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Join us at Shirley Acres
Saturday, February 29,
as we celebrate our
Community Service Honoree
Sue Ann Lurcott and our
Education Honoree
Dr. Jenny McGown
at the
Outstanding Women Awards
Luncheon 10 am – 2:30 pm



Don't forget to come
prepared to shop! Dive into
our Raffle and Auction and
see what treasures
you can find!

President's Message

Brenda Van Derbur

February has arrived and I wish a Happy Valentine's Day to all. This is our shortest month, but this year we have an extra day. And what an important day that is for North Harris County AAUW. February 29, 2020, is our Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon. The invitations have been sent out and preparations are moving forward. If you have not received your invitation, call Genie Kline. **Please remember to mail your response cards as soon as possible.**

Our second Party with a Purpose was Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at the home of Sue Mason. The theme for the party was "Out on the Town" and brought in wonderful items one could use on a fun night out in Houston. Watch for teasers from Mary Smith for a sneak preview of some of the items that will be in the silent auction or raffle at the OWL. Besides an event to benefit our fundraiser, we all enjoyed a chance to visit with other members, feast on scrumptious food, and see Sue's wonderful seasonal decorations. Thank you to Sue for being such a great hostess and to all the co-hostesses that helped plan such a fabulous afternoon: Pat Bredewater, Cheryl Gaudin, Lena Habiby, Marilyn Ablard, Wanda Bamberg, Claudia Gallagher, Patti Hatcher, Genie Kline, Martha Lozica, Donna McDaniel, Lynn Morris, and Marie Szuja.

At our branch meeting on January 16th, Randy Hall, a representative from Lone Star College, shared information on the Academy for Lifelong Learning opportunities available for seniors. There are so many free or low-cost classes, events, and activities provided for seniors that everyone should be able to find something to interest them. You can check these out online or by picking up a catalog from one of the campuses. We appreciate Gaile Howland and Caroline Howard arranging our interesting and informative branch programs.

Thanks to Jane Egner's coordination and the participation of Gourmet members along with other branch members and their families, the Gourmet Interest Group had another successful day of making peanut butter for the "Feed America Program" at the Church of Latter-Day Saints Cannery. They managed to produce 6,900 jars of creamy peanut butter. Good job!

The 49th biennial convening of AAUW Texas will be held on April 17-18, 2020, in Pflugerville, Texas at the Courtyard by Marriott Austin/Pflugerville. If you are interested in attending, the reservation information for the Marriott is available on the homepage of the AAUW Texas website (<https://aauw-tx.aauw.net/>), and the registration for the convening can be found by typing "2020 Convening" in the search box. Early Bird Registration lasts through March 1st and saves you \$50.00. Please let me know if you are planning on attending. (Brenda Van Derbur: 281-635-4747, brendavan@comcast.net)

Party with A Purpose #2

Photos by Lena, Historian and Archivist

A great time was had by all the 45+ women and 4 guests who attended the January event at Sue Mason's beautifully decorated home. From the deer in the atrium to each table, bookcase, bar, entranceway, etc. the house was sparkling with special decorations. A special thanks to Sue for opening her home to us and hosting this event again this year. Kudos to the lovely hostesses who brought such tasty treats for all of us to enjoy while we visited with each other. Many new members jumped right in and became involved, among them Wanda Bamburg, Claudia Gallagher, Cheryl Gaudin, Patti Hatcher, and Marie Szuja. Many thanks, also, to members who have been with us more than a year also-Genie Kline, Donna McDaniel, Martha Lozica, Lena Habiby, Pat Bredewater and Lynn Morris.

Between the two Parties with a Purpose we have taken in items worth over \$7,000 for the auction - quite a wonderful start for a successful auction and raffle. We have more beautiful jewelry this year than usual and our on-line solicitation is going well as well. We have been promised a party for twenty at Wine & More worth \$500, a tour and wine tasting at Bernhardt Winery for twenty worth \$500, and a 4-Hour Boat Tour of Clear Lake worth \$500.

Thanks to every one of you for your contributions. Now, come to the luncheon to honor our Outstanding Women and to hear Sarah Davis. She is a powerhouse and committed worker for women's rights as well as being a member of the State Legislature.



