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Mission: *To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.*

Diversity:

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:

Equity for all



President's Message Kay Monigold

On Saturday, August 25th, we will kick off our new AAUW year with our Annual Rally at the Discovery Science Place. I want to challenge everyone to attend and bring a friend. We need and value your participation, recommendations, and feedback. Thanks to Jackie Littleton and Nancy Kirk, we already have an exciting slate of

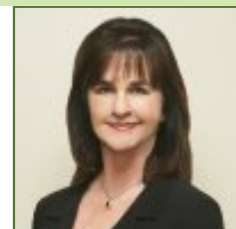
mission-based programs planned for this next year. Help us to continue AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity right here in Tyler, Texas through research, education, and advocacy,

Games Day, our major fundraiser, is scheduled for October 30th at Hollytree and we need everyone's

help to make it bigger and better!

Call me, email me, or text me with any suggestions for fundraisers, increasing our membership, programs, or anything else!

Kay

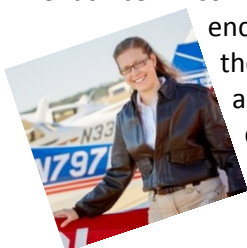


Annual Rally Set for Aug. 25—Nancy Kirk, VP

The AAUW Annual Rally will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018, 2-4 pm at the Discovery Science Place Annex.

Come and experience Speed Networking, a great way to learn more about each other.

Laura Laster will be our special guest. Laster is the recipient of Tyler's three Career Development Grants. Laura has worked in a variety of roles involving flight, aircraft, dispatch, and aviation management since completing her bachelor's degree in aeronautical science. Her most rewarding work involves promoting the advancement of women in the aviation industry and mentoring future aviation professionals. She is currently pursuing a master's degree to further her outreach to students by becoming a full-time aviation faculty member.



- Learn about upcoming events and programs scheduled for the year.
- Sign up for Interest Groups and Volunteering Opportunities

BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE

**Saturday
August 25
2-4 pm
Discovery
Science Place
Annex
★★★★★★
Special Guest
Laura Laster**



AAUW Strategic Planning—Jackie Littleton, President-Elect

At their June 2018 meeting, the AAUW national board unanimously approved the new strategic plan presented by the Strategic Planning Task Force. This included a new mission statement, vision statement and values for the organization. All members received a copy of the “public” plan early this month. This so-called

“public plan” does not include all the goals and objectives that will flesh-out the work ahead.

The Task Force, which included Tyler branch member Jackie Littleton, also did an external analysis of other organizations working on gender equity to ensure areas where AAUW can continue to be distinct and differentiated in pursuit of its mission.

One major change was the reorganization of what we do. AAUW has always been grounded in nonpartisan principles and facts, as well as a commitment to robust research. Therefore, the new mission statement – to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy – places research first in order. Our vision statement has been made even clearer: **Equity for all.**

AAUW-Tyler branch strategic planning will take place throughout the year and all members are encouraged to attend meetings that will be scheduled around this task.

In essence, the new Strategic Plan re-focuses our mission on **Education** and **Economic Security**, two areas that AAUW has championed since our beginning. **Leadership** and **Governance** also are included in the Plan.



Education

The two main goals to address the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women in education are:

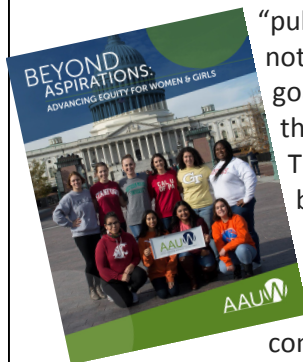
- Equal access to all levels and fields of education.
- Education at every level free from sex discrimination.

Economic Security

To ensure livelihoods for women, three goals are in the plan:

- Pay equity
- Inclusive career pathways
- Women’s retirement security and quality of life

These broad goals will require input and action from states and branches for their achievement. Tyler branch has, in the past, done long-range planning in the fall. However, because we will not have access to the complete plan before then, branch strategic planning will take place throughout the year and all members are encouraged to participate by attending meetings that will be scheduled around this task.



TENTATIVE COUNTY LOCATIONS FOR NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

September 25 AAUW-Tyler is invited to join forces with the League of Women Voters and other women’s organizations to rally as many area citizens as possible to become registered to vote.

Deputy registrars will be available in area public and college libraries, recreation and student centers.

National Voter Registration Day is set for the fourth Tuesday of September by resolution of the National Association of Secretaries of State. National Voter Registration Day is a network of grassroots,



local organizations engaged in their own communities.

It will bring together thousands of volunteers across the nation to register voters.

