter-generational Healthcare", Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Program (OWL is a co-operating organization with AAUW-BC)**

Come one and all!! National OWL's Executive Director is making a special visit to the Gateway St. Louis chapter. Ashley Carson, J.D., joined OWL as Executive Director last year. She has extensive experience in elder law, and is the co-chair of the Income Security Committee of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations in Washington, D.C., of which OWL is a participating member.

Joining Ashley in her visit to St. Louis will be Joan Bernstein, national OWL past-president, and also a past-president of the Gateway Chapter. Both Ashley and Joan will speak at the Gateway chapter meeting at Ladue Chapel, 9450 Clayton Rd. at 7:00 PM on April 21. They will be bringing us the latest information on current legislation of concern to midlife and older women.

Visitors are encouraged to attend this very special event, along with OWL members. You may contact OWL at 314-725-5862 for further information about this and all Gateway chapter activities, or visit [www.owlstlouis.com](http://www.owlstlouis.com)

## **NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION COFFEE –** **Thursday, April 30, 1:30 PM, 515 Summit** **Cove Court, Ballwin (Pat Jennings' home, 636-405-0515)**

All new members (since October 30, 2008) are invited to attend the New Members' Orientation Coffee. Any new members who missed the last orientation are also welcome, and we ask that you RSVP if you plan to join us.

This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with other new members and board members who will be there to explain goals and activities of the branch. We're looking forward to getting to know you better!  
**DIRECTIONS:** From the Clarkson/Clayton intersection, go west on Clayton Rd. 3 miles (Pass Strecker). Turn right on Black Canyon, go one block and turn right on Woodmoor Ridge, go 2 blocks and turn left on Summitt Cove to #515 on the left.

- Harriett Hirschfeld and Yvonne Morrison,  
Membership

## **WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY in JEFFERSON CITY –** **Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

This is a great opportunity to voice your views on women's issues. Find out what you can do to support Women's Pay Equity. Learn what your legislator supports and update your knowledge on issues such as choice, health care, civil liberties, public education, the environment, immigration, and voting. Express your views to your legislators.

For general information, call 314-831-5359. Our branch contact is Mary Jermak (636-532-3040, [mjermak@earthlink.net](mailto:mjermak@earthlink.net)).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. INVITE A FRIEND.

(A flyer & registration form is available on the branch website: [aauwballwin-chesterfield.org](http://aauwballwin-chesterfield.org)) or call Joyce Katz (314-878-4521).



**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY NIGHT,**  
**MAY 2, 7:00 PM**

**BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD'S OWN**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**TO BENEFIT the LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**



Everyone's welcome! If you have never been to a trivia night, this is your chance to find out just how much fun it is and at the same time help raise funds for LAF.

Flyers are being given out at the branch meetings and by e-mail. Tickets will be sold at the April branch meeting, or order yours directly from Julia Triplett.

Tickets are \$18 per person, or if you get friends together and make up your own \$120 table for 8, the cost per person is then only \$15.

*Can you help? We need donations of items for a silent auction and snacks and sodas for the players. Questions? Call Doris (314-692-7281) or Julia Triplett (636-256-3078).*



*The Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW  
Cordially Invites All Members and Their Guests  
To Attend*

*AAUW: Our Galaxy Of Stars  
Spring Luncheon and Installation Of Officers*

*Thursday, May 14  
Meadowbrook Country Club  
Reception at 11:15 AM  
Luncheon at Noon  
Program at 1:00 PM*

*Checks (Cost: \$23 - Payable to Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW)  
May Be Sent To Rose Buck,  
14629 Lake Trails Court  
Chesterfield, MO 63017  
(No Checks Can Be Accepted After April 25)*

*Please Advise Sandra Mawhinney (636-394-6522)  
Of Any Food Restrictions by Deadline Date  
Meadowbrook Country Club Requests That No Denim Be Worn*

*Carpooling Recommended  
No Valet Parking Available*

*Directions:  
200 Meadowbrook C.C. Estates (636-227-5361)  
On Clayton Road, Just East Of Kehrs Mill Road  
Turn North into Meadowbrook C.C. Estates  
Continue About ¼ Mile  
Club Is On the Right*

*Jill Norton, Chair  
Rose Buck, and Sandra Mawhinney, Co-Chairs*

# UPDATES FROM OUR BRANCH CHAIRS

## LAF: AMICUS CURIAE

The AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund frequently files amicus briefs in cases around the country where it believes its voice should be added to those already in front of the court. By filing such briefs, the LAF can make sure that the interests of its members are placed before judicial decision makers even in cases in which the LAF has neither initiated the suit nor been asked to advise.

