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June Newsletter deadline:

**May 15, 2019**

### ***Stay Informed***

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

## ***JUNE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON***

***Saturday, June 8, 2019***

***11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.***

***Maggiano's Restaurant***

***Memorial City Mall, Gessner at I-10***

Alice in Wonderland is coming to the AAUW West Harris County luncheon!

Well, the wonderful sculptor of "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party" in Evelyn's Park of Bellaire, Bridgette Mongeon, is coming to entertain and inform us about her work. Bridgette's work is not only wonderfully artistic but her technique utilizes STEM skills which we hope our scholarship young ladies consider in their future.

We will also install the new AAUW-WHC officers and honor the three young women who have been awarded the Baker-Telfer scholarships.

To reserve your space, please send a \$35.00 check payable to AAUW-WHC to Diane Roberts, 5607 St. Paul Street, Bellaire, TX 77401. Space is limited, so send your check as soon as possible.

Please note: This is a date change from the directory.

*Carolyn Stoffel, Program Vice-President*

***Don't Forget!***

***We're counting on you to attend***

***The Annual Spring Style Show***

***Benefiting AAUW Funds***

***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***

Tickets are available at the door. Cash or checks made payable to AAUW WHC.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You have received a notice from Lilian Care, Chair of the Expanding Your Horizons Steering Committee, and me that the decision has been made not to host the EYH conference in 2020 and to take a one-year hiatus. After 27 successful EYH Conferences it is time to reassess how to move forward with future conferences. I know from the responses I have received that the overwhelming feeling by members is sadness. But be assured, your branch leadership will use this pause to examine what human and financial resources are available and how they can best be used to plan for future conferences.



I want to encourage you to attend two of our most fun member events which are coming up very soon. Both offer wonderful opportunities to visit with other branch members. The first is our Spring Style Show fundraiser at Talbots in Town and Country on May 5, 2019. Past presidents and new members will entertain you as they sashay down the runway. The second is our Branch Recognition Luncheon at Maggiano's Restaurant on **June 8, 2019**. Our 2019 Baker-Telfer scholarship winners will be honored and our speaker will be Houston renowned sculptor, Bridgette Mongeon. Please see more information about these events in this newsletter.

*Sharon Jorgeson, WHC Branch President*

### Next WHC Branch Board Meeting May 13, 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](mailto:sjorgeson@gmail.com).



## Time for Membership Renewal

It's hard to understate the value of the friendships, activities and our contribution to the common cause of empowering women provided by AAUW and the West Harris County Branch. You make all of these things possible with your membership dues.

Some of us joined AAUW for the many social and cultural opportunities our branch provides, and are happy that so many of us are also working for the higher goals of education, empowerment, and equity. Activism is easier with an effective community behind you, and AAUW provides support, advice, guidance, and assistance.

There are a couple of ways to pay your dues:

- 1.) You can send an \$83 check made out to AAUW-WHC to Diane Roberts, 5607 Saint Paul St., Bellaire, TX 77401  
or
- 2.) Wait a couple of days after you get this newsletter until you receive a personal email invoice for dues from AAUW. The sender will be **memberinfo** and the subject line will be **AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2020**. This gives you the option to pay online directly. **You won't need to log in to do this** – there's a link in the email. Just follow that link to pay with a credit or debit card.

Email Diane if you need help or have questions:  
[diane77401@gmail.com](mailto:diane77401@gmail.com).

*Diane Roberts, Finance Officer*



## LUCKY WINNERS

Congratulations to the three winners who won their national dues of \$59.00 for 2019 paid for by National. These three ladies, Sharon Jorgeson, Brenda Moss, and Loni Smith, won in a drawing of the members present at the March 23rd branch meeting.

It pays to come to the Branch meetings!

*Jo Glidewell, Membership VP*

## AAUW National News

### I. 10 Steps to Make a Difference with AAUW

This year AAUW is focusing on economic security and pay equity. AAUW is working toward a goal of ensuring livelihood for women by achieving pay equity by the year 2030 through several key objectives:

- Champion pay equity federally and in all U.S. states and territories
- Lead the nation in providing salary negotiation programs for employees and employers
- Train 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022.

Click [here](#) to watch the six minute video on 10 Steps to Make a Difference with AAUW.

