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November 15, 2022

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AAUW West Harris County Branch– November Meeting

Saturday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Tracy Gee Community Center

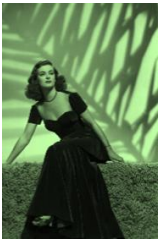
Our speaker this month will be Dominique Royem who is the Music Director of the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra. Dominique is an active guest conductor and has worked with ensembles such as the Ukrainian State Orchestra, Plevin Philharmonic, Galveston Symphony, Moores Opera Center, Sugarland Opera, HBU Opera Theatre, and the Houston Civic Orchestra. She was the Resident Conductor for Bayou City Concert Musicals, Music Director for Houston Grand Opera’s Opera to Go! during the 12-13 and 13-14 seasons, and the Conducting Fellow for the Allentown Symphony Orchestra’s 2012-2013 season. Dominique received a Doctorate in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Houston -Moores School of Music. Her dissertation, entitled “Generic Integration and Its Expressive Potential in the Music of Kurt Weill and Richard Rodgers,” uses semiotic and genre theory to illuminate the similarities between opera and musical theatre in the 1940s and 1950s.

Dominique currently lectures at the Women’s Institute of Houston. She will talk to us about her joy in bringing classical music to listeners everywhere. Check out her videos about Music History, Music Theory, and Pop Music on YouTube and various other social media platforms.

*Lillian Care
Program Director*



Dear West Harris County Members,



We're heading into the holiday season, which kicks off with our glittering non-event, the Home Alone Ball! Your participation rather than your presence is greatly appreciated – please donate as you are able!

We do hope to actually see you, however, at our branch meetings, interest group meetings and outings, and at our Holiday Party on **December 4th**. Festivities with our West Harris County Branch friends are always merry!



Of course, it's also election season, so don't forget about Election Day, November 8th. I hope AAUW-WHC is equally well represented at the polls as at our social events. See you soon!

Anne Amador, President



Important Election Dates

- October 24 - First day to vote early in person
- October 28 - Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot
- November 4 - Last day to vote early in person
- November 8 - Election Day and Vote-by-Mail Ballot receipt deadline

Sources of Election Information

[What's my district?](https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2022/texas-ballot-2022-midterm-election-nov-8/) <https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2022/texas-ballot-2022-midterm-election-nov-8/>

Insert your address. Provides some basic info about make-up of each district and shows shape of district (gerrymandering) as well as names of candidates.

Vote411 www.vote411.org

Nonpartisan source of where candidates stand on the issues. Available mid-October close to start of early voting. Requires your address.



Check out AAUW members ready to register voters.

Voter registration event held at Ashford UMC, October 8, 2022
Georgia Kimmel, Dorothy Lauterbach, Linda Morgan, and Diane Roberts. Also pictured: 2 Westside High School student volunteers.

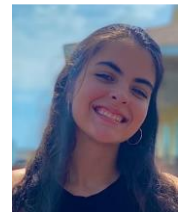
Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarship - Your Donations At Work

AAUW-WHC raised the funds for three deserving 2022 graduates to receive \$2000 scholarships toward their college careers.



Michelle Liang, a graduate from Elsie High School in Alief ISD, plans to major in Exercise Science at the University of Houston. Ultimately, she would like to be a Board-Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist and create a plan for a comfortable work environment for all employees.

Westside High School graduate, Summer Petrie, was chosen from HISD applicants. She attends Texas State with a major in Anthropology. Summer is fascinated by forensic science and hopes to become a Medical Examiner.



Our SBISD scholarship recipient is Laurie Trevino. Laurie is a Spring Woods High School graduate who has chosen Environmental Engineering as her major at Texas A&M Galveston. She hopes to be a steward of the environment and help combat climate change.

