

# **West Harris County Branch**

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

VOLUME XXXXIII NUMBER 2 NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

#### West Harris County Board of Directors

President

**Sharon Jorgeson** 

281.558.4382

sjorgeson@gmail.com

President Elect

**Mary Peterson** 

Program Vice President

Carolyn Stoffel

Membership Vice President

Jo Glidewell

AAUW Funds Vice-Presidents Nancy Ennis Georgia Kimmel

Recording Secretary **Sara Dalton** 

Finance Officer

**Diane Roberts** 

Corresponding Secretary **Suzanne Dalati** 

Newsletter Editor

Melba Armstrong

mkar@consolidated.net

November Newsletter Deadline:

October 15, 2018

# Stay Informed

Branch website:

www.aauw-whc.org

National website:

www.aauw.org

# OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING Saturday, October 20, 2018 9:30 A.M.

Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive

**AAUW Fellowship Leads to NASA and Johnson Space Center** 



Zadia Fernandez joined AAUW as a collegiate member in 2015. As a graduate student at the University of Houston's Cullen College of Engineering, she received an AAUW Selected Professions Fellowship for 2016-2017. After receiving her master's degree in Industrial Engineering, Zadia joined the NASA program at Johnson Space Center. She is a thermal engineer working on passive thermal control systems and thermal protection systems on projects ranging from a lunar lander design to thermal analysis for the Orion heatshield.

In her free time, she likes to participate in STEM/NASA outreach events specifically those focused on reaching girls and underserved youth.

Carolyn Stoffel, Program Vice President

# HARVEST MOON BALL OCTOBER 27, 2018

Fall is here and that means it is time for the Best Ball that 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 made possible by supporting our local BAKER-TELFER SCHOLARSHIP FUND or one of the various AAUW FUNDS. The attached invitation (see page 8) provides details on each fund. Just write a check to the scholarship fund or one of the AAUW funds and drop it in the mail to Nancy Ennis, 1122 Ben Hur Drive, Houston, TX 77055, or bring it to the October branch meeting.

Nancy Ennis and Georgia Kimmel, AAUW Funds Vice-Presidents

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, Hurricane Florence continues to wreak havoc in the Carolinas and beyond. It brings back memories of Harvey. We are thankful that many of our members whose homes were so seriously damaged are now back in their homes or are resettled somewhere else. But we must not forget that some members are



still struggling with insurance companies, contractors, etc. We hope that they will be settled soon.

Thank you to Jo Glidewell and everyone who helped make our Membership Coffee such a success. New members were so enthusiastic about our branch and many signed up for numerous activities. Please remember to warmly welcome them when they attend any one of our wonderful interest groups. Joining a group for the first time when everyone else seems to know each other can be daunting.

October brings us our Harvest Moon Ball. Your absence is requested but your support is solicited. Remember to keep **February 23, 2019**, on your calendar for our Expanding Your Horizons Conference. We will need you to volunteer for this tremendous undertaking in order to make it a success.

Sharon Jorgeson, WHC Branch President



In May, the Branch had a very successful Style Show at Talbots Town & Country. The net proceeds were over \$700. At the August Board meeting it was voted that \$400 would be donated to the Lois List Fellowship and \$300 would be donated to the Educational Opportunities Fund.

The Lois List Fellowship is named after the mother of WHC member Priscilla List. With our contribution, the Lois List Fund is now completed and AAUW fellowships will be awarded from this endowment.

Nancy Ennis & Georgia Kimmel, Funds VPs

# Out from under the Bed and into the Archives of the University of Houston Library, an Update

A year ago in late August, Nancy Guilloud and I transferred the entire physical and digital collection of AAUW-WHC Branch since our inception in 1976 to Vince Lee, Archivist of the Carey Shuart Women's Research Collection at the University of Houston Library. The intent of this project is to provide online access to WHC records to all members of our branch and to the public at large. This special collection represents individual women and women's groups who have contributed significant leadership in the Houston community.

Each year in late summer at the end of our branch's calendar year, the historian will collect and transfer all physical and digital records that have accumulated during the previous year in order to keep the special collection updated. To that end, Nancy and I recently delivered our records for the 2017-18 year. Mr. Lee indicated that we are next in line to have our entire collection digitized this year thanks to their expanding staff and range of equipment. More than likely a graduate student working in the field of women's studies will process these materials. If all goes well, our records should be online by the end of this coming spring. Until then, the Special Collections Reading Room is open to the public so you may view the original documents.

