



President Message:

Ninety years of the Corpus Christi AAUW Branch, and we are celebrating with a Birthday Bash. I hope to see a big turnout for the food and fun. I look forward to members sharing their best memories.

We are into the holiday season, and from Thanksgiving through New Years, we will hustle and bustle, but we can, in theory put Christmas in a jar, and open ourselves to giving, and appreciating. I thought Beverly Randolph's Quilts of Valor presentation the epitome of a giving spirit. How generous she is with her time and talent. I applaud also the Interest groups, who share fellowship and knowledge. Bookfinders share time and talent; it takes a lot of time and talent to be unpacking, pricing and shelving books. The January meeting will be the Branch Board meeting. I welcome all suggestions for agenda items. I look forward to seeing you at the Birthday Bash, and will close with this.

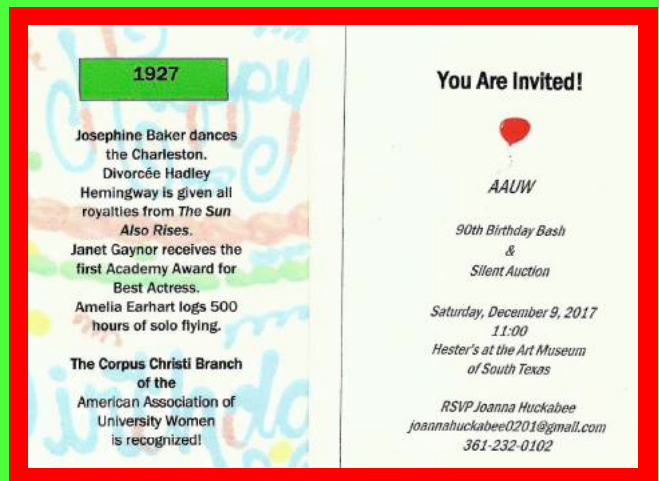


December 2017 NEWSLETTER



AAUW CC Branch is turning 90

AAUW CC BRANCH
Luncheon Meeting
Silent Auction
Outreach Gift-Basket Raffle



90th Birthday Bash
December 9th at 11AM
Hester's at Art Museum
-RSVP by Dec. 1st

**Birthday Bash Luncheon
Menu Items to choose from:**

Quiche of the Day & Salad
Panini on the Gruene
Carmen Pasta
California Crab Cakes
Hannah Savanna Salad

**\$17 Includes Entrée,
drink & Cake**



Audrey extends a thank-you; to have this honor presented among her AAUW family and friends made it even more special.

Continue the Tradition:

Gift-Basket Raffle at the December 9th Luncheon Meeting to benefit Community Outreach's community projects. We will be selling raffle tickets at the luncheon, \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

This raffle has become so popular! The deadline for your donations is December 6th.

Be sure to include a note telling me the value of the cards if it is not printed on the card itself. This helps pair the cards to the appropriate basket. Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile project.

Kris Conlan, Community Outreach

Corpus Christi, Tx

Note from Catherine Cox: You read in the November Branch Newsletter that Ann Hamilton recently lost her husband and Annie Huckabee her brother, James Hamilton. We express our deepest sympathy to them and to all who knew and loved this sensitive and talented artist. James's works will be exhibited in the Art Center of Corpus Christi throughout the month of January.

If you wish to honor his memory through a contribution to AAUW Funds or the local chapter, you may send a check to me, made out to AAUW Funds or AAUW - Corpus Christi Branch. If you give to the national funds, you may wish to indicate on a note or on the check, the specific fund you have chosen. The AAUW Funds are: Legal Advocacy, Educational Opportunities, Public Policy, Leadership Programs, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ann Richards American Fellowship



A Surprise Perfect Ending to the October AAUW CC Branch Meeting was the Presentation of the "QUILT OF VALOR" to Audrey Jones. (con't)

"If you give
[women] a chance,
we can perform.
After all, Ginger Rogers
did everything that
Fred Astaire did.
She just did
it backwards
and in high heels."
Ann Richards



Ann Richards, 45th Governor of Texas, was our first and to date only female governor. She served from 1991-1995. The Ann Richards American Fellowship helps to fund doctoral candidates and post-docs by allowing women time to research and write. The fact that someone will match our donations will make your contributions go far.

