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### June Deadline:

May 15, 2022

### Stay informed

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

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### Vote

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Amendments  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - Primary follow up



TALBOTS



### Fun, Fashion & Philanthropy!

#### Talbots Private Style Show

*Benefiting women and girls  
around the nation*

Sunday, May 1, 2022 6 - 8 pm

Talbots Town & Country

660 West Sam Houston Parkway North

**West Harris County Branch Members  
& Their Guests (Vaccinated, Please)**

Enjoy wine, light bites, **30% off** fashion  
and a chance to win 1 of 3 free memberships\*

\$20 per person in advance, \$25 per person at the door

Make checks payable to **AAUW Funds** (on the Memo line, indicate *Greatest Needs* or another preference). Mail to Debbie Campbell / 7814 Shady Villa Cove / Houston TX 77055-5244.

**Don't renew your national membership just yet  
– you may win free dues at the Style Show!**

\*Each current/renewing WHC member who buys one or more tickets will have that many chances to win 1 of 3 free AAUW National memberships for 2022-2023 in a random drawing at the Style Show (2 tickets = 2 chances).

Only current/renewing WHC members who purchase one or more tickets are eligible to win. Members' guests, new/incoming members, and AAUW Life Members are not eligible. Winners are still responsible for paying state and local dues. Must be present at the Style Show to win.

**Support our national mission and be home before dark!**

*Donations are tax deductible.*

**Note** The Style Show replaces our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday general meeting for May. WHC will NOT meet at Tracy Gee in May.



Dear West Harris County Members,



I hope everyone participates in the virtual AAUW State Convention on April 30th. Since this newsletter goes out before the end of the month, I will save comments regarding this first ever Zoom state convention, due to Covid, until the June newsletter. I applaud all the efforts of the state organizers as they have had to revamp and compress this event. Let's hope two years from now we will all be meeting together again in-person. Everyone will receive an e-mail invitation to register one week before the event and an additional reminder one day before the event. Contact me if you run into any problems.

We have a lot going on this time of the year so mark your calendars and respond to invites immediately. Anticipated attendance needs to be turned into the following venues ahead of time so things run smoothly. There are two major events happening soon: **The Style Show at Talbots** in Town and Country Shopping Center on Sunday, **May 1, 2022**, and the **Annual June Luncheon** on Saturday, **June 4, 2022**, at Blue Agave Restaurant. Look for specific details in this newsletter. I hope to see everyone at both events!



Since we are finally able to arrange for The Style Show once again at Talbots after a hiatus due to the virus, we will not have the monthly branch meeting scheduled at Tracey Gee's on May 21st. Please adjust your calendars.

Vaccination protocols continue to stay in place for all in-person meetings until further notice. Masks are optional.

*Cheers,  
Rose Ennis, President*

## Membership

April showers bring May flowers, so it is said. For West Harris County Branch - AAUW that means Style Show benefiting Baker-Telfer funds. This year it will be at Talbots in Town & Country on Sunday, May 1st-IN PERSON!!! Please feel free to invite a prospective member to attend with you. What a deal for \$20.00 a ticket! If a prospective member attends a meeting or other WHC event the prospective member can join West Harris County for a one-time-only reduced membership for 2022-2023 of \$57.50.



Speaking of memberships. Renewal membership dues will be \$91.00 for WHC in 2022-2023. National will be \$67.00; State remains \$13.00; and Local remains \$11.00. We are asking members to wait until June to renew due to on-going technical database issues at the National office.

We will have another opportunity at the June 4th Scholarship Luncheon to spotlight the tremendous work that WHC Branch does in supporting graduates of three local school districts. Three young ladies will be able to use scholarship funds to enter STEM programs at a college of their choice. A very worthy endeavor in our mission to advance gender equity. Look for the Luncheon invitation in this newsletter for reservations and choice of meal.

Please continue to champion the work that National, State, and West Harris County Branch does to support equity for all women all over the world. Please also continue to send me names of prospective members.

