



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



President's Message - Shirley Selz

Dec 2021 Edition

Wonderful news – as you know, our December 4 meeting will be celebrated traditionally after so many months of meeting by zoom! The great majority of members who responded to the survey stated their willingness to meet in-person. Please plan to join us at 11:00 a.m. for lunch, silent auction, and gift card raffle. By this time, Kris Conlan will have received the cards and is busily making the beautiful basket(s) to be raffled. Also, December 1 is the date by which Vickie needs members' menu selections for ordering box lunches from Jason's Deli.

The silent auction always features interesting treasures that members make, find at home, or otherwise acquire. Plan to find something fun, creative, beautiful, or even just useful to bid on and, if you are lucky, to take home with you. The proceeds from the auction benefit the branch and its various projects.

The December gift card raffle has grown over the years. Some years a sufficient number of cards have been donated so that Kris can make two baskets of approximately the same total value. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. Imagine the fun of winning a basket filled with gift cards to various local stores and restaurants. And appreciate that revenue from raffle ticket sales benefits Community Outreach, including its next project - the annual shopping event for YWTeen girls on December 11.

The STEM Committee is excited to participate in a project on December 2 after months of waiting for an opportunity to meet with the West Oso Junior High School STEM girls. Finally, committee members will meet the girls for lunch and for training as interpreters for "In Search of Earth's Secrets" traveling exhibit at the Museum of Science and History.

I hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends, and is looking forward to sharing lunch and a good social time with Branch members and guests on December 4.



AAUW Corpus Christi Branch Meeting

December 4, 2021 - 11:30 a.m.

YWCA
4601 CORONA DRIVE

***Spotlight on
Member
Achievements:
Lara Gephart***

by Sylvia Rendon



Let's hear it for Lara Gephart: she recently earned her second Masters degree!

Lara, AAUW member since 2018, received a Masters of Science in Criminal Justice with a Homeland Security concentration from Ashford University/University of Arizona Global Campus (name changed). Lara started this online program in October 2019 thanks to a scholarship she received through her employer. This is Lara's fourth post-secondary degree and second masters. Congratulations!

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 on Saturday, December 11 from 2 – 4. This is a great way to make a difference for 50 YW Teen Girls. Each girl is allowed to select 5 gifts from our store. Our Super Shopper, Dottie Ewing, purchases the gifts to make sure we have enough inventory. We will give out 250 gifts during the event. Our branch members have the opportunity to sit with the girls and help them wrap the gifts but, more importantly, we get the chance to visit with the girls and learn more about them and their families. They are very sweet and will tell you who the gift is for and about that person or pet!

As you might imagine, getting 50 girls to wrap 250 gifts in 2 hours takes a lot of time and effort. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Check in the girls
- Help them shop for the gifts
- Help them wrap the gifts
- Make sure they complete the survey and get their Goody Bag

There will not be a committee meeting in December so Happy Holidays from the Community Outreach Committee and we hope to see you on December 11.



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

January 10
February 14

March 14
April 11
May 16
June 13

Evening Contemporary Literature is still planning to start meeting in person in February. Our first event (we hope) will be local Poet Extraordinaire, Alan Bareka, on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at Deenie Tillman's home. RSVP is required to get a chair.

Playgoers

Aurora Arts Theater and Harbor Playhouse are doing some fun Christmas plays!

Harbor Playhouse is doing Clue: the Musical January 14- February 13. Wedding Singer will be March 11- April 10. TAMU-CC Theater is doing The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas March 8-12, 2022.

Let me know if you are interested in attending.



LUNCH BUNCH

2021 - 2022

Chair: Susan Birchfield

The Lunch Bunch has decided to change the day and time to the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30. We will not be meeting in December, due to the holidays, but will start meeting every month next year. If interested, please contact Susan Birchfield at [my email address](#) or [call me](#) (email and phone number is in the yearbook) .

Thanks,
Susan

AAUW Book Nook
Book Sale

Dec 9 – 11

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

10 am – 5 pm

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*Holiday Gift Giving, Dog, Coffee Table,
Children's, Texana, and more!*

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