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PLEASE NOTE: In case of inclement weather if Parkway or Rockwood School Districts are closed, Ballwin-Chesterfield meetings will be cancelled.

March Branch Meeting

Thursday, March 11

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Rd. (at Woods Mill Rd.)

8:45 AM- Register and sign up for events

9:30 AM – Business meeting

10:30 AM – Speaker

SPEAKER

JOYCE KATZ,

Branch Technology Chair

**“WHAT’S NEW 4 U AT AAUW;
How Modern Communication Brings
Members Together Nationwide”**



Hospitality -- Coordinating Hostess: Teri Miller
Committee: Norma Beckerman, Gloria Campion, Jane Clendenin, Susan Haynes, Becky Kaley, Michele Mangnall, Kathy Overall, Kathy Skiles, Susie Teicher

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER - Women's History -- In the Making

The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins, NY Times Op-Ed Columnist, takes us on a journey to revisit the events and the women who contributed to history—OUR HISTORY. We challenged the workplace, the military, and gender roles, illustrated by the following stories.

In 1976, Patrice Lorance worked at an AT&T plant in Montgomery, IL, helping to support five family members. To qualify for a better paying tester's job, she completed 16 courses in electronics and computer programming. After initial discrimination, Lorance got a tester's job. However as the number of female testers grew, the male testers proposed a new system of seniority which discounted the women's prior experience, thus making them more vulnerable to demotions and layoffs. Lorance and two other women sued the company but the judge threw out the case on a technicality. In 1991, Congress responded to Lorance v AT&T Technologies by passing an amendment to the Civil Rights Act protecting the rights of employees hurt by a discriminatory seniority system.

Lori Peistewa, 23, was the first American woman to die in the Iraq conflict. She was raised on a reservation in AZ and hoped to become the first person in her family to go to college. But pregnant at 17 and later divorced with two children, she saw military enlistment as one of few options to achieve her goals. Lori was sent to Iraq, where she drove a Humvee (one of the most dangerous jobs). Her truck was in the rear of a convoy that accidentally turned into enemy territory. Lori was fatally injured after her truck was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Wilma Mankiller, born in OK on Cherokee land, grew up with 10 siblings in a 'gender-neutral' household: "whoever was there did the job". She married young, had two daughters, and an 'undefined restlessness'. Rather than embracing traditional married life, she took college courses. Following a divorce, a college degree, and a move back to OK, Wilma worked for the Cherokee tribal government. In 1983, she ran on the ticket of the chief of nation, akin to running for national office. Some fellow Cherokee claimed a woman running for high office was an 'affront to God'. But Wilma overcame. As the first Native American woman Chief of a major tribe, Wilma was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998.

And, lastly, each of YOU has impacted the narrative of women's history from the careers you pursued, the child care you negotiated, the children you raised to view the world in terms of ability rather than gender. We have been part of the transformation of American society and will claim our collective share of history!

- Mary and Bette

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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), and Linda Tinker (636-273-5605, 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 April newsletter is March 11 (the second Thursday).

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

AAUW (IBC) DOWNTOWN LUNCH (3rd Tuesdays, 11:45 AM). March 16: Winslow's Home & Farm, 7213 Delmar. Please contact Jean Shull (314-822-7821, jshull2@mindspring.com) for reservations.

ADELANTE (IBC Book-of-the Month Club) 4th Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Borders Books on Olive St. Rd., Creve Coeur. March 25: *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker will be reviewed by Betty Takahashi. April book: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

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.

BOARD MEETING –Thursday, March 4, 9:30 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church. All Elected Officers and Appointed Chairs should attend. Please contact Mary Jermak (636-532-3040, mgjermak@earthlink.net) if you cannot be there.

AAUW BRANCH DIRECTORY/SPRING UPDATE

A directory supplement has been sent to all members with this newsletter. It contains information that is new and updated since the December Directory Supplement.

We are now beginning to update pictures and information for the 2010-11 directory that will be published in September 2010. If your picture is not presently in the directory or you would like a retake, please have Joyce Katz or Rosemary Manley take your picture at one of the branch meetings. You may also email or mail a picture to Joyce Katz, 234 Chamonix Court, St. Louis, MO 63141, joyka234@aol.com. (Your picture will be returned to you.)

REMEMBERING MARGARET KEMNER

Margaret Kemner, our friend and fellow branch member, died January 18, 2010, after a long battle with complications from congestive heart failure. Margaret and her husband Don were the parents of four children and the grandparents of six.

Margaret was a talented and devoted teacher who spent an amazing 45 years in elementary education. She taught 20 years in regular classrooms, and after finishing her MA worked as a reading specialist for the Special School District in the Parkway School District. She loved her students and her work.

