

"AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest groups, and public outreach events, by engaging in social action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and supporting area young women and girls directly. We are one of five branches in the St. Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro St Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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'Hey sis, I see you': Black Women's Resistance Online

Thursday, February 16, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Log in for Networking at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Raven M. Lloyd, PhD

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3041753234>

From our speaker, **Raven M. Lloyd**: This talk is based on a chapter in the forthcoming book, *Intersectional Internet, Volume II*. I will discuss the role that digital culture plays in the everyday lives of Black women, specifically during 2020, a time of great social, political, and health-related unrest. Through AAUW-funded focus groups with 24 Black women, I draw out patterns that reveal the toll that digital networks can take on marginalized groups—from reliving trauma to dealing with 'performative activism'—and more importantly, how some Black women respond to these challenges as a form of digital resistance.



Dr. Lloyd is an assistant professor of Film and Media Studies and African and African-American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. She studies digital technologies in relation to activism and media history, with a focus on Black digital publics. Her first book, *Reshaping Digital Black Resistance*, will be published in the fall of 2023 with University of California Press. She is an American Association of University Women 2021-22 Fellow and is also supported by the Minerva Foundation in her grant-funded, collaborative work on algorithms and extreme ideologies online. She has appeared in news outlets such as NBC

News and the Associated Press as well as academic outlets such as *Communication, Culture & Critique* and *Studying Race and Media* (New York University), among others. Her next book project will tentatively focus more squarely on generational Black activism alongside shifting digital industries and infrastructures. Her AAUW fellowship project was titled *Care as Resistance: Black Women Online*. To learn more about the AAUW Fellowships and Grants, please go to: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>



Jeanne

In today's world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged with the challenges we face. The challenges can be personal health issues, financial concerns, worries about people we care about, our responsibilities, or just the state of the world or of AAUW or other organizations we belong to.

As individuals, we can take steps to care for each other by offering words of encouragement. It can be as simple as a text message, an email, a card, a phone call, or a small gift. Words and acts of encouragement are so important to our mental health and spiritual wellbeing.



Marsha

When working toward AAUW goals, everyday issues can zap our energy—lack of clarity of the mission or vision, relationships weakened by poor communication, being overwhelmed by the enormity of the task, apathy, burnout, and not celebrating our successes.

In response to discouragements and setbacks, we need to strengthen each other with affirming words and supportive strategies.

What we need are encouragers -- people who offer hope, honesty, and confidence that helps renew the challenges of striving for equity for women and girls. The encouragers remind people of their strengths by affirming what they do well and sharing what they see as their unique gifts for making the world a better place.

Messages of encouragement are important not only for branch leaders and members but also for our families and those we meet in our daily life. We can offer encouragement by reminding each other of the gifts we each have, remembering to give credit for things that have been accomplished in the past, and dialoguing about possible solutions. And humor is always helpful.

Be an ENCOURAGER

Jeanne and Marsha

Mark Your Calendar

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St. Louis museums, galleries, theaters and libraries will commemorate **Black History Month** with a variety of programs and exhibitions in February. Highlights include a trolley tour through a historic cemetery, a production of “Confederates” at the Rep, and a celebration of Black music and voices.

Victory at War and at Home: Civil Rights Activism in World War II

When 11 a.m. Feb. 24 • **Where** Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, 1315 Chestnut Street • **How much** Free • **More info** at mohistory.org/events

Dr. David Lucander, author of *Winning the War for Democracy: The March on Washington Movement, 1941-1946*, will discuss Black American activism during World War II, with a focus on St. Louis.

African American History Trolley Tour

When 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 4, Feb. 18 • **Where** Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum, 4947 West Florissant Avenue • **How much** \$5 suggested donation; reservations required • **More info** bellefontainecemetery.org/events

Master cemetery guides will lead a two-hour trolley tour through the historic cemeteries, telling stories of figures of African American history and pointing out highlights of the grounds and monuments.

‘Lift Every Voice: A Black History Month Celebration’

When 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 • **Where** Powell Hall, 718 North Grand Boulevard • **How much** \$28 • **More info** siso.org

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and In Unison Chorus will honor music of African American and African traditions with “Lift Every Voice: A Black History Month Celebration” at Powell Hall. The chorus is led by Kevin McBeth, with featured vocals by Kennedy Holmes.

