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Join us at Shirley Acres this Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate our Community Service Honoree Debbie Johnson and our Education Honoree Kati Woodward at the Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon 10 am – 2:30 pm



Don't forget to come prepared to shop! Dive in to our Raffle and Auction and see what treasures you can find!

# ARE YOU READY?

## GRAB YOUR WALLETS AND YOUR CREDIT CARDS

By Mary Smith

Welcome to our auction preview for the OWL luncheon on Saturday, March 2. The auction will begin at 10 am and end at 11:30 am as will the raffle. In fact, the luncheon will begin with half of the raffle items being drawn, so be sure you have put in your last raffle ticket prior to 11:30.

We have two different raffles this year. The **SPECIAL RAFFLE WITH 4 ITEMS WHICH HAS BEEN SELLING FOR OVER A MONTH** and a New raffle just for **SATURDAY. This year beware “no bent tickets will win.”**

The Beats Solo 3 Wireless Head Phones and the Spa at the Houstonian will be raffled from the special raffle plus four items from the regular raffle. The \$150 gift card to Spec’s Liquor store, the \$75 gift card to Perry’s, the jewelry and gift card from Haute Boutique, and the delicious Seafood Bisque that Bob Shirley has donated will be drawn before the luncheon. I imagine several potential hostesses put in tickets for that item!

**WE ARE SAVING THE BEST RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE END OF THE LUNCHEON.** Many of you have purchased a chance for tickets on Southwest Airlines!!! That will be raffled at the end. The regular raffle has some great surprises for you this year. There are four Astros tickets behind home plate. There is a \$150 gift card to Chico’s. In addition to that gift card, you can

win a \$100 gift card to James Avery as well as a random pile of folded up dollar bills. Oo, la, la!

And that is just the raffle! Move over to the auction tables. A new item this year is a collection of scratch-off tickets. There is a lovely baby basket with a handknit baby afghan by Lyn Bloomer topping it off. A Mediterranean cookbook and gourmet cooking items create a great basket for cooking aficionados. If you are wanting something simpler, there is a Bon Appetit Appetizer basket for you with just a few tidbits and utensils to get you started planning a great party. If you want entertainment closer to home, we have three options for you: StageWorks, Promenade Series membership, and tickets to Midtown Men. Downtown, you can attend the ballet or the Houston Symphony.

If you like to eat out and go to the movies, there are many opportunities for you to buy packages of meal experiences and movie gift cards so that you can experiment with new places or go to old favs.

**Wine Class for Twenty at Total Wine & More and weekend stays at the Marriott or Aloft Hotels!**



**Just a few  
of our  
exciting  
items!**

**Perfect for gifts!**







**Be ready to shop!**

## Save the Date

*North Harris County AAW*

*2018 Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon*

*Saturday, March 2, 2018, 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, March 12th, 2019 from 9:45 am – 2:30 pm. Hostess Phyllis Hamilton would very much appreciate everyone

arriving on time. Call her to RSVP at 281-246-1049 or email [phyllis.hamilton@cfisd.net](mailto:phyllis.hamilton@cfisd.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.

## 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 3/4:

The Rise of Populism in Europe  
Megan and Bill Frank  
1310 Richlawn  
Spring, TX 77379  
281-788-3252  
[Megandfranks@gmail.com](mailto:Megandfranks@gmail.com)

### Monday 3/18:

Decoding US-China Trade  
Karen and Jim Donelson  
9414 New Forest Rd  
Spring, TX 77379  
281-773-0094  
[Kdon52@gmail.com](mailto:Kdon52@gmail.com)

## See You at The Social!

Join us Wednesday, March 6 at Fratellini's Ristorante Italiano, 8905 Louetta Rd. in Spring, TX. We gather from 4 – 6 pm the first Wednesday of almost every month.

# Travelmania

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

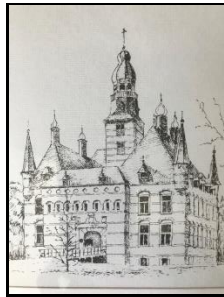
**1:00 p.m. Social; 1:30 p.m. Program**

**The Village of Gleannloch Farms in their Multi-Purpose Room**

**9505 Northpointe Boulevard, Spring, TX 77379**

**Guests are welcome with plenty of room & plenty of parking.**

*RSVP to Sue Mason, Chair, by Thursday, March 14<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)*



## ***Living in the Netherlands Presented by Deedee Fischer***

***Kasteel Wijchen, a Medieval Castle  
In the town where the Fischers lived***

***Three years in the Netherlands wasn't enough time to see all the castles, churches, and windmills! Deedee Fischer will tell us about living in a medieval town near the German border and share highlights of the country from Friesland in the north to Maastricht in the south. Sharon Glasgow, Pam Morton, and Jeanne Nelsen will bring refreshments; Sylvia de Hek 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 me to be added to the email distribution list or if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you! Sue Mason, Chair.***

### **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 March 25, Donna Ohlson will lead a discussion of The Blind Assassin. Margaret Atwood's dazzling novel, written in the colloquialisms and clichés of the 1930's and 1940's, unfolds layer by layer concluding in a brilliant and satisfying twist.

The book selection meeting for the following year is normally scheduled in the month of March. Due to no "extra" Monday in March 2019, the book selection meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 29, 2019. This is the Monday following the April 22<sup>nd</sup> regular book club meeting.



