

JUNE/JULY EDITION 2019

## President's Message - Dottie Ewing

Those lazy days of summer are here, but many of our members are anything but lazy. The YWTeen summer camps are ongoing and AAUW members are busy helping the YWCA staff make them interesting and educational with a variety of topics. The following members are known to have volunteered to help: Lara Gephart - a session on first responders; Kris Conlan - bubble art as well as a class on responsible dog ownership; Donna Mehle - teenage brain/healthy relationships; Leslie Peart - reducing plastic pollution; Catherine Cox, assisted by Agnes Hamilton, Nancy Horsley, Diana Cardenas, Susan Birchfield, and Joanie Whitmire - jewelry making; Mary Carpenter and Alice Berecka - Yoga/relaxation tips; Diana Cardenas - 19th Amendment presentation. Our thanks to all of these for helping make the Y summer camps successful. And a special thanks to Diana for coordinating these events.

Your new board met in June to start planning for the year. We will have our September Rush on the 15th at the First United Methodist Church as we did last year. More information will be available later. The new program committee consisting of Sylvia Rendon, chair; Shirley Selz; Diana Cardenas; and Kelly Gonzalez, is working on interesting and informative programs for next year. Annie Huckabee is compiling the yearbook; if you have information that she needs, please get it to her by July 15. Susan Birchfield has agreed to be hospitality chair for this next year, and will be looking for volunteers to supply goodies for our branch meetings.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the announcement that Olivia McDonald has volunteered to be our new Friendship chair. If you know of someone in the branch who is ill or has a loss, please let Olivia know. And a thousand thanks to Audrey Jones, outgoing chair, for a job well done!

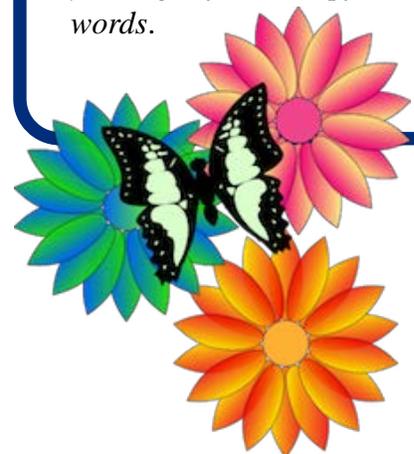
Enjoy your summer. See you in the fall!

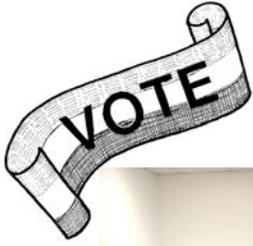


**President 2018-2019**

*My sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy to me on the loss of my brother. The acknowledgement by others of your grief is helpful beyond words.*

*Dottie*





# Y-Teens 19th Amendment Reenactment

by Diana Cardenas



Tuesday morning, June 4, I worked with 15 YW Teens from Mathis ISD. They acted out events that led up to ratification of the 19th Amendment - the right of women to vote - including the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention in New York. The three girls with hats on represent Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Stanton, and Alice Paul. Some made banners calling for the Right to Vote. Three girls created a poster of the sun with the statement, "The sun wants women to have the right to vote." One group enacted the arrest and imprisonment of Alice Paul in 1917. We even had a director who called out, "Lights, Camera, Action" before each scene. The young lady took great pride in her lines!



## Kick-Off for "Year of Women Winning Vote" coming in September

by Sandra Heatherley



The kick-off event for celebrating the "Year of Women Winning the Vote" is coming in September. The YWCA is sponsoring two events, one on Wed. Sept. 25 and the other on Saturday Sept. 28. The first is targeted for people who want to learn how to work on a political campaign and the second is geared for people (emphasis Women) who want to run for a political office in 2020. See the "save-the-date" notices elsewhere in the newsletter for all of the information on these events.

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## Audrey Jones Steps Down as Friendship Chair

Her smile is infectious. Her energy is enviable. Her commitment to her community is inspiring.

