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www.aauw-whc.org

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SPRING RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 3, 2017, 11:00 AM

Lakeside Country Club 100 South Wilcrest Drive Houston, TX 77042

We are looking forward to our speaker Dr. Christiane Spitzmueller, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Houston. Dr. Spitzmueller's topic will be Promoting Women Faculty in STEM: Methods, Madness and (Slow) Progress.

We will honor our Baker-Telfer Scholarship recipients and install the new AAUW-WHC branch officers. Not lastly, we will recognize the contributions of our members this past year.

I hope to see you all there.

Pat Thomsen, Program Vice-President

Vote NOW in AAUW National Election

- ➤ Should AAUW admit into membership those without college degrees?
- ➤ Or should the degree requirements for individual members be eliminated and membership be open to anyone who advocates AAUW's mission?
- ➤ Do you care?

If so, you need to vote in the <u>AAUW National Election</u> being conducted on-line **NOW** through June 15!

What's to be voted on this year?

- Bylaws Amendments, including membership requirement outlined above
- Members of AAUW Board of Directors; 13 candidates **including West Harris County's own Traci Jensen** are running for 10 positions on Board of Directors
- Proposed Public Policy Program changes
- Resolutions on Equal Rights Amendment and Human Trafficking

For many years, you had to attend the AAUW national convention to cast your ballot. Balloting has been changed so that members can vote on-line. From the comfort of your own home, follow the steps below to cast your ballot:

- 1. Locate your Spring 2017 AAUW Outlook magazine (has marcher with pink knit hat on cover)
- 2. Review voter guide information in Outlook magazine
- 3. Click on this link AAUW National Election
- 4. Enter your AAUW Member ID and Voter PIN from back cover of Outlook magazine
- 5. Cast your ballot ASAP, but no later than June 15 (midnight)

President's Message

It has been my honor and pleasure to be the President of

AAUW-WHC this year. So many members make this Branch special. I thank all the activity coordinators who helped us to be at the right place at the right time. I thank all the committee chairs who diligently worked at their jobs and made our Branch run smoothly. Finally, I thank my officers and the bodacious



board, who always supported me, inspired me, and encouraged me. Eddie and I will miss seeing you at my house on the second Monday for a glass of wine, light supper, and, of course, branch business.

The summer will be busy renewing memberships, planning the August Coffee, publishing the Directory, and preparing for another special EYH. Our Branch is the cohost for the State AAUW Convention, April 20-April 22, 2018. There are many places to volunteer. The officers and chairs would love to hear from you.

I hand over the gavel to the incoming President, Anne Amador and President-Elect Sharon Jorgeson. WHC is in good hands. We will continue to evolve and change, and that is good.

Happy summer.

Nancy Guilloud, WHC Branch President

FAIRIEWIELL

FAREWELL to all of my AAUW friends. I have been a member for 35 years, so I know a lot of you. I will miss all of the wonderful, intelligent, hard-working, creative, beautiful, and industrious women in this great organization. I will join another one in Wisconsin, but I already know it will not compare to the WHC AAUW. It is the only organization I ever belonged to that when the meeting was over, everyone didn't run for their cars to get home. Not this group – they are still talking in the hallway (until the building closes), or in the parking lot. I guess we enjoy each other.

Our door is always open – so please visit if you are anywhere near Milwaukee. We do not know when there will be an opening in the Senior Center where we are going, but I'll give you our address anyway, and will let someone know when we move in:

Dickson Hollow W156N4881 Pilgrim Road Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

With sadness, anxiety, and excitement,

Dawn Katz







SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Prospective Members' Coffee

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church 12955 Memorial Drive Houston, Texas 77079

> For More Information Contact Sheila Jaynes: (281) 392-3134 sjaynes50@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE**

Prospective members must have an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution.

New members joining with payment at the Coffee, by cash or check only, save approximately fifty percent on their membership dues.

Please send the names and addresses of prospective members to Sheila Jaynes at sjaynes50@yahoo.com by Saturday, August 12, 2017.

AAUW Texas State Convention

When: April 20-22, 2018

Where: Houston, Texas

Location: Embassy Suites (Energy Corridor)

11730 Katy Fwy Houston, Texas

Hosts: West Harrís County Branch Fort Bend County Branch North Harrís County Branch

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2017-2018

It's that time of year - as in time to renew your AAUW membership. AAUW Texas has raised state dues from \$10 to \$13, so to renew as a member of the West Harris County Branch for the 2017-2018 year the total dues are \$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

Barbara Cook. Finance Officer



2017-2018 DIRECTORY UPDATES

All new information or corrections for current members for inclusion in the 2017-2018 Branch Directory must be in by **July 31**. Please review your contact information in the current directory. If any needed changes or corrections have not already been published in the newsletter during the past year, please email them to Mary Andersen, mande7707@hotmail.com.

