



President's Message: October is here! Even though most of us are still waiting for crisp fall weather, Halloween and Christmas decor, along with a few Thanksgiving items, are sharing space at retailers.

Pumpkin spice is everywhere. Interest groups are back from summer hiatus, although Bookfinders operate year round. This group of hard working ladies would appreciate help in gearing up for the November sale.

In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness month, our luncheon speaker, District Attorney Mark Skurka presented an enlightening, slide show presentation and educated members and guests about the dynamics of domestic violence. He also made attendees aware of community intervention and prosecution of domestic offenders.

Mark your calendars for November 5, our next branch meeting, Dr. Amy Aldrich Sanford, AAUW member, will speak on "Leadership Committed to Equality" (YWCA 4636 Corona Drive). Consider contacting members, and carpooling. Maybe we can set an attendance record. Carla Boisvenue

To bring meeting refreshments contact Kristin Conlan,



November 2016 Newsletter

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be one of our own, Dr. Amy Aldrich Sanford. Her topic will be "Leadership Committed to Equality." Her talk will include five suggestions leaders can adopt to be more compassionate and inclusive. Amy is Associate Vice President for academic affairs at TAMU-CC and is on the board of directors for Texas Women in Higher Education. We look forward to hearing Amy again. Dottie Ewing

**AAUW Branch Meeting
Saturday, November 5th**

**10AM at the YWCA
4639 Corona Dr.**

**"Leadership Committed
to Equality"**

**-Amy Aldrich
Sanford**



The Political Forum conducted Thursday evening, October 13th, was supported by AAUW members, Carla Boisvenue, our Branch President, Michelle Balis, Catherine Cox, Evelyn De La Paz, Peggy Duran, Kelly Gonzales, Cynthia Herin, Diana Cardenas, Shirley Selz , & Janis Wood.

The YWCA sponsors Yuletide Festivities November 4 at 10:30AM. Early shopping will be at 10:00 and, as always, there will be many wonderful items for bid in the auction as well as vendors around the venue. If AAUW members would like to reserve a table for this event, please call the YWCA for information. Janis Wood



Yuletide Luncheon & Market is one of two major YWCA fundraisers from which proceeds support YWCA Programs and Mission. WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME SEEMA MATHUR-HOPKINS AS THE 2016 YULETIDE SPEAKER. SEEMA WILL SHARE HER STORY OF POST-WAR WOMEN AND HOW SHE HAS HELPED MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES. SEEMA IS A TRUE HUMANITARIAN AND HER STORY TRULY INSPIRE YOU.

The market will be open from 10-3pm with the luncheon from 11:30-1pm.

Luncheon tickets \$75. Market only entry \$5.

INTEREST GROUPS

PLEASE RSVP your CHAIRPERSON

Book Finders Chair - Betty Maroney
Every Tues. @ 1:30, Neyland Library.

Next BOOK SALE November 17-19.

Contact Betty to Schedule a time volunteer to support the Book Sale.

Bookfinders hosted their Business meeting and a lite supper October 25th. The last book sale was discussed along with the upcoming book sale in November. The theme will be Christmas and gift books plus others to be determined. It is fun, come and help us.

Bridge Chair- Joanna Huckabee:

Classics Book Group – Chair: Irene O'Connor,
. Next Meetings: October 26th at the Bleu Bistro, 6:30~*Jamaica Inn* Discussion

November 30th at Luciano's, 6:30 ~ Come celebrate with us as we discuss our favorite book which just happens to be our 100th read, *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

The Classics Book Club celebrated its September review of Larry McMurry's *Lonesome Dove* in style with an overnight at Deenie's ranch outside Pleasanton. Attending were Irene O'Connor, Annie

Huckabee, Catherine Cox, Sandra Heatherley, Deenie Tillman, and Dottie Ewing. We shared a covered dish dinner and discussed the book at length (and it was a long book!). We

had a great time. Thank you, Deenie. What a great time we had! (see pictures p.3)



Community Outreach – Chair- Kelly Gonzalez ;
Next Meeting:
November 14th at 6PM at the YWCA on Corona.. The date for the YTeens Shopping/Gift wrap is Sunday, December 4.

Evening Contemporary Literature Chair- Nancy Horsley
October 31st ... Halloween meeting at Dottie Ewing's house, ...with Michelle Balis reviewing. Could be a scary one.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch – Chair: Margaret DeVille,
. Contact
Margaret for restaurant information. **Next Meeting: November 8th at 11:30AM**

PLAYgoers – Chair: Michelle Balis,
TBA through email and newsletter

Poetry Appreciation – Chair: Pam Davis,
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 9th, 6:30PM;** at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront. poet- Robert Frost

Reader's Round Table - Chairs: Dottie Ewing- & Betty Maroney
. Next Meeting;
November 7th at Dottie's at 7PM. Nancy Horsley

reviews *The Women in the Photo* - Mary Hogan

Wine & Cheese- Chair: Agnes Hamilton,
(Please note that this is a change from the yearbook). **Next Meeting: Sunday, November, 13th, 5-7PM;** Vera Wendl and Jane Bachman co-host at Jane's home at
. **RSVP to Jane**

11 Stats on Women's Equality That Might Be Scarier than Halloween; [link to read more](http://www.aauw.org/2015/10/22/scary-halloween-facts/)
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Corpus Christi Caller-Times' article, "A New Push to Clamp Down on the Wage Gap," prominently mentions AAUW. Please familiarize yourself with the information shared there. In the spring, our Branch will once again host Equal Pay Day seminar, an event showcasing the ongoing fight for equal pay for women. Get ready....Be informed! Click on link to read this article posted in the *Huffington Post*.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/a-new-push-to-clamp-down-on-the-wage-gap-in-cities_us_57e02b79e4b053b1ccf2a146

from Audrey:
Katherine Kearley's mother, Marlene Kearley (former AAUW member), passed away peacefully in her home. Katherine and her husband, David, were there. Funeral was held, October 22nd, at First Methodist Church.

Additions to the Yearbook:

Celeste Barrera,
BS- TX Woman's University in Music Therapy



Change clocks
back one hour
November 6th