Smith County Tentative Locations

- Tyler Public Library
- Lindale Public Library
- Whitehouse Community Library
- Bullard Community Library
- Tyler Jr. College Vaughn Library
- UT Tyler Student Center
- Glass Recreation Center

**Tuesday
September 25**



If you are interested in being a part of this effort, contact
Scherel Carver:
eddiecrvr@aol.com

October 9 is deadline to register to vote on November 6.

Your help is needed!

Like us on
facebook



DIANE KAVANAUGH, AAUW FACEBOOK PAGE

We encourage our members who are on Facebook to like our page. You learn about upcoming events and are able to RSVP directly on Facebook. Groups and organizations are

turning to social media to reach out to members and potential members. The best way to do this is for our members to share our posts and invite friends to our events.

To find our page, put
AAUW Tyler Branch
in the Facebook search bar.



Programs for 2018-2019—Nancy Kirk, Program VP



Cocktails & Conversations

For 2018-2019, our goal again is to focus on AAUW mission-based programs. A series of Cocktails & Conversations sessions focuses on such varied topics as US Immigration Policy, Women's History, and AAUW Strategic Planning.

Lunch topics include personal financial planning and US foreign policy through the 2019 Great Decisions discussions series.

Mark your calendars for February 23rd for our third "STEM Like a Girl," a project in cooperation with Discovery Science Place.

In April we'll hold our Annual Meeting and Scholarship awards. And May rounds out our year with the Salad Supper & Officer Installation.

These are programs the branch is formally putting together for our members and the public. We welcome our members to bring additional programs to our branch. Contact any of the board members if you would like to plan an event for our members or to help plan upcoming events.

See the Events Calendar on page 7 of this newsletter

Cocktails & Conversations



A Nation of Immigrants: Realities of US Immigration Policy

Every country envies America's talent pool, yet very few are bold enough to copy the U.S. model of immigration that can recharge stagnant sectors of society. That is why no other country will ever be able to emulate the dynamism of America, whether they are as big as a China or as disciplined as a Germany. Mahbub

Majumdar, Contributor,
Dallas Morning News



Tuesday
September 25
5:30—7 pm
A Nation of Immigrants
1836 Kitchen
2467 Crow Road



NEW!

MOVIES THAT MATTER INTEREST GROUP—DIANE KAVANAUGH

New for the 2018-2019 AAUW year is the "Movies that Matter" interest group. AAUW members and guests go to the movies! What

The movie choice, location, and date/time are determined by those in the group.

It may be just a few times a year, every other month or more frequent depending on those in the group. Some examples of some movies being released in the upcoming year include "Unbroken, Path to Redemption", "The Nightingale," "Mary Queen of Scots," and "Wicked."

If interested in being part of the Movies that Matter interest group, please contact Diane Kavanaugh at dianeraby@att.net or 704-526-7274.



makes a movie matter? It can be a movie written or directed by a woman, a movie of historical significance, or a movie that just makes us feel good.

The movie choice, location, and date/time are determined by those in the group.



Board Games Interest Group—Mary Lynn Smith

NEW!

Nerds and wanna-be nerds are invited to join one of the branch's newest Interest Groups this fall. The Board Game Players' spouses and partners are welcome too. Members will take turns hosting monthly game nights and can

choose to teach a new game or pull out old favorites. Meeting sites will vary from member homes, to Boards and Bites Café, to Tyler Public Library—hostess's choice. Meeting date is to be determined—possibly the second Tuesday or fourth Monday

Contact Mary Lynn Smith for more information.
[903-571-2926](tel:903-571-2926) or 4smiths@suddenlink.net

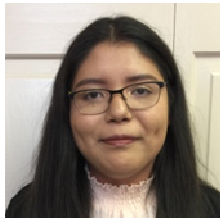
Scholarships Awarded at Annual Business Meeting—Sheila Lee, Chair

★ Congratulations to the following women students awarded AAUW scholarships at Annual Meeting ★

Adamaris Gomez Dueñez

Adamaris is in the top ten per cent of her graduating class at Robert E. Lee. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Spanish Club and HOSA (Future Health Professionals).

Adamaris plans to major in Psychology and minor in Spanish at the University of North Texas. Focusing on Psychology will allow her to learn more about behavior, memory, and aspects of the body that the brain controls. She will continue on with her education to obtain a Master's degree to fulfill her dream job of becoming a traveling Occupational Therapist. She is hoping her career goals will allow her to meet her own desires of being able to travel and help others.



Cheyenne Herring

Cheyenne attends Chapel Hill High School and is in the top ten per cent of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, the Honors Band, and a majorette. With her busy schedule, she still manages to dedicate time to volunteer at various organizations, including Shoes for Kids, Pets for People, and the Texas Food Bank food drive. Throughout her high school years, she has shown the ability to take on challenging college classes, leadership roles in school organizations, and volunteer work. Cheyenne plans to major in marine biology at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. She has a desire to make a positive contribution to this world by applying her degree to work in a conservation organization and protect marine environments and endangered species.