‘To Kill a Mockingbird’

When Feb. 28-March 12; performance times vary • **Where** Fox Theater, 527 North Grand Boulevard • **How much** \$29-\$125 • **More info** metrotix.com

Emmy Award-winning actor Richard Thomas plays Atticus Finch in the national tour of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Aaron Sorkin’s acclaimed adaptation of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

‘Confederates’

When Feb. 17-March 5 (preview performances Feb. 11-16); performance times vary • **Where** Loretto-Hilton Center for the Performing Arts, 130 Edgar Road, Webster Groves • **How much** \$23-\$92 • **More info** repstl.org

An enslaved rebel-turned-Union spy and a tenured professor in a modern-day private university, living more than a century apart, have parallel experiences of institutionalized racism in this play by MacArthur “Genius Grant”-winning playwright Dominique Morisseau. Elizabeth Carter directs this production of the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.

Ranger Talk: Ulysses S. Grant and Frederick Douglass

When 10-11 a.m. Feb. 18 • **Where** Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, 7400 Grant Road, St. Louis County • **How much** Free; reservations recommended • **More info** nps.gov/ulsg/index.htm; 314-842-1867, ext. 230



Join the Movie Group

If you would like to join in, let **Carol**, **Nancy Hutchins**, or **Becky Clausen** know so a Zoom link can be emailed to you. Each of us watches a selected movie on [Netflix](https://www.netflix.com/). The movie is then discussed by the group.

February 27 - *Women Talking*—Our February movie is going to be a different format. We chose *Women Talking* as the movie - **and you need to go see it in the theaters in the next few weeks prior to our discussion via zoom on February 27th!** It currently is playing at quite a few theaters: <https://www.google.com/search?q=women+talking+st.+louis+theaters>. This movie has just been nominated for Best Picture at the Academy Awards and has already received 65 awards and 200 nominations for various recognitions (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>). We are asking everyone to come up with three or four questions/discussion topics, and we will all make the discussion happen by trading off the leadership role.

March 27 - *Molly's Game*


We are back to our watch-on-your-own Netflix movie format. We are looking for a discussion leader for this if you are so moved.

AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

KWG is **one of the five branches** that form the AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council, more commonly known as IBC. They meet 4 times a year, some virtually and some in person. Each branch is allowed 3 voting delegates, and historically the officers of each branch have served as those delegates.

The purpose of IBC is to foster cooperation among member branches and to financially support programs and projects and to open channels of communication among branches for the sharing of ideas and interests. Minimal fundraising is done to support special projects, NCCWSL scholarships, printing for visibility, and the Lackritz Award.

The next IBC meeting is at 7 p.m. on February 21, 2023, via ZOOM. The website is <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/>.



IBC ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

This group meets in September, October, and January through May to discuss books written from diverse perspectives.

Where: Currently via Zoom
When: 1:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month in September, October, January, February, March, April, May
Contact: Deb McWard (314-607-2908).
Send suggestions for book selection titles/authors to Teri Brecht tebrecht@yahoo.com.

Feb 23 *Jackie, Janet & Lee: Secret Lives of Janet Auchincloss and Her Daughters*, by J. Randy Taraborrelli; black history (528 p); Deb McWard, facilitator

Mar 23 *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*, by Hyeonsoo Lee (Lee Hyeon-seo) with John David; women's history (320 p); facilitator needed

Apr 27 *The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted*, by Robert Hillman; sexual assault awareness (304 p); Teri Brecht or Karen Francis, facilitator

May 25 *This Tender Land: A Novel*, by William Kent Krueger; Asian-Pacific American heritage; Lynne Roney, facilitator

Metro St. Louis Branch Programs

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch—February 9—Branch meeting at 9:30 at Ballwin Golf Course Events Center. Speaker: Maggie Brookmeyer, senior manager of development and community engagement at Rung for Women—A Holistic Approach to Self-Sufficiency

Ferguson-Florissant Branch—February 8—Branch meeting on diversity, equity, and inclusion, 6 pm via Zoom

Saint Charles Branch—February 3, 1 pm, speaker: Jessica Kennedy, director and Title IX coordinator, Wash. U.—Title IX and Gender Equity at Washington University

St. Louis Branch—nothing scheduled

2023 International Relations Lecture Series

**Ethical Society of St. Louis
9001 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO 63117**



AAUW is a sponsor of the lecture series, which has been a joint venture with the Tuesday Women's Group (TWA) of the Ethical Society for over 95 years. Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January through April, in the upper auditorium. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45-50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

Feb 14 Afghan Refugees and their Resettlement in St. Louis: Focus on Education of Women, by Dr. Linda Lindsey.