Claudia & Marie Take Donations



Group, Brenda Standing at Right



Bartenders: Lynn & Marilyn



Appetizers Galore



Maybelline, Sylvia & Helen



Mary, Donna & Pat

Party with A Purpose #2 - Continued



Ann, Laura, & Sue



Mary Jane, Barbara, Sissie, Mary



Laura & Betsy



Wanda & Emily



Brenda, Pam, Maybelline & Sissie



Mary, Carol (Guest), Sue Ann & Joy



Sharon & Marge



Lois, Elaine & Jane



Vada & Carla



Sharon & Sue



Sue's Neighbors - Mary, Susan, Linda, & Cheryl (New Member)



Claudia & Betsy

AUCTION TEASER NUMBER 3**Bernhardt Winery***Houston Hill Country Winery***Private Tasting for up to 20 people*****(\$400.00 Value)****(Includes one-hour private tasting and a tour during business hours)***Total**  **Wine**
& MORE

Treat your friends, family, and fellow wine lovers to a private wine tasting for up to 20 people in the classroom of our store. Value: \$400.

Total Wine & More will host an event that is certain to impress you and your guests. Enjoy a tour of the land and learn about the famed appellations and grape varietals that make each region so unforgettable. Taste a variety of our premium, hand-selected wines and discover hidden treasures from the wine region of your choosing. A wine expert will present and discuss each delicious wine during your two-hour class, which can be arranged as a seated class-style or more casual walk-around event. All necessary stemware and educational handouts for tasting notes will be provided.

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.

The book for February 24, is Beauty Queen of Jerusalem by Sarit Yishai-Levi.

The group is also beginning its annual book selection process for next year. Each participant can submit up to five books, any genre, no later than February 17, 2020. For more information about the rest of the process, or about Prime Time Lit, email Mary McVeigh at mmcveigh@kleinisd.net.



Beyond Candy Crush News

At press time, no information about the February gathering was available. Details will be announced via email. If you are not on the distribution list, please contact Liz Wilson at elspeth47@earthlink.net

Daytime Lit to discuss Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Plan to gather at 9:30 am on February 6, 2020, for social time; the discussion will begin at 10:00 am. Following the exploration of "RBG" through the eyes of Jane Sherron DeHart, the two groups will meet for lunch at Campioni's.

As the Page Turns will meet at Margaret Penny's, and Gaile Howland et al will lead the discussion. Happy Bookers will meet at Donna Ohlson's and Bobbie Lupa will lead the discussion.



playing. Rachel Hudgins is hostess and would like you to let her know if you are playing at rachelh1957@sbcglobal.net.

Reservations are a must!

AAUW Bridge will meet on Tuesday, February 11 from 10:15 am for set up and 10:30 am to play until 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



On Friday afternoon, January 10, 2020 the AAUW Gourmet group and a few others worked at the Mormon Cannery making jars of peanut butter for the Houston Food Bank. We finished making 6900 jars after 4+ hours of work. As you can see by the smiling faces, all enjoyed the afternoon and came away thankful we have a college degree. Our volunteer efforts are appreciated - notice the label on the boxes; we are recognized!

Social Resumes in February
Join the group from 4-6 pm on the 5th at Fratellini's Ristorante Italiano,
8905 Louetta Rd. in Spring

Save The Date
North Harris County AAUW
2020 Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon
Saturday February 29, 2020 10 am - 2:30 pm
Garden Room at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Rd. Houston, TX 77090

Honoring

Community Service Honoree

Sue Ann Lurcott



Education Honoree

Dr. Jenny McGown



Keynote Speaker

Sarah Davis

Texas House of Representatives, District 134



\$60 per ticket

For more information or to volunteer contact Genie Kline (geniekline@aol.com)

***10 am doors open for auction and social time**

***11:30 am Program, Lunch, and Presentations**

***Bring cash, credit card, or checkbook for silent auction and raffle!!!!**

Meet Our Honorees and Keynote Speaker

Sue Ann Lurcott has been a member of AAUW for 41 years and lives by its goal to empower women and girls. Her fundraising skills through the branch's Holiday Home Tours have supported education and learning opportunities for women and girls through grants and fellowships. She was recognized by Klein ISD for soliciting donations for "The Dictionary Project" for 3rd graders in Title I schools and received the Texas AAUW Women of Distinction award in 2008, to name a few of her awards. Sue Ann is a member of numerous organizations throughout the area and works tirelessly to support the arts, literacy, and gardening. She once cleaned street signs in her neighborhood during the summer because it needed to be done. Her advice for young women is to "Go for it! You can do anything you set your mind to!"

Klein ISD Superintendent Dr. Jenny McGown leads with excellence, innovation, integrity and joy. She began her career as a classroom teacher at Klein Collins High School and advanced to assistant/associate principal, principal and district leader. Under her leadership, the district earned recognition for excellence and innovation from the Texas Education Agency, HEB, National Schools of Character and Houston Business Journal. She is named a "Headliner in Education" by BizWomen and "Top 40 Under 40" across all sectors from Houston Business Journal. Dr. McGown loves her family, running marathons, and serving with various non-profit groups and Faithbridge Church.

