



Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.



President's Message - Shirley Selz

Nov 2021 Edition

Fall brings not only cooler weather and an extra hour (daylight savings time ends November 7), but more AAUW interesting programs presented by accomplished speakers. Although meeting in-person is generally preferable to virtual meetings on zoom, one advantage of zoom is the ability to feature speakers from other locales. Last month, Seana Towler, Program Director for Coastal Bend CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), was traveling at the time and made her presentation from her car. The technology worked very well. The November meeting will also be on zoom as we look forward to the presentation by Diana Bluntzer Sherman, Executive Director of the Art Center of Corpus Christi.



Members and guests who attend meetings on zoom have actively participated. For members who have not joined the zoom meetings, please consider doing so and invite a guest. Feel free to meet with a friend if you are not confident in signing in to a zoom meeting and prefer to meet together. It is important for us to keep in touch with each other after the many months of inability to have in-person meetings. Nueces County statistics show an encouraging downward trend in new COVID cases and upward trend in vaccinations. It appears that AAUW meetings at traditional venues are on the horizon – I hope so.

AAUW Texas has asked all the branches to share their programs and projects using “brag boards” (posters, etc.) and power point presentations at the state convening (why isn't it called a convention?) planned for April 29-30, 2022. Surely our programs, committee projects, and interest groups have functioned well during the pandemic and we have much to share. I am happy to report that Sylvia Rendon and Susan Birchfield have volunteered to create a power point presentation with photos and narrative regarding the branch's activities and highlights from 2020-21. It is due in March, so there may be some additions for part of 2021-22 also. Vickie has included pictures and narratives on the website, which also provides a rich source of material. From annual events (e.g. Community Outreach projects, etc.) to very special celebrations (e.g. Audrey Jones' 100th birthday celebration), the branch has much to be proud of, while also accommodating restrictions due to COVID.

The holiday season is fast approaching. Consider adding to your shopping list a number of books as gifts to friends and family. Betty Maroney and the Book Finders Committee work diligently to make many fine books available for sale at the Neyland Library and online. Debby Wilkins and Kris Conlan have devoted many hours to developing the branch's online presence, including selecting books and following up with all the details of online sales. Such sales have been critical in generating revenue during the months when we were not able to hold regular quarterly sales at the library. Let's show the Book Finders how much we appreciated them!

Newly Funded Endowed Scholarships at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi and Del Mar College

by Vickie Natale

Article can also be found on branch website corpuschristi-tx.aauw.net

The Corpus Christi Branch of the American Association of University Women has enhanced its mission to advance educational opportunities and gender equity by establishing the **American Association of University Women Endowed Scholarships** at the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Foundation with an initial grant of \$12,000, and at the Del Mar College Foundation with an initial grant of \$10,000.

The presentations were made on August 30 and September 2, 2021, respectively. Funds have been raised by AAUW Corpus Christi Branch volunteers through periodic book sales at the Anita & W.T. Neyland Public Library and through online book sales. For many years, the AAUW Book Finders committee has diligently received, sorted, and categorized thousands of donated books to inspire readers of all ages to learn, expand their imaginations, and to support education. The newly endowed will add to the AAUW Corpus Christi Branch’s current annual direct grants of scholarships to students at Del Mar College and Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.



AAUW Branch President Shirley Selz and Finance Officer Dr. Vickie Natale signed the Endowed Scholarship Agreement



Standing: Cheryl Sanders, Del Mar College Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Matthew Busby, DMC Director of Development; Shirley Selz, AAUW Branch President; Dr. Vickie Natale, AAUW Finance Officer; Dottie Ewing, AAUW Vice President of Funds; Susan Birchfield, AAUW Secretary. Seated: Betty Maroney, AAUW Chair of Book Finders.



Standing: Jacquelyn Westbrook, TAMUCC Director of Development; Dr. Diana Cardenas, AAUW Parliamentarian; Shirley Selz, AAUW Branch President; Dr. Vickie Natale, AAUW Finance Officer; Dr. Amy Aldridge Sanford, TAMUCC Associate Provost; Dottie Ewing, AAUW Vice President of Funds. Seated: Betty Maroney, AAUW Chair of Book Finders.



AAUW ADVOCACY: YWCA GLO & GO RUN/WALK

by Diana Cardenas

A pale full moon, joyful giggles and laughter, happy children and adults, wearing lighted vests, glowing collars, and bracelets, babies in lighted strollers, excited dogs, and a cool breeze energized AAUW members, Susan Birchfield, Sylvia Rendon, Nancy Wesson Dodd, and Diana Cardenas, joined by Susan Tellez, to complete a 2 mile night walk to support YWCA's important programs.

