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President's Message Sheila Austin



Well, here we are— December—and still fighting a pandemic. We had thought and hoped that by now, we could be meeting in person again, but that isn't the case. 2020 has definitely presented new challenges, and our members have stepped up and met those challenges head on.

Our monthly branch meetings and book groups have adapted to Zoom meetings. Our LOTE group and Culture Club groups have had Zoom sessions. Our Board Games

group has met outside for lawn games. We are learning and adapting as we go.

The upcoming holidays may be different for many of us, in-person family gatherings may be much smaller and different than usual. We may have to rely on memories of prior years to get us through. Several members have lost family members this year, making this holiday season a difficult road to traverse.

Thank you to our committee members and board members for all you've done in this first half of our AAUW year.

I'd like to thank our members for sticking with us in this difficult year. I'd also like to welcome our new members, and we look forward to actually meeting you in person. Thank you to our committee members and board members for all you've done in this first half of our AAUW year.

Wishing you all a blessed and Merry Christmas. May you find joy in this holiday season.

Sheila

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



Help Wanted for 2021 Spelling Bee—Angela Whitehead, Chair

The date for the Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee is January 16, 2021. As usual, we will provide 3 judges and 3-4 wranglers for each of the two rounds, so your help is needed.

Deborah Newman has worked out plans for social distancing and of course mask or face shields will be required, so please give careful consideration to this volunteer opportunity.

WATCH FOR YOUR MONTHLY E-MAIL FLASH!!

The AAUW Board stays in touch with the membership on a regular basis through a monthly email update with details of upcoming activities and events, as well as important deadlines and reminders.

These monthly missives can keep you

- Informed
- Involved
- Interested

Watch your e-mail!



Great Decisions Foreign Policy series is scheduled to begin Thursday, January 7, at noon with a virtual format. Sponsored by Tyler AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and the Tyler Public Library, the program will again feature speakers with expertise on the eight study topics shown below.

Dr. Jeffrey Crean of Tyler Junior College is recruiting speakers from throughout Texas, an opportunity made possible because of the virtual platform.

Briefing books will be available at the Tyler Public Library as usual.



Global supply chains and national security

The shutdown of global supply chains due to the Covid-19 pandemic brought to the fore an issue with the high level of global economic interdependence: what happens when one country is the main source for an item, say face masks, and then can no longer supply the item? Countries suddenly unable to meet the demand for certain supplies are faced with growing calls for economic nationalism. What are some of the lasting effects that the pandemic could have on global supply chains and trade? How would this affect national security?

Persian Gulf security issues

The Persian Gulf remains tense as the rivalry between the regional powers of Saudi Arabia and Iran continues. Tensions escalated in early 2020 as the United States began to intervene in the Gulf, launching an airstrike that killed two Iranian military commanders. What are the historical influences that have led to these tensions? What role, if any, should the United States play? Is using military force a viable foreign policy option for 2021 and beyond?

Brexit and the European Union

With the “Brexit transition period” coming to an end this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight?

Struggles over the melting Arctic

U.S. President Donald Trump left many scratching their heads when it was rumored that he was looking to purchase the large island nation of Greenland from Denmark. While any potential deal seems highly unlikely, the event shows the changing opinion within the U.S. government toward engagement with the Arctic region. Because of climate change, large sheets of arctic ice are melting, exposing vast stores of natural gas and oil. With Russia and China already miles ahead with their Arctic strategies, can the U.S. catch up?

China’s role in Africa

The Covid-19 crisis has put a massive strain on what was growing a positive economic and political relationship between China and the continent of Africa. As Chinese President Xi Jinping’s centerpiece “Belt and Road initiative” continues to expand Chinese power, the response to the spread of Covid-19, as well as the African government’s growing debt to China, has seen pushback. What are some of the growing economic and political issues between China and Africa?

The Korean Peninsula

The Korean Peninsula is facing a defining era. Attempts by South Korean President Moon Jae-in and U.S. President Donald Trump to repair the rift between North and South have lost any momentum as Pyongyang continues to test long-range missiles for its nuclear weapons program. As the rift between the U.S. and China grows further, South Korea may end up in the middle of the two superpowers. What does the future hold for the U.S. relationship with the ROK?

Roles of international organizations in a global pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has thrust the World Health Organization (WHO) into the limelight, for better and for worse. While some of the Trump administration’s criticism of the organization is unfair, the response to the early stages of the pandemic left many experts wanting more from the WHO. What is the WHO’s role in responding to international pandemics? What can be done to improve the WHO’s response to future global health crises?

The end of globalization

As the United States enters another election season, the merits and drawbacks of globalization are again being debated by the presidential candidates. With the passing of the Brexit vote and Donald Trump’s America First doctrine, protectionist policies have become more prevalent, challenging globalization. What is globalization and how will it be affected by protectionist trade policies? How will the United States and the world be affected by such policies? Is globalization really at an end, or in need of a refresh?

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—ANDIE RATHBONE, MEMBERSHIP VP



Dues Reminder

Membership dues are due now. Please pay as soon as possible so you will be included in the 2020-21 directory.



