



Catherine Cox, President



President's Message

October Edition 2022

Dear Friends in AAUW,

Our Welcome Reception for New and Prospective Members was a great success. Participants had fun getting together with new and prospective members at the Retama Room to learn more about AAUW. It is because of your participation and your invitations to your friends to join AAUW, that our branch continues to grow and thrive.

As you know, we are nearing the important period of mid-term elections. I want to acknowledge members who actively help register new voters as well as those who work at our local polls and are engaged in other activities to bring out the vote and to help the process of voting run smoothly. If you know of women qualified to vote who have not yet registered, please encourage them to register and to vote. This is an important year for women to demonstrate their political power. The deadline for registering in person or by mail is Oct. 11.

Women still fall far behind men in pay in America and medical care for women is an increasing concern since the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v Wade*. Women at the polls and running for and holding public offices are the best ways to ensure women's rights are upheld.

According to AAUW Chief Executive Officer Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's most recent study regarding pay for women finds that:

. . . women were paid barely three-quarters—just 77%--of what men earned in 2021.

And the pay gaps for Black women (64%) and Latinas (54%) were beyond egregious when compared to white, non-Hispanic men.

September 21 marked Black Women's Equal Pay Day. Thus, only then did Black Women catch up with what White non-Hispanic men earned in 2021. Latina's Equal Pay Day is December 8. Hence, Hispanic women will have worked two years for what a non-Hispanic White Man earned in one year. These are truly distressing facts. To end these disparities, AAUW encourages us to support the following legislative actions: the Paycheck Fairness Act; the Fair Pay Act; Raise the Minimum Wage Act; BE HEARD in the Workplace Act; the Empower Act, and the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal (FAIR) Act. In addition to advocating for passage of these acts, we should also encourage Congress to improve paid and childcare support and to institute protections against sexual, racial, and other forms of harassment.

I would like to transition now to happier thoughts--our branch activities. I am very excited about our coming program for our regular branch meeting on Saturday, October 1st. Debra Rodriguez and Heather Moretzshon, Immigration Attorneys, will speak on "Immigration: Perspectives on the Effects on Women and Children." The meeting will be at the YWCA at 10:30. Come a bit early for refreshments and conversation.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of our *Peace of Mind Presentation*, co-sponsored by the YWCA on Oct. 15 at the YWCA from 10-12 a.m. Susan Hutchinson will discuss legal issues regarding aging and the end of life; Dr. Nestor Praderio will address the topic of neurological disorders that often coming with aging and the need for patient and caregiver support, and Shanice Mendoza review the work of the Coastal Bend Area Agency on Aging. Come to the YWCA early for donuts and coffee.



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



Corpus Christi (TX) Branch

Bylaws Correction

From Catherine Cox, President

In 2021, our branch bylaws were amended to recognize that book sales are not limited to sales at the library. This change was omitted in our 2022-23 yearbook. Thus, please add to Art. XIV Sec 2.A the following statement: "**Book sales may be conducted through online sales and other methods to produce revenue for the Branch and its projects.**"

Corpus Christi Branch Meeting

**Saturday, October 1, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

**YWCA, Community Room
4601 Corona Drive**

Topic: *Immigration: Perspectives on the Effects on Women and Children*

Debra Rodriguez and Heather Moretzshon, Immigration Attorneys



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And a good time was had by all at Our Welcome Reception for New and Prospective Members held on September 11, 2022, in the Retama Room of the Harvin Student Center, Del Mar Heritage Campus.





L to R: Del Mar Students: Savannah Leos, Dorothy Barringer, Sofia Jimenez, Miranda Rodriguez, Kaila Guerra; Advisors: Belinda De la Cruz, Cheryl G. Sanders

Members of the Del Mar AAUW Student Organization joined Branch members for the Welcome Reception for New and Prospective Members held September 11. Thank you for coming and participating in the event.

World Smile Day – **October 7, 2022**. U.S. The first Friday of October is World Smile Day (October 7), a relatively new holiday with a fascinating story. Created by a commercial artist named Harvey Ball, this day came about as a response to his creation of the smiley face.

