

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019

## President's Message - Dottie Ewing

Our September Rush is almost upon us, and we looking forward to inviting new members to join us. We will meet once again in the Dining Room at First United Methodist Church, 900 South Shoreline, on September 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. Ann Hamilton, our newsletter editor, has created an eye-catching invitation. Please print or email it to potential members and invite them to participate in our organization.

Our Community Outreach committee sponsored an excellent seminar this summer entitled "Peace of Mind." A panel of three walked us through veterans' benefits, legal issues, and sources available for the aging, addressing a number of issues that we must all face at some point in time. Our thanks to Sylvia Rendon and Janis Wood for putting this conference together.

We have an exciting array of programs for this year, thanks to Sylvia Rendon, our new Program VP, and her committee. And we look forward to participating in activities planned by the League of Women Voters that celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of women's right to vote.

Please make reservations for you and your guests for the Rush so that we can be sure to have enough seating. Text reservations to 361-548-6445, or email reservations to [aauwcorpuschristi@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcorpuschristi@gmail.com).



**President 2018-2019**

**October Branch Meeting  
October 5, 10:30am**

Del Mar College  
William F. White Library, Rm 416  
(Exit South Staples St at Kosar St  
78404

Chair: Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D

Topic: "Promoting STEM  
Opportunities for Young Women"  
Dr. Barbara Szczerbinska  
Physics Program Chair  
UTAMCC



## Interest Groups: August/September Meeting Dates



**Bridge:** Friday, Aug 23; Sep 13 and Sep 27 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



**Classics:** Wednesday, Aug 28 and Sep 25 at 6pm at Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection for August: *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. Selection for September: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



**Poetry:** Wednesday, Sep 11 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet for September: Joy Harjo. RSVP appreciated.



**Evening Contemporary Literature:** Monday, Sep 30 at 7pm at the home of Deenie Tillman. Reviewer: Alan Berecka. RSVP Required to co-chairs Michelle Balis or Janis Wood.



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



**Playgoers:** Group meets on various weekend dates to enjoy the variety of live plays offered in Corpus Christi. Let Michelle Balis know if interested . Updates through email and newsletter.



**Writers:** Tuesday, Sep 10, 7:00 pm at the home of Janis Wood. Co-chairs Alice Berecka, RSVP appreciated.



**The Gardening Divas:** Third Wednesday of the month, 3pm. Contact co-chairs Agnes Hamilton and Joanie Whitmire for locations.

## Appointed Committees: August/September Meeting



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



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## Successful Peace of Mind Seminar

by Vickie Natale

On Saturday, July 27, 2019, the Community Outreach Committee of the AAUW Corpus Christi Branch presented a seminar on “Peace of Mind” at the YWCA. The free seminar was open to the public, and more than 30 individuals attended.

The Seminar was designed to encourage individuals to plan for the end of life – for themselves and their loved ones. Attendees learned that planning will bring peace of mind for families of the deceased.



Three speakers provided valuable information for those attending. Alfredo Medina, the on-site representative of the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery, discussed the qualifications and benefits of using the Veterans Cemetery. Edwin Baker, Elder Care Attorney in Corpus Christi, addressed the need for legal documents, including a will and a financial power-of-attorney, and the five basic requirements for Medicaid eligibility when long-term nursing care is needed. Leticia Ochoa, Benefits Counselor at the Area Agency on Aging, shared information on the services provided by the agency. Ms. Ochoa also distributed copies of the comprehensive Aging & Disability Resource Directory to the audience.

Attendees completing an evaluation form indicated that the presentations were valuable and that they would like to hear more on the topic.

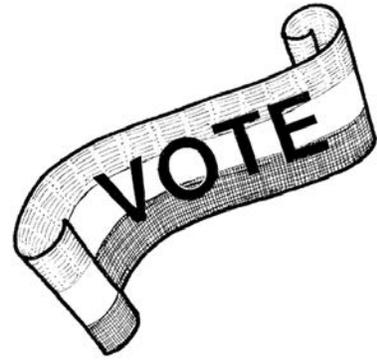
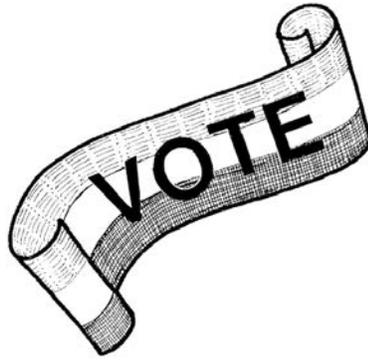
The AAUW Branch sincerely thanks members Sylvia Rendon and Janis Wood, who planned and coordinated the event, and Nancy Wesson-Dodd, who provided the venue for the event.



### FRIENDSHIP NEWS

by Olivia McDonald

We are happy to report that Judy Sykes let us know that she and Colin are home and are doing very well after Colin’s recent stay in the hospital. Excellent caregivers are helping out on a daily basis. She encourages branch members to feel free to contact her and kibitz a bit. Judy is eager to see everyone at RUSH in September!



