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## GRADUATE GAZETTE

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### President's Message Jackie Littleton

We have left 2019 behind and are moving briskly into a new decade...and the second half of AAUW's 2019-2020 year. The first half has been exciting and profitable, but (contrary to some football teams we won't mention) we must perform at our best in both the first and the second half!

So far we've increased our membership (10 new members), exceeded our fiscal projections on both Games Day and the Book Sale (\$10,640 and \$578), received a \$500 grant from AAUW Texas to help with our Equi-Tea (see below for more information), and judged and wrangled another successful Academic Rodeo spelling bee.

Our monthly branch meetings, interest groups, and board meetings are being well attended. And so, we enter the second half. Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussions

have already begun, with attendance just shy of 80 for the first meeting, and 70 for the second (on a very cold and wet day.)

Coming up in February are our homage to Women's Suffrage (an Equi-Tea at Hollytree) and STEM Like a Girl at Discovery Science Place.

There's much more ahead, so please continue to check the E Blast I send at the first of each month and participate in at least one event each month. You'll find them worth your time... and I am well aware of how valuable your time is.

On a more personal note, a special thank you to our Board of Directors and project chairs. Unless you try to keep up with them, you'll never know how hard they are working to make this a Super Bowl-winning year for Tyler AAUW!

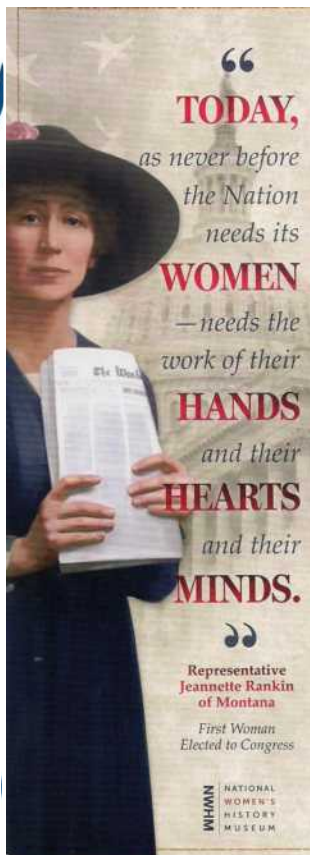
Jackie



**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



### Equi-Tea February 15, 2—4 pm Holly Tree Country Club

#### Join AAUW-Tyler in Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote in the United States

When AAUW began plans for an Equi-Tea celebrating the centennial of woman's suffrage, we first thought of High Tea—silver tea service, hats and gloves, a solemn speech honoring the years of hard work that were rewarded with the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Then we thought again. Our Equi-Tea will be a lot more fun—like a real celebration. The tea will be iced, the silver tea service will hold yellow roses, hats are optional, and we won't even mention gloves! Instead of solemn speeches we will play a few games, honor those special women who have made a difference in our lives, listen to sound bites from women leaders in Tyler, and take home a little gift and maybe a prize or two—for the most beautiful hat and for the best Suffrage-themed hat. And of course, "tea party" food. Jan Copas of the Tyler Quilter's Guild has donated a very patriotic quilt as a raffle prize.

**Come join the party** Join AAUW-Tyler to recognize the fight for woman's suffrage and celebrate the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment. **Use the form on page 2.**

**February 5 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking—Dr. David Scott** Almost every nation has enacted laws criminalizing human trafficking, and international organizations, governments, and NGOs sponsor a large variety of projects to curb trafficking and slavery. Billions of dollars have been allocated to these efforts. What is the international community doing to combat slavery and trafficking? What are the experiences like for those being trafficked?



**February 26 Red Sea Security—Dr. John Barrett** The Red Sea has remained vital for global trade since the time of ancient Egypt. Once home to the spice trade, the Red Sea now sees millions of barrels of oil a day transported across its waters. With major nations like China, France, Italy, and the U.S. building large ports and bases in the region, what does the future of the region look like? How important is Red Sea security for global security? Can the region be a place of global cooperation?



**February 12 U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle—Dr. Colin Snider** Combating illegal immigration has become a priority of the Trump administration. The Northern Triangle of Central America, made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, is a special target of the administration, which hold the nations responsible for the large flow of migrants from Latin America to the U.S. With funds from the U.S. cut, how can the Northern Triangle countries curtail migration?



**March 4 Artificial Intelligence and Data—Dr. Robert Schumaker** Policymakers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit?