An 'amicus curiae' brief is a document filed in a lawsuit by someone who is not actually a party to that suit. These briefs are sometimes referred to by their English name: "friend-of-the-court briefs". Amicus briefs are used primarily to ensure that a court is familiar with a particular point of view that it may not learn about from the plaintiff or defendant litigating the case before it.

Judicial decisions often have an impact that goes far beyond resolving the specific dispute between the parties involved in a case. This is especially true in appellate courts, most prominently in the United States Supreme Court. Amicus briefs are often an effective mechanism for educating a court about the broader policy implications or a ruling that the court might be contemplating. The parties to the case may be unaware of these issues. Alternatively, the parties may believe it not to be in their individual interests for the court to focus on such issues. In either event, an amicus brief can help "fill in the blanks" for the judges.

- Linda Stark

## PUBLIC POLICY: PAY INEQUITY

AAUW is committed to funding and publicizing research highlighting pay inequity issues. (see Behind the Pay Gap (2007) <http://www.aauw.org/research/behindPayGap.cfm>) After controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood and other factors normally associated with pay, studies document that college-educated women *still* earn less than their male peers.

To match men's earnings for 2008, women will have to work from January 2008 to April 2009—an extra four months. **Equal Pay Day takes place on Tuesday, April 28** and symbolizes the point in the next year to which a woman must work to achieve pay equity for the previous year. (Her male counterpart must work five days per week for twelve months, whereas she will work seven days per week for sixteen months to earn equivalent wages.)

Although President Obama signed The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law on January 29, 2009, the companion bill to address pay equity still has not been passed by both the Senate and the House. In recognition of Equal Pay Day, you will receive an email later in April with a sample letter to send to elected officials about the need for statistics on gender pay inequalities and legislation to address the disparities. Let your Congressional delegation know that you support additional legislation to address fair pay.

- Jane Miller, Co Chair

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**Just announced: Here is how our contributions are helping women and girls and also earning recognition for AAUW.**

AAUW is one of 24 organizations to receive an Award of Excellence in the first round of the 2009 Associations Advance America Awards program, a national competition. AAUW received the award for our Campus Action Projects (CAP), which enable student leaders and campus faculty to design and implement effective programs that enhance campus offerings, promote leadership, and improve academic and career outcomes.

"CAP reaches students at an important time in their lives when they are deciding on careers and life goals. The program provides them with tools to become leaders and encourages them to learn about key issues," says AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman.

This year, drawing on the findings in the 2008 AAUW research report "Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education," the 11 CAP teams on campuses around the country are addressing educational barriers faced by low-income and minority women in their communities.

Now, AAUW's CAP program is in the running to receive a Summit Award, the top recognition, which will be presented on September 29, 2009.

- Marcia Block and Cecelia McFadden, Co-

**"EACH ONE TEACH ONE" Community Action Grant Report: A Science Project Culmination Celebration will be held Tuesday April 14, 2009 from 1:00 – 2:45 PM. Ballwin-Chesterfield members -- you can be of great help by volunteering to be a part of this Science celebration activity**

This AAUW project has had a very successful course. The goal was to expose 6th and 7th grade students at Curtis Bishop Middle School (Wellston) to science activities and for students to create their own science projects, and that goal is close to attainment!

The mentors have had 2 training workshops, visited the Science Center with the students, and completed 5 in-school sessions with the students. (There is one more session to complete.) The students are very receptive and are bonding well with their mentors. Everyone is enjoying these activities. The time has passed fast.

This is a rewarding experience and a service to the community. Come to the Celebration and see what the students (and their mentors) have accomplished.

