



MAY EDITION 2019

President's Message - Dottie Ewing

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Brenda Moss, South District Representative for AAUW Texas, will be with us in May to install our new officers. She is from the Fort Bend County Branch. We are grateful to her for taking time from her busy schedule to visit us. I know you will warmly welcome her.

April was a busy month for us. We joined with the YWCA, EWI, and other organizations in holding an Equal Pay Day luncheon seminar to bring attention to the disparity in men's and women's salaries. Our own Amy Sanford Aldrich was one of the speakers. She, as well as the other members of the panel, did a fabulous job of enlightening those present on how to work towards parity.

I learned that John Marez, County Commissioner for Precinct 3, had presented a resolution recognizing and supporting Equal Pay Day at the County Commissioners meeting. Unfortunately, I did not know of the presentation in time to attend. I did write the commissioner and thank him for presenting the resolution. He responded that he would let us know next year so we could be present for the resolution.

April was also the month we recognized Moody senior girls who plan to continue their education. Our guest speaker, Dr. Claudia Rueda, did an excellent job in helping the girls understand what would be expected of them in college and how to overcome some of the pitfalls. We are grateful to Dr. Rueda for helping with this project. The girls were presented with a lovely card made by Alice Hartlaub and \$100 cash. We celebrated with a beautifully decorated cake and bottles of water.

I hope you have all responded to the Evite that Janet Blanke sent out or called her to make your reservation for the May meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the Mirador.



President 2018-2019

Mother's Day

May 12



May 27

MEMORIAL DAY



BOOK FINDERS

Book Sale

May 16 - 18, 2019
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Neyland Library - 1230 Carmel Parkway, 78411

Featured Books: Children's, Texana, Birds, Collectibles & Rare Books



Interest Groups: May Meeting Dates



Bridge: Friday, May 10 and May 31 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley, RSVP required to chair.



Classics: Wednesday, May 29 at 6pm at Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection of the Month: *Love's Labor's Lost* by William Shakespeare. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



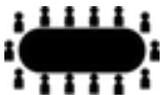
Poetry: Wednesday, May 8 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet of Month: Wendy Cope. RSVP appreciated.



Wine & Cheese: Sunday, May 12, 5-7pm at the home of Susan Birchfield.* RSVP required to hostess to Chair: Agnes Hamilton.



Writers: Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm at the home of Janis Wood.* Co-chairs Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson. RSVP appreciated.



Readers' Round Table: Monday, May 6, 7pm at Dottie's home.* RSVP appreciated to Chairs: Dottie Ewing or Betty Maroney Presenter: Kristin Conlan will review *The Three Miss Margarets* by Louise Shaffer.



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



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



Playgoers: Friday, May 17 at the Harbor Playhouse: *Peter Pan*. Let Michelle Balis know if interested.

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

Appointed Committees: May Meeting Dates



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



Community Outreach: Monday, May 13, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Diana Cardenas and Kelly Gonzalez.



Community Outreach News

Moody High School Senior Girls' Achievement Reception
by Diana Cardenas



Dr. Claudia Rueda
Assistant Professor, History
TAMUCC

Twenty Foy H. Moody High School senior girls were recognized for their achievements at a joyful reception on Thursday, April 18, at the high school library. Each senior girl was selected by school counselors to be honored and to receive \$100 each.

The reception speaker, Dr. Claudia Rueda, Assistant Professor of History at TAMUCC, offered the girls five points of advice to help them perform well and enjoy their first-year classes.

The girls listened attentively as Dr. Rueda described her university experiences at Dartmouth in New Hampshire, where she majored in pre-med studies to ultimately become a doctor and honor a deceased family relative.

In a Latin American History class she discovered students who shared her background, and she broadened her understanding of United States-South America connections, a new focus of study. Dr. Rueda continued studies in Latin America at the Master and Ph.D levels at University of Texas-Austin.

The senior girls warmly thanked Dr. Rueda for her presentation, and they thanked us for the reception and our regard for them.

AAUW participants included Dottie Ewing, Shirley Selz, Susan Birchfield, Nancy Wesson Dodd, and Diana Cardenas, co-chairperson of the Community Outreach Committee.

Playgoers in May

Let Michelle Balis know if you want to go on Friday, May 17.

Synopsis:

Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, visit the nursery of the Darling children late one night and, with a sprinkle of pixie dust, begin a magical journey across the stars that none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime, the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, a fierce Indian tribe, a band of bungling pirates and, of course, the villainous Captain Hook.

