



**Summer Edition 2018**

## **President's Message - Dottie Ewing**

I hope everyone is having a pleasant summer, in spite of the heat. I am looking forward to September when we have a great September Rush planned. Our new Board met in June for a planning session, and we have some really interesting programs lined up for next year. Thank you to our program committee members: Catherine Cox, chair, Diana Cardenas, Shirley Selz, and Jane Siegel.

There are two new opportunities available this year that I am excited to share with you. The Board has formed a committee to investigate and implement STEM events for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Janet Blanke will head up the STEM committee. The Board has also agreed to work with the League of Women Voters in their planned celebration recognizing one hundred years of women's suffrage, which will take place in 2020. Agnes Hamilton and Vickie Natale will be the liaisons to the League.

I look forward to seeing Branch members and their guests at the September Rush.



Dottie participated in the first meeting of the steering committee for the anniversary of the 19th amendment.



Susan Lawson  
Beejay Williams  
Linda Kelly  
Mary Jane Hamilton

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## Interest Groups: August Meeting Dates



**Bridge:** Friday, August 10 at 12:45pm, Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely Drive.

Friday, August 24 at 12:45pm at home of Sandra Heatherley\*.



Chair - Joanna Huckabee. RSVP required to hostess or chair



**Classics:** Wednesday, August 29 at 6pm, Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair - Irene O'Connor.

Book of Month: *Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.

**Poetry:** Wednesday, August 8 at 6pm, Glass Pavillion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline

Bldv. Chair - Deenie Tillman. Poet of Month: Billy Collins. RSVP appreciated.



**Wine & Cheese:** Sunday, August 19 from 5-7pm at the home of hostess Mary Sherwood.\*

RSVP required to Mary or co-hostess Vickie Natale. Chair: Agnes Hamilton.



*\*Contact hostess or group chair for address or refer to yearbook.*

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## New Interest Groups Coming in September



### AAUW-CC Writers

Our mission is to use writing to explore, understand, and respond to ourselves, our community, and our world. The Writers group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month from September through May starting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Janis Wood. Members will write in a variety of modes and will be given a brief writing exercise at the beginning of each meeting. During the writing process, the group will share their writing with each other and will provide feedback in a supportive and creative environment. Members should bring paper and writing utensils. Writers will be led by Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson.

Dates of Meetings for 2018-2019: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12,

Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14

For more information contact Alice Berecka.



A new interest group will study plants for the home habitat. If you are interested in joining, sign-up at the September Rush. For more information contact Agnes Hamilton.

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## The Classics Group Talks Zane Grey

In May the Classics interest group gathered at Deenie Tillman's family ranch to talk about Zane Grey's *Riders of the Purple Sage*.

Participants said this was the most thoroughly examined book of the year. Perhaps the setting of the gathering influenced the group

like Zane Grey's setting influenced the novel. There was even a Cowboy. Gathered around the campfire were Deenie, Dottie Ewing, Annie Huckabee, Irene O'Connor, Catherine Cox, and Michelle Balis.



## A Celebration for Judy

Long-time member and co-chair of our Evening Contemporary group Judy Sykes was feted in May in celebration of her 90th birthday by her children.

Congratulations and many more, Judy!



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## July 4 Wine and Cheese



Deborah Wilkins and Kris Conlan helped the Wine and Cheese interest group celebrate summer and American liberty with picnic fare, a Bellini bar, and a scrumptious fudge and raspberry dessert. Guests were told that the theme was "red, white, and blue."

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## KUDOS

Our own Olivia McDonald was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by Church Women United at the group's May meeting.



In June, Branch member Mary Sherwood was appointed to the Del Mar Board of Regents for District 4.

Congratulations Mary!

## . . . and THANKS

In May AAUW received the following from Natalie Rogen, Vice President, Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries.

“Dear AAUW Bookfinders,  
Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to the Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries. The Friends understand that your gift is designated for the Summer Reading Program and the Sue Stanford Memorial program at Neyland Library.

If there is a balance left over, it will be used to supplement the classic book collection at Neyland Library. We thank all of the members of AAUW who work tirelessly to support our library.”

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## Community Outreach: Honoring Moody High School Girls

by Shirley Selz



Twenty Moody High School senior girls were honored on May 22 at the annual event in which the Community Outreach Committee provides an opportunity for these college-bound girls to meet AAUW

members, hear an inspirational speaker, and receive \$50.00 each in recognition of their achievements and aspirations to succeed.

The three in-house special academies (Citgo Innovative Academy for Engineering, Environment and Marine Science, the Health Science Academy, and the Moody Business Academy) attract applicants from the Moody attendance zone and also throughout Corpus Christi, including public and private schools. Most of the honorees have specific plans for college and careers.

Kelly Gonzales, Committee Chairman, made the arrangements with the Moody staff and with Branch members. The members in attendance - Dottie Ewing, Diana Cardenas, Catherine Cox, Agnes Hamilton, Margaret DeVille, Vickie Natale, and Shirley Selz - were impressed with the girls and their future plans.



Diana Cardenas challenged the girls to overcome obstacles and succeed, using some of her experiences to illustrate how she, as a non-English speaking child immigrant, utilized opportunities to succeed in the school system, earn her doctorate, and become a university professor.

Each girl received her \$50.00 gift in a very clever, artistic, hand-crafted envelope designed and created by Alice Hartlaub. The Committee provided cake and punch and an opportunity to mingle with students and staff.



## Friendship News

by Audrey Jones



We send best wishes to the following members we have missed seeing lately.

**Sherry Putman** is recovering at home from her recent surgery and doing well. Bookfinders miss her and will welcome her help at their book sale in September.

**Kay West** had a bad fall in May. Her knee cap required surgery to repair. She is now ambulatory and driving and hopes to see everyone soon.

**Carla Boisvenue's** brother Ken continues on extended hospitalization. Carla spends as much time as possible with him, so you may have missed her at many meetings.

**Sheri Roussel's** dear mother Wanda (a number of us have met her) has made several brief visits to the hospital lately. We hope she improves soon and continues to enjoy her beloved musical events. Best wishes to Sheri also.

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## May Branch Meeting

Our May Branch meeting and luncheon was held on Saturday, May 5 at Mirador. We enjoyed a buffet lunch of delicious items including seafood stuffed flounder with lemon butter sauce, honey glazed roasted pork loin, potatoes, vegetables, and a delightful array of desserts. The business of the meeting was the installation of officers for 2018-2019. These officers include Dottie Ewing, President; Catherine Cox, Program Vice President; Shirley Selz, AAUW Funds Vice President; Kelly Gonzalez, Finance Officer; and Janet Blanke, Secretary.



Dottie Ewing and Carla Bosivenue



Janet Blanke and Shirley Selz

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## YM Teen Camp



On July 12, Catherine Cox conducted a jewelry making course for the YW Teen camp. She had the help of several other members. Thanks to Catherine and her helpers.

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**CC Branch Release Forms due by  
Monday, August 13  
Contact Joanna Huckabee**

The invitation for the 2018 Rush is included on the last page of this newsletter for your information. The invitation will be sent to all members in early August under a separate e-mail. Please share and invite those you think would be interested in joining AAUW.



## AAUW CORPUS CHRISTI BRANCH

Invites you to be part of the picture as we

- A Advance equity for women and girls
- A Advocate at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls
- U Unite to enable women and girls to reach their full potential
- W Work to break through educational and economical barriers for women and girls

**JOIN US FOR THE 2018 RUSH**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
**FROM 3 - 5 PM**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**DINING ROOM**  
**900 S. SHORELINE BLVD**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI, TX**