As a long-time member of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield she was valued member of the Kathy J Weinman Committee and offered her services to many needy women and children. She helped on the Spring Luncheon Committee several years ago and attended many Dollars for Scholars Events. She came to branch meetings and contributed to LAF and EF. Margaret was a kind and generous friend. She will be missed.

- Marian Bauer

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DUES NEWS:

Due to the reorganization of AAUW into a 501(c)(3) charitable organization at the national level, a portion of dues paid in 2009 are tax deductible. \$46 of the \$49 paid for national dues is tax deductible. State and local dues are not deductible. Be sure to tell your tax preparer.

A SPECIAL TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The official deadline for membership dues for 2010-2011 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: \$81 (Association: \$49, State: \$10, Branch: \$22), Dual members: \$22, Life Members: \$32. Make your check payable to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield and mail to Carol Thomas, 18208 Ashford Oaks Drive, Glencoe, MO 63038. I will be collecting dues at the meetings beginning in March.

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NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION COFFEE –

Thursday, April 29, 1:30 PM, at 16419 Newpoint Court, Ballwin (Linda Tinker's Home, 636-273-5605)

All new members (since October 29, 2009) are invited to attend the New Members' Orientation Coffee. Any new members who missed the last orientation are also welcome. 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 and Manchester intersection go west on Manchester to the fourth stoplight (Westglen Farms exit). Turn right and go to the first left which is Plaza Village View Drive. Turn left and follow around (Street becomes Newpoint Drive) to Newpoint Court. Turn left into cul-de-sac, and it is the first house on the right.

- Harriett Hirschfeld and Yvonne Morrison, Membership

IBC GIVES WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY AWARDS

On February 27, the Metropolitan St. Louis AAUW Interbranch Council will again award a \$50 Junior Division and a \$50 Senior Division Women's History prize for an Individual Exhibit and/or an Individual Performance at the Region V History Day.

The Regional History Day is sponsored by the History Department, University of Missouri-St. Louis. There will be five IBC judges: Mary Gaffey (Creve Coeur), Debbie McWard (St. Louis and Kirkwood-Webster Groves), Jan Rugge (Ballwin-Chesterfield), Amy Weisser (St. Louis), and Jayne Kasten (Creve Coeur and Ballwin-Chesterfield).

Betty Takahashi (St. Charles) and Jean Shull (Kirkwood-Webster Groves) will again be judges for AAUW-MO at the State History Day in Missouri contest to be held on April 10 at the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- Jean Shull, St. Louis Branch

SUMMER PICNIC-Committee Meeting Mar. 11

Although it seems like winter will never end, we're already looking forward to the summer. Our annual AAUW Summer Picnic will be held at the Tremayne Shelter at Creve Coeur Park on Thursday, July 8th. More details to follow.

There will be a short meeting of the picnic committee directly after our March monthly branch meeting to discuss planning for the picnic. We welcome everyone who wants to help.

- Jo Ann Black and Eileen Lesevoy - Co-Chairs

Note these Important Dates-

1 - St. Louis Metropolitan IBC Spring Fling Luncheon – register by March 11 for the event on March 20-see your February branch newsletter for registration form.

2 - 2010 5-State AAUW Conference, Little Rock, AR- June 11-12. Go to aauwmo.org for details.

AAUW: CHAMPION, CHALLENGE, CHANGE SPRING LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WHITMOOR COUNTRY CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010 11:15 AM

Reservations will be available for purchase at the March and April Branch meetings (Cost: \$24.00) You may also send your check, made out to AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, to Rose Buck, 14629 Lake Trails Ct., Chesterfield 63017.

Seating will be based on your table choice made at the time of purchase. Guests are welcome and can be registered to be seated with their hostess.

Valet parking is not available, but the parking lot is flat. See the April newsletter for directions.

Questions? Contact Erlaine Eltomi, Chair (636-537-2736)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GROUP - Tuesday, March 9, 10:45 AM at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd.

Come join many of your AAUW friends at the third lecture of the 2010 season. This month we will hear Sr. Antoinette Temporiti, the founder and director of Micro-financing Partners in Africa, a not-for-profit group whose goal is the eradication of poverty in Africa through micro-financing. Learn about these small loans that help many destitute women rise above their dire circumstances. This will be a most enlightening lecture. Hope to see you there!

The World Affairs Council of St. Louis and the Ethical Society will sponsor a series of moderated discussions on current global challenges to US foreign policy. The sessions will take place from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 on eight successive Thursdays in February, March and April 2010. The first session is February 25.

