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October Newsletter Deadline:

September 15, 2018

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Branch website:

www.aauw-whc.org

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www.aauw.org

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive



Elizabeth Hilbun will be our guest speaker for the evening. She has been a practicing Board Certified Estate Planning and Probate attorney for over 20 years. She also is an Accredited Attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She co-founded a non-profit entity, The Living Legacy Center. This center empowers veterans, senior citizens and those with intellectual and development disabilities to be able to access relevant information to their specific needs.

Elizabeth's personal mission is to be legal support for families during times that are stressful and overwhelming.

Carolyn Stoffel, Program Chair

SAVE THE DATE



HARVEST MOON BALL

The very best ball

You C*A*N*N*O*T* attend

Save the date: October 27, 2018

Proceeds go to the AAUW Fund of your choice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new members and our returning members. I am honored to serve as your president. This year promises to be wonderful with outstanding programs, interesting cultural events and numerous activities that offer something for everyone to enjoy. At the same time, it is important for us to remember why we joined AAUW. AAUW has been empowering women since 1881 and continues to push forward policies that break through education and economic barriers for women. Our Policy Chairmen (we have 3 this year) will keep you informed through the monthly newsletter of AAUW public policies, initiatives and legal advocacy work.



Our Branch's most important event is the Expanding Your Horizons Conference for middle school girls. This will be our 27th year to present this event. Please put **Feb. 23, 2019** on your calendar as we will need you to volunteer in order to make this great event a success.

I look forward to hearing from you for your ideas and suggestions to continue to make our Branch relevant to you.

Sharon Jorgeson, WHC Branch President



FUNDS CORNER

During the annual Spring Luncheon, several members were recognized for their support of our Branch. The first recognized was Anne Amador, our immediate past president, who did a spectacular job! Also recognized were Sheila Jaynes, outgoing Membership VP who overcame Harvey, Melba Armstrong, outgoing Recording Secretary as well as current newsletter editor, and Hazel Chahar who is the outgoing Funds VP and who also served as EYH Registrar. Martha Ewell is especially thanked for spearheading the effort to archive the Branch records at UH, leading a great decisions group, and serving as WHC Public Policy chair. Martha also served as registrar for the 2018 Texas AAUW convention.

Nancy Ennis & Georgia Kimmel, Funds VPs

2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Following is the proposed 2018-2019 budget for AAUW-WHC Branch. The budget is endorsed by WHC Branch Board of Directors. Please review and be prepared to vote on acceptance of this budget for the upcoming year at the Membership Meeting on **September 18, 2018**.

REVENUE

Local Dues	2640.00
Directory Ads	440.00
Directory Sales	35.00
Holiday Party	2400.00
Spring Luncheon	2660.00

TOTAL INCOME 8175.00

EXPENSES

Memorials	250.00
Hospitality Supplies	120.00
Corresponding Secretary	50.00
Newsletter	125.00
Directory	1000.00
Directory Online Expense	1000.00
Operating Supplies	275.00
Postage	100.00
Rice Student Affiliate	300.00
EYH Donation	250.00
Program Incidentals	100.00
Membership (incl. Coffee)	1325.00
Spring Luncheon	2300.00
Holiday Party	2000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 9195.00

Diane Roberts, Financial Officer

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

The Financial Review Committee met on Friday, July 20, 2018, to check the financial records of the AAUW Branch, EYH, AAUW Funds and Baker Telfer Scholarship. As stated in WHC Procedures and Local Policy, the treasurers reviewed books other than their own but were available to answer any questions.

These records were corrected if necessary and are now in good order.

Committee Members; Pat Dach, Margaret Carlson, Mary Kain, Diane Roberts, Nancy Ennis and Sharon Jorgeson.

Carol Telfer, Chair

BAKER-TELFER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At the Spring Luncheon on June 9, 2018, Marie Helmy introduced the recipients of the Baker-Telfer Scholarships. Each of the students received \$1,000.

Madeline Moudy is from Memorial High School in SBISD. She is attending Baylor University.

Seemona Ahmed is from Alief Early College High School. She will be attending the University of Houston.

The scholarship is funded by generous donations from our members. It is awarded to young women who will pursue degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Last year \$2,010 was donated by 22 members. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship, you can mail a check made out to Baker-Telfer Scholarship to Patricia Dach. The Baker-Telfer Scholarship is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.