- Sandra Murdock, Pat Shores and Julie Triplett,  
Science Program Directors

# UPDATES FROM OUR BRANCH CHAIRS (Continued)

**SHOP AND DONATE TO AAUW AT THE SAME TIME!**

**USE A SCHNUCKS eSCRIP COMMUNITY CARD**

Ask for an “e-Scrip” card when you go to your local Schnucks store. Then follow these steps to activate your card and to earn cash for Ballwin-Chesterfield from your Schnucks purchases. {Or call Susan Haynes (314-839-8662) for a pre-registered card.}

1. Register your e-Scrip Community Card

- a. Call 1-800-931-6258 to activate your card.
- b. Tell them that the name of your group is **AAUW**

**Ballwin Chesterfield.**

- c. Give them our group number **500 006 154.**
- d. Give them your name and address.
- e. Give them the number on the back of your Schnucks card under the bar code.
- f. Register up to four cards per household.

2. Present your card to the cashier whenever you shop.

Each month Ballwin-Chesterfield earns a percentage of all purchases made by members’ households. It’s free – no catch – just use your cards!

**SHOPPING AT OFFICE DEPOT BRINGS CASH TO THE BRANCH**

Every member purchase at Office Depot credits the branch with cash that is used to publish your newsletter. Just tell the store clerk: **“AAUW Worklife Rewards #123 104 8594”**

If your purchase is to be used for branch work, it is also tax-deductible. Our tax-deductible number is: 393 75 035 “AAUW, Eureka, MO”. For a wallet-sized information card, contact Joyce Katz.

**SHOP AAUW** - AAUW has a new partnership with Barnes & Noble’s online sales site, BN.com. Customized for AAUW members, the www.bn.com/aauw website is our own AAUW bookstore. AAUW members automatically receive a 5 percent discount on purchases (10 percent periodically)—and that’s on top of other available discounts that apply to the purchase.

AAUW HELPLINE: 800-326-AAUW (2289)  
 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST)  
 Tel: 202-785-7700 (8:30 AM 5:00 PM EST)  
 Fax: 202-872-1425  
 TDD: 202-785-7777  
 E-mail: [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or  
 visit the AAUW Member Center

**NEWSLETTER NOTE - Deadlines are the branch meeting date of the previous month**

Our branch newsletter is THE source for event dates and branch information—all the news that members need to be able to participate fully.

The last day that articles may be accepted is the day of the branch meeting of the PREVIOUS month. For summer, when we don’t meet each month, see below:

| <b><i>Newsletter Month</i></b> | <b><i>Last day for articles</i></b>             | <b><i>Deadline Date</i></b> |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| May-June issue (2-month)       | April meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of April | April 9                     |
| July-August issue (2-month)    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of June                | June 11                     |

Please be aware that we do not publish a newsletter in June; therefore any announcements, Dollars for Scholars events, and news for May and June must be submitted by the deadline dates above.

**A NOTE FROM YOUR PROGRAM VP’S**

*Dear Members,*

*Remember, your end-of-the-year Branch programs evaluations will be distributed at the April meeting. Please take a few minutes to complete these after hearing our speaker.*

*Also, please mark the volunteer section; there are so many opportunities to serve! We will collect these sheets as you leave, and thank you for your time!*

- Bette Bude and Doris Nistler, VP Programs

**FOCUS GROUP: Relationships – Wednesday, April 8, 9:30 AM, 816 Mason Wood Dr. (Sandy Camillo’s home, 314-576-5687)**

The next meeting of the Focus Group "Relationships" will feature a discussion of the first five chapters of the book Family Estrangements by Barbara Lebey. For questions or more information, contact Carol Derington (314-469-2797, [carol.derington@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol.derington@sbcglobal.net)) or Jayne Kasten (314-991-5334, [kastenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kastenc@sbcglobal.net))

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 40 and Mason Rd. go South on Mason Road 0.1 miles and turn right onto Masonridge Rd. Go 0.4 miles and turn right onto Mason Wood Dr.

