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Buddy & Anais Watsky - Travelmania

Lines From Liz



Fall is my most favorite season of the year. Growing up in Ohio, we always had piles and piles of leaves to rake, jump in, rake again, over, and over until our parents would push them into the street by the curb and set them afire. We would walk to the town granary and buy bags of Indian corn to throw against storm windows and passing cars, snag worn down bars of ivory soap to scribble Halloween greetings on windows. I still remember the first “windows” I soaped – my next-door neighbor was Betty. Her boarder, Marie was not an Ohio native. She came from, I think Missouri, and she taught religion classes in our community’s public schools. One late afternoon or early evening near Halloween, I took my scrap of soap and snuck over to Betty’s house and soaped MY NAME all over her front door SCREEN. There was no trick or treating for me that year but scrubbing of the screen door instead.

But enough of my childhood memories, and on to October topics for NHC AAUW. By now you should have received a request for nominations for Outstanding Women Leaders in Community and Education. The nomination process is simple – we don’t ask for you to provide voluminous essays on why your candidate deserves to be recognized – just a paragraph (3-5) sentences telling us how your candidates have made a difference in their community or local educational providers. Your nominations must be received by the selections committee no later than October 13th, 2024. The selections committee will meet and vote to decide whom we will recognize at the Outstanding Women Luncheon in February. If you wish to serve on the selection committee, contact Genie Kline (geniekline@aol.com).

PLEASE, be sure to register with ZOOM for the Texas AAUW on-line virtual seminar featuring Mike Hixenbaugh, author of They Came for The Schools: One Town’s Fight Over Race and Identity, and The New War for America’s Classrooms to be held on October 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM Central Time. To register go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88119861822> .The meeting ID is 881 19861882

Wishing you all a great October.

BRANCH MEETING NEWS

October meeting will be a field trip!

See the highlights of the Lanier Theological Library located at 14130 Hargrave Rd.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday October 19 at the Emergency Service District 16 Administration Building, 18606 Stuebner Airline Rd., followed by a brief Branch meeting. We will then adjourn for lunch and, because parking is limited, we will carpool to the Lanier Library by 12:50 for our 1:00 tour.

Librarian Kathy Fisher will escort Branch members on a special tour of the Lanier Theological Library and Stone Chapel. Among the library's collection of more than 100,000 books and journals, we will see artifacts from Iron Age pottery to Roman currency as well as early King James Bibles, and the C.S. Lewis collection that includes 60 first edition books.

We will also visit the Stone Chapel, an exquisite replica of a 500 A.D. Byzantine chapel. As the Lanier Theological Library is a sanctuary for serious study, it is recommended to speak softly and silence your cell phones.



SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING



Many thanks to Lin Fish and Kathryn Crocker for a great program to start the year. Richard Ford, Project Specialist with the Senior Medicare Patrol of Texas informed us of all the new scams in our area and how to recognize them. He also brought us some great swag. It was great to see so many of our members at the awesome new facility.

GOURMET NEWS

Time for a field trip!

October 4th Senior ride will be chauffeuring Gourmet to Galveston! A fun day is planned including lunch at Willie G's on the Bay and a visit to the Bryan museum and shopping on the Strand!

For more information contact Marge Mitchell mitchellfamilytx@sbcglobal.net

Many thanks to Sandy Darst and Claudia Gallagher for planning a fun lunch in September at Adriatic Café.



ELECTION NEWS

ballotpedia.org

ballotpedia.org is a great tool. All you have to do is put in your address in the “sample ballot” form and you will receive a complete ballot of candidates with information about them.

Cindy Mazza
Public Policy Chair

BECOME A TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST

IT ONLY TAKES TWO MINUTES!

Join AAUW in urging Congress to improve and expand legislation protecting our access to education, economic security and civil rights. Click below to sign up and make a difference today!

<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

If you wish to become an activist locally, please fill in the information below, and send it to Cindy Mazza (cfmazza@yahoo.com). You will be placed on a mailing list to receive local action letters that can easily be sent to our legislators, expressing actions on local bills. Nothing will be sent to your legislators without your approval.

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Texas AAUW

Presents

An Enlightening Virtual Seminar

THEY CAME FOR THE SCHOOLS

One Town's Fight Over Race and Identity, and the New War for America's Classrooms

By MIKE HIXENBAUGH

Co-creator of the Southlake podcast, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize

October 10, 2024

6:00 PM Central Time (US & Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88119861882> Meeting ID: 881 1986 1882



AAUW North Harris County
OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARDS LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY 22, 2025 DONOR FORM
 250 ANTICIPATED GUESTS



*Deadline to be included in the program is January 31, 2025. *Items may be packaged with additional donations from various donors.