Need more information? Contact Marian Bauer (636-227-1781, marianbauer@sbcglobal.net).

HEAR AZIZA SEDDIQUI at the CREVE COEUR BRANCH meeting on March 1, 6:30 PM at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 808 Mason Rd,

Aziza Seddiqui, a social worker who immigrated to St. Louis in 2007, will speak on "Educational Needs of Women Afghan Immigrants in St. Louis". She works at Bi-Lingual Assistant Services, and was named "Extraordinary Person of the Year" by Gitana, an organization which honors ordinary citizens who work to bridge racial, cultural, and religious divides. Guests are welcome!

- Sherri Bassi, Programs Chair, Creve Coeur Branch

Ballwin-Chesterfield salutes its nominee for the 2010 AAUW-MO Woman of Distinction Award, **Yvonne Morrison**, and wishes her good luck in the selection process.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A Sincere Welcome to ALL Our New Members

Charlotte Allaire: 15201 Olive Boulevard, #330, Chesterfield 64017 Phone: 636-733-0330 Cell: 636-209-2003

Charlotte has a B.S. in Education from the University of Vermont and a MA in Education from Washington University. She was a teacher in Lawrence, KS and Niceville, Florida. She is now retired and has been in St. Louis for three years. She and her husband spend the summer in Vermont. We are delighted to have her as a member of the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch.

Karen Dahman: 115 East Mermod Place, Kirkwood, 63122 Phone: 314-984-8988 Cell: 314-780-5935 Email: kdahman@charter.net

Karen has a BS from Maryville University, a MS from Indiana University, an AB from Washington University and is a retired elementary school teacher. She is an Opera Theatre Docent and a Holocaust Museum Docent, and is active with the Life Long Learning Institute and the League of Women Voters. She enjoys traveling, antiques, walking and reading. Welcome to our Branch, Karen.

Joan Reed: 681 Twigwood Dr., Ballwin, 63021. Phone: 636-527-0382 Email: J6A8R1@aol.com

Joan has a BS from South East Missouri State, a MA from Webster University, and is a retired teacher. She is active in Westward Hoe Garden Club and enjoys bridge, gardening, card making, paper crafts, antiques, walking, and travel. We know she will enjoy our interest groups and be an active member of our Branch.

Francis (Fran) Reiland: 3245 Kingsridge Manor Dr., St. Louis 63129 Phone: 314-293-2606 Cell: 314-608-2092 Email: fgreiland@sbcglobal.net

Fran has a liberal arts degree from Drake University and a MA in journalism from Michigan State University. She worked for ATT Yellow Pages in marketing and sales and is now retired. She belongs to the Genealogical Society, Foresingles Golf, Panhellenic, Missouri Botanical Garden, and enjoys genealogy, golf, gardening, travel, and reading. She has written a recipe book and helped write a town history. We know she will be a valued member of our branch

Linda Seibert: 8735 Delmar Blvd, Apt. 1E, St. Louis 63124 Phone: 314-991-9811 Cell: 314-498-9297 Email: lseibert42@yahoo.com

Linda has an AB from Pennsylvania State University, a MS in Education from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale), and was Chief Academic Advisor in the College of Business, SIUC. Now that she is retired she is active in the Symphony, is an Opera Theatre volunteer, and plays duplicate bridge. We are looking forward to working with you in branch activities.

**SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24 - 7:00 PM
BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD'S OWN
TRIVIA NIGHT**

**TO BENEFIT the LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND
\$18/person, or \$120 per table of 8.**

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 branch meetings, or order yours directly from Julia Triplett. Why not get some family or friends together and make up your own team table?

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

WELLSTON SCHOOLS STEM PROJECT 2010

The Volunteer Mentor training took place at Curtis Bishop Middle School on January 28 and was attended by twenty three mentors. Sandra Murdock and Julia Triplet were the trainers. At the conclusion of the training, the mentors had an opportunity to meet their students and see the rooms where they will be working. Each mentor will have three or four students.

On February 3, all the students took part in a field trip to the Science Center where they and their mentors spent the day viewing exhibits and attending the dinosaur exhibit at the Center. Class sessions will begin on February 10.

March 24, 1:00 to 2:30 pm, is a date to put on your calendar. The students will be show-casing their projects and will be recognized for their efforts. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration.

- Julia Triplett

WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY - 8:00 AM Tuesday, April 6, in Jefferson City

This event is sponsored by the AAUW and the Missouri Women's Network. The tentative schedule is: 8:00-9:00 Registration (House Hearing Room 2), Breakfast for Participants, 9:00-11:00 Legislative Update/Briefing, 11:00-1:00 Visits with Legislators, Lunch

The Registration Fee is \$10 per person and covers briefing materials and breakfast. Lunch cost is not included. To download a registration form, please go to <http://www.aauwmo.org/> and click on "here" in the box with a picture of the Missouri Capitol.