**FIND AAUW ON THE INTERNET**

AAUW National website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
 AAUW-MO website: [www.aauwmo.org](http://www.aauwmo.org)

Metropolitan St. Louis Interbranch Council website: [AAUWStLouisIBC.com](http://AAUWStLouisIBC.com)  
 Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch website: [www.aauwballwinchesterfield.org](http://www.aauwballwinchesterfield.org)



# DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The proceeds from Dollars for Scholars activities go entirely to the Educational Foundation and local scholarships. Our goals are: to raise money for scholarships, to give members opportunities to work together in small groups, to provide enriching and educational experiences, and to introduce AAUW to non-members. If you have an idea for an activity, please contact Sandy Camillo (314-576-5687, [sandycamillo@gmail.com](mailto:sandycamillo@gmail.com)) or Jackie Fleck (314-878-1723, [jacquebel@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquebel@hotmail.com)).

## REMEMBER TO TAKE PICTURES AT YOUR EVENT!

**HUMAN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS: A SPECIAL PROGRAM BY DONNA PHELAN, WORLD-RENOWN LECTURER & AUTHOR.** Thursday, March 26, 10:00 AM (Carpool 9:15 AM) at Missouri Baptist Hospital, 3015 N. Ballas Road. Cost: \$15

Come and hear a talk about how donors and recipients are matched and how the need for new organs is managed. Guests are welcome. To sign up, or for more information, contact Ginger McCartney (636-391-0243). Following the presentation, we will gather for lunch at **Cuisine D'Art**, 701 N. New Ballas, located just south of Olive on the west side of Ballas.

**DIRECTIONS:** Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD**

**TEA TIME WITH MOTHER GOOSE – Friday, April 3 - 12:00 – 2:00 PM - 728 Stonebluff Court, Chesterfield (Jeannie Miller's home, 636-537-5384) COST: \$25.00**

Come meet Mother Goose and all of her friends and indulge in a delicious tea lunch. Find out more about the famous nursery rhymes and support our Dollars for Scholars program. Make reservations by sending a \$25.00 check to Rose Bingaman, 457 Maymont Drive, Ballwin, MO, 63011 (636-391-9077).

**DIRECTIONS:** From Clarkson and Baxter, go west on Baxter for 0.7 miles. Look for white stone pillars and turn right into the Knolls of Stone Hill (a gated community but gates will be open). Immediately turn left and drive to #728, (the sixth mailbox on the right). Please carpool since parking is limited.

**EERO SAARINEN: SHAPING THE FUTURE Exhibit at the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum - Washington University, One Brooking Dr. - Wednesday, April 1 – 11:00 AM (Carpool: 10:15 AM) - Cost: \$10.00**

We will have a docent-led tour of this wonderful exhibit of one of the most prolific, unorthodox, and controversial architects of the twentieth century. It includes full-scale mock-ups, drawings, models, photographs, films, and other ephemera to help us understand Saarinen's collective work in the larger context of postwar modern architecture. We in St. Louis know him best for his design of the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Call Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) for reservations. For those who are interested, we will have lunch after the tour at Jimmy's Café on the Park, 706 De Mun.

**NEW THIS YEAR – PREVIEW NIGHT - Thursday, April 2, 7:00 – 8:00 PM (departing Lord of Life Lutheran Church at 6:45 PM) COST: \$10**

You are invited to bring friends to view the wonderfully appointed theme tables on the night before the Tea event. (No tea service for the preview tour; instead wine and cheese will be served.)

This hour-long "Preview tour" will allow more members an opportunity to be involved in this annual event. Everyone previewing will be driven to Jeannie's home from the Lord of Life Lutheran Church parking lot on Clarkson Rd., and returned after the tour.

Send your check to Rose Bingaman, 457 Maymont Dr., Ballwin, 63011.

**BELLEFONTAINE CEMETERY TOUR 4947 West Florissant Avenue - Friday, April 17 10:00 AM (Carpool: 9:00 AM) Cost: \$10.00 + Bus fare**

Join us as we tour the "oldest 'rural' cemetery west of the Mississippi." In this cemetery are buried many men and women whose lives contributed conspicuously to the westward expansion of our country, and a visit to their graves may give us a keener appreciation of our national heritage. Also, Bellefontaine Cemetery is truly an outdoor museum containing some of the finest sculptures and memorial art in the country. It provides a splendid catalog of styles and changing tastes in memorial art illustrating one phase of our cultural growth.

