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December Newsletter Deadline:

November 12, 2017

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www.aauw.org

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:00 PM

Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive

Early German Influence in Growth of West Houston Area

Dan Worrall, a retired PhD geologist, turned member Harris County Historical Commission, and author of "Pleasant Bend--Upper Buffalo



Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in 19th Century," will speak about the significance of Buffalo Bayou in the development of western Harris County by early settlers. He has appeared on the PBS documentary "Post Oak Boulevard: A Texas Legacy." Dr. Worrall is a fifth generation Houstonian and has worked to bring historical markers to significant sites in western Harris County. Most recently, he has worked to bring markers along a historical trail through The Villages and Spring Branch of western Houston.

Carolyn Stoffel, Program Vice-President

***HOLIDAY PARTY
December 3, 2017
5:00 P.M.***



**Yao Restaurant
9755 Westheimer Road**

\$30.00 per person (spouse/guest invited)

Send check made out to AAUW-WHC to:

**Diane Roberts
Finance Officer
5607 St. Paul Street
Bellaire, TX 77401**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I enjoyed welcoming our new and returning members at our first branch General Meeting in September. My hope is to continue to see you all at our branch meetings throughout the year! Carolyn Stoffel has been hard at work recruiting speakers and arranging for our monthly location at the Tracy Gee center. We are still missing a Hospitality Chairperson, so if any of you feel called to organize making coffee and bringing cookies to our meetings please let me know – you will be SO popular with our members!

Our annual Holiday Party is coming up as well; by popular demand it will be held again at Yao's Restaurant. Last year's party was so much fun, with wonderful food and company; look for the information in this newsletter, and be sure to reserve your space by sending your check before the deadline!

EYH is on the horizon, followed by the AAUW Texas State Convention – exciting events for our branch! In the meantime, please continue to keep yourself informed of the policy issues affecting women by reading AAUW's *Outlook* magazine online, accessible through the national website: www.aauw.org. See you at the branch meetings!

Anne Amador, WHC Branch President

AAUW-WHC BRANCH MEETINGS 2017-2018

There are a couple of errors on dates of branch meetings in the new directory. Please update as noted below.

October 31, 2017	Tuesday	7 p.m.
November 28, 2017	Tuesday	7 p.m.
December 3, 2017	Sunday	Holiday Party
January 27, 2018	Saturday	10 a.m.
February 24, 2018	Saturday	EYH
March 20, 2018	Tuesday	7 p.m.
April 20-22, 2018	State Convention	
June 2, 2018	Saturday	11 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP



ATTENTION NEW MEMBER SPONSORS

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all of you who have recently sponsored one or more new members for our West Harris County Branch. Our membership drive was made challenging by the unfortunate weather conditions which affected all of us to some degree. I want to personally thank all of the members who assisted with planning for the originally planned event at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church and all who assisted with the Tracy Gee event. Our Membership Committee will be proactive in assisting new members to become involved with the branch. I also want to ask all new member sponsors to keep in close contact with those whom you have recruited. Do all that you can to assist them in getting involved in activities that interest them; introduce them to the activities chairperson if you can, invite them to join you at some of your activities events, as well as our branch meetings, and keep in touch with them as they start their journey with our Branch. They will appreciate your extra effort, I'm sure.

Sheila Jaynes, Membership Chair

It is with sadness that we learned of the Sept. 30 death of Anne Bogan, charter member of AAUW West Harris County Branch. Ann was an active member of our branch for more than 35 years and was very well known by many AAUW friends. Her memorial service will be held at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Road, 11 AM on November 11 with a reception following.

*AAUW Texas
48th Biennial State Convention
April 20-22, 2018*





The information below is important for all NEW and EXISTING West Harris County Branch members.

Ordering your name tag is easy and wearing it helps us get to know you. We're hearing more reports everyday about how nice it is to have portable name tags to wear to all the AAUW functions.

Just follow the instructions below:

Go To – AAUW.source4.com

Select - Wear AAUW (the first item)

Select - photo of the name tag

Select - pin or magnet - (\$8.00 for pin closing and \$10.00 for magnetic closing)

Select – quantity

Select - "customize" and fill in the information requested (name, university, and name of branch)

Refer to example above

Make sure the information for the name badge is correct and proceed to checkout

I will be glad to assist anyone who has trouble ordering their name tag online.

Sheila Jaynes, Membership Chair



UNIVERSITY WOMAN TEXAS

Last month's newsletter included information about AAUW National's magazine [OUTLOOK](#) going digital and included the link to access it.