AAUW-WHC has given scholarships to young women with college aspirations to study STEM fields since 1994 when Arlene Baker and Carol Telfer established the Baker-Telfer Scholarship to honor their sons. In 2022, the AAUW-WHC Board renamed the fund as the Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarship to honor Pat and Leon Thomsen's generous donations. This year's scholars will receive \$3000.

AAUW members donate in memory of loved ones or to celebrate special events. Contributions are tax deductible under IRS Code 501(c)3. If you would like to contribute, write a check to the Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund. Checks can be mailed to Carolyn Morris, 11159 Riverview Way, Houston, Texas 77042. If you prefer to give electronically, we accept Zelle. Enter the email address thomsenbakertelferscholarship@gmail.com. We will celebrate all our donors at a luncheon in 2023.

Jan Kerekgyarto

Funds

Randalls & Kroger Further Our Mission Every Time You Buy Groceries



This month we thank **Nancy Gusler** for asking about the Randalls (and Kroger) Good Neighbor program. Once you have designated West Harris County AAUW on your Randalls or Kroger loyalty card, we receive valuable underwriting donations that help offset local fundraising expenses ~ at no additional cost to you!

- **For Randalls, our number is still 1427.** What's new is that you can now manage your designations through their website at www.randalls.com/yourstore/good-neighbor.html. (You will need to use your existing Randalls username and password or create new ones.)
- **For Kroger, the code is still QY091,** and now you can check your designations via www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/ (with your Kroger username and password).

Randalls and Kroger suggests you use their smart phone apps in place of your physical loyalty cards. Also consider using the Stocard loyalty card app on your smart phone. You just load your loyalty cards into Stocard, and then you don't have to lug around all your retail cards, museum cards, etc. When you get to the store or museum, they just scan your phone screen, similar to the way airplane tickets and movie tickets work now. You can password protect the app, but it's not meant to secure personal details like bank or medical information.



Our Home Alone Fall Ball fundraiser continues into December! We thank everyone who has already *not* attended and encourage everyone else to go directly to AAUW National at aauw.org, log in, confirm your affiliation with WHC, add aauw.whc.funds@gmail.com (Debbie and Diane) under your email address, and use a credit card. **Susan Boone** has provided step-by-step instructions, with pictures, at <https://westharriscounty-tx.aauw.net/funds/>.

Donations to support our *local* **Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarships** ~ which are completely independent of national funds ~ still go to Carolyn Morris via check or now Zelle via thomsenbakertelferscholarship@gmail.com.

*Debbie Campbell and Diane Statham
AAUW Funds Vice-Presidents*



West Harris County Branch AAUW cordially invites you to *NOT* attend

Home Alone Fall Ball

October through December 2022

Don't worry about a costume. Don't contend with Houston's anxiety-producing traffic. Sit back, relax, and munch on an apple in front of the TV as you watch a scary movie. No bobbing for that apple. And leave the makeup and outfit to suit the imagination to the professionals. No need to travel. No-cost entertainment.

Now use those savings to support AAUW's mission to make life more livable for women and girls.

Supporting Our National Mission by credit card (preferred) remains fast, convenient, and safe. To help WHC stay on state leaderboards while supporting our national mission, simply **follow the steps at westharriscounty-tx.aauw.net/funds/:**



TL;DR ① go to aauw.org and log in, ② in the left menu click on **My Affiliations**, confirm that **West Harris County** is your **Primary Branch**, ③ click the big red **DONATE** button, and ④ continue with your donation.

Click for Step-by-Step Instructions

⑤ **Important** Next to **Additional Emails**, please enter **aauw.whc.funds@gmail.com**. This copies WHC board members Debbie Campbell and Diane Statham on your receipt email (but does not share your credit card info).

For help with the instructions on the [WHC website](https://www.aauw.org/whc) linked above, or to donate to AAUW National Funds by check, contact Debbie or Diane.

Supporting Local Scholarships for Houston area high school senior girls pursuing college studies in a STEM field is also easy. Just make your check payable to **Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarship Fund** and mail to WHC board member **Carolyn Morris** at 11159 Riverview Way Houston TX 77042-7309.

