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It's Spring -



Come pick from the bouquet of activities we have to offer!

AAUW North Harris County (TX) Branch
 Mary Smith, Branch President
 Houston, TX 77070

(I put a small version of our full page certificate at the bottom of the this letter.)

Dear AAUW North Harris County (TX) Branch Members:

On behalf of AAUW it is our honor to recognize the AAUW North Harris County (TX) Branch on its 45th anniversary. We applaud your exceptional service and demonstrated commitment to advancing equity for women and girls. Please accept this certificate of honor as a small token of our gratitude.

Thanks to your hard work AAUW continues to grow, with more than 170,000 members and supporters nationwide. Our shared commitment to empowering women translates into positive change worldwide. Thanks to you we've made these advances toward our mission in 2018.

- In Kansas City, AAUW joined the Women's Foundation to launch Work Smart in Kansas City, the first phase of a large-scale initiative to train 1 million women to negotiate for better salaries across Kansas and Missouri.
- AAUW worked with city and state leaders to ban the use of salary history in hiring, a practice that puts women at a significant financial disadvantage due to prior discrimination. Governors signed executive orders prohibiting the practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and legislators enacted laws in Louisville, Kentucky; Kansas City, Missouri; and Salt Lake City, Utah.
- We launched a free, online Work Smart course – available at salary.aauw.org – that can be taken in an hour by anyone, anywhere.

We are proud of the accomplishments that you helped make possible. These efforts remind us why we are passionate members of AAUW — and we will not stop here.

Congratulations again on this outstanding milestone! We appreciate all the hard work and activism your branch has accomplished and look forward to your continued support in the coming years.

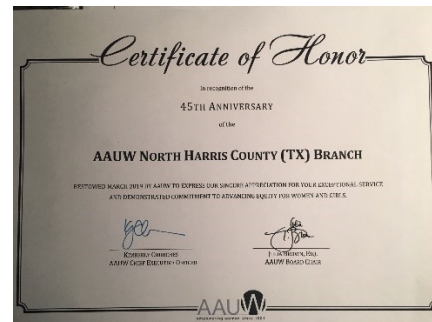
Sincerely,



Kimberly Churches
 Chief Executive Officer



Julia Brown, Esq.
 Board Chair



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We have an important duty at our April meeting. We elect our officers.

The April branch meeting is April 18 at the Greenwood Forest Residents' Club. You can nominate from the floor at the time of the election, provided written consent of the nominee has been obtained. Elections are by a majority vote of those present and voting. The election of officers will take place at a brief business meeting before the speaker. Here are the nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee:

President-elect – Brenda Van Derbur

Co-VP Programs – Gaile Howland/Caroline Howard

Co-VP Fellowship Fund – Maybelline Carpenter/Liz Wilson

Branch Treasurer – Elizabeth Folk

Fellowship Fund Treasurer – Martha Lozica

You are encouraged to attend the meeting and vote for the new officers who will be leading our branch the coming year.

2019-2020 Membership Renewals

It's that time again and dues for the year are \$95. These are due by June 30th.

Incentive for submitting dues early: There will be a drawing for 3 free national memberships. To be eligible for the drawing, you must have your renewal form and check turned in by May 10th. The drawing will take place at the End of Year Dinner on May 16th.

You do not need to be present to win but I hope to see many of you there. You can turn checks in to me at any social or meeting I am attending. If you mail your renewal and wish to be entered in the drawing, it must be delivered by May 10th.

Make out checks to NHC AAUW and mail to me.

If you have any questions, or need a copy of the membership form, please contact me.

Brenda Van Derbur

Membership VP

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Twists and Turns to Empowerment: STEM in Libraries by Lynn Morris



All libraries are service oriented institutes. If the patrons want something, the library staff will do their best to provide it for the library users. (Especially if they get assistance in funding.) For years, libraries and librarians have been struggling with how to improve their programs, facilities, funding, and make the library vital and essential to their communities. Hopping on the STEM, STEAM or STREAM bandwagon seems to be working now.

