



## Ferguson-Florissant (MO) Branch

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### ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT

The committee consisting of Carolyn Herkstroeter, Toni Burrow, and Fran Johnson has organized our Holiday Event. It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Ferguson on Sunday, December 17 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Special entertainment will be presented at 3:00. **Refreshments will be provided, so it is not necessary to bring any.**

**RSVP FRAN JOHNSON BY DECEMBER 10.** This will make planning the refreshments easier. [Riponfaj@aol.com](mailto:Riponfaj@aol.com) or 680-9242.

Plan to come and enjoy the party. Guests of members are welcome.

### PRESIDENTS' LETTER

In this hectic holiday season, as we move from event to event, we sometimes forget how thankful and appreciative we should be of the basics of life: family, friends, good neighbors and neighborhoods, stores with endless available items, wonderful food, clothing of all stripes, transportation that gets us everywhere, opportunities for education and volunteerism, etc.

And most of all, our AAUW friends. Your co-presidents would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful branch members who have contributed hours to the success of the branch in the last year. Without you, it would not be possible. Thank you to each of you.

Pat and Shirley

### PUBLIC POLICY by Martha Panetti

As you know, the Trump administration has decided to pull out of the international Paris Climate accord and has started to repeal environmental regulations established during the Obama administration.

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So it was page one news when President Trump's administration released a scientific report that calls "human activity the dominant driver of global warming." (Post Dispatch Nov. 4) The government's legally mandated National Climate Assessment predicts sea levels rising up to 8 feet by the year 2100. Although some scientists suggested that the administration might refuse to publish this report, which contradicts Trump policy decisions, David Fahey, a lead author of the report and an atmospheric scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has said, "I'm quite confident to say there has been no political interference in the scientific messages from this report."

#### **ADDRESS CORRECTION FOR DIRECTORY**

The correct address for Myra Talkington is 519 Greenway Chase Ct., Florissant, MO 63031. Her phone number is the same.

#### **AAUW FUNDRAISING**

The major fundraising activity by AAUW's National organization centers around AAUW Fund; Legal Advocacy Fund is also a primary focus of funding. AAUW Fund is primarily used for operations at the National level; i.e., printing, travel, salaries. These are activities that keep the organization moving and keep it vibrant and relevant.

The fundraising activities are on a calendar year basis; therefore, on December 31 of each year, each branch's contributions are calculated. Branch donations to National are important in two vital ways; for the STAR Award recognition and for the Named Gift Recipient designation. The STAR Award is a yearly recognition by the state AAUW. One of the determining categories is the branch's financial contributions. Another important recognition is the ability to honor a branch member by having her be a Named Gift Recipient; this year's award went to Pam Meyers. Each branch is allowed one recipient for each \$500.00 of financial contributions to National.

#### **BARNES & NOBLE GIFT WRAPPING**

One of our best and easiest fund-raisers is gift-wrapping books at Barnes & Noble, Ladue. We have been doing this for years, at the North County store when it was open and for the past few years at Ladue. Not only is it an enjoyable way to make money, with no preparation on our part, it is a great way to reach out to people and promote the goals of AAUW. If you can help with the following shifts, please contact Lovene Hartman immediately at 314-921-5062 or [lovenhartman@att.net](mailto:lovenhartman@att.net). Below are the scheduled slots and the spaces we need to fill.

At least 2 people are needed for each shift.

- **Saturday November 25**
  - 10 am to 2 pm--Carolyn Herkstroeter and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 pm-5 pm--Myra Talkington and Joyce Wolf
  - 5 pm-8 pm--Lillian Boly and Shirley Breeze
- **Thursday December 21**
  - 10 am to 2 pm--Virginia Jost and Lillian Boly
  - 2 pm-5 pm--Pam Meyers and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 pm -8 pm--Myra Talkington and \_\_\_\_\_
- **Friday December 22**
  - 10 am to 2 pm--Carolyn Herkstroeter and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 pm-5 pm-- Pam Meyers and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 pm-8 pm--Myra Talkington and \_\_\_\_\_

#### **AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES**

The movie group will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 29, 2018. The

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movie will be "How to Make an American Quilt."

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

Book group will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 13.

**ADELANTE BOOK GROUP**

Adelante Book group will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 25

**MEET AND EAT GROUP**

Meet and Eat Group (formerly Downtown Lunch) will meet December 19 at 11:45 am at Twisted Tree Steakhouse, 10701 Watson Road, 63127 (314-394-3366). RSVP Kay Meyer at 314-962-7487 or [kicmeyer51@gmail.com](mailto:kicmeyer51@gmail.com).

**CALENDAR**

**November 25, December 21 and 22-- Gift Wrapping and Barnes & Noble**

**December 17--Holiday Event**

December 19--Meet and Eat Group

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