



APRIL EDITION 2019

President's Message - Dottie Ewing

I was privileged to be a part of the first STEM event last week. What a great occasion! We owe a huge "thank you" to Leslie Peart and the Aquarium staff. They did a fabulous job of keeping the girls entertained and educated. The girls themselves were attentive, engaged, and participated in all the activities. It was a great day for all of us. Kudos to the STEM committee and to chair Janet Blanke for a job well done.

Don't forget Equal Pay Day coming on April 2. We are one of the sponsors of this event. It will be held at First United Methodist Church downtown at 11:30. Details are available on our website or you can call the Y and make a reservation.

We have a change in speakers for our monthly meeting this month. Catherine has sent out an email with details. We are delighted to welcome Brenda Marshall, Senior Director for Athletics for the Corpus Christi ISD, to our group. I know we will enjoy her talk, "Girls in Sports Today."

Our April meeting is the time we elect new officers. The nominating committee has asked Sylvia Rendon to serve as Program Chair, Catherine Cox as Membership Chair, and Vickie Natale as Finance Officer. Members are welcome to nominate other candidates from the floor next Saturday, as long as the candidate has given permission for her name to be placed in nomination. Hope to see you Saturday!

April Branch Meeting

by Catherine Cox, VP for Programs

Please remember that our AAUW Branch Meeting is this **Saturday, April 6**, at the YWCA on Corona Drive. Unfortunately Captain Andrea Morrison, Deputy Port Pilot of Corpus Christi, will not be able to speak as planned due to her work schedule. Brenda Marshall, Senior Director for Athletics Corpus Christi ISD, has agreed to speak in her place. She will talk to us about "Girls in Sports Today." Brenda was the 1998 Recipient of Y Women in Careers Award and was inducted as a Distinguished Alumnus and Hall of Fame Athlete at UT Arlington. In addition to working with faculty and students, Brenda enjoys hunting and working on her ranch at George West. I look forward to learning from Brenda about a field that I know so little about now.

The meeting begins at 10:30, but please come early to enjoy treats and conversation. Guests are very welcome. Remember that Corona still runs one-way from Flynn Parkway towards Everhart.



President 2018-2019

April 21

Happy Easter



April 22





Interest Groups: April Meeting Dates



Bridge: Friday, Apr 12 and Apr 26 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



Classics: Wednesday, Apr 24 at 6pm at Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Book of Month: *Pavilion of Women* by Pearl S. Buck. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee,.



Poetry: Wednesday, Apr 10 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet of Month: William Shakespeare. RSVP appreciated.



Evening Contemporary Literature: Monday, Apr 29 at 7pm at the home of Judy Sykes. Reviewer: Sue Hasting. RSVP Required to hostess Judy Sykes or Michelle Balis.



Wine & Cheese: Sunday, Apr 14, 5-7pm at the home of Deborah Wilkns. RSVP required to hostess or to Chair: Agnes Hamilton .



Writers: Tuesday, Apr 9, 6:30 pm at the home of Janis Wood. Co-chairs Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson. RSVP appreciated.



Readers' Round Table: Monday, Apr 1, 7pm at Betty's home. RSVP appreciated to Chairs: Dottie Ewing or Betty Maroney. Presenter: Nancy Horsley will review *The Three Miss Margarets* by Louise Shaffer.



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



Out to Lunch Bunch: Third Friday of the month, 11:30pm. Contact Margaret DeVille for location. RSVP appreciated.



Playgoers: Wednesday, Apr 17 to the TAMUCC play *The Wolves*. Let Michelle Balis know if interested by Monday, Apr 15.



Appointed Committees: April Meeting Dates



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



Community Outreach: Monday, Apr 8, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Diana Cardenas and Kelly Gonzalez.



Community Outreach News by Diana Cardenas

Equal Pay Day

The Equal Pay Day Workshop and Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, from 11:30 am to 1 pm at First United Methodist Church, 900 Shoreline.

A panel discussion will include Judge Inna Klein, Dr. Amy Aldridge Sanford from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and Amy Villarreal, Workforce Solutions.

Moody High School Scholarship Reception

The Moody High School Scholarship Reception will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 11 am at the school library.

Senior girls who have demonstrated achievement will receive scholarships at the reception.

The speaker, Dr. Claudia Rueda, History professor at TAMUCC, will talk to the senior girls about succeeding in their first year of college/university.



Playgoers in April

by Michelle Balis

The Wolves

by Sarah DeLappe

Directed by Meredith Melville

Wilson Theatre, TAMUCC

April 15-20, 2019/ Mon-Sat, 7:30

Left quad. Right quad. Lunge. A girls indoor soccer team warms up. From the safety of their suburban stretch circle, the team navigates big questions and wages tiny battles with all the vim and vigor of a pack of adolescent warriors. A portrait of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for nine American girls who just want to score some goals.

Playgoers will attend the performance on Wednesday, April 17. Let me know if you want to go by Monday, April 15.

A poster for the play 'The Wolves'. It features two girls in soccer uniforms (one green, one red) in action on a field. A soccer ball is in the foreground. The text on the poster includes: 'WE ARE ALWAYS THE SAME AGE INSIDE.' at the top; 'Sarah DeLappe's THE WOLVES Directed by Meredith Melville' in the middle; and 'MONDAY-SATURDAY APRIL 15-20 @ 7:30 P.M.' at the bottom. Logos for TAMUCC and sponsors are also present.

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Sarah DeLappe's
THE WOLVES
Directed by Meredith Melville

MONDAY-SATURDAY APRIL 15-20 @ 7:30 P.M.

