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#### Mission Statement:

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

#### Diversity Statement:

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

#### Vision Statement:

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.



## President's Message

Jeanne Henderson



*Members,*

Now that I've finally taken down the Christmas tree, I'm working on some New Year's resolutions. Here are a few I've come up with that you might want to adopt. These will get you off to a good start in 2017!

- Attend Great Decisions.
- Assist with the spelling bee.
- Attend the Pleasant Hill Quilters program.
- Recruit a new member.
- Join an interest group.
- Volunteer to speak or assist at the STEM program.
- Sign AAUW's petition.

*You will find that any of these will reward you...*

- Go to AAUW's national convention.
- Help with our new fundraiser—the skeet shoot.

You will find that any of these will reward you with greater knowledge, good friendships, a feeling of accomplishment, and not just a little fun!

Please resolve this year to be a part of this wonderful organization devoted to equity for women and girls.

Happy New Year, *Jeanne*

## JANUARY 21 SET FOR ACADEMIC RODEO SPELLING BEE



*It's not too late* to volunteer for this year's Academic Rodeo on Saturday, January 21.

In 1994, the AAUW Tyler began a partnership with the East Texas State Fair to co-sponsor the Academic Rodeo. This program showcases the talents of young people through events such as a spelling bee, challenge quiz, essay contest, and art contest.

Volunteers from AAUW Tyler participate in the annual spelling bee as judges and as rodeo wranglers, assisting the elementary-aged children in being seated, staying organized, and remaining calm.

Saturday  
January 21  
2017  
8:15-noon or  
11:45-2:45  
ET State Fair  
Grounds

To volunteer, contact **Angie Whitehead** at 903-316-8050 or [awhitehead@murraysecurities.com](mailto:awhitehead@murraysecurities.com)

**January 18—Stephen B. Stine**

**Latin America’s Political Pendulum**

The pendulum of Latin American politics is swinging rightward once again. Yet as the “pink tide” recedes, the forces of change have more to do with socioeconomics than ideology. Dramatic economic and political crises have coincided in countries like Brazil and Venezuela. Still, the final result for Latin America may be the emergence of centrist, pragmatic modes of governance, and with them, opportunities for the U.S. to improve relations. The new administration must look beyond the neoliberal model of the 1990s, and develop an approach to relations fit for the 21st century.



**February 15—Marcus Stadelmann**

**The Future of Europe**

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe. It even caught British voters by surprise. The European Union has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years. Now it faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. But the Brexit vote underscores the complexities of integrating an extremely diverse continent. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?



**January 25—Amentahru Wahrab**  
**Nuclear Security**

Nuclear nonproliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran Deal was a diplomatic victory toward this end, major threats persist from both state and non-state actors. Countries like North Korea, Russia, and India and Pakistan continue to challenge nonproliferation efforts. The possibility that terrorists will carry out an attack using a “dirty bomb,” made from captured nuclear materials, looks increasingly real. In a fractious world, which way forward for U.S. nuclear security policy?



**February 22—Dr. Martin Slann**

**U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum**

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called “energy revolution,” the U.S. today is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends. In order to be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.



**February 1—Dr. Kahne Parsons**  
**Saudi Arabia in Transition**

As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman attempts to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the U.S. point out the lack of democracy, women’s rights and human rights in Saudi Arabia, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism, an extremely conservative version of Islam, for creating jihadists. Bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.



**March 1—Dr. Kahne Parsons**

**Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan**

Major internal conflict has plagued Afghanistan for four decades. The U.S., for its part, has conducted military operations in the country nearly continuously since 9/11. Today, war with the Taliban persists, and tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan have gradually deteriorated. As his time in office drew to a close, President Obama limited further withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. The incoming administration has a choice: will it maintain the status quo, completely reverse the Obama administration drawdown, or withdraw completely? Does the U.S. face a no win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

**February 8—Amentahru Wahrab**  
**Trade and Politics**

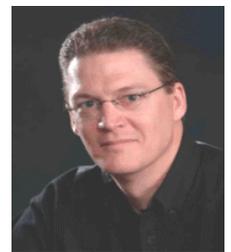
The U.S. political mood toward trade has gone sour. One need look no further than the 2016 presidential contest for the popular narrative: trade means that China wins, at America’s expense. But do the numbers support that conclusion? The metrics used to gauge economic strength—Gross Domestic Product and balance of trade—have not kept up with the realities of modern manufacturing. Obtaining an accurate picture of U.S. economic stature requires a critique of those numbers. Only then can the U.S. develop appropriate policy solutions for the challenges at hand.



