

AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL
stlouis-ibc.aauw.net
February 27, 2024, via Zoom at 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE and ROSTER – Each branch has 3 votes. Total Attendees: 19

✓	In Name Order	Branch	Name	In Branch Order	✓	Branch Names
✓	Betty Takahashi	STC	Jan Horner	BC	✓	Ballwin-Chesterfield
✓	Carol Davis McDonald	STL	Janet Sloey	BC		
	Christine Nobbe	KWG	Joyce Katz	BC		
✓	Deb McWard	KWG	Kathleen Brown	BC		
✓	Ellen Irons	STL	Mary Jermak	BC		
✓	Grace Poertner	STC	Pat Shores	BC	✓	
✓	Jan Horner	BC	Sage Taber	BC		
✓	Jan Scott	STL	Sandy Brody	BC	✓	
	Janet Sloey	BC	Joyce Bluett	FF		Ferguson-Florissant
✓	Jeanne Webdell	KWG	Pamela Meyers	FF		
	Joyce Bluett	FF	Patty Murray	FF	✓	
	Joyce Katz	BC	Shirley Breeze	FF	✓	
	Kathleen Brown	BC	Christine Nobbe	KWG		Kirkwood-Webster Groves
✓	Kay Meyer	KWG	Deb McWard	KWG	✓	
✓	Lynne Roney	KWG	Jeanne Webdell	KWG	✓	
	Marsha Koch	KWG	Kay Meyer	KWG	✓	
	Mary Jermak	BC	Lynne Roney	KWG	✓	
✓	Nancy Hutchins	KWG	Marsha Koch	KWG		
	Pamela Meyers	FF	Nancy Hutchins	KWG	✓	
✓	Pat Shores	BC	Betty Takahashi	STC	✓	St. Charles
✓	Patty Murray	FF	Grace Poertner	STC	✓	
✓	Rose Ann Weeks	STC	Rose Ann Weeks	STC	✓	
	Sage Taber	BC	Teri Brecht	STC	✓	
✓	Sandy Brody	BC	Carol Davis McDonald	STL	✓	St. Louis
✓	Shirley Breeze	FF	Ellen Irons	STL	✓	
✓	Teri Brecht	STC	Jan Scott	STL	✓	
✓	Karen Francis		Karen Francis		✓	State President
18	Roster Total 27		Roster Total 27		18	

Officers and Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs (~~unable to attend~~): Betty Takahashi, **IBC Co-Chair**; Teri Brecht, **IBC Co-Chair**; Carol Davis-McDonald, **IBC Finance Chair**; Patty Murray, **IBC Secretary**
 Betty Takahashi, iAdelantel; Pat Shores, Barbara Lackritz; Sandy Brody, Barbara Lackritz; Nancy Hutchins, Facebook Page; ~~Mary Jermak, Missouri in Motion~~; Deb McWard, NCCWSL; Karen Francis, Public Policy; ~~Joyce Katz, Web Manager~~; Lynne Roney, Web Manager (NCWSL = **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**)

Call to Order. Betty Takahashi called this regular quarterly meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Patty Murray was Zoom host.

Introductions. We stated our names, branches, and anything special we wanted to share. Jan Scott has moved (Jan Scott, 2710 S. Grand Blvd, #906, St. Louis MO 63118-1060). Friendship

February 27, 2024

Village and the League of Women Voters (LWV) registered senior voters today. It was noted that Senior citizens currently are the largest voting block. Kay Meyer announced an Expressions event of making earrings on March 5 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church off Fee Fee Road. Lower level; bring a lunch at 12:30; project will begin at 1:00. Ellen Irons' micro-aggression presentation is recommended. Gracce Poertner's email address is gpoertne@yahoo.com and her phone number is 314-401-0185.

Additional Agenda Items. None.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 28, 2023, meeting were distributed before the meeting. The minutes were approved as read. A problem exists with using the Google Group email system because some people are not receiving emails.

Finance

Carol Davis McDonald provided the financial report. The report will be filed for audit.

Attached. Carol has received 41 reservations for the Annual Event Luncheon, \$130 in early ticket sales, and \$70 in donations.

Branch Reports

Each branch shared current activities and upcoming events.

