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November Newsletter Deadline:

**October 15, 2017**

### **Stay Informed**

Branch website:

[www.aauw-whc.org](http://www.aauw-whc.org)

National website:

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

## **OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 7:00 PM**

**Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive**

### **Family Point Resources**

Stephanie Hruzek, Executive Director for Family Point Resources, directs the West Houston area center in "meeting needs, building hope, and transforming lives." The opportunities that the center supports focus on all kinds of children/family needs. It is a little known facility but offers dynamic programs for children and families. The After School and Summer programs for children attending Spring Branch schools give assistance in activities developing and growing children free of charge. Sports, educational, and general living programs offered are totally supported and implemented by volunteer participation and community funding. Volunteers are always welcomed.



*Carolyn Stoffel, Program Vice-President*



## **Harvest Moon Ball October 28, 2017**

Fall is here and that means it is time for the best Ball you do **NOT** attend!

Each year the Harvest Moon Ball is held to solicit your support in harvesting funds for the advancement of equity for women and girls – through advocacy, education and research. These AAUW goals and accomplishments are possible by supporting various AAUW funds. The upcoming invitation will provide more information or check your directory for details on each fund. Just write a check to AAUW Funds or the fund of your choice and drop it in the mail to Hazel Chahar, 5702 Ballina Canyon Ln, Houston 77041 or Nancy Ennis, 1122 Ben Hur, Houston 77055.

*Hazel Chahar and Nancy Ennis, Funds Vice-Presidents*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, so many of our members are in "improvise mode." The aftermath of Harvey continues to wreak havoc, and my wish for us all is that a new normal quickly brings peace and strength.

My thanks to Sheila Jaynes for all her work in planning a Membership Coffee that I'm sure would have been lovely. Although the Coffee was another victim of Harvey, we still hope to welcome many new members with our General Meetings, which feature a terrific slate of speakers. Please continue to invite your friends to attend with you.

Activities and Interest Groups are starting back up; now is a great time to explore a new interest and meet more of our fascinating members. Check our newsletter for more information.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Branch Meeting (and not seeing you at the upcoming Harvest Moon Ball!) Cheers!

*Anne Amador, WHC Branch President*

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## ARCHIVING MOVES FORWARD

In late August Martha Ewell and I took 5 scrapbooks, 40 directories, 40 years of newsletters, 40 years of minutes, 25 years of EYH material, Inter Branch material, and assorted honors and certificates for our branch, to the University of Houston Library Special Women's Collection. They will keep us informed as they start the process of archiving the history of our branch.

Thanks to all of you who so diligently preserved our history and accomplishments through the years!

*Nancy Guilloud, Archiving Committee*

### **Next WHC Branch Board Meeting October 9, 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](mailto:anamador@earthlink.net).*



## FUNDS CORNER

There will be a push to complete the Ann Richards Fellowship, which will allow it to move to the \$200,000 level at which Fellowship Grants can be awarded.

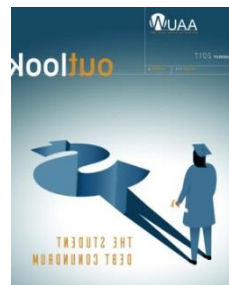
Beginning September 1, 2017, every dollar donated to the Ann Richards Fellowship will be matched dollar to dollar by AAUW Texas. The fellowship supports women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions, or preparing research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Keep this in mind as you consider donating, especially for the Harvest Moon Ball. It will continue to be matched until the 2018 AAUW Texas Convention next April!

*Hazel Chahar & Nancy Ennis, AAUW Funds VPs*

## OUTLOOK GOES DIGITAL

AAUW National's quarterly magazine, [Outlook](#), has gone digital with the current issue that showcases what an



investment in robust digital content can provide. You'll be able to see a slideshow and watch videos that supplement and enhance the stories. The issue features new research on student debt, an interview with AAUW's new chief executive officer, a look back at AAUW's International Fellowships after 100 years, and coverage of a campaign to fight sexist micro-aggressions.

Click on [Outlook](#) to access current issue or you [can opt in](#) to receive a print copy of *Outlook* for a limited time, but plan on accessing the magazine online in the future.



## **EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS 2017-2018**

EYH 2018 will take place on **Saturday, February 24, 2018.**

We have openings on the current committee and invite anyone who is interested to sign up and help out.

