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*Welcome,
New Members!
Lots of news
about our
activities and
interests
inside.
Get involved
today!*

President's Message

By Brenda Van Derbur

We are well into the 2019-2020 fall activities and enjoying the different interest groups available through NHC AAUW. Unfortunately, our September branch meeting and tour at Hope Center Houston was interrupted by a little rain. Hopefully Debbie Johnson will be able to arrange for something at some later date.

On the 11th of September, Genie Kline had the Kick-Off Koffee to begin the planning for the 2020 Outstanding Women Luncheon. The gathering was hosted by Sharon Jeremenko in her lovely home. After socializing and snacking, everyone had a chance to sign up for their choices of the many tasks essential to having a successful luncheon in February. Mary Smith went over the help needed and the sign-up sheet for workers to help with the auction part of our luncheon. If you were unable to attend the Kick-Off Koffee and would like to help with the luncheon preparations, please email Genie Kline or Mary Smith.

NHC AAUW Game Night is coming soon! Carl and Betsy Calabro are hosting the event at their home on October 19th. Bring your spouse, a friend, or multiple friends for a fun night of games, beverages, and a light dinner. There will be Roulette, Blackjack, Bingo, and the Big Six Wheel. If you are not a game player, just come for the food and to socialize. The profits of this event go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund to help end sexual harassment and sex discrimination in the workplace, combat wage discrimination, and defend members of the military who have been victimized.

One of the goals we have set for our branch is to encourage individual members to take the initiative and advocate for women and girls by participating in ways of their own choosing for at least four hours before June 30, 2020. Check page 9 of the new branch directory & yearbook for a few suggestions on what you can do to help our branch meet this goal. Our Corresponding Secretary will be sending out forms to collect information on our members who are advocating. The information collected from this documentation *can be used* for local publicity, state and national award, and grants or fellowships.

Remember that you can support NHC AAUW in our fundraising efforts by shopping online at AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com) and at the local Kroger's and Randall's grocery stores. A percentage of purchases made are donated to our NHC AAUW Fellowship Fund. This is a very easy and effortless way to add to the funds we need to support our mission. On page 28 of the new directory & yearbook there are instructions on how to enroll/re-enroll in these programs.

Remember to look in your email/mail for information on these events coming up:

- Call for nominations for Outstanding Women to honor at the February 29th luncheon
- Invitations to the November 6th Party with a Purpose, "What's Your Passion?"



NHC AAUW GAME NIGHT

All profits go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Prizes

Date: October 19, 2019

Time: 6:30 - til???

Place: Carl and Betsy Calabro's
You'll be given details once your
check is received.

Come and bring a husband, significant other, and friends for an evening of fun and refreshments - adult beverages and a light dinner.

We will be playing Roulette, Blackjack, Bingo and the Big Six Wheel.

Not a game player? Come for the food, drink and festivities.

Your reservation can be secured for \$40/person. Send a check to Betsy Calabro, made out to NHC AAUW Fellowship Fund.

If you absolutely can't come, a contribution will do!

LAF works to end sexual harassment and sex discrimination in the workplace. Through LAF, AAUW has also been in the forefront of combating wage discrimination and defending members of the military who have been victimized.



**It's a Hats Off to Our New Members Celebration Brunch
October 4, 2019 for New Members, Board, and Interest Group Chairs
At Sue's Home/Photos by Lena, Historian and Archivist**



Vada Greets Guests



New Members (left to right):
Cheryl, Wanda, Bertha, Patti,
Beverly, Helen, & Marsi



Sue, VP Membership, Standing



Betsy, Patti, & Mary



Ghost & Witches in Courtyard



Sharon, Mary, & Blaire



Linn, Marge, & Mary Jane



Cheryl, Mary, Sharon, Pam,
Sharon, & Barbara



Genie Serving Drinks



Mary, Vada, President Brenda,
Jane, & Caroline



Food Provided by Board



Linn, Mary, Beverly, & Sharon

Prime Time Lit

Discussion starts promptly at 6:30 pm. If you want to order food and/or visit, plan to arrive at 6:00 pm. We meet at Spring Creek Barbeque, 4220 FM 1960 W.

