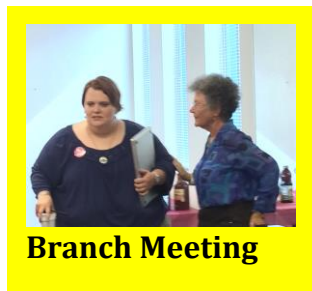




**President's Message:**

Many activities invigorated AAUW members in November. Bookfinders book sale, YWCA Yuletide Market, Del Mar College Scholarship Reception (see "recipients" below), and the November Meeting



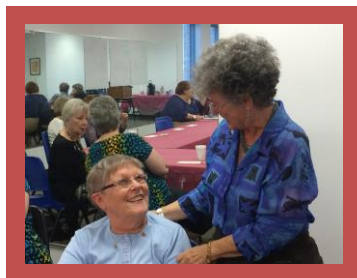
**Branch Meeting**



**Laura Brooks  
AAUW Scholarship  
Recipient**

Presenter, Dr. Amy Aldrich Sanford's: "Leadership Committed to Equality" ppt, sparked a lively conversation. My takeaway: We are a diverse group with strong opinions; good for us. A special thank you to Dr. Amy, for leading an important discussion, and especially for being willing to share her expertise. See her ppt. presentation online in our AAUW gmail account; check it out.

A highlight of the meeting was presenting an AAUW 40-year pin to Kay West, who shared with the Branch, that her grandmother, a college graduate in an era when college educated women were a rarity, was also an AAUW member. Her mother also was a pioneering AAUW member. Kay West, continuing a family legacy, headed the AAUW nominating committee last year. Thank you Kay, for your commitment and service.



*December Newsletter 2016*

Best wishes for peaceful holiday season. Be safe, and keep in touch. Carla

**Ladies Luncheon**  
 American Association of University Women  
**AAUW Corpus Christi Branch Luncheon**  
 Silent Auction & Community Outreach Gift-Card Raffle  
**Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11:00AM**  
*(come early to look over Auction & Gift-Card Raffle Items)*  
**Corpus Christi Country Club, 6300 Everhart**  
 RSVP Lunch Reservations to  
 Evelyn De La Paz-Rjos

**Deadline: Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. December Luncheon RSVP**



## INTEREST GROUPS

PLEASE RSVP your CHAIRPERSON

**Book Finders** Chair - Betty Maroney  
Every Tues. @ 1:30, Neyland  
Library. **Bookfinders November Book  
Sale made over \$2000. A big thank-you  
to all who volunteered and supported  
the sale. Our next sale will be in  
February.**

**Bridge** Chair- Joanna Huckabee:

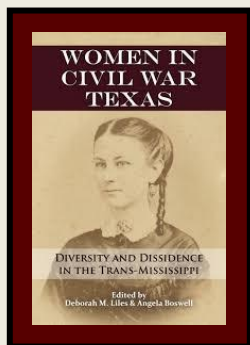
**No play  
in December -- see you in the New Year!**

**Classics Book Group** – Chair: Irene  
O'Connor, . Next Meetings:  
**November 30th at Luciano's, 6:30 ~ Come  
celebrate with us as we discuss our favorite  
book which just happens to be our  
100<sup>th</sup> read (*Middlemarch* by George Eliot  
December 21st Meeting: *Christmas at old  
Comfort Farm* (1940) by Stella Gibbons**

**Community Outreach** – Chair- Kelly Gonzalez;  
Next

**Meeting Event: Community Outreach would  
like to invite all members to participate in the  
Y-Teens Holiday shopping Sunday, December  
4th. We need to be at the YWCA by 1PM to  
help with the shopping and gift-wrapping. For  
the members who are new, this is an amazing  
event. AAUW Community Outreach members  
shop for gifts for the Y Teens family  
members. Y-Teen girls then “shop” for gifts  
for their families at no cost. Each girl is given  
5 tickets to redeem for gifts. AAUW members  
help the girls shop and wrap their gifts; each  
girl is given a bag of cookies and other  
goodies when leaving. A special thank you  
to Sherry Putnam for donating the cookies  
and goodies and for putting them in the bags  
for the girls. It truly is a great event and I  
encourage all of you who can to attend.**

