



## Ferguson-Florissant (MO) Branch

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### BOARD MEETING

The board will not meet in November.

### OCTOBER MEETING AND SPECIAL PROGRAM

The October branch meeting was held at the Lutheran Church of the Living Christ on Saturday, October 15. The program was a showing of the important film *The Hunting Ground*. The film documents cases of sexual assault on campuses across the country and the difficulties in reporting assaults and getting meaningful responses from college/university officials and law enforcement.

Branch members and guests, some members of the host church, attended. Shirley, Pat, Joyce and Judy were assisted in setting up the equipment by Pastor B.J. This was vital since branch members are beginners at such things. Many thanks to her.

Branch member Mable Davis catered the delicious refreshments, assisted by her parents and branch members Judy Holmes, Joyce Wolf, and Lovene Hartman.



Lovene and Mable rest after setting up refreshments.



Judy (right) and guest

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Judy, Sylvia, a guest, and Lillian  
--photos by Carolyn

#### **NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING**

The November meeting has been canceled.

#### **PRESIDENTS' LETTER by Shirley Breeze**

The holidays are fast approaching--and so is the annual branch Holiday Event

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

This year's wonderful holiday event is Sunday, December 18, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. We will meet at the brand new Ferguson-Dellwood Community Resource Center, which is on the grounds of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 1433 Stein road, Ferguson. Refreshments provided by Cose Dolci of Ferguson will be served, and holiday music will be provided by Donna Spaulding. Let's celebrate the season with our AAUW friends.

#### **PUBLIC POLICY--Karen Francis and Pat Shores, State Public Policy Co-Chairs**

Included with this newsletter, you will find two important attachments relating to public policy, The first is informational, detailing why AAUW MO opposes Amendment 3 to the Missouri Constitution. The second describes Court Watch Training that will be offered soon.

When women vote, we change the conversation

-- This letter to the editor by Karen Francis and Pat Shores was published in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on October 8, 2016.

The value of voting Nov. 8 cannot be overemphasized because so many vital issues are at stake for women of all ages, racial, ethnic and educational backgrounds. American Association of University Women is at the forefront in encouraging all women to recognize the importance of their votes.

Politicians and policy makers at all levels of government routinely make decisions about issues that directly affect us and our families-- but more often than not, the conversation lacks women's voices.

Unmarried women, people of color and millennials-- collectively known as the "rising American electorate"-- make up the majority of voting-eligible citizens in the U.S. This same group was underregistered and underrepresented in 2014.

Candidates can't win without the votes of women, so let's hold them accountable and ask them the tough questions about pay equity, work-life balance policies, campus sexual assault, higher education and other issues affecting women. If candidates want out voter, they need to speak to our issues.

As members of the Missouri branch of the American Association of University

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**Women, we have worked tirelessly to advocate on issues affecting women and girls. We, along with every member of AAUW of Missouri, plan to make our voices heard on Nov. 8 and beyond.**

#### **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

The Diversity Committee will meet at 10:00 on Friday, October 28, at the home of Judy Holmes. Revisions to the format of the proposed bylaw change will be worked on.

#### **LEGACY OF ELAINE SIMPSON**

We recently learned that branch member Elaine Simpson, who died last year, endowed a Chair at Southwest Baptist University. The Elaine Simpson Chair of Business Administration is named in honor of Elaine, who taught in the business department at Southwest Baptist College from 1957-63 after receiving her bachelor's degree in organ and business education from Missouri State University and her master's in business education from Indiana University.

Elaine felt that she was called by God to help young people succeed in the business world. A portion of her estate was left to SBU, where the Elaine Simpson Chair of Business Administration was established. Angela Brown-Peterson, assistant professor of business administration and chair of the business administration department, currently holds this position.

#### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

Tuesday Afternoon Book Group will meet November 8 at 11:30 at the home of Carolyn Herkstroeter. Carolyn will discuss the works of Isabel Allende. Members are asked to read *The Japanese Lover* or another book by Allende. Bring a sandwich. Notify Carolyn if you will attend.

#### **MOVIE DAY**

Movie Day will be November 17 at 3:00 pm in the Movie Room at Hidden Lake. The movie will be *Desk Set* starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Notify Judy at 314-355-1125 or [mickey.holmes@att.net](mailto:mickey.holmes@att.net) if you will attend.

#### **ADELANTE BOOK GROUP**

The Adelante Book Group meets at Barnes & Noble on Clarkson at 1:30. The book for **October 27** is *Inside the O'Brians* by Lisa Genova. Julie Triplett will lead the discussion. Adelante will meet next January 26, 2017.

#### **CALENDAR**

October 27--Adelante Book Group

**October 28--Diversity Committee meeting**

**November 8--Election Day**

**Tuesday Afternoon Book Group**

**November 17--Movie Day**

**December 18--Holiday Event**

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