



May Edition 2020

President's Message - Dottie Ewing

As I write, the Stay at Home order is scheduled to be lifted Friday. This, of course, does not mean we can have our May meeting because there are still restrictions as to distancing, etc., and our reservation at the Mirador is canceled. I am working with the Board to set up a Zoom meeting so that officers can be installed for the coming two years. If you are able to connect to Zoom, you can be a part of this meeting. I encourage you to learn to do so, as some form of video and audio conferencing will almost surely be the way of the future for some events. I sincerely hope that we will be able to meet as a group again in the near future.

It has been my privilege to serve as your president for the past two years and I thank you for making my job easier by serving in various capacities where needed. I have been blessed with a great board of directors, and I extend my sincere thanks to them for a job well done. I also want to thank the communications team, committee chairs, and interest group chairs for all their hard work these past two years. The Corpus Christi Branch of AAUW is made up of incredibly talented and caring women. I look forward to the next two years under the leadership of our new president, Shirley Selz.

I will have our communications team send out an announcement about the installation meeting as soon as it is formalized. Take care and stay safe.



President 2019-2020

•Congratulations to new member Shelly Garcia, who recently passed her bar exam. Way to go, Shelly!

•Check your email for an update from Janis Wood.

Interest Groups and Appointed Committee Meetings are cancelled until further notice.



Community Outreach Committee

Putting our Mission into Action

The Miller High School Senior Celebration is still on!

Although the original date of April 21 had to change, our committee has been busy working on a creative Plan B. Working with Miller counselor, Nelda Garcia, we are now scheduled for Thursday, May 7, from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

ValueBank Texas (work home of Kelly Gonzalez) has agreed to let us use their drive thru at the Leopard location, conveniently located down the road from Miller High School, as a pick-up location. Kelly will have the envelopes ready with their \$100 gift and some information and encouragement from the AAUW members.

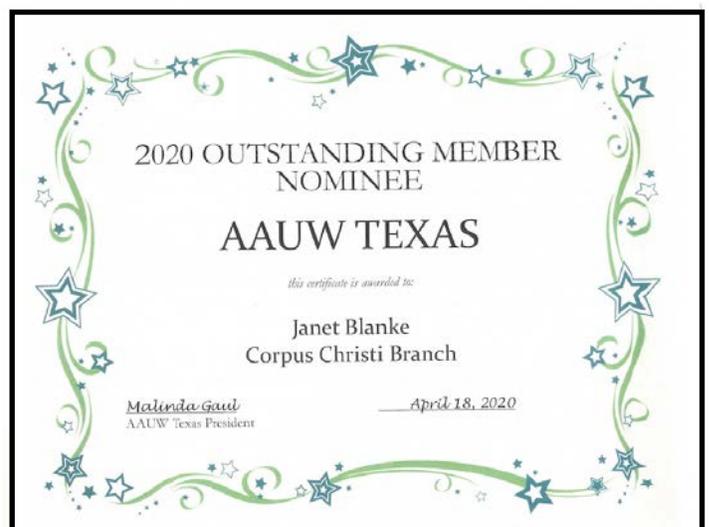
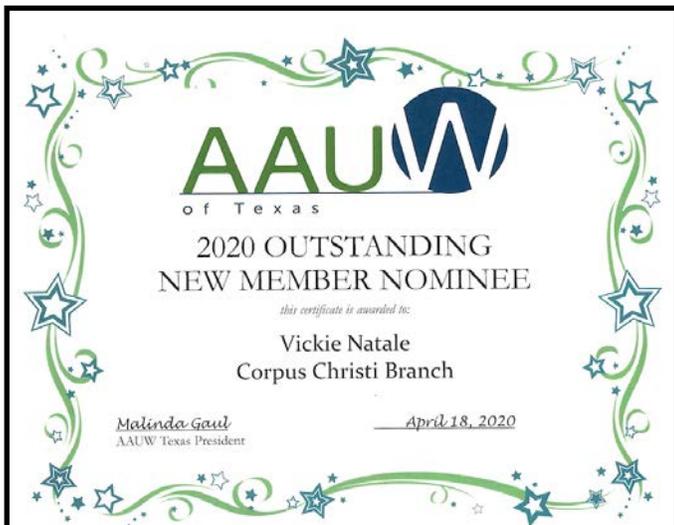
We are pleased we can still have a physical presence in delivery of the gifts, and Kelly is looking forward to meeting each of the girls. Nelda assures the committee that these are wonderful, sweet girls and extremely hard working and worthy of our attention and donation.

AAUW Texas Virtual Convening

At the State Convening of Texas AAUW, members from our chapter were recognized for their nominations for Outstanding Member and Outstanding New Member. Janet Blanke and Vickie Natale were nominated for these awards. They did not win the state awards, but they certainly won our appreciation for jobs well done. Congratulations, Janet and Vickie. Copies of their certificates are shown below.

Also during the virtual convening, Catherine Cox and Audrey Jones were recognized as "Sister Suffragists" for their donations to AAUW's greatest needs fund this year.

Vickie Natale sent in photos of some of the branch's activities this year and these were displayed with photos from other branches. Even though no one was able to attend the convening, it was nice to have our branch recognized.





FYI



Dear Branch Members,

It is time to review carefully your 2019-20 Branch yearbook contact information. Let me know if I need to revise or add to your information.

New members who do not appear in the yearbook, please email me your contact information. Also, be sure to list your awarded degrees and the years you received your degrees. Although not required, it is helpful to the Branch to include your area of study. Our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs refer to this important information as they plan yearly goals.

To ensure your membership information is included in the 2020-21 Branch yearbook, membership dues should be paid no later than June 15, 2020. Requests for revisions, and/or new inclusions need to be sent to Joanna Huckabee no later than July 15, 2020.

Thank you!

Joanna Huckabee, 2020-21 Branch Yearbook Chair

2020-21 Membership Renewal

It is the season to renew membership for 2020-21. Normally, we have opened the membership renewal process during our May luncheon; however, with current social distancing guidelines, our renewal process will need to be accomplished remotely. You can renew your membership in one of two ways. If you prefer, you can print the membership form (included as an attachment to newsletter email) and mail it with your check to Vickie Natale, Finance Officer. Or, if you prefer to pay by credit card, Vickie will be sending an email in a few days with a personal link that you can use to update your membership through the national system. Membership is still \$59 for national dues, \$13 for state, and \$12 to our local branch, for a total of \$84. We thank you for renewing your membership early. You can mark your calendar with "DONE!" and avoid future reminders.