Listed below are the documents that we will assemble next summer:

- AAUW Board meeting minutes
- AAUW Newsletters
- AAUW annual meeting—program for luncheon
- AAUW directory
- AAUW treasurer's reports
- EYH brochure
- EYH steering committee minutes
- EYH list of presenters and categories
- Photos of meetings, events, special interest group activities—documented with date, activity, names of AAUW participants featured in the photo. These may be included in newsletters.
- Any relevant paper documents associated with AAUW business or activities during the year.

Martha Ewell, Historian

Newsletter

#### EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON EYH!!**

Meet our EYH 2019 Steering Committee. We had our kick-off meeting in September and we are all systems go for our 27th EYH!



EYH (Expanding Your Horizons) is the major community outreach project for West Harris County Branch. Each year for the last 26 years, we have volunteered for, planned, presented and supported this conference that touches so many lives in these young women who continue to be inspired by this wonderful day of learning and encouragement.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. If you're interested, please contact Lilian Care at: tigermoon1@sbcglobal.net.

Lilian Care, EYH Chair 2018-2019



I'd like to thank the **Classic Gourmet Group** for providing the refreshments for the September 18 meeting. They were yummy!

The Evening Contemporary Literature Group will be hosting the Pot Luck at the October 20 meeting.

Carolyn Morris, Hospitality Chair

# PUBLIC POLICY **VOTE**

#### **Constitutional Amendment XIX**

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex. Ratified August 28, 1920.

# VOTE **EARLY**

#### Early Voting October 22 to November 2, 7am to 7pm

During early voting you can vote at any of the 45 voting location across the city. To check locations go to: www.harrisvote.com/early.

You can also vote by mail if you are over 65, disabled, or out of the country. To get your Absentee Ballot and voting requirements information, visit: vote.org.

Elections are too important to leave to chance. The chance that you may not be able to vote on Election Day due to some unforeseen event, finding out too late you are at the wrong voting location, or you do not have the correct credential with you to vote mean you must be prepared beforehand.

The lifeblood of a democracy is a voting system that is free, fair, and accessible to all citizens. But as our lives become more complex, confining voting to a single 8 or 12 hour period is simply not reflective of how we live. In Texas we have the opportunity to VOTE EARLY. Early voting adds flexibility and convenience as well as keeps elections safe and secure. Research shows the key benefits of early voting in person are reduced stress, shorter lines, and early identification and correction of registration errors and voting system glitches.

Ever since the Supreme Court struck down key parts of the Voting Rights Act in 2013, laws requiring voter ID are popping out all over the country. Texas requires voter identification when voting in person (Senate Bill 5). When a voter arrives at a polling location, the voter will be asked to present one of 7 acceptable forms of photo ID. Election officials are required by state to determine whether the voter's name on the identification presented matches the official list of registered voters.

To find out more about voting requirements and eligibility check: votertexas.gov.

VOTE EARLY MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Pat Farnell, Dorothy Lauterbach, Roslyn Metchis Public Policy

# October 2018 Activities and Interest Group News

# **BOOK GROUPS**



# <u>Afternoon Contemporary Literature</u>

Wednesday, October 3, 1:30 p.m.

The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris

by David McCullough

Hostess: Linda Morgan, 11934 Riverview Drive

281.293.0976

#### **Contemporary Readers**

Wednesday, October 3, 1:00 p.m.

The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah Hostess: Cathy Urquhart, 2918 Triway

713.939.0523

#### **Enjoying History**

Monday, October 8, 1:30 p.m.

The Gulf, the Making of an American Sea by Jack Davis

Hostess: Susan Dunten, 1706 Rushbrook Drive

281.497.9150



# **Monday Evening Contemporary Group**

Monday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.

Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, Memorial Drive at Kirkwood

#### **Mystery**

Tuesday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.

*Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane Hostess: Joan Wood, 8967 Briar Forest Drive 713.784.1913

#### **Outstanding Literature Group**

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

Whistling Season by Ivan Doig 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

If you are interested in playing with a particular group, please contact the group coordinator listed above.

# **BYWAY BIRDERS**



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, <a href="mailto:mpetersonread@gmail.com">mpetersonread@gmail.com</a>. Please let Mary know if you are meeting at Memorial City to carpool or meeting us at Smith Point.

The Byway Birders will not have a birding event in October.

