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Brush up your Shakespeare!

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President's Message

By Brenda Van Derbur

This is my first message as the new president of North Harris County AAUW. While it came as quite a shock when I received the phone call from Mary Smith in early June, I am looking forward to working with our wonderful board and all the outstanding members of our branch. I would like to thank Mary Smith for the support and assistance she has provided as I learn this position, as well as those who have answered all my many questions and numerous others who have offered to help with anything I might need.

Our vice-presidents of programs have already been at work planning for the 2019-2020 year. Caroline Howard and Gaile Howland have planned some

great branch meeting programs for this year I think we will enjoy.

On Saturday, August 24, we will have our yearly Membership Luncheon. Sue Mason has arranged a wonderful event for us at New Season Grill and Catering. It will be nice to socialize with those we have missed over the summer, meet potential members from the guests our members bring, and learn about the programs and activities we can look forward to this year.

This will be a great year. How could it not be with all the marvelous, hardworking and gifted women we have in this organization!

Name Tags

Need a magnetic name tag to wear to AAUW meetings and events? Please send a check for \$10.50 made out to "NHC AAUW" to Sue Mason.

Spell your name exactly as you want it on the name tag, and she will order yours. There will also be a table at the August 24th luncheon where you can order them. Questions? Email Sue at sue-mason@sbcglobal.net



**Join Us for Our Annual Membership Luncheon
Saturday, August 24, 2019, 11:00 AM
New Season Grill & Catering**

6159 Cypress Creek Parkway (at Hollister)
Houston, Texas 77066

Bring Friends & Neighbors

This is a fun end-of-the-summer event. Come to socialize, meet potential members, and learn about activities for the coming year. New Season Grill & Catering has an elegant large dining room, delicious food, and mimosas to purchase. Parking is limited so please carpool.

While you are here, look at the displays of upcoming programs, summits, interest groups, and the Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon scheduled for February 29, 2020 which will provide funding for our local grant awards. Check out the photos of grants we previously awarded. You can even renew your dues if you have not already done so.

Questions? Email Sue Mason, VP Membership, at sue-mason@sbcglobal.net

Shakespeare Out Loud

A new interest group is forming. It will be especially welcome for those of us who love the plays, sonnets and poems of the Bard.

This new group will meet in the fall to plan a spring 'Reading of the Bard'. The members will select a play to be read 'out loud' with each member taking a speaking role (this is fun, trust us). We will meet in members' homes for 3 consecutive weeks with the dates and times to be decided at the planning meeting. We will bring our lunch or order delivery, whichever the group decides, and the hostess will provide drinks and a dessert. (Let's make it easy on everyone!)

Our leader will be Kate Pogue who will be the guest at our September Daytime Lit meeting to lead the discussion of The Winter's Tale. Kate has quite an impressive list of accomplishments including:

- BSS from Northwestern University
- MA from the University of Minnesota (which she earned while being a working member of the Guthrie Theater company)
- Teacher of speech at University of Houston
- Written numerous adult and children's' operas
- Published numerous books about Shakespeare, his family and times
- Ran Shakespeare by the Book festival in Richmond for 15 years

Pretty impressive, huh?

If you like the Bard and want some fun too, sign up, come to the planning meeting this fall. See you then!

Questions?

Bobbie Lupa

BobbieLupa@yahoo.com

Donna Ohlson

djointex@yahoo.com

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 August 26th, Megan Franks will lead a discussion of Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

For more information, email Mary McVeigh at mmcveigh@kleinisd.net.



Beyond Candy Crush News

Beyond Candy Crush is looking to become WISE (Women Interested in Science, Education, Entertainment and Eating) and perhaps coordinating activities with other WISE groups in the Houston Metro area. While we are cocooned and “morphing”, stay tuned.

Fellowship Fund News

The North Harris County Branch Fellowship Fund is accepting community grant applications from area schools and 501(c)(3) organizations for projects that will benefit women and girls in the North Harris County area. The application is available on line at <http://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net> (under the Community Grants tab) or from Elizabeth Wilson at elizabethwilson.aauw@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 15, 2019; grants will be awarded at the February 29, 2020 Outstanding Women’s Luncheon.

