



To: Branch Members  
From: Carol Davis McDonald, Co-President, Communications  
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In lieu of a newsletter, here's an informational sheet about upcoming events that you might want to know about. I apologize if I have left something out.

1. I am attaching a form for you to update information about yourself. Now that printing costs for AAUW members have gone down, we have decided to put together a branch directory similar to what we had several years ago. You will have a whole page (half a letter-size sheet) to fill up with contact information, what you are up to these days, awards and recognition you might have received, fun things you are doing, hobbies, other interests, family, etc. It's a way to get to know each other.
2. Welcome to our newest member, SLU student **Colleen Doyle**, who joined as a student affiliate. More about her in the upcoming directory.
3. Duties rotate among the branches for our annual Spring Fling on March 25th. This year, St. Louis Branch is responsible for coordinating the fundraiser, which is the only way the Interbranch Council obtains funds for various inter-branch activities. The board decided to go with success and have raffle baskets provided by each branch. It has been requested that a basket's value not be greater than about \$50. If you can put a basket together or have ideas for our branch, please contact **Sally McGowan** or me. **Ellen Irons** provided a very nice flyer with details that was passed out at the November Interbranch Council meeting (see attached).
4. Thanks to **Sue Barley** for hosting a delicious brunch, followed by a cozy, interesting, enjoyable conversation at her condo in December. Sue also gave the program – how to get involved in AAUW in the privacy of your own home (i.e., you don't always have to attend meetings). We were joined by three guests of members and by Helina Woldekiros, a current AAUW fellow at Washington University. She received a publication grant and is in the archaeology department. A bylaws amendment proposed by Sue regarding a quorum change was passed (see December newsletter).
5. Here is a list of upcoming events that you might be interested in attending:
  - a. **January 10, 2017 (Tuesday)** – Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking conference at Spencer Library, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM, presented by the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT). The project was made possible in full by a grant from AAUW. Free event, complimentary lunch. Contact: [ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org) or [apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net) (see <http://www.stcharlescoalition.com>)

- b. **January 10, 2017** (Tuesday) - Reproductive Justice Worldwide, a part of the International Relations Lecture Series, at the Ethical Society, presented by AAUW Interbranch Council and the Tuesday Women's Association, 10:45 AM, upstairs in auditorium, followed by brown-bag lunch downstairs. Free. Parking behind building at 9001 Clayton Road, Ladue.
- c. **January 14, 2017** (Saturday) – Missouri Women's Network's Annual Legislative Retreat, 8:30 AM-2PM, Community Room in the Capital Mall, 3600 Country Club Drive (off Hwy 50), Jefferson City, MO 65109. "How the Recent Election Results Will Affect the Disenfranchised of Missouri," Keynote Speaker Jeanette Mott Oxford, former state rep and current executive director of Empower Missouri. Continental breakfast, review of 2016 legislative session, update on national/state elections and pre-filed 2017 bills, lunch on your own, setting of legislative priorities. Contact Pat Shores by January 12<sup>th</sup> at [apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net).
- d. **January 17, 2017** (Tuesday) – Interbranch Council Downtown Lunch Group, 11:45 AM at La Bonne Bouchée on south side of Olive Street Road (12344) before Tempo Drive, east corner of the plaza where TGIFriday's is. Contact Kay Meyer for reservations ([kicmeyer51@gmail.com](mailto:kicmeyer51@gmail.com)).
- e. **January 21, 2017** (Saturday) – Women's March on St. Louis, a rally and march to coincide with the march on Washington, DC. The march will begin at Union Station and proceed down Market Street, ending at Luther Ely Smith Park with a rally. Everyone supporting women's rights is welcome to attend this free event. March: Recommended to park at Union Station, or use the Metrolink to get to the Union Station metro stop. Rally: There are many garages near the rally point. Use this link to find one most convenient for you - [https://getaroundstl.com/attractions/parking/?utm\\_source=bing&utm](https://getaroundstl.com/attractions/parking/?utm_source=bing&utm).
- f. **January 26, 2017** (Thursday) – Interbranch Council Adelante Book Group, 1:30 PM, Barnes and Noble café area, 1600 Clarkson Rd, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center. January's selection is *Becoming Nicole* by Emily Ellis Nutt.
- g. **February 14, 2017** (Tuesday) – Russia Today lecture as part of the AAUW/TWA lecture series (see information above).
- h. **February 23, 2017** (Thursday) – Adelante Book Group, 1:30 PM (see above). February's selection is *Re Jane* by Patricia Park.
- i. **February 28, 2017** (Tuesday) – Quarterly Interbranch Council Meeting, 7 PM at the HQS location of St. Louis County Library on Lindbergh Blvd, just south of Clayton Road.
- j. **March 25, 2017** (Saturday) – Be sure to mark your calendars to reserve this day for fun, entertainment, and food at the annual Spring Fling, held this time at Glen Echo Country Club, East Room, 3401 Lucas and Hunt Road, 63121. The flyer is attached.