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May Newsletter deadline:

April 15, 2019

APRIL BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

**Tracy Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston 77042**

**Meeting Needs, Building Hope and
Transforming Lives**



Stephanie Hruzek, the Executive Director of Family Point Resources, located in west Houston, will address the work done at the center to provide families with opportunities to build a better life.

With the help of volunteers, Family Point Resources constructs supportive relationships that build hope, meet needs and transforms lives. They accomplish their mission by working toward mutual growth through listening, playing and learning.

Family Point Resources also provides programs for children after school and during the summer.

Carolyn Stoffel, Program Vice-President

Stay Informed

Branch website:

www.aauw-whc.org

National website:

www.aauw.org

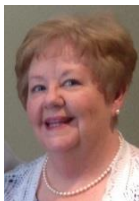
**SPRING STYLE SHOW
SUNDAY, MAY 5
TALBOT'S TOWN & COUNTRY**



SEE LAST PAGE FOR FULL DETAILS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love April in Texas when the wild flowers are abundant. Above average rainfall this past fall and winter is giving us a lovely display of bluebonnets and other colorful wild flowers. Houston is also in full bloom. Enjoy being outdoors by joining one of our activity groups this April such as Garden Divas, Hiking Honeys, Byway Birders or the April Cultural trip to visit Schulenburg's Painted Churches. Everyone is welcome to these and any branch activity. Information how to participate is listed in this newsletter.



Spring also brings thoughts of cleaning. Before any long-time members decide to discard any AAUW branch documents, invitations, programs or whatever from the past, remember we are archiving our historical items. Please send anything you have to Martha Ewell. She will decide if they are duplicates and then send them on to UH Women's Research Collection.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers and thank you for sharing your time and talents with our branch. It takes numerous people besides board members to keep our branch vibrant and relevant. Please consider accepting a non-elected position when asked. Even better, volunteer before being asked.

The new Public Policy interest group has recently been formed. Their focus is on keeping branch members aware of AAUW public policies. Initial activities will include attending AAUW Texas Equal Pay Lobby Day in Austin and assisting members to become volunteer voter registrars. Contact Pat Farnell if you are interested in joining.

Sharon Jorgeson, WHC Branch President

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

Branch Recognition Luncheon and Program

Maggianno's Restaurant

Memorial City Mall, Gessner at I-10

Note that the date of this event has been changed from that shown in the directory.

How to Obtain Your AAUW Member Number & Login to AAUW's Membership Services Database

- Google **AAUW National Website** (<https://www.aauw.org>)
- In the ribbon across the top, click on **MSD** (Membership Services Database)
- On the **LOGIN** screen, click the red letters **Membership Services Database**
 - If you have never logged in before, drop to the bottom where it says **First time user?**
 - Click on **Create Account**
 - Complete the **FIRST-TIME USER REGISTRATION** and **Register**
 - You will receive an email with
 1. Your Login Member ID
 2. Choose Your Password
 - Return to the **LOGIN** screen
- Enter your AAUW Member Number and password
- On the **Access Member Services Database** screen, click **Enter Member Services Database**
- You can see (and update if necessary) **Your Contact Information**
- On the left side, click on **Branch Member Roster** for membership of West Harris County Branch.

The next time you log on using the same device and click in the top ribbon on **MSD**, it will remember who you are and take you directly there.

Next WHC Branch Board Meeting April 8, 2019

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.

PUBLIC POLICY

TEXAS EQUAL PAY DAY

Have you ever wondered about meeting in person with your state legislators? For some people, it might seem intimidating. But we have the opportunity to do this in a group of like-minded women, with information and support provided by our local and state AAUW members.

Tuesday, April 23, is AAUW Texas Equal Pay Day. Members from around the state will be traveling to Austin to lobby legislators about this crucial topic. Meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1100 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX. Carpools and logistics are being worked out. For details, please call or e-mail Pat Farnell, farnellpat@gmail.com or 832.867.2908.



WORK SMART

Would you like to help AAUW earn \$500,000? You can! It will just take about 45 minutes of your time. As a bonus you will learn a lot of interesting facts about women's pay equity. And you will be able to recommend this valuable program to those who can benefit from it.

AAUW's new program of online training is called **Work Smart**. The purpose is to help women negotiate fair salaries. This program is free and AAUW is encouraging as many women as possible to take it - whether you and your friends/acquaintances are working or not. Why?