### **Proclamation from Joe McComb, Mayor of Corpus Christi**

Carrie Chapman Catt founded the League of Women Voters 99 years ago, in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving American women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle. The League was then, and is now, a non-partisan organization.

WHEREAS, from the beginning, the League of Women Voters has been an activist grassroots organization whose leaders believe that citizens should actively participate in governance, advocacy and voting; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the League of Women Voters are to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide, show respect for individuals and the value of diversity, and empower others to understand what makes democracy work; and

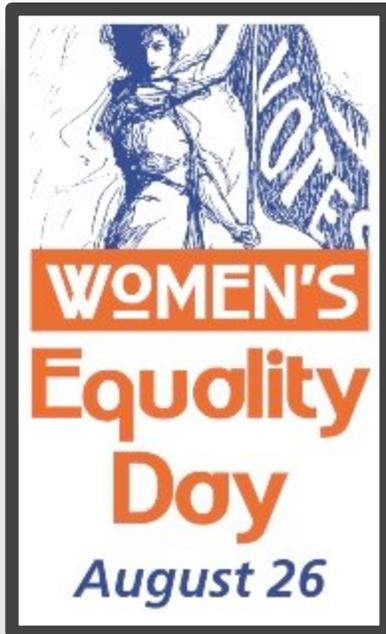
WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters acts with trust, integrity and professionalism, operates in an open and effective manner to educate the public through voters guides and candidate forums, takes the initiative to engage voters and defend democracy, and acknowledges the League's heritage at every opportunity; and

WHEREAS, for 74 years, the League of Women Voters – Corpus Christi, has built citizen participation in the democratic process by engaging communities, promoting positive solutions to public policy issues through education, advocacy and studying community and state issues.

NOW, therefore, pursuant to the powers vested in me as Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, I do hereby proclaim,

**AUGUST 26, 2019 "WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY"  
IN HONOR OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND  
OF THE 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE**

in Corpus Christi, Texas and call upon all citizens to observe this anniversary with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities that honor women's history with their extraordinary contributions and accomplishments.



**When:** August 22, 11am  
**Where:** LaRetama Room, Harvin Center  
Del Mar East Campus  
**What:** Celebrating The 99th Anniversary of  
Women's Right to Vote.

**Special Guest/Honoree** Joyce Jarmon, active member of the League of Women Voters since 1946. Also celebrating her 103rd birthday

Cost: \$15 Parking: Off Ayers and Kosar

The RSVP date was August 12, 2019. Contact [lww.ccare@gmail.com](mailto:lww.ccare@gmail.com) or 445-4436 to see if there is still room to attend.

## Save the Date

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Corpus Christi

**YWCA invites you to**  
*Institute for Public Leadership*  
*Real Women Run!*

**YWCA 4601 Corona Drive**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

**9 am-12 noon**

Non-partisan workshops where women will learn about running for public office, volunteering for campaigns, and advocacy.

*Cost is \$15 per person. More information to follow.*



# AAUW CORPUS CHRISTI BRANCH

JOIN US FOR THE 2019 RUSH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

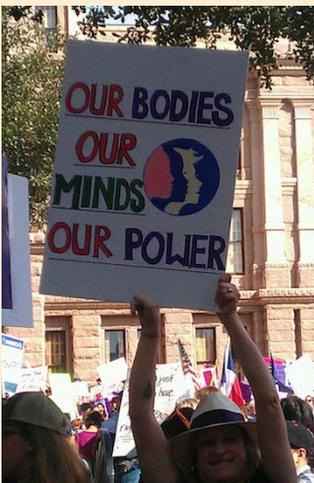
FROM 3 - 5 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DINING ROOM

900 S. SHORELINE BLVD

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS



RSVP no later than Wednesday,

September 11, 2019

Text to 361-548-6445 or

email to [aauwcorpuschristi@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcorpuschristi@gmail.com)

Please include name in email and text.

For more information about AAUW-

Corpus Christi Branch, visit

[corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net](http://corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net)

# AAUW Book Nook Book Sale

## September 19 – 21

*Thursday, Friday, and Saturday*

## 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Featured Books:

*English History & Monarchy, Science Fiction,  
Women's History, Children's Books, Coffee Table Books!*

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***Collectable and Rare Books!***

***Shelves restocked daily!***

### **Neyland Library**

1230 Carmel Pkwy 361 826 7055

### **For more information, contact:**

Betty Maroney 361 991 4612

[corpuschristi-texas.aauw.net](http://corpuschristi-texas.aauw.net)



*All proceeds benefit the Corpus Christi Public Libraries, local women's scholarship funds, and  
AAUW Community Outreach projects for women and girls.*

*Persons requiring an accommodation should contact the library 48 hours in advance: 361-826-7055.*