

Celebrating Strong Women: A Successful IBC Event

On March 18th, the AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC Luncheon was held and sixty-six members and guests enjoyed sharing friendship, good food, and fundraising for worthy causes. Kudos especially to Jan Horner for her great work in finding and working with EdgeWild for this event. Our program honored five members with the Barbara Lackritz Award and the day was completed with an excellent presentation by Nicole Evelina.



Pat Shores, Coordinator of BL Program, presents each honoree with her certificate

For our Barbara Lackritz Program, Pat Shores once again gave a heartwarming and enthusiastic presentation of each of our Honorees. The knowledge and information she shared allowed us to further recognize the accomplishments of these five amazing women.

Our Honorees from left to right –
Marcia Block – Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch; Barbara Johnson, Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch; Pat Kelemen, Ferguson-Florissant Branch; Barbara Olive, St. Charles Branch; Ellen Irons, St. Louis Branch



Our speaker, Nicole Evelina, shared her love of history and reminded us all why it is important to keep re-telling strong women's stories. She gave highlights of St. Louis suffragists Virginia and Francis Minor, who are featured in her latest book. Nicole offered a much-appreciated Q&A session and guests enjoyed a book signing at the end of the program. Thank you, Nicole!



Nicole Evelina talks with **Diane Sher** at the book signing



Deb McWard with the Gift Card raffle posters

The fund-raising committee, presented us with three raffles: the Lottery Bouquet, the 50/50 raffle, and St. Louis attractions Gift Card. Raffle purchases and donations raised \$1,065. Thank you for your creativity and hard work!

Evaluations: A total of 51 evaluations were received filled with positive comments and wonderful suggestions. These comments and suggestions will

help with next year's planning. Thank you to all who attended to make this a wonderful and special event. We also want to thank the planning committee and their branches for their hard work and months of planning:

Ellen Irons-Chairperson

Jan Horner-Arrangements, B-C

Pam Meyer-Registration & Evals, F-F

Pat Shores-Barbara Lackritz

Joyce Katz – IBC Website, other

Teri Brecht – Event Host

Kay Meyer, Deb McWard, Jeanne Webdell -Fundraising K-WG

Rose Ann Weeks-Publicity, StC

Ellen Irons-Program, StL

Teri Brecht & Pam Kulp-Photographers

Carol Davis McDonald – IBC Finance Officer (Registration)