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Branch website:

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

National website:

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

## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Dr. Jenny Chang**

Director of Methodist Hospital Cancer Center

Dr. Jenny Chang, director of the Cancer Center at Methodist Hospital since 2010, is an internationally acclaimed oncology researcher and clinician whose major interest is breast cancer. She coordinates all the cancer care at Methodist's seven hospitals, including research and clinical trials. She hopes President Obama's 1 billion dollar "Moonshot" will jump start funding to eliminate cancer as we know it.



As a child in Singapore in the 1970s and 80s she watched seven of her relatives, including a 9-year-old cousin, succumb to cancer after repeated rounds of chemotherapy. She earned an MD from the University of Cambridge in 1989, interned at the Royal Marsden Hospital/Institute for Cancer Research, and was awarded a Research Doctorate from the University of London where she specialized in breast cancer. After a year at Singapore's National University she moved to Houston in hopes of breaking the "glass ceiling" she had experienced overseas.

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On average it takes 15 years to bring a new drug to market so Dr. Chang and her colleagues are examining new uses for older drugs. She is a leader in developing a cancer drug that kills breast tumor cells that survive chemotherapy and holds patents on new technological advances including molecular profiling. Her "Smart Bomb" theory is in clinical trials at Methodist, one of two locations in the United States. In addition to her duties at Methodist Hospital she is a professor at Weill Medical College. Dr. Chang has been named one of America's top doctors and received "Compassionate Doctor" recognition in 2015. "We are here to be a partner through a difficult time. We help patients holistically, not only caring for the cancer, but caring for the patient."

Pat Thomsen, Program Chair

## HOLIDAY PARTY

*It's that time again! Holiday time! Party time!*

**Yao Restaurant & Bar**

**9755 Westheimer Road**

**Sunday, December 4, 5:30 p.m.**



See the flyer at the back of the newsletter for further details!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The WHC Board is working hard to add new things to our Branch and continue our old things that work so well.

Anne Amador is working with the AAUW Rice Students Affiliate Group. A group of our members are hoping to be a part of this experience. If you would like to be involved with this, please let me know.



Martha Ewell and I are investigating archiving the history of WHC with the University of Houston Library Women's Studies Special Collection. We have an amazing collection of information on our Branch going back forty years. This would be a wonderful opportunity.

EYH is in full swing with the planning phase. Let Laura Cahill know you want to volunteer.

It is not all work. The holiday party will be at Yao's this year. As you turn the Lazy Susan at your table, you will fill your plate with appetizers and entrées, and enjoy fun conversation with members and their guests. See the invitation in this newsletter.

May you and all that you love have a grateful and special Thanksgiving holiday.

*Nancy Guilloud, WHC Branch President*



## FUNDS CORNER

Our fall fund raiser, The Harvest Moon Ball, is upon us. **See the flyer with all particulars at the end of the newsletter.** As I hope you are all aware, it's the best ball you *do not* attend. Just select the fund(s) of your choice to support, write your check(s) and mail. Information on all funds are found in the Directory under Branch Philanthropy. Noted below are three of the funds that may be of interest to our branch members along with their current balances:

### **Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund - \$776**

(WHC fund that awards three \$1,000 scholarships locally each year)

### **Ann Richards Fellowship Fund - \$130,250**

(State fund that will be fully funded at \$200,000)

### **Lois List Fellowship Fund - \$69,996**

(Illinois AAUW Fund honoring Priscilla List's mother that will be fully funded at \$100,000)

Your acts of generosity strengthen AAUW's mission.