Or, save time and effort by donating immediately through **Zelle** to thomsenbakertelferscholarship@gmail.com.

To read more about our local STEM scholarships, visit the Thomsen-Baker-Telfer page on the WHC website at westharriscounty-tx.aauw.net/about/scholarships/.

Donations are tax deductible, but please note that donations to National (managed by AAUW in Washington, D.C., and facilitated locally) are completely separate from donations to our Thomsen-Baker-Telfer scholarship Fund (managed locally).



The Equal Rights Amendment: Past, Present.....and Future?

Brief History of the Equal Rights Amendment



Betty Ford

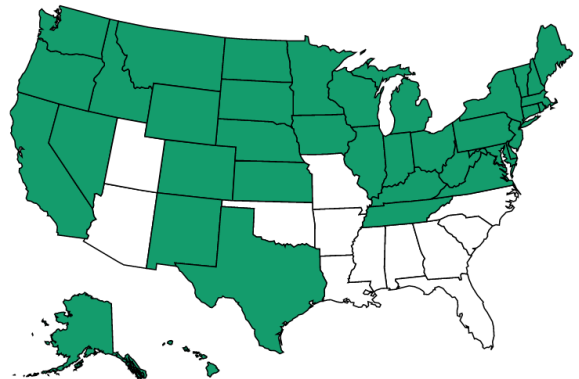
The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has a history dating back to 1923 when it was proposed by the National Woman's political party to provide for the legal equality of the sexes and prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Four decades later, the Amendment was introduced to Congress in the late 1960's. Feminists Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem along with U.S. Representative, Bella Abzug of New York, provided the leadership. It won the necessary two-thirds vote in the House in October 1971 and was approved by the Senate in March 1972 and sent to the states for ratification. Hawaii was the first to ratify what would have been the 27th Amendment followed by some 30 other states within a year. By the fall of 1977, 35 states had ratified the ERA – three fewer than the 38 needed for adoption. The

ERA failed to achieve ratification by the necessary 38 states, or three-fourths of the total states, within the seven-year deadline of March 22, 1979. The deadline was extended to June 30, 1982, but no additional states ratified the amendment within this deadline. Nevada ratified in 2017, Illinois in 2018 and Virginia in 2020. Because of the rejection of the ERA, gender equality, with the exception of the right to vote, is not fully protected by the U.S. Constitution.

What is the Current Status of This Beleaguered Amendment?

The amendment's supporters have taken the position that the amendment should be included in the Constitution since it was ratified by three-fourths of the states in accordance with Article V which gives the right for amendments to be proposed and become part of the Constitution. The U.S. Archivist, David Ferriero, declined to certify the ERA on the basis that the original deadline had expired and the last three states to ratify did not have standing to do so. In January 2020, Virginia, Illinois, and Nevada took legal action to order the Archivist to publish and certify the amendment and make the ERA part of the Constitution. The court ruled against the three states

recounting that the three ratifications had come after the deadlines and the Archivist was under no burden to publish and certify. The Justice Department, using AG Bill Barr's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) Opinion, upheld this decision. In February 2022 Virginia asked to be removed from the case. Continuing the effort, Illinois and Nevada appealed seeking a court order to force the National Archivist to publish and certify the amendment. Dr. Colleen Shogan, new Archivist nominee, is on record saying she will adhere to the same OLC opinion as the former Archivist unless a court order deems otherwise. Illinois and Nevada had oral arguments scheduled for September 28, 2022 before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, (Illinois v Ferriero). Immediately following the argument a press conference was held by ERA advocates calling for the Senate to vote on the time limit issue and calling for the Archivist to publish the ERA as the 28th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.



What Might be the Future of the ERA?

