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BOARD MEETING

The board will **not** meet in May.

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

The April 22 meeting featured a presentation by branch member Dr. Gloria Johnson. She spoke in detail about the various kinds of abuse, including mental, emotional, physical, financial, and sexual, that women endure. She also explained how her counseling work helps victims deal with their situations and decide on steps to take next. Various support services are available to help women who decide to stay or to leave.

MAY LUNCHEON—Sign up now!

The May Luncheon will be held at Catering to You at 12 Noon on Saturday, May 18. The Honorable Rita Days, former State Legislator and former St. Louis County Director of Elections, will be the guest speaker. A buffet lunch will be served. The cost is \$22.00 and reservations are required. Invite your friends. (Deadline for reservations is May 15.) Send your check for your reservation to Joyce Wolf.

PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

The Program Planning Luncheon will be held at Aperion Hidden Lake Independent Dining Room on Monday, June 3, at 12:00 noon. The luncheon is complementary but the dining room needs to know the number in advance. Please RSVP to Judy Holmes at mickey.holmes@att.net or 314-355-1125 by May 27 if you are coming.

PRESIDENTS' LETTER—by Wilzetta Bell

It's a great time of the year. April showers, of course, bring May flowers as has been said year after year.

We know summer is coming and there are all sorts of things we look forward to, beginning with our State convention in Columbia, MO. There we will network with other branches throughout the state learning about all the good things that have been done to empower women and girls to take charge. That will make us all feel good and remind us that there is still much to do and a great time to continue it. We will then have an outstanding May luncheon at "Catering to You" restaurant with an awesome speaker, Rita Days, who will inform us of the many political issues of the day. As I said before, I believe it is a great time for all of us to renew our commitment to our vision.

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STATE MEETING MAY 4

The annual state conference, Work Smart, Closing the Gender Pay Gap One Click at a Time, will be May 3-4, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. The featured speakers will be Kim Churches, CEO AAUW and Wendy Doyle, CEO Women's Foundation Kansas City. The topic will be the AAUW KS/MO Work Smart Initiative.

A flyer detailing the event and providing registration form and information about deadlines is included with this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal time is here. The deadline for renewing is June 30, 2019. Those who are established members can send their dues check to Joyce Wolf. Dues are \$79--\$59 national dues, \$10 state and \$10 branch. If you receive your newsletter by postal mail, you may add \$5 to cover postage. Anyone wanting to donate to AAUW Funds or Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) can add that to the dues check, with a note on the bottom left or send a separate check for the donation. Form for renewing is included with this newsletter.

PUBLIC POLICY by Shirley Breeze

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

The effort to establish an actual building to feature women's history began more than two decades ago when a group of women were appalled that the Portrait Monument was found relegated to the basement of the US Capitol. The Portrait Monument is officially Portrait Monument to Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony or The Woman Suffrage Statue. It arrived in the Capitol on February 10, 1921, a gift from the National Woman's Party. The first task of this group of women was to get the statue moved to the Rotunda. After that was accomplished, the women determined that what was really needed was an actual building to house women's history. Thus, the movement began.

Legislation has been filed for several years to accomplish this. The most recent was filed on April 1, 2019, by Sens. Collins and Feinstein.

This museum would be on the National Mall under the auspices of the Smithsonian. The total cost would be from private donations. Federal funds would be used for the planning, design, and operation of the Museum.

The mission statement: Our mission is to tell the stories of women who transformed our nation. We will do that through a growing state-of-the-art online presence and a future physical museum to educate, inspire, empower, shape the future, and provide a complete view of American history.

Each Time a Girl Opens a Book and Reads

A Womanless History, She Learns She is Worth Less.

Myra Sadker

Sources: www.womenshistory.org/about-us, USA Today

PUBLIC POLICY ACTIVITIES by Mary Ellen Starr

Our AAUW Branch has agreed to collaborate with the Ferguson Library on the following seminars at the Ferguson Library. The first is on Saturday, May 25 at noon. **American Creed Film Screening and Documentary . . .** What makes a person American? Is it their religious beliefs? Is it a

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person's skin color or creed? The PBS documentary film tackles this hard question as it looks to some of our nation's leaders for the answer. The film screening will be followed by a post-discussion led by Cathy Griner Assistant Director of Youth Writing for the Gateway Writing Project at UMSL.

The second will be in August 2019—further information via email midsummer. **Who is from Ferguson MO—The cultural changes of Ferguson, MO overt the last 100 years.** This seminar will look at how the cultural makeup of Ferguson, and the surrounding areas, has changed over the last 100 years. The Ferguson Historical Society will be participating.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE TOUR

Mable Davis, state Diversity/Inclusion chair, has arranged for a tour of the International Institute St. Louis, 3401 Arsenal St. on May 29, 2019 at 11:00 am. Financial contributions or donations in kind such as fans, pillows, umbrellas, blankets, laundry detergent, or forks and knives will be accepted. Either type of donation will help the Institute continue its valuable programs.

Later, attendees may go to The Vine Café, 3171 S. Grand Blvd. to enjoy “lunch on your own.”

The first 10-15 to RSVP will attend. Contact Shirley Breeze at sbreeze@mindspring.com or 314-831-5359 to make a reservation.

EQUITY ACTION DAY

Karen Francis and Shirley Breeze participated in the Equity Action Day, April 16, in Jefferson City.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Voting is now underway for AAUW national positions. Online voting will end May 14. Go to connect@aauw.org and search AAUW National elections. You will find information including bios of candidates.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Tuesday Afternoon Book Group will **not** meet in May: we will meet for a planning meeting later this summer at Cannolis—most likely in August. All are invited; suggestions are welcome. Please contact Mary Ellen Starr via email.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

We are finally getting back to the movie day.

The AAUW Movie Day will resume May 20 at 2:00 pm. The movie will be *Get Smart* with Steve Carroll and Anne Hathaway.

The movie will be shown in the Aperion Hidden Lake theater at 11728 Hidden Lake Dr. Please let Judy Holmes know you are coming at mickey.holmes@att.net or 314-355-1125.

MEET AND EAT LUNCH GROUP

The Meet and Eat Lunch Group will eat at Mau Vietnamese Eatery, 11982 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights 63043 at 11:30 on May 21. RSVP to Kay Meyer at kicmeyer51@gmail.com or call 314-962-7487 (home) or 314-225-9149 (cell).

ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

The Adelante Book Group will meet at Barnes & Noble on Clarkson in Chesterfield at 1:30 on **May 30 (5th Thursday)**. Deb McWard will review *Maude* by Donna Mayberry

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CALENDAR

May 4—State meeting

May 14—Online voting in national elections ends

May 18—May Luncheon

May 20—Afternoon at the Movies

May 21—Meet and Eat Lunch Group

May 25—Seminar at Ferguson Library

May 29—International Institute Tour

May 30—Adelante Book Group

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