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## Busy Hands Has a New Home!

February 15 from 10-12 am (NEW time) the group will meet in the Community Room (off the restaurant) of the HEB at 99 and Champion Forest. Chair Lynn Morris reports that the room has tables, chairs and lots of both natural and overhead light. For more information, [Lmorris281@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lmorris281@sbcglobal.net)

## Peanut Butter Day a Success!

This year, 23 North Harris County AAUW volunteers filled 10,038 jars of peanut butter! (Last year's smaller group of members and spouses filled 6,700 jars.)

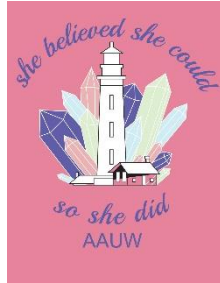
Coordinator Jane Egner says the program we participated in at the Mormon Cannery is called Feeding America. Besides the Houston Food Bank, peanut butter is shipped to recipients all over America.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mary Smith

Happy Valentine's Day to Everyone!

By the time you receive this, NHC will have completed its first Summit in over two years thanks to the flood. We contracted with both Klein Forest and Windfern high schools this year to have Summits but the Klein Forest one has fallen through. Windfern High School is a school of choice in the Cypress Fairbanks ISD. The theme for the day was, "She believed she could, so she did." The girls had a keynote address by Shannon Perry followed by four sessions or workshops. The girls heard about how to build healthy relationships from Soul Singh in a session, "It's All About You" followed by one called, "Overcoming Odds-Choice and a Voice." After lunch they learned about motivation and goal setting in a session called, "The Oyster and the Pearl." The last session was how to have a positive self-image by "Letting Go of Your Baggage!" The Summit ended with door prizes and the completion of goals. A wonderful, fun-filled, worthwhile day! Thanks to Betsy Calabro, Maybelline Carpenter, Brenda Van Derbur, and Kati Woodward for helping facilitate.



WOW! Everyone really came through for the **second Party with a Purpose on Wednesday, January 9 at Sue Mason's home.** Forty-nine people attended. Everyone enjoyed visiting with each other and seeing the beautiful decorations in Sue's home. Many thanks to the co-hostesses of the very successful event: **Brenda Van Derbur, Phyllis Hamilton, Pam Morton, Lynn Morris, Lena Habiby, Judy Wood, Donna McDaniel, Genie Kline, and Karen Stahl.** The theme for this party was "Have a Good Time in 2019!" so guests brought gift certificates to the Ballet (very special), tickets to Regal Premier Movies, puzzles and games, cooking basket items, and a Christmas basket and a wine basket with gift cards to Specs. One donation was a night at the Vintage which included dinner at Mia Bella and tickets to Star Cinema. Obviously, we love to read. There were several gift cards to Barnes & Noble. The contribution to The Trellis, a spa at the Houstonian, we quickly grabbed and put on the **SPECIAL RAFFLE.**

Haven't bought your Special Raffle ticket? See one of the ladies listed on the **Telegram** (page 10). What a bargain for the chance to win 2 round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines or time at the Trellis Spa. **Sue, thank you for opening your home to us again.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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At the January Board of Director's meeting, the Board spent time going over our goals which were set last August. As you remember, this year we completely revamped our goals, making them ones that were closer to our mission statement and what we truly wanted to accomplish or bring about. We made our goals action goals and measurable so half way through the year, it was time to see where we were. Good news. We are well on our way to attaining most of our goals. There are a few which are still on the back burner and may have to be reconsidered for next year. Let me give you a short report card.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership is at 144 and our goal is 147 by June. We will all renew in the next few months and will need to encourage new members.

**Goals A & B:** Attract New Members-we are doing well at publicizing the programs; and the excellent programs themselves bring in new members. Our many and varied interest groups also attract new members. We need to remember to provide transportation, especially at night, for members who cannot drive at night to functions and interest groups.

**ADVOCACY:** Ensure NHC AAUW members and the local public are informed about important issues critical to the equity of women and girls.