**February 19 India and Pakistan—Dr. Jeffrey Crean** India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?



**Briefing books are available at the Tyler library information desk for \$25.**

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussions are sponsored by AAUW-Tyler, LWV-Tyler, and the Tyler Public Library

**Earlier Speakers**



**Ed Santos—  
The Phillipines  
and the U. S.**



**Dr. Betsy Ott—  
Climate Change  
& the Global  
Order**

**Reserve Your Place at the AAUW-Tyler Equi-Tea**

- Individual tickets at \$15 each
- Table for five (please list names) \$75
- Quilt Raffle Tickets \$5 each/6for \$25

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form and your check to AAUW, Box 7171, Tyler, Texas 75711**

## STEM Project Set for February 22—Debbie Taylor, Chair



AAUW Tyler partners with Discovery Science Place on February 22, 2020 for the “STEM Like a Girl program”. Up to 60 middle school aged girls attend this event, free of charge. They interact with female professionals in the STEM fields and conduct hands-on activities related to each area. How can you help? We need 6-8 volunteers for the day of the event from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers assist with registration, meal set up, and helping to guide the hands on activities. This is an easy volunteer event and it is rewarding to watch the girls engaged in STEM.

Contact **Debbie Taylor** at **903-787-8328** or **[daldebttaylor@suddenlink.net](mailto:daldebttaylor@suddenlink.net)** if you can volunteer.

**Saturday  
February 22  
Discovery Science Place  
9:30am-2pm**



**Volunteers Needed!**

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903-787-8328

## AAUW Funds—Jackie Littleton, AAUW Funds Chair

AAUW is one of the world’s oldest leading supporters of graduate women’s education, having awarded more than \$115 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to 13,000 women and projects from more than 145 countries since 1888. AAUW Texas members and the state Board of Directors recently completed the Ann Richards American Fellowship, leaving only one unendowed fellowship from the state, the Tyler 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$100,000 American fellowship.

As the Tyler branch approaches the 2023 deadline for completing the endowment, AAUW Texas and Texas branches are helping reach our goal. Contributing \$5 per branch member before the 2020 Texas Convening will earn branches a “P” in the state MAP award program. As of January 1, 2020, we need only \$11,500 to complete the endowment. Generous donations have

already been received from North Harris County, West Harris County, Northeast Tarrant County and Farmer’s Branch, as well as from individual members in Houston, West Harris County and Tarrant County branches. And, of course, the Tyler branch and its members continue to support the endowment both through the branch budget and individual contributions.



Contribution checks to the Tyler 75th Anniversary Endowment should be sent to **Jackie Littleton, AAUW Funds Chair** with the **Fund Number 4268** on the memo line.

## Scholarships—Janet Majors, Chair

The Tyler Branch of AAUW is pleased to offer scholarships to graduating senior girls in area high schools, as well as those in TJC, UT Tyler, and Texas College with 30 hours of college credit. All counselors have been advised of this availability and we have a couple of applications already. The deadline is March 1, so tell your neighbors and friends and family with girls needing a scholarship to go online to [tyler-tx.aauw.net](http://tyler-tx.aauw.net) where they will find the criteria and application.

Eligible female students may apply for one of the following scholarships:

- **High School** – graduating seniors from Smith County public school

- **Tyler Junior College** – graduating sophomores continuing their education at a four-year college or university
- **Proven Scholar** – TJC, Texas College and UT Tyler students with at least 30 hours of college credit

Application and submission information is posted at

<https://tyler-tx.aauw.net/scholarships/>

For more information, contact Janet Majors

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

This year's selection committee is Alihs Lee, Sheila Lee, Sandy Houston, Sonia Mejias, and Janet Majors, chair.



## AAUW-Tyler to Receive MAP Award at State Convening

AAUW Tyler has completed requirements for the AAUW Texas MAP Award to be presented at the Texas Convening in April.

To earn an **M**, a branch must retain 90% of their previous year's membership OR increase membership by 5% OR recruit three new members. ✓check

To earn an **A**, a branch must hold one mission-based program or event. ✓check

To earn a **P**, a branch must donate \$5 per member to OUR 75th Anniversary American Fellowship. obviously, ✓check

We've not officially been notified that we checked all the boxes, but we're pretty sure we did! More in next issue.

Save the dates to attend!