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APR. 15-20 2019

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Classics Group in April: The Virginian by Owen Wister

The Ballad of the Bar V Round Up

(With apologies to Robert Service and his wonderful "The Cremation of Sam Magee")

by Joanna Huckabee

Now the Classics gang hails from Nueces, where the
cotton blooms and blows,
But they left their home to venture north to the land
of cows and does,
Past the flowing Atascosa River and the reddest
strawberry hung in the skies of Poteet,
Down flowered-filled roads they traveled, knowing
they were all in for a splendid treat



Deenie waved and welcomed the gang, greeting all with loving,
open arms.
She had the gang gather on the porch to take in all the rich,
enchancing Bar V charms.
Nary a harsh word was ever spoken because now living in the
Virginian style,
"When you call me out, Pardner, you best be sayin' it with a
big ol' smile."



During the starlit night the gang gathered around
the outside fire.
Some wood Deenie found that was lying around,
and she heaped the fuel higher.
The flames just soared, and the furnace roared —
such a blaze we seldom see.
As the group laughed, reflected, and star-gazed,
they sure felt like pampered royalty.



Sleeping hard and long, they soon heard the
friendly breakfast bell ring.
Heaping muffins, eggs, sausage, and coffee, it was
incredible what Deenie could bring!
Before partaking they raised their books on high
and then without much strife,
"To the glorious Virginian," they all declared, "and
to the ways of the simple life."



Sad to begin their southward trek, the grateful gang
knew they must be on their way,
But as they passed the grand ol' oak, with a graceful
nod it certainly seemed to say,
"Glad to have you visit, dear Pardners, all those from far
and near,
And when next you come, you know, that I will surely
still be here."

Thank you, Deenie!

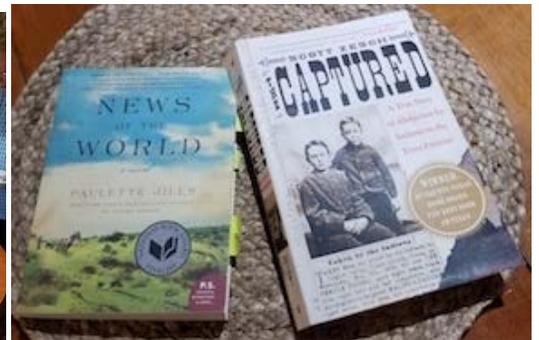




Evening Contemporary Literature

Janis Wood introduced *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles to the Evening Contemporary Literature Group at its April gathering. The novel by Jiles tells the story, set in post-Civil War Texas, of Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, and Johanna, a 10 year old captive of the Kiowas he returns to her family near San Antonio. Janis also suggested another book, *The Captured*, a biography of a 10 year old boy kidnapped by an Apache raiding party and traded to the Comanches.

Hostess for the April gathering was Annie Huckabee, who set the atmosphere with decorations including bandana napkins. The group enjoyed a delicious Texas meal starring King Ranch Casserole and Pinto Beans prepared by our chef Victor Huckabee. Iced Texas shaped sugar cookies from Janis Wood topped off the meal. Thanks to our hostess, chef, and presenter for a charming Texas evening.



SAVE THE DATE



May 4, 2019
Branch Luncheon &
Installation of
Officers

Mirador
5857 Timbergate
Drive
More information to
come!!

Girls Discover STEM by Vickie Natale, Webmaster and Janet Blanke, STEM Committee Chair

The AAUW Corpus Christi Branch hosted its first “Girls Discover STEM” program on March 21, 2019, at the Texas State Aquarium. Fourteen West Oso Middle School 7th and 8th grade girls participated in the program designed to introduced local middle school girls to STEM careers held by successful women in Corpus Christi who enjoy working in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Leslie Peart, TSA Vice President of Education and an AAUW member and the TSA staff put together a fun and educational day for the girls to explore the TSA and to understand some of the careers that the Aquarium offers.

The girls started the day with a tour of the Wildlife Rescue Center where they were introduced to the concepts of triage and induction of rescued animals into the facility. Lauren Wilson, TSA Bird and Mammal Curator, recently returned from a trip to northern South Africa where she had assisted with the rescue of approximately 2,000 lesser flamingo juveniles and eggs, abandoned due to a severe drought. Wilson demonstrated the triage and induction training that she provided to the volunteer rescuers in South Africa. Girls learned to perform the “smell test” and to test for movement to determine which eggs were still alive, and they practiced triage and treatment for dehydration in flamingos.



In another room, TSA staff discussed and demonstrated triage techniques for sea turtles. Using official state registration forms, the girls recorded species; size measurements; location of latitude and longitude where the turtles were found; and physical characteristics of the rescued turtles leading to determining what treatments were needed.

Moving over to the Aquarium, girls were divided into small groups and provided an iPad for a “photo safari.” Girls were assigned a rescue animal that they were tasked with locating in the Aquarium. The iPads were used to take photographs, and then each group created an Instagram or Facebook post, using templates provided by the TSA staff.



Girls enjoyed a lunch on the Caribbean Jungle Overlook at small tables with several women who work at the Texas State Aquarium. Lunch conversations highlighted what these women do at the Aquarium and how their education prepared them for these jobs. After lunch, girls viewed a short video about animal rescue operations, and then they designed an exhibit to tell the story about the Lesser Flamingo rescue operation in South Africa.

This was the first in a series of field trips for 7th and 8th grade girls in the Coastal Bend designed to provide the girls with an opportunity to explore various career opportunities and meet women who are currently in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math careers. Our goal is to have 2 or 3 events per year for the girls who have an interest in pursuing STEM careers. Our next event will be held in June at the YWCA and we will show the movie "Hidden Figures" and have discussion afterwards for this same group of girls from West Oso Junior High.

To read more about this event, please see our AAUW website at <https://corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net/girls-discover-stem/>