



Newsletter of the

Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch

Founded April 1971 ~ **Celebrating 54 Years!**

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

AAUW Vision: Equity for all. **AAUW Values:** Nonpartisan, fact-based, integrity, inclusion, and intersectionality.

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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BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 2025

6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting opens for networking and announcements; 7 p.m. program

Kirkwood United Methodist Church
201 West Adams, Room 201, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Guest speakers: Dana Pownall and Chris Krehmeyer, Beyond Housing



Dana Pownall

Dana Pownall is senior director of philanthropy, and Chris Krehmeyer is president/CEO of Beyond Housing, a community development organization dedicated to transforming the St. Louis region's under-resourced communities. For more than 40 years, Beyond Housing has worked to serve the needs of families holistically. While some of us are familiar with the houses and apartments rehabilitated by the organization, it also focuses on family needs such as a living wage, housing that's affordable, access to healthcare, successful schools, transportation, and more. Come and learn more about its community-oriented approach.



Chris Krehmeyer

In case you're wondering about the weather, current forecast for February 20 is sunny with a high of 39 degrees.

CALENDAR

Feb 4	Expressions craft group (pg 4)	Feb 25	Interbranch Council quarterly meeting (pg 4)
Feb 11	International Relations lecture, 10:45 am, <i>Water Security in a Changing Climate</i> (pg 6)	Feb 27	Adelante Book Group, 1:30 pm (pg 4)
Feb 16	Program on gender terminology and understanding, Mid County Library, 1:30 pm (pg 5)	Mar 8	International Women's Day
Feb 20	Branch program (see above)	Mar 24	Movie Group, 7 pm, Zoom (pg 8)
Feb 22	Annual MO Legislative Retreat, via Zoom, 9-11 am (pg 3)	Mar 27	International Relations lecture, 10:45 am (pg 6)
Feb 24	Movie Group, 7 pm, Zoom (pg 8)	Mar 29	IBC 2025 Spring Luncheon Honoring Sheroes and Barbara Lackritz Honorees (pgs 9-10) 150th anniversary of <i>Minor v. Happersett</i>
		Apr 28	Movie Group, 7 pm, Zoom (pg 8)
		May 3	All-members state meeting via Zoom (pg 5)

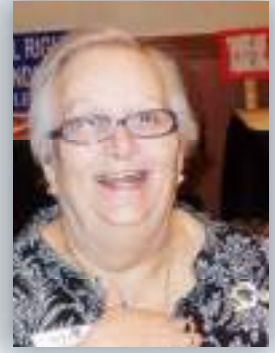


Lynne

Presidents' Message ...

Now More Than Ever

“Think Globally, Act Locally”...a bumper sticker from the past, but relevant now more than ever. As we watch national and international news showing many of AAUW’s priorities being swept aside, it is tempting to feel powerless. That’s why it’s more important than ever to act and speak on behalf of our values on a local level. You can:



Nancy

- Contact your elected representatives via the **2-Minute Activist** (see link below)
- Make a **personal contact** with your representative. The great thing about St. Louis is that you are likely to see your state legislator at the gym, church, or grocery store. I literally once gave my AAUW elevator speech to then-Rep. Barbara Fraser in an elevator in a downtown building.
- **Volunteer** to be an officer, committee chair, or committee member of our branch. We welcome new leadership to keep our branch active and a vital supporter of AAUW’s voice for equity.
- **Participate** in our branch meetings, Interbranch luncheon March 29, and state conference by Zoom May 3. Keep our local and state organizations strong.
- **Support** local girls going into the STEM field by buying pecans or donating to our STEM scholarships. AAUW is still one of the largest funders of women’s graduate education, and locally we help women going into the STEM field.

As always, remember you can:

- **Subscribe** to AAUW’s national emailed newsletter. If you previously opted out, you may resubscribe at [this link](#) or by logging into your member account and choosing “My Preferences.”
- **Send** a 2-Minute Activist message to your elected officials. Sign up [here](#).

Come to our meetings in person February through May!

Lynne and Nancy

The 2025 **AAUW Art Contest** is in progress.