**Save the date!  
Texas  
Convening  
April 17-19,  
2020**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—SUSAN GARRISON, MEMBERSHIP VP

Anyone with an associate's degree or its equivalent, as well as a student, may become an AAUW member.

### Dues Reminder

AAUW dues are due by July 1. Please mail your check for \$92, made to AAUW-Tyler to

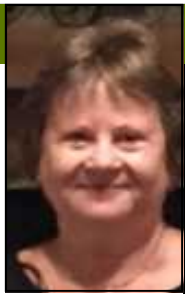
**PO Box 7171 Tyler, TX 75711**

### 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**.

If you don't know your member ID, contact:

**Susan Garrison, [sgarrison09@gmail.com](mailto:sgarrison09@gmail.com)**



## 2020 ACADEMIC RODEO SPELLING BEE—ANGIE WHITEHEAD, CHAIR

### Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee 2nd grade

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the 2020 second grade spelling bee, with Announcer Kayla Lyons, KLTV Media Anchor.

**Congratulations!**



**Front Row:** Judge Andie Rathbone, Announcer Kayla Lyons, Winner, and Judge Sandra Owens. **Back Row:** two winners and Judge Sandy Houston.

### 3rd grade

1st, 2nd, 3rd place spelling bee winners with Judges Kay Monigold and Tom Whitehead and KLTV Announcer.

**Congratulations!**



### More 3rd grade spellers



### AAUW FACEBOOK PAGE

We encourage members who are on Facebook to like our page. You learn about upcoming events and can 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.

## 2019-2020 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 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
Culture Club	Sheila Austin	TBA	sjaustin64@gmail.com
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"	Andie Rathbone	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
Community Service	Jeanne Henderson	As Scheduled	Jeanne@jimhenderson.com
Board Games	Mary Lynn Smith	2nd Tue alternate mos	4smiths@suddenlink.net

### SPOTLIGHT ON: NEW! CULTURE CLUB INTEREST GROUP—SHEILA AUSTIN, CHAIR

It's a new group in the Tyler branch to celebrate and enjoy local arts together. Tyler has a lot to offer when it comes to the local art scene. We have 2 colleges with active music and arts departments, multiple venues for local musicians to perform, active amateur theater productions and a burgeoning art scene. So far we have seen The Magills perform and enjoyed a local production of Little Women at the Tyler Civic Theater.



**Next up:** in February, a performance by the Tyler Civic Chorale at Liberty Hall with renditions of iconic songs and numbers from Broadway's finest productions.

Buy tickets online at <https://libertytyler.com/events/>

**February 28**  
**Tyler Civic Chorale**  
**Liberty Hall**  
**7 pm**  
**Adults \$15**  
**Children & Students Free**

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

It's never too late to jump into one of the Book Interest Groups. See titles selected to read during the rest of 2020. To be added to the list to receive a list of meeting places, contact **Marilyn or Sue** at email listed above.

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

	Title	Author
February 26	<b>Before We Were Yours</b>	
March 15	<b>Sold On a Monday</b>	Kristina McMorris
April 22	<b>April 22—Book Selection Luncheon—</b>	<b>Dakotas</b>
May 27	<b>The Library Book</b>	Susan Orlean

#### EVENING BOOK GROUP 3rd Thurs 7 pm

Date	Title	Author
February 20	<b>The Hate U Give</b>	Angie Thomas
March 19	<b>Becoming</b>	Michelle Obama
April 16	<b>Beneath a Scarlet Sky</b>	Mark Sulivan
May 21	<b>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</b>	Gail Honeyman
June 18	<b>The Library Book</b>	Susan Orlean
July 16	<b>Angle of Repose</b>	Wallace Stegner
August 20	<b>A Well-Read Woman</b>	Ruth Rappaport

### JOIN LOTE FOR FUN DINING WITH FRIENDS

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

**LOTE**  
**2nd MONDAY**  
**6:00 pm**

- February 10** El Charro on the Ridge 6899 Oak Hill Blvd.
- March 8** Kawa's Hibachi Grill 1024 WSW Loop 323
- April 13** 1836 Texas Kitchen 2467 Crow
- May 11** Villa Montez 3324 Old Henderson Hwy

**To receive notifications with directions to restaurants, contact Andie Rathbone, [andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com](mailto:andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com)**

### Board Games Interest Group—Mary Lynn Smith

Game Players will meet at 6:30 on the third Tuesday of every other month at Boards and Bites Cafe in Green Acres Shopping Center.

