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www.aauw-whc.org

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www.aauw.org

JUNE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.

Lakeside Country Club,

100 South Wilcrest Drive, Houston, TX 77042

*We will honor the Baker-Telfer Scholarship recipients,
install the new AAUW West Harris County Branch officers,
and enjoy an informative presentation from Dr. Christiane Spitzmueller.*

Promoting Women Faculty in STEM: Methods, Madness and (Slow) Progress

Christiane Spitzmueller is an Associate Professor of Psychology and the Managing Director for the University of Houston's National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant. The \$3.3M ADVANCE grant's goals include the recruitment and retention of women faculty in STEM and social/behavioral science fields.

Dr. Spitzmueller's background is in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. She has conducted research and published articles and books in top journals for Human Resource Management on topics including work-family conflict and technical training in organizations. She has consulted with organizations in the US and across the globe, including BP, ExxonMobil, Saudi Aramco and the World Health Organization.



Dr. Spitzmueller will discuss organizational challenges related to diversity initiatives and discuss pathways to promoting the benefits of a diverse workforce to organizational constituents.

The luncheon cost is \$35 which includes salad, pasta entrée, dessert, coffee or tea. (If you want a gluten-free meal, let me know.) **The registration and payment deadline is May 24.** Make the check out to AAUW-WHC and put "spring luncheon" on the line. Please mail the check to Barbara Cook, 214 Big Hollow Lane, Houston, TX 77042.

Pat Thomsen, Program Chair

SPRING STYLE SHOW

Sunday, May 7th



Don't miss the fun! Our annual spring fundraiser benefiting the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund (4336) will once again be held at Talbots in Town & Country Sunday, May 7th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Come and watch fellow AAUW-WHC members "walk the runway" modeling the newest spring fashions. Tickets are \$15 and go on sale at the April 18 Branch Meeting! Checks should be made out to AAUW-FUNDS.

Tickets are also available from co-VP Funds:

Mary Kain, 713-824-3988, 195 Litchfield Lane, 77024

Hazel Chahar, 713-849-4866, 5702 Ballina Canyon Lane, 77041

...and available at the door the night of the show.

President's Message

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land. Song of Solomon, chapter 1, v. 11-12.



Come celebrate May with WHC! The Spring Style show kicks off the month with a fun evening and all proceeds go to the Educational Fund. Move on to the last books of our book clubs, our last Great Decision, and some of our last field trips of the year. It is a nice month with relaxing things to do. Be sure and mark your calendar for the June Luncheon which is a lovely time to spend with friends, meet our new officers, and hear from the wonderful young scholarship winners. We have many plans for the new AAUW year. Don't miss out! Send in your dues by the June 30th deadline.

May spring lift your heart.
Nancy Guilloud, WHC Branch President



FUNDS CORNER

Legal Advocacy Fund #3999

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

LAF is involved with a number of gender related issues. Women workers denied promotions at Wal-Mart, military veteran survivors of sexual assault, and college/university staff who are experiencing unfair pay are some of the plaintiffs AAUW assists through the case support program.

More information can be found by clicking the following link.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/>

Mary Kain & Hazel Chahar, Funds Vice-Presidents

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2017-2018

It's that time of year - as in time to renew your AAUW membership. State has raised their portion of the total dues from \$10 to \$13 so to renew as a member of the West Houston Branch for the 2017-2018 year will be \$73. As an AAUW member whose state and branch has opted to participate in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you have the option of paying all of your dues - branch, state, and national - at once and online with a credit card.

There are three ways to renew your membership:

1) If you received an email from memberinfo @aauw.org with a dues reminder, click on the link in the body of the email and it will take you to the page to pay your dues. If all the information in the national database was correct, the email was sent on April 4. Some corrections were made and you may have received this email within the last week or two. If you think there is an error in the amount that you owe, please contact AAUW using the information shown in the email.