This is a great opportunity to voice your views on women's issues and to learn what your legislator supports. For additional information, call 314-831-5359.

- Erlaine Eltomi and Jane Miller, Co-Chairs Public Policy

UPDATES FROM OUR BRANCH CHAIRS

NOMINATE A FELLOW MEMBER FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION - due March 11 – sponsored by the Educational Opportunity Fund (formerly Educational Foundation)

Many of our members give generously of their time and money to make our branch a warm, friendly and effective group. Let's recognize those whose service, leadership and commitment especially deserve our thanks. Help us by nominating the outstanding leaders of our Branch for special recognition as a Named Gift Honoree.

A nominee for the Named Gift Honor must have shown service, leadership and commitment to the Educational Foundation and to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch. You may nominate more than one person using a separate sheet for each. All nominations are confidential and should be mailed to Marcia Block, 1521 Fournier Drive, Crestwood, 63126, or e-mailed to mhblock@sbcglobal.net. Be sure to give your nominee's name, her past service, and why you believe she deserves this award. Please sign your nomination. A suggested format to use appeared in your February newsletter.

- Marcia Block & Jan Horner, Co Chairs

Public Policy CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT THE HALF THE SKY LIVE EVENT! Thursday, March 4, 7:30 PM – Pre-program Happy Hour: 5:45 PM

HALF THE SKY LIVE is a one-night-only event at AMC Chesterfield 14. Prior to this presentation, we will meet at 5:45pm at The Cheesecake Factory at Chesterfield Mall for drinks and appetizers.

HALF THE SKY LIVE is inspired by The New York Times bestseller, "Half the Sky," by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The book was the focus of segments on Oprah, CNN and Dateline NBC.

HALF THE SKY LIVE will include music, celebrity commentary and the world premiere of "Woineshet," a short film by Academy Award winner Marisa Tomei and Lisa Leone. Also there will be appearances from Marisa Tomei, India Arie, Michael Franti, Angelique Kidjo, Nicholas Kristof, Maria Bello, Andrea Mitchell, Dr. Helene Gayle and others.

HALF THE SKY LIVE is a celebration of women! You'll be inspired to help women and girls everywhere turn oppression into opportunity.

Contact Jane Miller (314-434-8173) or Erlaine Eltomi (636-537-2736) if you plan to meet us at the restaurant before the event. Event tickets should be purchased in advance by individuals wishing to attend from AMC Chesterfield or at this site: <http://www.halftheskylive.com/>.

BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD ENCOURAGES GIRLS IN SCIENCE (STEM)

In January, Sandra Murdock, AAUW-BC STEM Chair, judged the science fair at Craig Elementary School Parkway District. She is also working with 26 girls in the 6th grade class at Lucas Crossing Elementary School, (Normandy District) on their science projects. The girls are very excited about doing the work. Sandra has met with Jennings School District administrators and will do a workshop for the district's science teachers and department heads concerning science fair project work.

Fourteen 7th grade girls from Curtis Bishop Middle School have been chosen by Sandra to be a part of the AAUW-sponsored STEM program, Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) in Science and Math. This program will be held March 8, 2010 at St. Louis University. In addition, 8 girls from several city and county high schools will participate in the World Aquarium Marine Biology Program.

Sandra will attend the Academy Of Science Greater St. Louis Science Fair Honors Fair at Missouri Botanical Gardens' Shaw site, on February 27. She will view girls' projects, grade 12 and Honors Division. The Greater St. Louis Science Fair High School award event will be held Saturday May 8 at Queeny Park. AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield is giving (4) \$100.00 awards for grades 9 – 12 this year.

LAF: NEW REPORT AND PROJECT ON CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

A significant part of the mission of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is to raise awareness of issues facing women in higher education. Unfortunately, sexual harassment and sexual assault remain a persistent problem for female students. The Center for Public Integrity recently released a report, "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Frustrating Search for Justice." After a nine-month investigation, one of the Center's key findings was that most students who are sexually victimized do not report an attack. While there are many reasons for this, one oft-cited reason was institutional barriers on campus including administrators who respond with disbelief and complicated campus judiciary processes.

In early December, a new project was launched to address the nationwide problem of insufficient campus sexual assault policies and accountability. Students Active for Ending Rape (SAFER), a former AAUW Community Action Grant recipient, launched a Campus Accountability Project designed to make colleges and universities safer for all students.