**WOMEN IN CIVIL WAR TEXAS: Diversity  
and Dissidence in the Trans-Mississippi,**  
edited by D. Liles and A. Boswell is a  
newly published book from the University  
of North Texas Press. This fine publication  
is a collection of writings concerning the  
status of women during the late 1800s.  
**Chapter Two was researched and written  
by Dorothy (Dottie) Ewing of the Corpus  
Christi AAUW Branch. Tracing the life of  
Caroline Sedberry, Politician's Wife, Ewing  
discusses an ordinary woman in  
extraordinary times. As stated in the  
carefully cited research, “As the nation  
prepared for a civil war, the life of Caroline  
Sedberry and thousands of other Southern  
women began to change dramatically.”**  
Those changes are well documented in  
personal letters and legal records, which  
are carefully referenced. This is a fine  
addition to other available publications  
concerning the status of women in our fair  
state of Texas. Available on Amazon, the  
book may also be purchased at Barnes &  
Noble. **Our congratulations to historian,  
Dottie Ewing.**



**ADD to Yearbook:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jane D Siegel,

### **25 Gifts for Fearless Feminists**

click link to read at AAUW org.

<http://www.aauw.org/2016/11/14/gifts-for-fearless-feminists/>

**Evening Contemporary Literature Chair-**  
Nancy Horsley

No December

Meeting.

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** – Chair: Margaret  
DeVille,

. Contact

Margaret for restaurant information.

Next Meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup> -11:30AM

**PLAYgoers** – Chair: Michelle Balis,  
TBA by email or  
newsletter

**Poetry Appreciation** – Chair: Pam Davis  
Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30PM; Glass  
Pavilion, Omni Bayfront. Song Lyrics

**Reader's Round Table** - Chairs: Dottie  
Ewing- & Betty  
Maroney  
Next Meeting; December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at

**Wine & Cheese**- Chair: Agnes Hamilton,  
. (Please note change from the  
Yearbook).



Next Meeting: Sunday  
December 11<sup>th</sup> - Pam

Davis, Joanna Huckabee & Irene O'Connor  
hosting at . Please bring  
exchange gift under \$20. **Corrections to be  
noted: April 9 - Debbie Wilkins / Agnes  
Hamilton hosting at & May  
14 - Nancy Horsley & Josefina Villarreal  
hosting at**

*AAUW Friendship Committee- Please  
contact Audrey Jones at  
when you know of an AAUW member  
who is sick or hurt, in the hospital, or  
has suffered a loss of a loved one.*

*Published by Jeanne Ferraro*

“recipients”

**2016 AAUW  
Scholarship  
recipients at the  
Del Mar College  
Scholarship  
Reception,  
November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Laura Brooks &  
Tory Tokuku-  
Vitz** (see thank you  
note).

**In attendance were  
AAUW members  
Carla Boisvenue,  
Dottie Ewing,  
Agnes Hamilton,  
Jeanne Ferraro  
and recipient,  
Laura Brooks.**

November 14, 2016

Agnes Hamilton, Clara Boisvenue, Dottie Ewing, Jeannie Farrow, Janis Wood, Kelly Gonzales  
American Association of University Women  
Corpus Christi, TX

Dear Ms. Hamilton, et al,

Please allow me to express my gratitude for the generous American Association of University  
Women Direct Scholarship awarded to me this year. I am thankful and honored to be a recipient.

Returning to school while continuing to work full time has been a difficult task, but your  
scholarship has helped ease the burden. I'm currently studying Geographic Information  
Systems, and it's a field that I have really enjoyed studying. It has quite versatile application  
opportunities, so I look forward to finding a future profession that will put my new education to  
good use.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. Associations such as yours set a shining  
example for our community on how to uplift and support others.

Sincerely,

Tory Atokuku-Vitz  
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Corpus Christi, TX 78415