2) If you DID NOT receive this email, or do not have a copy of it now, you can access aauw.org, choose "join" from the very top right, (or any of the other links on the page that say join), then choose the join/renew button on the next page. You will need to login to access the Membership Payment Program. If this is your first time to access the site, you will be asked to register. If you do not know your membership ID, there is an option to access it. You will then have an option to pay your dues online with a credit card. Make sure you include State and Branch information.

3) To renew by check: Make your check payable to your AAUW branch, print the form attached to the back of this newsletter, complete it, and mail it to your branch finance officer listed below.

Barbara Cook
Finance Officer
TX7113 - West Harris County
214 Big Hollow Lane
Houston, TX 77042-1016

LUCKY WINNERS!!

Dorothy Lauterbach, Margaret Pratt and Beverly Snedeker are glad they attended the March Branch Meeting. They were the winners of a drawing for free national dues for the 2017-18 year. As a result of AAUW-WHC's success in recruiting new members at *Shape The Future* events, the branch was given several free national dues. The decision was to have a random drawing at the March meeting as that is when most members attend. Congratulations ladies!

Rice University AAUW Student Chapter

The Rice AAUW students had a busy April! On April 4th, they participated in the Equal Pay Day Campaign, raising awareness of pay inequality with a table and photo op backdrop in the Rice Memorial Center. Several Rice AAUW students participated in the Millennial Women's Collegiate Political Leadership Summit held on April 9th, with panels discussing how to network and thrive in the political arena, and featuring guest speaker Annise Parker. On April 18th the students attended Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar training, which will officially allow them to register their fellow students to vote in upcoming elections. The energy of these young women is an inspiration!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your directories with the following members' revised information:

Statham, Diane

New Address: 201 Amarillo Terrace, Apt 210
Houston, TX 77077

Kathryn Pamisano

New email: kpalm39@comcast.net

Margo Johnson

Cell phone: 281.734.1474

Please welcome returning member:

Bette Liebgold

24 Hickory Shadows Drive
Houston TX 77055
H: 713.458.2136
bliebgold@comcast.net

and new member:

Heloise Bloxom Lynn

19830 Maple Chase
Houston TX 77094
C: 713.251.6992
hlynnearth1@gmail.com



Members recently received a message from Mark Hopkins, Interim CEO of AAUW National, urging all to cast their vote. "As with any election, you are shaping the future. Who will lead AAUW? What will our public policy platform reflect? Will our membership requirement change? Your vote is your voice, and I hope you participate in this important process." Please use the link in your email or go to aauw.org and click on the VOTE NOW button to participate.

May 2017 Activities and Interest Group News

Here it is, May 2017. Most of our Interest and Activities Groups have almost completed the fantastic events planned for this year. Thank you for your participation and glowing reviews. However, there are still some fascinating events to enjoy before our summer break. Check out the Garden Divas' visit to a daylily farm or the Cultural Activities group's historical Heights tour. Join the Girls' Night Out group for dinner at 024 Restaurant and the Hiking Honeys are going to Galveston for a hike and lunch this month.

One last thought for the year. If you have been a member of one or more of the Activities and Interest Groups for a year or so and have enjoyed the many interesting, entertaining, and educational events that have been planned for you, please consider volunteering to be one of the "coordinators." If you do not have the time to be a coordinator, perhaps you can volunteer to be an assistant coordinator, or at least provide some assistance in planning the activities. We need your help in continuing to offer outstanding opportunities for our members. Please contact Janis Groves, 281.497.2295 or jamgroves@aol.com if you will volunteer to coordinate one of our groups. Thank you.



BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Contemporary Literature

Wednesday, May 3, 1:30 p.m.

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
Hostess: Fran Macy, 11938 Riverview Drive
281.556.0121

Contemporary Readers

Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 p.m.

Everyone Brave Is Forgiven by Chris Cleave
Hostess: Cathy Urquhart, 2918 Triway
713.939.0523

Enjoying History

Monday, May 8, 1:30 p.m.

The Ascent of Money by Naill Ferguson
Hostess: Carol Telfer, 12503 Shepherd's Ridge
281.497.2268

Evening Contemporary Literature

Monday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.

