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BOARD MEETING

The board will meet on Monday, January 13 at Irma Jean's on Charbonier at 11:30.

HOLIDAY EVENT

The Holiday Event we had planned for December 15 was canceled due to a winter storm.

PRESIDENTS' LETTER by Wilzetta Bell

I would like to wish all a very Happy New Year and may it bring peace and joy to everyone.

The year 2019 was quite an eventful year. AAUW made many exciting strides. Kim Churches has written that AAUW made the world better for women in 2019 and has listed ten ways in which it happened. "With our members' and supporters' help," she says, "we sponsored training programs, offered respected research, gave out fellowships and grants, and through our advocacy efforts around the country, we're making steady strides toward achieving economic security for all women." These are exceptionally great accomplishments for 2019. Our branch is proud to be a part of it. We will continue to work hard and smart in moving forward.

GIFT WRAPPING

Gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble this holiday season was very successful for our branch. Many people we wrapped for were very generous. To make this happen, 12 members, mostly board members, worked 23 shifts. Some even worked 3 shifts. Thanks to all of them: Carolyn Herkstroeter Virginia Jost, Lillian Boly, Pat Kelemen, Carolynn Henning, Pam Meyers, Shirley Breeze, Joyce Bluett, Wilzetta Bell, Joyce Wolf, Patty Murray, and Toni Burrow.

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RETREAT January 18, 2020. (In case of inclement weather, the date is January 25.)

Plan to attend the Missouri Women's Network's Legislative Retreat in Columbia, MO, at the HyVee, 25 Conley Road. It is a free workshop to learn about pending legislation and to set 2020 priorities for members of the Missouri Women's Network.

The sign-up flyer is included with this newsletter.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION—by Carolyn Herkstroeter

Martin Luther King spoke at Iowa State University when I was a student there. A dynamic speaker I was struck by every word. Word that reached beyond the complacency of rural Iowa; words that told us we needed to reach beyond what we knew, broaden our boundaries and step up and make a difference. We needed to go into the cities and make changes so that all people could have equal opportunities and chances. As much as I was moved by Dr. King's speech, I denied that I would ever live in a city.

Then I graduated, came to St. Louis, met people different from my rural Iowa life, and saw boundaries that I had never thought about. I remembered Dr. King's words and understood what he meant. As riots broke out across the South and Iowa State students joined the crusade for equality, I realized the impact of Dr. King's speeches and saw his words in action, words that impacted our nation.

Years later I visited the hotel in Memphis where Dr. King died. I stood in the building across the street where the assassin fired the bullet that killed Dr King. There is a deep sadness there and appreciation for a man who put in motion a mighty crusade for equality and opportunity for all people.

Tuesday, January 21, Carol Daniel, KMOX news anchor and president of the Greater St. Louis Association of Black

Journalists, will speak at Florissant Valley Community College, Terry M. Fisher Theatre. The program, from 6:00-7:30 pm will include a celebration of North County youth, including speeches by winners of NCCU's Oratorical Contest. Local band and choir will perform. Normandy School District will be honored with Dr. Rance Thomas Excellence in Community Partnership Award. There will be a reception preceding the program from 5:00-6:00 pm. Guests are asked to make donations to Archers' Market, a campus food pantry for STLCC students.

I hope our branch members will attend this event in honor of Dr. King.

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 100th 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 in January.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Group will meet at the home of Lillian Boly on January 14 at 11:30. Lillian will discuss *All the Way I* (Frank Sinatra biography). Bring a sandwich. Let Lillian know if you will attend.

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Work Smart

In 2019 AAUW registered more than 102,000 women nationally in our Work Smart salary-negotiation training, either through our online course or in-person workshops, exceeding the goal for our grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation. 98% of those surveyed after taking Work Smart found the information useful and relevant. 72% reported feeling more confident in salary negotiation after taking the course.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LECTURE SERIES

January 14, 2020, at 10:45 am at the Ethical Society.

Denise Liberman will discuss "Organized Voter Suppression."

As Director of Advancement Project's Power and Democracy Program, she oversees the organization's Voter Protection and Right to Vote initiatives. . . . She is currently litigating a challenge to Missouri's photo ID law as well as a federal challenge under the National Voter Registration Act. (from International Relations Lecture series website)

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.

OPERATION EQUALITY: Reading for Results, formerly ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

The group will meet at Barnes & Noble on Clarkson in Chesterfield at 1:30 on January 23. Kay Meyer will discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stephenson.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

The January movie will be **Monday, January 27** at 2:00 pm at Aperia Hidden Lake Theater Room. The Lake House with Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock will be viewed.

All are welcome. Please let Judy Holmes know if you are coming at mickey.holmes@att.net or 314-355-1125.

CALENDAR

January 13—Branch Board meeting

January 14—Tuesday Afternoon Book Group

January 14—International Relations Lecture Series

January 18—Legislative Retreat

January 21—Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King

January 23—Operation Equality: Reading for Results

January 27—Afternoon at the Movies

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