Sarah Davis is a civil defense attorney with the national law firm of Wilson Elser and serving in her fifth term as the State Representative for Texas House District 134 in Houston, Texas. Sarah was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2010 and served on the Public Health and Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committees. Her subsequent re-election in 2012 saw an increase in responsibility. She served on the Public Health, Calendars, and the Health and Human Services article of the Appropriations Committee. Sarah is an accomplished and successful attorney devoting her career to defending against personal injury lawsuits. Sarah's clients include individuals, local businesses, and Fortune 500 companies. Sarah is a 43-year-old breast cancer survivor, and she lives with her husband, Kent Adams, and their yorkie Barrett, in Houston's Museum District.

Fellowship Fund News

North Harris County AAUW received requests totaling \$38,067.50; we are awarding community grants totaling \$17,087. Congratulations to the following organizations selected to receive grants this year:

- Benignus Elementary, Klein ISD – Mindful Makerspace
- Grace England Early Childhood and Prekindergarten Center, Klein ISD – Strategic Builders
- McDougle Elementary, Klein ISD – A Taste of Royalty
- Therapeutic Education Program, Klein ISD – 18+ Transition Program
- Maybelline Forbes Carpenter Center, CyFair ISD – Stand Up for Learning
- CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County – CASA Anti-Sex Trafficking Training Program
- JoyRide Therapeutic Equestrian Center – JRC Preparatory Program
- Lunch and Learn – Lunch and Learn 2020 STEM Initiative

As you all know, our Outstanding Women Luncheon is the source of the monies we donate through our grant program. Please plan to attend, bring guests, shop in the silent auction, and, most importantly, meet, greet, and congratulate our 2020 grant recipients.

Bunco Begins!

A meeting was held to discuss details of the bunco game days on January 22nd and the group decided to meet on the 4th Wednesday from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (6:00) at Claudia Gallagher's home. Claudia will provide beverages, one person will bring an appetizer, and another will bring sweets or nuts for the three table candy dishes.

Each person will be responsible for placing \$5.00 in their envelop before starting to play. The money will be divided among four winners at the end of the game (Most Wins, Most Losses, Most Buncos and Last Bunco).

The first official game will be played Wednesday, March 25th. Claudia will send out an email and text several days before each meeting and RSVPs are very important so she can plan.

If you'd like more details, contact Claudia at claudiagallagher@yahoo.com

Great Discussions

Great Decisions is a discussion group created by the Foreign Policy Association to facilitate conversation on American foreign policy as it impacts other countries. Each year we select 4 topics from the Great Decisions Briefing Book, which can be purchased for \$30.00 on line at www.GreatDecisions.org or from the Brazos Bookstore at 2421 Bissonnet St.

Coordinator Mary Jane Petrick says, “the New Year has brought new and exciting Great Decisions topics. We will meet at 7:00 pm for snacks and adult beverages or non-adult beverages with the discussion starting at 7:30 pm.” **Please RSVP to the hostess so she knows how many people to prepare for.**

If you are not a hostess, please consider moderating one of the topics. All it really amounts to is reading the questions and allowing everyone to participate. If you know of anyone of interest on a topic, please invite them to attend. After living, working, or traveling to an area, their input would be invaluable.

Monday 2/3:

India and Pakistan
MaryJane and Tom Petrick
Maryjanepetrick@gmail.com

Monday 2/17:

Red Sea Security
Megan and Bill Franks
Megandfranks@gmail.com

SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT HELD JANUARY 31, 2020 AT THE BRAUTIGAM CENTER

The day began with the AAUW volunteers serving a light breakfast snack of rolls, donuts, and orange juice to the speakers and teachers. Then, all gathered in the auditorium to hear the keynote speaker, Soul Singh, speak about Healthy Relationships. Soul has a special relationship to those of us in Cy Fair and in AAUW as she is the new director of the Maybelline Carpenter Center. She has a powerful personal story, which she shares with the students and then relates it to forming healthy relationships. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear Soul, she was abandoned at age 5 by her mother and spent her school years in 32 foster or residential homes before emancipating herself. A teacher was instrumental in helping her survive those years by showing her the value of reading. She is the author of *Thank You for Smiling*.

The Brautigam Center is a repurposed Windfern High School in the Cypress Fairbanks school district and is a school of choice. It has junior and senior girls who apply to attend from another campus. Since there are no extracurricular activities, students can gain extra course credits which can be used to graduate early or to catch up if a student is behind in credits. The girls are called "Lighthouse Ladies" and that was featured on the T-shirts which AAUW provided for the day. Susan Calda, the administrator in charge of the Summit, lined up some outstanding speakers for the four breakout sessions, two of whom are former graduates from Windfern.