**March 8—Robert Sterken**

**Conflict in the South China Sea**

The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims, and China its most vocal claimant. Beijing’s interest has intensified disputes with other countries in the region in recent years, especially since China has increased its naval presence. Despite rising international pressure, including an unfavorable ruling by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, China staunchly defends its policies in the region. Preventing tensions from boiling over is a matter of careful diplomacy.



## STEM Like a Girl

**Saturday  
February 25  
10am-2pm  
Discovery  
Science Place  
308 North  
Broadway Ave.**

## STEM LIKE A GIRL—DIANE KAVANAUGH, PROGRAM VP

STEM Like a Girl is an event aimed to inform and encourage middle school aged girls to learn about Women in STEM areas.

The event is set for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> as part of National Engineering Week. Our goal is to have up to 60 girls participating. There is no charge

for participants and lunch is provided.

Women professionals in each STEM area will speak for about 30 minutes to each smaller group about their career, education and requirements, and how they became interested. They also will conduct a hands-on demonstration or experiment designed to showcase their individual STEM area.

A student from the Society of Women Engineers will assist or lead the demonstration. A volunteer from AAUW also will be assigned to each smaller group to keep them on track for the next rotation.

**STEM Like a Girl** is a collaborative effort between AAUW Tyler, Discovery Science Place (DSP), and the UT Tyler Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

**Assistance from our AAUW members is needed in these areas:**

### Before Event

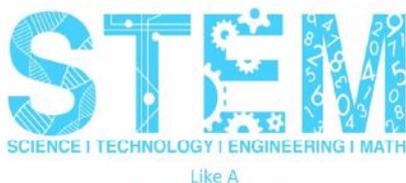
- Help identify as a speaker any possible woman in STEM.
  - Help with publicity, specifically calling teachers identified through schools (public, charter, private).
- Send out flyer.
- Make arrangements for lunch, beverages, dessert, plates, napkins, etc. Coordinate volunteers for lunch set up/clean up

### Day of Event

- Registration/Rotation (4-6 needed) Help sign in students when they arrive. Distribute name tags, come up with rotation assignment process.
- One volunteer assigned to each group for rotation. Make sure they stay on time and move to the correct. Time needed 9:30 – 2:00
- Lunch set up and clean up (2-4 needed) – Time needed 11:30-1:00 (time is subject to change once a final agenda is determined).



**If you can help with this great project, please contact Diane Kavanaugh at [dianeraby@att.net](mailto:dianeraby@att.net) or 704.526.7274**



Like A  
**GIRL**

**Some 30 young women interested in STEM areas already have registered for this event. Let's show them that AAUW is committed to equity for women and girls.**

## AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS—KAY MONIGOLD



\$8,500.

The Tyler Branch of AAUW offers up to six scholarships totaling Eligible female students may apply for one of the following:

- Two high school scholarships awarded to graduating senior women from local public high schools in Smith County (\$1,500 each)
- Two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating women from Tyler Junior College for further educational assistance at a four-year institution of higher learning
- A Proven Scholar Scholarship worth \$1,500 to a woman student at TJC,

Texas College, or UT Tyler who has completed at least 30 hours of college level work

- The Dorothy Scott Scholarship of \$1,000 may be awarded to a Branch member in good standing for at least three years, to complete advanced education, branch out into a new field, strive for additional degrees or certification, or to engage in any other form of education to enrich their lives.

**The application deadline is March 1, 2017.** Applicants will be evaluated on level of commitment to further education, quality of academic record, community and school involvement, and financial need.

A Criteria Sheet and the Scholarship Applications are available online at <http://tyler-tx.aauw.net>

Applications also will be available in qualifying high school counselors' offices and the Financial Aid Offices at TJC, UTT, and Texas College.

If you have any questions about qualifications or eligibility, please contact Kay

Monigold at [kay.monigold@gmail.com](mailto:kay.monigold@gmail.com).