*Stay safe and Happy Spring,  
Carolyn Stoffel - VP Membership*

# Breaking News! \$10,000 Gift to Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund

Let me begin by thanking long time member Pat Thomsen and her husband, Leon, for their generous donation to the Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund. They are infusing The Fund with a one-time donation of \$10,000. In appreciation, our WHC Board of Directors voted unanimously to rename the scholarship the Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund. Arlene Baker and the Telfer family, represented by their daughter, are in full agreement with the name change.



In the meantime, work is proceeding with the help of Pat Dach, longtime custodian of the scholarship, to complete the necessary paperwork to make the new name official. Also, thanks go to Carolyn Morris who worked diligently with Pat Thomsen on this endeavor. I was privileged to be part of this decision. I am so grateful that Pat and Leon decided to support our branch's efforts to promote a STEM education to senior girls in Spring Branch, Houston, and Alief School Districts.

For those that do not know, the Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund has only one member, AAUW-WHC Branch. Following, the guidelines of WHC procedures and the legal document of the fund, the board of Baker-Telfer recommended the name change to the AAUW-WHC board. The WHC board acting as the sole member approved the name change to the Fund. Proper procedures were followed in making this change.

AAUW-WHC will continue to vigorously fundraise for the Thomson-Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund with the hope of increasing the amount and number of scholarships. The current balance of the fund is \$19,411.13. We have a number of applicants from the three districts and will be awarding \$6,000 this spring. With the \$10,000 Thomson gift, minus the \$6,000 awards, the balance in June will be over \$23,000.

*Rose Ennis*  
*President*  
*AAUW-WHC*



## Reservation Form

### Annual June Luncheon and General Meeting Announcement of Baker-Telfer Scholarship Recipients **Saturday, June 4, 2022 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sheila M. Katz

Blue Agave Cantina, 14555 Grisby Road, Houston, Texas 77079

Choice of Entree:

1. Chicken Enchiladas
2. Veggie Enchiladas
3. Grilled Mahi Mahi



All entrees served with: Chips & Salsa, Rice and Beans, Sour Cream, Cheese, Pico, Tortillas, and Guacamole.

Choice of Dessert: 1. Tres Leches      2. Agave Brownie

Alcoholic Beverages not included.

RSVP by **May 22nd** with your check for \$30. and menu choices to:  
Diana Tiberia, 22223 Coriander Drive, Katy, TX 77450  
Make out checks to: AAUW

Please cut out or make a copy of the following and send it along with your check.  
Your check is your reservation. Covid vaccination is required to attend.

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### Circle Your Choices

#### Entree Choices

1. Chicken Enchiladas
2. Veggie Enchiladas
3. Grilled Mahi Mahi

#### Dessert Choices

1. Tres Leches
2. Agave Brownie

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_



## Guest Speaker at AAUW-WHC June, 2022 Luncheon

Dr. Sheila M. Katz,  
Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of Houston.



Dr. Katz received her BA in Sociology and Women's Studies at the University of Georgia, her MA in Sociology from Vanderbilt, and her Ph.D. in Sociology also from Vanderbilt.

Prior to coming to the University of Houston, Dr. Katz was an assistant professor in the sociology department at Sonoma State University. From 2003-2013, Dr. Katz collaborated with the community-based organization, Low Income Families' Empowerment through Education, conducting community-based participatory research in the "Family Violence is NOT an Option" and the "Education Works" projects. Her research interests include Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Poverty, Inequality, Social Policy, Qualitative Methodologies, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Drugs

Dr. Katz received a research grant from AAUW, Summer Publication Fellowship, in the amount of \$6,000 to finish her book, *Reformed American Dreams*. Her book explores the experiences of low-income single mothers who pursued higher education while on welfare after the 1996 welfare reforms. *Reformed American Dreams* takes up their struggle to raise families, attend school, and become student activists, all while trying to escape poverty. Katz highlights mothers' experiences as they pursued higher education on welfare and became grassroots activists during the Great Recession.

Dr. Katz will bring some of her books to our lunch and they will be for sale for \$20. This is cheaper than the Amazon price.

Please join our branch members for an interesting and timely topic from an AAUW grant recipient!