Since 1982 proposed measures have been brought before Congress. One approach proposes bringing a new constitutional amendment regarding equal rights for men and women. If passed by both the House and the Senate it would be put to the states for ratification. Another approach relies on the fact that 35 state ratifications occurred prior to the first deadline. It further proposes that notwithstanding the deadline issues, three-fourths of the states have now ratified and for all intents and purposes the amendment should become part of the Constitution as allowed by Article V. This approach known as the “three-state-strategy” has been passed by the House and is in the Senate where it awaits consideration. Democrats in Congress are attempting to remove the ratification deadline issue through a resolution that the House passed in 2021 and is now awaiting a vote in the Senate where it faces an uphill battle.



We can urge Congress to eliminate the deadline, helping to pave the way for the ERA’s passage. Final passage of the ERA would protect laws like Title IX and the Equal Pay Act, which are not permanent protections, from being rescinded. Reproductive freedoms were recently stripped away by our conservative Supreme Court. Would the Equal Rights Amendment as part of the U.S. Constitution have prevented this loss? Arguably, a ratified ERA could have helped protect reproductive health care and, going forward, it could bolster efforts in the courts and legislatures regarding future reproductive rights as well as other rights at risk in a conservative legal and social environment.

As we know, rights are never absolute and must be continuously protected and fought for again if necessary. Measures are being taken to finally include the ERA as a permanent part of the U.S. Constitution. It is essential to continue to press for its ratification.

Sheila Jaynes

Membership

Directories are in, all 200! Thanks to Rose Ennis, Susan Boone, and Diana Guarniere who came to my rescue, the whole membership has been divided by Zip codes and are ready to be distributed. Please check to make sure your contact information is correct, especially if you are a new member. Please let me know if there is a mistake so that we can publish the correct information in the next newsletter.



So many wonderful experiences are listed in the Directory for Activity groups. Contact the leader as listed in each group to be included. Some meetings are in person and some are still in the Zoom mode. Join and enjoy.

Also, we are still inviting new members. If you know of someone that you think would like to be a part of AAUW-West Harris County, please send me contact information and I will send them an invitation to the next branch meeting. It is a wonderful organization with a focus on women and girls equality.

HAPPY FALL, YA'LL!
Carolyn Stoffel
VP Membership



AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY



DECEMBER 4, 2022

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH FRIENDS

CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILLE, 11339 KATY FREEWAY

Choice of Entrée:

1. Chicken Marsala (GF)
2. Grilled Salmon
3. Pork Chop Marsala
4. Chicken Parmesan
5. Vegetarian Penne



All entrees served with choice of Caesar salad or cup of soup, fresh bread with herb & olive oil
 Alcohol-free beverage and a mini cannoli
 Cash bar available

**RSVP by November 22nd with your check for \$35 and menu choices to:
 Diana Tiberia, 22223 Coriander Drive, Katy, TX 77450**

Print this out and cut here or write down requested information on a separate piece of paper.
 Send your response in with your check.



Holiday Party Response – Circle your choices:

Entrée choice:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Chicken Marsala (GF) | 1. Soup |
| 2. Grilled Salmon | 2. Caesar Salad |
| 3. Pork Chop Marsala | |
| 4. Chicken Parmesan | |
| 5. Vegetarian Penne | |

Number of people: _____

Name/Names: _____

**Your check is your reservation.
 With the virus still active, please be vaccinated if attending.**

OCTOBER 2022 ACTIVITIES & INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Sharon Jorgeson, Activities Coordinator

Hiking Honeys



The Hiking Honeys will return to Jesse H Jones Park on **November 17**. Gail Rickey is leading this hike, which will take us in a new direction. We will visit the Redbud Hill Homestead which features a log cabin, smokehouse, root cellar, chicken coop, kitchen garden, barn, outhouse and blacksmith and woodworking shops. It is a recreated typical 1820s-30s Texas homestead. A recreated Akokisa Indian village is adjacent to the homestead. Gail will combine the homestead trail with others for our trek. Plan on bringing a picnic lunch with you as there are several picnic tables available. Restrooms are available at the homestead area and at the nature center near the parking area.