Daytime Lit

We begin the year together Thursday, September 5 at the Huntwick Clubhouse, 5300 Coral Gables Dr. Come for coffee or mimosas and conversation at 9:30. Donna Ohlson has arranged to have Kate Pogue, a Shakespeare scholar, lead the discussion of Shakespeare's [The Winter's Tale](#). Lunch will be catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Menu: Penne Carrabba, salad, bread, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$30. To attend the discussion only is \$5.00. Guests are welcome. Send your checks payable to Virgie Johnson by August 28th.

"A native of Evanston, Illinois, Kate Pogue received her undergraduate degree in Theatre from Northwestern University and her master's from the University of Minnesota. She was the founder of the drama program and writer of the theater curriculum for Houston Community College where she taught for over twenty years. During this time, she was the Artistic Director of the Shakespeare by the Book Festival in Fort Bend County, Texas, and a founder, Artistic Director and Resident Librettist for Opera to Go, the educational outreach performance company for Houston Grand Opera.

As a stage director she has worked for Houston Community College, Shakespeare by the Book, Houston Shakespeare Festival, Stages Theatre, Unity Theatre and the newly founded Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame among other companies. As a librettist she has had commissions from Minnesota Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Texas Opera Theatre, Houston Grand Opera, and the Houston Symphony among others. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In addition to her many works for children's theatre and children's opera, Mrs. Pogue has written four books on Shakespeare: Shakespeare's [Friends](#), [Shakespeare's Family](#), [Shakespeare's Figures of Speech](#) and [Shakespeare's Education](#). A frequent lecturer on Shakespeare, she is currently a freelance playwright, librettist and stage director living in Houston, Texas. She is married to Bill Pogue and has two children and three grandchildren."

In doing a bit of research on [The Winter's Tale](#), I came across this free download from MIT – http://shakespeare.mit.edu/winters_tale/full.html.

Amazon also has this edition from the Folger's Shakespeare Library - https://www.amazon.com/Winters-Tale-Folger-Shakespeare-Library/dp/0743484894/ref=sr_1_2?crid=3JDRWFF7E8KET&keywords=the+winter%27s+tale+shakespeare&qid=1557926736&s=gateway&sprefix=The+Winter%27s+%2Caps%2C169&sr=8-2 .

September Branch Meeting – Sept. 19, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Hope Center Houston, 821 Peakwood Dr., Houston, TX 77090



HOPE CENTER HOUSTON

A Resource Center for the Homeless

Compassion - Commitment – Change

NOTE: Our branch meeting will be at the new home of Hope Center Houston, located at 821 Peakwood Drive, Houston, TX 77090. September 19 is the day of their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

After our meeting, there will be a

- presentation of the Hope Center's mission
- tour of their new facility



The Hope Center provides resources such as meals, showers, laundry and other services to the homeless.

Carpooling is recommended. Those AAUW members who wish to carpool should meet at the Kroger parking lot at Cypresswood Drive and Champions Forest Drive (15802 Champions Forest Drive) at 5:30 p.m.

Spouses are more than welcome.

If you plan to attend, kindly **RSVP by Sept. 17** to either Gaile Howland, gahowland@aol.com, or Caroline Howard, timncaro1@aol.com, so they can provide you with the gate code and further details.

TO: NHC AAUW Members

FROM: Brenda Van Derbur

I am forwarding this email from a director on the national board. Work Smart is a program aimed at improving working wages for women. We have included Work Smart in the educational goals for our branch and have been discussing how we can take advantage of the training that is offered to help women in our community. Please read below and consider taking the online training or pass it on to a non-member who might benefit from the training offered.

Dear AAUW Leader,

This email is coming to you with the urgent request from the national board that you forward it to your branch members. AAUW has made pay equity a major focus of our programming and Work Smart is a major part of that focus. It isn't just for members. It will help all women. The summer break from other AAUW activities is a good time for members to take the online Work Smart program.