AAUW sustains collaborations with the YWCA, whose mission is to eliminate racism, promote justice, freedom, and dignity for all, and empower women and girls. Our AAUW chapter advocates for policies and initiatives that advance equality for women and girls. These initiatives intend to help women and girls develop their potential and enhance their well being. Interactions between our groups contribute to these missions.

This mid-October Glo & Go Run/Walk activity provided healthy recreation and social interaction for young mothers and their toddlers, young parents and their children, grandparents, teens, young adults, and family dogs. Serious runners, young and old, completed the 5 mile run. The gathering, held at TAMUCC's winding, wooded nature trail, reflected a cross section of our area population. An uplifting fall outing for a good cause, it beckons these AAUW members to participate next fall. I am hoping to compete with a large, jubilant Irish Setter that passed me on the trail!



L to R: Susan Tellez, Diana Cardenas, Nancy Wesson Dodd, Susan Birchfield, Sylvia Rendon

AAUW Corpus Christi Zoom Branch Meeting

November 6, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dianna Bluntzer Sherman
Executive Director, Art Center of Corpus Christi

Topic: Art Center of Corpus Christi: Nurturing and Promoting Regional Artists



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



We're Back!

LOOKING FOR Christmas presents? Come see our sale at Neyland Library. We have many beautiful books from all categories for all ages. YOU WILL BE PLEASED AT THE SELECTIONS AND PRICES.

AAUW Book Nook Book Sale

Nov 11 – 13

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

10 am – 5 pm

Featured Books:

*Science Fiction, Fantasy, Coffee Table Books,
Children's books, Texana, Holiday Gift Giving, and more!*

Collectable and Rare Books!

Shelves restocked daily!

Neyland Library

1230 Carmel Pkwy 361-826-2370

For more information, contact:

Betty Maroney 361-991-4612
corpuschristi-texas.aauw.net



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: 361-826-2370.

AAUW Community Outreach Committee

from Kelly Gonzalez

The Community Outreach Committee strives to put the AAUW mission into action in the community through various community projects.

We are currently working on the YW Teen Holiday Shopping Event in December. Saturday, December 11 is the date and additional information will be provided as it is finalized.

Meetings are held via Zoom. Information is below.

Topic: Community Outreach Committee

Time: November 8, 2021 6:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)



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

December-no meeting	March 14
January 10	April 11
February 14	May 16
	June 13

Update from CC Branch STEM Committee

From Janet Blanke

The Museum of Science and History is hosting a travelling exhibit called *In Search of Earth's Secrets*. The West Oso Jr High STEM girls and AAUW will be partnering with the museum to be trained to help with the exhibit. We are looking at December 2 as the date for the training.

Here's the link to the website with some basic information:

<https://joidesresolution.org/public/in-search-of-earths-secrets/>.

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — **science, technology, engineering and mathematics.**

VETERANS DAY



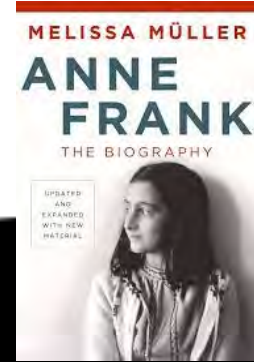
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

READERS' ROUND TABLE 2021-22

Co Chairs: Dottie Ewing and Betty Maroney

Time: First Monday of the Month 7 p.m.

We have polled the group that usually attends Readers' Round Table and find that the majority of us are vaccinated and ready for in person meetings. So our next meeting will be at Betty Maroney's house, as scheduled in the yearbook. Monday, November 1, 7 p.m. Please check the yearbook for address. Betty will review *Anne Frank: The Biography* by Melissa Muller. We're hoping most of you will be comfortable in coming.



from Dottie Ewing

LUNCH BUNCH

2021 - 2022

Chair: Susan Birchfield



Lunch Bunch meets on the third Friday of each month at 11:30 am. If you are ready to socialize in a restaurant setting, please let me know. I need to know by Monday, November 15th, if you plan to join us for lunch on Friday, the 19th. And I would like to know if you are interested in future events, so I can create a contact list. I am tentatively planning on meeting at Elizabeth's at the Art Museum, depending on the size of the group. Please contact me for more information.