

# **TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020-2021**

**Intellectual Stimulation, Friends, Books,  
Excursions (hopefully!) and More...**

**Meetings on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. on**

**ZOOM: 384 422 5785**

**Beginning August 4, 2020**

**ETHICAL SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS**

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**2020-2021**

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## **TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

This organization has met for many years on Tuesdays from August through June at the Ethical Society of St. Louis. Things are different in 2020, this year of the coronavirus! We do not know when we will resume meeting in person. However, we have a great year planned and will start meeting virtually, on Zoom beginning August 4, 2020.

Although the Tuesday Women's Association has been meeting for more than 50 years, our predecessor organization, the Women's Auxiliary of the Ethical Society, was established more than 100 years ago. It is interesting to realize that while we are all (understandably) reeling from the coronavirus pandemic, the women in our predecessor organization also lived through the 1919 pandemic! Just as they continued, we will continue.

The Tuesday Women's Association upholds a proud tradition, spanning well over a century. In the United States Women fought for and won a radical change of status in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. No longer are we confined to restricted spheres and roles. As a result, the vast majority of TWA membership have had careers spanning decades, often in professions and occupations from which we were previously barred. While retirement is not required for membership, most of us are enjoying it. We value one another's company, intellect, skills and interests. We are exploring growth in the "Ninth Stage of Development" which has been described as a time in one's final years in which the challenge is to move:

- \*from self-absorption to generosity
- \*from mourning losses to acceptance of what is
- \*from building a life to understanding its meaning
- \*from loss of worldly status to a different kind of dignity as a "person of no rank," the I-thou realm where nobody is superior and nobody is inferior
- \*from hope of living forever to hope of making today a good day
- \*from hope of an eternal life to hope of a good emotional legacy
- \*from independence to interdependence
- \*from seeking to impress to unconditional love and noticing ways to give
- \*from striving to letting go

Our purpose is to work for the general good of the Ethical Society of St. Louis, to foster fellowship among our members, to provide programs of interest to members and to support selected social causes. We are proud of our many contributions to the Ethical Society, our recent growth in membership, and the increasing racial and cultural diversity of the Tuesday Women's Association.

# August 2020

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*Falter* by Bill McKibben.  
Reviewer: Sue Williams.
- 11<sup>th</sup>: **Planning Meeting** for the 2021 International Relations Lecture Series (participants will include members of both TWA & AAUW).
- 18<sup>th</sup>: **Quarterly Business Meeting.**
- 25<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Dignity Through Work: Providing a Living Wage for Immigrants and Refugees.  
Speaker: Terri Stipanovich, CEO, The Collective Thread—a sewing school that works with individuals interested in sewing, fashion designers, and up-and-coming apparel lines in St. Louis.

# September 2020

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*Breasts and Eggs* by Mieko Kawakami.  
Reviewer: Tricia Scott.
- 8<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** St. Louis City Records.  
Speaker: Richard Buthod, retired archivist, Recorder of Deeds,  
City of St. Louis.
- This program will explore the types of records the City of St. Louis keeps, including birth records dating back to 1910, marriage and death records, and real estate deeds. City records include evidence of sales of people sold into slavery. The archives are a treasure trove of history.
- 15<sup>th</sup>: **Travelogue.** Three Weeks in China by Sharon Poe,  
TWA president.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Program.** Women's Suffrage and the History of the League of Women Voters. This program will include important local history, especially appreciated in this centennial year of women's victory in the long battle for the vote.
- Speaker: Linda McDaniels, former co-president of the Metro Leagues of Women Voters and current historian for the Missouri League of Women Voters.
- 29<sup>th</sup>: **Trip.** Missouri History Museum. Exhibit: Beyond the Ballot. Women have been key to the establishment, survival, and growth of St. Louis. This exhibit showcases women who made an impact in St. Louis before gaining the vote in 1920, in addition to a look at this historic victory.

# October 2020

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

6<sup>th</sup>: **Book Review.**

*The Water Dancer* by Ta Nehisi Coates.

Reviewer: Kayla Vaughan.

13<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** MOWIN.

The Missouri Wins Investor Network exists to invest in the future of Missouri's progressive politics. Following a 30-state strategy, politically progressive donors with the ability to make substantial multi-year financial commitments are determined to take Missouri back! Come hear about it.

Speaker: Lara Granich, Executive Director, MOWIN

20<sup>th</sup>: **Quarterly Business Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program

Speaker: Evelyn Meyer, Volunteer, IRWP

IRWP is a non-profit organization with a mission to empower foreign-born adults by providing individualized, in home English language education and tools to facilitate integration into the community. IRWP provides exceptional support to its teachers and students in a nurturing atmosphere. Come here TWA member Evey Meyer talk about her experiences as a volunteer with this important organization.

# November 2020

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*The Transcendent Poet, the Copious Work of Charles Wright.*  
Reviewer: Deanna Stevenson.
- 10<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Election Discussion. Are we happy or sad? We will discuss both state and national results. What will the results mean for us, how will they affect our lives and those of subsequent generations?  
  
Facilitator: Pam Ross, TWA member.
- 17<sup>th</sup>: **Special Program.** Overview of Evolution of Life on Earth  
  
Speaker: Dr. Claude Bernard, Professor of Physics Emeritus at Washington University and member of the Ethical Society.  
  