- A) Because if we get 100,000 users of the program by **Aug. 23, 2019**, Coca-Cola Company will donate \$500,000 to AAUW!!!!
- B) Because we will become valuable advocates to help women who are currently in the workforce earn what they deserve.

The program is easy to access. Just go to <https://salary.aauw.org/> and sign in. The program takes about 45 minutes, but we get credit for everyone who takes even one module. It is filled with important information and is fun to do. There are no tests!

Questions? Comments? Feedback? Feel free to contact Roslyn Metchis, roslyn8@gmail.com or 281.673.9971.

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.

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.

Don't Pitch It...Archive It!

We'll soon be arriving at the end of the year, and it will be time to assemble the WHC Branch records/documents of our activities for the past year. Here are the guidelines for collecting them. Martha Ewell, Historian, is responsible for gathering them for transfer to the U of H Library Carey Stuart Women's Research Collection.

Timeline:

- Data collection takes place on an annual basis at the end of the calendar year June 30.
- All documents collected are submitted to the UH Library Special Collections in August of that year.
- The Branch Historian is responsible for collecting all documents both digital and paper.

Documents to collect and person responsible:

- AAUW Board meeting minutes—Recording Secretary
- AAUW newsletters—Newsletter Editor
- AAUW annual meeting—program for luncheon, any video or photos, paper copies of handouts—President Elect
- AAUW directory (digital and paper copies)—Directory Editor
- AAUW treasurer's reports—Finance Officer
- AAUW meetings—Program Vice-President
- AAUW membership roster—Membership Chairman
- AAUW special interest groups (contents of emails or other publications when appropriate, photos, etc.)—Leaders of each special interest/activity group
- AAUW funds (reports)—Funds Vice-President
- AAUW Baker-Telfer Scholarship (the history, reports, recipients, etc.)—Scholarship Chairman
- EYH documents: the brochure, steering committee minutes, list of presenters and categories, a copy of the video of the past key-note presentation, list of past keynote speakers and their vitae, a history of EYH, photos especially of branch members with identification, sample folders of materials distributed to students and presenters, photos of event, tee shirts--EYH Chairman
- Obituaries of AAUW WHC Branch members—Corresponding Secretary
- Records still held in the personal collections of past leaders and members
- Records of Student Affiliate's activities—Student Affiliate Liaison

Types of Documents:

- **Digital documents**—including primary digital documents. May be submitted on a zip/thumb drive or by email if appropriate.
- **Paper documents**—handouts, brochures, folders, any kind of paper document that supports the activity, etc. Paper documents are a very important source of research material. Researchers like to "feel" the material and to view it in its original format. Original documents are very important for the collection as researchers find these documents add to their understanding and appreciation of the materials by bringing it alive. Please make sure the documents are identified and dated.
- **Memorabilia**—Any special items/artifacts that are pertinent but do not fall into the category of paper or digital documents.
- **Audio-visual materials**--Photos of meetings, events, special interest group activities—documented with date, activity, the names of AAUW participants featured in the photo, power point presentations, videos. These may also be included in newsletters.

In general we are encouraged by the UH Library Archivist to collect as many digital, paper, and loose materials as possible. There is ample archival storage space to accommodate all materials that we collect that contribute to our history and activities throughout the year.

Martha Ewell, Historian



Condolences

It is with sadness that we report the March 19 death of Kay Cleveland. Kay, who has been a member of AAUW since 2001, was active in the Outstanding Literature Group and a frequent attendee at Girls' Night Out. She was a life-long learner and educator in Houston ISD and Spring Branch ISD. A memorial service will be held at Chapelwood United Methodist Church on **Saturday, April 27, at 1:00 PM.**

APRIL 2019 Activities and Interest Group News

Jan Groves, Activities Coordinator



BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Contemporary Literature

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

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Hostess: Pat Doan, 9646 Meadowcroft Drive

832.269.5264

Contemporary Readers

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

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

West Campus of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church

Enjoying History

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

The American Lion by Jon Meacham

Hostess: Mary Andersen, 5426 Wigton Drive

713.503.8784

Monday Evening Contemporary Group

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

Code Girls by Liza Mundy

Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, Memorial Drive at Kirkwood

Mystery

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

Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke

Hostess: Susan Dunten, 1706 Rushbrook Drive

713.502.4594

Outstanding Literature Group

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

Poetry of John Keats

The Egg and I, 9099 Westheimer Rd @ Jeannetta

BRIDGE GROUPS – Various



Current Bridge Groups:

1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.), Jane Judson, 713.528.6105

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. Remember if you want to play easy relaxed bridge, there are foursomes playing at Tracy Gee every Wednesday. Just get on the sub list by letting Melba Armstrong know you are interested.