Note: If your street address ends in Drive, Lane, Court, Street, etc. and this designation is not included in your present listing, members who are looking for directions to your house online may be misdirected.

The number of new members joining at the August coffee results in heavy input and it is a push to get all of the information in, proofed, and the new directory printed for distribution shortly after the new branch year starts in September. This is a good thing, but makes it necessary to have current member information up-to-date prior to the coffee. During the first weeks of August the editor must get all current member information updated and proofed. This includes deleting the information for non-renewing members. As a result, those who have not paid their dues by July 31st will not be included in the new directory. Directory information for those members who pay their dues after July will be published in the next edition of the branch newsletter.

Mary Andersen, Directory Editor

Archiving Project with UH Library

No Longer in Boxes Under the Bed: AAUW WHC History--Moving Forward

Since our branch voted unanimously at the March 21 meeting to gift our records, documents, etc. containing branch history to the UH Library's Carey Shuart Women's Research Collection for archiving and publication, we have started the process of gathering and organizing these materials to transfer to the UH Library. We request that if you have any materials that you would like to donate to this project whether digital, paper, or audiovisual, or if you have any questions about the project, please contact Martha Ewell, (m.ewell@sbcglobal.net, 713-782-2084) or Nancy Guilloud (nanguilloud@aol.com, 713-785-6336).

We would like to complete the collecting of materials by the end of June. We are very excited about our partnership with the UH Library to make our history available to researchers and the public at large.

Martha Ewell, Historian

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SPRING STYLE SHOW

And a great time was had by all! You would know, if you were at the annual Style Show at Talbots in Town & Country on Sunday, May 7th. What fun it was with our eight wonderful members modeling not one, but two separate outfits for those in attendance. They strutted beautifully and after the modeling, many members purchased items for themselves. With ticket sales of over \$850 and 10% of our Talbots purchases going to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund, the fund raiser was a great success. If you missed it, be sure to watch the newsletter for next year's show! Many thanks go to our models: Laura Cahill, Lillian Care, Barbara Cook, Nancy Ennis, Pat Farnell, Cindy Hickok, Martha Inskeep and Carolyn Stoffel.

Hazel Chahar & Mary Kain, Funds Vice-Presidents





EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS 2017-2018



It has been my privilege to serve as the chair of EYH for the past two years and to work with the EYH Steering Committee a great group of women who every year work very hard to put on this conference. We look forward to EYH 2018, which tentatively is set for February 24, 2018, and are looking for volunteers to help. Currently, here are the main volunteer positions available:

Secretary - Records minutes of the committee meetings and distributes those minutes to committee members. This volunteer must attend all committee meetings, which are held once a month, or find a substitute.

Favors – Orders and delivers T-Shirts for the conference, bags, pens, cups and other favors that are given out at the conference. This committee member must devote several weeks to prepare the design and order and deliver the favors.

Brochure - Prepares the brochure, working with the Steering Committee for content and with the designer. Serves as brochure editor, finding, selecting photos, writing and editing text and providing guidance to the printer. This volunteer must devote several weeks preparing the brochure and working with the designer.

<u>Folder Document Printing</u> – Updates folder documents for students, adult attendees, parents and facilitators and prints documents in preparation for the folder stuffing. This volunteer must devote several days making sure the documents for the folders are correct and printed.

Presenter Training - On the evening of the Presenters' Dinner, teaches the presenters what to expect on the day of the conference and what types of presentations work well with the students. This volunteer must be comfortable making presentations in front of groups and detail what is expected of the presenters. This volunteer should be someone familiar with EYH.

Folder Stuffing – Half-day commitment at your home where a group organizes the folders for the conference.

Facilitators - On the day of the conference, facilitators who help out in the classrooms are needed either for the whole day or for a half day.

Your time is valuable, but most of these positions require only a small portion of your time. Please consider joining the EYH Steering Committee and making EYH 2018 a success.

In addition, this year it will be especially important to increase our fundraising efforts. If you would like to help, please contact EYH 2018 chair Lilian Care at tigermoon1@sbcglobal.net.

Laura Cahill, 2016-2017 EYH Chair

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MEMBERSHIP



The Instructions Below can be used to Order Your Name Tag (Example Shown Above). Just Follow the Instructions Beginning with the First Line Below and Proceed with Each Item.

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.