On October 28th, the group will discuss The Leavers by Lisa Ko. For more information, contact Mary McVeigh – cell phone 713-504-6434 or email mmcveigh@kleinisd.net.



Beyond Candy Crush News

The WISE Women of Beyond Candy Crush will meet Thursday, October 24, 9:30 am at the home of chairperson Elizabeth Wilson. We will have a little science fun and plan our group agenda over

light refreshments. Bring your smart phone, tablet or laptop and your sense of curiosity about all things STEAM/STEM. Plan to attend? Please let Elizabeth know – elspeth47@earthlink.net

Fellowship Fund News – October 2019

The search for Fellowship Fund grant recipients for the 2019-2020 membership year has begun. Over 100 requests for grant proposals have been emailed to local 501(c)(3) organizations and five local school districts – Aldine, Cy-Fair, Klein, Spring, and Tomball. If you know of organizations or teachers who might be interested in applying, the grant documents are available online at our branch website – <http://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net> (under Community Grant tabs) – or from Elizabeth Wilson – elizabethwilson.aauw@gmail.com . 2019-2020 grants will be awarded at the Outstanding Women's Luncheon on February 29, 2020.

Since 1990 the North Harris County AAUW Fellowship Fund has contributed more than \$450,000 to local and national projects. Locally, 21 community service organizations have received \$80,905; 4 county libraries (Aldine, Barbara Bush, Atascocita, and Northwest Branch) \$56,417; Aldine ISD - \$5915; Cy-Fair ISD - \$58,416; Klein ISD - \$77,323; Spring ISD - \$29,177. We hope to fund at least one Tomball ISD project this grant cycle. Nationally, the branch has completed endowments for the Virginia R. Lyon American Fellowship and North Harris County Research and Projects grants. We have also contributed to three additional American Fellowships in honor of Barbara Jordan, Lynette K. Solomon, and Ann Richards; in addition, we have contributed to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. Our contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund are not included in these calculations but will be in our next annual tally.



AAUW Bridge will meet Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00 am at Clementine's Restaurant at the corner of FM 1960 and Champion Drive. We will play in the banquet room at the back of the restaurant until 2:30 pm.

Lunch is on you with coffee and water provided. Email Phyllis Hamilton early to get a spot: phyllis.hamilton@cfisd.net

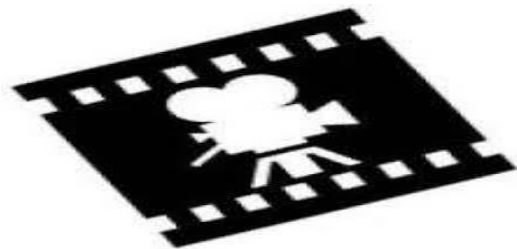


The World Today

"Texas...What's Going on?" will be the topic of the October 10th meeting of The World Today. The group will meet at 1:00 at Sissie O'Malley's. RSVP to Sissie at sissieom@sbcglobal.net

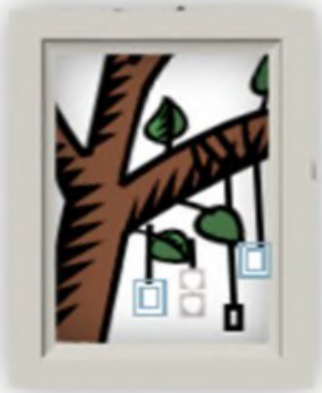
Screen Savors – Tuesday, October 22th, 2019.

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

October Branch Meeting – Oct. 17, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Greenwood Forest Residents Club



The Memory Tree

Where your memories are preserved
for years to come.

The Memory Tree is owned by Dianne Glenn, a veteran and a two-time recipient of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Awards of Distinction. Since entering the field of photography in 1974, Dianne has continued to learn, to take on new challenges and to hone new skills. She uses her expertise to digitize, copy, create and restore many of the photos you have saved, and they in turn can be transformed into **your very own Memory Tree**.

Dianne will show how to organize your photos and how to display them to suit you. Some other services she will discuss include:

- Repair and /or restore old photos which have been damaged or faded
- Photos, slides, and negatives digitized
- Photo books created to share memories of trips, family, and events
- Digital scrapbooks designed
- Create slide shows, cd/dvd or thumb drives to preserve Your history

The Memory Tree is rated A+ by the Better Business Bureau.