*Mary Kain & Hazel Chahar, Funds Vice-Presidents*

## EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS 2017

**February 25, 2017**

**Spring Forest Middle School**



Help celebrate our branch's 25<sup>th</sup> EYH anniversary and help the next generation of young women to enter Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields. The Steering Committee is looking for volunteers, especially those who can assist in the classrooms on the date of the event (facilitators) and assist with stuffing folders, organizing the food for the event and coordinating the audio/visual. If you are interested, please contact Laura Fiorentino Cahill, EYH Committee Chair, at 832-755-3753 or by email at [Laura.Cahill1960@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.Cahill1960@yahoo.com). You can also contact EYH co-chair Lilian Care at [tigermoon1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tigermoon1@sbcglobal.net).

The following timeline lists anticipated EYH deadlines. Please note that facilitator training and school walk-through is currently being planned for either Jan. 13 or Jan. 20, 2017. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is **November 10** starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Kroger on Westheimer near Gessner, 9919 Westheimer.

## TIMELINE

10/1	Finalize Adult Presenters
10/30	Finalize Brochure
12/1	Open Event Registration
1/13 or 1/20	Facilitator Training and Campus Walk-through (about 3:45 pm)
1/21	Presentation About EYH at January Branch Meeting
1/31	Presenters' Dinner (evening)
2/13	Folder Stuffing (morning)
2/25	EYH Conference (8 a.m. check-in – 3:15 p.m. student pickup)



## **PUBLIC POLICY**

AAUW's history parallels that of the progressive movement of which it was a part. Its tiny initial membership was overshadowed by WCTU crusaders, etc. Women college graduates were rare to the point of oddity. This boom in women's organizations had an importance we can scarcely comprehend now. It was their only voice. AAUW, however, did not become politically active until the sixties, but other nineteenth-century groups were famously less reserved.

They had their reasons. The appeal of a horsewhipped wife had been rejected in court. Even the worst father could claim a mother's children. Husbands pilfered their wives' inheritances. Birth control was illegal. Gradually, in Europe and America, the eighteenth century intellectual revolution and the nineteenth century industrial revolution was remedying such outrages. By 1850, states had begun outlawing wife beating and protecting women's property from their husbands. Domestic violence might be stopped, though arrests were seldom made. At least officially, women eventually won the right to sign contracts, hold jobs, and fight for custody of their children. They won the right to vote in 1920 (the same year a consolidation of several splinter groups was named "AAUW") Women, however, did not begin to vote in numbers as high as men until 1980, perhaps because the daughters of baby boomers were becoming eligible. With "Generation X," a surge of interest followed a 1970s spate of best-selling books (written by boomers) claiming to identify a still unsolved problem.

The ancient cliché pairing "pillage" with "rape" suggests its deep-seated nature. An expose of military rape culture was followed by one describing a problem in some college fraternities and another claiming campus rape in general was commonplace. Coaches and other authorities were accused of defending institutions rather than victims. Judges were said to empathize with "boys" who reminded them of their former selves. Indeed, the American problem appears old enough that some young offenders may now have reached positions of power and fatherly indulgence.

There is a sense in which rape in America's middle class is not impersonal, though there is scant personal relationship between members of the "couple." The psychological bonding experience is between the perpetrator and his male audience, whether or not they were actually present for (or participating in) the event. Telling other men about rape apparently has an enjoyable ritual quality, making the phenomenon truly "fraternal." Young boys expected to prove their masculinity in this environment are almost as much to be pitied as women providing the playground.

Readers can scan medieval and colonial history to reassure themselves that women have progressed. There are travesties too vulgar to be described here. We have indeed "come a long way (baby)" but our ascent has been via a spiral rather than a linear staircase.

*Barbara Brittain Greer, Public Policy Chair*

## **November 2016 Activities And Interest Group News**

### **Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

The slogan "Your Vote, Your Voice" is an important reminder that each of us should exercise our right to vote. Vote early, vote by mail, or vote at the polls.



### **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2016**

We who are privileged to live in the United States of America have so much to be thankful for. As you gather around your Thanksgiving table, with your beloved family and friends, whatever your traditions may be, please remember those things with which you are blessed and be thankful.



