



March Edition 2020

## President's Message - Dottie Ewing

As you all know, we won't have an official business meeting this month. However, I hope that many of you will join us for the walk to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote at the County Court House. The meeting will begin at 10 in the Jury Room and the walk will begin at 11 from the courthouse. If you choose not to walk, you can either attend the opening remarks by County Judge Barbara Canales, or join us to hear a talk by Judge Sandra Watts in Artesian Park after the walk is completed. I encourage you to take part in the momentous occasion. We will be back to our regular schedule next month with our meeting at the YWCA. In addition to the program, we will vote on officers for the next year.

Hope to see you this Saturday!



**President 2019-2020**

February Book  
Finders Sale  
\$2,156.86



Branch Meeting  
April 4, 2020

**Speaker:** Captain Andrea Morrison,  
Deputy Port Pilot of Corpus Christi

**Topic:** Staying the Course: Women and  
Technology

YWCA, 4601 Corona Dr. 78411  
Activity Room, 2nd floor

**Chair:** Shirley Selz, J.D.

Save the Date for Upcoming  
Book Finders Sale  
May 7 - 9, 2020

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# 100th Anniversary Celebration of Women's Right to Vote

by Vickie Natale



Sandra Heatherley (AAUW and LWV member) on the Domingo Live show March 1 promoting the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, community partners – AAUW, League of Women Voters, YWCA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Corpus Christi Public Libraries – will host a community gathering at 10 a.m. at the Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard Street, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. The celebration will open with special remarks from County Judge Barbara Canales, followed by a reenactment of the 1913 Washington, D.C. Women's Suffrage March from the Nueces County Courthouse to historic Artesian Park, located at Twigg Street & Mesquite, where District Judge Sandra Watts will provide closing remarks. The walk is just over a half-mile (0.6), and there will be RTA buses for those who wish to ride back to the Courthouse after the speeches.

In addition to the speeches and the procession, we will unveil our historical display consisting of 21 panels focused on the history of women's suffrage leading up to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, giving women the right to vote. We have even included a panel of headlines from the Corpus Christi Caller-Times to present a local perspective of the events of the time. The display has been designed and produced by a LWV's committee consisting of Sue Williams, Linda Snider, and Vickie Natale (AAUW representative), working with Laura Garcia, Director of Libraries at the Corpus Christi Public Libraries and her staff. The panels will be on display at the Nueces County Courthouse through March; then they will be moved to La Retama Library and rotated to the other five Corpus Christi libraries for about three weeks at each location.



Please plan to join us for the 100th anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 7. Participants are encouraged to wear white, as the original suffragists did, or even period costumes.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUDREY



*Audrey with sons David (left) and Paul (right).*

Audrey Jones was treated to a delightful **99th birthday party** by her sons, David and Paul, at the Viera. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and celebrated, of course, with birthday cake and ice cream. Happy, Happy Birthday, Audrey!



*AAUW Friends (l to r) Janis Wood, Jeanne Ferraro, Dottie Ewing, Kris Conlan, Michelle Balis.*



## Community Outreach Committee Update

*by Kelly Gonzalez*

The Community Outreach Committee is gearing up for some wonderful events. Details are below.



**Tuesday, March 31 – Equal Pay Luncheon** with the YWCA at the First United Methodist Church 11:45 – 1:00. Janet Blanke will be the guest speaker! Admission is \$10 for Men and \$8 for Women to help highlight the wage gap.



**Tuesday, April 21 – Senior Celebration at Miller High School.** This is a special ceremony held at Miller High School at 11:00 to honor 20 young girls as they are graduating high school and preparing for college.



**Summer** – provide speakers for YW Teens Summer Leadership Camps. This is a great opportunity to meet with Middle School girls. Dates and times available vary. Contact Alma Gomez at the Y or Nancy Wesson-Dodd for dates and times.



**Summer** – “Peace of Mind” Seminar to educate all citizens, especially seniors, of the importance of having a long-term plan in place to guide their loved ones through the difficulty of funerals, long term care, etc. Preparation now will help lessen the burden on those who have to make those difficult decisions. Suggestions on how to advertise and increase attendance are needed and greatly appreciated.



**New Event** – We have met with the Corpus Christi Literacy Council and have 10 – 12 members who will receive training on how to teach reading to those in need.