***Thursday, March 21, 2019***  
***Day tour of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library***  
***College Station, Texas***



**As one of the main attractions in Texas, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum creates a museum experience that is both educational and entertaining.**

**The museum's core exhibits reveal the unique influences and challenges that shaped George Bush's life and presidency, and frequently changing temporary exhibits. Through artifacts, film, photographs, documents and interactive videos, this special museum experience encompasses much of U.S. history since 1941. In addition, a special section is dedicated to First Lady Barbara Bush and her efforts on behalf of literacy, AIDS awareness and prevention, and volunteerism.**

**Details of the Day Tour**

\*Remember to sign up when the time comes! We need a minimum of 20 to use the Precinct 4 bus\*

**8:30 AM** Meet at Kroger Parking lot (Champion Forest Dr & Cypresswood Dr)

**9:00 AM** Precinct 4 bus departs for members 50+ years of age

**10:45 AM** Arrive in College Station and visit museum

**1:00 PM** Lunch at Abuelos (840 East University Dr. College Station Texas 77840)



## DAYTIME LIT

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, both groups will meet to discuss Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Coffee and Conversation start at 9:30 while the review and discussion begin at 10:00 am. PLEASE RSVP to your hostess that you will be attending!

Better Read Than Dead – reviewer will be Anais Watsky. Hostess: Mary Gubert, 12219 Rocky Lake Court, Houston, TX 77070. Call 281-748-9893 or email [marygubert.mg@gmail.com](mailto:marygubert.mg@gmail.com)

Lit Happens—reviewer is Genie Klein. Hostess: Margaret Penny, 16930 Barretts Crossing Drive, Spring, TX 77379. To reach [margaret.penny@att.net](mailto:margaret.penny@att.net) or 832-452-7066.

Daytime Literature 2019-2020 book nominations in the following categories – Light Summer Reading, Poetry/Drama, Banned Books, Women’s History, Cultural Holidays, and free choice subjects – must be sent to Elizabeth Folk ( [efolk9@gmail.com](mailto:efolk9@gmail.com)) by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Members will receive a complete list of nominated books at the close of nominations. If you are unable to attend the book selection meeting at Anais Watsky’s, 17814 Running Brook Lane (Memorial Northwest) at 10:00 am March 29, you may email your proxy votes to Elizabeth Wilson ( [elspeth47@earthlink.net](mailto:elspeth47@earthlink.net) or Mary Quinn ( [marygquinn@yahoo.com](mailto:marygquinn@yahoo.com) ) no later than March 23<sup>rd</sup>. No nominations will be accepted at the March 29 meeting.

## Lively Arts Group

The Lively Arts Group is dedicated to facilitating AAUW members’ attendance at cultural events in one of two ways:

1. Creation of a data base that indicates the fine arts interests of each member so that members can collaborate with others having similar interests to arrange carpools to performances, exchange with or donate tickets to other members, and organize monthly Lively Arts outings to specific events, +/- meals.
2. Organizing monthly outings open to all members so that a group attends together by carpooling or precinct bus. An event group leader is needed to organize a single outing.

Just want some company and/or a ride to a cultural event? Call anyone with your interests from the grid. An expanded interest survey will be distributed soon. Be sure you are included!

## Advanced Mah Jongg

The group will meet at 1:00 pm on 3/20, the 4th Wednesday.

For more information, call Mary Jane Petrick at 713-598-1030 or email [maryjanepetrick@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanepetrick@gmail.com)

## Gourmet

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday to sample tantalizing cuisines and enjoy memorable excursions.

Hungry for more information: Marge Mitchell: [mitchellfamilyTX@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitchellfamilyTX@sbcglobal.net)

Gourmet enjoyed a great time at Uncle Julio's Mexican Restaurant in February. The group of 17 celebrated Heather Graham's Birthday with a chocolate piñata!

March 8<sup>th</sup> will find Gourmet at P.F. Chang's. Email Marge Mitchell [@Mitchellfamikytx@Sbcglobal.net](mailto:@Mitchellfamikytx@Sbcglobal.net) to be added to the invitation list.



### Busy Hands Has a New Home!

March 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)

Lena Habiby reminds all interest groups to take photos and send them to her in large MB. As archivist, she needs to collect them for our Branch history and our scrapbook. Send photos or questions to Lena at: [lana.habiby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lana.habiby@sbcglobal.net)

## Activities Updates

### World Today

The group meets at 1 pm  
Thursday March 14th at the home  
of Celeste Sater, 1806 Tucumcari  
Drive. Houston, 77090.  
Topic: The Wall.

### Screen Savors

Hate going to movies alone?  
Join Screen Savors Tuesday,  
March 26th.

Email Jane Egner at  
[twoeggsjane2@msn.com](mailto:twoeggsjane2@msn.com)

### Beyond Candy Crush

Plans for our March meeting to  
be determined; we have been  
invited to attend the Klein ISD  
Coding Expo April 16-18. For  
more information, email  
[elspeth47@earthlink.net](mailto:elspeth47@earthlink.net)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH TO:

M. Mitchell	3 - 04
B. Johnson	3 - 08
A. Bush	3 - 10
A. Moore	3 - 10
M. (L) Gibson	3 - 12
J. Lutz	3 - 13
K. Gunderson	3 - 18
C. Diaz	3 - 22
R. Cromwell	3 - 30



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)

## March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 OUTSTANDING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON
3	4 Great Decisions	5	6 Social	7 Daytime Lit	8 Gourmet/ Bridge RSVP Deadline	9
10	11	12 Bridge	13	14 World Today/ Board Meeting	15 Busy Hands	16
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### 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.