Since then, AAUW State has also gone digital with their quarterly publication **UNIVERSITY WOMAN TEXAS**. You can begin accessing it online immediately by clicking on [Fall 2017 University Woman Texas](#).

This publication will start having information about the AAUW Texas convention that will be in Houston in April 2018. In fact, the Fall 2017 issue includes the convention logo/theme and the announcement that **Lisa Falkenberg**, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for the Houston Chronicle, will be a Keynote Speaker for the convention.

BAKER-TELFER SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Angelina Ossimetha is one of our Baker-Telfer scholars for 2017. She is attending Brown University. I questioned why she chose an out of state school. This was her reply:

"Communication is very important in the medical field. I want to understand how people think, react and communicate. Through my interest in computational biology, I would like to do computational neurology research in order to understand why people think and react chemically and biologically by creating computer models and analyzing the human brain."

Brown's open curriculum and world class professors like Sorin Istrail will give me the opportunity to do so. I am also interested in working with professors who focus on medical bioinformatics, genetics and pathways to help cancer diagnosis. Brown has paid research programs for undergraduates. Using undergraduate teaching and research awards and National Science Foundation's REU program, I will continue to pursue my interest in computational biology research and psychology."

She requested that her scholarship money be used for transportation because this was one of the things that her work study program did not cover.

Submitted by Pat Dach, Baker-Telfer Chair

November 2017 Activities and Interest Group News

Please note that some facts/dates/etc. shown in the recently distributed directory may have been changed due to Harvey - be sure to check the newsletter to ensure you have the right date, place, and time for an anticipated event.

For instance, the locations for the November meetings of the Afternoon Contemporary Literature and Enjoying History book clubs has been changed to the locations shown below.

BOOK GROUPS



Afternoon Contemporary Literature

Wednesday, November 1, 1:30 p.m.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Hostess: Daphne Scharar, 1202 Briarbrook Drive
713.783.2987

Contemporary Readers

Wednesday, November 1, 1:00 p.m.

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

Hostess: Judy Starr, 830 Edgewick Court
281.242.8242

Enjoying History

Monday, November 13, 1:30 p.m.

The Secret History of the Mongol Queens
by Jack Weatherford

Hostess: Pat Dach, 6014 Ballina Canyon Lane
713.849.2679

Monday Evening Contemporary Literature

Monday, November 6, 5:00 p.m.

Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt's New World by
Andrea Wolf

Meeting Place: La Madeline, City Centre location

Mystery

Tuesday, November 14, 1:30 p.m.

Nest by Terry Goodkind

Hostess: Pam Doan, 9646 Meadowcroft Drive
832.269.5264

Outstanding Literature Group

Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Meeting Place: The Egg and I, Bunker Hill location.

BRIDGE GROUPS – Various



There are two bridge workshops that will be held at **St. Martin's Episcopal Church**, Sage and Woodway, beginning **October 31**. These are four week classes and cost \$80.

Tuesday Mornings 10:00 – 12:00 Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21 **Popular Conventions**

Stayman; Transfers; Strong Opening Bids of 2 Clubs and 2NT and responses; Slam Bidding in suits and in no trump with Gerber, Blackwood, and Roman Key Card Blackwood.

Tuesday Afternoons 1:00 – 3:00 Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21 **Beginning Bridge Review**

Bidding Review Class: A class designed for players who know how to play bridge but want to modernize bids and responses to conform to contemporary bidding. This class is a review of modern bidding using contemporary no trump ranges. Players will use current techniques for counting points for opening the bidding and raising partner's suit. Using length and shortness in the modern way is reviewed.

For information on making reservations and for paying fees, contact Joyce Ryan, jryan9620@sbcglobal.net, 713-301-0624.

Current Bridge Groups:

1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.), Marcia Lindsey, 713.828.8267

3rd Thursday (10:30 a.m.), Peg McNealy, 281.679.7299

3rd Monday (10:00 a.m.), Melba Armstrong, 281.392.3190

2nd & 4th Thursdays (10:00 a.m.), Betty Shropshire,
281.496.6457

If you are interested in subbing for a particular group, please contact the group coordinator listed above

BYWAY BIRDERS



ByWay Birders will travel to the Rio Grande Valley and Padre Island **November 9-11**. For more detailed information about this excursion, please call Edie O'Brien, 281-496-9842 or medieobrien@att.net.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



November – Reclaiming the USS Westfield & Texas City Tour

On **Thursday, November 9**, the Cultural Group will spend the day in Texas City. Highlights will include the Texas City Museum and their new exhibit on the Civil War Battle of Galveston and the newly discovered remains of the USS Westfield. This will be hosted by the Texas A&M Conservation Project Manager who oversaw the interpretation and conservation efforts. After lunch at a local café, we will make stops at the Heritage Square; explore the dike, Archimedes Screw Pumps, and levees that kept the city dry during Harvey; and much more. Jane Wood, history maven, will be our leader for the day.