The following is a note from one of our scholarship students from 2016-2017:

Howdy AAUW Members!

This year went by super quick at A&M, but I wouldn't have it any other way. It was truly a great experience. I met so many bright people who changed my life, and even though the year was very tough-- I managed through it, and did my best. I'm even going to be a Resident Advisor for the coming school year!

I was actually selected to participate in the National Leadership Conference for HSF this summer! And I'm also currently in Michigan doing another internship. I'm so happy with how everything turned out. I'm going to be a Mechanical Engineer, and I'm so excited!

Thank you so much once again, for not only contributing to my education, but for paving the path for me to follow my dreams.

I hope all of you have an amazing summer.

Gig 'em!

Pamela Ortiz Hernandez



AAUW – WHO WE ARE



MISSION STATEMENT:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

VISION:

Equity for all.

VALUES:

Nonpartisan.

Fact-based.

Integrity.

Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Visit AAUW National's website at www.aauw.org to read about AAUW's strategic plan that focuses on education and training, economic security, and leadership.

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW has been empowering women since 1881. We have worked to improve the lives of women and their families. To learn more about AAUW policy and priorities and to get involved, please check out the Action Fund icon on the AAUW website. (www.aauw.org) You can also keep up with AAUW's policies and priorities by subscribing to the "two minute activist." By becoming a "two minute activist", you will receive emails on urgent issues and the tools needed to take action on issues that affect women and families.

The Public Policy committee will, throughout the year, submit articles on issues important to AAUW's membership. We welcome your input on our choice of issues.

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EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

Save the Date – February 23, 2019!

WHC's 27th Expanding your Horizons in Science and Math Conference!



AAUW's mission, since 1881, has been empowering women.

As part of this mission, West Harris County branch decided over 26 years ago to bring the "Expanding Your Horizons" (EYH) conference to Houston-area middle school girls, holding the first EYH conference in 1992. This conference is entirely organized by members of AAUW-West Harris County Branch. It is a 100% volunteer effort and is our branch's major community outreach project.

Research has shown that there is a marked drop-off in girls pursuing studies in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields once they enter middle school. The reasons are varied, but one way to address this is to show these young women that further education and a career in STEM is possible by having them spend a day with women in these fields.

Our remarkable one-day annual conference touches the lives of over 350 Houston-area middle school girls, their parents, teachers and counselors. Our EYH conference introduces these young women to scientific career paths by matching them with women presenters who share their enthusiasm, experience, educational backgrounds and potential opportunities in their chosen professions.

Mark your calendars for the next EYH - **Saturday, February 23, 2019**, at Spring Forest Middle School – Spring Branch ISD, 14240 Memorial Drive, Houston.

To be a part of this exciting event, please contact Lilian Care, EYH-Committee Chair at 713.294.1267, or email: tigermoon1@sbcglobal.net.

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available. The EYH Committee meets every month on the 2nd Thursday of the month, beginning in September. Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 13**, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, venue to be announced. Subsequent committee meeting dates are: October 11, November 8, December 13 (2018), January 10 and February 14 (2019).

Lilian Care, EYH Chair 2018-2019

HEY GUYS....

WHC is available to you through many avenues.

Check out our website at: www.aauw-whc.org.

Friend us at: [facebook.com/aauwwhc](https://www.facebook.com/aauwwhc) – AAUW - West Harris County.

Give us a tweet at: [@AAUW_WHC](https://twitter.com/aauw_whc).

These sites are listed are listed on the first page of the branch directory.

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

Member News Notification

Please notify **Suzanne Dalati**, Corresponding Secretary, at sdalati@att.net, about any member news that is important to share with the membership and has been authorized to share by the member involved.

Next WHC Branch Board Meeting September 10, 2018

The next branch board meeting will be at Sharon Jorgeson's home, 12518 Honeywood Trail, Houston, TX 77077 at 6:00 p.m. All members are welcome. Please RSVP your attendance to sjorgeson@gmail.com.

September 2018 Activities and Interest Group News

BOOK GROUPS



Afternoon Contemporary Literature

Wednesday, September 5, 1:30 p.m.

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan

Hostess: Sharon Jorgeson, 12518 Honeywood Trail
281.558.4382

Contemporary Readers

Wednesday, September 5, 1:00 p.m.

