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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be Monday, **February 13**.

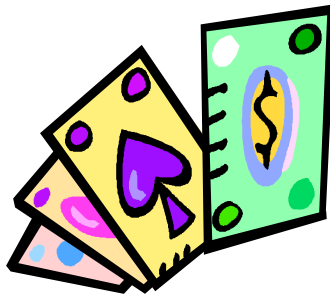
HOLIDAY EVENT CANCELLED

Or How the Weather Grinch stole our holiday party

Frigid and dangerously icy weather forced the cancellation of our holiday party. This was very disappointing to all those who had looked forward to attending. Many thanks to all those who had worked so hard to plan, prepare and decorate for the party. They include Frances Johnson, Toni Burrow, Carolyn Herkstroeter, soloist Donna Spaulding, and her accompanist. My apologies to anyone I failed to thank.

JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

The 6th Annual Game Day will be held on Monday, January 16. It will include lunch, door prizes, a silent auction and raffle. Bring cards or board games and invite family and friends. Donations of canned goods for a community food pantry or travel sized toiletries for the homeless are welcome. See the flyer included with this newsletter.



GIFT WRAPPING AT BARNES & NOBLE

Our gift wrapping project at Barnes & Noble was very successful and the customers were very generous. The number of days and hours we covered was a challenge, especially since "life happens." Many thanks to Lillian, Joyce, Gwen, Pat, Myra, Tommie, Pam, Robyn, Virginia, Carolyn, Fran J., Shirley, and Mable, and for scheduling, Lovene with assistance from Carolyn. Also, thanks to those who volunteered but were unable to serve due to illness or accident, and to those who stepped up at the last minute. Donations on our days totaled \$352.00.

Besides our wrapping, members of the 5 IBC branches wrapped on Dec. 16-17. Donations of \$261.36 that they received will go into the fund which sends young women from local colleges to the NCCWSL leadership conference in Washington, DC.

Contact us by e-mailing Gwen Westbrooks at gwestbrooks@hotmail.com
Visit our website at fergusonflorissant-mo.aauw.net.

MO in MOTION--SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Women's Issues Legislative Retreat will be held Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in Jefferson City, Missouri. The venue will be the Community Room at the Capital Mall, 3600 Country Club Drive. The theme this year is "How Will the National Election Results Affect Legislative Efforts in Missouri." The day will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast and include a keynote presentation by the Hon. Jeannette Mott Oxford, Former State Representative and currently Executive Director of Empower Missouri, comments from women candidates who ran in November, a review of major legislation expected to be part of the 2017 session, and the setting of legislative priorities for the year. Additional activities are planned. Everyone is invited; there is no charge, but registration is required.

For information, email sbreeze@mindspring.com or call Pat Shores at 636-938-3958

EARLY INFORMATION ABOUT WOMEN'S MARCHES ON JANUARY 21, 2017

--from Pat Shores and Karen Francis, AAUW MO Public Policy Co-Chairs

National AAUW members will participate in the Women's March in Washington, DC on Saturday, January 21st. If you cannot go to Washington, you can take part in a Women's March on Saturday, January 21st, in St. Louis.

A flyer is being prepared right now with the details and will be shared with all of you when it is ready. In the meantime, plan to join the March on January 21st in St. Louis, and go to:

Facebook: [womensmarchonstlouis](https://www.facebook.com/womensmarchonstlouis)

Or [Twitter: @womensmarchstl#whyImarch](https://twitter.com/womensmarchstl#whyImarch)

For more information.

Amazingly, there are now over 125 marches worldwide as women stand up for the rights of women all across the globe.

SPRING FLING--Save the date

The annual IBC (InterBranch Council) fund raiser luncheon and silent auction will be Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Glen Echo Country Club. This event is a lot of fun, and is the only fundraising event for IBC. See the attached flyer.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Afternoon at the movies will not meet in January.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Book Group will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 14.



ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

Adelante Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 26, at Barnes & Noble on Clarkson at 1:30. Lorna Anderson will review *Becoming Nicole* by Emily Ellis Nutt.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES

This series is co-sponsored by The Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society and The American Association of University Women. The programs are presented at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis MO 63117.

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Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January to 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.

January 10, 2017: Reproductive Justice Worldwide

Mary M. Kogut, MBA, BSW, is President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, a 501 C3 health care organization serving over 45,000 clients annually. Ms. Kogut is also President and CEO of Advocates of Planned Parenthood, the advocacy arm of the affiliate.

Roe v Wade's 44 anniversary is January 2017. Planned Parenthood turned 100 in October 2016. Yet the state of reproductive health care, particularly for women, is still in question both nationally and internationally. Ms. Kogut will explore the experience of women and families worldwide and the hope of the future.

--Coordinator, Pam Ross

Assistant Coordinator, Karen Francis

ST. CHARLES COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (SCCAT)--Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Conference.

This conference will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 9:00-2:00 pm at the Spencer Library.

An updated flyer with registration contact information will be included with this newsletter.

CALENDAR

January 10--Human Trafficking conference

January 10--International Relations Lecture

January 14--Legislative Retreat

January 16--Game Day and Silent Auction

January 21--National and local Women's Marches

January 26--Adelante Book Group



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