World Smile Day – October 7, 2022 - National Today

<https://nationaltoday.com › world-smile-day>





BOOK FINDERS

From Kris Conlan

The September book sale was a very successful one. Thank you to all the workers who supported the sale through their weekly work at Neyland Library, preparing for the sale, and the workers who did shifts as cashiers during the sale days.

Our next sale will be held November 10-12. We will be featuring books for holiday gift giving, children's books, Texana, and rare/collectible books. This sale will be our "tax free" sale! Since we are only allowed two days for these special days, the Thursday and Friday will be tax free, but Saturday we will have to charge taxes.

We are currently in need of fiction books and young adult books (grades 4-12). You can help us with this need by donating books you are finished reading. Donations may be left at Neyland Library any day of the week during regular library hours. If you have any questions or need help with this, please call Kris Conlan.

Additional workers are needed to shelve books one Tuesday afternoon per month. If you can spare 3 hours each month, please come to Neyland library from 1:30-4:30 any Tuesday. Your service will be deeply appreciated! Until then, keep reading!



Book Sale Schedule

- November 10-12
(TAX FREE! for first two days)
- March 9-11
- June 8-10





Peace of Mind

Presentation

October 15, 2022

10am-Noon@ YWCA

4601 Corona Dr. Corpus Christi, TX

Speakers include:

Susan Hutchinson, Esq.

Legal Issues: Wills and Probate

Dr. Nestor Praderio

Neurological Disorders:

Support for patients and families

Coastal Bend Area

Agency on Aging

Local resources for seniors

Save the date

9:30am

Refreshments

INTEREST GROUP NEWS



From Janet Blanke

Wine & Cheese: **October Wine & Cheese**

will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 5pm at Nueces Brewery. All are welcome to attend.

November Wine & Cheese will be a special Wine Tasting at Total Wine & More on Saturday, Nov 12 from 3-5pm. The cost is \$20 and you must register for the event asap. The Wines we will be tasting are all Sparkling Wines.



From Susan Birchfield

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located at 5037 S Padre Island Drive in Moore Plaza. We are meeting at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, October 18th.



From Agnes Hamilton

The Gardening Divas will be meeting in February, March and April to support the interest in spring planting. We will be discussing the propagation of plants, starting for seeds and container gardening which could include Hoyas. Spring has been our best attendance season and we hope all interested plant lovers will attend.



From Dottie Ewing

Page Turners will be at Dottie Ewing's at 7pm, Monday, October 17, to listen to Michelle Balis' review of Taylor Jenkin Reid's *Daisy Jones and the Six*. Please RSVP to Dottie to reserve your seat. Please see AAUW Yearbook for meeting location information.

INTEREST GROUP NEWS



From Michelle Balis

PLAYGOERS—Our next options are

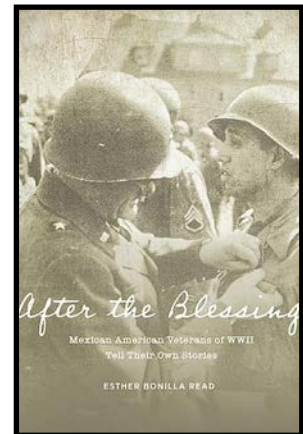
- *Romeo & Juliet* at TAMUCC on Friday, November 11 at 7:30 pm.
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Del Mar's Finley Theatre on Friday, November 18 at 7:30.

Let me know if you want to join the group.

A Message From Michelle Balis



Neyland Library
Local Author Visit:
Esther Bonilla Read reads *After the Blessing: Mexican American Veterans Tell Their Own Stories*
When: Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 pm
Where: Neyland Library
1230 Carmel Pkwy.



For more information on the interest groups of AAUW CC Branch, refer to the Branch 2022-2023 Yearbook. Members will find descriptions of interest groups, gathering days and time, and contact information for interest group chairs. The yearbook is a valuable tool for information about our Branch.