Links to the Center for Public Integrity report and to the SAFER project are on the AAUW website (www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf). Register on the SAFER website for access to the Campus Accountability Project database of colleges. In addition, the LAF Resource Library has information and ideas to address campus sexual harassment and assault including legal information, case examples, facts, and strategies for prevention.

- Mary Kay Wolfe, LAF Committee



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The proceeds from Dollars for Scholars activities go entirely to the Educational Opportunities Fund (formerly Educational Foundation) and to our 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) or Jackie Fleck (314-878-1723, jacquebel@hotmail.com).

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE PICTURES AT YOUR EVENT!

TOUR THE HISTORIC ST. LOUIS CENTRAL LIBRARY (1301 Olive Street, St. Louis) **FRIDAY, MARCH 12 - 10:30 AM**, (Carpool: 9:30 AM), **Cost: \$10.00** – Lunch after the tour at Maggie O'Brien's, 2000 Market Street (cost not included)

This library, designed by famed architect Cass Gilbert, is more than a collection of books. See what architectural beauties, historic connections, and literary surprises reside at 1301 Olive – tour includes the Special Collections and the Steedman Room.

Call Judy Green (314-878-4897) or contact Barb Tackitt (636-343-0657, harvibarb@charter.net) to register or to receive additional information. (Back-up: Bette Bude (314-878-7642, dabbl@sbcglobal.net).

NOTE: Ours will be one of the last tours to see the historic library as is, since renovations begin in the early spring and the library will be closed during the extensive work.

DIRECTIONS: (Carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church, or meet us – log on to www.slpl.org for directions from your home.

TOUR A SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKER) MEETING HOUSE - Friday, March 19 – 10:00 AM – CARPOOL: 9:00 AM – COST: \$10.00

We will visit a meeting house in St. Louis and discuss with a church member the history, beliefs and customs of the Quakers. This illuminating discussion will be led by Margaret Katranides who said this about herself: "I am a convinced Quaker, having become a member in 1981, after growing up Episcopalian and passing through a period of agnosticism, for part of which I was a member of a Unitarian fellowship. I have served as clerk of St. Louis Monthly Meeting, Blue River Quarterly Meeting, and Illinois Yearly Meeting, as well as other positions within the Religious Society of Friends. I am a retired psychologist, with a particular interest in health psychology; I was employed at the St. Louis VA Medical Center."

Lunch will follow (cost not included) at a restaurant to be named later. Questions? Call Linda Tinker (636-273-5605, richborough2342@att.net.)

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy. 40 East to Exit 39B/14th Street. Go 0.2 miles and turn right on South 14th Street and go 0.31 miles. Turn left on Chouteau Avenue and go 0.16 miles. Turn right on South Tucker Blvd. Go 0.31 miles. Turn left on Park Avenue and go 0.17 miles. Arrive at 1001 Park Avenue on the left.

ST. LOUIS STOMPERS Coffee Concert at The Sheldon Theatre - 3648 Washington Boulevard, Saint Louis (314-533-9900) Wednesday, April 7 - Cost: \$20. Limit 20 people.

Coffee, Pastries and Fellowship 9:00 AM, Concert at 10:00 AM, Carpool from Trinity Church at 8:15 AM (Free parking in the Sheldon Parking Lot.)

Mixing Chicago and New Orleans style traditional jazz with Dixieland, the St. Louis Stompers produce a distinct sound that has impressed audiences for more than 27 years!

Lunch afterwards (cost not included) at the Cheesecake Factory in the Galleria Shopping Center, (314-721-0505 - located on the 1st floor near Dillard's.) Your check will be your reservation - mail to Susan Haynes, 138 Wynstay, Valley Park, 63088. Questions? Call Susan (636-825-9424)

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

Our committee can help you with computer skills from simple organizing, setup or email to desktop publishing and digital picture management to (strictly confidential) financial records--right in your own home on your own computer! So put your "laundry list" of questions together and contact Pat Shores (636-938-3958, apatriciashores@att.net) or Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, joyka234@aol.com) to arrange a visit from one of our "member-experts" today!

YOUR EVENT COULD APPEAR HERE!

BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD NEEDS YOU!!

BECOME AN EVENT SPONSOR – IT'S EASY AND FUN. CALL JACKIE OR SANDY FOR HELP AND IDEAS.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS (Continued)

THE 2010 TEA WILL PUT "A SONG IN YOUR HEART" - Friday, April 9, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 728 Stonebluff Court, Chesterfield (Jeanne Miller's home (636-537-5384) Cost: \$25)

Come indulge in a delicious Tea Lunch while being immersed in the music of the tables and supporting Dollars for Scholars. Make reservations by sending your check to Jayne Kasten, 11443 Daykin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146 or call 314-991-5334.