Dr. Lindsey's presentation will spotlight the issues, challenges, and resilience of Afghans as they resettled in St. Louis, and the specific issues faced by Muslim women caring for their families under the Russians, the Taliban, the Americans in Afghanistan, and now in the United States.

Dr. Lindsey is a member of AAUW St. Louis Branch. She recently retired as senior lecturer at Washington University and is professor emerita at Maryville University. She received her PhD in sociology from Case Western Reserve University and later an M.A. in education from St. Louis University. Her academic career is under a gender and intersectional umbrella, focusing on inequality, diversity, globalization, and health and society.

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AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council
Spring Luncheon
Celebrating Strong Women – Register Now!
March 18, 2023 - 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

The IBC 2023 Spring Luncheon is coming soon, and the planning committee is looking forward to having everyone join us at the event for fun, fabulous food, fundraising, and celebrating our 2023 Barbara Lackritz Honorees. **Registration is now open!**

After 19 years, the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award continues to honor the memory and legacy of Barbara Lackritz. The 2023 honorees will be recognized for upholding the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Entertainment: Our program will be presented by *USA Today* bestselling author and nationally recognized speaker **Nicole Evelina**. **Did you know that Nicole also is a member of AAUW K-WG?** She will share her love of history and the importance of retelling stories about strong women. Learn more about Nicole at: <https://nicoleevelina.com/>

Fundraising to support special projects, NCCWSL scholarships, the Lackritz Award, and visibility this year includes three raffles:

- ◇ Gift cards or gift memberships from St. Louis cultural institutions
- ◇ Scratch off lottery tickets
- ◇ 50/50 raffle

Food and Venue Info

- ◆ The event will be held in the beautiful Belmont Room. Doors open at 11:15am.
- ◆ There will be a choice of four lunch entrees to choose from at the time of ordering (no advanced selection needed). See registration.
- ◆ Coffee and alcoholic beverages will be available for individual purchase

Barbara Lackritz Honorees for 2023

Marcia Block, Ballwin-Chesterfield

Barbara Johnson, Kirkwood-Webster Groves

Patricia A. Kelemen, Ferguson-Florissant

Barbara Olive, St. Charles

Ellen Irons, St. Louis

Directions and Parking

EdgeWild Winery and Restaurant
550 Chesterfield Center,
Chesterfield MO, 63017

There are eight handicapped parking spots with a large parking lot and ramps on both sides of the front door <https://edgewildwinery.com/>

Tips for driving:

- Used to be called “Bahama Breeze”
- Street signs are missing or misnamed
- Make sure to follow your GPS, but use common sense

[Google map to EdgeWild Winery](#)

Look for the registration flyer at the end of the newsletter and on the IBC website.

<https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/>. Contact Ellen Irons, ironnew82@gmail.com, for more information.

(International Relations Lecture Series, continued from page 4)

Mar 14 Relations Among Taiwan, China, and the United States, by Dr. Henry Rowold. In his IRLS talk, he will share his perspective on the history of China, and Taiwan and the US involvement with these countries. Both the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan have grown from poverty during the last century, and both have become major economic and technological powers. China has the world’s largest population, has sent a person to the moon, has hosted the Olympics, and is vying with the USA to be the largest economic and military power. Taiwan, with a population of 24 million, has an economy rated the world’s 8th to 10th largest and serves as the world’s “chip” center.

Dr. Rowold is a retired professor emeritus of international research of the Institute of Mission Studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Before joining the faculty of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Rowold went to Taiwan in 1965 to learn the culture and language.

“The most
difficult thing is the
decision to act. The
rest is merely
tenacity.”
—Amelia
Earhart

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW of MISSOURI

The Missouri Legislative session for 2023 is underway. We are seeing some good movement on some of our priorities but also movement from some bills that are harmful to the people of Missouri and our collective future. To see which bills are headed to committee, visit senate.mo.gov and click on the Hearings tab to listen to testimony as it happens and read full bill summaries.

Senate Bill 90 – Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women. It would extend postpartum health care coverage for low income women. Health insurance coverage cuts off on day 60. According to research, many health issues that kill women after they give birth happen from day 61 to day 365. This bill would extend health care coverage to one year postpartum and improve the survival rate and health outcomes of Missouri women and infants. The statistics are really quite shocking. According to a report published in 2022 by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, each year, approximately 60 Missouri women die within one year of being pregnant, and 75% of these deaths are preventable. During his State of the State address on January 18, the governor prioritized improving our state's high maternal mortality rates, and both sides of the aisle, as well as more than 100 medical organizations, have expressed support for this idea.