Former name tags will be at the June luncheon and you may take yours to keep if you like. Stick-on name tags will also be available at the luncheon and at all subsequent AAUW functions.

Sheila Jaynes, Membership Vice-President

There will not be a July or August newsletter. Look for the September newsletter in mid-tolate August.

June 2017 Activities and **Interest Group News**

We have come to the conclusion of our 2016-17 planned activities and interest group sessions. From most accounts, it was a very successful one for AAUW-WHC. Many of our groups are already planning for another year of outstanding activities for our members. We still need volunteers to coordinate some of our groups. If you can help, please contact Jan Groves to discuss details.

The next newsletter, filled with information about forthcoming 2017-18 events, will be published in late August, 2017. Read about the fantastic opportunities available to you next season. Make plans now to be an active participant in several of our groups. See you in August at the New Members Coffee.

BOOK GROUPS



Afternoon Contemporary Literature Wednesday, June 7, 1:30 p.m.

2017-2018 Book Selection Luncheon

Hostess: Linda Morgan, 11934 Riverview Drive

281.293.0976

Contemporary Readers

Wednesday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.

2017-2018 Book Selection Luncheon Call Margaret Gruss, 281-589-0411, for reservation

Enjoying History

Monday, June 12, 1:30 p.m.

2017-2018 Book Selection Luncheon Hostess: Nancy Guilloud, 11110 Tupper Lake 713.785.6336

Evening Contemporary Literature

Monday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.

2017-2018 Book Selection Supper Hostess: Jo Glidewell, 936.327.2085 Spring Creek Barbeque 21000 Katy Freeway and N. Westgreen Blvd. Katy, TX, 281.829.0359

Mystery

Tuesday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.

2017-2018 Book Selection Luncheon Hostess: Susan Dunten, 1706 Rushbrook Drive 281.497.9150

BRIDGE GROUPS - Various



JUNE BRIDGE WORKSHOPS

June is the time to improve your play with intensive workshops starting **Tuesday**, **June 6** at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Sage and Woodway. Fee for either 4 week workshop is \$80.00. If you are not able to attend all classes you may pay \$25 per lesson. For information on registering contact Joyce Ryan, jryan9620@sbcglobal.net., 713-977-3360, C 713-301-0624 or Edith Dunlop, edunlop527@aol.com, 713-677-0753.

TUESDAYS, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27

10:00 a.m. - 12.00 noon - IMPROVING YOUR JUDGEMENT IN OPENING THE BIDDING

You know the basic bidding and are ready to expand your repertoire. Practice will include: Opening Bids in the 1st and 2nd seat using additional guidelines, Opening in 3rd and 4th seats with borderline hands, Responding to bids in the 3rd and 4th chairs, obstructive opening bids, strong opening bids with balanced and unbalanced hands.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - POPULAR CONVENTIONS

This class is for basic players who are ready to learn popular conventions such as: Stayman and Transfers, asking for aces/kings and handling big hands such as strong opening bids of 2 Clubs and 2 No Trump. Also included will be Slam Bidding in suits and No Trump with Roman Key Card Blackwood.

If your busy schedule kept you from playing bridge with us during the club year, join us for summer fun any Wednesday 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Tracy Gee Community Center or on the 3rd Monday at the Westchase Marriott from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with buffet lunch. Contact Edith Dunlop and tell her when you want to play.

BYWAY BIRDERS



Byway Birders are having a potluck planning dinner. We will meet **June 10** at 5:30 at the home of Miriam Vyles. Please RSVP to Miriam at 713-461-2108.

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.

GARDEN DIVAS



Our published June visit to the Galveston Backyard Garden Tour has been cancelled. Galveston is not hosting the backyard tours this year.

The Divas will meet at Harvest Organic Grille, 1810 Fountain View Dr. at 11:00 a.m. June 6 to begin planning next year's activities. Please bring your ideas for places that would be fun to visit.

Afterward, the Divas will visit one of the largest vertical gardens in the metropolitan Houston area, conceptualized by H-E-B architectural design team and installed by Houston-based landscape architects, McDugald-Steele. This beautiful garden adorns the store's facade. This 250 foot linear living wall comprised of 22,000 indigenous plants covers the store's 14-foot tall western-facing wall, providing a sustainable green element to the store's industrial warehouse-style architecture. If you have not visited the H.E.B. location, it is a field trip in and of itself! Hope to see you June 6! Please email smboone@gmail.com so I can make lunch reservations. In the meantime, start thinking of great garden events.

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...

Greetings to the GNO Group Members.