**Goals A & B:** We have had a poster session at each branch meeting and articles in the *Nutshell* on specific public policy issues such as School Safety, Equal Pay, Title IX, Title VII. We missed the month of January on Higher Education.

**Goal C:** Ongoing. Members should have hours in by June 30, 2019.

**EDUCATION** - Address the barriers that hamper the advancement of women and girls.

**Goal A:** Not in progress now.

**Goal B:** Plan and coordinate Summits at local high schools. Summit planned but cancelled at Klein Forest High School; Summit conducted at Windfern High School.

**Goal C:** Fellowship Fund Committee has met, and Board has voted to award \$28,000 to 501(c) 3 organizations that foster STEM skills and build interest in technology among female students.

**Goal D:** Investigate Work Smart- In progress

**PHILANTHROPY** - Support NHC fundraising efforts which enable us to provide opportunities for women and girls through grants, scholarships, special projects, and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

**Goal A:** In progress: All have to do with increasing the participation in OWL

**Goal B:** We met the goal of \$1500 for the Legal Advocacy Fund

**Goal C:** Explore the possibility of new fundraisers. In progress.

If you have read through these, you can see, we are well on our way to meeting our goals. Way to go, NHC!

SEE all of you at the OWL Luncheon March 2nd.

Mary Smith

## Save the Date

*North Harris County AAUW*  
*2018 Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon*

**Saturday, March 2, 2019, 10:00 am. – 2:30 pm.**

**Garden Room at Shirley Acres**

**217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090**

### *Honoring*

**Education Honoree**

*Kati Woodward*



**Community Service Honoree**

*Debbie Johnson*



**Keynote Speaker**

*Dr. Patricia Gail Bray*

**\$60 per ticket**

**For more information, contact Sharon Jeremenko**

**at [jeremenko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeremenko@sbcglobal.net)**

**10:00 a.m. Doors open for auction and social time**

**11:30 a.m. Program, Lunch, and Presentations**

**Bring cash, credit card, or checkbook for silent auction!!!**



Join us for Daytime Bridge on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 2019 from 9:45 am – 2:30 pm. Hostess Linda Massie would appreciate your being there on time.

Reservations are a must! Email [slmassie@comcast.net](mailto:slmassie@comcast.net). The group plays at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7979 Willow Chase Blvd. Plan to play until 2:30 pm so everyone can enjoy a full day of bridge. Please socialize before and after. Coffee and water are furnished.

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## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a discussion group created by the Foreign Policy Association to facilitate conversation on American foreign policy as it impacts other countries. Each year we select 4 topics from the Great Decisions Briefing Book which can be purchased for \$30.00 on line at [www.GreatDecisions.org](http://www.GreatDecisions.org) or from the Brazos Bookstore at 2421 Bissonnett St.

We meet in members' homes at 7:00 for wine/dessert/coffee followed by discussion at 7:30. If you have any

questions about Great Decisions, contact Mary Jane Petrick. It is very important to RSVP to the hostess so she knows how many to plan for.

**Monday 2/4:**  
**Refugees and Global Migration**  
Mary Jane and Tom Petrick  
[Maryjanepetrick@gmail.com](mailto:Maryjanepetrick@gmail.com)

**Monday 2/18:**  
**The United States and Mexico:  
Partnership Tested**  
Linn and Jack Smyth  
[Linn.smyth@gmail.com](mailto:Linn.smyth@gmail.com)

## Travelmania

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

1:00 p.m. Social; 1:30 p.m. Program

The Village of Gleannloch Farms in their Multi-Purpose Room  
9505 Northpointe Boulevard, Spring, TX 77379

*RSVP to Sue Mason, Chair, by Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> so we can plan for refreshments.  
Email [sue-mason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue-mason@sbcglobal.net), call 281-376-3699 (h), or call/text at 281-788-9937 (c)*

*Scandinavia Presented by Lena Habiby*



Lena will tell us about her land tour of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway - from beautiful historic cities to breathtaking rolling hills, forests, mountains, waterfalls, lakes, and fjords. Jeanne Henderson and Sue Kikis will bring refreshments; Kay Holland will be the greeter. Join us and enjoy the photos and adventure.