We will have a bus to take us through the cemetery on our tour. The cost of the bus will depend on the number of people who go. When the final number is determined, I will contact you to let you know the amount to bring for the bus fee, which will be collected at the cemetery.

Lunch (cost not included) will be at Cafe Provencal, Woodbine Center, Kirkwood. Sign up at the branch meeting or contact Linda Tinker (636-273-5605, [richborough2342@att.net](mailto:richborough2342@att.net)). Mail checks to Linda Tinker, 16419 Newpoint Court, Ballwin, MO 63011.

**DIRECTIONS:** Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church. To drive yourself, from Hwy. 141 and Clayton Road take Hwy. 141 north to Hwy. 40. Go East on Hwy. 40 to Hwy. 170. Go north on Hwy. 170 to Hwy. 70. Go East on Hwy. 70 to Exit 245B. Proceed north on West Florissant to the main entrance on the right.

# Dollars for Scholars (Continued)

**OPERA THEATRE OF ST. LOUIS- SPECIAL DOCENT PRESENTATION - Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 AM (Carpool 9:15 AM) , Sally S. Levy Opera Center, 210 Hazel Ave., Webster Groves. Cost: \$12.00**

Join us for a presentation of the Opera Theatre of St. Louis. Our docent will give an in-depth study of the music and meaning of "La Boheme" by Puccini. This opera will be performed during the '09 Opera Theatre season.

Following the program, we will lunch nearby in Webster Groves. Sign up at the branch meeting, or contact Marcie Carino (314-909-0497).

**DIRECTIONS:** Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church

**LUNCH AND GAMES – NEW VENUE, NEW MENU!!**  
**Friday, April 24: 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM, Meadows of Wildwood Clubhouse – Cost: \$15.00**

You are invited to the elegant clubhouse of the Meadows of Wildwood for games and lunch.

Your check will be your reservation; send to Karen Woods, 2309 Leland Ridge Walk, Town and Country, MO 63131. Questions? Call Karen (314-991-3132) or Judy Schaefer (636-391-7854).

**DIRECTIONS:** West on Manchester to Hwy. 109. Turn left on Hwy. 109 and proceed to Generation Ave. (road to Wildwood Community College). Turn right. Go left past the college to next intersection. Turn right and clubhouse will be ahead. Parking is limited so carpool if you can.

**DESIGN YOUR OWN HANDBAG AND MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**  
**(Fifteen percent of each purchase will be donated to our Dollars for Scholars fund.)**

These beautiful handbags will be displayed at the branch meetings, but if you'd like to order one now for a special occasion or to give as a gift:

1. Visit [www.lucibags.com](http://www.lucibags.com) and select your designer style from the three choices
2. Choose your material for body, handle, lining, and decoration
3. When you place your order, put AAUW in the code box to insure that Dollars for Scholars is credited. Your order will be delivered to you!

For additional information, contact Jayne Kasten (314-991-5334, [kastenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kastenc@sbcglobal.net)).

**"A WINE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE" AT CHANDLER HILL VINEYARDS - Wednesday, April 29 - 11:00 AM**  
**Cost: \$28.00 - Carpools: 10:15 AM - Leave from Trinity Church - 10:30 AM - Leave from Lowe's at Chesterfield Commons**

Come out to Chandler Hill Vineyards, built on the former property of Joseph Chandler, a freed slave who arrived in the Defiance area in the 1870's. View his relics and the century-old artifacts found on this property. We will enjoy a vino-inspired bistro buffet luncheon in the casually elegant tasting room. The chef will give a demonstration of cooking and pairing foods with wine. Chandler Hill is unique in that it offers wine from the sunny slopes of Sonoma and Napa Valley as well as from Missouri wine country. (Wine tasting will be available at an additional cost.)

*We will raffle a custom-created "Chandler Hill Collection" gift basket. Chances for raffle: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Chances will be sold at the April and May meetings as well as on the day of event. The drawing will take place at Chandler Hill; attendance is not required to win.*

Send your check to Barbara Butchart (636-926-7704) 107 Shaelah Ct., Weldon Spring, MO 63304

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Boone's Crossing/Chesterfield Commons exit travel west on Hwy.40/64 across the Missouri River. Exit south (left) on Hwy. 94 for seven miles to Route F. Turn right; continue two miles to Defiance Rd. Turn left and in 700 yards turn right.