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Hostess: Margaret Gruss, 14418 Cindywood
281.589.0411

Enjoying History

Monday, September 10, 1:30 p.m.

White Chrysanthemum by Mary Lynn Bracht

Hostess: Nancy Guilloud, 11110 Tupper Lake
713.785.6336

Monday Evening Contemporary Group

Monday, September 10, 5:00 p.m.

Educated by Tara Westover

Los Tios Mexican Restaurant
Memorial Drive at Kirkwood

Mystery

Tuesday, September 18, 1:30 p.m.

The Redbreast by Jo Nesbo

Hostess: Marilyn Arendt, 12414 Stafford Springs Drive
281.493.9090

Outstanding Literature Group

Tuesday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

The Egg and I, 9778 Katy Freeway, #600



BRIDGE GROUPS – Various



Current Bridge Groups:

1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.), Jane Judson, 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 playing with a particular group, please contact the group coordinator listed above.

BYWAY BIRDERS



The ByWay Birders Plan Two September Trips

On September 8, ByWay Birders will travel to Bolivar and Galveston to look for shorebirds. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot on Barryknoll across from Memorial City for carpooling. If you are driving on your own, meet at the Bolivar side of ferry at 9:00 a.m. We plan to find a restaurant for lunch. Don't forget binoculars, sunscreen, bug repellent, hat, drinks and snacks.

We welcome novice and experienced birders. Please contact Sharon Jorgeson if you plan to go on this trip and where you will meet the group at sjorgeson@gmail.com or 281.558.4382.

On September 29, ByWay Birders will travel to Smith Point to observe clouds of hawks as they gather and migrate by land to Mexico, Central America and South America. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the parking lot across the street behind Cinemark theater in Memorial City Mall. Bring a lunch, drinking water, hat and binoculars. We will visit Smith Point first then drive to Anahauc National Wildlife Refuge where we will eat lunch and continue birding.

The contact person is Mary Peterson at 281.558.6398, mpetersonread@gmail.com. Please let Mary know if you are meeting at Memorial City to carpool or meeting us at Smith Point.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



MFHA's "Arts of Islamic Lands" Exhibit

Our exciting 2018-19 Cultural Activities season kicks off on **Wednesday, September 26**, with a return visit to The Museum of Fine Arts where we'll experience Islamic masterworks from Kuwait's renowned al-Sabah Collection - one of the greatest collections of Islamic art in the world.

Among the highlights showcased in this display are spectacular Mughal jewelry, illuminated manuscripts, and exquisite ceramics. The collection also includes carpets, glass and metalwork, paintings, architectural fragments, scientific instruments and works on paper.

Price for MFAH members is free, but cost for others is \$18 for adults and \$13 for seniors 65 or over which will be collected as you enter the museum.

Following our viewing, we'll enjoy a leisurely lunch at Brennan's.

As usual, we will travel on a Precinct 3 bus which we'll meet on the south side of Barryknoll between Gessner and Memorial City Way, directly across from the Cinemark Theater. We'll collect \$1 for our driver's lunch as you enter the bus.

Departure will be promptly at 10:00 a.m. We expect to be back at Memorial City by about 2:30 p.m.

If you'd like to join us for this enlightening day, contact our leader, Carol Gee, at 713-783-9303 or cdgee777@yahoo.com right away as this promises to be a very popular event. Guests will be welcome if space on the bus permits.

Plus, also save **Tuesday, October 23**, for our Buffalo Bayou Cruise with Houston historian Louis Aulbach. Watch the October newsletter for details. Or, if you want to be sure to be aboard (space on the boat is limited to 20), contact Judy Starr at 281.242.8242 or judydystarr830@gmail.com to sign up now.

Minute Maid Park Tour on May 22, 2018



The WHC team stands ready to back up the Astros!

GARDEN DIVAS



The Divas are traveling to Santa Fe in September. Join us on **Tuesday, September 11**, for a visit to Jimbo's Nursery, a family owned business, established in 1975. Located at 15019 8th Street, Santa Fe, 77517, the owners are bromeliad specialists.

After our visit to the nursery, we will enjoy lunch at Santa Fe Seafood and Grill – touted as having the best seafood in the area!

Meet for carpooling in the Memorial City Satellite lot south of Sears. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Susan Boone, samboone@gmail.com, so that you can be included in the lunch reservations.