Those on the Travelmania distribution list will receive a reminder about the meeting. Please contact Chair Sue Mason to be added to the email distribution list or if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you!

President Mary Smith sent out a Letter to Contributors form for those wonderful members who are going out into the community to ask for contributions for the 2019 Outstanding Women's Luncheon. It is important to remember that the second half of the letter needs to be filled out and turned in with the contribution that you collect - including gift cards.

If you did not get a copy of Mary's instructions and/or the form, please contact Mary at [mmsmith11627@att.net](mailto:mmsmith11627@att.net) for a copy.

### Prime Time Lit

Discussion starts promptly at 6:30 pm. If you want to order food and/or visit, plan to arrive at 6 pm. We meet at Spring Creek Barbeque, 4220 FM 1960 W. On Feb. 25, Linda Massie and Linn Smyth will lead a discussion of The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.

## Meeting Our Honorees

Debbie Johnson feels called to serve. When HIV/AIDS struck Houston, she chaired a hands-on ministry for persons with those infections. As the outreach director of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, she has overseen 40 ministries. She leads a ministry to serve the Lakota Indians of South Dakota. In North Harris County, she is the co-founder and president of the board of 1960 Hope Center that serves our homeless population. Debbie is an involved alumna of the University of Texas and an officer of the Willowbrook Rotary Club. The Superlady Live Movement will honor Debbie this year for making the community stronger.

Kati Woodward is an educator whose influence spread beyond a traditional classroom. When students in her first classes missed school to babysit with younger siblings, Kati began an effort that resulted in the establishment of a day care center for that community. She sponsored a Model United Nations Club to expose high school students to international affairs. For area high schools, she created high school Summits reaching over 7,700 girls through programs that support the AAUW Mission Statement. Kati and her husband were founders of the Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) that serves over 550,000 persons in North Harris County.

### In Memoriam

Former NASA executive Nancy Grace Roman, often described as the “mother” of the Hubble Space Telescope, died in December 2018 at age 93. A longtime employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Roman was the first woman to hold an executive role at NASA. After getting her Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Chicago in 1949, she joined NASA in 1959 as its first Chief of Astronomy in the Office of Space Science where she remained until her retirement in 1979. Roman is also remembered for her work in bolstering career opportunities for women through the American Association of University Women, [the Washington Post reported.](#)

## IMPORTANT DAYTIME LIT NOTICE!

The February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in the Cypress Room of Hasta La Pasta.

The book for February is Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann. Shirley Ada and Jane Egner will share reviewer duties.

Please bring a "SCRATCH OFF" to the Lit Group meeting at Hasta La Pasta on Thursday, February 7. SCRATCH OFFS can be purchased at gas stations or Kroger's for \$2, \$3 or \$5 and will be used in the auction on March 2. They come in a variety of types, crossword puzzles, bingo, etc. Hand them to Mary Smith.



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## Beyond Candy Crush February 28, 2019

Introduction to Coding at CODENINJAS, 4751 Louetta Road (next to Planned Parenthood), 1:00 pm.

We also are invited to attend Girls Code TOO! Free workshop for girls on February 23. Call 281-456-3482 for details.

**CODE NINJAS®**

ASK US ABOUT BIRTHDAY PARTIES!  
AND HOW TO EARN BOY/GIRL  
SCOUT BADGES!

**February**

- 2-15 Valentine's Day
- Parent's Night Out (5:30 PM - 9:30 PM)
- 2-23 CoderBunnyz 2 hour session!
- Girls Code Too! FREE for Girls!