2018 EYH Co-Chair	Open
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Mary Kain
Audio-Visual	Open (lead Marty Daniel)
Badges	Carol Telfer
Brochure Editor & Distribution	Carolyn Morris
Data/Evaluation	Diana Guarniere
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Facilities	Mary Peterson
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Presenter Dinner Coordinator	Open
Presenter Training	Lisa Buckner
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Registration On Site	Pat Dach
Signs and Posters	Mary Andersen
Student Volunteers	Brenda Moss
Web Mistress	Susan Boone
Wranglers Coordinator	Debbie Campbell
At-Large Volunteer	Arlene Baker

Lilian Care, 2018 EYH Chair

## **BAKER-TELFER SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

The Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund is funded by our members and each year we award three scholarships to young women graduating from HISD, SBISD and Alief ISD who plan to begin college studies in the fields of science, technology, engineering or math. This is a thank you note from one of our 2017 scholars from SBISD, Spring Woods High School.

*"I just wanted to share my recent summer experience. I'm attending a Summer Bridge Engineering program at A&M University--where I'll be able to advance in my math course, and overall get an early taste of the college experience! It's quite exciting, and I've been enjoying my stay here. I've made tons of friends, and I'm learning new things every single day regarding my major (Mechanical Engineering) and other branches of engineering; as well as Aggie traditions.*

*I would also like to share with you that I've been able to almost completely cover my first year at A&M, and I am so overwhelmed with happiness. Thank you so much for being a part of what made my dreams come true. I will be forever grateful".*

*Pamela Ortiz Hernandez*

*Submitted by Pat Dach, Baker-Telfer Chair*

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](mailto:AAUW.Margaret.Carlson@gmail.com).

### **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.*

## October 2017 Activities and Interest Group News

### BOOK GROUPS



#### Afternoon Contemporary Literature

**Wednesday, October 4, 1:30 p.m.**

*Georgia* by Dawn Tripp

Hostess: Pam Doan, 9646 Meadowcroft Drive  
532.269.5264

#### Contemporary Readers

**Wednesday, October 4, 1:00 p.m.**

*News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

Hostess: Nancy Ennis, 1122 Ben Hur Drive  
713.467.3698

#### Enjoying History

**Monday, October 9, 1:30 p.m.**

*The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer

Hostess: Susan Dunten, 1706 Rushbrook Drive  
281-497-9150

#### Monday Evening Contemporary Literature

**Monday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.**

*Improbability of Love* by Hannah Rothchild

Meeting Place: La Madeline, City Centre location

#### Mystery

**Tuesday, October 17, 1:30 p.m.**

*Airtight* by David Rosenfelt

Hostess: Joan Wood, 8967 Briar Forest Drive  
713.784.1913

#### Outstanding Literature Group

**Tuesday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.**

*The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

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](mailto:jryan9620@sbcglobal.net), 713-301-0624.

### BYWAY BIRDERS



The next birding trip will be **Saturday, October 14, 2017**.

Mary Adams will lead the group to various locations for viewing shore birds. Due to the effects of Harvey, we are not sure of the viability of some of the sites that we had planned to visit. ByWay Birders will be notified of the details of the trip by email or phone when the final trip plan is determined. Additional questions can be directed to Pat Dach, 281.701.5846 or [dachpd@hotmail.com](mailto:dachpd@hotmail.com).

### GARDEN DIVAS



Our October outing is scheduled for **Friday October 13**. We will visit the 75th Annual Plant and Bulb Mart. Experienced and beginning gardeners alike will find an expanded collection of hard-to-find and unusual crinum, daylilies, ginger, perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, herbs and citrus plants, including exclusive offerings grown specifically for the Mart from the gardens of Garden Club of Houston members. We will carpool from the Southwest satellite lot of Memorial City and leave at 8:30 a.m. The Mart is going to be held at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. It is suggested that you bring a hat and some means to carry your purchases.

The GCH Bulb & Plant Mart began on the steps of the Museum of Fine Arts 75 years ago as members sold bulbs and plants from their own gardens. Today, the Mart offers top-quality bulbs. Examples of bulbs offered for sale include: amaryllis, anemones, crocuses, daffodils, freesias, hyacinths, irises, ranunculi, and varieties of tulips and watsonias. The proceeds from the Mart are used for the purposes of stimulating the interest in and knowledge of gardening, enhancing the beauty of our city, and protecting and restoring our fragile ecosystem. There is a 10% discount on pre-orders before October 8. Refer to <https://www.gchouston.org/bulb-plant-mart/>.

After the Mart, we will have lunch at Mia's Table, a Houston local favorite since 2012. Please contact Susan Boone, [samboone@gmail.com](mailto:samboone@gmail.com) if you are interested in going to the Bulb Mart on Friday, October 13.

## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT...



The Girls' Night Out Group will NOT meet in October. Our next GNO outing will be **Wednesday, November 8**. Additional information about the time and place of our dining experience will be published in the November newsletter.