The four speakers and their topics were:

Rachel Sedelmyer - Motivation and Goal Setting

Sarai Martinez - Overcoming Odds

Nina Tull - Healthy Choices and a Positive Self-Image

Ciara Ross - Etiquette and Self-Love

The girls earned tickets by asking great questions in the sessions, participating appropriately, and for positive comments. At the end of the day goals were written and door prizes given out.

Helen Wilson oversaw the day and AAUW volunteers were Maybelline Carpenter, Helen Forbes, Ann Moore, Sylvia DeHek, Marie Szuja, and Mary Smith.

Travelmania

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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, February 13th, so we can plan for refreshments.

Email sue-mason@sbcglobal.net

Enchanting Thailand

Presented by Mary Jane Petrick



Thailand has it all from scenes from *The King and I*, to Buddhist temples, to snakes, elephants and tigers. What made the trip so special was traveling with AAUW friends Karen Donelson, Bonnie Flynn, and Judith Peterson.

Donna McDaniel and Anais Watsky will bring refreshments. Heather Graham will be the greeter. Contact Sue Mason if you have any questions or want to be added to the group's distribution list to receive reminders about our meetings.

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A TRIP WITH US
AS WE PLAN OUR 2020-2021 SCHEDULE!**

The World Today takes on the Supreme Court.

The World Today will meet at Megan Franks' house Thursday, February 13 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. The discussion will center around The Supreme Court and what possible changes are in its future. The second half will be open for discussion about the topics of the day. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Megandfranks@gmail.com



Jean Fauntleroy, Celeste Sater, Megan Franks, Barbara Hine and Jackie Weitzel at the January meeting at Sissie O'Malley's Home

Klein TEP (Therapeutic Education Program) Needs You!

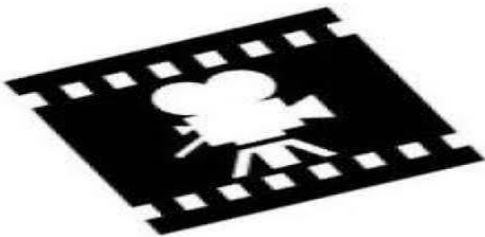
Since the staff has no PTO, NHC AAUW is providing monthly acknowledgement events.

Groups will take a month and prepare something for the staff. Two more volunteers are urgently needed for April and three for May. Please contact Wanda Bamberg to sign up at Bambergwanda@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE April 17-18, 2020
Registration for Convening Coming Soon

Convention Location:
Courtyard by Marriott Austin Pflugerville
16100 Impact Way, Pflugerville, TX
Convention Rate ends in March



**Screen Savors – Tuesday,
 February 25, 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**

New Year's Resolutions Needed!

**Ladies, we have all become VERY
 lax about three things.**

- 1. When you send emails about branch business, PLEASE put NHC AAUW in the subject line.**
- 2. If you get one of these emails, PLEASE READ IT so you'll know if you're supposed to be doing something!**
- 3. If a meeting or activity asks for an RSVP, Please, Please, PLEASE RSVP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Activities Updates

Lively Arts: Interested in attending area cultural events in a group? For a copy of the group interest database email Annette Matthew at acmmatt@msn.com

Busy Hands is snuggling on Feb.21st! The group will be cutting out snuggle buddies (hearts) for babies in the NIC unit at Texas Children's Hospital. Please bring fabric scissors to help cut out about 30 yards of hearts from 10-12 in the HEB Community Room at 99/Champion Forest. For details, email Lynn Morris lmorris281@sbcglobal.net

Gourmet will enjoy barbeque at Brisket House. To be added to the group distribution list, email Marge Mitchell MitchellFamilyTX@sbcglobal.net

Mah Jongg is always the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. In February, that will be 2-19-20. Email Mary Jane Petrick for details at MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY TO:

B. Calabro	2 -- 01
S. Kikis	2 - 03
D. Sharr	2 - 03
D. Williams	2 - 06
J. Fauntleroy	2 - 14
J. Hinaman	2 -- 16
H. Graham	2 - 17
L. Massie	2 - 22
J. Peterson	2 - 22
P. Hamilton	2 - 23
J. Simpson	2 -- 29



If you know of someone who could use an encouraging note, a get-well message, or just a thinking of you card, email their name to Sharon Glasgow glasgow_sharon@yahoo.com (there is an underscore between Glasgow and Sharon)

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bridge RSVP's
2	3 Great Decisions	4	5 Social	6 Daytime Lit	7	8
9	10	11 Bridge	12	13 The World Today	14 Gourmet	15
16	17 Great Decisions	18 Travelmania	19 Mah Jongg	20	21 Busy Hands	22
23	24 Prime Time Lit	25 Screen Savors	26	27 Beyond Candy Crush	28	29 Outstanding Women's Luncheon

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.