**March**

- 3-11/3-12 Roblox 2-Day Mini Camp
- 3-13/3-14 Shopkins 2-Day Mini Camp
- 3-15 Pokemon 1-Day Mini Camp (Buy 2 Camps, Get Pokemon Camp FREE)

Give us a thumbs up on FACEBOOK!  
It's Like

Ages 7-14!



## Party with a Purpose Photos

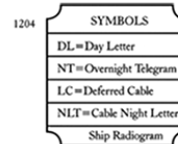




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# TELEGRAM

EXPRESS MESSAGE.



## ATTENTION!!!! WE HAVE A SPECIAL RAFFLE SALE SELLING THIS YEAR **BEFORE** THE LUNCHEON!

### THESE ARE THE FOUR ITEMS ON THE SPECIAL RAFFLE:

1. Two Round Trip Tickets to Southwest Airlines worth \$800
2. A Deluxe Spa at the Trellis at the Houstonian worth \$520
3. Beats Solo3 Wireless Head Phones worth \$300
4. Perry's Steakhouse gift card worth \$150

**TICKETS COST \$10 FOR ONE TICKET OR  
3 TICKETS FOR \$25**

**YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OR  
YOU CAN EMAIL MARY SMITH AT [MMSMITH11627@ATT.NET](mailto:MMSMITH11627@ATT.NET)**

Barbara Hine  
Donna McDaniel  
Sue Ann Lurcott  
Betsy Calabro  
Karen Donelson  
Judy Wood  
Liz Wilson  
Sharon Glasgow  
Vivian Young  
Lena Habiby  
Connie Diaz  
Beverly Johnson  
Sharon Jeremenko  
Mary Smith  
Celeste Sater  
Brenda Van Derbur  
Vada Boyle

## Activities Updates

### World Today

The group next meets at 1 pm  
February 14th at the home of  
Celeste Sater. Discussion will  
focus on The Wall.

### Screen Savors

Hate going to movies alone?  
Join Screen Savors Tuesday,  
February 26th.  
Email Jane Egner at  
[twoeggsjane2@msn.com](mailto:twoeggsjane2@msn.com)

### We Need Photos!

If you enjoy taking photos of our  
events, Lena Habiby wants to  
remind you and all the interest  
groups to take photos of their  
activities and to send them to her  
in large MB. As our archivist, she  
needs to collect them for our  
Branch history and for our  
scrapbook. Send photos or  
questions to Lena at  
[Lena.habiby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lena.habiby@sbcglobal.net)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN

### February TO:

<b>B. Calabro</b>	<b>2 - 01</b>
<b>P. Boozman</b>	<b>2 - 02</b>
<b>S. Kikis</b>	<b>2 - 03</b>
<b>D. Sharr</b>	<b>2 - 03</b>
<b>J. Fauntleroy</b>	<b>2 - 14</b>
<b>H. Graham</b>	<b>2 - 17</b>
<b>S. Wenger</b>	<b>2 - 17</b>
<b>L. Massie</b>	<b>2 - 22</b>
<b>J. Peterson</b>	<b>2 - 22</b>
<b>P. Hamilton</b>	<b>2 - 23</b>



Know someone who could use a note of  
encouragement, a get-well card, or just a  
thinking of you card? If so, e-mail or call  
Sharon Glasgow; she will send a note or  
card on behalf of NHC AAUW.

**Sharon Glasgow**  
[glasgow\\_sharon@yahoo.com](mailto:glasgow_sharon@yahoo.com)

## February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Deadline for Bridge RSVP's
3	4 Great Decisions	5	6 Social	7 Daytime Lit	8 Gourmet	9
10	11	12 Bridge	13	14 World Today/ Board Meeting	15 Busy Hands	16
17	18 Great Decisions	19 Travelmania	20 Mah Jongg	21	22	23
24	25 Prime Time Lit	26 Screen Savors	27	28 Beyond Candy Crush	1	2 OUTSTANDING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

### CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please send any changes of address, phone numbers, or email addresses that you would like the branch members to be aware of to Membership VP Brenda Van Derbur. She will issue cumulative updates to the yearbook/directory.