When I was still working as a librarian, the teachers were concentrating on making their students into readers and researchers in the library. This is still true today; however, during my research for this presentation, I found that literally hundreds of public, academic (college level), and school libraries have added daily, weekly or monthly Maker Education opportunities to their schedules.

Maker education (a term coined by Dale Dougherty in 2013) is closely associated with STEM learning. It is an approach to problem-based and project-based learning that relies upon hands-on, often collaborative, learning experiences as a method for solving authentic problems.

Makerspace

Dougherty explains it “as simply a space designed and dedicated to hands-on creativity, and the key thing there is they’re actually making something. Creativity is sometimes idea generation, it’s sometimes problem-solving. But (in) a makerspace, you’re actually going to create product.”

Klein ISD’s newest school remodel has a makerspace room in the learning commons (new word for library) and another similar area in each mod.

The use of these spaces dovetails perfectly with the incorporation of STEM. STEM is an acronym for “Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.” ... The idea behind STEM is to make the United States more competitive in technology development by bringing up generations of students who can excel in high-tech jobs.

STEM in Libraries-continued

Today in libraries you see such STEM activities as:

Coding
Robots
Legos
Gears
Building
Strength and stress testing
Catapults
Lassos
Slime
Experiments
Gardening
And much more.

In fact, school districts are adding STEM type education to their library mission statements.

- AAUW's goal is to encourage more girls to go in to STEM fields and ensure that girls are not left out of this type of education.
- Karen Quintos, chief customer office for [Dell](#), says "Women make up only a third of the world's STEM graduates, and they hold just under a quarter of IT jobs."
- Klein ISD states: Only 18.4% of engineering and 18% of the technology graduates in the United States are women. Women make up 25.8% of STEM workers in the United States, and the percentage is even lower at less than 10% for women in minority groups.



March Day trip to the Bush Museum

Travelmania

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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

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

*RSVP to Sue Mason, Chair, by Thursday, April 11th, so we can plan for refreshments.
Email sue-mason@sbcglobal.net, call 281-376-3699 (h), or call/text at 281-788-9937 (c)*



***April 16, 2019 Program:
Run Away to the Canadian Rockies
(Banff and Johnston Canyon)
Presented by
Carol Norman***



***Jeanne Nelsen & Pam Morton (left)
with their food creations for March 19's
"Living in the Netherlands"
by Deedee Fischer on far right
next to Sue Mason, Chair***

When Carol wants to unwind, she escapes to the Canadian Rockies to her favorite lodge near Banff and Johnston Canyon to enjoy Rocky Mountain peaks, turquoise glacial lakes, breathtaking mountain scenery, and abundant wildlife. Banff National Park is Canada's first national park, the flagship of the nation's park system, and part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dramatic Johnston Canyon is carved steeply into the limestone bedrock by thousands of years of water erosion. Its overhanging canyon walls, waterfalls, deep pools of Johnston Creek, and lush forest leave a memorable impression. Join us and enjoy the photos and adventure.

Sharon Jeremenko and JoAnn Shaw will bring refreshments; Pam Morton will be the greeter

We are currently seeking programs for September 2019 to May 2020. Please contact Sue Mason at the above contacts if you wish to give a program, be added to the email distribution list, or if you have questions. Those on the Travelmania distribution list will receive a reminder about the meeting. We look forward to seeing you! Sue Mason, Chair

Thursday, April 18th
7:00 p.m. at Greenwood Forest
Residents Club



Dr. Sheila Katz, 2016 recipient of the Virginia R. Lyon American Fellowship, will present her first book *Reformed American Dream: Welfare Mothers in Higher Education during the Great Recession*. She wrote the book while completing her Doctorate at University of Houston after she conducted extensive research in the San Francisco Bay Area while teaching at Sonoma State University, California.

