



North Harris County (TX) Branch

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*New Year,  
New You,  
New Purpose!*

*Party With a  
Purpose #2  
Out on the  
Town!*

*January 8  
3:30 - 5:30 pm  
See page 3.*

## President's Message

Brenda Van Derbur

Happy New Year to each of the members of North Harris County AAUW. We have survived the December madness of shopping, tree trimming, decorating, visiting, traveling, partying, cooking and all the other things that have been part of the busy holiday season. Now, as we enter January 2020, and have hopefully had a few days to recuperate, we can look forward to continuing the fun and rewarding participation in the activities of our branch as we support women and girls in our community.

And, guess what? We have an Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon in our near future! The next two months will bring many opportunities to enjoy working alongside other members as we prepare for the big day. The success of this event is built on the participation and tireless efforts of our membership and allows us to fund our local projects.

Our next Party with a Purpose, with a theme of "Out on the Town", is coming up on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the home of Sue Mason. It will be fun to see what things our friends can come up with for a night on the town. Remember, if you contributed something at the first party, you do not need to bring another gift. Come and enjoy the company of our wonderful members and the tasty treats Sue and her committee are planning. Be sure to email Mary Smith if you will be able to attend. ([mmsmith11627@att.net](mailto:mmsmith11627@att.net))

Our nominating committee has begun its search for members to fill officer positions that will be coming up for election this spring. I encourage anyone who is asked to consider accepting a nomination for an elected board position, an appointment as a committee chair, or a request to serve on a committee. I think you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

One of our branch goals is to encourage members to volunteer in our community in some way that benefits the equality or advancement of women or girls. Recently a reporting form was sent by email from Sharon Glasgow asking for anyone who has volunteered between July 1, 2019 and October 31, 2019 to report on their volunteer hours. We want to know how our members are helping others in our area.

The Texas AAUW Convening is scheduled for April 17-18, 2020 in Pflugerville, Texas. You can find further information on the convention in a separate email coming soon or check out the Texas AAUW website.

I wish you all a new year filled with happiness and new adventures.

## **OUT ON THE TOWN PARTY WITH A PURPOSE #2**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 3:30-5:30**

Think of all the wonderful things you can do on a special night in Houston - movies, plays, musicals, favorite restaurants, etc. If you gave at the first Party with a Purpose, you do NOT need to bring a gift this time.

### **Hostesses:**

**Sue Mason**

**Marie Szuja**

**Wanda Bamberg**

**Pat Bredewater**

**Claudia Gallagher**

**Cheryl Gaudin**

**Lena Habiby**

**Patti Hatcher**

**Genie Kline**

**Martha Lozica**

**Donna McDaniel**

**Lynn Morris**

**RSVP: [MMSMITH11627@ATT.NET](mailto:MMSMITH11627@ATT.NET)**

**CARPPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED!**

## Out & About

Gourmet gathered in December for High Tea at Kiran's Indian restaurant and branch members gathered for a yearly remembrance party for former member Massy Williams' birthday at Fratellini's restaurant.



## Out & About - continued



## 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 January 27, the group will discuss Last Boat Out of Shanghai by Helen Zia. For more information, please email Mary McVeigh at [mmcveigh@kleinisd.net](mailto:mmcveigh@kleinisd.net).



## Beyond Candy Crush News

**Beyond Candy Crush will meet in the home of Elizabeth Wilson, at 9:30 am on Thursday, January 23, 2020. We will analyze the glyph surveys completed by guests at the November Party with a Purpose and prepare a summary for the February Nutshell. We will also continue our study of the AAUW Cybersecurity curriculum – we'll try our hands at deciphering secret codes, logic problems and science experiments. Let Liz know if you plan to attend – 713-480-3231 or [elspeth47@earthlink.net](mailto:elspeth47@earthlink.net)**

## Daytime Lit Reconvenes in February

Now's your chance to get a good start on February's selection, Ruth Bader Ginsberg: A Life, by Jane Sharron de Hart. If you're new to the group, or want to be added to the mailing list, contact Mary Quinn ([MaryGQuinn@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryGQuinn@yahoo.com)) or Elizabeth (Liz) Wilson ([elspeth47@earthlink.net](mailto:elspeth47@earthlink.net)).



### **Reservations are a must!**

AAUW Bridge will meet on Tuesday, January 14 from 10:00 am for set up and 10:15 am to play until 2:30 pm at Clementine's Restaurant. 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 done playing as others may still be playing,

Mary Smith is hostess and would like you to call early at 281-693-7701 to let her know if you are playing or email [mmsmith.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:mmsmith.aauw@gmail.com)

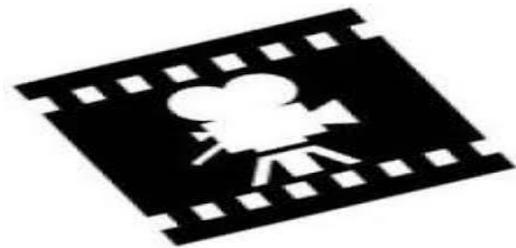


### **It's Peanut Butter Time!**

January's **Gourmet** will be a very special event as the group gathers once again to help the Houston Food Bank.