We are looking forward to great 2018-2019 adventures!

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT...



The GNO group will begin our new season by dining at Pappy's Café on **Wednesday, September 12**, at 7:00 p.m. This restaurant specializes in "Classic Texas Comfort Food" and is recommended by some of our members. Happy Hour is from 3:00-7:00 p.m. You can check out the menu at www.pappyscafe.com/our-menu/. The restaurant is located at 12313 Katy Freeway, just east of Dairy Ashford and I-10, on the access road. 713.827.1811.

To add your name to the reservation list, please email Jan Groves at jamgroves@aol.com or call 281.497.2295 by **Sunday, September 9, 2018**. All members are invited to attend GNO dinners.

GOURMET DINING



Classic Gourmet

Please join us **Saturday, September 15, 2018**, at 7:00 p.m. for our first dinner in this year's series – "I Hear America Cooking." Our first dinner will focus on foods from South Texas. Our host will be Ed Alami.

We will be providing finger foods for the branch meeting on September 18 at Tracy Gee Community Center. If you have questions please contact the coordinators: Tina Simpson 281.558.1031 or Barbara Cook 713.782.4398.

Nouveau Gourmet

Nouveau Gourmet will be dining at a Korean restaurant on **September 8**, details to arrive by September 1. Contact Diane Statham at 281.497.6259 or distatham@msn.com for more information.

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 groups meet twice a month from February to May.

The AAUW West Harris County Branch has three discussion groups: a first and third Thursday afternoon group (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), chaired by Martha Ewell; a second and fourth Tuesday afternoon group (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), chaired by Pat Thomsen; and a second and fourth Wednesday evening group (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) chaired by Willette Norman.

The briefing books and DVDs for Spring 2019 are published in late fall and can be ordered through the group leader, purchased directly from the Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org, or purchased from the Brazos Book Store. More information will be available later in the fall.

HIKING HONEYS



The Hiking Honeys are hitting the trail again on **Thursday, September 20, 2018**. Melba Armstrong will lead us on a 2 mile hike in Jesse Jones Park. The park is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive, Humble, TX 77338.

We will meet at 9:00 in the parking lot behind Memorial City Mall on Barryknoll, and carpool to the park. After our hike, we will have lunch at The Black Bear Diner on FM1960.

We will hike through woodlands and wetlands, which are habitats for numerous birds and wildlife. The trail is shady, and the surface is asphalt. There are restrooms at the trail head and benches along the way.

Please contact Melba Armstrong if you would like to join us on this hike. She can be reached at 281.392.3190 or mkar@consolidated.net. Let her know if you will be carpooling or meeting us at the park. If you plan to meet us at the park, please be there by 10:00 am.

We would like to welcome new hikers to our ranks. If you want to be included on our email list, contact Melba at the phone or email shown above.

MAH JONGG MAVENS



Mah Jongg Mavens: Learn to play the American version of this ancient game. Our members are always willing to teach beginners who want to join the group. Contact Mary Kain, mlkain@hal-pc.org or 713.824.3988, to add your name to the email list. Tiles are supplied and you may borrow a card to begin playing with us. We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road at Westview.

VICARIOUS VOYAGERS



An interest group for travelers

Coordinator: Diana Guariniere, guarniered@gmail.com

Thursday morning, September 27, 2018 – 10 AM

Let's travel to the land of the "Royals" and vicariously visit jolly old England to explore the West, Southeast and Cornwall areas with Rick Steeves. Bring something to share for a potluck brunch. Visitors are always welcome.

Please RSVP your attendance to our hostess for this month:

Diana Guariniere
13814 Kimberley Lane
Houston 77079
281.493.2997
guarniered@gmail.com

WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM



Wine, Women & Wisdom will meet for Happy Hour on **Monday, September 17**, at McCormick & Schmick's City Centre location, beginning at 4:00 pm. All are welcome. For further information contact Marie Helmy at 281.787.6396 or Dorothy Lauterbach at 512.217.7899.

WISE...



**Women in STEM,
Entertainment, Enrichment and Education**

The Wise Group is making plans to attend the Energy Festival October 20 in Sam Houston Park. See <https://energydayfestival.org> for more information. If you are interested in helping at the teacher registration table, please contact Rose Ennis, roseennis@att.net. Email Karen North, knorth@me.com, to join the mailing list.