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President's Letter by Pam Meyers, Ferguson Florissant AAUW President

Let us celebrate a New Year as we reflect on the Old. While it has been challenging, difficult and crazy at times, it has offered us the opportunity to be grateful for the little things. This upcoming year our goals are to advance equity for women and girls. Have a Happy New Year and stay safe.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Public Policy by Lisa Taylor

January 2, 2022

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with their families. As you hang your new calendar for the year 2022 and make a note of special holidays, you will probably notice a special holiday that is not on your calendar. The holiday is Juneteenth.

Juneteenth received its name by combining June and 19. On June 19, 1865, about two months after Confederate Robert E. Lee surrendered, a U.S. general went to Texas where slavery had remained in effect to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom and the end of the Civil war.

It has grown popular over the years and is celebrated with a host of activities from backyard fun to recognition from Congress and the President. On June 17, 2021 it became the 11th national holiday recognized by the government. The Senate passed it on June 15, 2021 and the House approved the next day. President Biden signed the bill into law the day after that, immediately giving federal employees the day off this year. Some businesses have moved toward marking it as a company holiday giving their employees a paid day off. Some of the companies are Twitter, Square, N.F.L., Best Buy, Nike and Target. A total of 49 states and the District of Columbia have moved to officially recognize the day.

Our next DEI-Public Policy meeting is presently being scheduled for the month of March 2022 and I will try my best to give as much notice about the meeting. It will probably be held via Zoom. Please join us if you can and make Juneteenth part of your holiday celebrations for the year 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Taylor, Committee Chair

Diversity Equity Inclusion and Public Policy

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Board Meeting

Next Board meeting is Monday evening, February 7, 2022 at **6 pm Central Time** by Zoom.

Meeting ID **830 1212 7395** Passcode **299425**

Ferguson Florissant 2021-2022 Directory Updates

Please add Joanne (Toni) Burrow to your directories. Toni's address is 915 Buckeye Drive, Ferguson, Missouri 63135. Email: toniette1@aol.com Telephone: 314-524-4340. Her birthday is April 27th. Toni earned her MBA from Fontbonne University.

Barbara Johnson's email on page 2 should read barbljohnson47@hotmail.com (the "4" was omitted).

Tuesday Book Group 2022

Next discussion is **Tuesday, March 15** at 11:30 am, location to be determined. Hosted by Patty Murray. ***Lady from Savannah: The Life of Juliette Low*** by Daisy Gordon Lawrence and Gladys Denny Shultz. The Ferguson Municipal Public Library has two copies and Amazon offers a Kindle version along with hardback and paperbacks available for purchase.

In May our book will be ***The Girl with the Louding Voice*** by Abi Dare.

#WearBlueDay - January 11

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized each year on January 11th. In recognition of this important day, and throughout the month of January, Blue Campaign hosts several special events and educational activities.



Blue Campaign's largest initiative is #WearBlueDay on January 11th. To raise awareness of human trafficking, we invite the public to take photos of themselves, friends, family, and colleagues wearing blue clothing and share them on social media – Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – along with our #WearBlueDay hashtag. Anyone can participate, all you need is a piece of blue clothing!

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/wearblueday>



Branch Meeting January 17 by Zoom, 7:00 pm

Have you often wondered about the true workings of the Electoral College? Join your branch members Lillian Boly and Patty Murray as they present their research on this unique election procedure. They will discuss how the Electoral College was started, how it has affected elections, and the difference between plurality and majority election results. They will cite Edward Foley's book *Presidential Elections and Majority Rule*.

Join us 7 pm on January 17th by Zoom. Meeting ID **894 4281 3625** Passcode **838944**

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International Relations Lecture Series

Please note the change to Zoom. Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 10:45 am. The correct Zoom meeting code is **384-422-5785** as noted in the flyer below.

2022 International Relations Lecture Series *changes to Virtual Format*

Sponsored by the *American Association of University Women (AAUW)* & the *Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) of the Ethical Society of St. Louis*, the annual International Relations lecture Series begins next **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**.