We'll travel to Texas City on a Precinct 3 bus which we'll meet, as usual, on the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater in Memorial City Mall. Departure will be promptly at 8:30 a.m. and we expect to be back around 4:30 p.m.

Cost for the entire day's adventure will be \$30 and will be collected at the bus that morning. You can pay in cash (exact change, please!) and/or by personal check made out to Jane L. Wood.

If you'd like to be along for this fascinating look at nearby history, please contact Jane at 832-767-4146 or jane.wood9@icloud.com. This promises to be a very exciting day, so act now to assure a seat on the bus if you'd like to get in on the action.

December – Houston Chamber Choir Christmas Concert at the Villa de Matel

Back by popular demand! Our enjoyment for last year's visit to this concert has inspired us to repeat the experience. If you missed it last year – or even if you were there – you'll want to save **Saturday afternoon, December 9**, for this year's totally new concert entitled "Mother and Child." Beloved carols and works destined to become classics are offered by the Chamber Choir in the serene beauty of the Chapel of the Villa de Matel. Those who attended last year say the chapel's acoustics are ideal for choral presentations. Our leader once again will be Barbara Butler with her able assistant Martha Hebert.

We'll travel to the chapel via our Precinct 3 bus leaving from our usual spot on the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater in Memorial City Mall. Departure will be promptly at 2:00 p.m. We expect to return about 6:00 p.m.

Cost for this year's concert will be \$33 and you can claim your ticket now by sending a check in that amount made out to Barbara Butler to her at 13719 Carriage Walk Lane, Houston 77077. Last year's visit was a sell-out, so you'll want to act fast and get that check in the mail right away to assure you'll get to hear this extraordinarily beautiful musical experience.

Questions? Contact Barbara at 713-305-0570 or barbarabutler1959@att.net.

GARDEN DIVAS



The Divas are going on a road trip in November. We will visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin Texas on **Friday, November 3**. We will enjoy a tour at 10:00, then lunch in Austin. The drive to the center is 2 hours and 45 minutes. We will plan to carpool. An option is to come early or stay late at the newly Certified Wildlife Habitat® with the National Wildlife Federation and Texas Conservation Alliance (aka Boone's Farm). Accommodations will be available **Thursday, November 2** and/or **Friday November 3** for those that want to visit this Habitat. After the tour and visit we will lunch at the Wildflower Café. I look forward to playing hostess to this beautiful place and to show off some of my "other neck of the woods."

Also, mark your calendars for the December Holiday Special Horticultural Tour at Brookwood on **Tuesday, December 5**. We will enjoy a delicious lunch in the on-site restaurant after the tour (& of course shop in the wonderful gift shop!) There is a 25 person limit to this event. I will send emails to those on the regular Diva list; however, if this is a trip you are interested in, please email me, smboone@gmail.com, since the **response deadline of November 14** is before the December newsletter will go out.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT...



The Girls' Night Out Group will meet for dinner at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 8** at Fratelli's Ristorante located at 1330 Wirt Road, Houston TX 77055 (713-263-0022). Take exit 761- Wirt Road/Chimney Rock/Antoine – and go north on Wirt Rd for less than a mile. The restaurant will be on your right. To join us for our usual good conversation and some really delicious Italian food, please contact this month's hostess, Priscilla List at 713-680-8681 or priscillalist@att.net by **Monday, November 6**.

All members are invited to attend these dinners which are scheduled for every other month on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to add your name to our GNO mailing list, please contact Janis Groves, coordinator of the Girls' Night Out Group.

GOURMET DINING



Classic Gourmet

Please join us **Saturday, November 12, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. for our second dinner in this year's series – A Trip Through Italy By Region. Our second stop will be Asti. Due to the extensive remodeling Harvey did on many of our homes, we will have our November dinner at a local restaurant. Contact the coordinators: Barbara Cook 713-705-7832 or Tina Simpson 281-558-1031 to be included in the dinner.

Nouveau Gourmet

The next Nouveau Gourmet event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, November 4** at Pho and Crab at 11660 Westheimer. Please contact Diane Statham at distatham@msn.com if you are interested.