Crooked Heart by Lissa Evans
Hostess: Rose Ennis, 1607 Prairie Mark
281.755.6483

Mystery

Tuesday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.

The Last Supper by Charles McCarry
Hostess: Mary Kain, 195 Litchfield Lane
713.824.3988

Outstanding Literature

Tuesday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.

Book Selection Luncheon for 2017-18
Meeting at The Egg and I, 9778 Katy Freeway, #600
713.461.3447

BRIDGE GROUPS – Various



According to the Bridge Groups coordinator, Edith Dunlop, the beginner and refresher Bridge classes have been completed for this year.

For the remainder of the 2016-17 year, please contact Edith at 713.677.0753 if you are interested in being a substitute player for a particular group or want more information about the bridge groups and/or classes for the coming year.

BYWAY BIRDERS



A Weekend of Birding in the Hill Country.

Byway Birders will travel to Junction, Texas **May 7-9th**. We will visit Llano St Park to see spring migrants. It is a beautiful time of the year to be in the hill country. We are making reservations now. If you are interested please contact Pat Dach dachpd@hotmail.com 281-701-5846 for more information.

A CINEMA EXPERIENCE



For all of you who enjoy a good movie Barb and John Hopkins are coordinating a movie group this year. Please contact Barb at hopkins@hal-pc.org or 281.589.2513 to join the group of movie lovers.

The schedule of movie events will be dictated by the release of “good” movies that will be viewed at Memorial City. If you are interested, contact Barb Hopkins to add your name to the list to be contacted about the date and time of each movie experience on either a Monday or a Tuesday afternoon.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



May -- Houston Heights Historical Tour

If you love hearing about Houston's history and the people who lived here then, you'll want to be on our Precinct 3 bus **Wednesday, May 24**, when Dean Swanson, noted Heights historian, will take us through the area sharing stories about both the old homes located there as well as the new development taking place. He will also show us through a 1900's home that is still occupied today. Cost for the day's outing will be \$11.00 per person (which includes the usual dollar for the bus driver's lunch) and will be collected as you enter the bus. Please try to have exact change.

Our Precinct 3 bus will be ready for boarding at our new location on the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial City Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater in the Mall. Departure will be promptly at 9:30 a.m. when we'll travel to Hickory Hollow Barbeque in the Heights for free coffee and a short orientation. Then back on the bus for the

guided tour. Lunch will be at your own expense back at the Hickory Hollow and will be followed by a surprise stop. We should be back at Memorial City by 2:30-3:00 p.m. at the latest. To reserve your seat on the bus, contact Carole Ballew at 713-467-0775 or caroleballew@yahoo.com.

Those who accompanied us in 2010, when we last did this tour, are still talking about the charm of it, so we hope they'll want to join us again to see what's happened since.

Note: Guests will be welcome if space permits after members have claimed their seats on the bus.

June --UH Texas Music Festival Concert On **Saturday, June 17**, we'll conclude our 2016-17 Cultural Activities season with a visit to the University of Houston's Moore's School of Music to attend an evening concert of the Texas Music Festival -- an event that has been bringing classical music's rising stars to Houston for over 25 years. Linda Morgan and Fran Macy will be our leaders.

Prior to the concert we'll enjoy the fine dining offered by Eric's Restaurant at The Hilton on the campus. Menu options will be provided to participants before the event to speed service.

We'll meet our Precinct 3 bus at our new location on the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial City Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater in the Mall and will leave promptly at 5:00 p.m. and return to the mall at the conclusion of the concert. If you would like to join us, your check in the amount of \$11 (which includes the usual dollar for the driver's meal) made out to Fran Macy will be your reservation. Send your check to her at 11938 Riverview Drive, Houston, 77077 **before June 10** to assure you're among those of us who will be enjoying this beautiful music.

Questions? Contact Fran Macy at 281-556-0121 or franhm@mac.com As usual, guests will be welcome if space on the bus allows.

