

No Branch meeting in January. Next Branch meeting is FEBRUARY 2.



January Edition 2019

President's Message - Dottie Ewing



President 2018-2019

I trust everyone has recovered from the rush of Christmas shopping, visiting, and overeating (or maybe that last only applies to me?). I look forward to an active and fun year with AAUW. In the spring, we will be working with the Y and other women's groups on an Equal Pay Day event, will award a scholarship to a TAMU-CC student, and in May we will give gifts to deserving Moody senior girls. We have no branch meeting in January, but the board will meet. If you have any concerns you would like the board to consider, please feel free to contact me or a board member.

Our December fundraisers were enormously successful. Our raffle benefitting Community Outreach projects totaled \$775, a record! The silent auction, which had both lovely and fun items, yielded \$962. And to top it all off, the December book sale netted \$2,227.02. What a wonderful way to end the year and to enable us to carry out our mission of advancing equity for women and girls!

Thank you to Kris and Diana for organizing the raffle and silent auction, and to Janet for arranging our luncheon at the Mirador; a special "hats off" to Betty and the behind-the-scenes Book Finders team who spend hours each week sorting, pricing and getting those books ready for sale, and to those who manned the tables during the sale; and a huge thank you to the membership for making all this successful.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting, where we will hear from our 2018 TAMUCC scholarship recipient, Lauren Robinson. Happy New Year, everyone!



Fundraising Success

2018

AAUW Book Nook

Interest Groups: January Meeting Dates



Bridge: Friday, Jan 11 and Jan 25 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



Classics: Wednesday, Jan 30 at 6pm at Katz 21 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Book of Month: *Hope Leslie, or Early Times in the Massachusetts* (1827) by Catharine Maria Sedgwick. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



Poetry: Wednesday, Jan 9 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet of Month: Alfred, Lord Tennyson. RSVP appreciated.



Evening Contemporary Literature: Monday, Jan 28 at 7pm at the home of Janis Wood. Reviewer: Dr. Don Weiner. RSVP Required to hostess Janis Wood or to chair Michelle Balis.



Wine & Cheese: Sunday, Jan 13, 5-7pm at the home of Dottie Ewing. RSVP required to hostesses Dottie Ewing or Janis Wood or to Chair: Agnes Hamilton.

Writers: Tuesday, Jan 8, 6:30pm at the home of Janis Wood. Co-chairs Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson. RSVP appreciated.



Propagating Plants: Third Thursday of the month. Contact Co-chairs Agnes Hamilton, or Joanie Whitmire for meeting information and location in January.



Out to Lunch Bunch: Third Friday of the month, 11:30pm. Chair: Margaret DeVile. For locations contact Margaret. RSVP appreciated.



Playgoers: Contact Michelle Balis for date to see *Mama Mia* at the Harbor Playhouse.

Appointed Committees: January Meeting Dates



Book Finders: Tuesdays, 1:30pm at Book Nook in Neyland Library, 1230 Carmel Parkway. Chair: Betty Maroney.



Community Outreach: Monday, Jan 14, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Diana Cardenas and Kelly Gonzalez.

STEM

Science
Technology
Engineering
Mathematics

by Janet Blanke

We are very excited to report that we are planning our first STEM event for Spring 2019 at the Texas State Aquarium. We have met with West Oso Assistant Superintendent and the STEM coordinator and they would like to nominate 7th grade girls to participate in our pilot program. We are also meeting with the Driscoll Middle School Principal in early January to invite them to also participate. After the first event, our hope is that these same girls will also attend an event in the summer and one in the fall. We will continue to communicate our progress and hope that other AAUW members will want to attend the events.

Volunteers needed

When we were meeting with West Oso to discuss our STEM program, they asked if we have any members who would be interested in judging their Jr High School Science Fair on Friday, January 25. If you are interested, please let me know.