### Time to vote!

*Texas has not one, but two elections in May.*



On **Saturday, May 7**, two constitutional amendments, dealing with the Homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes, which are imposed by local school districts to fund their operations are on the ballot. Early voting starts on **April 25**.

A yes vote on Proposition 1 would allow the Texas Legislature to “provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes...on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.”

A yes vote on Proposition 2 would “[increase] the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem” taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Those who live in Spring Branch ISD can also vote on a bond proposal.

On **Tuesday, May 24** is the follow up to the primary for those candidates that did not get majority of votes on March 1. Early voting begins on **May 16**.



### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX

*Title IX – “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”*



Title IX turns 50 in June. There is much to celebrate as schools have removed barriers for girls and women and have provided opportunities in athletics without regard to gender. Yet there is also much to do. AAUW supports strengthening and enforcing Title IX. Our AAUW website is an excellent resource to keep up to date on Title IX and related issues. To celebrate, please take time to read **Title IX Quick Facts** which is reprinted here.

*Georgia Kimmel*

**Title IX**

January 2022

## AAUW supports the strengthening and vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, protecting staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education programs, libraries, and museums. Music, choir, sex education classes, and sports involving bodily contact are exempt from Title IX, as are religious institutions if the law would violate their religious tenets. Admissions policies at private undergraduate institutions are also exempt.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of Title IX, its regulations, and its guidance. AAUW believes OCR must receive adequate funding to strengthen its Title IX enforcement efforts, and advocates thorough investigation of complaints and proactive compliance review.

### AAUW in Action

All public policy actions take direction from the [AAUW Public Policy Priorities](#), voted on by members every two years. AAUW is a nonpartisan organization—but nonpartisan does not mean “non-political.” Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Together, through our coordinated and strategic advocacy, we've enacted invaluable legislation at the federal, state, and local levels. The 2021-2023 Public Policy priorities directly identify strengthening and vigorously enforcing Title IX.

The public policy team engages in many efforts on this key issue, including but not limited to:

- Working in coalition with other gender equity and civil rights organizations, including the [National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education](#) and the [Education Task Force](#) of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

- Writing [letters and comments](#) providing insight on changes to Title IX rules and regulations.
- Mobilizing AAUW advocates and members through targeted calls to action on important legislation, like the [Gender Equity in Education Act \(GEEA\)](#).
- Engaging directly with elected leaders and the public through calls, [letters](#) to political offices, and comments and testimonies in hearings.
- Providing voter education resources on key equity issues to consider during elections and offering information on how elected officials have voted in the past (more about this and Get Out the Vote guides at the [AAUW Action Fund](#)).

### More Than Athletics

Title IX requires recipients of federal education funding to evaluate their current policies and practices; adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and violence; and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints. The law also prohibits retaliation for filing a Title IX complaint or advocating for those making a complaint.

Title IX affects all areas of education, including:

- recruitment, admissions and housing;
- career and technical education;
- pregnant, parenting, and/or married students;
- science, technology, engineering and math (STEM);
- sexual harassment and assault;
- comparable facilities and access to course offerings;
- financial assistance;
- student health services and insurance benefits;
- harassment based on gender identity; and
- athletics.



## Title IX's Work Is Not Done

Title IX has advanced gender equity in schools since 1972, but much work remains:

- AAUW's own research revealed that [two-thirds](#) of college students experience sexual harassment. Studies have also found that [approximately 26%](#) of all female undergraduate students and nearly 7% of all male undergraduate students have experienced sexual assault. Additionally, AAUW research found that [56% of girls and 40% of boys](#) in grades 7-12 face sexual harassment.
- Girls have [1.2 million fewer chances](#) to play sports in high school than boys. [Less than two-thirds](#) of African American and Hispanic girls play sports, while more than three-quarters of white girls do.
- [Only 21%](#) of engineering majors and 19% of computer science majors are women.
- Pregnant and parenting students are [often steered](#) toward separate, less rigorous schools.
- The [rate of women's enrollment](#) in certain nontraditional careers remains at low levels, with some fields well below 25% in women's representation.