Did you know that women comprise only 30% of the artists represented by commercial galleries, and that women working in art professions are paid almost \$20,000 less per year than men? This is what motivates AAUW to host an annual member art contest. It gives our own wonderful artists the attention they deserve, while raising funds to fight for other women. We have had winners from Metro St. Louis Branches in the past, and two have submitted again: **Susan Fenwick** and **Pam Kulp**. Susan’s two entries are titled *Prairie Smoke* and *Drum Bridge in Spring*. Pam’s submissions are *Paradise of Pink Impatiens* and *Nature’s Palette of Autumn*.



Voting begins on February 3, 2025

Public Policy

By Jeanne Webdell, Committee Chair

AAUW MO will again host the state-wide Legislative Briefing on Saturday, February 22, 2025, via Zoom, from 9:00 am to noon.

Join with leaders from organizations with strong advocacy positions who are working to influence

Missouri Legislative action. The annual briefing is informative in general, but also specific in that it helps branches determine what specific focus areas they will work on. The Legislative Briefing allows Missouri organizations with common missions to share their activities with others at this free public event. Leaders will briefly overview their organization and explain their main legislative priorities, along with bill numbers, titles, and authors they want us to monitor.

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 will lead others to join you."

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911952509?pwd=DNL3tqU1O6SUEfPHjYjvKbt5UbKZFI.1>

Meeting ID: 899 1195 2509 Passcode: 126137

For more information contact Karen Francis at 314.223.4235 or karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com

Sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Missouri

ACT NOW TO SUPPORT BIPARTISAN WOMEN'S HEALTH BILL

Below is a link to a petition from Action Network urging the Missouri Legislature to pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill now!

Last session, this critical women's health bill was just one vote from final passage; but despite wide bipartisan support - including from House leadership - this bill failed to pass due to dysfunction in the Missouri Senate. Both sides of the aisle strongly support this legislation that would treat and prevent disease, including congenital syphilis, increase access to contraception, and improve Missourians' health and wellbeing. Sign below to tell our lawmakers to prioritize and pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill now!

Take action by using this link. Click here: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/urge-moleg-to-pass-the-bipartisan-womens-health-bill-now?source=email&>

You can contact your individual representative or senator as well.

The Missouri Legislative Session is in full swing.

Committees have been established, and bills are beginning to be reviewed. The following websites are reliable resources to obtain information on bills passing through the legislative process and their status:

- ⇒ Fast Democracy - <https://fastdemocracy.com/>
- ⇒ MO Voter Protection Coalition - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LFSXE1cBCKeHqMXV4UAK1n9mmYACNEW-QZGly_ufJUY/edit?gid=770402993#gid=770402993
- ⇒ League of Women Voters STL Metro - <https://my.lww.org/missouri/resources/legislative-bulletins-alerts>
- ⇒ State of Missouri Senate Bills - <https://www.senate.mo.gov/BTSSearch/Default>
- ⇒ Legiscan - <https://legiscan.com/MO/legislation/2025>
- ⇒ State of Missouri - <https://www.mo.gov/government/legislative-branch>

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.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 25, 2024. The website is <https://stlouis-ibc.aauw.net/>. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.

Metro St. Louis Branch Programs

Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch—Ballwin Golf Course Events Center, 333 Holloway Rd, Ballwin. February 13 meeting, 9:30 a.m., speaker will be Carla Maley, director of Community Engagement for St. Martha's Hall, on *The Impact of Domestic Violence on Our Community*.

Ferguson-Florissant Branch—Contact [Patty Murray](mailto:PattyMurray@gmail.com) for meeting information, 314-838-7887.

Saint Charles Branch—Meets the first Thursday at 1 p.m. at First St. Charles UMC, 801 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles 63301. February 6 speaker will be Michael Flandemeyer, teacher and Ward 7 council member, on *Travel the Boone's Lick Trail*.

St. Louis Branch—February 16, 1:30 pm, Mid-County Library, 7821 Maryland Ave, Clayton. Program by Dr. Linda Lindsey on gender misconceptions, separating fact from fiction, specifically related to beliefs about sex and sexuality, gender identity, and transgender.

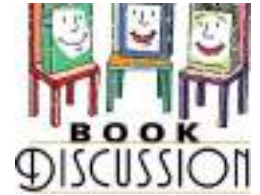
Expressions Craft Group

This is a fun group that meets on the 1st Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Next meeting will be on February 4, 2025, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur. Entrance in back, no steps.