**LIONS AND TIGERS, OH MY! National Tiger Sanctuary, Bloomsdale, MO, Friday, May 8 – Cost: \$20.00**

We will be visiting some of the same tigers we saw several years ago but in a new sanctuary and with more animals, including a mountain lion! More information and sign-up will be available at the branch meeting. Contact Suzanne Couch (636-391-0291, [suzan2315@yahoo.com](mailto:suzan2315@yahoo.com)) or Barbara Fine (636-265-2306, [bdancing99@aol.com](mailto:bdancing99@aol.com)) with any questions.

**AAUW-BC's OWN COMPUTER TUTORS ARE STILL OFFERING HELP! Cost: \$20 per hour**

Our committee can help you with computer skills from simple email to financial records and tax preparation in your own home on your own computer, so put your "laundry list" of questions together and contact Pat Shores (636-938-3958, [apatria.shores@charter.net](mailto:apatria.shores@charter.net)) or Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, [joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)) to arrange a visit today!

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**“OUT-TO-LUNCH” GROUP, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays**  
**April 15 - 11:30 AM - Vin de Set Bistro, 2017**  
**Chouteau Ave. Carpool from Trinity Lutheran**  
**Church at 10:45 AM.**

Join your AAUW friends for a great day out with a delightful lunch at a wonderful restaurant. Guest are always welcome.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Trinity Lutheran Church turn left on Clayton then left at the second light going south on Hwy 141 to Interstate 44. Go east on 44 to Grand. Go north on Grand to right on Chouteau. Drive several blocks to the Restaurant on the left. It is in a three story brick building with parking on the east side. The entrance to the restaurant is on the east side off the parking area.

Everyone is invited so sign up at the April Branch meeting or call Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) for reservations.

**MOVIE GROUP – (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays – 10:00 AM)**  
**March 26 – 171 Baxter Heights Court, Manchester**  
**(Marian Bauer’s home: 636-227-1781).**

Movies to be discussed are: *The Class, Two Lovers, The Soloist, Duplicity, Taken*

**DIRECTIONS:** From 141 take Manchester west, turn right on Baxter, left on Baxter Heights, take immediate right. From Clarkson take Manchester east turn left on Baxter, left on Baxter Heights, take immediate right.

**April 23 - 764 Briar Fork (Mersine Kallaos’ home)**  
See your May-June newsletter for more details.

**GOLF – April 6, 13 and 20**

This group plays at various public courses around the area, April through October. Golfers may choose to play 9 or 18 holes and are welcome to play as often as they can. All skill levels above beginner are welcome. Call today to get on the list for next season. Bev Wait ([wait89@aol.com](mailto:wait89@aol.com)), Joyce Katz ([joyka234@aol.com](mailto:joyka234@aol.com)), or Carolyn Baker (314-432-2576).

**SCRABBLE GROUP (1st Wednesdays –**  
**NOTE NEW TIME: 10:30 AM) – Apr. 1 - Gas**  
**House Grill, 12643 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur.**

If you cannot get there at 10:30, the old time of 11:00 AM will be okay, and we will fit you in. Be sure to say if you will arrive at the new time and if you will be playing the whole day or half day. Please RSVP to Alberta Murstein, (314-997-0758, [amurst1788@aol.com](mailto:amurst1788@aol.com)).

## BRIDGE GROUPS

**BRIDGE I (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays)**

**Apr. 1:** Call Joye Baumann (636-405-0811)

**BRIDGE II (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 11:00 AM) Wildhorse Grill**

**Apr. 21:** Call Nancy Shepard (314-984-9846)

**BRIDGE III (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays – 10:00 AM) Hearth Room**

**Apr. 22:** Call Ruth Griffin (636-394-1344)

**BRIDGE IV (1st Tuesdays, 9:30 AM) Please call the hostess to let her know if you are coming or not.**

**Apr. 7:** Call Rosann Swaringim (636-240-7839)

**BRIDGE V (2nd Tuesdays, 9:30 AM) Please call the hostess to let her know if you are coming or not.**

**Apr. 14:** Call Terri Ciccolella (314-878-6972)

**BRIDGE VI (3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10:00 AM) Hearth Room Café**

**Apr. 20:** Call Ann Jaques (314-434-3439)

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE I (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 AM)**

