



President's Message:

"In the Spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." I am pretty sure Mark Twain was addressing Texas weather.

It's been a busy March for the AAUW Board, which approved two new team members.

- Jane Siegel will fill the newly created position of Public Relations Manager.
- Vickie Natale will manage the AAUW CC Branch web site.

The bylaws committee will be sending the revised bylaws via electronic mail. No hard copies will be sent. Please review the finished product, and be prepared to vote on revisions at the April 7 branch meeting. Members who do not use electronic mail have options of using a computer at the library, or in the home of a friend. I will be available to help review. AAUW Texas has online voting on new bylaws. Information is available in the Convention Brochure, and via email. I sent hard copies were mailed to members not using electronic mail. AAUW National's online voting will be ongoing. Voting is electronic, and via hard copy of ballot if requested. Voting extends through June. We will be voting for the following officers at the April meeting. : Funds: Shirley Selz, and Secretary Janet Blanke. Dottie Ewing is president elect.

I hope to see you all April 7. Carla



AAUW CC Branch Meeting
Saturday, April 7th at 10AM
YWCA 4639 Corona Dr.

State Police Commander, Kelly Isaacks, 2017 recipient of the YWCA Women in Careers award, speaks on:

"The Role of Women in Law Enforcement" & "Current Scams being Perpetrated on Senior Residents in our Area".

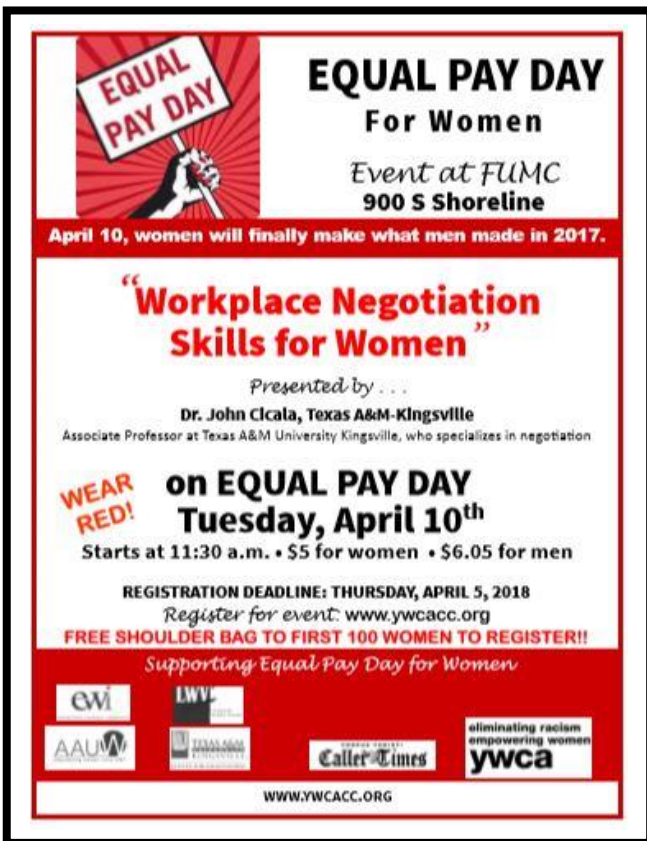
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NEWS Items

The Purple Door Art Exhibit, The Purple Door, formerly the Women's Shelter of South Texas, will have an Art Exhibit at La Retama Central Library on April 12th. The art will be displayed at the library for approximately 2 weeks.

DUES Update:

As we prepare for fiscal year 2019, there are a lot of changes happening at AAUW. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.

The membership year for AAUW branches runs July 1–June 30, and dues are now being accepted. More information will be available soon.



EQUAL PAY DAY
For Women
Event at FUMC
900 S Shoreline
April 10, women will finally make what men made in 2017.

“Workplace Negotiation Skills for Women”
Presented by . . .
Dr. John Cicala, Texas A&M-Kingsville
Associate Professor at Texas A&M University Kingsville, who specializes in negotiation

WEAR RED! on **EQUAL PAY DAY**
Tuesday, April 10th
Starts at 11:30 a.m. • \$5 for women • \$6.05 for men

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018
Register for event: www.ywcacc.org
FREE SHOULDER BAG TO FIRST 100 WOMEN TO REGISTER!!
Supporting Equal Pay Day for Women.

