

## Board of Directors Executive Committee

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Gaile Howland	VP Programs
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Claudia Gallagher	VP Membership
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Elizabeth Wilson	VP Fellowship Fund
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Mary Smith	Past President

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Lin Fish	Publicity

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Telling	Branch Hospitality Sue
Publicity	
Mary Moore	Directory
Lena Habiby	Historian/Archivist
Margie Poole	Newsletter
Helen Wilson	Special Branch Program

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## Bridge is Back!



The Bridge Group has moved to Guiseppes at the corner of Champion Forest and Louetta (see page 4 for directions).

Join them on the second Tuesday of the month in May, June and July from 10 am to 2:30 pm.

Reservations are a must-please email Barbara Hine at [barbarahine1@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahine1@gmail.com)

## President's Message

Brenda Van Derbur

As we move into May we are attending our final meetings and activities for the 2020-2021 AAUW year. Many of our groups are meeting to make plans for next year. Please be sure to check your emails for activities coming up this next month and for a few things that will continue through the summer. Thank you to all the members who have planned and helped us continue to function and provide programs and activities through the last rather irregular year. Hopefully, the new year will find us back to our normal routines and more in person meetings.

The deadline for our branch elections was Friday, April 23, 2021. Our newly elected officers for the 2021-2022 year will be President Elect Maybelline Carpenter, Vice Presidents of Programs Lin Fish and Gaile Howland, Vice Presidents of the Fellowship Fund Darcy Mingoia and Mary Smith, Branch Treasurer Elizabeth Folk, and Fellowship Fund Treasurer Martha Lozica. We appreciate these members stepping up to assume these important positions in the North Harris County AAUW Branch.

If you have not yet voted in the National AAUW elections, the voting window will remain open until May 17, 2021. You must use your membership number and the ID number that was emailed with the ballot to log in and vote. It is important for everyone to vote and express their preferences on issues that will determine the future of AAUW.

Remember that our Membership Vice Presidents, Claudia Gallagher and Betsy Calabro, are still accepting membership renewals for next year. It is important to fill out the membership form to submit with your dues. They will be updating member information, preferences for branch participation and the interest group lists.

Along those same lines, it is not too early to start thinking about who you want to invite to our Annual Members Luncheon coming up in the fall. After last year's unique approach, it will be fun to see how Betsy and Claudia decide to stage the event this year.

Travelmania ZOOM – Portugal’s Heartland, Lisbon, and The Algarve  
 Enjoy Two of Rick Steves’ 26-Minute DVDs

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

1:00 p.m. Sign-In; 1:15 p.m. Program; 2:15 Discussion for Those Interested

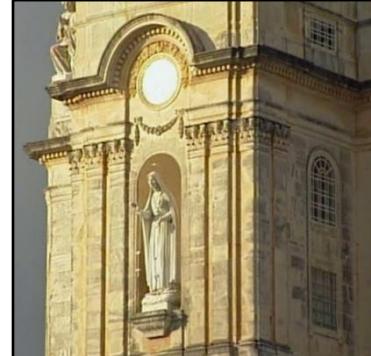
*The Travelmania List will receive an email with a link to join the meeting a week before and on the day before the meeting. If you want to be added to the distribution list, please email [sue-mason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue-mason@sbcglobal.net) or call/text her at 281-788-9937 (c). We will meet at St. Dunstan in the Fall.*



**We  
 Monument to Sailors  
 Lisbon**



**Belém Tower Is Last Thing Sailors See  
 When Leaving Lisbon and First Thing  
 When Returning**



**Virgin Mary Appears on 13th of Each  
 Month to Say, "Peace is Needed,"  
 Fatima**



**1.5 Mile Bridge Over Tejos River and  
 Christ Statue, Lisbon**



**Castelo São Jorge  
 Lisbon**



**Mosaics in Chapel of St. John Do Not Darken  
 from Candles as Paintings Do, Lisbon**



**Women Wear 7 Petticoats  
 For Flexible Warmth, Nazaré**



**Cliffs in Lagos  
 The Algarve**



**Pottery Jars Trap Octopus  
 Salema, The Algarve**

Lisbon’s history goes back to the Roman times, but the city’s glory days were the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries when Vasco da Gama sailed around Africa and opened new trade routes to India, making Lisbon one of Europe’s wealthiest cities. It was an economic and cultural boom time. In the early 1700s the gold and diamonds of Brazil, one of Portugal’s colonies, made Lisbon even wealthier.

On All Saints’ Day in 1755 a tremendous earthquake struck Lisbon followed by raging fires and a massive tidal wave. Two-thirds of Lisbon was leveled and 30,000 died.

Portugal was once a global superpower with a vast empire stretching from Africa to Brazil all the way to the Far East. Then it was the poorest nation in Western Europe. Today it is thriving once again as an equal partner in the European Union.

Hope you can join us for the meeting! Stay tuned for amazing 2021-22 schedule with Co-Chair Anais Watsky. Happy Summer!

## May Bunco

Currently set for Thursday, May 27, Bunco will be held at the home of Claudia Gallagher. Play lasts from 3 - 5 pm and those attending wear masks. You do not have to know how to play. For more details, please contact [claudiagallagher@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiagallagher@yahoo.com).