BUSINESS

Teri Brecht led discussions on current and upcoming business.

Karen Francis spoke about the abortion ban petition, including training for collecting signatures. The petition will be available at the Annual Event Luncheon for those who wish to sign.

AAUW Membership renewal fee will not change.

Kay Meyer shared that about 70 people have been attending the International Relations Lecture Series. The upcoming dates are **attached**.

Annual Event Luncheon committee may arrive at Catering to You at 10:30 for set-up. Speaker Bev Schuetz's name is pronounced *Sheetz*. Rose Ann Weeks will prepare small signs on cardstock for the branch basket raffles with basket contents if we would like to have the contents listed. Ellen Irons is arranging for yard signs to be placed by the road to help direct people to Catering to You. Pat Shores said that the past Barbara Lackritz honorees will be recognized. The registration form is **attached**.

Karen Francis spoke about the State Conference which will be Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, Missouri. A stipend will be

available to branches to help with the registration fee. Please share the registration form with your branch members and plan to attend. **Attached.**

Deb McWard requested that each branch appoint a person for the NCCWSL scholarship selection committee. No applications for scholarships have been received. Washington University sends their applications to AAUW directly.

Ellen Irons suggested we continue working with our College / University contacts and market AAUW. Rather than NCCWSL scholarships, Deb McWard asked if our NCCWSL funds could be used for grants on campuses.

¡Adelante! Book Club. Remainder of the year follows.

2023-2024 ¡Adelante! Book Group

Fourth Thursday at 1:30 pm except June, July August, November, and December

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85338959790?pwd=NFNKS01FMXh6bXpiaXh0ci80VC9rUT09>

Meeting ID: **853 3895 9790** Passcode: **614379** Dial by your location: 312 626 6799

Title	Author, No. Pages, Publication Date	Month, Reviewer
Gender Queer: A Memoir	Maia Kobabe, 240 pages May 28, 2019	February 29, 2024 Nancy Hutchins
The Personal Librarian	Marie Benedict and Victoria Christoph 352 pages, June 29, 2021	March 28, 2024 Kay Meyer
Crow Mary	Kathleen Grissom, 368 pages June 6, 2023	April 25, 2024 Teri Brecht
Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus, 400 pages April 5, 2022	May 30, 2024 Pat Shores

Announcements. Please put the following dates on your calendars.

- ¡Adelante! Book Club – please see above.
- Annual Event Luncheon March 23, 2024
- Virginia Minor’s birthday is March 27, 1824. Please contact Jan Scott if your branch is interested in planning something to honor this date.
- AAUW State Conference May 4, 2024
- Next IBC Meeting by Zoom, May 28, 2024, 7:00 pm. Zoom info will always be the same.
Topic: AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS IBC ZOOM
Time: May 28, 2024, call opens at 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86084537851?pwd=a0g4VXVHMENkU05laGVMNTNiUmN2Zz09>

Meeting ID: **860 8453 7851** Passcode: **792239**

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Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Teri Brecht adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Murray".

Patty Murray



The public is cordially invited to the
International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS) 2024

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



10:45 am Second Tuesday of January, February, March and April 2024

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. Plan to bring a lunch and stay to discuss the day's topic further.

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

March 12, 2024 ***New Horizons: Global Migration Trends
 and Implications for the US Asylum System***

Jessica Mayo, JD

International migration has steadily increased over the past 30 years, and it is projected to continue increasing in light of global warming and violent conflicts. We will examine the current global reality and the United States' role as a prominent destination for immigrants. What is the future that we are co-creating through our response to this enormous challenge – and its accompanying opportunities?



Jessica Mayo is an attorney and Co-Director of the [Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project](#) in St. Louis. The MICA Project is a community organization committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. The MICA Project utilizes legal services, organizing, advocacy, and education to promote the voice and human dignity of immigrant communities.

Committee: Marsha Koch, Alison Wiffenburg



April 9, 2024 ***NATO***

Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease will briefly discuss the creation and evolution of NATO and examine the debates surrounding NATO expansion. She will also assess the interactive relationship between NATO and the Russia-Ukraine Conflict.