### II. Vote in AAUW National Election - 2019

On April 1, AAUW members with an email address received an email from Kim Churches, AAUW, with your Member ID, Voter PIN and a link for voting in the AAUW National Election. If you no longer have Kim's April 1 email, click on [AAUW National Election – VOTE 2019](#) to vote. Vote:

- for members to be elected to the national board of directors. For two of the positions, there is only a single candidate; for the ten AAUW Directors, there are 11 candidates, with profiles and resumes for each to assist in your voting. Note that the single candidate for AAUW Vice Chair is **Malinda Gaul, president of AAUW Texas.**
- on amendments to the Public Policy Priorities.

Voting closes **Tuesday, May 14.**

#### Member News Notification

Please notify **Suzanne Dalati**, Corresponding Secretary, at [sdalati@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:AAUW.Margaret.Carlson@gmail.com).

## MAY 2019 Activities and Interest Group News

Jan Groves, Activities Coordinator



### BOOK GROUPS

#### Afternoon Contemporary Literature

**Wednesday, May 1, 1:30 p.m.**

*Fortune's Children: The Fall of the House of Vanderbilt* by Arthur T. Vanderbilt

Hostess: Karla Dunn, 104 Plum Tree Terrace, #233  
281.679.1515

#### Contemporary Readers

**Wednesday, May 1, 1:00 p.m.**

*My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamole

Hostess: Sue Phipps, 12518 Old Oaks  
713.461.9528

#### Enjoying History

**Monday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.**

*The Heir Apparent* by Jane Ridley

Hostess: Mary Edwards, 611 Timber Circle  
281.920.4249

#### Monday Evening Contemporary Group

**Monday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.**

*A Piece of the World* by Cristina Baker Kline

Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, Memorial Drive at Kirkwood

#### Mystery

**Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 p.m.**

*Mistress of Deception* by Ariana Franklin

Hostess: Mary Kain, 195 Litchfield Lane  
713.824.3988

#### Outstanding Literature Group

**Tuesday, May 14, 9:30 a.m.**

*Book Selection for 2019-2020*

The Egg and I, 9099 Westheimer Rd @ Jeannetta

## BRIDGE GROUPS – Various



#### Current Bridge Groups:

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (7:00 p.m.)**, Jane Judson, 713.528.6105

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (10:30 a.m.)**, Peg McNealy, 281.679.7299

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 bring your own foursome or let Melba Armstrong know you want to be put on the sub list.

## BYWAY BIRDERS



The birding group will be visiting Bolivar Peninsula and High Island on **Saturday, May 4**. We will leave from the parking lot on the south side of Barryknoll at 7:30 a.m. We will start birding at the Bolivar ferry peninsula landing, then we will go to High Island and the rookery. Bring water, snacks, hat, sunscreen and mosquito repellent. Lunch will be at the Ocean Grill.

Please contact Peg McNealy (281.679.7299) if you are meeting to carpool and Bernice Hotman (713.724.4027) if you will join the group at the restrooms at the peninsula ferry landing at 9:30 a.m.

## GARDEN DIVAS



On **May 21**, (note different date, combining with June meeting) the Divas are gathering in Karen North's Conservancy to plan next year's events. Rumor has it that she has a lovely garden and lake, and it will inspire us to discover more exceptional gardens in our vicinity. We have had a lovely year, and I appreciate your flexibility. We all have enjoyed nature, beauty and friendship to the fullest. The Rosie the Riveter Garden we planted in March was a huge highlight.

Plan to meet at Karen's at 10:00 a.m. Her address is 70 Patti Lynn. Bring ideas for future explorations. Afterwards we will enjoy a pot luck lunch. Bring a favorite dish to share. I'm looking forward to a great closure and a new beginning.