Logos: CW, AAUW, IAWV, Callers Times, ywca, eliminating racism empowering women
WWW.YWCACC.ORG

Newsletter Publisher change in May

As some of you already know, Jeanne Ferraro has resigned from being newsletter editor effective the end of May. Jeanne has done a fabulous job of keeping us informed, as well as sending us a very attractive newsletter. However, for personal reasons, she feels she must step down. Jeanne, a thousand thanks from all of us for a job well done. Happily, we have a volunteer to take her place. Ann Hamilton, who joined our branch this year, has agreed to take over the newsletter. Welcome aboard, Ann. Dottie Ewing

March for our Lives Event

Peg Duran and Mary Sherwood were also participants that were spotted at the **March for our Lives Event**. (pictured are Kris Conlan, Agnes Hamilton, & Debbie Wilkins)



AAUW CC Branch Website Announcement

The Board of Directors voted at the March meeting to appoint Vickie Natale as webmaster for our AAUW Corpus Christi Branch. Vickie will be working with the AAUW National staff to build a website that adheres to the national branding for AAUW. With Vickie serving as our webmaster, we will be able to use AAUW's basic hosting service free-of-charge, while maintaining control and ownership over our own website content. Catherine Cox and Agnes Hamilton are assisting Vickie with designing the organizational structure for the website. As Catherine noted, a "new website has great potential for increasing our visibility, communication, and membership."

If you have any ideas or suggestions for content for the website, please contact Vickie at

**Next: May AAUW CC Branch
Saturday, May 5th
Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

AAUW CC Branch March Program report by Jane Siegel

We had a wonderful treat at the March 3, 2018 branch meeting where Judge Inna Klein shared with us some of her experiences during her first year on the bench of the 214th District Court in Nueces County. (Cont.) Judge Klein has a particular interest in domestic violence and in development of programs that will protect victims and will assist perpetrators in understanding what they must do to avoid repeating acts of violence. She described the types of complex and heartbreaking stories she has heard. Her emphasis was on continuing to follow the victims after the perpetrator has completed the sentenced probation program. Judge Klein has learned lessons from other states and has received grant funding to develop a sort a rehabilitative program for both victims and perpetrators. When asked what she would recommend to us as action in the area of gun safety, she stressed the importance of assuring that the laws that are in place are actually followed by law enforcement, e.g., verifying that a perpetrator who is on probation does, in fact, not have access to weapons, which is a condition of probation. She has also sought out local psychiatrists to help her understand the conditions that lead one to be violent toward a family member so that she may continue to develop programs to address the root cause of the violence in an individual case.

On a personal note, she shared with us how grateful she is to have a job that she truly loves. She also shared some of the stressful aspects of her job, e.g. making the “right” decision in each case, personal safety, and how she works to manage the stress and to integrate her family and work responsibilities. Escaping for walk along the bay, reading a romance novel, and talking about how she is feeling are some of the tools that she uses.

We are very fortunate to have this thoughtful, empathetic, forward- thinking judge working for us in our county. Many thanks, Judge Klein, for taking the time to visit with us.



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

- **The next sale is May 10, 11, 12.** We will feature Mother's Day, Collectables & Rare books, children, Texana, & Birds.
- Please join me on Thursday evening May 17 at 5:30 for a business meeting at my home,

Community Outreach – Chair- Kelly Gonzalez;

Next Meeting: Monday, April 9th, YWCA, Corona Dr. at 6:00PM



Bridge Chair- Joanna Huckabee:

Friday, April 27th, Hostess: Luke Clark,

Classics Book Group – Chair: Irene O'Connor,

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 25th, 6PM at Katz 21. *Much Ado About Nothing* (1598-99) By William Shakespeare

Evening Contemporary Literature Chair Judy Sykes -

Next Meeting: April 30th at 7PM; Presenter: Sister Loretta Presenter; hosted by Dottie Ewing & Olivia McDonald

Out-to-Lunch Bunch – Chair: Margaret DeVille

. Contact Margaret for restaurant information.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 20th, 11:30AM.

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

Poetry Appreciation – Chair: Pam Davis,
or Dennie Tillman

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11th, William Shakespeare

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

. Next Meeting: April 2nd At Dottie's; Reviewer: Lynne Brickman

Wine & Cheese- Chair: Agnes Hamilton,

Change in Date: Wine and cheese will need to be changed to **Sunday, April 15th** due to conflict with Jane Siegel 's schedule. That will be the third Sunday of April. Hostesses will be Nancy, Vera and Jane at Nancy Horsley's,

(pics. of wine & cheese)



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

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