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** is the date and friends and/or spouses are welcome.

If you are interested participating, please contact Jane Egner ASAP at [twoeggsjane2@msn.com](mailto:twoeggsjane2@msn.com)



### **Screen Savors – Tuesday, January 28, 2020.**

**Enjoy a current movie with AAUW friends. Movie selection will be announced the Friday before.**

**Contact Jane to be added to the list at [twoeggsjane2@msn.com](mailto:twoeggsjane2@msn.com)**

January Branch Meeting – January 16, 2020 – 6:30 pm  
Greenwood Forest Residents Club



ACADEMY FOR  
LIFELONG LEARNING (ALL)  
A Learning Community for Adults 50+

**The Academy for Lifelong Learning is a membership community that offers classes, skills development, events and social activities for adults age 50 and older to enrich their lives and provide opportunities for personal growth.**



A representative from Lone Star College's University Park campus will talk about the latest classes and seminars offered for seniors and how to sign up for the classes.

Some of the classes and programs offered are

- Computer and technology
- Fun, Hobbies & Recreation
- Genealogy
- Health, Fitness & Nutrition
- History
- Languages
- Photography
- Political and Community Affairs
- Reading & Writing
- Science & Nature
- Senior Issues
- Trips & Tours

## Travelmania

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**1:00 pm Social; 1:30 pm Program**

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church - Parish Hall**

**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.**

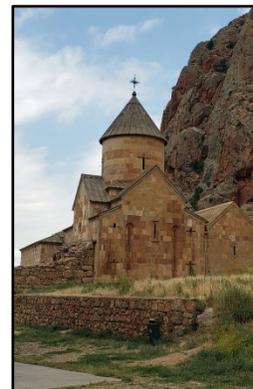
*RSVP to Sue Mason, Chair, by Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan for refreshments.*

*Email [sue-mason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue-mason@sbcglobal.net).*

## **Georgia and Armenia** **Mountains, Monasteries, and Geopolitics** **Presented by Laura Barousse**



**Noravank, Armenia**



**Tbilisi, Georgia**

In June 2019, Laura and her husband traveled to the ex-Soviet republics of Georgia and Armenia via private tours. Traversing the cradle of early humans and Christianity, they experienced ancient history and dramatic Caucasus mountain scenery. They also witnessed the continuing legacy of being at a geographic crossroads. Although separated only by mountains, they discovered two distinctly different countries and peoples. Kay Holland and Sue Kikis will bring refreshments. Beverly Johnson will greet.

Please contact Sue Mason if you have any questions or want to be added to Travelmania's distribution list. Those on the list will receive a reminder about the meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

## Teaser #2

### OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARDS LUNCHEON

The awards luncheon and auction is Saturday, February 29, 2020. I hope you are all saving your “mad money” so you can take full advantage of our fabulous offerings at the auction. The offerings are continuing to come in. Here are a few to look for in this year’s auction.

The first is a hand-made wreath celebrating the Houston Astros.



**Next is Fitness Gear in a Nike Duffle Bag, complete with protein powder, 2 shaker bottles, 2 foam rollers, a Sivan Health & Fitness 16" Balance Board, Zumba Fitness DVD, soccer ball and much, much more.**



Lastly, a beautiful vase to enhance any setting.



### Happy Holidays 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](mailto:betsycaauw@yahoo.com).



## Activities Updates

**Lively Arts:** Interested in attending area cultural events in a group? Email Annette Matthew ([acmmatt@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:lmorris281@sbcglobal.net)

Gourmet meals will return in February as participants will be making peanut butter this month. If you would like more information about the group, please contact Marge Mitchell [MitchellFamilyTX@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MitchellFamilyTX@sbcglobal.net)

**Mah Jongg** is always the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. In January, that would be 1-15-20. For more information, email Mary Jane Petrick at [MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com](mailto:MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY TO:

J. Stacy	1 – 01
J. Henderson	1 – 02
A. Grace	1 – 10
M. Sigler	1 – 13
L. Habiby	1 – 24
M. McVeigh	1 – 31



Know someone who could use a note of encouragement, a get-well card, or just a thinking of you card? If so, email or call Sharon Glasgow who will send a note or card on behalf of NHC AAUW.

Sharon Glasgow 713-412-0990  
[glasgow\\_sharon@yahoo.com](mailto:glasgow_sharon@yahoo.com)  
 (there is an underscore between glasgow and Sharon)

## January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 NO Daytime Lit	3	4 Bridge RSVP's
5	6	7	8 Party with a Purpose #2	9 Board Mtg	10 Gourmet Peanut Butter	11
12	13	14 Bridge	15 Mah Jongg	16 Nutshell Deadline Branch Meeting	17 Busy Hands	18
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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.