We will carpool from Memorial City parking on Barryknoll at **9:00 a.m.** Or you may elect to meet us at the park at 10 a.m. The park is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive, Humble, TX, 77338. More information on the trails and parking will be communicated later.

Please RSVP to Gail Rickey (patrickey@aol.com) or Melba (armstrong.melba@comcast.net) if you plan to hike with us.

Gourmet Groups – Classic and Nouveau Combined

Please join us **Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 6:30p.m.** for our 2nd dinner in this year's series. Our dinner will feature Texas Barbeque. Our hosts will be Hazel and Otto Kjos, 6326 Logan Creek Lane in Sugarland. If you have questions and to receive recipes. please contact the coordinators: Barbara Cook 713-705-7832 or Kris Bybee-Finley 304-610-8708.



Bridge

We now have only one branch bridge group. If you would like to start a group with some of your AAUW friends, please let Sharon Jorgeson know so your group can be included in the newsletter, jorgesonaauw@gmail.com.

Third Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Contact Coordinator Peg McNealy 281-679-7299 or peg525@gmail.com to join the group as a substitute



Book Groups

Afternoon Contemporary Literature

Wednesday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. In the Woods by Tana French at La Madeleine 1001 Westheimer Road for lunch and discussion.

Coordinator, Cheryl Smith, 402-651-2445
ccherylsmile@gmail.com, Co-Coordinator,
Linda Morgan, 281-989-6499,
amorgan352@sbcglobal.net.

Contemporary Readers

Wednesday, November 2, 12:00 p.m. The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi. Our group will meet for lunch at 12:00 p.m. at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, 14545 Memorial Drive, followed by book discussion. For more information, contact Coordinator, Sharon Pope (713-376-0940, spope576@gmail.com) or Co-Coordinator, Cathy Urquhart, 832-454-5017.

Enjoying History Book Club

Monday, November 14, 1:30 p.m. We will be meeting via Zoom and discussing Condoleezza Rice – An American Life by Elizabeth Bumiler. Carolyn Morris is our leader. Please email me with any questions. Nancy Guilloud, nanguilloud@aol.com.

Evening Contemporary Literature

Monday, November 7, 5:00 p.m. at Los Tios Restaurant. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins will be discussed. Discussion leader is Linda Marlin. Coordinator, Jo Glidewell, 936-327-2085, WCGSLIDE@gmail.com.

Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.
The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths

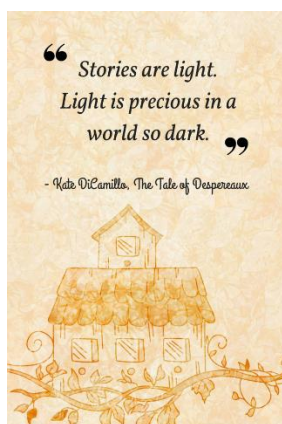
Leader: Pam Doan
Hostess: Pam Doan, 9646 Meadowcraft Drive.
Contacts: Melba Armstrong, 281-392-3190,
armstrong.melba@comcast.net and Pat Pease
popese@aol.com.

Outstanding Literature

The group will meet on **Tuesday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m.** We will have an excellent breakfast and a discussion of The Earthsea Cycle-Tehanu by Ursula K. LeGuin. Discussion leader is Pat Pease. Our meetings happen at La Madeleine, Carillon, The Wine Cave, 10001 Westheimer Road. Welcome to new members and previous members! You know our motto, "We love our books, and we love our laughs!" Coordinator is Leigh Rappole, 281-596-0161, leighrap@aol.com, Co-Coordinator is Barbara Butler, 713-304-0570, barbarabutler1959@att.net.