Dr. Katz serves on the boards of both the National Center for

Student Parent Programs and the Journal Social Problems. She is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Houston.

DAYTIME LIT MAY MEETING

The Daytime Lit May 2, 2019 meeting will be held at Campioni's Restaurant. The meeting and book review of John Steinbeck's **East of Eden** will start at 11:00 am. After the book review, we will have lunch and form new groups. You may come for the meeting only and not stay for lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$23 – make checks out to Mary Quinn but mail to Anne Grace. The deadline is April 25. Please RSVP to Anne Grace so we have the correct number of chairs. Indicate meeting only or meeting and lunch.

A great list of books has been selected for next year. Now is the time to email Mary Quinn marygquinn@yahoo.com if you want to be included in next year's Daytime Lit.

Gourmet

March's "Gourmet" met at P.F. Chang's for a delicious Asian luncheon! A fantastic turnout of twenty-seven members and guests enjoyed the cuisine and social time.

April 12 we'll be chauffeured to Cleveland by Precinct 4 Senior Ride for a tour and lunch at Hill Top Herb Garden and Restaurant!

If you are not on the mailing list and would like to be, please email Marge Mitchell at mitchellfamilytx@sbcglobal.net.



March Day Trip to the Bush Museum



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Prime Time Lit Meets Twice in April

April 22, 2019, Nettie Briggs will review How the Scots Invented the Modern World by Arthur Herman.

Book selection meetings for the following year are usually held in March. Due to no "extra" Mondays this March, the book selection meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 29, 2019. This is the Monday following the April 22nd regular meeting.

AND, please note that the group will meet on the 3rd Monday in May (due to Memorial Holiday) – May 20, 2018. There will also be a meeting on June 24, 2019.



Beyond Candy Crush

Beyond Candy Crush members, plan to attend the Klein ISD Coding Expo taking place April 16-18. More details about the event will be emailed to you as Liz receives them.

Branch members Jeri Calloway, Mary Smith and Liz Wilson are planning to meet with Karen North (West Harris AAUW), Rice University and Code.org, and HP to see if NHC AAUW can participate in community-wide STEM opportunities for women and girls.

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: lena.habiby@sbcglobal.net

Activities Updates

World Today

The group meets at 1 pm
Thursday April 11th at the home
of Sissie O'Malley.

Megan Franks will lead a
discussion of Income Inequality

Screen Savors

Hate going to movies alone?
Join Screen Savors Tuesday,
April 23th.

Email Jane Egner at
twoeggsjane2@msn.com

Busy Hands

April 19 from 10 am to 12 noon
is the group's time in the
Community Room (off the
restaurant) of the HEB on 99 /
Champion Forest. Easy to work
in, the space has tables, chairs,
natural and overhead light.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL TO:

C. Castellani	4 - 2
G. Howland	4 - 5
K. Woodward	4 - 6
S. Beaty	4 - 7
L. Bloomer	4 - 7
L. Izbinski	4 - 7
M. Poole	4 - 11
L. Smyth	4 - 12
K. Holland	4 - 14
M. Jude	4 - 20
T. Long	4 - 21
K. Wilson	4 - 21
S. Glasgow	4 - 25



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

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR END OF YEAR DINNER PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD AND A GOOD TIME!

BY MARY SMITH



PURPOSE:

- TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR
- STATE OF THE BRANCH REPORT
- INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- AWARDS

LOCATION: CAMPIONI'S, 6:00 PM

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 16

MORE DETAILS TO COME



April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Social	4 Daytime Lit	5	6
7	8	9 Bridge	10	11 World Today Board Meeting	12 Gourmet	13
14	15	16 Travelmania Beyond-----	17 Mah Jongg Candy-----	18 Branch Mtg Election Crush-----	19 Busy Hands	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Prime Time Lit	23 Screen Savors	24	25	26	27
28	29 Prime Time Lit Book Selection	30				

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.