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September 2025 deadline:

August 15, 2025

WHC AAUW Branch Annual Spring Luncheon

Installation of Incoming Officers

Recognition of Retiring Officers

Awarding of three Thomsen-Baker-Telfer scholarships

June 14th, 2025

2:00 pm

Fratelli's 1330 Wirt Road 77055

\$42.00

Menu: Pollo Piccata- Sauteed chicken, artichokes, capers, lemon butter sauce, seasonal vegetables with spaghetti aglio e olio and tea. Dessert- white cake filled with vanilla cheesecake or chocolate cake filled with chocolate mousse and drink-ice tea.

Make check out to AAUW West Harris County Branch.

Mail the check to Diana Tiberia by June 6th.

Send the check to:

Diana Tiberia

22223 Coriander Dr.

Katy, TX 77450





Ladies:

Here it is May already, and we have one more gathering for this year. Our last gathering will be on **Saturday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m.** at Fratelli's restaurant. We will be installing new officers and honoring the retiring officers. Three deserving high school senior girls will be awarded each a \$4,000.00 scholarship to help with their college studies where they will pursue studies in a STEM program. If we don't see you at the luncheon, have a restful summer and we will see you at the Membership Coffee in August.

Jo Glidewell, President

PROGRAM FOR JUNE LUNCHEON



The program for the June Luncheon will focus on our Thomsen-Baker-Telfer Scholarship winners. Recipients are asked to speak to us about their plans for college. In addition to the certificates of monetary promise for \$4,000.00 given to each student, personal college stories will be presented by three branch members along with a "gift" containing special "words of wisdom". Please be a part of this "words of wisdom" presentation by submitting your "words of wisdom" to Diana Guarniere, Program Coordinator, by Tuesday, June 10th.

PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2025-2026

Program planning for next year is underway. Branch programs are driven by equity issues and member interests. Your interests are important. Please submit ideas and contacts for possible programming consideration to Diana Guarniere, Program Coordinator, by Sunday, June 15.

AAUW-WHC "Chico Chic" Report: On May 4th, the AAUW-WHC held its annual style show at Chico's/Soma, located in Town & Country Center. There were 63 tickets sold with 58 attendees (49 in the audience and 9 models). The gross amount collected was \$4,360. Due to the attendees generosity, we were able to forward \$3,070 to AAUW National - Greatest Needs. We were extremely fortunate to have the following individuals as major contributors: Darren Fenz, Dr. Heather Wilmore, and HEB. Beautiful door prizes were provided by: Maggie Chapman, Chris Casey, and Pat Farnell. The room was electrified with Ohh's and Ahh's, as the nine (9) beautiful models strolled down the runway. Our "Vogue" models were Mickie A., Kathy B., Maggie C., Kate C., Chris C., Jane C., Rose E., Diana G., and Michele T. I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to the team that made up the Style Show Committee - my Co-chair Maureen K., Kathy B. (Committee member); and Maggie C. (Committee member). It was a pleasure working with these ladies, and I am looking forward to working with them in the coming year. It has often been said; one picture is worth a thousand words...



Helen Santire, Chair

AAUW-WHC Style Show highlights





MEMBERSHIP

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

As continuing members of AAUW, you will be getting emails from National and our own branch about renewing your membership. Renew at any time before your anniversary date as your fees will be accepted and your anniversary date will not change.

Breakdown of membership dues: \$74 (national) \$13 (state) \$11 (WHC branch)

Total dues for 2025-2026: \$98

Two ways to renew:

Write a check for \$98.00 to AAUW-WHC and send your check to **Diana Tiberia, 22223 Coriander Drive, Katy, TX 77450**. Diana loves getting checks and is excellent at her job. Thank you, Diana! Please note that Diana lives in Katy.

OR

Go to AAUW.org, log into your account. Scroll down on your Personal Snapshot page and look for the RENEW button.

If you have any trouble, there is a link to a tutorial video in the “My Memberships” in the Personal Snapshot column on the left. This will take you to “Community Hub: Tools & Resources”. Scroll down to the video: “How to Self-Renew for Existing Members”. This is a direct link to the YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vXUvq-1JY4>

Log in to your account at aauw.org

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Online Membership Management

Verify or update your information on the first page.

Be sure to update in case of a move or phone number change. Hit “Next”.

Select Membership Type. You will be given the opportunity to include state and branch dues on the next page. Hit “Next”.

Choose Branch and State membership. Hit “Next”.

Scroll down to and click on: TX7113-West Harris County Branch Dues. Scroll down and hit “Next”.

Scroll up to see your choice(s). Follow instructions on page if you have joined two branches. Hit “Next”.