Due to the increase in Covid cases it has been decided to do ***the lectures via Zoom***. To enter the lecture, go to the Zoom site and use code 384-422-5785.



The Jan 11th program starts at 10:45 am and is:

Dr. Julie Blase presents: Feeding the Dragon: US Choices & Habits that Contribute to the Growth of Chinese Power

The growth of Chinese power and influence has been assisted by the unintended outcomes of US choices. Do Americans want to limit Chinese power enough to change our own approach to economics, leadership, and security?



About Julie Blase

Julie Blase, PhD, is a Professor of Political Science at Principia College, where she is responsible for International Relations courses and focuses on US foreign policy, globalization, and contemporary security.

To find out more about this year's speakers and lecture topics you can go to the website: <https://lectureseries.org>

The lectures are free and open to the public.

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Spring Fling



**AAUW St. Louis Metro
Interbranch Council (IBC)**

Saturday, March 26, 2022 11:30 am–2:30 pm

Join us for an elegant, sit-down hot buffet luncheon hosted at

“Catering To You”

12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63033

[Directions to Catering to You](#)

11:30 am – Registration and Fundraising / Raffle purchasing

12:00pm – Hot Buffet luncheon: Garden Salad, Roasted Top Round of Beef Au Jus and Mushroom Herb Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes and Homestyle Green Beans, Rolls, drinks, and dessert (let us know of special dietary needs below)

12:45pm – Program

- Welcome and Introductions
- Barb Lackritz Awards – new format – Five awardees, one from each Branch!!
- Queens of Swing – This 30-minute show features music that all-girl bands played during their heydays of the 1940s, history of the era, and lots of hand clapping fun.

1:45pm – Raffle drawings and Fundraising for NCCWSL challenge

2:00pm – Announcements and Wrap Up



For more information, contact: Deb McWard 314-607-2908 debmcward@earthlink.net

_____ **Please cut here and send form below with your check** _____

Make registration or donation check payable to: **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC**

Mail form and check no later than **March 8** to:

Carol Davis McDonald 827 Bergquist Dr. Manchester MO 63011-4215

Print Name: _____ Branch: _____

Address _____

E-mail (required) _____ Phone _____

_____ I plan to attend ***“Swing Into Spring Fling 2022”*** and am sending a check for:

_____ Registration _____ \$ 35

_____ Donation (enter amount) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

_____ I am unable to attend, but will make a donation of: \$ _____

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Christian Hospital Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Friday, January 14, noon to 1 pm

"The 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration "Embracing the Dream" will take place on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, from noon-1 p.m. This year, we will have a virtual celebration exemplifying Dr. King's teachings due to the pandemic."

Visit christianhospital.org/MLK-Celebration to register.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to some members who helped make the Holiday Party very successful:

Joyce Bluett
Lovene Hartman
Pam Meyers
Patty Murray



Calendar

January 11	#WearBlueDay National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
January 11	International Relations Lecture Series, 10:45 am, Zoom code 384-422-5785
January 12	National Member Gathering, 3 pm See your January 7 th email from Julia Brown
January 14	Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Christian Hospital Foundation Noon-1pm
January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17	Branch Meeting, Zoom, 7 pm Meeting ID 894 4281 3625 Passcode 838944
January 22	AAUW MO State Board Meeting
February 7	Ferguson Florissant Board Meeting, Zoom, 6 pm Meeting ID 830 1212 7395 Passcode 299425
March	Women's History Month
March 26	SPRING FLING at Catering To You, 11:30 am Register by March 8 th
April-May	AAUW National Elections
April 30	AAUW MO State Board Meeting
March 15	Ferguson Florissant Book Group, 11:30 am, location tbd
May 7	AAUW MO State Meeting
May 14	Ferguson-Florissant Luncheon at Catering To You
May 17	Ferguson Florissant Book Group

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