Senate Bill 91 — Modifies provisions relating to abuse and neglect reporting, including a requirement to report companion animal abuse and would require trained officers investigating animal abuse to call a hotline if they see signs of child or elderly abuse or neglect.

Senate Bill 431 — Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms, to close Missouri's deadly domestic violence loophole which allows convicted abusers to possess firearms.

Senate Bill 512 — Enacts provisions relating to insurance coverage of prescription contraceptives.

Senate Bill 515 — Increases the minimum wage rate incrementally to \$15 per hour.

Senate Bill 548 — Creates the Missouri Earned Family and Medical Leave Act.

The 2023 LEGISLATIVE RETREAT of the American Association of University Women of Missouri

AAUW MO is facilitating another Legislative Retreat on **Saturday, February 11, 2023, via Zoom, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, and we would like you to attend.

Gather Time: 8:45 - 9:00

Meeting ID: 892 0248 8348 Passcode: 644705

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89202488348?pwd=UmVXNk1MRDBmTEdwYUtjTORIZFovUT09>

The leaders of Missouri organizations will give a brief description of their group; an explanation of their main legislative priority; and the bill number, title, and author they would like us to monitor. Activists from organizations across the state will share information about the initiative petition, clean slate, book bans, economic issues, educational issues, gun safety, health and reproductive rights, social issues, and voting laws.

SPEAKER CONTACT LIST

Participants can go to <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net> to get a list of the presenters and their emails.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Social Justice Lunch & Learn

February 7, 2023

Noon—12:45 pm
Manchester United Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall



Former State Representative

Trish Gunby will present on
“Bodily Autonomy: What it Means & Why it Matters.”
We will explore the significance and facts surrounding
personal bodily autonomy. Bring your own lunch.

March 7, 2023

Noon-12:45 pm
Manchester UMC Fellowship Hall



Gun violence prevention advocate Cathy Gilbert will share

“Gun Violence in America: A Public Health Crisis.”
AAUW KWG Member Cathy Gilbert has been involved
in the gun violence prevention movement since 2017
when she became a volunteer with Moms Demand Ac-
tion for Gun Sense in America. She remains a support-
er of Moms Demand and is also past co-chair of the
Lock It for Love program of Women’s Voices Raised for
Social Justice. Bring your own lunch.

National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis

February Lunch & Learn: Tackling Conspiracy Theories & Disinformation—Sarah Fenske

When: Thursday, February 16 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom—[RSVP Here](#)

With an abundance of misinformation and misleading reporting, it can be challenging to decipher what is factual information and what is not. Misinformation is nothing new. Newspapers have been accused of printing fake news stories since they began. But now misinformation can reach a global audience within seconds via social media platforms.

To help us navigate this landscape, we are thrilled to welcome Sarah Fenske as our February Lunch and Learn speaker. Fenske served as host of St. Louis on the Air from July 2019 until June 2022. Before that, she spent twenty years in newspapers, working as a reporter, columnist, and editor in Cleveland, Houston, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and St. Louis.

Racism and Reparative Justice: Acknowledging Our Past, Reshaping Our Future



Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.

In-person program at The Center of Clayton
50 Gay Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program begins 7 p.m.
Program will also be available on Zoom.

Registration is required; please register here!

Dr. Geoff Ward and Cecilia Wright, a Washington University student, will explain the concept of “reparative remembrance.” They will explain why acknowledging and addressing histories and legacies of racial violence is critical to reshaping our collective future. These experts will also share examples underway in St. Louis (see [map](#)) and will introduce us to several related initiatives in which they are involved, including:

Reparative Justice Coalition of St. Louis (RJC-STL), working in partnership with Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) and the statewide Community Remembrance Project of Missouri (CRP-MO) to commemorate histories and legacies of lynching in St. Louis and across Missouri

Wash U & Slavery Project, an initiative in partnership with the global consortium of Universities Studying Slavery, where Washington University has pledged to examine and address entanglements between its institutional history and the legacy of slavery

Memory for the Future, a public humanities lab in the Lewis Center which combines the study of inter-linked histories and legacies of colonialism, slavery, and genocide with collaborative development of reparative public humanities projects in St. Louis

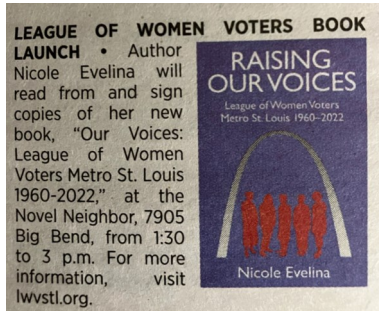
Presenters:

Geoff Ward, PhD, professor of African and African American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, and **Cecilia Wright**, undergraduate student at Washington University in St. Louis.