Our focus is to make and learn crafts and projects. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. Contact Kay Meyer at(kicmeyer51@gmail.com) or Nancy Hutchins (bodaciouspsychobabe@yahoo.com).



IBC ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP



This group, started in 1996 as a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program, discusses books written from diverse perspectives. It currently is meeting virtually.

Where: Join Zoom meeting:

When: 1:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month in September, October, January, February, March, April, May

Contact: PattyMurrayAAUW@gmail.com

Zoom access: Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87393625222?pwd=Z8LmoZpCgqVwS6wAZmPoNEcUa0b2Pq.1>

Meeting ID: 873 9362 5222

Passcode: 922338

Dial by your location 312 626 6799 US

Upcoming selections:

Feb 27 *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah, 480 pages, published 2-6-2024. Jan Barrett, facilitator. Women can be heroes—a nursing student joins the Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam war.

Mar 27 *The Island of Missing Trees*, by Elif Shafak, 368 pages, published November 2021. Lynne Roney, facilitator. Two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, war, and the untangling of years of secrets.

Apr 24 *Light on Bone*, by Kathryn Lasky, 298 pages, published 9-6-2022. Teri Brecht, facilitator. Kathryn Lasky has written an exciting new adult amateur sleuth mystery set in New Mexico in the 1930s.

May 29 *Mad Honey*, by Jodi Picoult, 464 pages, published 10-4-2022. Patty Murray, facilitator. A riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves. In development for a series/film.

Sep 25 *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich, 400 pages, 1-9-2021. Lynne Roney, facilitator. Asks what we owe to the living, the dead, to the reader and to the book. Mystery haunting of a small, independent book store.

All IBC area branch members are invited to attend this important program.

(Note the date change)

AAUW St. Louis Branch Program

Sunday, February 16, 2025 — 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Library, Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105-3875



Ideas about gender and the behavior flowing from these ideas are powerfully imprinted on our personal, professional, and social lives. Well-being on all fronts is compromised when misconceptions about gender take hold, serving to limit our ambitions and life choices. Delving into research spotlighting non-binary constructions of gender, this presentation separates fact from fiction, specifically related to beliefs about sex and sexuality, gender identity, and transgender. The challenges and opportunities associated with the blizzard of media reports, anecdotal blogs, and populism fuel both harmful misconceptions about gender as well as surging social activism benefiting non-binary communities are discussed.

Linda Lindsey is recently retired Senior Lecturer at Washington University in St. Louis and Professor Emerita of Sociology at Maryville University. Her teaching and research are under a gender and intersectional umbrella, including courses on diversity, inequality, globalization, and health and society. Consulting with the Asian Studies Development Program, a joint program of the University of Hawaii and East-West Center, allowed for seminars in Asia for college faculty. She presented at the UN Conference on Women in Beijing and continues to present, especially on topics related to sex and gender and Afghan resettlement. Fulbright and other opportunities offered research in Pakistan, Japan, India, China, Jordan, and Peru. A longtime volunteer, she works on behalf of women's advocacy, refugees, and health care for the underserved. She is a past president of the Midwest Sociological Society and has been elected to *Who's Who in American Women* and *Who's Who in America*.

Save the Date – State Meeting on May 3, 2025

Program VPs Su Bacon and Diane B. Ludwig

Plans for the 2024–25 AAUW MO May state meeting have begun for Saturday, May 3, 2025, via Zoom. Please mark your calendars for this morning event. AAUW MO is alternating its state meetings with in-person meetings in even-numbered years and Zoom meetings in the odd-numbered years.

The May 2025 meeting will include a state business meeting, elections, state awards, a presentation by an AAUW national leader, and a keynote presentation on AAUW MO vital issues. Full details will be in the winter edition of *Missouri in Motion*.

Follow AAUW Missouri on Facebook!

Help AAUW Missouri get more visibility! Be sure to Like and click "Follow" on our page. If you are already following and not seeing our posts in your feed, go directly to the page and click "like," or comment on one or two posts you see there. Even better, share a post to your own page! The more you interact with our posts, the more often they will appear in your own feed.