On **November 14-18**, the Byway Birders will travel to the Rio Grande Valley to see birds like Green Jays, King Birds, and Cactus Wrens. More info will follow. Please contact <a href="mailto:patdach@gmail.com">patdach@gmail.com</a> to be added to the email list for this interesting birding adventure.



# **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**



#### October -- Buffalo Bayou Cruise with Noted Houston Historian Louis Aulbach

Put on your sunscreen, grab a wide-brimmed hat and join us when we board *The Spirit of the Bayou* for a leisurely cruise on Buffalo Bayou on **Tuesday**, **October 23**. Louis Aulbach, historian and author of *Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings*, will be our guide. The 1-1/2 hour ride will take us through the heart of downtown along historic Buffalo Bayou. We'll learn about the people, places and events that helped shape Houston as we travel from Allen's Landing up and down the waterway past Sesquicentennial Park, Sabine Promenade, the McKee Street Bridge and the industrial side of our city. Lunch at Treebeard's at the Cloister (Christ Church Cathedral) will follow our boat tour.

We'll begin our adventure 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 Theaters. The bus will leave promptly at 9:15 a.m. and we'll head downtown to Allen's Landing to board the boat. We expect to be back at Memorial City around 2:00 p.m.

The \$35 cost includes the boat tour as well as the \$1 we always collect for our bus driver.

Don't miss out on a great time on the Bayou and good food at Treebeard's! Space aboard The Spirit of the Bayou is limited to 20 passengers, and we expect this outing to sell out quickly.

Join the fun and contact Judy Starr at 281.242.8242 or judystarr830@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the boat. To confirm your reservation, send a check for \$35 right away to Judy at 830 Edgewick Court, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Plus, also save **Tuesday, November 13**, for our exciting trip to visit the new Texas State Museum at San Felipe de Austin. Watch the November newsletter for details. Or, if you want to be sure to be aboard, contact Jane Wood at 832.767.4146 or <a href="mailto:jane.wood9@icloud.com">jane.wood9@icloud.com</a> to sign up now.



# **GARDEN DIVAS**



The Divas are scheduled to visit **Enchanted Forest** located at 6420 FM 350, Richmond, Texas. Join us on **October 9.** 

This is a family business started in Missouri City in the seventies as "Country Garden". In 1985, the family and all five children moved to Richmond and started Enchanted Gardens. Several years later a property caught their eye in Booth. The beautiful trees made them think of Eden, so it was named Enchanted Forest in 2001.

Now in 2018 the third generation is involved in "enchantment" Come and view a variety of herbs and vegetables, antique and hybrid roses, and specimen trees. Explore a striking display of gardens and an unmatched selection of plants. Visiting Enchanted Forest you may feel just a bit closer to Nature, and take with you a few moments of peace and enchantment as well as some lovely plants.

After our visit to the nursery, we will have lunch at Sandy McGee's in historic downtown Richmond. They serve home style comfort food.

Meet for carpooling in the Memorial City Satellite Lot South of Sears. We will leave at 9:30. To RSVP, email smboone@gmail.com.

#### GIRLS' NIGHT OUT.



**GNO will not meet in October.** We will meet for another interesting evening of dinner and conversation on **November 14 or 15**. Please check the November newsletter for details.

If you want to be added to our email list, please contact Jan Groves at <a href="mailto:jamgroves@aol.com">jamgroves@aol.com</a> or 281.497.2295

This year, we are asking members to volunteer to act as planner/hostess for one of our dining out events. The planner/hostess will select the restaurant, make arrangements for the dinner, and write a brief description of the event for the newsletter. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider volunteering for one of the following dates: Wednesday, November 14 or Thursday, November 15, 2018 Wednesday, January 16 or Thursday, January 17, 2019 Wednesday, March 13 or Thursday, March 14, 2019 Wednesday, May 15 or Thursday, May 16, 2019.

You may choose whether to have GNO on Wednesday or Thursday evening of the month that you are the planner/hostess. Please call Jan Groves at 281.497.2295 if you have questions or want to volunteer.

# **GOURMET DINING**



#### **Classic Gourmet**

The Classic Group will not meet in October.

The group will meet again on **Saturday, November 10** at a dinner to highlight the cuisine of San Francisco. More detailed information will be published in the November newsletter.

#### **Nouveau Gourmet**

#### The Nouveau Group will not meet in October.

Our next Nouveau Gourmet dinner will be hosted by Laura Cahill at her home, 2806 Manila, on **Saturday, November 3**, at 6:30 p.m. The theme will be Spanish cuisine. Please RSVP to Diane Statham at 281.497.6259 or <a href="mailto:distatham@msn.com">distatham@msn.com</a> if you wish to attend.

