



October 2019

President's Message - Dottie Ewing

Our September meeting was a great success, and I am happy to announce that we are welcoming 16 new members to our branch. I know that you will seek them out at our October meeting and give them a hearty welcome. A list of the new members and their contact information can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. My thanks to the Board and others who helped make the afternoon fun and enjoyable.

More good news: The last book sale made over \$2,400. Thank you to all who helped make this sale a success, and who work year-round processing books and getting them ready for sale.

Our October speaker, Dr. Barbara Szczerbinska, will talk about STEM opportunities for young women. I know this will be helpful in light of our branch's new STEM program. We look forward to hearing from her.

If you were not able to attend the September meeting and did not get to sign up for the interest groups of your choice, please contact the chairs and let them know you'd like to be added to the list. Also, the yearbooks will be available for those who did not get theirs at the September meeting. Hope to see you Saturday!



President 2018-2019

**Branch Meeting:
Saturday, October 5
10:30 a.m.**

Del Mar College
William F. White Library, Rm.
416
(Exit South Staples at Kosar St.)
Chair: Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D.

Speaker:
Dr. Barbara Szczerbinska
Physics Program Chair
TAMUCC
"Promoting STEM Opportunities
for Young Women"

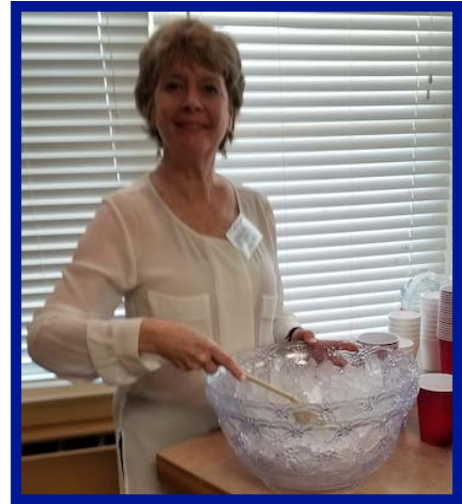
Congratulations
Book Finders on
September Book Sale Total
\$2,496



Membership Rush 2019

The AAUW 2019 Membership Rush for the Corpus Christi Branch was held on Sunday, September 15, at the First United Methodist Church, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. President Dottie Ewing welcomed members and asked sponsoring members to introduce their guests.

Membership Vice President Dr. Catherine Cox kicked off the icebreaker, AAUW Bingo, which provided a time for members and guests to mingle and engage in conversations. After a winner was announced for the Bingo, members and guests enjoyed a refreshment break.



President Dottie Ewing reconvened the meeting and talked about the mission of AAUW. She introduced the Board of Directors, and each Board member provided a short report for their areas of responsibility, detailing the programs scheduled for the year, the community outreach activities planned, the book sale schedules, STEM committee activities, AAUW Funds, and the variety of interest groups formed for the year. Sign-up sheets were distributed around the tables for members to join committees and interest groups. In addition, members received their copies of the annual yearbook.

Excerpt by Vickie Natale; visit our branch website at corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net for complete article.

Welcome New AAUW-CC Members

Midori Allen
Shelly Ritch Garcia
Judy Harral
Joyce Hawthorne
Dorothy Hoban
Nancy Kramer
Cynthia McKenna
Diana Naranjo

Roxie Pranglin
Frances Quinn
Karen Selim
Sandrine Sanos
Susan Trujillo
Susan Vessey
Lari Young
Sylvia Whitworth

2019-20 Board of Directors



Back row: President Dottie Ewing; Community Outreach co-Chair, Kelly Gonzalez; Secretary, Janet Blanke; Finance Officer, Vickie Natale, Ed.D; front row: Membership Vice President, Catherine Cox, Ph.D; AAUW Funds Vice President, Shirley Selz, J.D; Community Outreach co-Chair, Janis Wood; Book Finders Chair, Betty Maroney; and Past President, Carla Boisvenue. Not pictured: Program Vice President, Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D.



CORPUS CHRISTI BRANCH

Committee Update

by Janet Blanke

At a meeting earlier this year, Mary Sorrells, one of the members of the STEM Committee, shared a couple of the newspapers from her hometown of Apache, OK which highlighted three girls who had won awards at Regional, State, and World Robotics Competitions. Our STEM Committee decided that in order to support our mission, we wanted to reach out to these three girls and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Diana Cardenas worked on a letter to the girls. We packaged the letters with three of our Girls Discover STEM notebooks and sent them off to Apache, OK. At our STEM Committee meeting, we found out that the mother of two of the girls reached out to Mary Sorrells on Facebook to let us know how thrilled the girls were to receive our letters and small gifts. The girls were surprised to know that people outside of Apache, OK would notice their achievement. We are pleased to know that our encouragement was well received.

The STEM Committee, an appointed committee, meets one Sunday per month at 2 pm. Contact chairman Janet Blanke.

Interest Groups: October Meeting Dates



Bridge: Friday, Oct 11 and Oct 25 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



Classics: Wednesday, Oct 30 at 6pm at Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Dr. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection for October: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



Poetry: Wednesday, Oct 9 at 6pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Chair: Deenie Tillman. Poet for October: Edgar Allan Poe. RSVP appreciated.



Evening Contemporary Literature: Monday, Oct 28 at 7pm at the home of Dottie Ewing. Reviewer: Esther Bonilla Read. RSVP Required to co-chairs Michelle Balis or Janis Wood.



Out to Lunch Bunch: Third Friday of the month, 11:30pm. Chair: Margaret DeVile. 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, Oct 8, 7:00 pm at the home of Janis Wood. Co-chairs Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson. RSVP appreciated.



