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**Don't forget to vote in the
Texas Joint General and
Special Election Tuesday,
November 5th.**

**AAUW advances gender
equity for women and
girls through research,
education and advocacy.
(AAUW Mission Statement)**

**Someone struggled for
your right to vote.
USE IT.**

President's Message

By Brenda Van Derbur

What a wonderful time was had by all who attended Game Night. People wandered around from one game table to another trying to win enough chips to earn a ticket they could put in a bucket for a chance at winning a prize in the drawing at the end of the night.

Sharon Jeremenko and Chris Faltisek, Brenda Van Derbur's son-in-law, manned the constantly busy Blackjack tables. Peter Jeremenko, Sharon's husband, ran the Roulette table and very patiently explained the rules multiple times to the novices who walked up to play. Bennie Smith, Mary Smith's husband, spent the evening spinning the Big Wheel which participants hoped would stop on the numbers they had chosen to bet on. At the bingo table, Margie Poole



called numbers where several tried to keep up with multiple cards at once.

And to the fun of winning and the frustration of losing at the tables, the excitement was increased by the Astros game playing on the big television screen where all could keep a check on the score throughout the evening and witness the big win.

With all the socializing and game playing going on, our energy was sustained by an ample supply of delicious foods and beverages. Betsy Calabro's husband, Carl, served as bartender for the evening and poured everyone the drink of their choice. Betsy prepared a tasty ham and a potato casserole, which was accompanied by salads, a fruit plate, appetizers, and a cake brought by other members attending the event.



Game Night helps us raise money for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund which works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, which might take the form of unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. Through the tickets purchased by those who attended Game Night and the generous donations from those who could not attend, we were able to reach our goal of raising \$1500 for LAF.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -GAME NIGHT CONT.



We greatly appreciate and thank Carl and Betsy Calabro for sharing their lovely home and hosting Game Night again this year.

Thank you to those who prepared and provided the wonderful food we enjoyed throughout the evening and the people who ran the games that kept us entertained.



A special thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this a successful and fun filled event. If you were not able to attend this year, I hope you will decide to join us next year.

Hey everybody,
Time for a Party
with a Purpose!

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

Wed., November 6th
4-6 p.m.

RSVP
mmsmith11627@att.net

Hostesses:
Mary Jane Petrick
Mary Gubert
Mary Smith
Megan Franks
Bonnie Flynn
Elizabeth Wilson



Vote for the Outstanding Women Award Nominees

The nominees for Outstanding Woman in Education are Dr. Jenny McGown and Amy Uribe and the nominees for Outstanding Women in Community Service are Sue Ann Lurcott and Rekina Romes. The winners will be honored at our February 29, 2020 Outstanding Women Luncheon.

Nominees are listed alphabetically in their category so please be sure to scroll down to read both biographies. (If you did not receive this information, contact Sharon Glasgow.)

You will write in the name of the nominee for each category. The deadline is Monday, November 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact Suzanne Beaty at suzannesbeaty@gmail.com.

Daytime Lit

Daytime Lit meets November 7 to discuss the book Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou. As the Page Turns will meet at the home of Mary Quinn; Bonnie Flynn will lead the discussion; The Happy Bookers will meet at the home of Elizabeth Wilson; Donna Ohlson will lead the discussion. Coffee and social time starts at 9:30 am with discussion to begin at 10:00 am. Both groups will gather at Moe's Irish Pub in The Vintage for lunch afterward. For more information, contact either Mary Quinn at maryquinn@yahoo.com or Liz Wilson at elpeth47@earthlink.net

Beyond Candy Crush News

Beyond Candy Crush is taking a holiday break for the months of November and December. We will have a cute glyph activity we would like for you to participate in at the November Party with a Purpose. We will share the outcome in a later NUTSHELL. Plan to join us in January 2020 as we learn about Cybersecurity. For more details, contact Elizabeth Wilson at elpeth47@earthlink.net





Reservations are a must!

Bridge will meet on Tuesday, November 12th from 10:00 am for set up and 10:15 to play to 2:30 pm at Clementine's Restaurant at the corner of FM 1960 and Champion Drive. Play is in the banquet room at the back of the restaurant. While coffee and water are provided, players order and buy their own lunch.

Reminder to all: please talk softly when you are done playing as others may still be playing.