Members interested in contributing to this fellowship may send their checks to me. They should make the check out to "AAUW Funds" and let me know that they wish to contribute to the Ann Richards American Fellowship, send to or contact:

Catherine Cox

Corpus Christi, TX 78412

INTEREST GROUPS-

Book Finders Chair - Betty Maroney

**Every Tues. @ 1:30, Neyland Library.
American Association University Women
Book Finders Used Book Sale Please contact
Betty Maroney for more information.**

Note from Betty Maroney: I am so happy that all the hard work we put in paid off.. I cannot thank you, individually, enough for it takes us all to have a successful sale. We

earned a little over \$2,000.00 - the best we have done in several sales.

Those who work behind the scene, getting the books ready, setting up the Book Nook are: Carla Boisvenue. Kristin Conlan, Dottie Ewing, Sherry Putnam, Sherri Roussel, Faye Smith, Debbie Wilkins, Cynthia Herrin and new members - Alice Berecka, Ann Hamilton, Maggie Gibson, Vickie Natale. Thank You Lynne Brickman schedules all the workes for the sale. Thank You.

Those who came to work the sale are: Margaret DeVille, Dottie Ewing, Kelly Gonzalez. Agnes Hamilton, Irene O'Conner, Sherry Putnam, Sherri Roussel, Michelle Villarrel-Kuchia, Joanie Whitmire, Debbie Wilkins, Janis Wood, Karen Cicala, and new members Alice Berecka, Ann Hamilton, Maggie Gibson and me. Thank you. Audrey Jones faithfully sees that the sign out front is in place. Thank you.

Karen Cicala sends out the e-mails - more than a hundred. Thank you.

Kelly is our book-keeper and always appears on Channel 6 to advertise our sale. She and Sherry P. share the other advertising outlets. Thank you.

And of course we could not have a successful sale without Michelle Balis and the library staff. Thank you

Bridge Chair- Joanna Huckabee:

Next Meeting : Friday, December 1st at Sandra Heatherley's.

**Classics Book Group – Chair: Irene O'Connor,
Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 20th at
6PM at The Republic of Texas. *The Four
Feathers* (1902) by A.E.W. Wilson.**

Published by Jeanne Ferraro

Community Outreach – Chair- Kelly Gonzalez;

Community Outreach will be hosting the Y-Teens Holiday Shopping this coming Sunday, December 3 at the YWCA, 1 – 4.

Volunteers are needed to help the girls shop and help wrap the gifts. If you cannot attend but have gift-wrapping supplies to donate we will gladly accept them.

Contact: Email Kelly Gonzalez

and she will pick wrapping supplies up from you.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 11th at YWCA on Corona at 6:00PM

Evening Contemporary Literature

Chair Nancy Horsley or Judy Sykes. No December Meeting.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch –

Chair: Margaret DeVile. Contact Margaret for restaurant information. Next Meeting: Friday, December 15th at 11:30AM

PLAYgoers – Chair: Michelle Balis, TBA by email or newsletter. *Michelle has December Plays for the group. Check your email to RSVP.*

Poetry Appreciation – Chair: Pam Davis, or Dennie Tillman

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13th ;Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront,; Poet, Pablo Neruda.

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

No December or January Meeting

(Pictures below: Wine & Cheese with Hostess Janis & Dottie --Wine and pairings for Thanksgiving.)



Wine & Cheese- Chair: Agnes Hamilton, Next Meeting: December 10th at Deborah Wilkins, (co-host Agnes Hamilton). Remember: \$20 Gift exchange

Welcome New Member: Sylvia Rendon (Nancy Horsely)

PhD., Higher Educ., Michigan State University

Correction: Spelling of Berecka , Alice

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