### **Planning your activities for November...**

This month we have some very interesting opportunities to meet with our AAUW friends to enjoy our favorite activities: sharing a good book, playing bridge, taking a trip to view unusual birds or fantastic gardens, having a meal with friends, taking a hike, playing games, or seeing a good movie. Check out your choices and make your plans early. If you have an interest and the time available, try out a new activity this month.

Our AAUW branch has something for everyone. If we don't have something that interests you, gather a few friends, make a plan for your new group and call Jan Groves to discuss your idea and select a convenient time and place to meet.

Leaders for all the groups are listed in the Directory, but if you have questions and/or would like help to make a connection, please contact Activities Coordinator, Jan Groves, 281-497-2295 or [jamgroves@aol.com](mailto:jamgroves@aol.com).



## **BOOK GROUPS**

### **Afternoon Contemporary Literature** **Wednesday, November 2, 1:30 p.m.**

*H is for Hawk* by Helen McDonald

Hostess: Daphne Scharar, 1202 Briar Brook Drive  
713.783.2987

### **Contemporary Readers**

#### **Wednesday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.**

*Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende

Hostess: Nancy Ennis, 1122 Ben Hur Drive  
713.467.3698

## **BOOK GROUPS (Continued)...**

### **Enjoying History**

**Monday, November 14, 1:30 p.m.**

*The Invention of Nature* by Andrea Wulf

Hostess: Susan Dunten, 17060 Rushbrook Drive  
281.497.9150

### **Evening Contemporary Literature**

**Monday, November 07, 7:30 p.m.**

*Dead Wake* by Eric Larson

Hostess: Sharon Jorgeson, 12518 Honeywood Trail  
281.558.4382

### **Mystery**

**Tuesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.**

*Iron House* by John Hart

Hostess: Joan Wood, 8967 Briar Forest Drive  
713.784.1913

### **Outstanding Literature**

**Tuesday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.**

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Meeting at The Egg and I  
Bunker Hill Location

## **BRIDGE GROUPS – Various**



### **Beginner Bridge Classes Start on January 9, 2017**

#### **Wednesday Bridge Continues...**

**Every Wednesday (12:30-3:00p.m.),**

Tracy Gee Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr.  
Westheimer/Beltway 8 area

You may play any Wednesday, or all, but first call Dorothy Clooney at 713-461-4769 to let her know that you will be playing there.

The Center sets up table and chairs. You need 3 others to fill a table, and it is your responsibility to bring cards and score sheets. Each table is autonomous. There are various levels of player ability. If you wish to sub, call Dorothy and indicate beginner, intermediate, or advanced skill level.

**We do not play duplicate.** If you wish to start a table, let her know and you will be put on the chart.

Check your Directory for other opportunities, and different days for joining bridge groups. For information on beginner and advanced classes contact Edith Dunlop, 713-677-07533.

## **BYWAY BIRDERS**



Byway Birders will travel to Brazos Bend State Park on **Saturday, November 12**. We hope to see some late migrant warblers and hawks in addition to the year round waterfowl. If there is enough time and interest, we may continue to Varner Hogg State Historic Site. We will be hiking and picnicking so bring a lunch and plenty to drink. If you have a state park pass, please bring it with you. Both parks have fees.

Please meet at the parking lot near Dillards by 7:30. Please call or email Edie if you plan on going. Reach her at [medieobrien@att.net](mailto:medieobrien@att.net) or 281-496-9842.

## **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](mailto: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**



The Garden Divas received an unexpected but welcome invitation from the Briargrove Park Women's Club.

We originally scheduled a November 1 outing to Shangri La Gardens; however, we are joining the Women's Club trip going there on **October 26** instead. I apologize for the inconvenience if you did not know earlier. Please email me: [smboone@gmail.com](mailto:smboone@gmail.com) to be added to our email list if you need notification about our upcoming activities other than through the newsletter.