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 to #728, (the sixth mailbox on the right).

PLEASE CARPOOL SINCE PARKING IS LIMITED.

HIGH TEA PREVIEW – Thursday, April 8, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Cost: \$15

If you cannot attend the High Tea because April 9 is already booked OR if the attendance list is "SOLD OUT," plan to attend Preview Night to tour the beautifully decorated tables. Enjoy wine and cheese/crackers while visiting and enjoying the gorgeous creativity that is part of our branch High Tea each year. If there are cancellations for High Tea, those participating in the Preview Party will be given the opportunity to pay the additional \$10 and attend High Tea the next day. (There is no waiting list this year...)

You won't want to miss this elegant event -- we know you will LOVE it!

SPRING WILD FLOWER WALK AT THE AUGUST A. BUSCH CONSERVATION AREA, 2360 Highway D - Monday, April 12 - Walk 10:30 AM - LUNCH 12:15 PM at CHANDLER HILL VINEYARDS 596 Defiance Rd. Cost: \$25.00

First, we will walk on a woodland trail in the Busch Wild Life Reserve guided by a Missouri Conservation Naturalist. (Please wear sturdy walking shoes.) We will meet at the visitor center building in the exhibit area. In the event of rain the walk will be cancelled.

Second, we will meet at Chandler Hills Vineyards for lunch and a presentation by Mike Kennedy, Sommelier: "Wine 101" covering topics such as choosing wines, how to taste wines and the significance of screw tops versus corks.

Please note that you may sign up for the walk and lunch, or lunch only.

Directions: Carpool from Lowe's parking lot in Chesterfield Commons.

Leave: 9:45 AM - Busch Conservation & Chandler Hill Vineyards:

Leave 11:30 AM - Chandler Hill Vineyards only

Call or email Barbara Butchart to have directions sent by email (636-926-7704, bbutchart@charter.net).

GAMES AND LUNCH - Friday, April 23 Time: Noon til 3 PM - Cost: \$15.00

Please send checks to Karen Woods, 2309 Leland Ridge Walk, Town and Country 63131. Questions? Call Karen (314-991-3132) or Judy Schaefer (636-391-7854).

DIRECTIONS: Drive West on Manchester Rd. to Rt.109. Turn left on 109 and proceed to the stoplight across from Rockwood Bank: New College Ave. Turn right onto New College, left on Generation, past the college to dead end. Go Right and clubhouse will be ahead. Parking is limited, so carpool if you can.

ENJOY THE ST. LOUIS URBAN OASIS OF CITY GARDEN – FRIDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 AM - Carpool: 9:00 AM - Cost: \$10.00.

Join us at the new sculpture park, which opened in June and was a hit with critics, art lovers and residents alike. The landscape features imaginative uses of water and stone that play off the site's location within walking distance of the Mississippi River at the Gateway Arch. The park combines two dozen sculptures on three acres of land, from a giant bronze head resting on its side by Igor Mitoraj to animated figures walking across electronic screens by Julian Opie. The sculpture selections are eclectic: serious, whimsical, tongue-in-cheek, elegant, lyrical, edgy, surprising, mysterious, somber, abstract, figurative, classical and sensuous. The common thread, in addition to excellence, is engagement. All of the art is meant to stimulate a relationship with the viewer.

City garden is located between Eighth and Tenth Street and between Chestnut and Market and is part of the Gateway Mall in downtown St. Louis. Driving and parking directions will be distributed to attendees before the outing. Lunch (cost not included) will follow at the Terrace View Café, which has been selected as one of the Favorite "New Eats in 2009" by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Send your check to Pat Shores, 938 Stone Spring Drive, Eureka, MO 63025. For additional information contact Pat (636-938-3958, apatriciashores@att.net)

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

“OUT-TO-LUNCH” GROUP, 3rd Wednesdays
March 17 – 11:30 AM – Vin de Set (an American twist on a French bistro) – 2017 Chouteau Ave. - carpool from Trinity Lutheran Church at 10:45 AM.

Join your Ballwin-Chesterfield friends for a delicious lunch and good conversation at this charming restaurant. Friends are always welcome. Sign up at the March Branch meeting or call Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520). Reservations must be in by Saturday, March 13. If you sign up and find you are unable to attend, please let Harriett know.

DIRECTIONS: From Trinity Lutheran Church turn left on Clayton and left at the second light to south on Hwy 141. Go east at Interstate 44 to Grand and turn left. Turn right on Chouteau to left at 2017. There is parking on the east side of the building. Vin de Set is on the second floor of this historic building.