I have appreciated working with all of you in helping to plan our Girls' Night Out events for the last two years. Now, I believe, is a good time for others to become more involved in planning the outings. Various members of the GNO group will be taking turns planning the GNO dinners with Jan Groves as coordinator. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way. I have very much enjoyed it.

Sheila Jaynes

*If you are willing to plan one of the GNO dining experiences for our 2017-18 season, please contact Jan Groves, jamgroves@aol.com or 281.497.2295, to select the dates and discuss other details.

GOURMET DINING



Classic Gourmet Group and Nouveau Gourmet Group have completed their series of dinners for this season.

Each group coordinator will contact members by email or telephone to arrange a planning session for the 2017-18 dining schedule.

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. We meet in members' homes every two weeks from February through May, 2018.

Great Decisions North Evening Group:

The North Group had a very successful season discussing current topics from around the world. We will resume again in the Fall with sign-up and sessions beginning in February, 2018.

Great Decisions South Evening Group

The South Group has concluded the scheduled discussions for this year. The group will begin their regular discussion of current topics in February 2018. Details will be published in the January 2018 newsletter.

Great Decisions – Afternoon Group

The Great Decisions Thursday afternoon Group has concluded the spring round of discussion meetings for this year. In February 2018, meetings will resume with eight new discussion topics. Orders for the briefing books, published by the Foreign Policy association, will be made in late October or early November. Look for next year's meeting specifics in the January 2018 newsletter.

HIKING HONEYS



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Hiking Honeys has had a great year. We have traveled from the forests north of Houston to the Gulf of Mexico. Now we need a coordinator for 2017-2018. The job is easy BUT necessary to keep us hiking.

The group began in fall 2011 when Marietta Hostak was the first coordinator. She was followed by Melba Armstrong and then Gail Rickey. Now it is time for a new coordinator.

What attracted me to AAUW was the fact that it has a hiking group. I had never been introduced to a group that offered me that opportunity. Let's keep this unique aspect of our AAUW chapter.

Here is what you can do to help:

- 1. Volunteer to be the coordinator.
 - OR
- 2. Volunteer to be a co-coordinator.

OR

3. Encourage another Hiking Honey to volunteer.

It's up to YOU to keep us hiking.

Gail Rickey, Coordinator, 2015/2016 & 2016/2017

Carried States

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 again until October, 2017.

Specific details of the date and time to meet at McCormick & Schmick's, City Centre location, will be published in the September newsletter.



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.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



June -- UH Texas Music Festival Concert

Last call for our 2016-17 Cultural Activities season which concludes on **Saturday**, **June 17** with an evening concert at UH's Texas Music Festival – an annual 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 and will leave promptly at 5:00 p.m.

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 it to her at 11938 Riverview Drive, Houston, 77077 to arrive **before June 10** to assure you're among those of us who will be enjoying this beautiful music. As usual, guests will be welcome if seats remain on the bus after members have claimed theirs.

Questions? Contact Fran Macy at 281-556-0121 or franhm@mac.com

Cultural Activities 2017-18 Season Planning Meeting

Even as our 2016-17 season still has one more event scheduled (see details above), planning for our 2017-18 season is underway. But first, a special thank you to Cindy Hickok, Jo Glidewell, Carol Gee, Barbara Butler, Nancy Ennis, Jane Wood, Martha Ewell, Marie Helmy, Carole Ballew, Fran Macy and Linda Morgan for leading us to a spectacular season this past year.

If you have ideas as to where you'd like one of our cultural trips to venture in the coming year, plan now to attend a meeting to be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 13</u>, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Cultural Chair, Priscilla List, 6923 Lawler Ridge, to set the 2017-18 schedule. Please RSVP your plans to attend to Priscilla at <u>priscillalist@att.net</u> or 713-680-8681 so she can have the correct number of chairs at the ready. If you have ideas, but can't attend the meeting, please be sure to let her know about those as well. Remember, in this game, there are no "bad" ideas!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

<u>Please update your directories with the following members' revised information:</u>

Palmisano, Kathy

New Email: kpalm39@gmail.com

Please add the following new member:

Donahue, Rebecca (Becky)

14019 Locke Lane Houston, TX 77077

Home Phone: 281-870-0420 Cell Phone: 281-639-4677 Email: mbdonohue@aol.com

Spouse: Mike BD: 08/07

St. Edward's University -Austin, BA, English

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.



July 2017-June 2018 Dues Notice

Name:					
Please Indicate type of membership	Member Type	TOTAL DUE	"Total Dues" includes		
	(MOB- Branch Member) (MLB-Branch Life Member) Dual		National	State	Branch
	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 <u>separate checks</u> 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