## Attacks on Title IX

Since the passage of this landmark civil rights law, opponents have sought to weaken it. In recent years the U.S. Department of Education has worked to systematically dismantle Title IX protections, rescinding multiple importance guidance documents in 2017—including those that had clarified what Title IX requires schools to do to prevent and address sexual harassment and violence and to protect transgender students. Then, in 2020, the Department of Education released a new rule with significant harmful implications for students' civil rights and for federal enforcement of Title IX. The [new rule](#) narrowed the definition of sexual harassment to potentially exclude many students' experiences and altered when schools must respond to reports of sexual harassment and violence. Further, the rule puts in place school processes that make it harder for students to come forward about sexual harassment or assault and receive the support they need.

In 2021, the Department of Education expanded Title IX enforcement to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and on gender identity—an important step to ensure protections for LGBTQ+ students under Title IX. However, proposed changes to current Title IX regulations are not expected until May 2022, leaving students and survivors of sexual harassment and violence without the resources and support they need now. AAUW supports

efforts asking the Department of Education to take urgent action on proposed Title IX changes to protect students' civil rights.

## Title IX Coordinators

Title IX requires that every educational institution that receives federal funding designate at least one employee who is responsible for coordinating the school's compliance. These Title IX coordinators oversee all complaints of sex discrimination and identify and address any patterns or systemic problems at their schools. Unfortunately, Title IX coordinators often lack the support, guidance, and training needed to complete their work. Some of the most egregious Title IX violations occur when schools fail to designate a Title IX coordinator or when the Title IX coordinator does not have the training or authority to oversee compliance.

In 2020, the Department of Education rescinded OCR guidance and resources that helped Title IX coordinators meet their responsibilities. These resources should be restored and strengthened to ensure that schools have a Title IX coordinator with supports to effectively oversee compliance.

## The Civil Rights Data Collection

Since 1968, the Department of Education has administered the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), which collects data on key education and civil rights issues in our nation's public schools. The CRDC has been improved to shed additional light on the pervasiveness of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and violence, in our schools. AAUW appreciates that the CRDC includes several important, school-specific gender equity points that are helpful to advocates, parents, students, educators and Title IX coordinators at schools nationwide. The Department of Education should maintain the CRDC moving forward.

## Strengthening Title IX

AAUW supports federal legislation that strengthens students' civil rights protections and Title IX enforcement, including comprehensive training and support for Title IX coordinators.

The [Gender Equity in Education Act \(GEEA\)](#) would provide educational entities and Title IX coordinators the resources, training, and technical assistance necessary



to ensure equity in education and would establish an Office of Gender Equity in the Department of Education to coordinate interagency enforcement of Title IX. GEEA would also authorize competitive grants to K-12 schools, colleges, local educational agencies, or states to support their gender equity work.

The **Title IX Take Responsibility Act of 2021** would amend Title IX to further define the actions educational institutions must take to prevent and correct the impacts of sexual harassment and assault, requiring more employees at schools to respond if they become aware of sex discrimination and holding institutions liable if they do not respond to sexual harassment with reasonable care. The bill would also allow students to sue their college or university over failure to enforce these rights under the established standards and allows for equitable relief for survivors.

## Additional Resources

### [Title IX at 45](#)

National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education

### [Two-Minute Activist: Support the Gender Equity in Education Act](#)

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2022/01/Title-IX-Quick-Facts-Jan-2022.pdf>

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# MAY 2022 ACTIVITIES & INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Sharon Jorgeson, Activities Coordinator

## Book Groups

### Afternoon Contemporary Literature

**Wednesday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom

God Save Texas by Lawrence Wright  
Coordinator, Cheryl Smith, 402-651-2445  
[ccherylsmile@gmail.com](mailto:ccherylsmile@gmail.com), Co-Coordinator,  
Linda Morgan, 281-989-6499,  
[amorgan352@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amorgan352@sbcglobal.net)

### Contemporary Readers

**Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom

Girls with Bright Futures by Tracy Dobmeier and  
Wendy Katzman

For more information, contact Coordinator, Sharon  
Pope (713-376-0940, [spope576@gmail.com](mailto:spope576@gmail.com)) or Co-  
Coordinator, Cathy Urquhart (832-454-5017,  
[catherineurquhart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catherineurquhart@sbcglobal.net)).