Zoom Eclectic Book Group

Thursday, November 17 at 2:30 p.m.
Project Azalea by J. E. Conery (Local Houston Author). Discussion Leader: Pam Thompsen
The Zoom Eclectic Book Group meets by Zoom. We welcome all members and guests. You may come for just one book or the entire year.
For a Zoom invitation, please email Carolyn Morris at morriscarolyn16@gmail.com
Join us for the lively conversation and friendly faces.



Culture Group

The Culture Group returns to San Felipe de Austin for new exhibits



Join us **November 11** for a trip through early Texas history. From its founding by Stephen F. Austin in 1823 as the capital of his colony until it perished in flames in 1836 as the Mexican army of Santa Ana approached, San Felipe de Austin never grew much larger than roughly 600 residents. But during its 13-year existence near the Brazos River, Austin's

namesake settlement was the political capital of colonial Texas, second in commerce and population only to San Antonio. Many of Texas' most famous historical figures (Davey Crockett excluded) either visited or lived in San Felipe de Austin at one time or another in the ramp-up to the Texas Revolution. Villa de Austin's courthouse and government building replicate the site of colonial deliberations in 1832, 1833, and 1835.

[San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site](#), operated by the Texas Historical Commission, tells the history of the old town site with a museum and visitor center which opened in 2018. In 2021, the site expanded its interpretation of the historic town with the opening of Villa de Austin, a collection of eight log and frame structures that replicate one of old San Felipe's busiest blocks. As part of the \$2 million project, the wooden structures were built by craftsmen at their shops in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Fort Worth, and then shipped to San Felipe for reassembly.

Our guided tour will include both the museum and the town site. We will be outside for part of the tour so dress appropriately for the weather and walking. Lunch will be a box lunch of a delicious chicken salad croissant, pasta cup, cookie, and drink (tea or water) and it will be served in the Old Three Hundred Room. There is also a lovely gift shop. The cost of the tour and lunch is \$25.



If you would like to step back in time and experience Texas in the days leading up to the Texas Revolution please send a check for \$25, payable to Elizabeth Martin, 3518 Grennoch Lane, Houston, TX, 77025 or send a Zelle payment via elizamart349@gmail.com or via phone 713-542-0598 by Wednesday, November 9.

Meet our Precinct Bus at Memorial City, 12161 Barryknoll Lane. The bus will leave promptly at **9:00 a.m.** Have \$1 for the bus driver's lunch when you board. Feel free to call or email Elizabeth if you have any questions.

Save the Date

Start Your Holidays with A Classic



“God Bless Us, Everyone!” Hear Tiny Tim utter these famous words in person on **December 3rd** as we attend the Alley Theatre’s award-winning production of Charles Dicken’s *A Christmas Carol*. This is an Alley favorite, so secure your ticket early by sending a check for \$23.00 to Barbara Butler, 13719 Carriage Walk Lane, Houston TX 77077 before November 23rd. We will be leaving from our usual spot at Memorial City Mall on the **Precinct 3 bus at 1:15 p.m.** for the 2:30 matinee performance. Don’t be a Scrooge and get left out; let this be a wonderful start to your holiday season. Contact Barbara Butler at barbarabutler1959@att.net if you have any questions.

WISE - Women Interested in STEM Education

Eve is Ready to Meet You



Finally, it’s time to visit Eve! This incredible sculpture was installed at Generation Park a few years ago, but due to the pandemic our WISE group delayed visiting the site. Brigette Mongeon, the renowned Houston sculptor, appeared on Zoom during one of our monthly meetings over a year ago. Her presentation included a detailed explanation regarding the process she went through from conception to installation of this remarkable sculpture. Now we get to view Eve rain or shine. We are planning to carpool to view the sculpture on **Monday, November 14th and leaving at 10:00 a.m.** from Rose Ennis’ townhouse where street parking is available. Please contact Karen North at knorth@me.com if planning to come.