Shelby Spurgin

Shelby has a rigorous academic and extracurricular schedule at Robert E. Lee. She is in the top ten per cent of her class and has balanced many extracurricular activities such as drill team, orchestra, math club, HOSA (Future Health Professionals), student council, and National Honor Society. Shelby makes time to give back to her community through organizations such as the East Texas Food Bank and Pet-a-palooza. Shelby says, "I am humbled in my experiences throughout the community of Tyler, Texas and I crave the feeling of knowing I have made a difference in someone's life." Shelby plans to attend Rhodes College in Memphis, in the Pre-Medical path and later to attend a



medical school through the Navy, where she aspires to graduate as a medical officer and have the opportunity to serve her country.

Karina Moody

Karina is a Presidential honor student at Tyler Junior College, majoring in Business Administration. She graduated in May, has maintained a 4.0 GPA, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She plans to continue to UT Tyler for a Bachelor's degree in Apparel Merchandising and Marketing.

Karina says, "I feel like nothing on earth expresses individual creativity as well as fashion does. Because the fashion industry is such a powerful market in today's world, I cannot wait to be a valuable part of it and I believe my love for photography, design, and journalism will prove valuable in my endeavors." Karina's dream job is to become a fashion buyer for Sherri Hill, a high profile formal wear design company. She is employed at David's Bridal as a dress specialist and at TJC's Office of Marketing, Media, and Communications Department. Karina is grateful for all of the opportunities TJC has given her and looks forward to her future with its limitless potential and excitement. She says, "I am a scholar, a dreamer, and forever proud to be an Apache."

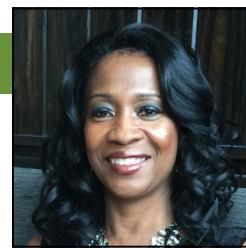


Ricauri McKenzie

Ricauri was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. She loves her home country, but knew that she wanted a better way of life. In 2004, she had the opportunity to come to the United States to participate in an international internship program with the YMCA of the Rockies. During this time Ricauri met her husband Steve McKenzie. In 2008, Ricauri moved to the US. She says, "I have advanced my life in several areas. First, I worked hard to prepare myself for the citizenship exam, and I am proud today to say I am a US citizen. Second, I learned to drive a car for the first time. Third, I became a mother of two boys." Ricauri completed a 10-week job training program with Christian Women's Job Corps, which provided her with the technological skills needed to succeed in college. Currently, she attends Tyler Junior College and majoring in Education. She has a GPA of 3.91. This fall, she will transfer to UT Tyler to earn a Bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in Education. Her ultimate educational goal is a Master's degree in adult education.



Good Luck!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS—SUSAN GARRISON, MEMBERSHIP VP



Dues Reminder



AAUW dues were due in July. Please mail your check for \$92, made to AAUW-Tyler to

PO Box 7171
Tyler, TX 75711

To pay online:

- Log into **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: **Susan Garrison, Membership VP**
sgarrison09@gmail.com

MEMBERS HONORED FOR 50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN AAUW

Three Tyler branch members were honored by the branch and national AAUW this spring. **Lynda Gunter, Janet Majors,** and **Marion Snipes** received the annual 75th Anniversary Endowment Award for their fifty years of service to the Tyler branch.

The National office also recognized their commitment to AAUW with 50-year membership pins and Life Memberships. Both the branch and the state of Texas also waive membership dues for 50-year members.

Congratulations!



Janet Majors



Marion Snipes

IN MEMORIAM— BETTY BROWN PLYLER

AAUW members regret saying goodbye to someone who has been a loyal and valuable member. **Betty Brown Plyler** passed away on May 27th 2017. She was born in 1926 in Hubbard, Texas. She was survived by two children and four grandchildren.

Plyler was a member of the Daytime Book Interest Group.



MEMBER DIRECTORIES TO BE AVAILABLE AT AUGUST 25 RALLY

**Mark Your
Calendar
August 25**

25 AAUW Rally.

New member directories will be distributed at the August

The directories include names and contact information for all members current on dues.

We will mail out directories to those who do not pick them up at the Rally.

Happy new AAUW year!
Susan Garrison, Membership VP

If you find any corrections in the new directory, please advise.