In 1970 the Corpus Christi Branch of AAUW gained a treasure when Audrey Jones joined its ranks. A dynamic member from the beginning, she quickly became instrumental in the Branch's decision making. Always a wonderful ambassador for AAUW, she saw the importance of maintaining strong guidance and as a proactive President during the 1994-1996 term, she led the Branch in a productive, goal-oriented direction.

Recently serving as the Branch's valued Friendship Chair, her genuine wishes of condolences, her reassurance in times of adversity, and her deep compassion have been much appreciated. Although she has retired from her position as Friendship Chair, we know she has not retired from being actively involved in Branch activities.

We encourage members to stop by and visit Audrey at Book Finders, and when you greet her just try not to return that open smile, just try to resist the positive energy she extends— you won't be able to.

Thank you, Audrey Jones. Your immeasurable influence is a vital reason why membership in the Corpus Christi Branch of AAUW is a rewarding, enriching experience.



-The Corpus Christi Branch of AAUW

### FRIENDSHIP NEWS



Olivia McDonald, our new Friendship chair, is celebrating her 90th birthday on June 29. She is celebrating with an extended family gathering in the Valley. Happy Birthday, Olivia!



Vickie Natale is home recovering from surgery on her foot. She is doing well, but will have an extended recovery period.



## Interest Groups: July/August Meeting Dates



**Bridge:** Friday, July 12 and July 26; August 9 and August 23 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



**Classics:** Wednesday, July 31 and August 28 at 6pm at Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection for July: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Selection for August: *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



**Poetry:** Wednesday, July 10 and August 14 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet for July: Dylan Thomas; Poet for August: Rupert Brooke. RSVP appreciated.



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



**Playgoers:** Group meets on various weekend dates to enjoy the variety of live plays offered in Corpus Christi. Let Michelle Balis know if interested. See articles later in newsletter for July and August dates.



**Wine and Cheese:** Sunday, July 14 at Sylvia Rendon's home\* from 5-7pm. RSVP required to hostess Sylvia Rendon or to Chair Agnes Hamilton. Co-hosting will be Nancy Horsley and Susan Birchfield.



**Wine and Cheese:** Sunday, August 11 at Mary Sherwood's home\* from 5-7pm. RSVP required to hostess Mary Sherwood or Chair Agnes Hamilton a Co-hosting will be Janet Blanke.

*\*Email hostess or group chair for address or refer to yearbook for address or phone number.*



## Appointed Committees: July/August Meeting Dates



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



**Community Outreach:** Monday, July 15 and August 12, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Diana Cardenas and Kelly Gonzalez.



## Community Outreach Hosting Seminar

by Janis Wood

The Community Outreach Committee of the Corpus Christi Branch of AAUW will host an END OF LIFE Seminar on Saturday, July 27th at 10:00 AM. The Seminar will be held at the YWCA and last for two hours. This initial presentation of this seminar is free to the public and anyone may attend. AAUW members are encouraged to attend and bring their friends.



Guest speakers will be an attorney, a military representative, a Hospice leader and others. This is not, however, a religious event. Even if you have made a will and have an understanding of the legal side of actions that must be taken when an individual dies, this Seminar will no doubt be informative and educational to one and all.

Questions may be directed to committee co-chairs: Janis Wood and Sylvia Rendon.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 27, 10:00AM



## Book Finders News

Book Finders had another successful sale in May with committee members working diligently throughout the weeks preceding the sale to process incoming donations, restock shelves, and prepare special books for sale. And on the sale days, someone had to add up purchases and collect the money! Sales totaled \$2,303, which includes online sales and half-price sales. Congratulations to the Book Finders for a successful season of book sales.