"The next decade cannot be a decade of confrontation and contention. It cannot be East vs. West. It cannot be men vs. women. It cannot be Islam vs. Christianity. That is what the enemies of dialogue want." – Benazir Bhutto



The public is cordially invited to the
International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS) 2025

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

10:45 am **Second Tuesday of January, February, March and April**

The TWA and AAUW invite you to learn from experts about the most critical issues affecting our global community. The 45-50 minute lectures begin promptly at 10:45 am in the upper auditorium and are followed by a question and answer session. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Free parking is available behind the building. In case of inclement weather, please call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

*Sponsored by the Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) of the Ethical Society of St. Louis
and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Metro St. Louis Branches*

Usha Sathe, Chair

January 14, 2025 Our Planet's Plastic Crisis

Dana Ripper, M.S.

There is growing awareness of the plastic crisis, amongst people around the world. What we previously thought of as simply unsightly, plastics - particularly single-use disposables - now pose serious climate, water, and air quality threat as well as being detrimental to human health. This presentation will consist of an in-depth discussion of our planet's plastic crisis. From the extraction of component materials to various manufacturing processes, to its end destination in human bodies, waterways, and incinerators, plastic is one issue that needs to be tackled immediately. We'll talk about the various points in plastic production and waste management where change can be made and how you can become involved in that change.



Dana Ripper is the Executive Director and Co-founder of the Missouri River Bird Observatory and a wildlife ecologist who focuses on conservation via ecosystem health. She has an MS in ecology from Arkansas State University (2002) and worked on wildlife research projects across the U.S. before making Missouri home in 2008. In 2010, Dana co-founded the MRBO, a nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation via science, education, and advocacy. Since plastic production and waste mismanagement pose significant threats to climate stability, biotic and abiotic natural resources, and human health and quality of life, one of Dana's major emphases in her work with MRBO is systemic reduction in single-use plastics. MRBO is an



affiliate organization of Break Free From Plastic and Beyond Plastics.

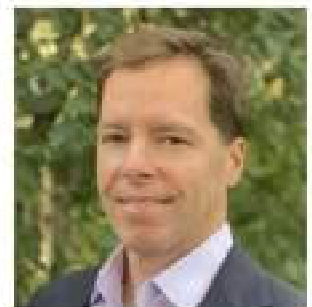
Committee: *Kathyrne Meyer*

February 11, 2025 Water Security in a Changing Climate

Jason Knouft, Ph.D.



Access to clean water is essential for all aspects of society. As the climate changes and access to water becomes more uncertain, perceptions of water security may also change, leading to social, economic, and political instability, and even conflict. This conflict could be addressed through cooperation, or, alternatively, result in the weaponization of water to oppress individuals or gain advantage over rivals. This lecture will explore water security in a changing climate and examine the implications of perceived declines in water security for society.



Jason Knouft is a Professor in the Biology Department at Saint Louis University and the Director of the Freshwater Policy Institute at the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. He has served as a Climate and Water Security Analyst for the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), an INR deputy representative to the Climate Security Advisory Council, an INR ex officio deputy representative to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Climate Security Roundtable, a member of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and a Scientific Review Committee member at the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center. His research focuses on the investigation of freshwater system responses to environmental perturbations, with a particular interest in water security, climate change, contaminants, land use change, and adaptation strategies to address these issues. Knouft received a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Committee: *Sue Williams, Kari Estes*

National News

From Susan Barley
National Advancement Committee
January 23, 2025
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Proposed Dues Increase Information

- Proposal: Annual \$5 dues increase from 2025-2029
- Rationale: Supports sustainability of the organization
 - * FAQ and Feedback: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/membership-dues-change-talking-points/>
 - * AAUW has not had a consistent practice of raising dues annually. In 2018 AAUW raised dues by \$10, which, at that time, was the first dues increase since 2008. Dues were again increased in 2021 (\$3), 2022 (\$5) and 2023 (\$5). Dues were not raised this year.
 - * A significant portion of our membership is non-dues paying (Honorary Lifetime Members) – over 6k of our 41k+ members.
 - * Industry Trends
 - The Membership Marketing Benchmark Report surveys hundreds of associations annually and their findings on dues pricing was considered while making the dues increase recommendation. 2021 is the most recent year dues information was included in this report. Only 18% of all associations surveyed, and 22% of individual member organizations, had dues under \$100.
 - In the most recent 2024 Membership Marketing Benchmark Report, survey respondents were asked about the frequency of dues raises:
HOW OFTEN DOES YOUR ASSOCIATION RAISE MEMBERSHIP DUES? (n=530)
 - * As Needed 51%