BYWAY BIRDERS



The birding group will be visiting Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge and Houston Audubon High Island sanctuaries on **Saturday, April 13**. We will leave from the parking lot on the south side of Barryknoll at 7:30 a.m. Our first stop will be the Refuge where we will bird in the morning, then we will go to High Island and the rookery. Bring lunch, water and snacks. Also, do not forget a hat, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

Call Mary Dodson, 713.516.4266, if you plan to go.



High Island Rookery

GARDEN DIVAS



Our April outing to Itchy Acres cannot happen since the facility is permanently closed; consequently, we will take advantage of nice spring weather (hopefully) with a wildflower adventure. On **Tuesday, April 9**, the Garden Divas will visit Old Baylor Park at Windmill Hill near Brenham to see the Bluebonnets.

On the west side of FM 50, ruins mark the site of the original Baylor University and its female department, one of the best places to enjoy springtime bluebonnets. Adjacent to the John P. Coles homes, this park features picnic tables. Please bring a packed lunch to enjoy. On the east side of FM 50 (next to the Antique Rose Emporium), interpretive signage and a reconstructed bell tower mark the archeological ruins of the Baylor campus for males. A well-marked walking and/or driving trail with 19 interpretive signs relates the history of the village of Independence.

After our lunch, we will visit the Bluebell Creamery to share pictures.

Please RSVP to Susan Boone (713.854.7537) to arrange carpools. Meet at our regular spot at Memorial City south of Barryknoll at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your camera.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT



The Girls' Night Out Group will not meet in April. Details of our next dining event on **Wednesday, May 15**, will be published in the May newsletter.

If you want to be added to our email list, please contact Jan Groves at jamgroves@aol.com or 281.497.2295

GOURMET DINING



Classic Gourmet is not scheduled to meet in April.

The final dinner meeting of this season will be **May 11**. For additional information, please contact the coordinators: Tina Simpson 281.558.1031 or Barbara Cook 713.782.4398.

Nouveau Gourmet will not meet in April.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday, May 4**. For additional information, please contact Diane Statham at 281.497.6259

GREAT DECISIONS



Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The groups meet twice a month from February to May.

The **1st and 3rd Great Decisions Thursday Afternoon Group will meet April 4 and April 18**, at the following location: 13194 Memorial Drive, the Adult Learning Center, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church (to the left of TJ Maxx), Room 460, **from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.** The two topics for April will be *Trade With China* and *Cyber Conflict*. Please contact Martha Ewell, m.ewell@sbcglobal.net or 713.782.2084, if you have any questions.



The Inner Loop Great Decisions April Meetings are as follows:

April 9, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. The topic "Nationalism in Europe" will be moderated by Suzanne Dalati. Linda Marlin will hostess at her home, 1527 Maux Drive, 77077. Please let Linda know if you plan to come at marlinl@comcast.net.

April 23, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. The topic will be "Trade with China" moderated by Pat Thomsen. Diane Roberts will be our hostess at her home, 5607 St. Paul Street, Bellaire 77401. Please contact Diane at Diane77401@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Great Decisions Night Group April Meetings will be held as follows:

April 10, 2019 - Great Decisions Evening Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** The discussion topic is "Trade with China." For information about the meeting place, please contact Willette Norman at 281.497.3626 or willetten@gmail.com.

April 24, 2019 - Great Decisions Evening Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** at the home of Mary and Vic Edwards, 511 Timber Circle. The discussion topic is "Cyber Conflict." For more information, contact Mary at 281.920.4249 or m2mle@att.net.



HIKING HONEYS

The Hiking Honeys are returning to Buffalo Bayou Park in downtown Houston on Thursday, **April 18**. Jane Wood, who lives on the bayou, will be our leader. We will start and end at the Dunlavy, where there are restrooms and brunch. Our hike is the middle section of the trail on mostly paved level sections, approximately 2 miles.

The group will meet at the parking lot on Barryknoll at 9AM. Parking at the Dunlavy will be limited, so carpooling is encouraged. Jane will meet us at the Dunlavy.

