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#### **BOARD MEETING**

The Board will not meet in October.  
The Board will meet next on Monday, November 4. The location will be announced later.

#### **OPENING RECEPTION**

The annual opening reception was held at the home of Shirley Breeze on Sunday, September 19. The special guest was Barbara Johnson, IBC Co-President. She spoke about the history and current activities of IBC, including NCCWSL and Spring Fling.

#### **OCTOBER COMMUNITY EVENT**

This year's AAUW Community Event will be presented on October 2, 2021, at The Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 2725 Concord Drive at New Halls Ferry Road in Florissant. The topic is Current Approaches on Climate Control, "Climate Change: Where We Are and What We Can Do." The guest speaker will be Rev. Carleton Stock who has studied this topic for years and is an expert on all areas concerning climate change. The program will be 10:00-11:15 with a Q and A period at the end. Everyone is invited; this is open to the public.

Masks are required by the host church except when eating or drinking.

Branch members will be needed to greet the attendees, see that refreshments are available, and other duties.

#### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER by Pam Meyers, Ferguson Florissant AAUW President**

"Fall is in the Air, and October is here," Oscar Wilde said, "And all at once, summer collapsed into Fall." I hope so; it was a hot summer. The Ferguson Florissant AAUW Branch is looking forward to the first Community Event **on October 2, 2021**, and I hope everyone can attend. AAUW is putting a great emphasis on DEI—Diversity, equity, and Inclusion. The State Co-Chairs will be sharing more information on DEI with us soon; thankfully, our branch has already been ahead on this topic.

The Spring Fling title for next year is Swing into Spring, so save the date for March 26, 2022, 11:30 at Catering to You, who will serve a delicious buffet lunch. The Queens of Swing will be presenting the program.

Some interesting facts to think about:

October 23, 24, 1850—The First National Women's Rights Convention was held in Worcester, Massachusetts. Over 1000 people attended.

--October 23, 1915—25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote. Unfortunately, today some states are proposing restrictive voting right on their citizens.

Remember, "A fallen leaf is nothing more than a Summer's wave goodbye."

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**DIVERSITY/PUBLIC POLICY by Lisa Taylor**

Honoring 9/11

I am sure September 11, 2001, resonates with all of us in some kind of way. There were several television programs, broadcasts and other special events displayed to honor and recognize this memorable day. I personally enjoyed a television program that recognized women with the focus on female first responders.

I was looking on AAUW.org website and on the home page is a photo of an African American firefighter. Her name is Captain Carolyn Moore, St. Louis Fire department! This might be old news for some but new news to me. She is one of 63 recipients across the country to receive the career development grant from AAUW, which highlights the achievement of women making a difference in their local communities. She is a 28-year veteran and is pursuing a masters degree in management and leadership at WGU in St. Louis, MO.

AAUW continues to show how we uplift and stand by our mission in supporting women to pursue their goals, education and career aspirations. As always, we will always be trailblazers for women and young women!

**BARBARA LACKRITZ AWARD**

The Barbara Lackritz Award is given annually by the St. Louis Interbranch Council (IBC) to an outstanding AAUW branch member. It is presented at the annual Spring Fling. Historically there has been a single honoree. Beginning in 2022, each branch may choose to give the award to one of its members. This will allow more outstanding members to be recognized and reduce the sense of competition among branches.

The purpose of the Lackritz Award is to recognize the branch member who:

1. Upholds the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.
2. Provides service to AAUW at any of the local, state, or national level(s).
3. Provides leadership to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional, or national level(s).
4. Provides service and leadership in non-AAUW areas in the community, religious, professional and/or political arenas.

If Ferguson-Florissant branch chooses to present a Lackritz Award, the first step is for any branch member(s) to submit a nominee's name to President Pam Meyers **by October 15**. If there is more than one nominee, the president will appoint a committee (not including any nominee) to select the member who will receive the award. There is a form called "IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award Program Sheet Insert" which spells out ways a nominee fulfills each of the 4 points listed under Purpose above. The committee may consider such forms for each nominee in selecting the Lackritz honoree for the branch.

This selection process should be completed by early November because the name of the branch honoree along with a completed form must be turned in at the November IBC meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in November.

If you would like to nominate a branch member for the Barbara Lackritz Award, submit her name to Pam Meyers by October 15, 2021.

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to the women who staffed our table at the Ferguson Farmers Market this summer. Their efforts increase the visibility of AAUW and may attract new members to the branch. They are Pam Meyers, Patty Murray, Lillian Boly, Wilzetta Bell, Carolyn Herkstroeter, and Shirley Breeze.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Group will meet at 11:30 on **October 13**. Joyce Wolf will hostess and review *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Notify Joyce if you will attend and bring a sandwich. **Please note the special date.**

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**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LECTURE SERIES**

The International Affairs Lecture Series will resume in early 2022. The dates will be January 11, 2022; February 8, 2022; March 8, 2022; and April 12, 2022.

**CALENDAR**

**October 2—Community Event: Climate Change**

**October 13—Tuesday Afternoon Book Group**

**October 15—Deadline for Lackritz Nominations to Pam Meyers**

**November 4—Branch Board meeting**

January-April 2022—International Affairs Lecture Series

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