- * Annually 27%
- * Every Other Year 6%
- * Other 10%
- * Never 6%

- Effective: Spring Renewals, April 1, 2025
- Impact: Does not apply to graduate students or student associates
- Deadline for Feedback is January 29, 2025

Proposed Bylaws Changes

- Proposal: Three minor changes
- Rationale: Clean-up after larger bylaws revamp a few years ago
- Expanded Rationale and Feedback: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/national-election/2025-bylaws-changes/>
- Impact: Changes do not impact branch or state bylaws

Public Policy Priorities

- Public Policy Priorities are reviewed and changes voted on every 2 years
- Guiding principles = guardrails for public policy work at branch, state and national
- Biennial action priorities = AND biennial action priorities for our federal work
- Rationale and feedback link: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/national-election/public-policy-priorities-changes/>. Deadline for Comments is January 29th

Save the Date! Member Gathering on February 5th @4pm EST

- Registration Link: https://my.aauw.org/NC__Event?id=a0lQr0000017WllIAE
- AAUW National Events Calendar: <https://my.aauw.org/eventcalendardirectory>

Fellowships and Grants Awardee Directory is back online <https://my.aauw.org/fellowshipsandgrantsdirectory>

AAUW National's Value to Affiliates and Members:

- ◆ We have opened our monthly salary negotiation and financial literacy virtual trainings to all members, including a 3-part series from FINRA Foundation and an upcoming March webinar from the Social Security Administration <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/womens-economic-empowerment-initiative/>
- ◆ We organize a variety of volunteer groups and committees which members participate in and/or lead including the Archives Corps, Lobby Corps, Fellowships & Grants Selection Panels, Inclusion and Equity Committee and more. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/committees/>
- ◆ Our Policy team focuses on AAUW's Public Policy Priorities – which our members vote on – with input and support from AAUW's Public Policy Committee. In addition to Action Alerts, the team distributes a monthly

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(AAUW National's Value to Affiliates and Members continued)

Washington Update newsletter. Proposed changes to the public policy priorities can be found here: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/national-election/public-policy-priorities-changes/>

- ◆ AAUW's communications efforts ensure that we maintain a high level of brand recognition and that we continue to establish ourselves as a leading voice on gender equity. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/in-the-news/>
- ◆ Every month we provide newsletters both to Member Leaders specifically through Membership Matters but also to our broader membership via Mission & Action. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/leader-resources-tools/state-branch/membership-matters-a-hub-for-branch-leaders/>
- ◆ In addition to the support that our Connect Team routinely provides affiliates and individual members on a day-to-day basis – they also offer twice weekly “Office Hours” to member leaders for real time branch and state support.

AAUW MO STEM Chair, Pam Kulp, provided the following:

Reshma Saujani, “Teach Girls Bravery, not Perfection,” presents a TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Talk that will inspire your branch to motivate girls and young women to reach for their dreams of STEM occupations. If you are unable to connect to the link below, go to Google and request the TED talk. This talk is only 12 minutes long. She is the American woman lawyer, politician, and civil servant who is the founder of the nonprofit organization “Girls Who Code.” http://www.ted.com/talks/reshma_saujani_teach_girls_bravery_not_perfection?subtitle=en

Public Policy

AAUW MO Public Policy Chair Alice Kitchen

Members statewide worked for the passage of Amendment 3 with success. Presidents of both AAUW MO, Sue Shineman, and League of Women Voters MO, Marilyn McLeod, submitted a joint letter to the editor of the *St. Louis Dispatch* that was published on October 20. Ads were purchased in four newspapers and banners in a Gen Z magazine.

Fifty-eight percent of Missourians voted Yes on Amendment 3 with 48 percent opposed. Missouri was the first state to undo the extreme ban. With the passage of Proposition A, the minimum wage will increase to \$13.75 on January 1, 2025, and to \$15 one year later and requires all employers to provide paid sick leave.

Given the election results at the state and federal level, the Missouri Public Policy Committee priorities for 2024–25 will be reviewed in December. We will continue to focus on statewide legislative issues as well as the local ones we have been working on. To view AAUW MO Public Policy Priorities, go to https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eF_knsLrstruMu8xixv5IEGlvB6VcptAHxp7AQ6_YVM/edit?usp=sharing.