We have been very busy, but none of this can happen without YOU. We need your support to keep these great programs going. Please contact Kelly Gonzalez or Janis Wood and let us know how you can help!



March 8, 2020

Daylight Savings Time  
Begins

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## SUE STANFORD SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2012, the AAUW Corpus Christi Branch established the Sue Stanford Scholarship in recognition of Sue's outstanding commitment and long-term dedication to our Branch and to the mission of AAUW. Sue Stanford was the founder of the Branch's Book Finders group, which she chaired for many years. Through the tireless efforts of the Book Finders, the Branch has raised funds annually for scholarships and other community outreach projects. Each year, the Branch selects a Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi student to receive the \$1,500 Sue Stanford Scholarship.

### 2020 Sue Stanford Scholarship Recipient Nicole Boudreau

by Vickie Natale



*Book Finders member Kristin Conlan presented the scholarship to recipient Nicole Boudreau, with President Dottie Ewing.*

The 2020 Sue Stanford Scholarship recipient, Nicole Boudreau, is a graduate student working toward her master's degree in history at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. Nicole, born and raised in Corpus Christi, graduated with a B.A. in history from TAMUCC in 2009, and she is the first college graduate in her family.

Nicole has been a high school teacher for seven years, and she is currently working at Foy H. Moody High School where she teaches U.S. History courses, including the dual enrollment U.S. History course offered through the University of Texas OnRamps program. While working full-time and raising a family, she has completed two years of graduate school at TAMUCC and is beginning work on her M.A. thesis, which is focused on a cultural history of LGBTQ communities in late 20th century in South Texas.

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## STEM Committee Happenings

*Story and photos by Janet Blanke, Stem Committee Chair*



**On January 22, 2020**, Mary Sorrells and Janet Blanke served as judges at the 2nd Annual West Oso Junior High School Science Fair. This is the first year that West Oso Junior High has a STEM class, and the positive effect of that class on the projects this year was evident. There were over 40 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Science Fair projects, and the students had stepped-up their research and quality of work. West Oso ISD does a great job of involving the community in their education efforts, and there were 20 judges from the community for the Science Fair. Fifteen student projects advanced to the Regional Science Fair at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, and seven



*Mary Sorrells, an AAUW member and Science Fair judge, listens as a student explains her project.*

**On February 6**, West Oso High School held a Career Day for grades 8 through 12. Professionals from all over the Coastal Bend were invited to speak with students about a wide variety of careers, the education required for those careers, and the opportunities for advancement within those careers. Our AAUW members Diana Cardenas, Kelly Gonzalez, Josephina Villarreal, Barbara Szczerbinska, and Janet Blanke participated and shared stories about their career choices with the students.

In addition to holding events each semester for the West Oso Junior High School girls who are interested in STEM careers, the AAUW STEM Committee continues to be involved with other activities at West Oso Independent School District.

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## Interest Groups: February Meeting Dates



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



**Classics:** Wednesday, Mar 25. Time and location to be determined. Chair: Irene O'Connor. Selection for March: *Ivanhoe, A Romance (1819) by Sir Walter Scott*. RSVP required to Joanna Huckabee.



**Evening Contemporary Literature:** Monday, Mar 30, 7 pm, at the home of Nancy Horsley.\* Reviewer: Esther Bonilla Read reviewing her book: *From the Porch Steps*, a collection of family stories of growing up in South Texas. Copies will be available for sale. RSVP Required to hostess Nancy Horsley or to chair Michelle Balis.



**Poetry Appreciation:** Wednesday, Mar 11 at 6 pm at the Glass Pavilion, Omni Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Poet of the month: Carrie Fountain, the Poet Laureate of Texas. RSVP appreciated to Deenie.



**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, April 6 at 7 pm at the home of Dottie Ewing.\* Presenter: Kathryn Kearley reviewing *Educated* by Tara Westover. 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, Mar 15, 5-7pm at the home of Janet Blanke.\* Hostesses: Janet Blanke and Mary Sherwood. RSVP required to hostess Janet.



**Writers:** Tuesday, Mar 10, 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, Mar 9, 6 pm, 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 for meeting date and location.



## Playgoers: Save the Dates

by Michelle Balis

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

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

April 15 (Wednesday): TAMU-CC

*Ed.* Check with Michelle for updates on these events.



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