We will have a Christmas Celebration at Linda Marlin's home on **December 6**. Please mark your calendars for that event and plan to attend. A Garden "Gift Give" (<\$10) will complement the pot-luncheon! Get your creative winter mindsets going!

## GENEALOGY



Marilyn Collins, an experienced genealogy researcher, is the new 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](mailto: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, November 9**, at Cafe Benedicte located at 15455 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079 (281) 558-6607. The restaurant is on the south side of Memorial a little west of the intersection of Memorial and Eldridge.

The large private room to the right as you enter has been reserved for us. I have found this restaurant to be very accommodating and they are pleased to have us dine at their restaurant. The cuisine is a combination of Mediterranean and American. Please RSVP to Sheila Jaynes by calling 281-392-3134 or call or text me at 713-412-4586. RSVP by email to [sjaynes50@yahoo.com](mailto:sjaynes50@yahoo.com).

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 you would like to be on the GNO mailing list and haven't already done so, please contact Sheila Jaynes.

## GOURMET DINING



### Classic Gourmet

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on **November 12** for our second dinner in this year's series – Celebratory Dinners with Star Chefs. It will be a red, white and blue dinner celebrating Election Day with recipes from Jacques Pepin. Our host will be Ed Alami. To be included in the dinner or if you have questions, please contact the coordinators: Tina Simpson 281-558-1031 or Barbara Cook 713-782-4398.

### Nouveau Gourmet

The Nouveau group will meet for dinner at The Devine Affair on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**, at 6:30 p.m. The restaurant is located at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Kirkwood. Hostess for the evening is Diane Stratham. Please RSVP to her at 281.497.6259 or [Distatham@msn.com](mailto:Distatham@msn.com).

## GREAT DECISIONS



### Great Decisions – Evening Group

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 2 weeks from February through May. Due to increased interest, we are forming 2 evening groups this year. Those North of I-10 near Beltway 8 will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evenings, and if you are South of I-10, the group will meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Hazel Chahar at [chahars@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chahars@sbcglobal.net) or call 713-294-0784.

### Great Decisions – Afternoon Group

The afternoon group chaired by Martha Ewell, [marthaewell@att.net](mailto:marthaewell@att.net), will not begin regular meetings until February, 2017. If you are interested in being part of this discussion group, please contact Martha for additional information and perhaps join the group. Look for more details in the February issue of the newsletter.



## HIKING HONEYS

On **November 17**, we will hike at the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center. AAUW member Lynne Hester who is Volunteer Coordinator at the Arboretum has arranged for our group to be led on Arboretum trails by program manager Kelsey Low. Kelsey's specialties are birds, animal behavior, and ecology. We will stroll along easy trails, explore the Arboretum Nature Center, and then enjoy a picnic lunch.

Meet at Dillard's parking lot at Memorial City Mall at 9:30 AM to carpool to the Arboretum, OR meet the group at the Arboretum.

Let Gail Rickey, coordinator for Hiking Honeys, know if you plan to participate in this fun morning in nature. Contact her at [patrickey@aol.com](mailto:patrickey@aol.com) or 281-440-0353.



## 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

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

The Vicarious Voyagers will not meet again until **Thursday, January 26, 2017**, when they will explore traveling in Sweden. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dana Cutts, [dpcutts@gmail.com](mailto:dpcutts@gmail.com) or 713.785.5306.



## WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

### **The WWW group will not meet in November.**

This 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. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 5**. All AAUW members are invited to attend any or all of the Happy Hour events. Contact Marie Helmy at [oolit3@att.net](mailto:oolit3@att.net) or 281.463.8842 or Jane Cooper at [xicooper@aol.com](mailto:xicooper@aol.com) or 281.531.8839.



## WISE...

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

Our AAUW Wise group will be building code buddies for the "White House CS for All" initiative and "Computer Science Education Week" on **Dec. 5-11**. Planning starts now. If you would like to be a part, please contact Karen North. We will be getting a proclamation from the mayor for the third year for our support.

