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December Edition 2019

President's Message - Dottie Ewing

We've barely survived the Thanksgiving feast and find that Christmas and our December meeting are almost here! I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was as enjoyable as mine.

We've had some fun events in November: the STEM event at TAMUCC and the reception for our scholarship recipients at Del Mar College. Hats off to Janet Blanke and Mary Sherwood for arranging an exceptional learning opportunity for West Oso students at the University. It was educational but fun for all. Check out the article and pictures on our website or the follow-up in this newsletter.

Also on our website is an article about the scholarship reception. We had thought our two recipients could become members of our branch at no cost to them, only to find out Del Mar is not affiliated with AAUW. Thanks to the generosity of several of our board members, we were able to offer the girls a paid membership and an invitation to come to our December luncheon at no cost to them. One of them, Yasmin Hernandez, has accepted the invitation. Please welcome her to our group at our December meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on December 7th. I hope you have all remembered to send your gift cards to Kris for the raffle and to bring something for the silent auction. Reservations should be made with Sylvia Rendon.

The YWTeens' Christmas shopping event will be the day after our luncheon. Come to the Y and help the teens select and wrap Christmas gifts for their family members. Donations of wrapping paper and gift bags are welcome.

Hope to see you on the 7th.



President 2018-2019

**Branch Meeting
February 1, 2020**

Speaker: Shelby Gonzalez
Recipient 2019 Sue Stanford Scholarship

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

Chair: Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D.

December Branch Meeting

Corpus Christi Branch Luncheon & Silent Auction Chair: Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D.

December 7, 2019
11:00 a.m.

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5857 Timbergate Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78413

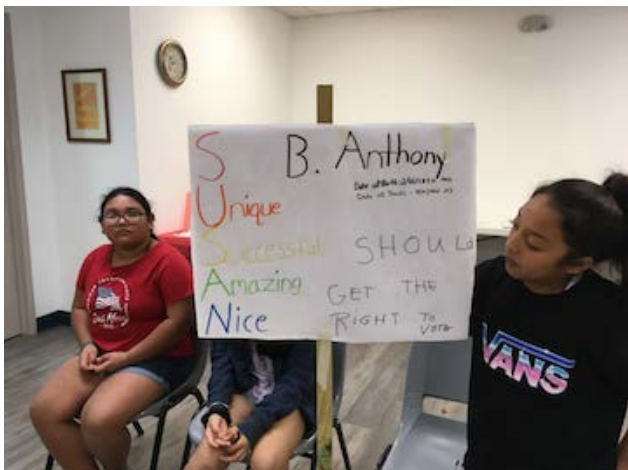
RSVP to Sylvia Rendon

Cost of luncheon - \$20



YW TEEN CAMP IN NOVEMBER

By Diana Cardenas



On Monday, November 25, the YWTeen camp girls gave me a Thanksgiving gift: In groups they worked effectively to create a poster to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Each group presented and described its poster to the rest of the girls. They thanked me when I was about to leave, a special reward.



News from Bridge Group

Congratulations to High Scorers

September 27 winner: Deenie Tillman
 October 11 winner: Sandra Heatherley
 October 25 winner: Janis Wood
 November 8 winner: Frances Quinn
 November 22 winner: Sandra Heatherley



Catherine Cox

For the wonderful venue for our
 “meetings” and for subbing when we
 need another player.



Community Outreach



YW Teen Holiday Shop

by Kelly Gonzalez

The YW Teen Holiday Shop will be held Sunday,
 December 8 at the YWCA from 1 – 4.

Volunteers are needed to help check in the girls, assist
 with shopping for and wrapping gifts, help them complete
 the Y survey, and give them their treats when they leave. If
 you only have an hour to spare that’s fine. Please check
 your schedules and plan to be a part of this great event. It’s
 a wonderful opportunity to put the AAUW mission into
 action.

Contact Kelly Gonzalez for any questions.



2019 Del Mar College Scholarship Recipients



Yasmin Hernandez

The AAUW Corpus Christi Branch
 awarded \$500 scholarships to two Del
 Mar College students, Yasmin
 Hernandez and Brittany Contreras, for
 the 2019-20 academic year.

*See full article by Vickie Natale on AAUW
 Branch website at corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net*



Brittany Contreras

Interest Groups: December Meeting Dates



Bridge: Friday, Dec 13 at 1pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



Classics: Wednesday, Dec 18 Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection for December: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. RSVP required.



Poetry: Wednesday, Dec 11, 6:00 pm at the home of Chair Deenie Tillman.* Bring your favorite poems to share. RSVP to Deenie .



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



Readers' Round Table: Dec 2 at 7pm at the home of Betty Maroney.* Reviewer: Janis Wood, *The Twelve Clues of Christmas* by Rhys Bowen. Co-chairs: Dottie Ewing and Betty Maroney. RSVP appreciated.



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



Wine & Cheese: Sunday, Dec 8, 5-7pm at the home of Deborah Wilkins.* RSVP required to hostesses Deborah Wilkins or Agness Hamilton

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

Appointed Committees: December Meeting Dates



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



Community Outreach: Dec 9, 6pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Kelly Gonzalez and Janis Wood.

STEM

STEM Committee meets one Sunday per month at 2 pm. Contact chairman Janet Blanke at for meeting location.

Girls Discover STEM at the Harte Research Institute

by Vickie Natale, Ed.D.

The AAUW Corpus Christi Branch organized a Girls Discover STEM event at the Harte Research Institute located on the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi campus on November 18, 2019. For three hours, 21 West Oso Junior High School 7th and 8th grade girls were inspired by female graduate students, directors, and professors on topics concerning marine biology and the coastal environment.

The morning's program kicked off with welcoming remarks from Gail Sutton, Associate Director for Institutional Initiatives, Finance, and Administration at the Harte Research Institute. Ms. Sutton outlined the day's agenda, identifying four stations at which the West Oso girls rotated.

Station #1: Fisheries and Ocean Health

Presenters Jill Thompson-Grim and Kelsey Martin showed the West Oso girls how researchers from the Harte Research Institute use state-of-the-art tagging and tracking techniques to generate much needed data about the lives of sharks in the Gulf of Mexico.



Station #2: Conservation and Restoration

Presenters Meghan Martinez and Danielle Downey discussed oysters and their habitats. Girls learned more about the oyster life cycle and how oysters are a major economic driver for coastal



Station #3: Ecosystems and Modeling

Presenters Elizabeth Harris and Hanna Ehrmann talked about what lives in the mud along our gulf coast shores. Girls learned about the small and microscopic organisms that are a part of the local biosphere.



Station #4: Geospatial Sciences

Presenters Marissa Dotson and Brynn Putnam demonstrated mapping of our area coastlines and talked about the effects of hurricanes and other dramatic climate events on the changes in environmental conditions.

After the girls rotated through the four stations, Dr. Kateryna Wowk, Associate Research Scientist at the Harte Research Institute, talked to the group about her work in helping to strengthen community resilience. Lastly, Dr. Jennifer Pollack, HRI Chair for Coastal Conservation and Restoration and Associate Professor of Marine Biology, passed around bottles with samples of marine life, including shrimp, crabs, various fish, insects, and more.



See the full article on AAUW Branch Website corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net.

AAUW Book Nook

60th Anniversary

Book Sale

December 5 - 7

Tax Free! *Thursday, Friday, and Saturday*

10 am – 5 pm

Featured Books:

*Texana, Gift Books,
Christmas Books for Kids!*

Collectable and Rare Books!

Shelves restocked daily!

Neyland Library

1230 Carmel Pkwy 361 826 7055

For more information, contact:

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

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