Work continues on the elimination of the use of salary history in the hiring process in municipalities and getting those entities to do a Gender Study of their workforce. The purpose of a Gender Study is to identify disparities in wages based on experience, education, and skills. This differs from equality, which pays people in the same job code the same regardless of the education, experience, and skills.

MOVIE CLUB - Each of us watches a selected movie on Netflix. The movie is then discussed by the group on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Nancy Hutchins or Carol Davis McDonald for the link.

Upcoming movies:

February 24—*Emilia Pérez*

March 24—*The Piano Lesson*

April 28—*The Six Triple Eight*



Our NEW IBC Fundraising Approach — Tribute Donations to Honor Sheroes

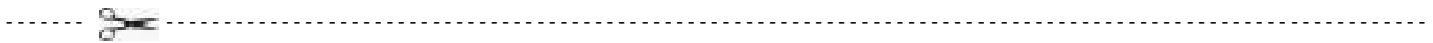
- ♥ **Why does the IBC need to raise funds?** For IBC operating expenses and to support the International Relations Lecture Series in collaboration with the Tuesday Women’s Association of the Ethical Society.
- ♥ **Our past approach has used raffles.** In the past, each branch donated baskets of items, and then we moved to raffling gift cards. We also have had 50-50 and lottery ticket tree raffles, which will continue.
- ♥ **Why do we need a new approach?** We have decided not to hold any more raffles or auctions because none of us wants more stuff. We believe the 50-50 and lottery ticket tree raffles are still worthwhile, but they won’t raise all the funds we need.
- ♥ **Our new approach.** We will raise the additional funds needed by honoring our sheroes with direct donations. We hope this becomes a new tradition: honoring important women in our lives, living or in memory, through tribute donations.

♥ **How will this work?** Make a donation to honor a shero in your life. Your shero will receive a card informing them that they have been named, and your shero’s name will be a part of a display at the spring luncheon. A final summary of all names will be published at the end of the campaign.

♥ **How much should you donate?** We encourage you to be as generous as you can. Since this is a fundraiser, the minimum amount to recognize a shero is \$10. Any level above that is appreciated.



Please complete the form below to donate. Any donations received before March 18, 2025, will be recognized at the spring luncheon. The campaign will be open until April 3, 2025, with contributions accepted both prior to AND at the spring luncheon. Questions? Contact the IBC spring luncheon committee fundraising chair (Joyce Bluett, AAUW Ferguson-Florissant Branch, or your branch’s committee member.



TRIBUTE DONATION FOR MY SHERO

My name is _____

Branch _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

My shero’s name _____ Donation amount _____

My donation is (pick one): _____ in memory of (deceased shero) _____ in honor of (living shero)

As part of the recognition, I would like my branch name to be listed: _____ Yes _____ No

I would like my name listed as a donor: _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, _____ I want my name on the event display _____ I want to be in the final published lists

To honor additional sheroes, add the names and amounts on a separate sheet and mail together.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Note:** Donations are NOT tax deductible.

Make check payable to AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC. Mail check and form to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr, Manchester, MO 63011-4215. Use this form for lunch only, donation only, or both. It is recommended that you make a copy of your form for your information.

Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council: 2025 *Spring Luncheon*

**Honoring Sheroes and Recognizing
Barbara Lackritz Award Honorees**

Entertainment: Mixed Nuts, a women's a capella quartet

Saturday, March 29, 2005 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Catering to You

12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO

Mushroom herb baked chicken, roast top round of beef *au jus*, salad, red-skin garlic mashers, steamed broccoli, rolls, butter, self-serve lemonade/coffee/iced and hot tea

Registration Form

Fee: \$40 - includes meal, program, and entertainment. 50-50 and lotto raffles will also be held!

Registration deadline for luncheon: March 20, 2025

Name: _____ Branch: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone (preferably cell): _____

I plan to attend the spring luncheon _____ Registration fee: \$ _____

I am paying for _____ # of guests x \$40 (list names on back) Total for luncheon \$ _____

Tribute Donation for My Shero

Name(s) of shero(es) to be honored: (Please also include Tribute Form in your envelope)

Luncheon amount due: \$ _____

Shero donation amount: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



Barbara Lackritz, MO-IL
Convention, 2001

Note: Donations are NOT tax deductible..

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