Dr. Kelly-Kate S. Pease is Professor of International Relations at Webster University. She has published extensively in areas related to international relations, international organizations, human rights, and humanitarian affairs. Her books include *International Organizations: Perspectives on Global Governance* (6th ed), *The United Nations and Changing World Politics* (co-author, 8th ed), and *Human Rights and Humanitarian Diplomacy*. Dr. Pease also publishes articles and chapters on human rights, humanitarian intervention, humanitarian assistance, diplomacy, the United Nations, and international criminal law.

Committee: Sue Williams, Susie Teicher, Patty Murray



AAUW Interbranch Council Finance Report, February 27, 2024
(Receipts and Expenditures since 11-28-2023)
Carol Davis McDonald, Treasurer

Operating funds balance, 11-28-2024		\$6,199.70	
Receipts: *	\$0.00		
Total:		\$0.00	\$0.00
Distributions:	\$0.00		
Total:		\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating funds balance, 11-28-2023		\$6,199.70	
NCCWSL Fund balance		\$3,224.38	
Operating funds		\$6,199.70	
Bank Account Balance (total)		\$9,424.08	

*Erroneous deposit by bank of funds intended for K-WG account.

Not yet deposited: NCCWSL luncheon reservations = \$1,600.00; raffle tickets = \$120.00;
donations = \$70.00 (Total = \$1,790.00)

NCCWSL Fund

	Rec'd	Spent	Balance
Balance, 2-23-2020			\$1,182.65
Donations at Spring Fling	\$53.00		
Donation, Spring Fling	\$38.00		
Balance, 8-25-2020			\$1,273.65
Donation, Ferguson-Florissant and St. Louis	\$130.00		
Refund, canceled in-person conference (\$95 virtual cost)	\$390.00		
Balance, 7-2-2021			\$1,793.65
3-10-2022 – donations from B-C, F-F, K-WG	\$900.00		
4-3-2022 – Ck #415, CDMcD, Natalie Scheers' registration		\$165.00	
4-15-2022 – Pieces of the Puzzle donations	\$55.00		
Balance, 8-23-2022			\$2,583.65
2-14-2023 – donations from B-C, F-F, K-WG	\$800.00		
Balance, 2-28-2023			\$3,383.65
3-28-2023 – donation from StC	\$100.00		
3-28-2023 – #424, reimbursement, Eve Cohen, airfare		\$581.96	
3-28-2023 – AAUW NCCWSL, registration fee for Eve Cohen		\$565.00	
Balance, 5-23-2023			\$2,336.69
6-28-2023 – #426, Eve Cohen, meals & transportation		\$62.31	
Balance, 8-22-2023			\$2,274.38
2-5-2024 – donations from B-C, K-WG, SC, SL	\$850.00		
2-15-2024 – donation from F-F	\$100.00		\$3,224.38



Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council 2024 Annual Spring Luncheon



"Spring Fling"

Honoring our Barbara Lackritz Awardees
Women Entrepreneurs: Breaking the Glass Ceiling
with **Bev Schuetz**

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00 am to 2 pm

Catering to You

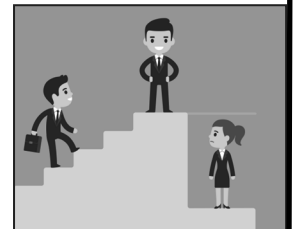
12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant 63033

I-270 North/East, Take exit 30 for Pershall Road/New Halls Ferry Rd, Turn Left

Parking and Entrance are behind the building

Registration is \$40 and includes Program and Hot Buffet

**Mushroom Herb Baked Chicken, Roasted Top Round of Beef Au Jus
Salad, Red Skin Garlic Mashers, Steamed Garlic Buttered Broccoli, Dessert**



Bev Schuetz is a popular and dynamic speaker who has created HISTORY TALKS, a series of live presentations available to organizations. She is known for her unique topics, delightful presentations, and thoroughly researched programs. Bev's presentations showcase her unique perspective and special insight on colorful historical subjects.

Visit historytalks.info

"Meet the fascinating women who broke barriers to
succeed in business where no women had gone before."

