

**Board of Directors
Executive Committee**

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| Caroline Howard | VP Programs |
| Sue Mason | VP Membership |
| Elizabeth Wilson | VP Fellowship Fund |
| Maybelline Carpenter | VP Fellowship Fund |
| Judy Wood | VP Media Communi- cation |
| Betsy Calabro | Recording Secretary |
| Sharon Glasgow | Corresponding Secretary |
| Elizabeth Folk | Branch Treasurer |
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| Mary Smith | Past President |

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| Jane Egner | Parliamentarian Public Policy |
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| Pam Morton | Branch Hospitality |
| Lynn Morris | Branch Hospitality |
| Ann Moore | Community Outreach |
| Genie Kline | Publicity |
| Mary Moore | Directory |
| Lena Habiby | Historian/Archivist |
| Margie Poole | Newsletter |
| Helen Wilson | Special Branch Programs |

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Growing a New Perception

Staying at home has left many of us thinking we should put this time to good use. We make lists and then wonder why we cannot seem to accomplish anything.

Instead of thinking, "I have to" when you look at your list, try thinking "I get to."

Amazing what a difference a new perception can make!

President's Message

Brenda Van Derbur

As our year comes to an end, we are still in stay-at-home mode, but we are trying new things.

Both the Daytime Literature group and the NHC AAUW board met in April using Zoom. This is an option for any groups for which a video conference will work.



In hopes of being able to experience a safe and fun evening together, we have tentatively rescheduled our End-of-Year Dinner and Installation of New Officers to Thursday, June 18, 2020. Watch your emails for further updates on this event.

We just had our first virtual online election of officers. After a few glitches and extending the time allowed for submitting votes, our new officers were successfully elected. Genie Kline will serve as our President-Elect, Claudia Gallagher and Betsy Calabro will be the new Co-Vice Presidents of Membership, Lynn Morris will assume the position of Vice President of Media and Communication, Shelia Williams will be the Recording Secretary, and Sandy Darst will serve as the Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations to the new board officers for NHC AAUW.

It is time to be thinking about anyone you know who might enjoy being part of AAUW. Claudia Gallagher and Betsy Calabro will be planning our August membership luncheon over the summer and will be asking you to send names and contact information for any friends you would like to have invited to this event.

Until we can meet again, please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Brenda Van Derbur

PLEASE RENEW AAUW DUES BY SUNDAY, MAY 10TH (MOTHER'S DAY)

***PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES AND RENEWAL FORMS ASAP
And THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!***

A special thank you to the 111 of you who have paid your 2020-2021 dues! I have emailed an acknowledgement to those of you who have paid, and I am waiting to hear from the last 29 members who have not yet renewed. I know we have unusual circumstances this year and hope that this coming year you will want to support AAUW and all that our branch does for the community.

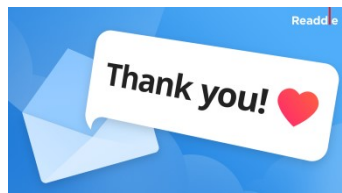
You should have received a renewal form in the mail enclosed in a **brightly colored business envelope with a return addressed smaller business envelope to make it easy to get your dues in the mail.** I have received MANY corrections and additions to our very old database that is used to create the information for the directory as well as for the interest group chairs and branch activities.

If I receive your check by May 10th, your name will be placed in a drawing to be held at the Thursday, May 14th board meeting for one of three National memberships (worth \$59.00 each) or one of two restaurant certificates. We are hoping for an end-of-the-year celebration at Campioni's in June. FYI - It seems to take at least two days to receive local mail these days.

The incoming Membership VP has so much to do to learn the position, organize the August luncheon, and coordinate the new member brunch in October, so please help her by submitting your dues to me by May 10th.