GARDEN DIVAS



The Divas are going to visit Paynes in the Grass Daylily Farm on **Tuesday, May 2**. The Paynes became addicted to daylilies in 1988 and have been nursing the habit ever since. Their home garden is located in what used to be a rural area of Pearland, Texas and expanded into a business venture in the early 1990's. They grow over 800 different registered cultivars and plant approximately 5,000 seedlings each year. They also grow many different perennials. Check out their website and the amazing photo gallery: <http://www.paynesinthegrassdaylilyfarm.com/>.

We will carpool from the new location at Memorial City; the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial City Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater in the Mall. Departure will be promptly at 9:30 a.m. The farm is located at 2130 O'Day Road, Pearland, TX, 77581 if you would prefer to meet us there around 10 a.m. Those unable to make the Diva outing, may be interested in their Open Garden on Sunday, May 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. After our tour, we will enjoy burgers at Killen's. Hope to see you at this outing. Please contact Susan Boone, smboone@gmail.com if you are interested in going.

GENEALOGY



Marilyn Collins, an experienced genealogy researcher, is the coordinator who is reorganizing the Genealogy group this year. If you are interested in researching your family history, she will guide you in finding your ancestors using various techniques and resources. Please contact Marilyn at 281.556.8989 or marilync@hal-pc.org for information about the meeting day, time, and place.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT



The Girls' Night Out group will meet for dinner at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 10th** at 024 Grille, located in the Westin Houston, Memorial City Hotel at 945 Gessner, Houston, TX 77024 (281) 501-4350. The restaurant is located in the Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center. Both self-parking and valet parking are available.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Sheila Jaynes at sjaynes50@yahoo.com or call me at 281-392-3134 or text me at 713-412-4586. All members are invited to attend these dinners which are scheduled for every other month on the **Second Wednesday of the Month** at 7:00 p.m. If space permits, you may invite a friend as a potential new member of our branch. If you would like to add your name to our GNO mailing list, please contact Sheila Jaynes.

GOURMET DINING



Classic Gourmet

Please join us **Saturday, May 13** at 7:00 p.m. for our final dinner in this year's series – Celebratory Dinners with Star Chefs. Our May dinner celebrates Cinco de Mayo featuring recipes from Rick Bayless. If you have questions contact the coordinators: Barbara Cook, 713-782-4398 or Tina Simpson, 281-558-1031.

Nouveau Gourmet

The next dinner meeting will be on **Saturday, May 6** hosted by Lou Fowler. For additional information, please contact Diane Statham at 281.497.6259 or distatham@msn.com.



GREAT DECISIONS



Great Decisions is a small group discussion of current world issues. The guide is issued by the U.S. Foreign Policy Association each year. The groups meet in member's homes every two weeks from February through May.

Great Decisions North Evening Group:

The North Group (A) will meet on **Wednesday, May 3** at the home of Linda Marlin at 7 PM where the topic of *Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan* will be discussed. Then **Wednesday, May 17** at 7 PM, the meeting will be held at the home of Hazel Chahar where discussion will focus on *Nuclear Security*.

Great Decisions South Evening Group

The South Group (B) will meet **Wednesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon and Eric Jorgeson, 12518 Honeywood Trail (281.558.4382). The discussion topic for the evening will be *Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan*. On **Wednesday, May 24**, the group will meet at the home of Joanne and Don Lane, 12214 Mossycup (713.461.1637) to discuss *Nuclear Security*. For additional information, please contact Willette Norman, 281.497.3626 or willetten@gmail.com.

Great Decisions – Afternoon Group

The Thursday Afternoon Great Decisions Group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month through the month of May from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The discussion topics for May are *Afghanistan and Pakistan*, on **May 4, 2017**, and *Nuclear Security: The enduring challenge of nuclear weapons*, on **May 18**. Martha Ewell is the contact person for the afternoon group.

