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President's Message - Shirley Selz



Welcome AAUW members to 2021-22 membership meetings and the many activities as the Branch advances its mission – both serious and fun. The plans to gather again in our traditional meetings beginning with welcoming guests and new members in September have been altered due to increased COVID cases and safety concerns. The September 11 meeting will be virtual using zoom and, of course, guests are very welcome. Make sure Vickie has their email to send invitations.

Yearbook: Technology not only allows us to meet virtually, it also enhances our yearbook production. The Board decided to distribute the yearbook as a PDF document so that members can download it. The cost saving for printing and mailing is significant. Look for more information on availability and access. Copies will be mailed only to members who do not receive Branch email.

Programs: Mary Sherwood has planned excellent programs for membership meetings. Please note that the yearbook lists the location of meetings as TBA because decisions about meeting in-person or by zoom will be made monthly and will be communicated to members as the year progresses.

Endowed Scholarships: Exciting news about the creation of endowed scholarships at Del Mar College and at Texas A&M Corpus Christi – the certificate of deposit has matured and the funds conveyed to the respective institutions' foundations for investment. A \$12,000 check presented to A&M Corpus Christi Foundation on August 30, and a \$10,000 check presented to Del Mar College Foundation on September 2 completes the transition from Book Finders' profits invested in a CD to investment in direct benefits to students.

Bylaws update: At its June 12 meeting, the Board proposed an update to the bylaws to recognize that Book Finders' sales are not limited to sales conducted at Neyland Library. The board proposes that the following sentence be added to Art. XIV Sec. 2.A: "Book sales may be conducted through online sales and other methods to produce revenue for the Branch and its projects." Notice of this proposed addition is hereby given in accord with Art. XVII Sec. 1, and voting will be at the October meeting.

Budget: The Board's proposed budget is included in the yearbook. In accord with Branch policies, the Finance Committee is presenting the proposed budget by the first meeting of the fiscal year. Adoption of the budget will be at the October membership meeting.

Committees: Book finders, Community Outreach, and STEM will continue their missions, while taking appropriate safety precautions. Please keep up with these active groups as they report activities in the newsletter. An important date change – the Peace of Mind seminar previously scheduled for October has been postponed to a later time when it is safer to meet in-person.

Interest groups: As Interest Group Coordinator this year, Diana Cardenas will work with Interest Group Chairmen. Please review the schedule in the yearbook, taking note that some meetings will likely continue to be held on zoom but updates will be communicated to members. Interest Groups comprise a very important component of Branch activities – don't miss out!

AAUW Texas: The state convening is scheduled for April 29-30, 2022, in Hurst, assuming in-person meeting is safe. Plans feature celebrating the 50th state convening and 50th anniversary of Title IX. Both the Branch and the state are launching an exciting year. Be a part of it!

The 2021-2022 Yearbook is on its way!



“Oh, there been times that I
thought
I couldn't last for long
But now I think I'm able, to
carry on
It's been a long
A long time coming
But I know a change gonna
come
Oh, yes it will!”

I hope you agree that it is high time for a few positive changes. The AAUW-CC 2021-22 Yearbook is now a downloadable PDF and will be emailed to you from my email on Friday, September 3, 2021.

My appreciation goes out to Vickie Natale for lending me her expertise in PDF formatting.

Many, many thanks go to Ann Hamilton for serving in the dual role as a valuable troubleshooter and a sharp-eyed designer who once again has created a powerful, relevant front cover.

Please me know if you have any problems opening the PDF. I am happy to help.

Here's to Happy Days!

Annie Huckabee, 2021-22 Yearbook Editor

AAUW Corpus Christi Zoom Branch Meeting

September 11, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.



Speaker: Gloria Amescua

from Mary Sherwood

Award-winning Latina and Tejana Author

Topic: The Power of Story

Gloria Amescua has written poems and stories since she was a child. A favorite pastime was climbing into the cradle of an oak tree and entering the world of words. She loves books that reach a person's heart, head or funny bone and strives to do just that in her writing.

Her debut picture book, *Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jimenez, Daughter of Nahua*, was published in August. It is a biography of the indigenous Nahua woman who was known as the "soul of Mexico." Jimenez grew up in Mexico during the early 1900s, was a model for 20th-century artists, and worked with scholars to preserve Nahuatl language and stories. Illustrations are by Sibert Medal and Pura Belpré Award-winning illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh.

Gloria, a native of Austin, received both her B. A. and M. Ed. degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She has worked in education in a variety of roles. A workshop presenter for youth and adults, she is an alumna of Hedgebrook's Writers-in-Residence program. Gloria was also accepted as a CantoMundo fellow, a national Latino/a organization for poets. Gloria's poetry has been published in a variety of literary journals and anthologies, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt recently acquired one of her poems for their upcoming national textbook series.

Share the excitement, the projects, the interests, the fun -

Be sure to invite prospective members to join us at the zoom meeting September 11. Let them know that AAUW continues its mission with enthusiasm! Be sure to send Vickie Natale their email addresses so she can include them in the instructions for joining on zoom.



To Join a Meeting:

- If you do not have a Zoom account, access zoom.us and click *Sign Up for Free*.
 - You will need to enter your email address when prompted to do so.
 - Before the meeting day, you will receive an emailed Invitation. The hyperlink will allow you to join the meeting.
 - On the day of the meeting click the hyperlink.
 - If for some reason the link does not work, you can access Zoom and click *Join a Meeting*. You can then enter the unique Meeting ID and the Passcode provided on the Invitation. If you are joining via telephone, you will need the teleconferencing number provided in the Invitation.
 - Don't forget to click *permit audio and video* when prompted.
 - The host will let you in the meeting.
 - During the presentation your audio will be muted, but the Chat feature will allow you to send AAUW CC Host a message if you have a question, concern and/or epiphany.
 - I would be happy to conduct a practice meeting with anyone who wishes to try it out before the meeting.
- See you soon! Vickie Natale, Branch Meeting Zoom Host

YWCA YW Teens Summer Leadership Camp

from Diana Cardenas

On Thursday, August 29, 2021, Diana Cardenas served as presenter in morning and afternoon sessions for twelve YWTeens.

