

"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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AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council

Spring Luncheon

Celebrating Strong Women!

March 18, 2023 - 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Registration Open Until March 13!

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.

Join us as we honor **Barbara Johnson**, a 50-year member of AAUW, with the 2023 Barbara Lackritz Award. Read more about her on page 2. **Congratulations, Barb!**

Additionally, our very own member **Nicole Evelina**, a *USA Today* bestselling author and a nationally recognized speaker, will share her love of history and the importance of retelling stories about strong women. Read more about her on page 2 and at <https://nicoleevelina.com/>.

Fundraising to support special projects, NCCWSL scholarships, the Lackritz Award, and visibility includes three raffles. All sales are cash only, so be sure to bring dollars to buy raffle tickets:

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

Look for the registration flyer at the end of the newsletter and on the [IBC website](#).

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

Contact Marsha or Jeanne to arrange a ride to the event!

THE IBC LUNCHEON

KWG Barbara Lackritz Awardee **Barbara Johnson** joined AAUW in 1972 after graduation from Valparaiso University with an elementary education degree. Over the years **Barb** has had many AAUW leadership roles serving as president of both K-WG, and the St. Louis Branches, and chair of IBC twice. At the state level **Barb** has served as Topic chairs, Education Chair, and Program Vice-President of Missouri AAUW. In 1985 she was honored as the Outstanding Member under 40. Outside of AAUW she has held leadership positions in the Francis Howell Education Association, St. Louis NEA, Missouri NEA-Retired, and St. Louis NEA-Retired. **Barb** is currently Church Council President of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. In the early 1990s she became their first woman president. As a member of KWG, she has served as chair of various committees over the years. Currently she serves as funds chair. **Barb** has been a willing worker putting together jewelry to use for fundraising and selling pecans to raise funds for the branch STEM scholarships. She is always willing to provide a dish for any potluck or other gathering.



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Following the 2023 IBC Annual Luncheon theme “Celebrating Strong Women”, **Nicole Evelina** will share about her love of history, why it is important to keep retelling strong women stories and provide highlights of her book America’s Forgotten Suffragists:

Virginia and Francis Minor, which tells the story of St. Louis suffragists Virginia and Francis Minor. Nicole Evelina is a USA Today bestselling author and biographer who writes historical fiction, non-fiction, and women’s fiction. Her books have won more than 50 awards, including four Book of the Year designations. She also has been awarded the North Street Book Prize and the Sarton Women’s Book Award. One of her novels, Madame Presidentess, was previously optioned for film. Explore more about Nicole’s mission, biography and list of published books at: <https://nicoleevelina.com/>

## **KWG Fundraiser**

We will be selling pecans at the IBC Spring Luncheon, and Carol Davis McDonald and Kay Meyer will also accept orders. Money raised goes for our three \$500 STEM scholarships for high school women graduates at Valley Park, Affton, and Maplewood-Richmond Heights high schools. These delicious Georgia pecans make excellent gifts! Order yours by email to [Carol Davis McDonald](#) or [Kay Meyer](#)

- Fancy Mammoth Halves (\$13)
- Carmel Pecan Clusters (\$11)
- Cinnamon Glazed Pecans (\$11)
- Chocolate Covered Pecans (\$11)
- Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans (\$11)

## **Women's History Month Events**



### Virtual Program: Victoria Woodhull and Women's Suffrage

Tuesday, March 14, 10 - 11 am

Sign up [here!](#)

In the 1870s, women in the United States did not yet have the right to vote or hold office. Social reformer Victoria Woodhull challenged those restrictions. By the time she was in her 30's, Victoria owned her own newspaper, a Wall Street brokerage firm, and was a highly sought-after lecturer. In 1872, she became the first woman presidential candidate, running an uphill campaign against popular incumbent Ulysses S. Grant. Find out more about Victoria's unusual life with Park Guide Evan Meyer.



At the Missouri History Museum

See each linked website for details.

### Women In St. Louis Architecture

Tuesday, March 14, at 11 am

Community Tours Manager Amanda Clark will explore and highlight the achievements of women including Ray Eames, Chloethiel Woodard Smith, and others.

### I Define Me Movement: Women's Empowerment

Thursday, March 23, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join St. Louis's own Tracie Berry-McGhee of the Sistakeeper Empowerment Center's I Define ME Movement for a deep dive into women's and girls' empowerment and entrepreneurship.

### Meet Me Outside The Fair

Tuesday, March 28, at 11am

Join us for a fascinating overview of the involvement and influence the NACWC had on the 1904 World's Fair.

## Women's History Month 2023

The [National Women's History Alliance](#) designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2023 theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." This theme recognizes "women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media." The National Women's History Alliance spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month.

Throughout 2023, the NWA will encourage recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

[International Women's Day](#), a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women, took place for the first time on March 8, 1911. Many countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives, and customs such as presenting women with gifts and flowers.