See <https://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/building-president-s-call-action-expand-computer-science-education-k-12-schools> for more information.

And see <http://knorth.edublogs.org/2015/12/08/hour-of-code/> for what we did last year and a link to sign up in SBISD as a volunteer.

### **Next WHC Branch Board Meeting November 7, 2016**

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](mailto:nanguilloud@aol.com).

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



### **MFAH's Exclusive Exhibit** **"Degas: A New Vision"**

Nearly 200,000 visitors flocked to see this incredible exhibition earlier this year in Melbourne, Australia. Now it has come to our own Museum of Fine Arts for its only U.S stop and we'll be among the first to see it when we venture to the Museum on **Tuesday, November 15**.

***Degas: A New Vision*** is the most significant international survey in almost 30 years of the work of 19<sup>th</sup> century master Edgar Degas. With more than 200 works from public and private collections around the world, the exhibit showcases the continuity of the artist's abiding interest across painting, drawing, photography, printmaking and sculpture from the beginning to the end of his career.F

Not since the landmark international retrospective *Degas* in 1988 has the artist's career been so fully assessed. That exhibition led to a revival of interest in Degas, with dozens of shows focusing on individual subjects of his work – the bathers, the dancers, the jockeys, the portraits – or his influence on other artists. ***Degas: A New Vision*** benefits from that scholarship, puts Degas back together again, and offers an opportunity to see the artist anew.

Degas's mother was Creole from New Orleans and he lived there for several years. While there he produced some of his best work. In honor of his Louisiana roots, we'll do lunch at Brennan's following the viewing.

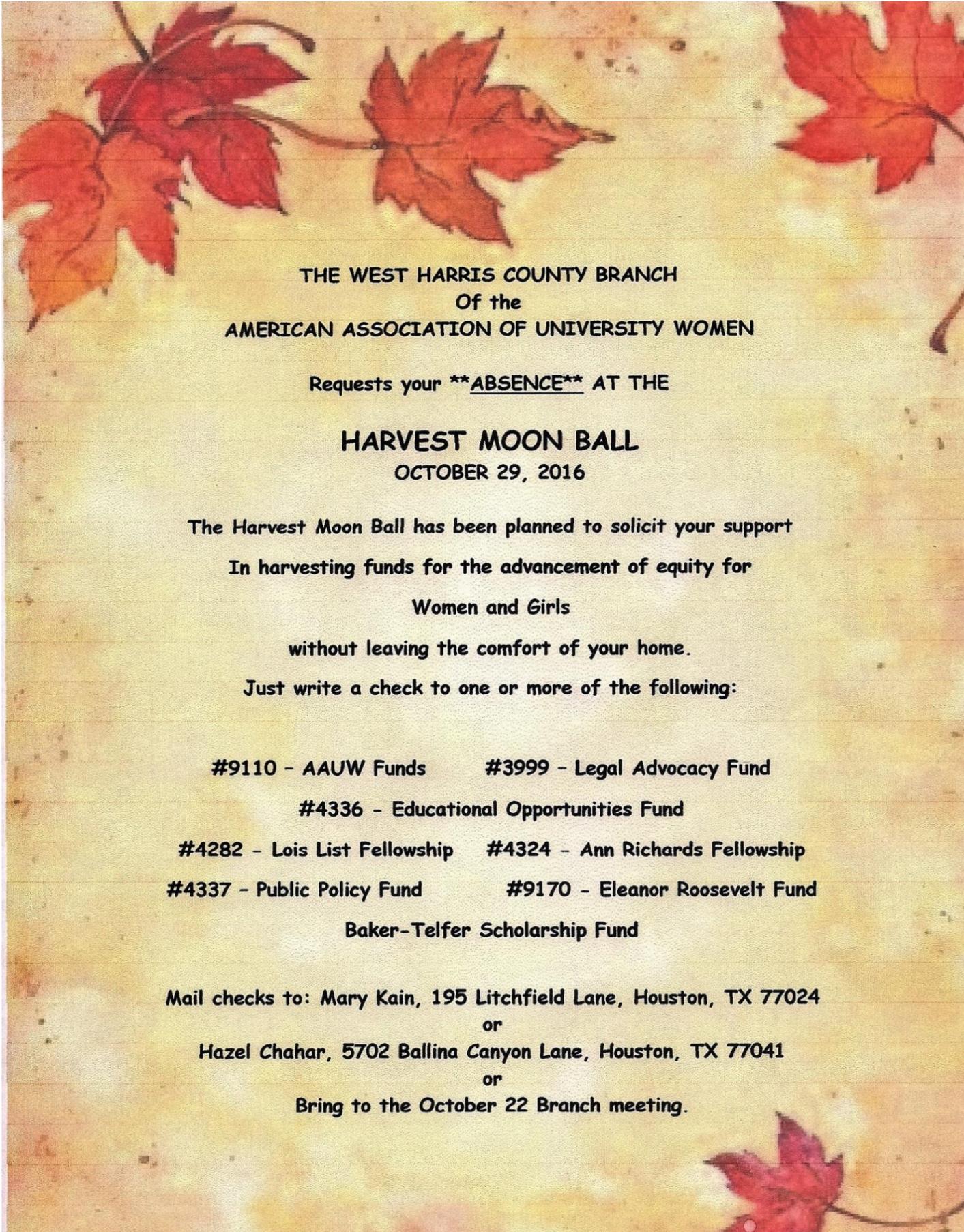
If you are a MFAH member, cost for the exhibit will be free. If not, ticket pricing is \$23 for Adults, and \$18 for Seniors 65 or over which will be payable at the door.