Travelmania

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

1:00 pm Social; 1:30 pm Program

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church - Parish Hall

14301 Stuebner Airline, Houston, TX 77069

Back parking lot is just south of Hieden Feed & Supply off Cashel Glen Drive.
From Cashel Glen, turn left into parking lot, park, and follow arcade to the end.

Parish Hall is the first room to the right. The name is on an overhead beam.

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

RSVP to Sue Mason, Chair, by Thursday, October 10th, so we can plan for refreshments.

Email sue-mason@sbcglobal.net, call 281-376-3699 (h), or call/text at 281-788-9937 (c)

Where



the Vikings Landed Presented by Sharon



Jeremenko

Come travel with us on the Queen Elizabeth to places where the Vikings landed: Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Iceland. In Iceland (the focus), enjoy the views of Ísafjörður with its magnificent mountains of the Ísfjarðardjúp (a fjord containing 16 fjords) and on to the old Icelandic settlement Ósvör with its Hólskirkja church. Then from Reykjavik, travel with us around The Golden Circle over the Mosfellsheidi Heath to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Thingvellir National Park, on to Gullfoss (otherwise known as "The Golden Waterfall"), and the nearby geothermal area of Geysir to see Strokkur. Additional points of interests include the lighthouse route of Nova Scotia and a coastal hike in Newfoundland. Mary Gubert and Marge Mitchell will bring refreshments. Jane Egner will be the greeter.

Please contact Sue Mason if you have any questions or want to be added to Travelmania's distribution list. Those who wish may contribute \$1 each to pay to the sexton for setting up the room since the church is providing coffee, water, and room setup for no charge. Those on the distribution list will receive a reminder about the meeting. We look forward to seeing you!
Sue Mason, Chair

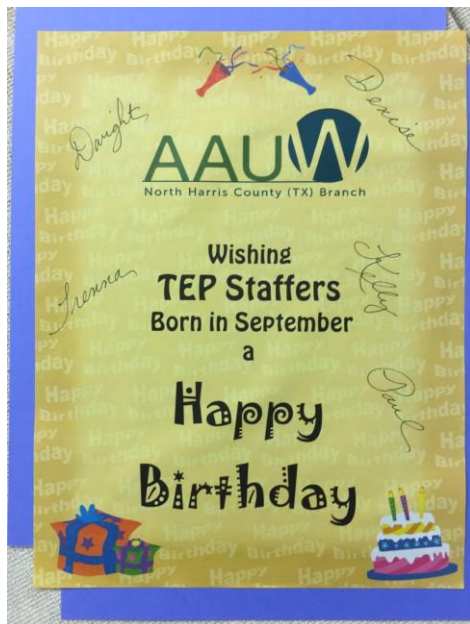
North Harris County Branch adopts Klein TEP (Therapeutic Education Program)

Since the staff has no PTO, NHC is providing monthly acknowledgement events, such as the September birthdays celebration shown here.

Groups will take a month and prepare something for the staff. If you'd like to participate, email Betsy Calabro at betsycaauw@yahoo.com

TEP was established in 1996 with the major focus of socializing students to normative standards in terms of interpersonal skills with peers and adults, to teach classroom behaviors that promote learning, and to encourage problem solving skills that eschew violent and aggressive strategies.

Today TEP provides special education services for approximately 100-120 students at a time. All ages are served, from kindergarten to post-secondary.



Out and About

Members were busy this month with the Outstanding Women Kick-Off Koffee and Shakespearean book review for Daytime Lit



Kick-Off Koffee



Shakespeare

NHC Grant Programs in Action



Blackshear Elem. ([@BlackshearKISD](#))

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A HUGE thank you to [@aauw74](#) for the STEM grant last spring! Our materials have started to arrive and this magnetic/dry erase wall with STEM activities is such an exciting addition to our library

Makerspace! [#haveuherdkisd](#) pic.twitter.com/Oq9HsiYuh



More Activities You Can Participate In**SNUGGLE BUDDIES**

North Harris County AAUW has a new service project – stitching Snuggle Buddies for neonatal intensive care patients at Texas Children’s Hospital. What is a Snuggle Buddy? New NHC AAUW member, Teaghan Bush, a Child Life Specialist in the NICU, says Snuggle Buddies are soft flannel hearts that mothers tuck into their bras to absorb their skin scents. After returning the Snuggle Buddies to their babies’ nursing staff, they are placed in isolettes to provide comfort to the baby when it is undergoing painful/stressful medical procedures. In addition, the Snuggle Buddy also supports bonding between baby and mother.