**Apr. 8:** Call Pat Bishop (636-405-1760)

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE II (4th Tuesdays, 10:00 AM) Hearth Room (Formerly the Veranda)**

**Apr. 28:** Call Janice Brown (636-386-0041)

*Any Ballwin-Chesterfield branch member who is interested in playing bridge as a permanent member or as a substitute in one of the groups, contact Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520, [hhirschfe@aol.com](mailto:hhirschfe@aol.com))*

**EXPRESSIONS - (1st Tuesdays, 1:00 PM)**

**April 7, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, 17601 Lasiandra, Chesterfield (Jill Norton’s home, 636-530-0962)**

We will be creating **Garden Stepping Stones**. Bring your own purchased kit, available at your favorite hobby store, a bucket for mixing cement, and a stable flat board for carrying your unset stone home. You may also wish to bring latex gloves and a spatula for smoothing wet cement.

Please let Jill know if you are coming. Call my cell (314-757-5969) or e-mail [jillnorton826@att.net](mailto:jillnorton826@att.net).

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 40 take the Chesterfield Airport Exit and turn on to Long Rd. Turn right at Wildhorse Creek Rd. and go 0.8 mi. Turn left into Wildhorse Subdivision. Stay on Wildhorse Parkway for 1.7 miles and turn left on Lasiandra Dr. Our house is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

# Special Interest Groups (Continued)

## PLAY READERS GROUPS

**PLAY READERS – (3rd Mondays – 12:45 PM)**  
Apr. 20 – 764 Briar Fork Rd., Des Peres (Mersine Kallaos' home -314-822-2567)

**DIRECTIONS:** From Clarkson and Clayton Road take Clayton Rd. east to Des Peres Rd. Turn right and follow this road through the office park and under Manchester until the street ends. Make a right on the continuation of Des Peres Rd. Go 1/2 mile to Dougherty Lake Subdivision on your right and make a right on Beaver Dam. Turn right on Briar Fork. From Rt. 270 and Dougherty Ferry Road go west on Dougherty Ferry Rd. Turn right on Old Des Peres Rd. Turn left on Beaver Dam. Follow directions above.

**PLAY READERS, TOO! – (1<sup>st</sup> Fridays – 1:00 PM) NO MEETING IN APRIL**

## NEW INTEREST GROUP

**BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP (BBC) – Monday, April 6 – 10:00 AM – Carpool: 9:30 AM, 18228 Buckboard Rd, Wildwood 63609. (Harriett Hirschfeld's home-636-458-1520)**

This new literature group will read and discuss biographies and autobiographies of famous people (men and women, alive or deceased). We will meet the first Monday of each month all year but will not meet in the months when the first Monday falls on a holiday or a holiday weekend. The first meeting in March was an organizational meeting to decide on our guidelines, etc. This group is open to all members.

The book for our April meeting is *American Lion: Andrew Jackson – His years in the White House* by Jon Meacham ---Reviewed by Linda Tinker.

**DIRECTIONS:** For those who want to carpool, meet at the K-Mart parking lot at Clarkson and Manchester. Drive west on Manchester (Hwy 100) about ten miles past Hwy T. The four lane divided highway will become a two lane road. Keep going about two miles to Melrose on the left. There will be a left hand turn lane. Turn left and go one mile to Stop sign. Turn right on Allenton Rd. Drive one mile to Allenton Farms and Buckboard Rd. on the left. Turn left on Buckboard, put in low gear and drive down the hill for 1/2 mile to end. 18228 is at the end on the road. Drive down the driveway. There is parking room for ten cars.

**BOOK GROUPS – please call the hostess to let her know you are coming!**

**LITERATURE I (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays – 9:30 AM)**  
April 16 – 15231 Brightfield Manor, Chesterfield (Mary Jermak's home, 636-532-3040) A discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks will be led by Ruth Griffin  
**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 40 take the Clarkson/Olive exit. At the stoplight turn north and drive 1.1 miles to Nooning Tree Drive. Turn right and drive 0.2 miles to Brightfield Manor Drive. Turn left on Brightfield Manor Drive and go 0.3 miles. Our home is on the right.