**Deadline: March 1, 2017  
Questions:  
[kay.monigold@gmail.com](mailto:kay.monigold@gmail.com)**

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad

AAUW Tyler is pleased to bring the **Pleasant Hill Quilters** to Tyler for a program on March 11, 2017 at First Christian Church. The program starts at 10:30 and includes lunch. Cost per person is \$12.00. Please complete a registration form (see page 5 of newsletter) and mail it, along with payment, no later than March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The women of the Pleasant Hill Quilting Group are dedicated to preservation of the art of quilt making. They have combined their talents with history to present a dynamic presentation of the Underground Railroad Quilt Code. They also use their skills to raise funds for worthy causes including the restoration and preservation of

the Pleasant Hill Center, A Historical Rosenwald School.

During the early years of the Nation, the Underground Railroad was created and was a successful effort to aid African Americans in the South to escape the drudgery of slavery. Their mission was to secretly transport slaves to Canada where slavery was outlawed. Because the Canadian border was so far from the southern plantations and slave owners' effort to capture and return the escapees, travel turned out to be a hazardous undertaking.

Secret codes and signals were developed to guide the travelers through the hazards. One was the use of bed quilts presumably hung out for cleaning. Each patch of the quilt represented a signal to guide the escapees.

Join us on March 11<sup>th</sup> to learn about these secret codes and the art of quilt making. Quilts are available for sale at the event. (Cash or check only).

A registration form follows on page 5.

### Pleasant Hill Quilters Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad

Saturday  
March 11  
10:30 am

Lunch included

First Christian Church  
4202 S. Broadway

\$12 per person  
Deadline March 7



Some wares are available for sale at the event. (Cash or check only)

## Public Policy—Women's March on Washington & Petition

AAUW has never shied away from speaking truth to power, and that's not going to change during President-elect Donald Trump's administration. In fact,

AAUW members and supporters will be in Washington, D.C., the weekend of January 20-22—some for the inauguration, and others

as part of the Women's March on Washington.

Together, at the Washington events and at rallies across the country, we will be demanding that the new administration make women's priorities national priorities. We need you to add your voice today! And you don't have to be in D.C. to do it.

**Please take just a second to stand with AAUW—and with women across the country—by signing the petition at**

[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=20545&killorg=True)

[action\\_KEY=20545&killorg=True](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=20545&killorg=True)

From equal pay to violence against women to health care access, the issues that arise in the next four years will be crucial for women.

AAUW will continue our 135-year history as a nonpartisan organization working to advance gender equity. We've played critical roles in setting agendas for city councils, statehouses, Congress, the White House, and even the United Nations.

There are so many more glass ceilings that need to be shattered, and we need to stand together if we're going to break through barriers for all women. Advocates like you are the core of AAUW's mission and the heart of this weekend's events. **We need every AAUW member and supporter right now. We need you to speak truth to power and make your voice—and all women's voices—heard.**

**Sign AAUW's petition demanding that women's priorities be national priorities.** Even if you can't join us in person this weekend, signing this petition will add your voice to the thousands calling on our government for gender equity.

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# AAUW Tyler Branch

Presents

## Pleasant Hill Quilters

### *The Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad*



**Saturday, March 11th at 10:30 a.m.**

**First Christian Church**

**\$12.00 registration (includes lunch)**

Pleasant Hill Quilters - March 11, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(email only used for ticket confirmation and event reminders)*

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline : March 7th**

**\$12.00 per person**

Send completed registration form and check payable to AAUW Tyler Branch to:

AAUW Tyler Branch  
C/O Diane Kavanaugh  
PO Box 132200  
Tyler TX 75713-2200

For more information  
dianeraby@att.net  
<http://tyler-tx.aauw.net/>

## 2016-2017 AAUW Interest Groups

**I**nterest groups form the heart of AAUW, where lasting friendships are built and nurtured. Choose groups that suit your schedule and match your favorite pastimes. Non-members are invited to participate in branch interest groups. Those who are eligible for membership may attend twice before joining the branch. Those who are not eligible for membership may attend indefinitely by paying branch dues

Interest Group	Chair	Meeting Time	Contact Info
Daytime Book Group	Marilyn Wills	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1:30 pm	mgdesertwills@gmail.com
Evening Book Group	Sue Lander	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30pm	soonersue@sbcglobal.net
LOTE "Ladies of the Evening"	Susan Rhoades	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm	dsrar@yahoo.com
Mah Jongg	Jeanelle Maland	Times and Dates Vary	Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com
New Members Group	Jeanelle Maland	TBA	Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com
Title IX Group Interest Group*	Jackie Littleton	Attend Women's Sports Events	jackielit@hotmail.com

**\*Schedules page 9**



### JOIN A BOOK INTEREST GROUP—DAY OR EVENING

Here are the appealing books the two Book Interest Groups have selected to read during 2016-2017. To receive a list of meeting places, contact Marilyn or Sue at email listed above.