Cost is \$5 - or less - depending on the size of the group. We play a mix of party and light strategy games. **Other Dates May 12, July 14**  
 Contact Mary Lynn Smith with questions or to RSVP at 903-571-2926

*Next Game*  
**March 10**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Boards & Bites Cafe**

**Game on! Next Game: March 10**

# 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Your 2019-2020 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.

	<b>Elected Officers</b>	<b>*Executive Committee</b>	
President*	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
President-Elect*	Sheila Austin	sjaustin64@gmail.com	903-574-1569
Program VP*	Verle Ellis	VerleEllis@gmail.com	903-939-2062
Membership VP*	Susan Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011
Finance Officer*	Diane Kavanaugh	dianeraby@att.net	903-581-2524
Secretary/Parliamentarian*	Sue Lander	soonersue@sbcglobal.net	903-561-6606
	<b>Standing</b>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
AAUW Funds	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
Scholarships	Janet Majors	janetlmajors@gmail.com	903 561-3818
	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Chairs</b>	
Historian	Robin Insalaco	rins@tjc.edu	903 316-8418
Newsletter	Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-245-1269
Directory	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-520-4311
Publicity	Committee/Event chairs	—	
Webmaster/Social Media	Merilyn Wick	meriwick@msn.com	903-534-4953
	<b>Project Chairs</b>	<b>&amp; Fundraising Chairs</b>	
Academic Rodeo	Angie Whitehead	awhitehead@murraysecurities.com	903 316-8050
Great Decisions	Lou Anne Smoot	annesmoot@suddenlink.net	903 533-9335
Book Sale	Zoe Sleishour	Zoe.emerson@irco.com	903 245-6523
Games Day	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
STEM Event	Debbie Taylor	daldebtaylor@suddenlink.net	903-787-8328
Phantom Event	Susan Garrison/Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-581-1391

## COMING ATTRACTIONS—Calendar of Events and Projects

### February

- 5-26 Great Decisions Continues**
- 15 Equi-Tea 2pm Hollytree Country Club**
- 20 Evening Book Club 7pm**
- 22 STEM Like a Girl—Discovery Science Place 9:30—2**
- 26 Daytime Book Club 2pm**
- 28 Culture Club: Songs from Broadway Productions—Tyler Civic Chorale @ Liberty Hall**

### March — Women's History Month

- 4 Great Decisions Continues**
- 10 Board Games 6:30 pm**
- 15 Daytime Book Club 1:30pm**
- 17 Fake News or True? 6pm TBA**

- 19 Evening Book Club 7pm**
- 27 Culture Club: The Music Man-Pollard Theater Center**
- TBA Phantom Fund Campaign**

### April

- 15 Equal Pay Day**
- 16 Evening Book Club 7pm**
- 17-19 AAUW State Convening**
- 22 Daytime Book Club 1:30pm**
- 25 Annual Meeting/Scholarship Awards—11 am Location TBA**

### May

- 12 Board Games 6:30 pm**
- 19 Salad Supper & Officer Installation—6pm TBA**

- 22 Daytime Book Group 1:30**

### June

- 18 Board Game Interest Group**
- 20 Evening Book Group—7pm**

**—Pay AAUW Dues—**

### July

- 14 Board Games 6:30 pm**
- 18 Evening Book Group—7pm**

### August

- 15 Evening Book Group—7pm**
- 20 Board Game Interest Group**

### TBD AAUW Rally and Reassembly

**Watch your email for updates, additions, and details.**



## Nominating Committee Begins Search for 2020-2021 Board

Members of the Nominating Committee have begun work to choose candidates for the 2020-2021 AAUW Tyler Board. If you are interested in giving back to the organization by serving on the board, please contact one of the committee members, who will present a slate of officer nomi-

nees to be elected by members at the Annual Meeting in April. Officers to be elected are **president-elect, treasurer, program, membership, and secretary.** Sheila Austin, currently serving as president-elect, will move into the president's position.

If you are willing to serving in one of these positions, contact Jeanelle Maland at [jeanelle.maland@gmail.com](mailto:jeanelle.maland@gmail.com)

**Committee Members** Chair Jeanelle Maland, Sue Lander, Andie Rathbone, Sandy Houston, and Jeannie Henderson.