



February Edition 2020

## President's Message - Dottie Ewing

Your board of directors met this month and made several decisions I wanted you to be aware of. Our first job was to select a Nominating Committee. Michelle Balis, Joanie Whitmire, and Annie Huckabee as chair will select candidates for president, secretary, and AAUW Funds for 2020-2022. We will vote in April and install in May.

Another issue was the selection of candidates for the state's Outstanding and New Member Awards. The board has nominated Janet Blanke as Outstanding Member and Vickie Natale as Outstanding New Member (new as in less than 3 years) to represent our branch in this competition. The winners will be selected in April at the state level. These two women are well qualified to win this, and we wish them luck.

Another important decision was made to cancel the March meeting so that we have the opportunity to participate in the walk celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. I know not everyone is able to walk from the County Courthouse to Artesian Park, but I hope many of you will be able to either be at the courthouse to hear Barbara Canales speak or at Artesian Park to hear one of our federal judges. There was a long-fought battle in the struggle for women's suffrage, and we should certainly join in this celebration. Please make a note on your calendar to cancel plans for a meeting at the YWCA and to go to instead to either the courthouse or Artesian Park on March 7. Hopefully, some of us will be able to walk the distance.



**President 2019-2020**

**Branch Meeting**  
February 1, 2020

**Speaker:** Sandrine Sanos, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of History  
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

**Topic:** Memory's Histories and Post-Holocaust Aesthetics: Cultural Imaginaries of Violence during the Algerian War, 1959-62

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

**Chair:** Sylvia Rendon, Ph.D.

## Interest Groups: February Meeting Dates



**Bridge:** Friday, Feb 14 and Feb 28 at 1 pm in the activity room at 4600 Ocean Drive. Chair: Sandra Heatherley. RSVP required to chair.



**Classics:** Wednesday, Feb 26 at 6 pm, Katz 21, 5702 Spohn Drive. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection for February: *The Little Prince (2943)* by *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



**Evening Contemporary Literature:** Monday, Feb 24, 7 pm, at the home of Janis Wood.\* Reviewer: Alice Berecka. RSVP Required to hostess Janis Wood or to chair Michelle Balis .



**Poetry Appreciation:** Wednesday, Feb 12 at 6 pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Poet of the month: Gary Soto. RSVP appreciated to Deenie Tillman.



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



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



**Readers' Round Table:** Monday, Feb 3 at 7 pm at the home of Dottie Ewing.\* Presenter: Jan Hilton reviewing *Where the Crawdads Sing*. Co-chairs: Dottie Ewing and Betty Maroney, .RSVP appreciated.



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



**Wine & Cheese:** Sunday, Feb 9, 5-7pm at the home of Sylvia Rendon.\* RSVP required to hostesses Sylvia Rendon or to chair AgnesHamilton.



**Writers:** Tuesday, Feb 11, 6:30 pm at the home of Janis Wood.\* Co-chairs Alice Berecka and Maggie Gibson. RSVP appreciated.

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

## 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 10, 6 pm, YWCA on Corona. Co-Chairs: Kelly Gonzalez and Janis Wood.

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

**STEM**





## Nominations for April Election



At the January Branch Executive Board Meeting, the following Nomination Committee was appointed: Michelle Balis, Joanie Whitmire, and Joanna Huckabee (chair).

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

**President – Shirley Selz, J.D.**

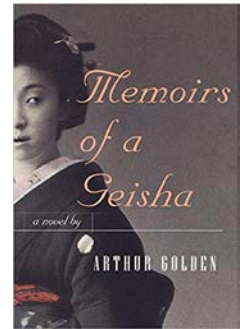
**AAUW Funds Vice President – Dottie Ewing**

**Secretary – Susan Birchfield**

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.



### JANUARY CLASSICS



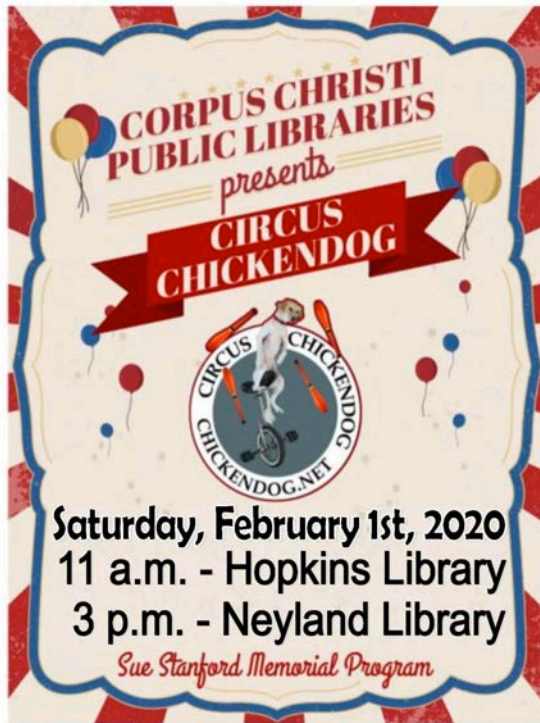
Classics enjoyed a lively conversation discussing Arthur Golden's *Memoirs of a Geisha* at their January meeting.

Please admire our wonderful South Texas geishas!

Back Row (left to right): Frances Quinn, Annie Huckabee, Catherine Cox, Susan Birchfield, Sylvia Rendon, Dorothy Hoban, Janis Wood, Cynthia Herin

Geisha Girls (front): Irene O'Connor, Michelle Balis, Sandra Heatherley, Susan Vessey

## Sue Stanford Memorial Program at Neyland Library



The AAUW Corpus Christi Branch provides funding to the Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries to honor past AAUW member, Book Finders Chair, and library supporter, Sue Stanford. This year, the Neyland Library will host the Annual Sue Stanford Memorial Program on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. “Circus Chicken Dog” is a troupe of rescue dogs that have been naturally trained to do a variety of tricks, including working with a rescued macaw parrot. Come join the fun!



### Playgoers: Save the Dates

by Michelle Balis

Below are dates for February, March, and April. Let me know if you are interested in attending the upcoming plays:

February 29 (Saturday): Aurora Arts Theater:  
*Nonsense* - Book, Music, and Lyrics by Dan Goggin  
(Need to know by Tuesday, Feb 18 so they don't sell out)

March 5 (Thursday): TAMU-CC  
*Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder* - Book & Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman,  
Music & Lyrics by Steven Lutvak

March 20 (Friday): Harbor Playhouse  
*Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* - Lyrics by Tim Rice, Music by  
Andrew Lloyd Webber

April 15 (Wednesday): TAMU-CC  
*Marie Antoinette* - Written by David Adjmi

# AAUW Book Nook Book Sale

## February 6 – 8

*Thursday, Friday, and Saturday*

## 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*Featured Books:*

*Cook Books, Texana, Children's, History, and more!*

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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

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*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.*