*This group is closed due to the large number of members. For information, call Dorle Brusckke (314-862-7197).*

**LITERATURE II (4<sup>th</sup> Mondays - 10:00 AM) Apr. 27 – 17601 Lasiandra, Chesterfield (Jill Norton's home – 636-530-0962)** A discussion of *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Wall will be led by Karen Meyer.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 40 take the Chesterfield Airport Exit and turn on to Long Rd. Turn right at Wildhorse Creek Rd. and go 0.8 mi. Turn left into Wildhorse Subdivision. Stay on Wildhorse Parkway for 1.7 miles and turn left on Lasiandra Dr. Our house is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

*We welcome all readers! For information, call Joyce Katz (314-878-4521).*

**READING REALITY (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays –1:30 PM)**  
Apr. 14 - 17601 Lasiandra, Chesterfield (Jill Norton's home – 636-530-0962) A discussion of *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman will be led by Teri Steinberg.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 40 take the Chesterfield Airport Exit and turn on to Long Rd. Turn right at Wildhorse Creek Rd. and go 0.8 mi. Turn left into Wildhorse Subdivision. Stay on Wildhorse Parkway for 1.7 miles and turn left on Lasiandra Dr. Our house is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

*To learn more about this non-fiction group, contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, [mhblock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhblock@sbcglobal.net)).*

Linda Tinker  
 16419 Newpoint Ct.  
 Ballwin, MO 63011



WOMEN'S  
 LOBBY DAY

APRIL, 2009

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|     |   |   | 1 <u>BRIDGE I</u><br>10:30 AM<br><u>SCRABBLE</u><br>11:00 AM<br>EERO SAARINEN<br>EXHIBIT | 2 9:30 AM<br>BOARD<br><u>MEETING</u><br>7:00 PM<br>TEA PREVIEW | 3 12:00 NOON<br>TEA TIME WITH<br>MOTHER GOOSE | 4  |
| 5   | 6 <u>GOLF</u><br>10:00 AM<br>BIOGRAPHY<br>GROUP                               | 7 9:30 AM<br><u>BRIDGE IV</u><br><br>1:00 PM<br>EXPRESSIONS   | 8 9:30 AM<br><u>FOCUS GROUP</u><br>10:00 AM<br>DUPLICATE<br>BRIDGE I                     | 9 8:45 AM<br>BRANCH<br>MEETING                                 | 10  | 11   |
| 12  | 13 <u>GOLF</u>  | 14 9:30 AM<br><u>BRIDGE V</u><br>10:45 AM<br><u>LECTURE SERIES</u><br>1:30 PM<br><u>READING REALITY</u><br>1:00 PM<br>EACH ONE TEACH ONE<br>CELEBRATION | 15 11:30 AM<br><u>OUT-TO-LUNCH</u>   | 16 9:30 AM<br>LITERATURE I                                     | 17 10:00 AM<br>BELLEFONTAINE<br>CEMETERY TOUR | 18   |
| 19  | 20 <u>GOLF</u><br>10:00 AM<br><u>BRIDGE VI</u><br>12:45 PM<br>PLAY<br>READERS | 21 11:00 AM<br><u>BRIDGE II</u><br>11:45 AM<br><u>DOWNTOWN LUNCH</u><br>7:00 PM<br>OWL PROGRAM  | 22 10:00 AM<br><u>BRIDGE III</u><br>10:00 AM<br>OPERA THEATRE<br>PRESENTATION            | 23 10:00 AM<br>MOVIE<br>GROUP<br><br>1:30 PM<br>Adelante       | 24 23 NOON<br>LUNCH & GAMES<br>EVENT          | 25<br>deadline<br>for<br>May<br>Luncheon<br>registration |
| 26  | 27 10:00AM<br>LITERATURE II   | 28 10:00 AM<br>DUPLICATE<br>BRIDGE II<br><br>EQUAL PAY DAY  | 29 11:00 AM<br>WINE COUNTRY<br>EXPERIENCE  | 30 1:30 PM<br>NEW MEMBERS<br>COFFEE                            |   |  |

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