Don't delay - get out your checkbooks and write a check for \$95.00 made out to "NHC AAUW" for your 2020-2021 dues and mail to Sue Mason's home address or to Sue Mason, Membership, PO Box 12191, Spring, TX 77391-2191. As much as we hope that you will renew, it would be helpful to know if you decide not to renew and why, so we do not keep pestering you. We will miss you!

Thanks again for your cooperation. I miss you and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!
Sue Mason, VP Membership, sue-mason@sbcglobal.net or 281.788.9937 (cell)



Gourmet Goings-On
By Marge Mitchell, Chair

We will not be able to have our **Gourmet** Planning Brunch in May, so I have decided to postpone it to the second week of June. This gives us another six weeks to hopefully see more restrictions relaxed in Houston.

I would prefer to try to plan next season's luncheons in person. But if that is not possible then, we will have to resort to a computer program to communicate our ideas for restaurants and possibly a few tours. Or, as Brenda said, we may have to meet at the park with box lunches and sit six feet apart! Whatever works!!

What I am asking of all those of you who are already Gourmet members - and those of you are planning to become members - is to put your thinking caps on and come up with some fun restaurants and/or tours we can check out and **email** those ideas to me by the end of May if possible. (We like to have a combination of ethnic and American restaurants.)

I also need to know who would be willing to be a coordinator. While the ladies who come up with restaurant ideas often take on the coordinating job, it is not mandatory. Email me if you are willing to help. Those who email suggestions or volunteer to coordinate will be invited to the Planning Session.

I know this is a challenge because we do not know which restaurants will still be in business this fall. But we can still make a list, and maybe a back-up one as well. Never doubt the power of ladies who lunch!

In closing, thanks to everyone for your time and assistance in keeping **Gourmet** going. Next year will be an interesting one!

Email suggestions, questions or comments to me, Marge Mitchell, at mitchellfamilytx@sbcglobal.net

Travelmania Update

Three programs from 2019-2020 (Dale Chihuly – His Life and Works, The Historical and Cultural Significance of Uzbekistan - A World Affairs Council Tour, and Daily Life in Russia after Gorbachev's Era of Perestroika and Glasnost) will be rescheduled for 2020-2021.

But we still need four more programs to complete our 2020 – 2021 schedule, so look back to past vacations you have taken and let me know if you would like to tell us about them.

Trips in the USA may be the route to go this coming year.

Please send suggestions to Sue Mason, Travelmania Chair at sue-mason@sbcglobal.net

Now That It is Summer, Is Your Group Meeting?

Usually, North Harris County takes a break over the summer. This is not a traditional year.

Several activities are tentatively planned for June. PLEASE check your email as we will let you know new developments as soon as we have information.

Start Smart/Work Smart

Do you know anyone who is out of work because of COVID-19? Now would be a good time for them to update their salary/benefit negotiation skills.

First, direct them to AAUW.org. On the home page, use the GET EMPOWERED drop-down menu in the top right-hand corner.

The START SMART and WORK SMART online programs are FREE!

AAUW TEXAS CONVENING



AAUW Texas Convening Update

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, AAUW Texas had its Convening, but not as originally planned. Since the Covid-19 virus outbreak required that the in-person convening in Pflugerville be cancelled, it proceeded as a virtual event on Facebook and Zoom. The day started with a “State of the Union” from President Malinda Gaul and ended with a Zoom Virtual Awards and Happy Hour.

During the day, the North Harris County Branch of the Association of University Women was recognized in the following ways:

- Three of our members were elected to the board of Texas AAUW. Margie Poole as Fund VP, Mary Smith as Secretary, and Betsy Calabro as the South District Representative
- We received the MAP Award (see below). Our branch donated to the Tyler Branch 75th Anniversary Fellowship.
- Mary Smith was recognized for being nominated by the branch as our nominee for the 2020 Outstanding Member.
- Three NHC members were named “Sister Suffragists” for donating \$100 or more to the Greatest Needs Fund during this AAUW membership year. They are Emily Hackler, Mary Smith, and Kati Woodward.
- We received these AAUW Funds Awards for donations from branch members. For the year 2018, we were #2 in the Top 10 branches for dollar amount and #6 for per capita donations. For the year 2019, we placed #1 in the Top 10 for dollar amount contributed and #3 for per capita donations.