### Enjoying History Book Club

**Monday, May 9, 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

The British are Coming by Rick Atkinson. Please  
email Nancy Guilloud [nanguilloud@aol.com](mailto:nanguilloud@aol.com) or  
Nancy Gusler, [ntgusler@gmail.com](mailto:ntgusler@gmail.com) to be put on the  
contact list or if you have any questions.

### Evening Contemporary Literature

**Monday, May 2, 5:00 p.m.**

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead  
The scheduled meeting place is Palazzo's Italian at  
10455 Briar Forrest Dr., Houston, 77042  
(Note change of meeting place)  
Coordinator, Jo Glidewell, 936-327-2085,  
[WCGLIDE@gmail.com](mailto:WCGLIDE@gmail.com).

### Mystery Book Club

**Tuesday, May 17, 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom

Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line by Deepa Anappara  
Coordinator, Melba Armstrong, 281-392-3190,  
[armstrong.melba@comcast.net](mailto:armstrong.melba@comcast.net). Co-Coordinator, Pat  
Pease, 713-824-1681, [popeace@aol.com](mailto:popeace@aol.com).

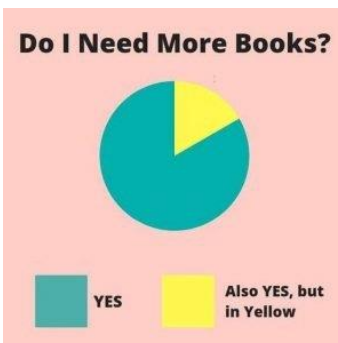
### Outstanding Literature

**Tuesday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.** The Shadow of the  
Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon and will be led by Pam  
Doan. We will meet in person at La Madeleine,  
"The Wine Cave", 10001 Westheimer Road, 77042.  
Please start to think about your book selections for  
the 2022-23 season. The book selection meeting will  
be in **June** and we do not meet over the summer.  
Contact Leigh Rappole at [leighrap@aol.com](mailto:leighrap@aol.com) if you  
have questions.

### Zoom Eclectic Book Group

**Thursday, May 26, 2:30 p.m.**

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. Discussion  
leader will be Carolyn Morris. This is the third book  
our group is reading by Marie Benedict. These  
books are based upon the incredible women who  
worked behind the scenes for some of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Century's most influential men. Please join us as we  
learn about these women who history tried to forget.  
Email Carolyn Morris at  
[morriscarolyn16@gmail.com](mailto:morriscarolyn16@gmail.com) for the Zoom  
invitation.



## Byway Birders – South Llano River State Park

The Byway birders are visiting Llano State Park in the hill country **May 12-15<sup>th</sup>**. We should see lots of wildflowers and lots of birds. We will stay at the Best Western in Junction, 325-446-3700. Ask for the Dach group. Check



the weather before you pack because it can be cooler there. Bring food for picnic lunches for two days. Most rooms have mini refrigerators.

Please contact Pat Dach if you want to go at 281-701-5846 or [patdach@gmail.com](mailto:patdach@gmail.com).



## Hiking Honeys

On **Thursday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.**, the Hiking Honeys will travel to The Woodlands for a trek in the George Mitchell Nature Preserve. Melba Armstrong will lead the two-mile Flintridge Loop hike that begins at Flintridge Drive and loops back through the forest. The trail takes the high road through the floodplain and alongside Bédias Lake. The preserve is a part of the Spring Creek Greenway which connects and protects up to 12,000 acres of forest on both sides of Spring Creek. The trailhead is located at 5171 Flintridge Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381.



We will carpool from the parking lot on Barryknoll across from the Cinemark Theater in Memorial City at 9 a.m. Please RSVP to Melba Armstrong ([armstrong.melba@comcast.net](mailto:armstrong.melba@comcast.net)) if you plan to hike with us.

## Vicarious Voyagers: An interest group for travelers

Vicarious Voyagers has completed its programming for this year. Planning for next year is in process. Suggestions and ideas for future gatherings and programs are welcome.