The theme for International Women's Day is different from the one proposed for the month by the National Women's History Alliance. The theme for International Women's Day is "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**". This theme is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the [Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW-67\)](#), "**Innovation and**

**technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls**".

The [United Nations](#) has sponsored International Women's Day since 1975. When adopting its resolution on the observance of International Women's Day, the United Nations General Assembly cited the following reasons: "To recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security."

**We celebrate Women's History Month to remind ourselves of the accomplishments of women throughout the years to our culture and society. From science to politics, it's a chance to reflect on the trailblazing women who lead the way for change.**

## TWO FAMOUS AAUW MEMBERS

### Frances Perkins & Eleanor Roosevelt



Frances Perkins was the first woman to serve in as a member of the U.S. Cabinet, appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. She was the principal architect of many New Deal initiatives designed to improve the lives of working Americans, such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, the National Labor Relations Act, the minimum wage, restrictions on child labor and the Social Security Act.



AAUW is proud to have called Eleanor Roosevelt a member, supporter and friend.

She joined the organization in 1929, when she was First Lady of New York, and spoke to the AAUW New York City (NY) Branch that year on Armistice Day, with the *New York Times* noting that she "ha[d] just been elected to the membership in the AAUW."

In her address, Roosevelt urged the members to do everything possible to make "another war impossible." She continued, "The only real safeguard is what education can do to change the hearts of men, and I think that has to be done by women. I think that you are the women to do it."



*Jeanne*

Spring is on the way, and there are quite a few AAUW activities to enjoy! On March 18 we will dine with members from all five AAUW branches to honor five 2023 Barbara Lackritz Awardees. We will be recognizing **Barbara Johnson** for her many years of service to KWG.

On April 20 we will recognize recipients of our STEM scholarships. Parents, teachers, and counselors are all invited, and we will hear from a woman working in a STEM career.



*Marsha*

We also attend the senior awards ceremonies held at each of the schools to give certificates. If you would like to represent KWG at one of these ceremonies, let us know. It is rewarding!

In May the AAUW MO will hold its annual conference virtually. Plan to attend from the comfort of your recliner and learn about the mission work being done by members of the AAUW MO board and by branches. Meet members from branches across the state (there are 17) and gain a greater understanding of the many ways we advocate for women and girls.

Also in May (or June) we will gather as a branch to recognize those who have led the branch and those who will become leaders. We will highlight our achievements this past year and reward ourselves with a little fun! Discussions for our gathering are in progress, and we welcome your input and help!

In October AAUW MO is hosting a 14-state Regional Conference in St. Louis. It will be an exceptional experience to meet members from so many states. Save the date! October 19-21!

Looking forward to seeing you at one of these events!

*Jeanne and Marsha*

### *Mark Your Calendar*

- Mar 14 International Relations lecture, 10:45 am
- Mar 18 IBC spring luncheon, 11:30 am
- Mar 23 Adelante book group, 1:30 pm via Zoom
- Mar 27 Movie Group, 7 pm via Zoom
  
- Apr 3 NCCWSL early bird registration ends
- Apr 11 International Relations lecture, 10:45 am
- Apr 20 KWG STEM Scholarship Meeting
- Apr 27 Adelante book group, 1:30 pm via Zoom, pg 4

- May 5 NCCWSL registration closes
- May 6 AAUW MO conference via Zoom
- May 25 Adelante book group, 1:30 pm via Zoom
- May 31-Jun 3 NCCWSL, U of Maryland
  
- Oct 19-21 Regional Conference, Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis

## AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

### Metro St. Louis Branch Programs

**Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch**—April 13—Branch meeting at 9:30 at Ballwin Golf Course Events Center.

**Ferguson-Florissant Branch**—May 20—spring luncheon.

**St. Charles Branch**—April 6, 1 pm – Former State Senator and Circuit Judge Ted House will speak at First UMC. He and two former St Charles public school superintendents, Pamela Sloan and Mary Hendricks-Harris, wrote "One Child at a Time" featured on page 15 of the February 24 [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#). All are welcome to attend.

**St. Louis Branch**—Movie Group Discussion, March 27, 2023, 7 pm—Watch [Molly's Game](#) on-your-own on Netflix.



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tebrecht@yahoo.com).

**Mar 23** *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*, by Hyeonseo 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

## 2023 International Relations Lecture Series

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

AAUW is a co-sponsor of the lecture series with the Tuesday Women's Group (TWA) of the Ethical Society for over 95 years. Each meeting begins at 10:45 am on the 2nd Tuesday of the months January-April. The public is invited. There is no fee, but contributions are appreciated. Free parking is at the rear of the building.

***The March meeting will be  
in the lower level meeting room.***

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 bad weather, call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

### **Mar 14 Relations Among Taiwan, China, and the United States** by Dr. Henry Rowold

Dr. Rowold 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.