MAP: Membership: Increase membership by 5% OR have a retention rate of 90% OR recruit three new members. **Advocacy:** Plan one mission-based program or event. **Philanthropy:** Donate \$5 for each member to the Tyler Branch American Fellowship #4268.

AAUW Funds Awards

2018

Top 10 Branches by dollar amount

- 1 Northeast Tarrant County
- 2 North Harris County
- 3 Austin
- 4 Georgetown
- 5 West Harris County
- 6 Tyler
- 7 San Antonio
- 8 Houston
- 9 Tarrant County
- 10 Farmers Branch Carrollton

Top 10 Branches by per capita donation

- 1 Houston
- 2 Northeast Tarrant County
- 3 Georgetown
- 4 Tyler
- 5 Stephenville
- 6 North Harris County
- 7 San Antonio
- 8 Denton
- 9 Huntsville
- 10 Austin

2019

Top 10 Branches by dollar amount

- 1 North Harris County
- 2 West Harris County
- 3 Austin
- 4 Northeast Tarrant County
- 5 Tyler
- 6 San Antonio
- 7 Tarrant County
- 8 Georgetown
- 9 Houston
- 10 North Dallas

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- 1 Houston
- 2 Tyler
- 3 North Harris County
- 4 Northeast Tarrant County
- 5 San Antonio
- 6 North Dallas
- 7 Fort Bend County
- 8 Richardson
- 9 Georgetown
- 10 Stephenville



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN
MAY TO:**

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|---------------|--------|
| S. DeHek | 5 - 01 |
| B. Flynn | 5 - 05 |
| B. Tongberg | 5 - 06 |
| J. Nelsen | 5 - 10 |
| K. Donelson | 5 - 11 |
| S. Muirhead | 5 - 14 |
| B. Van Derbur | 5 - 19 |
| K. Castro | 5 - 20 |
| J. Wood | 5 - 24 |
| C. Roth | 5 - 27 |
| K. Stahl | 5 - 27 |
| H. Wilson | 5 - 28 |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN
JUNE TO:**

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| V. Johnson | 6 - 01 |
| C. Gallagher | 6 - 03 |
| J. Donohue | 6 - 05 |
| P. Morton | 6 - 06 |
| MJ. Petrick | 6 - 08 |
| P. Fleetwood | 6 - 10 |
| R. Massie | 6 - 10 |
| E. Folk | 6 - 12 |
| M. Moore | 6 - 22 |
| H. Forbes | 6 - 24 |
| B. Lupa | 6 - 25 |
| K. Bell | 6 - 28 |
| L. Nielson | 6 - 30 |
| M. Szuja | 6 - 30 |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN
JULY TO:**

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| L. Astala | 7 - 01 |
| L. Barousse | 7 - 02 |
| S. Williams | 7 - 02 |
| E. Ridge | 7 - 03 |
| M. Lozica | 7 - 06 |
| E. Wilson | 7 - 06 |
| L. Morris | 7 - 10 |
| B. Bowman | 7 - 11 |
| C. Akard | 7 - 12 |
| L. Feik | 7 - 12 |
| J. Thomas | 7 - 12 |
| D. Boundy | 7 - 18 |
| N. Kaye | 7 - 21 |
| P. Hamric | 7 - 25 |
| S. Ada | 7 - 26 |
| M. Ablard | 7 - 27 |
| S. Tucker | 7 - 28 |



Know someone who could use a note of encouragement, a get-well message, or just a thinking of you card? Call or email Sharon Glasgow at 713-412-0990 or glasgow_sharon@yahoo.com (there is an underscore between Glasgow and Sharon)