



February Edition 2019

## President's Message - Dottie Ewing

We have an exciting year coming up. Our Board of Directors met in January, and we made some plans that I am sure you will find interesting. Our STEM committee has met with representatives from West Oso Junior High School and Driscoll Middle School. They are enthusiastic about working with us. Three half-day events are planned for spring, summer and fall. As these events get closer, we will keep you informed. I know many of you will want to volunteer to be a part of these programs.

The Board voted to raise the amount of monetary gifts to our Moody High School senior girls from \$50 to \$100, thanks in part to the success of our gift card raffle. These girls are selected by their counselors based on scholarship, their plans for a higher education, and their character. If you have not been to this event at Moody, I encourage you to do so. These girls, who are not the valedictorian and salutatorian who get plenty of deserved attention, but are young ladies who hope to continue their education. We want to encourage them on their journey with a small gift and a brief celebration.

The Board appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of Annie Huckabee, chair, and members Janis Wood and Catherine Cox. This year we elect a Program Vice President, a Finance Officer, and a Membership Vice President for the Branch. You will find their slate further on in the newsletter. As you have already been notified, we have had a last-minute change in our program for Saturday. Lauren Robinson, last year's Sue Stanford Scholarship recipient, is unable to present at this time, but Dr. Sandrine Sanos, Associate Professor of History at TAMU-CC has graciously agreed to speak to us. Hopefully, Ms. Robinson will be able to speak at a later date. I know you will heartily welcome Dr. Sanos. Also at this meeting, we will introduce this year's scholarship winner, Shelby Gonzalez. I look forward to seeing you Saturday.



**President 2018-2019**

## February Branch Meeting

Saturday, February 2  
Del Mar College  
William F. White Library, Rm 416

Program:  
"Writing in the Shadow of War and the Holocaust: Simone de Beauvoir and Anna Langfus, 1960-1963"

Presenter:  
Dr. Sandrine Sanos  
Associate Professor of History,  
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi



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## Interest Groups: February Meeting Dates



**Bridge:** Friday, Feb 8 and Feb 22 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



**Classics:** Wednesday, Feb 27 at 6pm at Katz 21 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Book of Month: *Portney's Complaint* (1969) by Philip Roth. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



**Poetry:** Wednesday, Feb 13 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet of Month: Jenny Xie. RSVP appreciated.



**Evening Contemporary Literature:** Monday, Feb 25 at 7pm at the home of Dottie Ewing.\* Reviewer: Belinda Hardwick. RSVP Required to hostess Dottie Ewing or to chair Michelle Balis.



**Wine & Cheese:** Sunday, Feb 10, 5-7pm at the home of Jane Bachman.\* RSVP required to hostesses Jane Bachman or Sandra Heatherley or to Chair: Agnes Hamilton .



**Writers:** Tuesday, Feb 12, 6:30pm at the home of Janis Wood. Co-chairs Alice Berecka, m and Maggie Gibson. RSVP appreciated.



**Readers' Round Table:** Monday, Feb 4, 7pm at Betty's home.\* RSVP appreciated to Chairs: Dottie Ewing or Betty Maroney. Presenter: Michelle Balis reviewing *Auntie Poldie and the Sicilian Lions* by Mario Giordano.



**Propagating Plants:** Third Thursday of the month. Contact Co-chairs Agnes Hamilton or Joanie Whitmire for meeting information and location in February.



**Out to Lunch Bunch:** Third Friday of the month, 11:30pm. Chair: Margaret DeVille. For locations contact Margaret. RSVP appreciated.



**Playgoers:** Contact Michelle Balis for dates in February.

*\*Email hostess or group chair for address or refer to yearbook for address or phone number.*

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## Appointed Committees: February Meeting Dates



**Book Finders:** Tuesdays, 1:30pm at Book Nook in Neyland Library, 1230 Carmel Parkway. Chair: Betty Maroney.



**Community Outreach:** Monday, Feb 11, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Diana Cardenas and Kelly Gonzalez.





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

### End of Life Planning

The members of the Community Outreach Committee wish to offer a seminar to help individuals make informed decisions/plans for the end of life.

Janis Wood will serve as the chair for this event to be held in late July or early August at the YWCA.

The committee members ask for your help in shaping this program: topics, speakers, and activities.

### 2019 Activities

Your assistance is welcome as members plan other important projects: Equal Pay Luncheon in April; Moody High School Senior Girls Scholarship presentation in April or May; YW Teen summer camps, June, July, August.

**The next Community Outreach meeting is Monday, Feb. 11, at 6pm at the YWCA.**



## Nominations for April Election



At the January Branch Executive Board Meeting, the following Nomination Committee was appointed: Catherine Cox, Janis Wood, and Joanna Huckabee (chair).

The Nomination Committee is pleased to announce the following nominees to be considered for the Branch's April election:

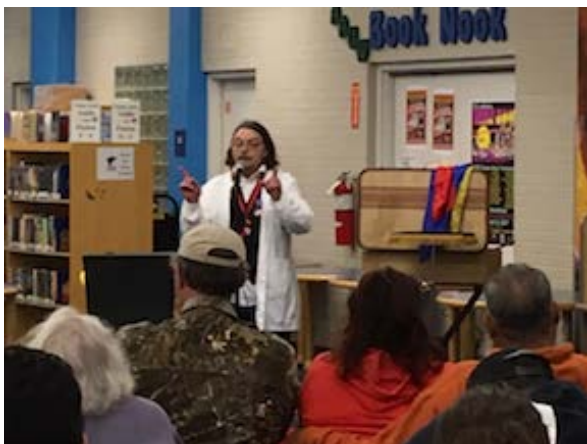
**Vice President for Programs – Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D.**

**Vice President for Membership – Catherine Cox, Ph.D.**

**Finance Officer – Vickie Natale, Ed.D.**

Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election, provided written consent by the nominee has been obtained.

The Nomination Committee would like to thank the nominees for agreeing to serve on the Board. They deserve our praise and admiration.



## Sue Stanford Annual Program

Mr. Pitts entertained young and old alike as he presented "The Evil Dr. Sketchy Stole My Library Card" at the Sue Stanford Annual Program at Neyland Library on January 26. The program was a combination of magic, humor, and ventriloquism. Frank Stanford, son of Sue Stanford, attended the event, which is made possible by AAUW donations to Friends of the Library.

# January Wine & Cheese

Our Wine and Cheese Group welcomed 2019 on January 13 at the home of Dottie Ewing. Friends, food, and wine - an appealing way to begin the new year. Next gathering is February 10.



## SAVE THE DATE

March Branch Meeting

**March 2, 2019 10:30am**

**YWCA, 4601 Corona Dr.**

**Chair: Diana Cardenas, Ph.D.**

**Program: "Educating Young Women in the 21st Century"**

**Presenter: Dr. Cecilia Reynolds-Perez**

**Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and  
Human Resources**

**West Osco Independent School District**