Scroll down and click on: TX-Texas State Dues Hit “Next”.

Donations to Greatest Need Fund? Personal choice. Hit “Next”.

This page gives you the opportunity to review and edit your membership information.

Scroll down to Payment Methods. Choose whether you have a card on file (make sure it is not out of date) or enter a new credit card.

Kris Bybee-Finley, Membership Vice President

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PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW Public Policy Principles & Priorities 2025-2027

Adopted May 2025

AAUW's Public Policy Principles

AAUW's mission to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy is grounded in these bold principles:

AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination on the basis of age, disability, race, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, religious beliefs, pregnancy or parental status, or socioeconomic status, and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

We Stand for Education

- **Higher Education:** Support affordable, inclusive higher education that yields high-quality credentials or degrees; reduce barriers to completion; and address the student debt burden, especially for women and borrowers of color.
- **Public Education:** Invest in strong public K–12 systems and oppose the use of public funds for nonpublic schools.
- **Inclusive Curriculum:** Ensure curricula are accurate, science-based, and free from censorship or bias.
- **STEM Opportunities:** Close the gender gap in STEM and expand access to vocational and technical training.
- **Strengthened Civil Rights Protections:** Support safe, harassment-free learning environments by strengthening and enforcing protections to prohibit discrimination based on sex, race, and disability.

We Stand for Economic Security

- **Pay Equity:** Ensure equal pay for work of equal value through salary transparency, fair wage laws, and anti-discrimination enforcement.

- **Support for Caregivers:** Expand access to paid sick and family leave, and affordable child and elder care.
- **Retirement Security:** Protect and strengthen Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- **Reproductive Freedom:** Ensure access to contraception and abortion care.

We Stand for Social Justice and Civil Rights

- **Constitutional Rights:** Vigorously enforce civil rights, including recognition and publication of the Equal Rights Amendment, and improve disaggregated data collection.
- **Expanding Voting Rights:** Promote equitable political participation and ensure all Americans have full access and the right to vote.
- **Freedom from Harassment and Violence:** Guarantee legal protections from harassment and gender-based violence, and support efforts to combat human trafficking and reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.
- **International & Civil Rights:** Support U.S. advancement toward gender equity in education and the economy through the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and ratification of CEDAW.

AAUW's 2025–2027 Federal Action Priorities

To support equitable access to higher education—and to reduce the barriers that hinder women's advancement, especially women of color—AAUW advocates for:

- **Reinstating Title IX rules** that strengthen and clarify protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault, ensure accommodations for pregnant and parenting students, and affirm protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- **Defending inclusive education** from attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- **Reducing barriers to postsecondary success**, including increased financial support and manageable student debt.
- **Addressing non-tuition barriers** such as paid leave, childcare, and access to contraception, and abortion care.

Our branch and state AAUW advocacy will focus on issues using these newly adopted public policy principles and priorities.

Georgia Kimmel, AAUW WHCB Public Policy Chair

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JUNE 2025 ACTIVITIES & INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Sharon Jorgeson, Activities Coordinator

Great Decisions: Afternoon and Evening Groups

Inside the Loop Great Decisions will meet on **Tuesday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The topic is American Foreign Policy in the Middle East. For more information, please call Pat Thomsen at 713-302-8899 or Linda Marlin at 713-302-7788.

Great Decisions 2nd and 4th Wednesday Group have completed their discussions for the year and will return in February 2026.



Bridge Group



Fun and friendship await you in the active AAUW bridge group. If you are interested in getting on the sub list or would like more information, contact the coordinator. We meet on the **3rd Thursday (10:30 a.m.)** each month. Peg McNealy, 281.679.7299.

Culture Group

We will have a planning meeting on **Sunday, June 8th at 3:00 p.m.** at Jane Wood's condo. Please send your favorite locales for consideration to Jane Wood at jane.wood9@icloud.com (713-503-8784).

Garden Divas



The Garden Divas will have their 2025-2026 planning session on **Tuesday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.** Kris Bybee-Finley has graciously offered her home for our meeting and her lovely plants around her pool for viewing. We are going to have a Planning Potluck Lunch of Salads and Sweets. I am looking forward to all your wonderful recipes. Before lunch, we will meet to gather suggestions for next year's venues. It would be very helpful to bring your ideas in writing with a contact person's name and number included. Kris's address is 15914 Fleetwood Oaks Drive. Please contact Susan Boone, smboone@gmail.com if you can make this meeting. We want to be sure to have enough seating. If you do NOT receive the Diva emails from me, please email me, smboone@gmail.com to be included on our mailing list.