October 19-21
AAUW Regional
Conference at the Drury
Plaza Hotel at the
Arch in St Louis



Join *Raising Our Voices* author **Nicole Evelina** at a book launch party Sunday, February 5, at 1:30 at the Novel Neighbor in Webster Groves



Women's Foundation's annual **Women in the Workplace: Employment Scorecard** recognizes St. Louis area employers who demonstrate a strong commitment to women in the workplace and incentivizes organizations to improve their policies and practices for female employees while also researching and promoting best practices to recruit, retain, and advance women.

The 2022 survey is now open! [Click on this link](#) to register your organization. You will be sent a unique link to complete the Scorecard and help St. Louis be a great place for ALL working women.

Studies show that a gender-diverse workplace is "smart economics." Gender diversity in the workplace leads to stronger financial outcomes for businesses.

This easy-to-complete online survey allows you to distinguish your organization as an employer that is committed to gender inclusion and embraces an opportunity-rich environment for women.

All responses will remain confidential, and there is no fee to participate.

Organizations with exemplary policies and practices in all sections of the survey will be recognized publicly as Scorecard Honorees.

Organizations with exemplary policies and practices in any one (or two) sections of the survey will be recognized publicly with an Honorable Mention. In future years we will recognize organizations for improvement as an Honorable Mention.

There are separate award categories for large, medium, and small employers.

Thank you for helping to create a region where everyone can thrive at work!

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Contact Karen Francis, AAUW MO president, for more information or for an answer to a question at 314.223.4235 or karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com.

Please join us as we strive to do what Ruth Bader Ginsburg suggests: *Fight for things you care about but do it in a way that leads others to join you.*

AAUW National



VOTE NOW

The 2023 AAUW art contest is now underway! The winning entries will be featured in a collection of notecards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.

Starting February 2 through February 10, 2023 you will be able to cast your vote for your favorites. [Click here!](#)

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be in person this year

May 31—June 3, 2023 - University of Maryland, College Park

Each year we bring together hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration, and networking. NCCWSL has grown rapidly since its founding more than three decades ago, attracting over 10,000 student leaders. At our last in-person conference in 2019, the conference brought together 800 attendees representing 48 states and over 300 colleges and universities. The diversity of backgrounds and ideas at NCCWSL is part of what makes it such a transformative experience. The workshops, panels, speakers and activities provide endless opportunities to learn from experts, while peer networking allows learning and lifelong connections.

AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council

2023 Spring Luncheon

Celebrating Strong Women

Recognizing IBC Barbara Lackritz Honorees

Entertainment: *Nicole Evelina*, USA Today bestselling celebrated author and nationally recognized speaker, will share about her love of history, why it is important to keep re-telling strong women's stories, and provide highlights of her newly published book on St. Louis suffragists Virginia and Francis Minor.

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Doors open at 11:15 am

EdgeWild Restaurant & Winery

[Google Map Link to Edgewild location](#)

550 Chesterfield Center, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Choice of one of four lunches at the event: Dijon Chicken; Salmon and Grits; Center Cut Sirloin, OR Stuffed Mushrooms w/ roasted vegetables. House salad, water and iced tea, and Ultimate Chocolate Cake dessert included. (Indicate special dietary needs on back of form.)



Registration fee: \$45 - includes meal, program, and entertainment

Registration deadline: March 3, 2023

For more information, contact Ellen Irons, ironnew82@gmail.com

_____ Please cut here and send form below with your check _____

Make check payable to: **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC**. Mail form and check no later than **March 3** to:
Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr., Manchester, MO 63011-4215

Print Name: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

____ I plan to attend *Celebrating Strong Women* Registration Fee \$ 45

____ I am pre-purchasing gift card raffle tickets of:
3 tickets for \$10 ____ 6 tickets for \$20 ____ 9 tickets for \$30 ____ \$ _____

____ I am unable to attend but want my tickets entered in the drawing.

____ I am paying for _____ # of guests X \$45 (list names on back) \$ _____

____ Here's my additional donation to support IBC projects: \$ _____

CHECK ENCLOSED TOTAL \$ _____