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North Harris County AAUW Announces

Our 2020 Outstanding Women Honorees

Education:
Dr. Jenny McGown

Community Service:
Sue Ann Lurcott

Luncheon to be held
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 29, 2020

President's Message

Brenda Van Derbur

I hope everyone had a great and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. December is finally here and the beginning of a busy time for all. Personally, we are all looking forward to the holidays and seasonal events coming up, and as members of AAUW, we are just three months away from the Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon. Planning and preparations have already begun.

On Wednesday, November 6th we had our first Party with a Purpose at the lovely home of Mary Jane Petrick. She and the other hostesses treated us to a yummy selection of foods, sweets, beverages, and a really good time. The party's theme was "What's Your Passion?" and the wide variety of gifts contributed were amazing. Betsy Calabro, Mary Smith and their teams of helpers will use these wonderful gifts into the items and baskets that will be auctioned or raffled at the OWL on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Be on the lookout for teasers that will offer a glimpse at some of the fabulous items that members and guests will be able to shop for at the luncheon. Many thanks to all who contributed at the party and to the hostesses for providing such a splendid afternoon social event.

The next Party with a Purpose will be Wednesday, January 8th at the home of Sue Mason from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. The theme is "Out on the Town" so be thinking about the wonderful things people will need or want to do on a special night out in Houston. Watch your email for the invitation and consider inviting a friend who is not a member to join you. If you brought something to the first party, you do not need to bring another gift. Just come and enjoy socializing with friends. Please RSVP so Sue and the hostesses will know how many will be attending.

Again, this year we are asking members to contribute Texas Lottery Scratch Off Tickets. Betsy Calabro arranged all the tickets into a lovely basket for the auction table last year. Hopefully the winner had fun uncovering all the spaces on the tickets and was pleasantly surprised by what was revealed. If you have never bought scratch offs, they are available at convenience stores, gas stations and grocery stores. Ask the cashier what the most popular ones are and buy one of those. Tickets can be turned in to Mary Smith, Genie Kline, Betsy Calabro, or Brenda Van Derbur at branch meetings, board meetings, or anywhere you see them.

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President's Message

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Earlier this fall Genie Kline and Mary Smith asked for members to sign up as volunteers to help with the Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon. There are many jobs to do in planning our luncheon and on the day of the event. Different groups will be working on auction baskets, raffle items, bid cards, nametags, invitations, running errands and numerous other jobs that need to be accomplished. If you volunteered, please be watching for notices about meetings and work sessions.

If you did not volunteer previously and now find you have the time to participate, please contact Genie or Mary. All are welcome and we appreciate your time and talents. Remember that the revenue raised from the luncheon, auction, and raffles helps us fulfill our goals and provide for groups in our own community.

HOLIDAY CHEER AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Earlier this Fall our own Mary Kimball and Mary Smith presented their Heritage of N. Harris County DVD at the well-attended Champion Forest Garden Club meeting!



TEASER NUMBER 1 FOR AUCTION -
LADIES' NIGHT OUT-EVERY LADY NEEDS SOME NEW
JEWELRY!!!!





DAYTIME LIT DECEMBER EVENT

Sharon Jeremenko will review **Christmas is Murder** at our annual holiday review, luncheon and gift exchange Thursday, December 5, 2019. You can come for the review only, the review and luncheon, or the review, luncheon and gift exchange.

We will meet at Clementine's on FM 1960 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Menu: green salad with sundried tomato dressing, chicken pollo Francesca, penne alfredo, rolls, coffee and tea – dessert is choice of chocolate cake or tiramisu.

You MUST reserve a place with Anne Grace no later than DECEMBER 2, 2019. PLEASE get your reservation in as soon as possible!

Anne Grace can be reached at: cgrace3537@sbcglobal.net.

Cost is \$30 and checks should be made out to Katherine Anne Grace. If you are not staying for lunch, please let her know so there will be enough chairs.

Important notice – Daytime Lit will not meet in January 2020.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

As required by the bylaws, the nominating committee is to be comprised of four members and two alternates. They are appointed by the nominating committee chair with approval of the Board of Directors to serve one year. The names shown below were submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors at the November 2019 board meeting.

Liz Wilson
Heather Graham
Betsy Calabro
Lena Habiby

Alternates are Beverly Johnson and Maybelline Carpenter

We will be considering nominations for:
President-Elect
Vice President Membership
Vice President Media & Communications
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

The President-Elect will serve one year as President-Elect and advance to President the following year. All other officers will serve a two-year term. Each office may be filled by an officer or co-officers, with one vote. Election will be at the April 2019 branch meeting. All members are encouraged to read the Duties of Officers starting on page 49 of the General Branch Policies in the Directory & Yearbook.

Mary Smith, Nominating Committee Chair

Busy Hands will hold a special gathering in February 2020 when the group gathers to donate their time to Snuggle Buddies to cut and/or sew flannel scraps (or donors can bring fabric or funds to purchase flannel. 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. The hearts are then placed in the isolette to provide comfort to the baby when it is undergoing painful/stressful medical procedures. In addition, Snuggle Buddies also support bonding between babies and mothers.



Bridge Holiday Festivities

Enjoy a little Christmas Party and the special fellowship that comes this time of year, along with bridge. Barbara Hine is hostess this month and hoping you will all be there for the last gathering this year! Please call early to let her know if you are playing. Email barbarahine1@gmail.com.

AAUW Bridge will meet on Tuesday, December 10th 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. Although coffee and water are provided, players order and buy their own lunch.

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



Gourmet Plans High Tea to Celebrate Season

December's Gourmet Christmas party on December 13th, organized by Annette Matthews, is going to be a special afternoon of indulgence at Kiran's Indian restaurant located at 2925 Richmond.

A High Tea is planned with a variety of delicious sandwiches, scones, desserts and teas.

Invitations go out two weeks before the event to all members on the mailing list.

If you would like to be added to the list, email Marge Mitchell at mitchellfamilytx@sbcglobal.net

Fellowship Fund Photos



JoyRide Center (2020 Grant Applicant) Welcomes Fellowship Fund Committee



Bammel Middle School Grant Recipients (Closing the Generational APP Gap)





*Bring Your Jingle
It's the last Social of 2019!*

*Join us Wednesday, December 4th from 4-6 pm
Fratellini's Restaurant,
8905 Louetta Road, Spring, TX.*

*Let's jingle and mingle while we enjoy each other's company and
celebrate the upcoming Holidays and New Year*



**Happy Thanksgiving 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.

More Fellowship Fund Photos

Fellowship Fund Grantee Pictures – Cy-Hope Girls at IFly



Party with a Purpose, November 6th



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.

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.

Experienced Player Mah Jongg is Dec 18th at Karen Donelson's house at 1:00 pm. Email Mary Jane Petrick for more information. MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER TO:

V Young	12 / 02
D Ohlson	12 / 03
H Beccu	12 / 08
L Dozier	12 / 08
G Reitmeier	12 / 08
S Lurcott	12 / 16
A Watsky	12 / 16
D Shelley	12 / 19



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

December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Social	5 Daytime Lit Mtg/Party	6	7 Deadline for Bridge RSVP's
8	9	10 Bridge	11	12 NUTSHELL DEADLINE	13 Gourmet	14
15	16	17	18 Mah Jongg	19	20 Busy Hands	21
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

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.