Name _____ Branch _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____

Reservations _____ * @ \$40 = \$ _____

Checks payable to **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC**

Dietary Restrictions _____

Reservation total from above \$ _____

Raffle Tickets pre-purchase (3 for \$10) _____ = \$ _____

Raffle Tickets but not attending (3 for \$10) _____ = \$ _____

Additional contribution *Thank you!!* \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



For Treasurer:

Check #

Amount \$

Date Rec'd

For more information, contact

**Jan Horner 314-422-4881
janethorner@yahoo.com**

Mail form and check by March 11th to

**Carol Davis McDonald
827 Bergquist Drive
Manchester MO 63011-4215**

*Guest Name(s):

*Please print legibly; depositing your envelope
inside the Post Office is recommended.*



Advocacy and Equity – A Winning Team!

2024 Annual State Conference

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO

Preconference

May 3 2:00 p.m. AAUW MO Board meeting; all members are welcome to attend
6:00 p.m. AAUW MO outgoing/incoming Board dinner; all are welcome (see cost below*)

State Conference

May 4 7:30 a.m. Registration, breakfast, displays, sales, networking
8:30 a.m. Welcome, Opening Sessions by Karen Francis, AAUW MO President
9:00 a.m. AAUW Moving Forward—Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO (via Zoom)
10:15 a.m. AAUW MO Business Meeting and Awards
11:45 a.m. Luncheon — AAUW Counterpart Sessions
Speaker: Denise Lieberman, Missouri Voter Protection Coalition
2:00 p.m. Breakout sessions: attend one
Voting Issues—continued
Library Censorship Updates
2:35 p.m. State Activity Highlights on Public Policy and College-University Relations
3:20-3:45 p.m. Installation of Officers, drawing, wrap-up and adjournment

Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 17

Some funds are available to assist branch members in attending this conference.

To learn more visit **Branch Incentive Program** (<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/membership/forms/>).

Make Hotel Reservations by April 3 to Guarantee Rate

Rooms are being held on Friday evening, May 3, for conference attendees. Early reservations are required. To reserve a room for \$119.00 (two double beds) plus fees, call 573-445-8531 and use code **AAU**. Standard guest check-in is at 4 p.m., and check-out is 11 a.m. No refunds on no-show reservations.

AAUW MO 2024 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Hm Cell Email: _____

AAUW Affiliation(s): ☐ Branch ☐ State ☐ National ☐ College/University ☐ Student

Name of branch(es) or university: _____

List branch/state/National positions you currently hold or will hold in 2024-2025:

Please note special needs/meal requirements: _____

Do you plan to attend Friday Board Meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No Friday Board Dinner?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Registration (includes 2 Saturday meals):

___ Early bird (before April 17) \$ 75
___ General (after April 17) \$ 85
___ *Friday Board Dinner \$ 50

Send form with your check, payable to: **AAUW MO**

to state finance officer: **Lois Domsch**

Questions? Contact

lois@domsch.com or

816-809-5846

3349 S. Scott Avenue

Independence, MO 64052

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

STL Metro IBC Agenda

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Zoom 7:00 pm

Co-Chairs Betty Takahashi and Teri Brecht

Introductions- Your Name, Branch, (Brief) Sharing Topic: Recently- something special...

Additional agenda items

Minutes-Patty Murray

Financial Report -Carol Davis McDonald

Branch Reports/Updates

Business:

Request: Karen Francis: Branch training/speakers at meeting to get signatures to “End the MO Abortion Bans”. There are a few AAUW members available for this.

NCCWSL – Deb McWard Each branch needs to appoint a person for the NCCWSL scholarship selection committee.

Update on Membership Renewals- (no \$ change)

International Relations Lecture Series- 2024- Kay Meyer

Annual Event- Teri Brecht- Spring Fling Annual Events Chair

Information on flyer (review)- Teri Brecht, committee members

Fund raiser theme and information sheet- Rose Ann Weeks

Room layout/plans- Ellen Irons

Program/Schedule- KWG (In the works)

Group Photos- Teri Brecht (Pam Kulp)

Barbara Lackritz Awards- Pat Shores

MO State Conference- Karen Francis

Adelante- Betty Takahashi/Patty Murray (March)

Upcoming Events/Dates 2024

Annual Event- Spring Fling- March 23

Annual AAUW-MO Conference May 4

Next IBC Zoom Meeting- May 28