SCRABBLE GROUP (2nd Wednesdays - 11:00 AM) March 10: Scrabble followed by lunch will begin at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP to Alberta Murstein, (314-997-0758, amurst1788@aol.com).

PLAY READERS GROUPS

PLAY READERS – (3rd Mondays – 12:45 PM)

Mar. 15 – 18353 Allenton Trail Terrace, Pacific (Cecelia McFadden’s home: 636-405-2897)

DIRECTIONS: Go West on Manchester Rd/Hwy. 100 to Melrose Rd. on your left, almost exactly 1 mile from where Rt.100 becomes a 2-lane road (west of Rt. T). Go left on Melrose to the first stop street. Turn right at Allenton Rd. Go about 1.5 miles to Tamara Trail and turn right. Go to the top of the trail, and turn left onto Allenton Trail.(Look under 4 mailboxes). Follow this street to where you can make another right onto a gravel street. Follow to the end, which is at our home. From Route 44-Exit at the Six Flags Allenton Exit. Allenton runs right beside Six Flags going north. Go to Tamara Trail, which is about 5 miles. Turn left onto Tamara Trail and follow to the top of the hill, then follow underlined directions above.

PLAY READERS, TOO! – (1st Fridays – 1:00 PM)

Mar. 5 – 11443 Daykin Drive (Jayne Kasten’s home: 314-991-5334)

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 40 and Hwy 270 go north on Hwy 270 2.5 miles and take Exit 14 (east) onto Olive Blvd. Go 0.9 miles and turn left on Craig Road. Go 0.5 miles and turn right on Daykin Drive. Go 0.2 miles and arrive at 11443 Daykin Drive on the left

FIND AAUW ON THE INTERNET

AAUW National website: <http://www.aauw.org>

AAUW-MO website: <http://www.aauwmo.org>

Metropolitan St. Louis Interbranch Council website:

AAUWStLouisIBC.com

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch website:

<http://www.aauwballwin-chesterfield.org>

BRIDGE GROUPS

BRIDGE I (1st Wednesdays)

Mar. 3: Call Marjorie Klutho (314-965-6228)

BRIDGE II (3rd Tuesdays, 11:00 AM) Wildhorse Grill

Mar. 16: Call Sally Goodman (636-532-1463)

BRIDGE III (4th Wednesdays, 10:00 AM) Hearth Room

Mar. 24: Call Marilee Ingoldsby (314-805-7163)

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

Mar. 2: Call Sheila Kalman (314-997-6192)

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

Mar. 9: Call Sandy Camillo (314-229-4525)

BRIDGE VI (3rd Mondays, 10:00 AM) Hearth Room

Mar. 15: Call Jackie Fleck (314-878-1723)

DUPLICATE BRIDGE I (2nd Wednesdays, 10:00 AM)

Mar. 10: Call Ruth Griffin (636-394-1344)

DUPLICATE BRIDGE II (4th Tuesdays, 10:00 AM)

Hearth Room Café – Mar. 23: Call Judy Renken (636-527-2975)

Any Ballwin-Chesterfield branch member who is interested in playing bridge as a permanent member or as a substitute in one of the groups may contact Linda Tinker (636-273-5605, richborough2342@att.net).

MOVIE GROUP- (4TH Thursday - 10:00 AM)

Feb. 25 - 535 Fairways Circle (63141) - Doris Nistler's Home - 314-692-7281

Movies to be discussed are: *A Single Man, Crazy Heart, Avatar (3-D), Extraordinary Measures, and Sherlock Holmes.*

DIRECTIONS: Take Ladue Road East from Hwy 270 to Mosley Rd. (stop light). Turn left (North) on Mosley and go to the 2nd stop sign. Turn left on Fairways. The next street is Fairways Circle. It is the 2nd house on the right.

March 25 - 1521 Fournier Dr. (63126) - Marcia Block's Home - 314-962-5575. See April newsletter for further information.

GOLF – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays, April through October - SIGN UP NOW!

All skill levels above beginner are welcome! Play 9 or 18 holes, and come as often as you can. Golfers are notified of play dates via phone or e-mail, so to get on the list and in on the fun, please contact Joyce Katz (joyka234@aol.com), Bev Wait (wait89@aol.com), or Carolyn Baker (314-432-2576).

Special Interest Groups (Continued)

EXPRESSIONS – (1st Tuesdays – 1:00 PM) March 2 at Rockwood Bank – WALL HANGING FOR PHOTOS

Join us for an afternoon of crafting using a kit to create a wall-hanging to display spring or summer photos of family and friends. All supplies are provided in the wonderful Kit, which costs \$7 (retail \$20).