#### DAYTIME BOOK GROUP—4th Wed 1:30 pm

Jan & Feb meetings begin 2pm

	Title	Author
Jan.25 2pm	<b>A Spool of Blue Thread</b>	Anne Tyler
Feb. 22 2pm	<b>The Midnight Assassin</b>	Skip Hollingsworth
Mar. 22 1:30 pm	<b>Brooklyn</b>	Colin Toibin
Apr. 26 11:30 am	<b>Book Selection &amp; Luncheon</b>	
May 24 1:30 pm	<b>The Nest</b>	Cynthia Sweeney

#### EVENING BOOK GROUP 3rd Thurs 6:30 pm

Date	Title	Author
January 19	<b>Isaac's Storm</b>	Erik Larson
February 16	<b>The Promise</b>	Ann Weisgarber
March 16	<b>Summer Before the</b>	Helen Simonson
April 20	<b>A Buddha in the Attic</b>	Julie Otsuka
May 18	<b>A Wrinkle in Time</b>	Madeleine L'Engle
June 15	<b>Station 11</b>	Emily St. John
July 20	<b>Lab Girl</b>	Hope Jahren
August 17	<b>The Japanese Lover</b>	Isabel Allende

### JOIN LOTE FOR FUN DINING WITH FRIENDS



**LOTE**  
**2nd**  
**MONDAY**  
**6:00 pm**  
**See you there!**

LOTE Interest Group, or "Ladies of the Evening," is a

group of members having a casual meal once each month at a different local restaurant.

LOTE meets the second Monday at 6 pm. All AAUW members are welcome to join the fun.

#### Tentative Schedule for Year

February 13	Burger Grind— 15902 CR 195
March 13	Roast Social Kitchen
April 10	3Z Asian
May 8	Gus'—Gresham
June 12	Villa Montez
July 10	Sonoma Grill
August 14	Abuelo's

To receive notifications with directions to restaurants, contact Susan Rhoades, [dsrar@yahoo.com](mailto:dsrar@yahoo.com) and she will add you to the list.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—JEANELLE MALAND MEMBERSHIP VP



### Dues Reminder

Please mail your check for \$79 to

**PO Box 7171, Tyler, TX 75711**

#### If you would like to pay online:

- Log into [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) using your member id.
- At the bottom of the screen, select **Member Tools**.
- Select **Member Services Database**.

- On the left, click on **Renew My Membership** and follow the directions there.

If you don't know your member id, contact Membership VP Jeanelle Maland, [Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com)



### DIRECTORY CHANGES

#### Kristi Roberts

2021 Holly Creek, Tyler 75703  
[kristi.c.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.c.roberts@gmail.com)

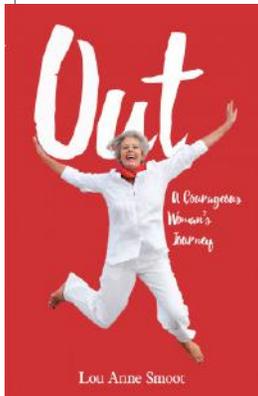
#### Carol Reynolds

4250 Old Omen Rd #4030  
Tyler, TX 75703

## MEET A NEW MEMBER — LOU ANNE SMOOT

**Lou Anne Smoot** recently re-joined AAUW. Smoot is a lifelong writer who has written two books about the life and careers of her parents, a short youth novel, and two autobiographies: *A Christian Coming Out* and the latest: *Out: A Courageous Woman's Journey*.

After spending 60 years living what most Southern Baptists would consider a "normal Christian life" which included marrying and raising four children, Lou Anne Smoot faced a painful truth about herself – a truth she had been aware of since she was 17– she was homosexual.



This retired public school teacher, holder of two college degrees, mother of four, grandmother of six, and former Baptist Sunday School teacher, courageously changed her life in the direction she felt God was prodding her to go. Despite the discomfort of remaining a member of her Baptist church when she divorced after a 37-year-marriage and began "coming out," she remained faithful to God and to her church at a time when most homo-

sexuals her age either remained in the closet or turned their backs on the churches that seemed to turn their backs on them.