How can you help? You can sew, you can cut, you can donate flannel scraps or yardage, and/or you can donate money to purchase flannel. Elaine Volz and Elizabeth Wilson can provide heart patterns if you are interested in participating.

Lively Arts Group

The Lively Arts Group is dedicated to facilitating AAUW members’ attendance at cultural events. Member Annette Matthews has created an amazing grid that allows group members to find others who share their cultural interest and a host of other details. Feel like getting out? Simply consult the grid! To be included, simply email Annette to get started at acmmatt@msn.com. (This information was also sent out by Sharon Glasgow on October 1st.)

Daytime Lit Coming Attractions

North Harris County members are readers. For those who would prefer to do their reading and reviewing during the day, Daytime Lit is just the ticket. Meeting the first Thursday of the month, discussions are usually held at various homes with lunch afterwards at a local restaurant. November’s selection is [Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup](#) by John Carryou. For more information, contact either Mary Quinn at marygquinn@yahoo.com or Liz Wilson at elspeth47@earthlink.net

Outstanding Women Awards Nominations and Voting Timeline

Nominations Deadline: Monday October 21, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

*Submit complete nomination packet: Nomination Form, one-page Bulleted Biography and one-page resume (both saved as Word documents) as separate e-mail attachments to Susan Muirhead or muirrindu@sbcglobal.net.

Call for Votes: Monday October 28, 2019

Voting Period: Monday October 28, 2019 to Monday November 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm
All votes will be submitted via e-mail to Suzanne Beaty at aauw.suzanneb@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about a nomination, please contact:

Susan Muirhead muirrindu@sbcglobal.net

Suzanne Beaty at aauw.suzanneb@gmail.com

Genie Kline at geniekline@aol.com

Brenda Van Derbur at brendavan@comcast.net

Gourmet Enjoys Lunch at Peli-Peli



Activities Updates

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.

Interested? Email Lynn Morris
lmorris281@sbcglobal.net

Gourmet will travel by bus Friday, October 11th to The Hodgepodge Lodge located in Montgomery. Invitations will go out around October 1st.

Hungry for more information? Contact Marge Mitchell at
MitchellFamilyTX@sbcglobal.net

Mah Jongg is always the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Email Mary Jane Petrick for more information.
MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER TO:

R. Hudgens	10 - 01
W. Bamberg	10 - 02
M. Kimball	10 - 02
S. Darst	10 - 03
S. Mason	10 - 06
S. Summers	10 - 06
K. North	10 - 08
J. Saunders	10 - 08
M. Quinn	10 - 11
C. Moore	10 - 14
M. Carpenter	10 - 16
C. Howard	10 - 16
J. Weitzel	10 - 16
E. Volz	10 - 20
J. Egner	10 - 22
M. Thomas	10 - 22
B. Alcamo	10 - 24
B. Calabro	10 - 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 713-412-0990
glasgow_sharon@yahoo.com



Hey everybody,
Time for a Party
with a Purpose!



"What's Your Passion?"
That's the Theme!

Wed., November 6th

4-6 p.m.

8611 Sterling Gate

RSVP

mmsmith11627@att.net

281-639-7701 or

713-598-1030

Hostesses:

Mary Jane Petrick

Mary Gubert

Mary Smith

Megan Franks

Bonnie Flynn

Elizabeth Wilson



October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Social	3 Daytime Lit	4 New Members Brunch	5
6	7	8 Bridge	9	10 The World Today Board Mtg	11 Gourmet	12
13	14	15 Travelmania	16 Mah Jongg	17 Nutshell Deadline Branch Meeting	18 Busy Hands	19 Casino Night And LAF Fundraiser
20	21 Prime Time Lit	22 Screen Savors	23	24 Beyond Candy Crush	25	26
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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 Sue Mason. She will issue cumulative updates to the yearbook/directory.