## Upcoming Book Sale



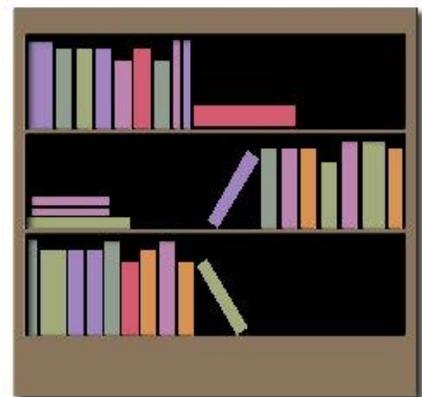
Dates

**Sept 19, 20, 21, 2019**

**Dec 5, 6, 7 2019**

**Feb 6, 7, 8 2020**

**May 7, 8, 9 2020**



## Writers Group Completes First Year

by Janis Wood

The CC AAUW Writers Group has completed its first year of meeting and writing. Headed by Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson, the group is fun and inspirational. Meeting the second Tuesday of the month six or seven inspired writers gather to hone their skills of the written word. Shirley Selz recently shared the biographical notebook she compiled covering the life of her husband, Luis. There is a skill to writing about another person's life and Shirley was kind enough to lead the group in how one goes about doing just that. The Writers Group will begin again in September on Tuesday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup> in the home of Janis Wood. Consider joining this group ... you are welcome.



## Save the Date

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**YWCA and TAMU-CC invite you to**  
*Institute for Public Leadership*  
*Real Women Run!*

**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**  
**UC Bayview 320**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**  
**4 pm-7 pm**

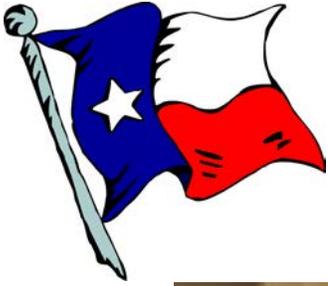
Non-partisan workshop that teaches students civil and political involvement, engagement, and personal branding.

*Free for students with school IDs. More information to follow.*

FMI: [ywacc@ywacc.org](mailto:ywacc@ywacc.org) or [amy.aldridge.sanford@tamucc.edu](mailto:amy.aldridge.sanford@tamucc.edu)

## JUNE WINE & CHEESE

By Vickie Natale



The Wine and Cheese group celebrated Texas wines at their June 2019 gathering. Hosted by Joanie Whitmire and Vickie Natale, the group enjoyed Texas wine with southwestern fare, including goat cheese, quesadilla pepper cheese, asadero cheese, Armadillo eggs, and barbecue sliders, among other delights. Agnes Hamilton and Susan Burchfield were selected as the best dressed Texans, sporting red boots, Texas t-shirts, and turquoise jewelry.



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**YWCA invites you to**

*Institute for Public Leadership  
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**YWCA 4601 Corona Drive**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

**9 am-12 noon**

Non-partisan workshops where women will learn about running for public office, volunteering for campaigns, and advocacy.

*Cost is \$15 per person. More information to follow.*

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# Playgoers in August

by Michelle Balis



Let me know if you want to go see *Gypsy* at Harbor Playhouse on Friday, **August 9** or *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas!* at Aurora Arts Theater on Friday, **August 16**.

(Yes, the week after the Harbor show. Both shows start July 29, but I will be traveling.)

## GYPSY

**July 19 - August 11, 2019**

**Harbor Playhouse Mainstage**

Regarded by many theater professionals as the greatest musical ever created, *GYPSY* is the ultimate tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success... while secretly yearning for her own. Set all across America in the 1920's, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born, Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart, and sophistication.

Directed by Lori Bryant  
Music Directed by Dr. Greg Graf  
Choreographed by Kate Burrill

## The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

**July 19 through August 25, 2019**

**Aurora Arts Theater**

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas is based on the true story of a legendary Texas Brothel known as the Chicken Ranch, which operated from the 1840s to 1973. Protected by a friendly Sheriff and frequented by politicians, football teams, and others, the Chicken Ranch thrived in the small town of Gilbert, Texas. Girls come from all over to work at the ranch and make a little extra cash. However, a crusading do-gooder Houston radio commentator and his conservative audience expose the Chicken Ranch forcing it to shut its doors forever.



Requests for revisions and/or new inclusions in the Branch yearbook need to be sent no later than July 15, 2019.

Thank you!

Joanna Huckabee

2019-20 Branch Yearbook Chair