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

TRAVELMANIA NEWS

SEARCHING FOR BROMELIADS by SHIRL STOWE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

1:00 SOCIAL & 1:30 PROGRAM

SAINT DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PRICE FELLOWSHIP HALL
14301 STUEBNER AIRLINE, HOUSTON, TX 77069

(You may park in the large lot off Cashel Glen Drive, just south of Heiden Feed Store.)
RSVP by Thursday, October 10, to Anais Watsky, so we can plan refreshments.
Guests and Husbands are welcome.

Anais Watsky, awatsky@icloud.com 281-467-9499 Sue Kikis,
Co-Chair: suekikis@gmail.com 281-379-6366

Shirley Stowe and her husband Gordon are world travelers and bromeliad connoisseurs. They are members of the Bromeliad Society of Houston. Last year they traded their house in Champions for an apartment in Brazil for six weeks. During their stay in Brazil, they were “on the hunt” for bromeliads. So come to hear of their travels to Iguassu Falls, Argentina, Paraguay, Chapada Diamantina National Park, Rio, and Sao Paulo.



**JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY SOCIAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**(4:30-6:30) Campioni's Restaurant in the
bar**

13850 Cutten Rd.

**We look forward to seeing all our friends at
this great location!**

BUSY HANDS

Busy Hands meets the 3rd Friday (10/18) of the month at 10 a.m. at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 14301 Stuebner Airline, room 309.

This is a great chance to work on needlecraft projects and enjoy the company of others. Contact Martha Lozica (m-lozica@sbcglobal.net)

HELP WANTED:

We are searching for two outstanding women to honor at our next OWL luncheon in February. Please be on the lookout for outstanding women in your community who deserve to be honored in the field of education and community service. Nomination forms have been sent. Contact Genie Kline (geniekline@aol.com).

Prime Time Lit Meeting

Prime Time Lit Meets

the 4th MONDAY (10/28) OF THE MONTH via ZOOM.

This month's book is The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY MCVEIGH

Zoom 7:00 pm

Contact Mary McVeigh: Text to 713-504-6434

Email to mmcveigh@kleinisd.net or mom4grandmom8@yahoo.com

**DaytimeLit THURSDAY
Friday October 3
Angel Falls by Kathryn Casey**

For more details, check with either Mary Gubert or Mary Quinn at marygubert.mg@gmail.com or marygquinn@yahoo.com

The Walking Group



We are walking every Thursday morning at Kickerillow Park. So please join us for “walk and talk” therapy.

For more information, contact Genie Kline (901-218-1544) or geniekline@aol.com.

Lit Light will meet
Friday, October 25
Indigo Girl
By Natasha Boyd
at 10 am Panera Bread, 8203 Louetta
Rd.
Contact Mary Quinn
(marygquinn@yahoo.com)

Bunco

The Bunco group would love to have new members. Please let Claudia Gallagher know if you would like to join the group. We meet on the fourth Thursday at 3 pm at Claudia Gallagher's home in Memorial Northwest. We meet every month except in November and December. We always have a wonderful time playing games and socializing with each other. Please let Claudia know if you are interested: claudiagallagher@yahoo.com or 832-368-0550.

Wright Patterson Mahjong

The group plays every Wednesday at Crust Pizza, 11550 Louetta Rd, beginning at 11:00 am, pausing for lunch, and then playing until about 3:00. Crust Pizza is located at 11550 Louetta Rd. Contact Martha Lozica at m-lozica@sbcglobal.net

DAYTIME BRIDGE

**Experienced Players Enjoy
Playing Party Bridge
Four-Table Limit
Pause for Lunch**

**WHEN: Second Tuesday of the month TIME: 9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Giuseppe's Restaurant, 8320 Louetta Rd. Spring**

**The first sixteen players to reply to the monthly hostess's
email invitation are guaranteed a seat.
Later replies are on a waiting list for that month.**

To participate, contact Donna Ohlson: 713-906-7863 or djointex@yahoo.com



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Wanda Bamberg	10/2
Mary Kimball	10/2
Sue Mason	10/6
Susan Summers	10/6
Judy Saunders	10/8
Mary Quinn	10/11
Sandy Darst	10/13
Carla Moore	10/14
Maybelline Carpenter	10/16



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Casey	10/17
Elaine Volz	10/20
Diane Webb	10/21
Jane Egner	10/22
Barbara Alcamo	10/24
Caroline Howard	10/25
Sandra Fassnacht	10/26
Marilyn Caldwell	10/27
Betsy Calabro	10/31

Make sure to check out our website

<http://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net>

Please submit photos and articles for the Nutshell to Genie Kline

geniekline@aol.com

October 2024

SUNDA	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Social at Campioni's WP MAH Jongg	3 Walking Group Daytime Lit	4 Gourmet	5
6	7	8 DAYTIME BRIDGE	9 WP MAH JONG	10 Walking Group The World Today Board Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 Travelmania	16 WPMAH JONGG NATIONAL MAH JONGG	17 Branch Meeting	18 Busy Hands	19
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*WP = Wright Patterson