Karen North and Rose Ennis

Byway Birders

On **November 3 - 7** the Byway Birders will be visiting the Rio Grande Valley. We will be using the Hampton Inn in Mission as our base. If you are interested in joining us, make your reservations at the Hampton Inn (888-432-0362) and let Sharon Jorgeson know that you plan on going. We include spouses and friends on our trips. These are some of the areas that we may visit as time allows: Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center, Quintana Mazatlán World Birding Center, Bentsen Rio Grande State Park, Estero Llano Grande State Park, Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. Please contact Sharon at 281-703-5939 or sjorgeson@gmail.com for additional details about the trip and to get on the contact list.



Please contact Pat Dach, if you would like to be put on the contact list for future birding outings at 281-701-5846 or patdach@gmail.com.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions has three groups that meet **February through May**. The Spring 2023 Topics *may* include:



- Energy Geopolitics.
- War Crimes.
- China's Foreign Policy.
- Economic Warfare.
- Elections in Latin America.
- Global Famine.
- Iran and the Gulf States.
- Climate Migration.

Check future newsletters for further information.

The Thursday Afternoon Great Decisions Group meets the **first and third Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** For further information, please contact Coordinator, Martha Ewell, tel. 713-782-2084.

The Tuesday Afternoon Group meets the **first and third Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** For further information please contact Coordinator, Pat Thomsen at 713-466-7995 or pthom2@bcglobal.net.

The Wednesday Evening Group meets the **second and fourth Wednesdays, 7: p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** For further information please contact Coordinator, Willette Norman at 281-497-3626 or willetten@gmail.com

Please contact one of the coordinators to be placed on their contact list and to order the reading materials used in the discussions.

Garden Divas

The Garden Divas will visit Genoa Friendship Gardens (1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd.) on **Tuesday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.** We will carpool from Memorial City from the lot South of Barryknoll. See address above if you prefer to meet us at the gardens.

The gardens started with 14 unique exhibit gardens illustrating perennials, vegetables, roses, herbs, Xeriscapes, water features and fruit trees to inspire and educate county residents. Over the years, the garden has grown to include an educational center building, trial gardens, Ask a Master Gardener phone room and Greenhouse facilities.

Harris County is the largest Texas County by population and with over 1,700 square miles of land it made sense to establish a satellite garden to support Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. In 1999, a location was chosen in SE Houston that would provide outreach to more Harris County residents by providing demonstration gardens and horticultural education and training.



First Tuesday is when the Harris County Master Gardeners have their monthly association meetings. In November, the Harris County Master Gardeners have invited us to attend their meeting where we will hear a lecture from Brandie Hill. Brandie owns an orchid store called Orchid Leasing Express. She will speak about orchids and will bring some with her for show and tell and purchase! If the weather is nice, we hope to have it outside in the garden!

After the lecture, we will have lunch at Pine Street Café (511 Pine Avenue) and discuss all of the new things we learned. Contact Susan Boone, smboone@gmail.com to be included in this outing.

Call or email Diane Roberts (832-752-9690, diane77401@gmail.com or Susan Boone (713-854-7537), smboone@gmail.com.

Susan Boone
smboone@gmail.com



Cherilyn Jackson	Nov 1	Martha Hebert	Nov 15
Marie Helmy	Nov 2	Leigh Rappole	Nov 17
Betty Cartmell	Nov 4	Kathy Knop	Nov 20
Karen Dittert	Nov 4	Nancy Ennis	Nov 22
Mary Edwards	Nov 5	Patricia McCarty	Nov 23
Barbara McDonald	Nov 6	Michele Taylor	Nov 26
Lilian Care	Nov 15	Janet Kennedy	Nov 28
Karla Dunn	Nov 15	Charlotte Kibler	Nov 28

Directory Updates

New Member:

Karen LaVelle
422 Wilcrest Drive
Houston, TX 77042
C: 346-302-8699
klavelle16@gmail.com



Change of Email:

Mary Lou Fowler
fowlerlou22@gmail.com

Change of Address:

Roslyn Metchis
2451 Leafgate Road
Decatur, GA 30033