### **April 11 Truly Global Problem: Coping with Climate Change**

As a result of the warming atmosphere changes are occurring that are environmental, economic, and societal. On our planet everything is connected to everything else. This makes dealing with climate change more difficult while it also makes the impact of corrective changes more dramatic. This presentation will illustrate how human ingenuity is developing solutions to the problems that climate change brings and will emphasize the importance of recognizing both the difficulties of learning to cooperate on a global scale and the necessity for this kind of action.

## AAUW of MISSOURI

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



Planning is under way for the 14-state AAUW Regional Conference. Plan now to attend and meet members from states in the Midwest, share program and fundraising ideas, and learn more about AAUW. There will be plenary speakers, large-group sessions, and smaller breakout sessions.

Discussions have begun on how best to carpool for driving and parking so that no one has to travel alone. Look for details in the next editions of *Missouri in Motion*. Let's make it a FUN weekend!



## AAUW National

**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

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT AAUW . . .

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT** – For the year 2022, **branch membership count was 36,944**; national members 14,081; student members 578; College/University members 251.

**NATIONAL SURVEY OF BRANCHES** – This survey was sent to all branch presidents and reflected activities from FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). They received 287 submissions, representing 259 branches. AAUW has 667 branches with over 10 members. Most branches report 26-50 branch members.

Survey participation of the states receiving this update: Missouri had 10 participating branches, Arkansas had 2, Kansas had 3, Kentucky had none, Oklahoma had 2.

The information in this survey will be used by national staff to create a new "join AAUW" 2-Page brochure, which they hope to have out in April.

A survey (with refinements from this process) will be conducted annually. It will be used in connection with the 5-Star Recognition Program.

**DUES RENEWAL** – Dues renewals will begin on April 1. Do not renew dues before then as the Community Hub information is still being set up for the new fiscal year. New members' dues can continue to be processed.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Lunch & Learn: MO Clean Slate Initiative

A Virtual Program

**Friday, March 24, Noon**

[Please register here.](#)



One in three Missourians has a criminal record. Any criminal record – even an arrest that never led to conviction – restricts access to jobs, housing, education and other basics. While many Missourians with criminal records are eligible to have certain non-violent records cleared, few know they qualify or are able to navigate the state's current petition process due to expense and complexity.

MO Rep. Phil Christofanelli and former MO Senator Jeff Smith will describe efforts to implement a Clean Slate initiative in Missouri and help us gain an understanding about the impact it would have on lives and communities. Similar efforts in other states have demonstrated the benefits of such programs, including safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy.

### The American Women Quarters Program

This four-year program celebrates the accomplishments and contributions made by women of the United States. Beginning in 2022, and continuing through 2025, the U.S. Mint will issue up to five new reverse designs each year. The obverse of each coin will maintain a likeness of George Washington but is different from the design used during the previous quarter program.

The American Women Quarters may feature contributions from a variety of fields, including, but not limited to, suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space, and the arts. The women honored will be from ethnically, racially, and geographically diverse backgrounds.

In 2022 quarters were issued for Maya Angelou, Dr. Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren, and Anna May Wong. In 2023 so far only one coin honoring Bessie Coleman, first African American and first Native American woman pilot



VOTE411 has information on the candidates and the ballot measures for the municipal elections on April 4. The Voters Guide will be published in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on Sunday, March 19.

There are now two weeks of no-excuse, in-person [absentee voting](#) before each election. Several area election authorities now offer satellite voting sites for voters with a state-issued photo ID. The following sites will open on Tuesday, March 21.

#### St. Louis City:

- Board of Elections, 300 N. Tucker
- Buder Library, 4401 Hampton Ave.
- Schlafly Library, 225 N. Euclid Ave.
- Walnut Park Library, 5760 W. Florissant Ave.

#### St. Louis County:

- Board of Elections, 725 Northwest Plaza Drive in St. Ann
- North County Recreation Complex - 2577 Redman Road, St. Louis MO 63136
- Board of Elections (BOE) - 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Ann MO 63074
- Ballwin Police Department - 300 Park Drive, Ballwin MO 63011
- Affton White-Rodgers Community Center - 9801 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis MO 63123

#### St. Charles:

- County Clerk, 397 Turner Blvd. in St. Peters
- Element Church, 100 Mall Parkway, Suite 500 in Wentzville

The polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm on Election Day. The new law requires a government-issued photo ID or passport to vote. During the August primary, a voter ID card, student ID or utility bill were accepted as identification to vote. Voters without a valid ID can cast a provisional ballot but their signature will have to match one on file with the election authority to count.

For a free ride to the polls in St. Louis City or County, call the A. Phillip Randolph Institute at **314-562-0411**.

The League's Voters Guide is available at [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org). The League's bill tracker is at [bit.ly/movotingbills](https://bit.ly/movotingbills).

Do you have a question about AAUW or our branch, something you have been wondering? Just ask. We'll get an answer.  
([davis-mcdonald@outlook.com](mailto:davis-mcdonald@outlook.com))

# 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 13, 2023**

For more information, contact Ellen Irons, [ironnew82@gmail.com](mailto: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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**