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

Co-Coordinator: Carolyn Morris, [morriscs@aol.com](mailto:morriscs@aol.com)





## Culture Group

### Cultural Tour Group heads to Buffalo Bayou for a Boat Tour May 17

The Spirit of the Bayou pontoon tour boat is waiting to take us on a 1 ½ -hour ride through the heart of downtown Houston on **May 17 at 9:15 a.m.** Meeting is as usual at Memorial City Way and Barryknoll across from the theater. We will ride past Allen's Landing, Sesquicentennial Park and Sabine Promenade and other interesting spots with a professional guide. Afterward we will go to Treebeard's for lunch. Your check is your reservation made out and sent to Linda Morgan (11934 Riverview Dr., 77077, cell #281-989-6499) for \$35 including the \$1 for the driver.



### Touring in March "The Women of Glenwood Cemetery"







ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

June Cultural Activity **Saturday, June 11, 2022, 3:30 p.m.**

## TEXAS MUSIC FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA CONCERT

At University of Houston Moore's School

### TICKETS

Twenty tickets have been purchased for \$10 each. **Reserve your spot ASAP. Deadline May 6.** Please send your check for \$10 made out to **Diana Guarniere**, 13814 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77079. Diana will be out of the country visiting her daughter from May 10 – June 24. Your check is your reservation. Tickets to the concert will be distributed at the restaurant or in the concert lobby if you drive yourself directly to the performance.

### BUS

A Harris County bus has been reserved and will leave promptly at **3:30 p.m.** from our usual Memorial City bus lot on Barryknoll south of Memorial City Mall, across from Cinemark Movie Theater, to take us to dinner and then on to UH.

**Marie Helmy 281-787-6396** will check you in at the bus and ask for your signature and any missing information required for the bus. A minimum of 15 people is needed to maintain the bus. Please contribute \$1 to help pay for the bus driver's dinner.

### DINNER

Arrangements have been made to dine at **Laurenzo's** 4412 Washington Ave. 77007 713-880-5111. The restaurant opens at 4:00 p.m. We have allowed 2 hours for dinner. Separate checks.

**Rose Ennis - 281-755-6483** will assist you at the restaurant.

### CONCERT

There are some preconcert activities at the Moore's school, if interested.

**The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.**



## WISE: Women Interested in STEM Education

On May 12th Our WISE group will be going on a field trip to the University of Houston Brain Research Center, <https://nsfbrain.org/sites/university-of-houston/>

When: **Thursday May 12th at 11:00 a.m.**

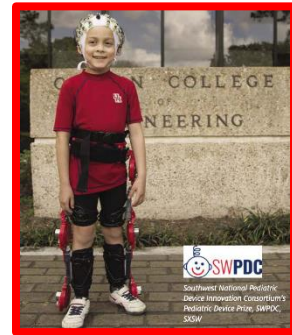
Where: University of Houston N308 Engineering Building I

Who:

- Jose L. Contreras-Vidal Director, Director, NSF IUCRC BRAIN REU
- Michelle Krueger, Graduate Student, Noninvasive Brain-Machine Interface Systems Lab

What:

- Demo of the exoskeletons and learn about pediatric exoskeletons
- Demo of the muse headsets, and learn about the BCI-avatar
- Art-science research



Lunch: We will have our food delivered by the Starship Delivery Robot and eat in the BMI Media Lab.

Plans are to meet at **Memorial City at 10:00 a.m.** or you can meet in the UH engineering building at **11:00 a.m.** Please let Karen North, [knorth@me.com](mailto:knorth@me.com), know by Sunday May 8th if you would like to visit the brain research center.

## Gourmet Groups



**Classic Gourmet:** Please join us **Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.** for a brunch to end this year's series "The Joy of Cooking and Eating with Friends" and plan for next year's dinners. Our May brunch will feature French Cuisine. Our hosts will be Sharon and Eric Jorgeson. Please join us and bring your ideas for next year. We will follow CDC recommendations regarding COVID. If you have questions, please contact the coordinators: Barbara Cook at 713-705-7832 or Kris Bybee-Finley at 304-610-8708.