She courageously offers all readers a brutally honest glimpse behind the scenes into the depth of soul agony and heart struggle that a lifelong Christian experiences when wrestling with the reality of her homosexual orientation and her religious beliefs and doctrines. Beliefs and doctrines that have been in different seasons of her life a source of hope, joy, strength, and comfort as well as shame, condemnation, and rejection.



Smoot is now an activist for gay rights and was awarded the 2010 Project TAG (Tyler Area Gays) Advocate of the Year Award. She remains active in Project TAG and East Texas PFLAG while volunteering with Meals on Wheels and the League of Women Voters. She spends at least one day a week babysitting grandchildren. Her greatest joy comes from opportunities to share her story with various individuals and groups.

#### Add her name to your directory:

##### Lou Anne Smoot

1012 Haden Tyler TX 75701  
[annesmoot@suddenlink.net](mailto:annesmoot@suddenlink.net)  
903 533-9335 or 903 372-1288



## In Memoriam and Condolences

Recently three AAUW members or past members lost their husbands:

**Gilbert Rowe**, husband of past president Mary Claire Rowe

**Eric Rathbone**, husband of Andie Rathbone

**Ed Hightower** husband of former member Shirley Hightower

AAUW offers heartfelt condolences. Addresses of the past members are at right, if you wish to send personal message.

**Rowe, Mary Claire** (1215)

5402 Carmel Court Tyler TX 75703

903- 520-6196 (c)

**Shirley Hightower**

102 Westwood Way San Antonio 78218-1717

903 262-6919 (c) 210-263-7081

[shirleyhightower@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyhightower@gmail.com)

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## 2016-2017 Board of Directors

Your 2016-2017 Board of Directors already are hard at work making plans and representing you in the community. Contact information and responsibilities are included in the chart below. Do not hesitate to contact your board if you have a question or want to become involved in a specific project or committee.

<b>Elected Chairs</b>	<b>*Executive Committee</b>		
President*	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
President-Elect*	Kay Monigold	kay.monigold@gmail.com	903-521-7854
Program VP*	Diane Kavanaugh	dianeraby@att.net	704-526-7274
Membership VP*	Jeanelle Maland	Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com	903-539-2722
Treasurer*	Nancy Kirk	nancy.kirk@sjscpa.com	903-520-4311
Secretary*	Susan Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-561-3752
Parliamentarian*	Jackie Littleton	jackie_littleton@yahoo.com	903-534-4677
<b>Standing</b>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>		
AAUW Funds	Jackie Littleton	jackie_littleton@yahoo.com	903-534-4677
Scholarships	Kay Monigold	kay.monigold@gmail.com	903-521-7854
<b>Appointed Chairs</b>			
Historian	Robin Insalaco	rins@tjc.edu	903 316-8418
Newsletter	Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-245-1269
Directory	Terri Mathis	tlmathis@suddenlink.net	903-539-5393
Publicity	Committee chairs		
Webmaster	Nancy Kirk	nancy.kirk@sjscpa.com	903-520-4311
<b>Project Chairs</b>	<b>&amp; Fundraising Chairs</b>		
Academic Rodeo	Angie Whitehead	awhitehead@murraysecurities.com	903-593-3030
Great Decisions	Betty Tirey	b.tirey@att.net	903-533-9938
Book Sale	Carol Cushman	momcush@sbcglobal.net	903-533-8994
Games Day	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
Phantom Event	TBD		

## COMING ATTRACTIONS—Calendar of Events and Projects

### January **Informed Citizens Make Great Decisions**

- 18** Great Decisions Discussion & Lecture Series Begins – Wednesdays thru March 8
- 21** Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee – East Texas Fair Grounds
- 31** Deadline to submit to AAUW art contest

### February

- 25** STEM Like A Girl – Discovery Science Place

### March

- 1, 8** Great Decisions Continues
- 11** Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad – Pleasant Hill Quilters
- TBD** Phantom Event

### April

- 4** Equal Pay Day Event
- 22** Annual Meeting & Scholarship Presentations

### May

- TBD** Salad Supper & Officer Installation
- 31-June 1** National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

### June

- 14 -17** AAUW National Convention – Washington DC

**Early bird registration ends  
March 31**

*Save the Date!*



**AAUW National Convention  
June 14-17  
Washington DC**



Watch your email for updates, additions, and details.



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