Please let Susan Boone know whether you will be able to make this meeting so we can arrange seating. **Put on your thinking hats!**



*Garden Divas – Rosie the Riveter Day – March 2019*

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



### A Visit to the Heart of the Old Three Hundred Settlement -- Richmond/Rosenberg

Join us on **Thursday, May 16**, as we continue the saga of Austin's Old 300 with a visit to Richmond and Rosenberg, Texas. Sixty-six of the 300 original Austin land grants were in the Richmond area. Early settlers constructed a block house on the Brazos River to protect against Indian raids, but the river long ago reclaimed what is now historic Fort Bend. We will follow the steps of Richmond's early Republic of Texas residents such as Jane Long, Erastus "Deaf" Smith and Mirabeau B. Lamar; observe the Richmond Depot of the first railroad in Texas established in 1855 -- The Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado; and tour the historic 1909 County Courthouse which has been restored through the THC Historic Courthouse program. Before leaving Richmond, we'll stop at the Morton Cemetery to see the graves of Jane Long and Mirabeau B. Lamar. After lunching at Another Time Cafe, we will conclude our visit with a trip to the Rosenberg Railroad Museum.

Our knowledgeable guide for the day will be noted Texas historian Melissa Dixon, a long-time resident of Houston, current resident of Rosenberg, and owner/operator of Texas Tour Connection.

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 9:30 a.m. and expect to return by 4:00 p.m. Total cost for the day's events will be \$29, which includes your lunch plus the usual \$1 for our driver's lunch.

Elizabeth Martin will be our leader for what promises to be a very informative day. To secure your reservation, contact her at 713.542.0598 or [elizamart349@gmail.com](mailto:elizamart349@gmail.com). Then send your check in the amount of \$29, made out to Elizabeth, to her at 3518 Grennoch, Houston, TX 77025 without delay. This is definitely going to be a "not-to-be-missed" experience.

### Plus, save Saturday, June 8, for our final excursion of the 2018-19 Cultural Activities Season.

NOTE: Although the date remains the same, the destination has changed. Instead of visiting the Round Top Festival Hill Concert as previously announced, we will instead be attending the opening concert of the Texas Music Festival at the University of Houston's Moores School of Music where we'll enjoy the artistry of this year's Van Cliburn Piano Competition winner in concert with the entire orchestra. **The concert is at 7:30 p.m. and the bus will leave at 4:30 p.m.** Watch the June newsletter for further details, but, if you're sure you want to be there, contact either Linda Morgan (281.293.0976 or [amorgan352@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amorgan352@sbcglobal.net)) or Fran Macy (281.556.0121 or [franhm@mac.com](mailto:franhm@mac.com)) to get your name on the list.



## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT



**On Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 PM**, the GNO group will meet for dinner at Amici Wine Bistro at 1127 Eldridge Parkway #1030.

Visit their website at [amiciwinebistro.com](http://amiciwinebistro.com) and/or their Facebook page to see pictures of the restaurant, view their menus, and read their rave reviews.

Please RSVP to Nancy Bowden at [nanbowd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nanbowd@sbcglobal.net) or at 281.589.7423 by Friday, May 10, at noon if you will be joining us. All AAUW members are welcome.

## GOURMET DINING



### Classic Gourmet

**Please note Classic Gourmet has postponed our May dinner until May 18.** Join us Saturday, **May 18, 2019**, at 7 p.m. for our final dinner in this year's series – "I Hear America Cooking." Our May dinner will feature Midwest recipes. Our host will be Pat Farnell. To be included in the dinner, or if you have questions, please contact the coordinators: Barb Cook 713.705.7832 or 713.782.4398 or Tina Simpson 281.558.1031.

### Nouveau Gourmet

The Nouveau Gourmet group will meet at Stetson Restaurant at Eagle's Trace for dinner on **Saturday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.** Cost is \$16 plus drink charges.

## GREAT DECISIONS



The **1st and 3rd Great Decisions Thursday Afternoon Group** will meet **May 2 and May 16**, 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 May will be *U.S. and Mexico* and *State of Diplomacy*. We will discuss Doris Kearns Goodwin's book *Leadership in Turbulent Times* at our last meeting on **May 23** at the Adult Learning Center location. Please contact Martha Ewell, [m.ewell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.ewell@sbcglobal.net) or 713.782.2084, if you have any questions.

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**The Inner Loop Great Decisions May Meetings are as follows:**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.** The topic is "U.S. and Mexico: Partnership Tested" moderated by Max North. Karen and Max North will host at their home, 70 Patti Lynn, Houston 77024. Please let Karen know, [knorth@me.com](mailto:knorth@me.com), if you plan to come. A special treat is to see her garden.