**Note: Two members of our GNO group have graciously volunteered to plan and hostess the November and January GNO events. We need a hostess for March 14 and May 9. If you can volunteer for either of those dates, please contact Janis Groves.**

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

Due to a scheduling conflict, we've postponed our first dinner of the year from September until October. Please join us **Saturday, October 14, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. for our first dinner in this year's series – A Culinary Tour of Italy. Our first stop is Tuscany. The dinner will be hosted by Sharon Jorgeson. If you have questions, contact the coordinators: Barbara Cook 713-782-4398 or Tina Simpson 281-558-1031.

### Nouveau Gourmet

The Nouveau Gourmet Group does NOT meet in October. The next dinner meeting "Soup to Nuts" will be hosted by Lou Fowler on **Saturday, November 4, 2017**. Additional information about the dinner will be published in the November newsletter.

## HIKING HONEYS



The planned return to Buffalo Bayou Park on **Thursday, October 19**, to hike another portion of the Allen Parkway Trail has been **cancelled** due to the trail damage inflicted by Hurricane Harvey.

Please watch for information on the November hike in the November newsletter.

## 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. We have three groups that you could consider joining. We order books in December or January, and the groups meet from February to May.

**The afternoon group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 2-4:00 p.m., chaired by Martha Ewell.**

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

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

## 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 [BHopkins238@gmail.com](mailto:BHopkins238@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](mailto:mlkain@hal-pc.org).



## **VICARIOUS VOYAGERS**



### **An interest group for travelers**

Coordinator: Diana Guarniere, [guarniered@gmail.com](mailto:guarniered@gmail.com)

#### **Thursday MORNING, October 26, 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for travel inspiration as we vicariously explore Prague and Berlin. This year please note that we will meet at a **NEW TIME**. We will gain insights from Rick Steves, our DVD guide. Please bring something to share for a savory brunch. New members are always welcome.

#### **RSVP your attendance to the hostess below:**

Diana Guarniere  
13814 Kimberley Lane (East of Kirkwood)  
Houston, TX 77070  
[guarniered@gmail.com](mailto:guarniered@gmail.com)  
(H) 281.493.2997; (C) 832.465.5578



## **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, October 2**. All AAUW members are invited to attend any or all of the Happy Hour events.



## **WISE...**

### **Women in Stem, Entertainment, Enrichment and Education**

Please join us **Monday, September 25**, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Susan Boone's home, 2919 Kevin. We will begin our book study on "Hidden Figures" to find hidden ideas to scale WISE schools. After watching the movie together in May, twice for some of us, we decided this would be a fun book discussion to begin our WISE activities. We will continue on **October 30** and finish on **November 27**.

See <http://aauwwsf.edublogs.org/> for more information or contact Karen North, [knorth@me.com](mailto:knorth@me.com).



## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

### **October -- San Bernard River Paddle Wheeler Voyage**

After losing our planned paddle wheeler voyage a couple years back due to the death of its captain, it is with great pleasure that

we announce it is back! Despite Harvey! So on **Tuesday, October 24**, we'll travel about 70 miles to southern Brazoria County where we'll reconnoiter with our Yellowstone Paddle Wheeler and cruise as originally planned on the scenic San Bernard River. Janis Groves, a native from these parts, will be our tour director.

As usual, we'll travel on a Precinct 3 bus which we'll meet at the Memorial City parking lot in our now usual spot on the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial City Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater. Departure will be promptly at 9:00 a.m. We expect to be back at Memorial City by about 4:30 p.m. traffic permitting. Comfortable clothes and shoes are suggested.

Cost for the cruise is \$26.70 (including tax). If you'd like to be aboard, your check in that amount will serve as your reservation for the trip. Please mail your check made out to Janis Groves, 14038 Myrtle Drive, Houston, TX 77079.

After our narrated cruise up the San Bernard River, we will have lunch at the Dido Restaurant. Menu options will be provided on the bus with your choices to be completed and given to Jan when we reach the boat dock. When we return from the cruise, our lunch will be waiting. Lunch costs range from \$9.00-\$12.00 plus drink, dessert, tax and 20% gratuity.

If you have questions, please contact Jan at 281-497-2295 or [jamgroves@aol.com](mailto:jamgroves@aol.com). As usual, guests will be welcome if space on the bus permits.

### **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 and 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 with departure promptly at 8:30 a.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](mailto: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.

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Without leaving the comfort of your home.

Put away your dancing shoes, put on your bathrobe

and write a check to one or more of the following:

**#9110 – AAUW Funds #3999 – Legal Advocacy Fund**

**#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