Metropolitan OPERA Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE: October 18th

At Cinemark Theatre Memorial City: **La Sonnambula by Vincenzo Bellini**

What an outstanding opera season 2024-2025 was for all our AAUW-WHC opera enthusiasts! We saw five spectacular operas written by the best classical composers: Offenbach, Puccini, Verdi, Beethoven, and Mozart. Looking ahead the Metropolitan has already announced the 2025-2026 season and our group will once again be mesmerized by the talents of the most outstanding internationally acclaimed opera singers and composers. Please look for more information at the August Prospective Members Coffee in August and the September newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you in the fall, Diana Guarniere and Rose Ennis!



The following groups do not meet in the summer and will resume their activities in September. Please refer to the August newsletter for more information.

Gourmet

Hiking Honeys

Byway Birders



Afternoon Contemporary Literature

We will meet on **Wednesday, June 4th at 1:00 p.m.** for lunch at Eagle's Trace, Austin Square/Waterloo Restaurant, 14703 Eagle Vista Drive. At 1:30 p.m., we will discuss books and voting. Please contact Co-coordinator Linda Morgan at 281-989-6499, amorgan352@sbcglobal.net, or Co-Coordinator Cheryl Smith at 402-651-2445, ccherylesmile@gmail.com, for more information.

Contemporary Readers

On **Wednesday, June 4th at 12:30 p.m.**, we will have lunch and finalize plans for 2025-2026. Our group will meet at Fratelli's Restaurant at 1330 Wirt Road. For more information, contact Coordinator Sharon Pope, 713-376-0940, spope576@gmail.com.

Enjoying History Book Club

We will meet on **Monday, June 9th at 1:30 p.m.** at the Tracy Gee Community Center Library Room. We will select our books for next year. Please contact Nancy Guilloud with any questions, nanguilloud@aol.com or call 832-372-3773.

Evening Contemporary Literature

Please join us on **Monday, June 2nd at 5:00 p.m.** at Los Tios Restaurant on Kirkwood and Memorial. We will select books for the coming year. Please contact Coordinator Carole Ballew at caroleballew@yahoo.com or call 832-656-0775 for more information.

Mystery Book Club

We will meet on **Tuesday, June 17th at noon** for lunch at Kris Bybee-Finley's home. We will be voting on our book selections for next year (2025-2026). Hope to see all of our book group there. Kris is a generous and delightful hostess. Please contact Pat Pease, 713-824-1681, popease@aol.com, or Kris Bybee-Finley, 304-610-8708, brazitku@gmail.com for more information.

Zoom Eclectic Book Group

ZOOM Eclectic Book Group will meet on **Thursday, June 19th at 2:30 p.m.** to select books for the next year. Carolyn Morris will lead the discussion. All meetings occur on ZOOM. Members and guests are welcome to join us for one or all the books. Please contact Carolyn Morris carolynmorris16@gmail.com 713-560-1889 to receive the link. Pat Thomsen is Co-coordinator and can be reached at patthom2@sbcglobal.net, 713-302-8899.



June Birthdays

Dorothy Clooney	June 1	Marie Cole	June 18
Michael Farnell	June 2	Poupette Farnell	June 18
Catherine Urquhart	June 4	Melba Armstrong	June 22
Linda Fosseen	June 6	Dana Cutts	June 23
Linda Griffin	June 6	Lisa Arthur	June 24
Linda Mikeska	June 7	Brenda Moss	June 28
Sharon Pope	June 9	Nancy Gusler	June 29

July Birthdays

Connie Stone	July 5	Linda Marlin	July 15
Elizabeth Wilson	July 6	Michael Alami	July 24
Mary Ann McMordie	July 6	Kathryn Washburn	July 28
Carla Burns	July 8	Mary Babb	July 28
Miriam Vyles	July 10	Linda Albright	July 30
Margaret Wittenmyer	July 14		

August Birthdays

Linda Morgan	August 2	Carolyn Stoffel	August 20
Marguerite Scott-Johnson	August 4	Mary Kain	August 20
Gail Peterkin	August 5	Peggy Shaw	August 21
Pamela Young	August 5	Mary Eisenhower	August 22
Debbie Campbell	August 6	Kristine Bybee-Finley	August 24
Maureen Kraker	August 15	Carol Thielemann	August 27
Willette Norman	August 15		



Directory Updates

Marietta Hostak has a new
email address:
mariettahostak@gmail.com

Linda Morgan has a new address:
101 Piney Woods Ct., #217
Houston, TX 77077

Nancy Guilloud has a new telephone number:
Add her new cell phone number [832-372-3773](tel:832-372-3773)
Delete her old land line number 713-785-6336