# **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 <a href="www.fpa.org">www.fpa.org</a>, or purchased from the Brazos Book Store. More information will be available later in the fall.

# **HIKING HONEYS**



Lake Houston Wilderness Park north of Houston is the destination for Hiking Honeys on **Thursday, October 18**. The wilderness park is true to its name with heavy woods and two creeks. Many wooden bridges cross the gullies and streams. We will hike for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Bring a picnic lunch and meet at 9 AM at the triangular parking lot off Barryknoll behind Memorial City Mall.

The hike leader is Gail Rickey. Please contact her if you would like to join us on this hike. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:patrickey@aol.com">patrickey@aol.com</a>.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Guarniere, guarniered@gmail.com

#### Thursday Morning, October 25, 2018 – 10 AM

This month we will have our own Octoberfest as we vicariously travel to Germany, along with Rick Steeves, to explore Hamburg and the Luther Trail, Dresden, Leipzig, Frankfurt and Nuremberg. Bring something to share for a potluck brunch. Visitors are always welcome.

Please **RSVP** your attendance to our hostess for this month: Carolyn Stoffel 14602 River Forest Drive Houston 77079 281.558.5666 c-stoffel@sbcglobal.net

# WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM



Wine, Women & Wisdom will not meet in October. Our next meeting at McCormick & Schmick will be on Monday, November 19.

For further information or to put your name on the email list, please contact Marie Helmy at 281.787.6396 or Dorothy Lauterbach at 512.217.7899.



illustrations of.com #1378464



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

Our AAUW WISE group would like to invite you to Energy Day **Saturday October 20**. If you would like to help at the teacher registration table for a couple of hours between 10 and 4 please let Rose Ennis know, <a href="mailto:roseennis@att.net">roseennis@att.net</a>. Energy Day Festival 2017 had more than 25,000 attendees. You will have time to see all sorts of STEM-focused exhibits and interactive demonstrations. It's a great way to get excited about STEM and the future of STEM industries, and share about our EYH conference. See <a href="http://energydayfestival.org/">http://energydayfestival.org/</a> for more info and to learn about their academic awards.

For additional information or to be added to the email list, contact Karen North at <a href="mailto:knorth@me.com">knorth@me.com</a> or 713.789.6482

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 <u>sdalati@att.net</u>, 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 October 15, 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 <a href="mailto:siorgeson@gmail.com">siorgeson@gmail.com</a>.

# WELCOME

We wish to extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the following new members of West Harris County Branch. We encourage them to "dip their toes into the pond" and become involved with some of the branch's many projects and activities. We are happy to have you with us.

Kris Bybee-Finley Beth Camacho Kathy Cook Jane Cooper Gail Coveler Dolly Davenport Linda Fountain Linda Graessle Ann Green Millie Hast Pat Hicks Irene Infante Pat Ingram Christine Jenkins Sabrina Kesler Kathy Knop Shirley Lee Shari Mauthner Ann McCoy Suzanne Minton Bridgette Mongeon Neethi Navak Rose Niles Pamela Ossorio Nancy Rilling

Carol Boberg

#### **DIRECTORY ADDITION**

Please add the following member to the 2018-2019 directory:

#### Strong, Peggy

12918 Briarwest Circle Houston, TX 77077 Phone: 281.556.5130

Email: <a href="mailto:peggystrong556@yahoo.com">peggystrong556@yahoo.com</a>

#### **DIRECTORY CORRECTION**

Please make the following correction to the 2018-2019 directory:

#### Mongeon, Bridgette

Email: <u>bridgette@creativesculpture.com</u>

#### THE WEST HARRIS COUNTY BRANCH

OF

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

REQUESTS YOUR \*\*ABSENCE\*\* at the

HARVEST MOON BALL

**OCTOBER 27, 2018** 

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.

Put away your dancing shoes, put on your bathrobe

And write a check payable to one or more of the following:

**BAKER-TELFER SCHOLARSHIP FUND** 

#9110 - AAUW FUNDS #3999 - LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

#4336 - EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

#4282 - LOIS LIST FUND #4324 - ANN RICHARDS FUND

#4337 – PUBLIC POLICY FUND #9170 – ELEANOR ROSEVELT FUND

Mail checks to

Nancy Ennis, 1122 Ben Hur Drive, Houston, TX 77055

Or

BRING TO THE OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

www.PageBorders.net