In order to satisfy the terms of the Coca Cola Foundation grant, we still need more people to register for the free online Work Smart program. While a very good number of people have taken the online version, to date, very few AAUW members have done so. Everyone can receive something of value to them from the program. This includes women in the workforce, retirees, men with wives, daughters, mothers and friends in the workforce. (Although the program is focused on women, men are welcome to participate.)

AAUW members who take Work Smart online find that it is easy to access, informative, teaches how to recognize their own self-worth and can even be helpful in getting the best deals on cars and other purchases. Sharing the valuable information with family and friends is very satisfying. Give Work Smart a try! You won't be sorry.

Visit: salary.aauw.org

Please share this link with non-AAUW members, too. Perhaps you can make a goal of reaching out to 10 others. The pay equity we seek isn't just for us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for helping to get this message out and for all you do for AAUW!

Warm regards,

Karen Kirkwood, Director on the AAUW Board

karenskirkwood@cs.com

Editor's Note: This program and the Coca Cola grant is very important to AAUW – try to take the online program or share with women graduates looking for jobs!

Mah Jongg

Meetings are always the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. PLEASE RSVP to the hostess for each month.

The September 21st meeting will be at the home of Mary Smith, mmsmith.aauw@gmail.com

Call Mary Jane Petrick at 713-598-1030 or email maryjanepetrick@gmail.com to join.

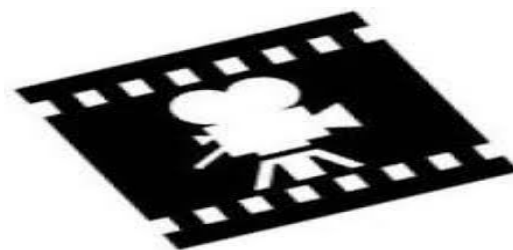


The Bridge Group will meet Tuesday, August 13th at Clementine's Restaurant at the corner of FM 1960 and Champion Drive. Barbara Hine is the hostess.

We will meet at 10:00 am in the banquet room at the back of the restaurant.

Lunch is on you. Coffee and water provided. We play till 2:30.

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



Screen Savors – Tuesday, August 27th, 2019.

Enjoy a current movie with AAUW friends. Movie selection will be announced the Friday before. Contact Jane to be added to the list at 281-430-4168 or email her at Twoeggsjane2@msn.com

The World Today
New members are welcome at
1 pm September 12. Hostess is
Celeste Sater, more info soon.

Activities Updates

Lively Arts: Interested in attending area cultural events in a group? Email Annette Matthew (acmmatt@msn.com) for a copy of the group interest database if interested.

Busy Hands is an interest group for any kind of needlework or handwork held the 3rd Friday of every month from 10:30-12:30 in the Community Room (off the restaurant) of the HEB on 99 at Champion Forest. Easy to work in, the space has tables, chairs, natural and overhead light. For Information, email Lynn Morris: lmorris281@sbcglobal.net

Coming September 13th...
Gourmet meets the 2nd Friday to sample tantalizing cuisines and enjoy memorable excursions. Hungry for more information? Please contact Marge Mitchell MitchellFamilyTX@sbcglobal.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST TO:

M. Gubert	8 – 01
M. Penny	8 – 03
G. Kline	8 – 05
E. Hackler	8 – 11
S. Luck	8 – 12
D. Mingoia	8 – 13
A. Sullivan	8 – 22
F. Sullivan	8 – 24
A. Rapp	8 – 25
A. Matthews	8 – 27
D. Fischer	8 – 29
P. Leonard	8 – 29
J. Jaspers	8 – 30
S. O'Malley	8 - 31



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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Daytime Lit	2	3
4	5	6	7 Social 4-6	8	9	10 Deadline for Bridge RSVP's
11	12	13 Bridge	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Advanced Mah Jongg	22 Nutshell Deadline	23 Busy Hands	24 Membership Luncheon
25	26 Prime Time Lit	27 Screen Savors	28	29	30	31

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 Sue Mason. She will issue cumulative updates to the yearbook/directory.