HIKING HONEYS



For our last hike of the season, the Hiking Honeys will travel to Galveston on **Thursday, May 18** for an interesting hike. We will enjoy lunch at a fun restaurant on the island. Hike leader is Diana Tiberia, ditiberia@att.net. More details in an email to hikers on the mailing list two weeks before the hike. For additional information please contact Diana Tiberia or Gail Rickey, Hiking Honeys coordinator, patrickey@aol.com

MAH JONGG MAVENS



The Mah Jongg Mavens meet every **first and third Fridays** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road. The group is informal and verifies who will attend the day of play via email. We play with one or multiple tables of 3 or 4 players as dictated by attendance. If you would like to spend a pleasant 3 hours with congenial "clickers," please join us. To get on the mailing list, contact Mary Kain at mlkain@hal-pc.org.

VICARIOUS VOYAGERS



An interest group for travelers

Coordinator: Diana Guarniere, guarniered@gmail.com

This year we explored Spain, Norway, Sweden and The Balkans, learning about the history and culture of these faraway places through our vicarious travel guide, Rick Steves. Although our gatherings are over for this year, we will begin again with new ventures in the fall.



WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

This group will NOT meet in May.

Look for a meeting date in the June newsletter.

The group meets to enjoy beverages and enlightened conversation at McCormick & Schmick's City Centre location. Our meeting time is from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month. All AAUW members are invited to attend any or all of the Happy Hour events. **Contact Marie Helmy at oolit3@att.net or 281-463-8842 or Jane Cooper at xicooper@aol.com or 281-531-8839 if you want to be added to the email notifications of coming events.**

WISE...



Women in Stem, Entertainment, Enrichment and Education

The WISE group has completed its scheduled activities for this year. However, the group does plan field trips and social events from time to time. If you want to be included in the email notifications for these activities, please contact Karen North, knorth@me.com or 713.789.6482.

To insure you do not miss any communications from the Branch, if you have a change in your contact information, please inform **Margaret Carlson** at AAUW.Margaret.Carlson@gmail.com.

Member News Notification

Please notify Joanne Lane, Corresponding Secretary, about any member news that is important to share with the membership and has been authorized to share by the member involved.

Next WHC Branch Board Meeting May 8, 2017

The next branch board meeting will be at the home of Nancy Guilloud, 11110 Tupper Lake, Houston 77042 at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome. Please RSVP your attendance to nanguilloud@aol.com.



July 2017-June 2018 Dues Notice

Name: _____

Please Indicate type of membership	Member Type	TOTAL DUE	“Total Dues” includes		
			National	State	Branch
_____	(MOB- Branch Member) (MLB-Branch Life Member) Dual				
_____	Regular Branch Member*	\$73.00	\$49	\$13	\$11
_____	Paid Life Member*	\$24.00	0	\$13	\$11
_____	Honorary 50-Year Member	\$0.00	0	0	0
_____	Dual Member (WHC - secondary)	\$11.00	0	0	\$11

Write check payable to: **AAUW - WHC Branch**. Send this form with your payment to:

**Barbara Cook
Finance Officer
214 Big Hollow Lane
Houston, TX 77042**

Please consider including your annual contributions to our projects:

- **Contributions** to AAUW Funds (*Educational Foundation & Legal Advocacy Fund*,) and *Baker-Telfer Scholarship* are most welcome. Please make donations in separate checks payable to AAUW Funds, or Baker-Telfer Scholarship, our local scholarship fund for one graduating girl from each of our primary school districts: HISD, SBISD and Alief ISD.

	Enclosed is my check for AAUW Funds. (Fully tax deductible on income tax)
	Enclosed is my check for Baker-Telfer Scholarship (Fully tax deductible)

- **AAUW Dues/Fees Tax Deductibility
2017-18 Personal Tax Information***

The following is tax information to assist you with your personal 2017 taxes.

*AAUW National Individual Membership dues for fiscal year 2017-18 are \$49: \$46 is tax deductible, and \$3 is not tax deductible (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities). **AAUW National Life Membership dues (one-time payment) of \$980 are fully tax deductible.** Tax deductibility details for special AAUW membership promotions are specified in the promotion information.

Questions? Ask Barbara, 713-782-4398, or chefbjcook@sbcglobal.net