Scientists like to quote T. Dobzhansky, who said, "Nothing in biology makes sense except in light of evolution." Yet to get to this point, many puzzles raised by Darwin's theory had to be solved. And key puzzles still remain, including the fascinating question of how life started in the first place. In Dr. Bernard's talk, he will review some of the key ideas of evolution and give a quick peek into a few of the solved and unsolved problems of this amazing theory.
- 24<sup>th</sup>: **No Meeting:** Happy Thanksgiving

# December 2020

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.  
Reviewer: Marcia Cline.
- 8<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Conservation Efforts in Missouri  
Speaker: John Hickey, Activist and Community Organizer
- 15<sup>th</sup>: **Special Program.** Classical Dances of India.  
Presenter: Prathibha Mannil, artistic director of Natya Padhanjali, School of Dance. Our presenter will both discuss and demonstrate classical dances of India.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: **No Meeting!**
- 29<sup>th</sup>: **No Meeting** (building closed): HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



# January 2021

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

5<sup>th</sup>: **Winter Party** (Volunteers needed!)

12<sup>th</sup>: **International Relations Lecture Series**  
Topic to be announced.

19<sup>th</sup> **Film Noir as a Genre**

Speaker: Melodee DuBois, 50-year film aficionado and TWA member.

Film noir is a beloved cinema genre with many recognizable titles. Most of us are familiar with *The Maltese Falcon*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, *Double Indemnity* and/or other film noir movies. What characteristics unite these films? What makes *The Maltese Falcon* a film noir whereas *Casablanca* is not? Enjoy an exploration of these questions and a walk down cinema memory lane as we examine key examples of the genre called film noir.

26<sup>th</sup>: **Program.**

Speaker: James Croft, PhD, Leader of the Ethical Society of St. Louis

# February 2021

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

2<sup>nd</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*The Outlander* by Gil Adamson.  
Reviewer: Ann Eggebrecht.

9<sup>th</sup>: **International Relations Series Lecture.**  
Topic to be announced.

16<sup>th</sup>: **Quarterly Business Meeting**

23<sup>rd</sup>: **Program.** Many Thousands Gone

Speaker: Carole Shelton, Storyteller, Author, retired educator.

Carole tells stories from around the world with a hint of music from the heart. As a part of her repertoire she has researched and crafted historical first-person portrayals of African American women. There were thousands of African American women living in Missouri in the shadows of enslavement before and during the Civil War. Many of their names and deeds have long been forgotten. This program focuses on their struggles for survival as freedom loomed on the horizon.

# March 2021

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

\*\*\*\*\**Sunday March 7*\*\*\*\*\*

### *TWA FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH*

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields.  
Reviewer: Andie Jackson.
- 9<sup>th</sup>: **International Relations Series Lecture**  
Topic to be announced.
- 16<sup>th</sup>: **Movie! *A Spark of Nerve.*** This is a fascinating film, less than an hour in length, about a woman surgeon's discovery and success with a new medical procedure, here in St. Louis.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Program.** Women's History Month.  
Speakers will include various TWA members, coordinated by Susan Williams and Joyce Best
- 30<sup>th</sup>: **Trip!** Tour of the Carondelet Historical Society, Susan Blow home

# April 2021

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 6<sup>th</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*Whispers of the Heart: A Memoir* by Uma Eachempati.  
Reviewer: Uma Eachempati.
- 13<sup>th</sup>: **International Relations Series Lecture.**  
Topic to be announced.
- 20<sup>th</sup>: **Spring Party:** Haiku Slam (Volunteers needed).  
TWA president, Sharon Poe, will tell us the history of haiku, share some of her writings, and lead us in an exercise to create some of our own haiku, in honor of National Poetry Month.
- 27<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** River Styx is a literary journal produced in St. Louis, Missouri. It is the oldest literary journal in St. Louis.  
  
Speakers: Members of River Styx will present dramatic readings of their prose and poetry

# May 2021

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Book Review.**  
***Gone So Long*** by Andre Dubus III.  
Reviewer: Sara Salbego.
- 11<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Opera Theater of St. Louis. OTSL docents will again be here to give a well-informed preview on the four operas that will be performed this spring at Opera Theatre of St. Louis. This is always a delightful morning.
- 18<sup>th</sup>: **Annual Business Meeting**
- 25<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Creativity.  
Speaker: Jan Kiefer, Educator.  
Jan is a TWA member who has creativity in her bones and loves to share it.

# June 2021

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Book Review.**  
*Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro.  
Reviewer: Sherry Schmidt.
- 8<sup>th</sup>: **Program.** Pages to Stages.  
Speaker: Ann Bronsing, Volunteer, St.Louis Repertory Theatre.  
Ann will cover different steps in getting a written play (page) to its performance stage (stage). She will cover directing actors, costumes, set and prop design, rehearsals and the performances. What a fun way to learn what goes on behind the scenes!
- 15<sup>th</sup>: **Nonagenarian Party!!** Come celebrate our amazing members!
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Program.** Bears in Missouri.  
Speaker: Tom Meister, Wildlife Damage Biologist  
Bear Aware! Black bears are making a comeback in Missouri. To know and understand them helps to appreciate and protect them. We will discuss the history of bears in Missouri, the biology and distribution in Missouri and the management plan for bears in Missouri. We will also get to see some of the antics Mr. Meister has gone through to find these beautiful animals.
- 29<sup>th</sup>: **Trip!** Soldier's Memorial Military Museum.

**Happy July! See you on August 3, 2021!**