A green poster for the play "Peter Pan". At the top, it says "HARBOR PLAYHOUSE and THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN Proudly Present". Below that, "DIRECTED BY FRANK GARCIA, JR." and "FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS AT 7:30PM SUNDAYS AT 2:30PM". The title "PETER PAN" is in large, stylized orange letters. Below the title, it says "A MUSICAL BASED ON THE PLAY BY SIR J.M. BARRE". Credits include "LIBRETTO BY CAROLYN LEIGH" and "MUSIC BY MORRIS (MOOSE) CHARLAP". The dates "APRIL 26 - JUNE 2, 2019" are prominently displayed. Ticket prices are listed: "TICKETS: ADULTS \$20 SENIORS/STUDENTS/MILITARY \$15 CHILDREN \$10". Logos for sponsors like CLARE, NavyArmy, Patsy H. Winn, and Valero are at the bottom. The address "1802 NORTH CHARTRAVE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78409" and website "WWW.HARBORPLAYHOUSE.COM" are also included.

Directed by Frank Garcia, Jr.
Music Directed by Alyce Oblad
Choreographed by Amy Selman



April Branch Meeting by Vickie Natale

The AAUW Corpus Christi Branch held a meeting on April 6, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA. Our speaker was Brenda Marshall who is the Senior Director for Athletics at the Corpus Christi Independent School District.

A native of Corpus Christi, Brenda Marshall graduated from Ray High School in 1973. At that time most school systems, including CCISD, did not offer many sports for women. Brenda enrolled at UT Arlington, which was just beginning a softball program. Upon graduation, Brenda tried out and made the first ever USA softball team for the 1979 Pan American Games, and she went on to win a Gold Medal. Brenda started her first coaching job at West Texas State University and then moved to Sam Houston State University, where her teams played in two College World Series. In 1986, Brenda returned to Corpus Christi, becoming the first female hired in the CCISD Athletic office. In 2006, she became the first female Athletic Director for CCISD. Brenda was a recipient of the Y Women in Careers award in 1998, and she was inducted as a Distinguished

Brenda spoke about the challenges and rewards of working in a male-dominated field. She emphasized that today girls have an equal number of choices in athletic programs as boys, primarily due to the passage of Title IX, a federal civil rights law in the United States that was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. In addition, Brenda mentioned that the coaches at CCISD are assigned coaching responsibilities by sport, not by gender, and that salaries and stipends paid for coaching are standardized and equal for male and female coaches. Dr. Catherine Cox, Program Vice President, thanked Brenda Marshall for speaking to us, and she presented Brenda with two books related to Texas and ranching, topics of interest to Brenda.



Left to right: Catherine Cox, Brenda Marshall, Dottie Ewing.

After the speaker's presentation, Dottie Ewing continued the meeting with an introduction of the nominees for officer positions. With no other nominations from the floor, Dottie asked for a motion for the slate to be approved by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved. The new officers for 2019-21 are: Dr. Sylvia Rendon as Program Vice President; Dr. Catherine Cox as Membership Vice President; and Dr. Vickie Natale as Finance Officer.



Left to right: Sylvia Rendon, Catherine Cox, Dottie Ewing, Vickie Natale.



Committee Update

by Janet Blanke

Next Event

The AAUW STEM Committee is working on details for our next event for the 7th and 8th grade girls from West Oso Jr High. We will be meeting with them at the YWCA in June to watch and discuss the movie "Hidden Figures". Afterwards, the girls will have the opportunity to go swimming. We're looking forward to another fun event!

AAUW Spring Luncheon

Just a reminder that everyone received an Evite to our Spring Luncheon on May 4 at 11am at the Mirador. Lunch will be \$18 and is payable at the door. Guests are welcome. Please be sure you have RSVP'd via Evite. If you questions or to make your reservation please call Janet Blanke.

APRIL WINE & CHEESE



On April 14th at the home of Debbie Wilkins, a group of AAUW friends met for a wine and cheese event. Co-host was Debbie's sister, Kris Conlan. The setting was Debbie's beautiful Padre Island home located on a coastal canal. Debbie and Kris are avid birders and the love of south Texas led them to plan a gathering to celebrate our area. Each of the 7 wines tasted had beautiful birds illustrated on the label along with an explanation of the ingredients that helped make the individual wines so tasty. The wines were paired with numerous cheeses, dried fruits and nuts, seafood pate and other treats. A desert was even included! It was a delightful gathering enjoyed by all.

Dear Branch Members,

It is time to review carefully your 2018-19 Branch yearbook contact information. Let me know if I need to revise or add to your information.

New members who do not appear in the yearbook, please email me your contact information. Also, be sure to list your awarded degrees and the years you received your degrees. Although not required, it is helpful to the Branch to include your area of study. Our Board and Committee Chairs refer to this important information as they plan yearly goals.

To ensure your membership information is included in the 2019-20 Branch yearbook, dues should be paid no later than June 15, 2019. Requests for revisions, and/or new inclusions need to be sent to Joanna Huckabee no later than July 15, 2019.

Thank you!

Joanna Huckabee, 2019-20 Branch Yearbook Chair