## Prime Time Lit

Meets Monday May 26, at 6 pm by Zoom to discuss [The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek](#) by Kim Michele Richardson. For details, contact Mary McVeigh at [mom4grandmom8@yahoo.com](mailto:mom4grandmom8@yahoo.com) or [mmcveigh@kleinisd.net](mailto:mmcveigh@kleinisd.net)

## Socials to Go All Summer

At our Wednesday, May 5 gathering from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, the group voted to not take a break over the summer. So, plan to join us in June, July, and August at 8320 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX 77379. (NW corner of Louetta and Champion Forest, coming from 1960.) They have a lovely private dining room where we can socialize, eat, and drink FACE TO FACE!!!!!! No RSVP required.

## The Walking Group



Meets every Thursday morning at 9 am at Kickerillo. Park located off Chasewood Park Dr. and Hwy 249 at the first parking lot on the right with the dock and bulletin board. Please email/text Genie Kline at [geniekline@aol.com](mailto:geniekline@aol.com) or 901-218-1544 if interested

## Daytime Lit Has New Leaders

Mary Gubert and Sharon Jeremenko are the new contacts for the group. (See new reading list on page 9.) For more information, contact Mary at [marygubert.mg@gmail.com](mailto:marygubert.mg@gmail.com) or Sharon at [jeremenko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeremenko@sbcglobal.net)

### Send Sandy Your Service Hours

Do not forget to send Sandy Darst any hours you may have donated to service projects. Please break out the hours by month, organization, and number of hours. Send information to her at [sdarst52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdarst52@sbcglobal.net)



### AAUW Membership Renewal Starts Now!!

It is important to **complete and return the entire form** in the envelope provided. **We are updating the interest group lists; perhaps some of your interests have changed.** Please **pay by check** and return promptly to Claudia Gallagher. Members who **return completed forms and dues by May 10** will be entered in the drawing for one of our 3 free national memberships. Drawing will be May 20 and winners will be notified.

**If you have not gotten your notice in the mail, e-mail [BetsyCAAUW@yahoo.com](mailto:BetsyCAAUW@yahoo.com).**

*NHC AAUW End-of-Year Dinner*  
*Thursday, May 20, 2021, 6:00 PM*  
*Campioni's*

Sue Ann Lurcott has been planning an End-of-Year Dinner for the NHC AAUW Branch. This dinner will be the culmination of our 2020-2021 year and the installation of the officers to serve on our Board of Directors for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. At this time, we will also celebrate the officers who are stepping down from service on the board.

As you know, last year with the pandemic we were not able to have this event. Unfortunately, while we will be able to have a dinner this year, we are still facing limits on the number of attendees we can have in attendance. Campioni's is limiting us to 40 people in the dining room. For this reason, we have reserved seats for board members first. The remaining seats are available to our membership on a first come basis. The dinner is \$25.

If you would like to attend the dinner, please email me at [brendavan@comcast.net](mailto:brendavan@comcast.net). I will add your name to the list attending up to the limit of 40 based on the date and time the email reservations are received and notify you how to make out your check for the dinner and where it should be sent. I will add the names of those that respond after the limit to a waiting list in case there are cancellations. I will let you know if you are on the waiting list.

Looking forward to a great 2021-2022 year with many opportunities to get together and put this pandemic behind us.

Brenda Van Derbur

President, NHC AAUW

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Busy Hands is still waiting for HEB (on 99 at Champion Forest) to reopen their Community Room. The group covers any kind of needlework or handiwork and is held the third Friday from 10:30 am-12:30 pm in the Community Room (off the restaurant). For info, email Lynn Morris [MorrisLmorris281@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MorrisLmorris281@sbcglobal.net)

The World Today will continue to meet by Zoom throughout the summer at 10 am on the second Thursday of the month. For more details, email Sissie O'Malley at [sissieom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sissieom@sbcglobal.net)

Mah Jongg is now meeting again on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Be sure to order a 2021 card. Email Mary Jane Petrick for more information [MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com](mailto:MaryJanePetrick@gmail.com)

Gourmet will start up again in the fall. Contact Marge Mitchell. [mitchellfamilytx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitchellfamilytx@sbcglobal.net)

Screen Savors is going to wait a little longer before attending movies in theaters. Email Jane at [twoeggsjane2@msn.com](mailto:twoeggsjane2@msn.com)

Bunco will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month during the summer. To learn more, email hostess Claudia Gallagher at [claudiagallagher@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiagallagher@yahoo.com)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY

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



Need a note of encouragement, get-well or thinking-of-you card sent to someone in the branch? Contact Sandy Darst who will send something on behalf of NHC AAUW. [sdarst52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdarst52@sbcglobal.net)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE

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



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY

L. Astala	07-01
L. Barousse	07-02
S. Williams	07-02
E. Ridge	07-03
M. Lozica	07-06
E. Wilson	07-06
L. Morris	07-10
B. Bowman	07-11
C. Akard	07-12
L. Felk	07-12
J. Thomas	07-12
D. Boundy	07-18
A. Kanayan	07-20
N. Kaye	07-21
P. Hamric	07-25
S. Ada	07-26
M. Ablard	07-27
S. Tucker	07-28



## Book Club Summer Reading

### DAYTIME LIT

June

The Searcher

Tana French

July

Midnight Library

Matt Haig

August

The Silent Patient

Alex Michaelides

### PRIME TIME LIT

June

The Last Dickens

Matthew Pearl

July

I Feel Bad About My Neck  
and Other Thoughts About  
Being a Woman

Nora Ephron

August

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the  
Mind of An American Family

Robert Kolker

## Out & About

Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant was the scene of the first face-to-face Social since 2020 and attendees made the most of it!



## Out & About Continued



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