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.** The topic will be "The State of the State Department and American Diplomacy" moderated by Don Morgan. Linda Marlin will host the meeting at her home, 1527 Maux Drive, Houston, 77043. Please let Linda know, [marlinl@comcast.net](mailto:marlinl@comcast.net), if you plan to attend.

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**Great Decisions Night Group May Meetings will be held as follows:**

**May 8, 2019** - Great Decisions Evening Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** The discussion topic is "U.S. & Mexico" led by Eric Jorgeson. The meeting will be hosted by Sharon and Eric Jorgeson in their home at 12518 Honeywood Trail, Houston, 77077. For additional information, please contact Willette Norman at 281.497.3626 or [willetten@gmail.com](mailto:willetten@gmail.com).

**May 22, 2019** - Great Decisions Evening Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** The discussion topic is "State of Diplomacy" led by Willette Norman. For information about the hosts for the meeting, please contact Willette Norman at 281.497.3626 or [willetten@gmail.com](mailto:willetten@gmail.com).



## HIKING HONEYS

On **May 16**, the Hiking Honeys will attempt to rescue the rained out hike previously planned at Keith Weiss Park located in north Houston. The paved trails are fairly new, wide, and wind through the forests and wrap around the central pond. This means that on a 2.2 mile barbell-shaped loop, you will get a wide variety of nature and a surprising amount of seclusion. We will enjoy a picnic lunch in the park after the hike.

The group will meet and carpool from the parking lot on Barryknoll across from the Cinemark Theater in Memorial City at 9AM or you can meet us in the parking lot of the park at 10:00 AM.

Please let Melba Armstrong know if you want to join us. You can contact her at [mkar@consolidated.net](mailto:mkar@consolidated.net).

Hiking Honeys at Lake Houston Wilderness - March 21, 2019



Melba Armstrong, Sara Dalton, Gail Rickey, Marilyn Watson

## ***PUBLIC POLICY...***



A new interest group, the **Public Policy Group** will meet **May 14 at 6:30 p.m.** at Pat Farnell's home, 12531 Piping Rock Lane. Please bring a snack to share. For more information and to RSVP, please email Pat at [farnellpat@gmail.com](mailto:farnellpat@gmail.com).

## **VICARIOUS VOYAGERS**



### **An interest group for travelers**

Coordinator: Diana Guarniere, [guarniered@gmail.com](mailto: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 Diane Guarniere by email or phone.

## **WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM**



Wine, Women & Wisdom will meet at McCormick & Schmick's City Centre location for happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. on **Monday, May 20**. All are welcome.

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.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

## **WISE...**



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

Our WISE group will "E"njoy the beautiful weather and team with the Garden Divas as we brainstorm next year's adventures. Please join us at the planning meeting at Karen North's home on **May 21**. See the Garden Divas Activity posting for more details. Our Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden in Herman Park turned into a very WISE event.

See <https://knorth.edublogs.org/2019/03/21/stop-and-smell-the-roses/> for pictures and the proclamation from the mayor. We plan to have more WISE adventures in the park.

We are networking with other women In STEM organizations such as NCWIT [Aspirations.org](http://Aspirations.org). If you would like to keep updated on those meetups, please join our Computer Science 4 Texas Houston group: <https://www.meetup.com/CS4TX-Houston/>.

We are also collaborating with the North Harris County Tech Interest group "Beyond Candy Crush Coding" <https://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net/files/2018/08/special-interest.pdf>.

We had our last meetup at a future AAUW member Ellecia Knolle's Code Ninja Learning Center. See <https://www.codeninjas.com/locations/tx-tanglewood/>.

## ***DIRECTORY UPDATES***

We are welcoming two new members to WHC and ask you to update your directory to include their information.

### **Smith, Lynn**

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Galveston, TX 77554  
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Email: [lsmith21727@comcast.net](mailto:lsmith21727@comcast.net)

### **Wilson, Susan P.**

4635 Southwest Freeway, Suite 525  
Houston, TX 77027  
Cell Phone: 713.817.2215  
Email: [susanwils@gmail.com](mailto:susanwils@gmail.com)

Also, please update information for the following current member.

### **Bayley, Elizabeth K. (Betty)**

New Email Address: [ekbayley@comcast.net](mailto:ekbayley@comcast.net)