**Nouveau Gourmet:** Mary Peterson is hosting a Nouveau Gourmet dinner at her home on **Saturday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The cuisine is Hungarian.

For more information, please contact Diane Statham at (281)497-6259 or [distatham@msn.com](mailto:distatham@msn.com).

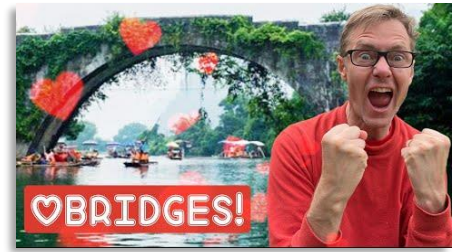


## Bridge Groups

Please contact the coordinators of these bridge groups if you are interested in joining their group as a regular or substitute.

**First Thursday (7:00 p.m.)** Jane Judson 713-528-6105

**Third Thursday (10:30 a.m.)** Peg McNealy 281-679-7299



## Garden Divas

The Garden Divas will travel to the historic town of Chappell Hill, just off the Texas Independence Trail for our May 'outing'. We will visit the Chappell Hill Lavender Farm. They are **ONLY** open Thursday-Sunday; so our regular first Tuesday will 'happen' on **Thursday May 5 at 9:00 a.m.** I apologize in advance if this is a conflict for any of you. Please meet at the Barryknoll Parking Lot of Memorial City Mall at 9:00 a.m.



The farm has been touted as an 'Oasis for the Soul'; an aromatic working lavender farm with quaint surroundings and a scenic hillside view. Lavender has been a long time favorite of all the herbs with its grey-green foliage and long spikes displaying the fragrant violet-blue flowers. There are many varieties all of which contain their own distinctive qualities, uses, and scents. Lavender plants will do well in either a pot or planted in the ground. If you are unable to travel with us, some of the varieties that do best in our Texas soil and climate are Sweet Lavender, Provence, Fred Boutin, Goodwins Greek and Spanish Lavender. After our visit, we will enjoy lunch at Bevers Kitchen, 5162 Main Street, Chappell Hill, TX 77426. Bevers Kitchen is in downtown Chappell Hill. They have a wide variety of country home style dishes made from scratch with fresh ingredients to satisfy your appetite for home cooked meals. They also have a large selection of homemade pies!



If you plan on joining us for the trip, please email [smboone@gmail.com](mailto:smboone@gmail.com) to let me know the number for the group. Hope to see you!

\*Please note: the construction on the new Land Bridge originally scheduled April is incomplete; therefore, the visit there will be scheduled for next year.

*Susan Boone*  
[smboone@gmail.com](mailto:smboone@gmail.com)

## Great Decisions

The three Great Decisions Groups will continue to meet through May.

**The First and Third Thursday** afternoon group will meet **May 5, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** to discuss "Industrial Policy" and on **May 19, 2022**, to discuss "Biden's Agenda. On June 2, we will discuss "Outer Space." If interested in further information and details, please contact group coordinator, Martha Ewell, (tel.) 713-782-2084.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Evening Group** meets from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.**

**May 11, 2022** - "Climate Change" - Vic Edwards as leader

**May 25, 2022** - "The Quad Alliance" - Toby and Arun Singhanian as leaders

Please contact Coordinator Willette Norman at 281-497-3626 or [willetten@gmail.com](mailto:willetten@gmail.com) for further information.

**Great Decisions, The Inside the Loop, meets every other Tuesday on Zoom.**

**Tuesday May 3, at 3:00 p.m.** The topic is: "Industrial Policy"

**Tuesday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m.** The topic is: "Drug Policy"

All are welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84748391332?pwd=bFVjN3VyV1RqZkRqTDBkWDRWL0p6dz09>



Janet Thies	May 8
Sharon Jorgeson	May 12
Marylois Miller	May 14
Marilyn Arendt	May 16
Donna Harshman	May 16
Irene Infante	May 18

Shari Mauthner	May 22
Marilyn Watson	May 23
Amy Rose	May 25
Cheryl Smith	May 25
Pamela Doan	May 26
Edith Dunlop	May 27
Susan Wilson	May 28
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