2018-2019 AAUW Interest Groups

Interest groups form the heart of AAUW, where lasting friendships are built and nurtured. Choose groups that suit your schedule and match your favorite pasttimes. 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 th Wednesday, 1:30 pm	mgdesertwills@gmail.com
Evening Book Group	Sue Lander	3 rd Thursday, 6:30pm	soonersue@sbcglobal.net
LOTE "Ladies of the Evening"	Andie Rathbone	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
Mah Jongg	Jeanne Henderson	Times and Dates Vary	Jeanne@jimhenderson.com
Movies That Matter	Diane Kavanaugh	Members Choice	dianeraby@att.net
Board Games	Mary Lynn Smith	Varies (2nd Tues, 4th Mon?)	4smiths@suddenlink.net

JOIN A BOOK INTEREST GROUP—DAY OR EVENING

Here are the interesting books the two Book Interest Groups have selected to read during 2018-2019. 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 2pm

	Title	Author
September 26	The Japanese Lover	Isabelle Allende
October 24	1984	George Orwell
November 14	The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek	Howard Merkel
December 19	Member Lunch	Dakota's
January 23	Radium Girls	Kate Moore
February 27	A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles
March 27	We Were the Lucky Ones	Georgia Hunter
April 26	Book Selection & Luncheon	
May 22	Everyone Brave Is Forgiven	Chris Cleave

EVENING BOOK GROUP 3rd Thurs 6:30 pm

Date	Title	Author
September 17	Educated	Tara Westover
October 18	Wonder	R. J. Palacio
November 15	Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann
December 13	Exit West	Mohsin Hamid
January 17	Little Fires Everywhere	Celest Ng
February 15	The Lemon Tree	Sandy Dolan
March 21	We Band of Angels	Elizabeth Norman
April 18	Beartown	Fredrik Backman
May 16	Last Painting of Sara de Vos	Dominic Smith
June 20	Saving CeeCee Honeycutt	Beth Hoffman
July 18	A Catalog of Birds	Laura Harrington
August 15	Manhattan Beach	Jennifer Egan

Contact Sue Lander to be added to contact list.

JOIN LOTE FOR FUN DINING WITH FRIENDS

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

LOTE, or "Ladies of the Evening" Interest Group is a group of members having a casual meal once each month at a different local restaurant.

September 10 Oliveto Italian Bistro
Troup Hwy & Loop 323



To receive notifications with directions to restaurants, contact Andie Rathbone,
andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
and she will add you to the contact list.

Restaurants for the year will be decided at the September 11 meeting, so bring names of your favorite restaurant raves to be voted on by members.

NEW! INTEREST GROUPS: MOVIES THAT MATTER & BOARD GAMES



Board Games
Interest Groups on
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2018-2019 Board of Directors


Your 2018-2019 Board of Directors are 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.

	Elected Officers	*Executive Committee	
President*	Kay Monigold	kay.monigold@gmail.com	903-521-7854
President-Elect*	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
Program VP*	Nancy Kirk	nancykirk64@gmail.com	903-520-4311
Membership VP*	Susan Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011
Treasurer*	Jeanelle Maland	Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com	903-581-2524
Secretary*	Diane Kavanaugh	dianeraby@att.net	704-526-7274
Parliamentarian*	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
	Standing	Committee Chairs	
AAUW Funds	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
Scholarships	Sheila Lee	Sheila.robinson.lee@gmail.com	903 920-5418
	Appointed	Chairs	
Historian	Robin Insalaco	rins@tjc.edu	903 316-8418
Newsletter	Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-245-1269
Directory	Nancy Kirk	nancykirk64@gmail.com	903-520-4311
Publicity	Committee/Event chairs		
Webmaster	Diane Kavanaugh	dianeraby@att.net	704-526-7274
	Project Chairs	& Fundraising Chairs	
Academic Rodeo	Angie Whitehead	awhitehead@murraysecurities.com	903 316-8050
Great Decisions	Debbie Taylor	daldebttaylor@yahoo.com	903 521-2148
Book Sale	TBD		
Games Day	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
Phantom Event	Susan Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011

COMING ATTRACTIONS—Calendar of Events and Projects

September


25 Cocktails & Conversation: A Nation of Immigrants: Realities of US Immigration Policy – TBD

25 National Voter Registration Day 

October

30 Games Day-Hollytree

November

10 AAUW Book Sale – First Christian Church Christian Life Center 

27 Cocktails & Conversation: Holiday Chat – TBD

January


12 It's Never Too Late for Financial Planning! –

WorkHub with lunch – 7922 South Broadway

16 Great Decisions Discussion & Lecture Series Begins – Wednesdays thru March 6 – Tyler Public Library

19 Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee – East Texas Fair Grounds

February

23 STEM Like a Girl – Discovery Science Place 

6-27 Great Decisions Continues

March — Women's History Month

Cocktails & Conversation: Women's History Fun & Games – Date/Time TBD

21 Women in Tyler Awards Luncheon – Rose Garden Center

April

9 Equal Pay Day
5:30 TBA Cocktails & Conversation: AAUW Strategic Planning

13 Annual Meeting & Scholarship Presentations – Location/Time TBD

TBD Phantom Event

May

TBD Salad Supper & Officer Installation – Women's Building, 911 South Broadway

Watch your email for updates, additions, and details. 