Readers' Round Table: Monday, Oct 7 at 7pm at the home of Betty Maroney. Maggie Gibson reviewing *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro. RSVP required to Betty or Dottie Ewing.



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



Wine & Cheese: Sunday, Oct. 13, 5-7pm at the home of Nancy Horsley. RSVP required to hostess Nancy Horsley or to Chair Agness Hamilton.

Appointed Committees: October Meeting Dates

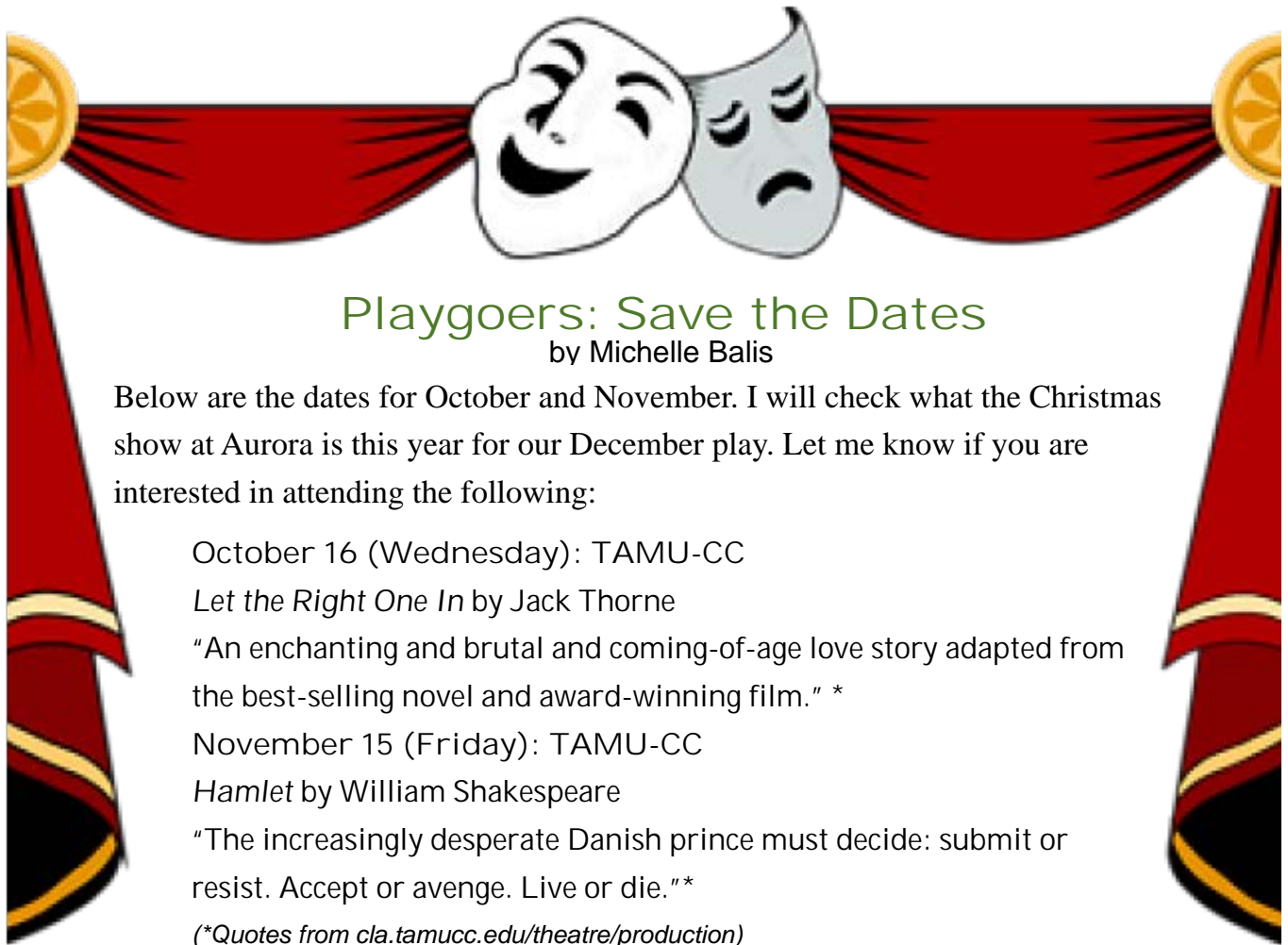


Book Finders: Tuesdays, 1:30pm at Book Nook in Neyland Library, 1230 Carmel Parkway. Chair: Betty Maroney.



Community Outreach: Oct. 14, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Kelly Gonzalez and Janis Wood.



A decorative header featuring two theatrical masks, one white and one grey, hanging from a red curtain. The curtain is held up by two golden circular ornaments. The background is white.

Playgoers: Save the Dates
by Michelle Balis

Below are the dates for October and November. I will check what the Christmas show at Aurora is this year for our December play. Let me know if you are interested in attending the following:

October 16 (Wednesday): TAMU-CC
Let the Right One In by Jack Thorne
"An enchanting and brutal and coming-of-age love story adapted from the best-selling novel and award-winning film." *

November 15 (Friday): TAMU-CC
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
"The increasingly desperate Danish prince must decide: submit or resist. Accept or avenge. Live or die."*

(*Quotes from cla.tamucc.edu/theatre/production)

from The Gardening Divas

NUECES MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Saturday October 12, 2019

Garden Senior Center

5325 Greely

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Xeriscape plants, native plants, Texas Superstars, tropicals, fall bedding plants, perennials, succulents, house plants and garden art. Plants grown by Nueces County Master Gardeners.