Classics at Katz for Christmas

The Classics Group met at Katz 21 Steak and Spirits on December 19 for its final gathering of 2018. Henry Fielding's *The History of the Adventures of Joseph Andrews and of his Friend Abraham Adams* was the topic of the night. The lively discussion and good food provided a perfect ending for the year. Classics looks forward to the beginning of 2019 discussions on January 30.



(l to r) Irene O'Connor, Dottie Ewing, Ann Hamilton, Janis Wood, Deenie Tillman, Annie Huckabee



Friendship News



We have some updates on some of our members. Sherri Roussel is home recovering from surgery on her right leg. Sandra Heatherley is also home after a stay in the hospital and is gradually gaining strength from a bout with pneumonia. Vira Wendl is undergoing radiation treatment and has a good prognosis for recovery. We wish them all the best in their journey to recovery.

Holiday Shopping for YWTeens



YWTeens selected gifts for family members



Branch members assembled bags of sweet treats for the YWTeens at the Shopping Spree.

The AAUW Corpus Christi (TX) Branch helped spread some holiday cheer on December 9, 2018, at the YWCA. Each year in early December, the Branch supports the local YWCA YWTeen Program by sponsoring a “Holiday Shopping Spree” for the ten-to-twelve-year-old girls in the program. The shopping extravaganza provided the preteen girls with the opportunity to select five holiday gifts for family members. AAUW Branch members purchased the gift items and brought bags, tags, ribbons, paper, and tissue to assist the girls in wrapping the gifts for holiday presentation. Each girl also took home a “goodie bag” with sweet treats from the Branch after completing a survey for the YWCA. Between 400 and 500 gifts were provided this year for nearly 100 YWTeen girls to give to family members



YWTeen was assisted by Branch member Kelly Gonzalez.



Branch member Dr. Catherine Cox demonstrated bow-tying to a YWTeen.



YWTeens were busy wrapping presents at tables and on the floor, with assistance from AAUW Branch members.

Holiday Jewelry Making



AAUW Corpus Christi Branch members convened in December to make jewelry gifts for women who are undergoing therapies at Spohn Cancer Center. Seventy-five gifts — bracelets, earrings, and necklaces — were crafted by the talented team led by Dr. Catherine Cox. Supplies for the jewelry were donated by AAUW members.

“Many thanks to all who helped make this project a success.” - Catherine Cox

The Fun and Power of Reading

The Sue Stanford Annual program is at the library on Saturday, January 26 at 3:00 pm. AAUW funds the program in honor of long time member and Book Finders founder Sue Stanford.

In 2012 the AAUW Corpus Christi Branch established the Sue Stanford Scholarship in recognition of Sue’s outstanding commitment and long-term dedication to our Branch and to the mission of AAUW. Through the efforts of the Book Finders, the Branch has raised funds annually for scholarships and other community outreach projects.

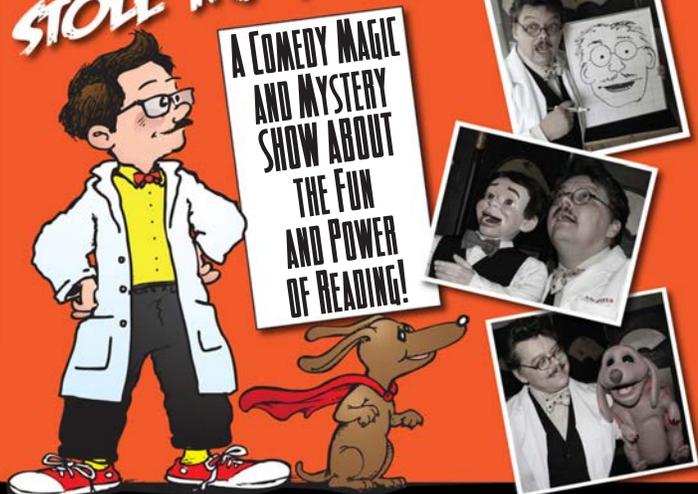
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