Email November hostess Judy Stacy at Judy@strocket.com early to reserve a spot. If you are interested in being added to the players list, please contact Barbara Hine, barbarahine1@gmail.com.



The World Today

The World Today will meet November 14th at Marjorie Rice's home from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Patricia Leonard will lead the discussion on Guns.

In the second half of the meeting, each member will be able to introduce topics of interest for us to discuss. Anyone interested in discussing the issues of the day is welcome. RSVP to Sissie O'Malley at sissieom@sbcglobal.net

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, email Mary McVeigh – mmcveigh@kleinisd.net.

November 21 Branch Meeting – 6:30 pm

(Rained out in September, this program replaces the originally scheduled meeting for November, which was cancelled.)



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, 821 Peakwood Dr. Houston, TX 77090.



Directions: Go east on FM 1960 (Cypress Creek Parkway). Turn left (north) on Red Oak (near Houston NW Hospital). Turn right at first stop sign, onto Peakwood. The Hope Center is the second building on the right. It is easy to see because it is a two-story building surrounded by a fence.

After our meeting, there will be a

- presentation of the Hope Center's mission
- tour of their new facility, so wear comfortable shoes!

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

Carpooling is recommended. Members wishing to do so should meet at the Kroger parking lot at Cypresswood Drive and Champions Forest Drive (15802 Champions Forest Drive) at 5:45 p.m.

Of course, spouses are more than welcome. If you plan to attend, kindly **RSVP by Nov. 20, 2019** to Gaile Howland, gahowland@aol.com, or Caroline Howard, timncaro1@aol.com.

Happy Halloween to Klein TEP (Therapeutic Education Program)

Since the staff has no PTO, NHC AAUW is providing monthly acknowledgement events.



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 to focus on socializing students to normative standards in terms of interpersonal skills with peers and adults, teaching classroom behaviors that promote learning, and encouraging 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.

Fellowship Fund News – November 2019

As of the Nutshell submission date, we had received 5 applications for our 2020 Community Grants to be awarded at the Outstanding Women Luncheon on February 29, 2020. We will be scheduling interviews with the applicants to be conducted during the month of November. If you would like to participate in the interview process and/or visitations with the 2019 grant recipients, please let Maybelline Carpenter (maybelline.carpenter@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Wilson elpeth47@earthlink.net know as soon as possible.

Out and About

Members were busy in October with Travelmania





And with Game Night





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 babies and mothers.

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.



TRAVELMANIA WISHES YOU HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Come back on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, to learn about the ex-Soviet Republics of Georgia and Armenia.

Laura Barousse will tell us about age-old towns, delightful mountain valleys, and trade-routes that have been used for millennia.

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! Email Annette to get started at acmmatt@msn.com. (This information was also sent out by Sharon Glasgow on October 1st.)

Activities Updates

November 15, Busy Hands meets to enjoy any kind of needlework or handwork from 10:30-12:30 in the Community Room (off the restaurant) of the HEB on 99 at Champion Forest.

Interested? Email Lynn Morris lmorris281@sbcglobal.net

Gourmet will enjoy Pork Chop Friday on November 8 at Perry's on Cutten Rd. If you've never had this signature dish, it's time! Invitations go out two weeks prior to events. To be included, email Marge Mitchell at MitchellFamilyTX@sbcglobal.net

Mah Jongg will be held on Wed, November 20th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Sissie O'Malley's house. 1103 Lodgehill Lane. Email Mary Jane Petrick for more details. MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com

Screen Savors – Tuesday, November 26th, 2019. Movie selection will be announced the Friday before. Contact Jane Egnor to be added to the list. at twoeggsjane2@msn.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER TO:

J Shaw	11 - 05
D McDaniel	11 - 07
J Callaway	11 - 13
B Parle	11 - 14
T Trainor	11 - 15
P Field	11 - 19
M Rice	11 - 24
P Bredewater	11 - 25
M Smith	11 - 26
V Boyle	11 - 27
P Arena	11 - 29



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

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Last Day Tx Early Voting	2
3	4 5 pm OWL Voting Deadline	5 Vote Texas Election	6 Party with a Purpose	7 Daytime Lit	8 Gourmet	9
10	11	12 Bridge	13	14 The World Today Board Mtg	15	16
17	18	19	20 Mah Jongg	21 Nutshell Deadline Branch Meeting	22 Busy Hands	23
24	25 Prime Time Lit	26 Screen Savors	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	

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.