In the morning the teens wrote about their memories of the February 2021 freeze. This session culminated in a response to the question: “What important lesson did I learn from my family’s experiences during the freeze?”

During the afternoon the teens explained what they want to do with their lives for a future profession.

One teen wrote, “I want to be a phlebotomist because I want to be like my mom.”

Another teen explained, “I plan to be a Marine Biologist to help animals in the ocean. They are in way more danger than the animals on the ground!”

An interesting comment was made by a teen who wrote, “I want to be an actor because I think I have the courage to be on TV with cameras everywhere.”

An AAUW member made an anonymous donation for the teens’ lunch. With gratitude, each of the twelve girls penned a “Thank You” note to this generous donor.



AAUW Community Outreach Committee

from Kelly Gonzalez

The first meeting of the Community Outreach Committee is scheduled for September 13 by Zoom. We will have an overview of projects and schedules as well as look at any new business committee members wish to discuss. I will email the information necessary to join the zoom meeting to committee members. Please email me if you wish to join the Community Outreach Committee.

Meeting Schedule (Second Monday of the month at 6:00pm)

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| September 13 | January 10 | May 16 |
| October 11 | February 14 | June 13 |
| November 8 | March 14 | |
| December - No meeting | April 11 | |



BOOK FINDERS

The part for the A/C was to have arrived on August 23, but no definite date for completion of work yet. So we have no firm plans for the next book sale yet. Stay tuned and be ready to work.
--Betty Maroney

A Message from Diana Cardenas, Interest Group Coordinator

Interest Groups engage you with their intellectual, social, gastronomic, entertainment, and nature activities. Please contact the chairperson(s) of a group(s) if you wish to become a group member.



Birding: Deborah Wilkins
Kristin Conlan



Bridge: Sandra Heatherley
Classics: Catherine Cox

Evening Contemporary Literature: Michelle Balis
Jan Hilton



Gardening Divas: Agnes Hamilton
Joanie Whitmire



Out to Lunch Bunch: Susan Birchfield

Playgoers: Michelle Balis



Poetry Appreciation: Leslie Peart

Readers' Round Table: Dottie Ewing

Betty Maroney



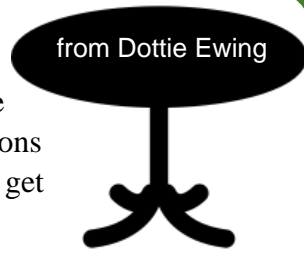
Wine & Cheese: Janet Blanke



Interest Group News

Readers' Round Table will not meet again until October. We plan to meet again in person if health conditions permit. We have an exciting year lined up with some excellent reviewers and selections to read. Hope to see you on the first Monday of October! If you'd like to get started on some of the books selected, our schedule is listed below.

from Dottie Ewing



READERS' ROUND TABLE

2021-22

Co Chairs: Dottie Ewing and Betty Maroney

Time: First Monday of the Month, 7 p.m., RSVP appreciated**

2021

Presenter and Title

October 4 Kristin Conlan – *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

November 1 Betty Maroney – *Anne Frank: The Biography* by Melissa Muller

2022

January 3 Susan Birchfield – *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

February 7 Alice Berecka – *The Maisie Dobbs* series by Jacqueline Winspear


March 7 Catherine Cox – *The Seamstress of Water* by Nathan Harris

April 4 Michelle Balis – *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

May 2 Maggie Gibson – *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

**See 2021-2022 AAUW CC Yearbook for meeting location and contact information.

BRANCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

| Birders, ECL, Playgoers, & STEM members check email | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Wk. 1  | Readers' Round Table 7 p.m. | Book Finders 1:30 p.m. | | | | Branch Meeting | |
| Wk. 2 | Community Outreach 6 p.m. | Book Finders 1:30 p.m. | Poetry Appreciation 6:30 p.m. | | Bridge 1:00 p.m. | | Wine & Cheese 5-7 p.m. |
| Wk. 3 | | Book Finders 1:30 p.m. | The Gardening Divas 3 p.m. | | Out to Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. | | |
| Wk. 4 | | Book Finders 1:30 pm | Classics 6:15 p.m. | | Bridge 1:00 p.m. | | |

AAUW of Texas 2022 Convening "A Golden Opportunity"

Break out your golden bling
and shine with us at the
50th AAUW of Texas Convening
Hurst Conference Center
April 29-30, 2022

Save the date for the 50th AAUW of Texas Convening. We are planning a celebration of the 50th Convening and the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. The Hurst Conference Center just northwest of Fort Worth will host us in their facility from Friday evening, April 29 through Saturday, April 30. Accommodations will be in the new, attached Hilton Garden Inn.

Since we will be celebrating the "Golden" 50th Convening and the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, we are planning to have a little fun by encouraging everyone to wear gold- clothing, shoes, jewelry, scarves. The room will be "glowing" with the enthusiasm of the members for the mission of AAUW.

The current proposal is to have several dynamic speakers, an opening reception, and celebrations of members and branch accomplishments. There will be time for networking so we can make and renew friendships after the long Covid shutdown. We hope you can join us.

Covid restrictions will be monitored during the planning with attendee safety in mind. The plan will include alternatives if the situation at the time requires a different format. Watch for further updates.