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### BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on Monday, February 3, at 11:30 at Irma Jean's on Charbonier.

### FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

The February meeting will be held at 10:00 am on February 17 at Immanuel UCC on Church Street in Ferguson. Pam Meyers will present a program of Suffragette music. A potluck lunch will be served. Bring a dish to share.



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give peas a chance

### PRESIDENTS' LETTER by Pamela Meyers

Hello Everyone,

The new year is taking off quickly, from the strange winter weather, of 70 one day to a huge ice and snow storm on the next day. I decided to add to the numbers of flu victims this week at the Urgent Care Clinic. The nurses and the doctor told me that this is the peak season now for the flu. So everyone please be careful out there.

While researching songs that were performed or used by the women suffragists I came across a site called [www.earthmama.org](http://www.earthmama.org), and this song called STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS by Joyce Johnson Rouse. It is on the album of **Love Large**. The lyrics are exactly what we need to hear today to inspire us to fight for women, for our families, and for our country and to keep what we have earned o far. I recommend everyone to go online and Google or You Tube this song. Here is the refrain:

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**They lift me higher than I could ever fly  
Carrying my burdens away  
I imagine our world if they hadn't tried  
We wouldn't be here celebrating today.**

A wonderful book written by Chelsea Clinton called SHE PERSISTED is about the women who were persistent throughout American History and how we all have a better life today. SHE PERSISTED is for everyone who has ever wanted to speak up but has been told to quiet down, sit down, or who has been made to feel unworthy or unimportant or small. Thank goodness for the women who have helped us: From Harriet Tubman, Clara Lemlich, Nellie Bly, Virginia Apgar, Ruby Bridges, Sally Ride, Oprah Winfrey, Sonia Sotomayor, Margaret Chase Smith, Maria Tallchief, and all the other women who persisted. Imagine what our world would be if they hadn't tried. The illustrations by Alexandra Boiger of these women are beautiful and I recommend this book as a gift for your daughter, granddaughters, or for your own library.

See you at the February Meeting.

P.S. I can send you the lyrics of STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS if you are interested. My email address is: [wpemeyers@gmail.com](mailto:wpemeyers@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING FLING**

The Interbranch Council (IBC) Spring Fling will be held on March 28, 2020, at Greenbriar Country Club in Kirkwood. The price will be \$38 and includes lunch.

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage, the program will be a narrated pictorial history of the Suffrage Movement and its relevance today, presented by Nancy Price, St. Louis League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau. The long road to obtain that right lasted several generations and took many courageous and persistent women and more than a few men. It is a triumphant story of persistent people changing the world for the better.

Complete information and a registration form will be available later.

**DIVERSITY/PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Diversity/Public Policy Committee will meet Saturday, February 22 at 2 pm at Hidden Lake Retirement Community. Patty Murray will speak to us about The Electoral College and the Popular Vote. Each committee member is asked to bring one newsworthy item about the study topic she chose to share with the committee.

All AAUW members are welcome to attend. Please email or call Judy Holmes at [mickey.holmes@att.net](mailto:mickey.holmes@att.net) or 314-355-1125 for directions to the meeting room.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LECTURE SERIES**

This series is presented by the Tuesday Women's Association of Ethical Society and AAUW in the upper auditorium of the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Rd., St. Louis 63117. 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 stay to discuss the topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

The topic for February 11 is "Triple Threat of Global Warming: Ecological, Environmental, and Humanitarian Crises." The speaker will be Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy. Dr. Lovejoy played a major part in establishing Conservation Biology as a science and heads a large scale experiment to study the effects of deforestation on the diversity of animal and plant species in the region.

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Introduction by Dr. Peter Raven, eminent biologist and former Director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club will meet at 11:30 at Cannolis on February 11. Pat Kelemen will discuss *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes. Let Pat know if you will attend.

**OPERATION EQUALITY: Reading for Results, formerly ADELANTE BOOK GROUP**

The group will meet at Barnes & Noble on Clarkson at 1:30 on February 27. Teri Brecht will discuss *My Black Friend Says: Lessons in Equality, Inclusion, and Cultural Competency* by Heather Flemming.

**AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES**

The February movie will be *An Unfinished Life* with Robert Redford and Jennifer Lopez. It will be shown on Monday, Feb. 24 at 2:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Theater Room. Everyone is welcome. Please email or call Judy homes at [mickey.holmes@att.net](mailto:mickey.holmes@att.net) or 314-355-1125 if you are coming.

**CALENDAR**

**February 3—Branch Board Meeting**

**February 11—Tuesday Afternoon Book Group**

February 11—International Affairs Lecture Series

**February 17—Branch Meeting and Potluck Lunch**

**February 22—Diversity/Public Policy Committee Meeting**

**February 24—Afternoon at the Movies**

February 27—Operation Equality book discussion

March 28—Spring Fling

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