



PRESIDENT'S Message:

It is our pleasure to not only have our 2016 Sue Stanford Scholarship winner be a part of our February program, but also to celebrate our 2017 scholarship recipient, Tara Ivey. Please make plans to attend the February branch meeting & bring guest for our luncheon, our program, and to meet and hear both Crystal and Tara.

Business Notes:

- Several positions of the Executive Board are expiring. Janis Wood is chairing the nominating committee, along with Annie Huckabee and Margaret DeVille. Thank you ladies for taking on a difficult task. The offices to be filled are: Vice-President of membership, finance, and programs.
- Treasurer, Ms. Henneke, reminds us that our local Branch has a tight budget. It has been noted that we are going over budget on monthly meeting/events.
- The December auction netted \$546, with an additional \$455 from the raffle. So, that goal was met.

Warmest wishes, Carla.

AAUW's Bookfinder's Scholarship recipients will be in the spotlight at the February 4th Branch Meeting, luncheon, program, and scholarship presentation.



FEBRUARY 2017

AAUW CC Branch Meeting

AAUW BOOKFINDERS' Scholarship



DATE: February 4th

PLACE: Del Mar East, White Library, L416

LUNCH SIGN-IN & Mingle: 11:00 AM

LUNCHEON: 11:30 AM

PROGRAM:

"Scenes of Dixie" Presentation by CRYSTAL BALLARD
& the Sue Stanford Scholarship Presented by
DR. WOOSTER, A&MCC to recipient, TARA IVEY

GUEST Welcome -- AAUW in Action
empowering young women

LUNCH by Jason's Deli \$15 (Pay at the door)

RSVP your guest & you to: Evelyn DeLaPaz-Rios at

Sue Stanford Scholarship News: The scholarship winner this year is Tara Ivey, and she will be present at the February 4 meeting. Dr. Wooster from TAMU-CC will be there to introduce her. (cont.)

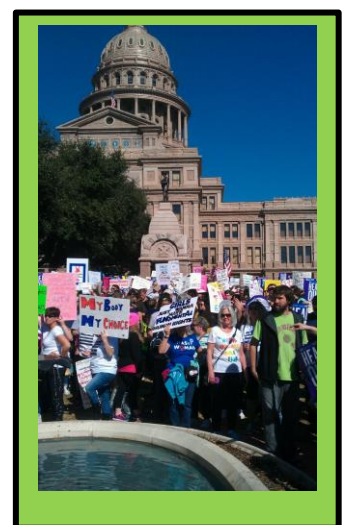
Crystal Ballard, our 2016 A & M Scholarship recipient, Presents "Scenes of Dixie" at our February 4th, AAUW CC Branch Meeting & Luncheon at Del Mar College, White Library, Room 416 at 11AM. Bring guest and come early & to meet /greet our speaker/presenter.

"Scenes of Dixie" examines the lives of three Confederate women writers who lived on the home front during the Civil War. It highlights the ways in which their war-writings shaped southern memory of that great conflict. As a scholar interested in American women's history during the late 19th - early 20th centuries, I am intrigued by understanding how the evolution of southern female identity advanced during and after the war.

Confederate women who released their diaries and personal correspondences to the reading masses did so in an act of preservation. Those that wrote during this time were mostly educated, white, and of the upper-class. Therefore, it is their writings that offer a rare glimpse into the day to day lives of those who had the most to lose if the South were defeated. Many of these women wrote passionately about events as they unfolded from 1861-1865 and then, after the war's end, used their writings to steer how they (southern women and the southern citizenry) were portrayed. This portion of my study centers on the "retelling" of the Civil War through the writings of several Confederate women who published their war diaries after 1895. After decades of conscious reflection, of editing and constructing their works, these authors sought to add *their* stories to the annals of Civil War memory and, in effect, to the annals of the war's history.

Pam Davis' sister, Gail, passed away in December. If you would like to contribute to AAUW funds in her memory. Contact Dottie Ewing

On Sat., Jan. 21, 2017, Debby Wilkins and I represented our chapter by participating in the Women's March held in Austin. We were accompanied by Deb's daughter Liz, who flew in for the event from Ann Arbor, MI, our sister Susan Trujillo, and her friend Bev, and Bev's daughter, Becca, joined us from Houston. Joining us from Waxahachie, was Susan's friend Daphne, and her daughter, Scarlett, as well. Due to the size of the crowd, estimated at over 100,000, it took us about an hour just to work our way off the Capitol grounds to the street to begin our march. The march itself was a lesson of diversity and democracy in action. Many, many women carried signs that were highly creative and thought provoking regarding women's issues almost too numerous to mention. Deb's poster read, "Silence is Complicity!" on one side, and "Senior Women Fight for Our Rights: Equality!" on the other. There was an overriding sense of peace and unity to this march. One could not help but be moved by the patriotism and passion of all the women involved. It was a powerful day to be long remembered! We are so proud to have been a part of this historical event! Kris Conlan



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Dear Book Finders & AAUW members: Let's get ready for the next book sale. We have boxes and boxes of donated books that need to be classified, priced and shelved. Our last sale brought in almost \$2000, but we can do better with your help. .

BOOK SALE- Wed. Feb.8 - set up: Thurs - Sat. Feb. 9-11 hours 10:00- 5:30 at Neyland Library. 35 categories of books & silent auction. Call Betty to volunteer at 991-4612.

CONGRATULATIONS !!! Peggy Duran is going (for the first time since 1998) to the **League of Women Voters Lobby Days in Austin on January 30-31** learning and advocating on behalf of Education, Voting Rights and Women's Health.

Great news! Our own Amy Sanford has been selected for one of the YWCA's Y-Women in Careers awards. Way to go, Amy!



Interest Groups- RSVP CHAIRPERSON

Bridge Chair- Joanna Huckabee:

Classics Book Group – Chair: Irene O'Connor; . Next Meeting: Feb. 22; *Love in a Cold Climate* –N. Mitford.(1949)

Community Outreach – Chair- Kelly Gonzalez; Next Meeting Event: Mon., Feb. 22; 6PM at YWCA.

Evening Contemporary Literature Chair- Nancy Horsley

Next Meeting: Mon., Feb. 27 at 7PM; Hostess: Nancy & Agnes Hamilton;

Out-to-Lunch Bunch – Chair: Margaret DeVille & contact for restaurant,

. Next Meeting: Feb. 14 11:30AM

PLAYgoers – Chair: Michelle Balis, ; email/newsletter

Poetry Appreciation – Chair: Pam Davis, Next Meeting:

Wed. Feb. 8th at 6:30PM; Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront. Langston Hughes

Reader's Round Table - Chairs: Dottie Ewing- & Betty Maroney

Next Meeting: Mon. Feb. 6th;7PM at Dottie Ewing- . Judy Sykes reviews.

Wine & Cheese- Chair: Agnes Hamilton, . Next Meeting: Sun. Feb. 12; 5-7PM Catherine Cox & Sandra Heatherley

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.

- Please pray for Jeanne's mom who's been diagnosed with breast cancer.*