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**THE WALK-THROUGH HISTORY PROGRAM UNVEILS ITS 56<sup>th</sup>  
PLAQUE IN HONOR OF THE LATE SHEILA WILLIAMS**

Family and friends gathered in front of 990 rue St. Francois on Wednesday, May 3rd to unveil the 56<sup>th</sup> Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Sheila Williams.

**Sheila Williams** was a charter member of Florissant's Valley Historic Society and a pioneer in local history. She was one of the founding members of Historic Florissant, Inc. She would tell the story how Historic Florissant, Inc. saved the Meyer House from demolition from the highway expansion in the early 70s. A business plan was formed and Sheila went to the bank and she personally signed a \$500,000 loan. After signing the loan, she went home to tell her husband.

Sheila was the first woman engineer in the United States for Southwestern Bell in the 1970s. She was an award-winning member of Florissant's Business & Professional Women. Sheila was very active her communities, volunteered her time & donated to hundreds of charitable organizations. She also, traveled throughout the world volunteering internationally. After retirement, she settled in Texas. She will always be remembered in the hearts & minds of people she made a difference to around the world.

The next plaque dedication will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to honor the late Dr. Rance Thomas. The dedication will be held in front of 410 rue St. Francois before the start of the first Wednesday Night Out event of the year, which will be "Proud to be an American", hosted by the VFW Post 4105.

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