We will meet our Precinct 3 bus on the southeast corner of Memorial City Mall parking lot (corner of Barryknoll & Memorial City Way) and depart promptly at 10:00 a.m. We expect to return by 3:00 p.m.

If you'd like to join us for this inspiring day, contact Carol Gee at 713-785-9303 or [cdgee777@yahoo.com](mailto:cdgee777@yahoo.com) quickly as bus seating is limited.

Plus save **Saturday afternoon, December 10**, for our visit to the Houston Chamber Choir's Concert at Villa de Matel. Tickets are going fast, so don't wait. If you would like to be with us, contact Barbara Butler now at 713-305-0570 or [barbarabutler1959@att.net](mailto:barbarabutler1959@att.net) for details and/or to arrange to purchase your ticket.

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Of the  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Requests your **\*\*ABSENCE\*\*** AT THE

**HARVEST MOON BALL**  
OCTOBER 29, 2016

The Harvest Moon Ball has been planned to solicit your support  
In harvesting funds for the advancement of equity for  
Women and Girls  
without leaving the comfort of your home.  
Just 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  
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Mail checks to: Mary Kain, 195 Litchfield Lane, Houston, TX 77024  
or  
Hazel Chahar, 5702 Ballina Canyon Lane, Houston, TX 77041  
or  
Bring to the October 22 Branch meeting.



AAUW-West Harris County Branch  
Cordially Invites You to our

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday December 4  
5:30 p.m.

Yao Restaurant & Bar  
9755 Westheimer Road @ S. Gessner

*Buffet includes: appetizers, soup, Orange Peel Chicken, Yao Shrimp, Beef with Broccoli,  
Sweet & Sour Chicken & Shrimp, sautéed vegetables, rice, tea, and dessert*

*Cost: \$30 per person, check payable to "AAUW-WHC"  
Guests are welcome*

Please mail your check by November 28 to:  
Barbara Cook  
214 Big Hollow Lane  
Houston, TX 77042

Hostess: Anne Amador, 713-975-0589, [anamador@earthlink.net](mailto:anamador@earthlink.net)