Please contact Jane if you want to join us at jane.wood9@icloud.com or 832.767.4146.

VICARIOUS VOYAGERS



An interest group for travelers

Coordinator: Diana Guarniere, guarniered@gmail.com

The Vicarious Voyagers have concluded their scheduled destinations for this season. We look forward to new places to explore during the fall, 2019 and the spring, 2020.

If you are interested in joining this group to explore interesting places around the world, please contact Diana Guarniere by email or phone.



WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM

The WWW group will not meet in April.

Details for the next happy hour will be published in the May newsletter. For additional information or to add your name to the email list, contact Marie Helmy at 281.787.6396 or Dorothy Lauterbach at 512.217.7899.

WISE...
**Women in Stem,
Entertainment, Enrichment and Education**

Our WISE group will be attending the Texas Education Agency Listening Tour on April 30, 6:30 - 7:30 at the Region IV Service Center. TEA is conducting a statewide listening tour to explain the development of a new state plan required for the **Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act** and the development of statewide frameworks for STEM education and Work-based Learning (WBL). TEA wants as many people as possible to come out and provide the state with feedback about STEM education. The information brought up during the Listening Tour will determine the direction the state moves over the next few years in STEM education.



S.T.E.M.

See <https://stemcenter.utexas.edu/news/tea-stem-listening-tour> for more details. Please let Carolyn Morris (713.560.1889) or Karen North (713.789.6482) know if you are interested in helping us gather information.

**CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**
Schulenburg's Painted Churches & Rural Scenery

On **Saturday, April 6**, we will visit the Schulenburg, TX area to see four of the beautiful and historic painted churches so well known for demonstrating the artistry of the Czechs and Germans who settled the region. The four churches are: Saint Mary's Church in Praha, Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Dubina, Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ammannsville and Saint Mary's Catholic Church in High Hill. Along the way, we'll also be able to see wildflowers in bloom among other beautiful scenery that's always part of a wonderful Texas spring. Our tour will be led by a Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce guide. Cost for the tour will be \$15 which covers the fee and mandatory guide gratuity.

Sandwiched in between our church visits we'll have lunch at The Oakridge Smokehouse where you'll be able to select from a buffet style menu. Cost for the lunch will be \$10.95 which you will pay for individually. (As usual, we'll collect \$1.00 for the drivers lunch as you enter the bus.)

We'll meet our Precinct 3 bus at the usual location on the south side of Barryknoll directly across from the Cinemark Theater in Memorial City Mall. We will leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. and expect to return about 4:30 p.m.

Sheila Jaynes will be our leader for what promises to be an enjoyable and educational day in Schulenburg and the surrounding area. To secure your reservation, without delay, contact Sheila at sjaynes50@yahoo.com or 713-412-4586 and then send your check in the amount of \$15.00, made out to Sheila, to her at 23202 Spruce Falls Court, Katy, TX 77494. All aboard! This one is definitely not to be missed!

Plus, save Thursday, May 16, for our next event, "A Visit to the Heart of the Old Three Hundred Settlement -- Richmond/Rosenberg." Watch the May newsletter for details, but if you already know you want to be on our bus for this one, contact our leader Elizabeth Martin at 713.542.0598 or elizamart349@gmail.com.



Join Us and Invite your Friends and Family
To our Fundraiser

Annual Spring Style Show

Benefiting an AAUW Fellowship Fund

Sunday, May 5
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Talbots
in Town and Country

Come early to shop before the
Style Show begins at 6:00 PM

Tickets are **\$20**



And will be on sale ahead of the event at the April
Branch meeting.

Or obtain tickets from Co-Vice Presidents of Funds:

Nancy Ennis 713.467.3698 & Georgia Kimmel 713.516.3926.

Make checks payable to AAUW WHC. Tickets also available at door.

If you are unable to attend the Style Show, donations are welcome.

Why are we raising funds? The Tyler 75th Anniversary Fellowship is the only incomplete Fellowship from Texas. This year our goal is to help the Tyler Branch complete this American Fellowship Endowment.

How important are American Fellowships? They are awarded to help with dissertation completion, research leave from accredited universities, and preparation of research for publication. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

AAUW fellowship funding helps women manage the growing burden of student debt, an issue that disproportionately affects women. Unique to AAUW's program, funding may also be used to pay for expenses outside of those traditionally associated with academic study, including child care and transportation — necessities that can help recipients continue, return to, and successfully complete graduate programs.