GREAT DECISIONS



Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD, and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. The Great Decisions topics for 2018 are:

The Waning of Pax-Americana?
Russia's Foreign Policy
China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation
Media and Foreign Policy
Turkey: A Partner In Crisis
U.S. – Global Engagement and the Military
South Africa's Fragile Democracy
Global Health: Progress and Challenge

The discussion groups begin in February. For an evening group, please contact Pat Dach, 281-701-5846 or patdach@gmail.com. For an afternoon group, contact Martha Ewell, 713-782-2048 or marthaewell@att.net. We order books in December so we will need to hear from you soon.

The afternoon group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 2-4:00, chaired by Martha Ewell.

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening group meets at 7:00 p.m., chaired by Willette Norman.

The 1st and 3rd Thursday evening group meets at 7:00 p.m., chaired by Pat Dach.

HIKING HONEYS



Hiking Honeys will be walking the Greenway in Kingwood on **November 16**. Jane Campbell will organize the hike with Cynthia Douglas, who lives and walks the Greenway, as our guest leader. Meet in the usual place at Memorial City (on Barryknoll) at 9 am if you want to car pool. If attending, call or email Jane Campbell: drjmcamp@aol.com or 713-446-9591.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES



Again this year, Barb and John Hopkins are coordinating a group of members who enjoy seeing a good movie with friends.

The schedule of movie events will be dictated by the release of "good" movies that will be shown at the Memorial City Cinema. If you are interested, contact Barb and John at BJHopkins238@gmail.com 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.

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 group will not meet again until **January 25, 2018**. More details of that meeting will be published in the January newsletter.

WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM



This group meets to enjoy beverages and enlightened conversation at McCormick & Schmick's City Centre location, every other month. Our meeting time is from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 4**. All AAUW members are invited to attend any or all of the Happy Hour events. For additional information, contact Marie Helmy.



WISE...

Women in Stem, Entertainment, Enrichment and Education

Please join us **Monday, October 30**, around 4:30 p.m. at the home of Rose Ennis, 1607 Prairie Mark for wine, cheese and conversation. We will continue our book study on "Hidden Figures" to scale WISE ideas in schools. Teachers are role models, idea makers, and explorers searching to find hidden figures in every classroom. They can bridge the classroom with the real world by enhancing their lessons with local business leaders like our presenters at EYH. Please come share your tricks, treats, and ideas on how to expand the inspiration that our conference starts. Contact Karen North, knorth@me.com, to join the mailing list, or tweet #aauwwsf and see aauwwsf.edublogs.org

Next WHC Branch Board Meeting November 13, 2017

The next branch board meeting will be at the First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn Road at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome. Please RSVP your attendance to anamador@earthlink.net.

Member News Notification

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

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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your directories with the following new/returning members:

Buckner, Elisha A (Lisa)

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W: 713.496.4256
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Spouse: TJ
BD: 2/25
University of Houston, MS, Geophysics
Texas A & M University, BS, Geophysics

Harris, Karen K

10819 Pepper Lane
Houston, TX 77079
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C: 832.531.3153
Email: clctomania@aol.com
BD: 3/6
Roosevelt University, MA, French
College of Wooster, BA, French

Hudson, Emilie

515 Timber Circle
Houston, TX 77079
H: 713.446.9973
Email: camille95@jhu.edu
BD: 11/3
Texas A&M University, MEng, Systems Engineering
Johns Hopkins University, BS, Materials Engineering

Starcke, Margie (Marge)

5622 Island Breeze Drive
Houston, TX 77041
H: 832.230.3277
Email: margiestarcke@icloud.com
Spouse: Edgar
BD: 7/15
Texas State University, BS, Business Education

Please update your directories with the following changes:

Thompson, Susan

13264 Trail Hollow Drive
Houston, TX 77079
C: 713.594.0511

Thomsen, Pat

3003 Seagler Road, Apt. 4311
Houston, TX 77042
C: 713.302.8899 (no home phone)

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of the
American Association of University Women

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**HARVEST MOON BALL
October 28, 2017**

The Harvest Moon Ball has been planned to solicit your support

In harvesting funds for the advancement of equity for

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Without leaving the comfort of your home.

Put away your dancing shoes, put on your bathrobe

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#4336 – Educational Opportunities Fund

#4282 – Lois List Fellowship #4324 Ann Richards Fellowship

#4337 – Public Policy Fund #9170 – Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund

Mail checks to:

Hazel Chahar, 5702 Ballina Canyon Ln, Houston, TX 77041

Or Nancy Ennis, 1122 Ben Hur Houston, TX 77055

Or

Bring to the October branch meeting