SUPPLIES TO BRING – Scissors and adhesive. Questions? Call Rosann Swaringim (636-636-240-7839).

DIRECTIONS: Take Manchester Rd. west from Clarkson to Hwy 109. Exit, then turn left, going south on 109 about 1 mile. Rockwood Bank is on left. Turn into drive on south side of bank and park in rear.

BOOK GROUPS – download the 2009-10 book lists from auwballwin-chesterfield.org, “Interest Groups” page or contact the individual sponsors. Need help? Call 314-878-4521.

LITERATURE I (3rd Thursdays – 9:30 AM) Mar. 18 –13052 Ferntrails Lane, Creve Coeur (Judy Green’s home: 314-878-4897).

A discussion of *Run* by Ann Patchett will be led by Alice Crippen.

DIRECTIONS: Take 141 to Olive. Turn right on Olive and at the third stop light (Fernview) turn right (South). Go one block to a stop sign. Two houses beyond the stop sign is Ferntrails, which only goes right. Turn on Ferntrails and it will end in a square. 13052 is at the southwest corner of the square. The number is on the mailbox pole. Continue beyond the house to a small park. Park around the park.

This group is closed due to the large number of members. For information, call Ruth Griffin (636-394-1344, griff2335@charter.net.)

LITERATURE II (4th Mondays - 10:00 AM) Mar. 22 – 16 Picardy Hill Drive, Chesterfield (Helen Fick’s home: 636-519-7197).

A discussion of *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer will be led by Rosann Swaringim.

DIRECTIONS: From Kehrs Mill and Clarkson intersection take Kehrs Mill (East) to the entrance to Picardy on Picardy Hill Drive. We are the sixth unit on the right. Please park on only one side of the street (subdivision rules!)

We welcome all readers! To learn more, contact Joyce Katz (314-878-4521, joyka234@aol.com), or Erlaine Eltomi, (636-537-2736, erlaine@charter.net).

READING REALITY (2nd Tuesdays – NOTE RETURN TO ORIGINAL TIME: 1:30 PM) - March 9 - 1613 Baxter Lane Circle, Chesterfield (Mary McFarland’s home: 636-530-0483).

A discussion of *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell will be led by Mary McFarland.

DIRECTIONS: From Clayton and Baxter or Clarkson and Baxter -- take Baxter to Old Baxter Rd. turn left if you are coming from Clarkson or right if you are coming from Clayton Rd, follow Old Baxter Rd. to Baxter Lane and turn right. Go all the way to the end of the lane and turn right on Baxter Lane Circle. We are the 3rd house from the corner.

To learn more about this non-fiction book group, contact Marcia Block (314-962-5575, mhbblock@sbcglobal.net).

BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (BBC) (1st Mondays – 10:00 AM) - March 1 - 13029 Pagada Pkwy, 63127 (Connie Lowry’s home: Please call Connie to let her know if you are going to attend. (636-349-5328).

A discussion of *The Generalissimo: Chiang Kai Shek and the Struggle for Modern China* by Jay Taylor will be led by Harriett Hirschfeld

DIRECTIONS: From Trinity Lutheran Church turn left on Clayton then left at the 2nd light (Rt. 141). Go south on Hwy 141 to interstate 44. Go east on 44 to Lindberg and turn right (south). Pass Watson and turn right on Rott Rd. Drive on Rott until you get to a 3-way stop. Rott goes right and under Interstate 270. Stay on Rott to Pagada Pkwy on the right. Turn right and go to the 4th house on the right.

The selection of books to be reviewed through June is listed on the Ballwin-Chesterfield website, Interest Groups page. Be thinking of books to review for the next six months and bring them to meetings. We will make a list of suggestions and decide on them at the May meeting.

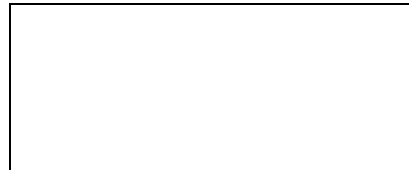
This group is open to all members. Call Yvonne Morrison (636-391-6026) or Harriett Hirschfeld (636-458-1520) for more information.

POETRY GROUP – – NEW GROUP! (3rd Wednesdays - 9:30 AM) March 17 – 816 Mason Wood Drive, Town and Country (Sandy Camillo’s home: 314-576-5687).

We invite you to join us in March at what is sure to be an entertaining morning. All you need to join this group is a love of poetry and the desire to have a good time with friends. Please contact Sandy Camillo (314-576-5687) if you have questions.

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. Go 0.2 miles to 816 Mason Wood Drive.

Linda Tinker
 16419 Newpoint Ct.
 Ballwin, MO 63011



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