Please send your check for \$92.00 to **Diane Kavanaugh, 1817 Sybil Lane, Tyler 75703-1634**. Checks should be made to:

AAUW-Tyler

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:

Andie Rathbone Membership VP
Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com



And for all members who have paid your dues, please

check your information in the current directory

New Directory

All members should have received by mail new 2020-2021 member directories

If you find any corrections in the 2020-2021 directory, please advise

Jeanne Henderson, Year Book Chair
Jeanne@jimhenderson.com

MEET NEW MEMBERS

Branch membership currently stands at 66 and we would like to welcome four new members to the branch:

Laura Eaves
Perry Flowers
Wanda Miles
Soo-ah Park

Let's make it a goal in the coming year to ask at least one friend to join our branch.

We will be featuring more about these members in a forthcoming newsletter. We also would like to thank **Vanessa Bostick** for recruiting *three of these new members*. The best way to add members to our branch is to ask our friends, co-workers and fellow volunteers in other organizations to join.

Add these to your directory

Perry Flowers

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AAUW Legacy Circle Welcomes New Member



The AAUW Legacy Circle recently welcomed its third Tyler branch member. **Vanessa Bostick** joins Carolushman and Jackie

Littleton in including AAUW in her estate plans.

Vanessa is a past vice president of the Tyler branch and is currently serving as president-elect. She is senior pastor of Open Arms Christian Church in Whitehouse.

There are a number of ways to

join the Legacy Circle. Adding AAUW to your will is only one of the ways. Detailed information is available on the aauw.org website (see Membership) or you may contact Jackie Littleton, national Legacy Circle liaison for Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana.

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AAUW FACEBOOK PAGE & WEBSITE

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.

Like us on facebook!



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

2020-2021 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	Andie Rathbone	4 th Wednesday, 1:30 pm	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
Evening Book Group	Sue Lander	3 rd Thursday, 7pm	soonersue@sbcglobal.net
LOTE "Ladies of the Evening"	Andie Rathbone	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
Mah Jongg, Civic Participation	Jeanne Henderson	Times and Dates Vary	Jeanne@jimhenderson.com
Board Games	Mary Lynn Smith	2nd Tues every other month	4smiths@suddenlink.net
Culture Club	Sheila Austin	Varies	sjaustin64@gmail.com

JOIN A BOOK INTEREST GROUP—DAY OR EVENING



Here are the interesting books the two Book Interest Groups have selected to read during 2020-2021. To receive a list of meeting places, contact **Andie Rathbone** or **Sue Lander** at email listed above.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP—4th Wed 1:30 pm

	Title	Author
December 16	The Yellow House	Sarah Broom
January 27	TransAtlantic	Colum McCann
February 24	The Dutch House	Ann Patchett
March 24	Clock Dance	Anne Tyler
April 28	Book Selection	for 2021-2022
May 26	Lumet: A Life	Maura Spiegel

EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Thurs 7 pm

Date	Title	Author
Dec 17	Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself	Alan Alda
Jan 21	The Wolves of Andover	Kathleen Kent
Feb 18	White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism	Robin DiAngelo
March 18	Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen	Sarah Bird
April 15	The Giver of Stars	Jojo Moyes
May 20	Bangkok Wakes to Rain	Pitchaya Sudbanthad
June 17	The Other Americans	Laila Lalami
July 15	Unorthodox	Deborah Feldman
August 19	The Book of Longings	Sue Monk Kidd

Board Games Interest Group—Mary Lynn Smith

Players were able to move outdoors to Bergfeld Park for lawn games and picnic dinners while the weather was warm. Now that cooler temperatures and earlier sunsets are here, we will have to play it by ear.

There will be no meeting in December. Contact Mary Lynn Smith at 4smiths@suddenlink.net if you

are interested in the group. She will let the group know what's what.

Game on! Next Game: 2021

Contact Mary Lynn Smith for more information.
903-571-2926 or 4smiths@suddenlink.net

Board Games
2nd Tuesday
every other month
6:30 pm
TBA

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

LADIES OF THE EVENING (LOTE) TO ZOOM WITH FRIENDS

The next date for LOTE is **Monday, December 14.** Unfortunately, at this time it doesn't look like we'll be able to meet in person because of Covid19.

We plan to hold a virtual Christmas Cocktail hour via Zoom at 6:00 that evening so that we can at least enjoy each other's company via the web, talk about what restaurants we'd like to go

to once things calm down with the disease, and come up with a plan for going forward.
Look for an email reminder with a Zoom link prior to that date. This year has been a challenge, but with a little creativity we can still get together (one way or another) and have some fun.

LOTE, or "Ladies of the Evening" Interest Group generally meets for a casual meal once each month at a

different local restaurant. All AAUW members are welcome to join the fun.

Contact andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com and she will add you to the contact list.

Dates for the Year
2020
Dec 14
2021
Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8,
Apr 12, May 10

2020-2021 Board of Directors

Your 2020-2021 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*	Sheila Austin	sjaustin64@gmail.com	903-574-1569
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Book Sale	Zoe Emerson	Zoe.emerson@irco.com	903 245-6523
Games Day/Silent Auction	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
STEM Event	Debbie Taylor	daldebttaylor@suddenlink.net	903-787-8328

December—January Events and Tentative Future Dates

2020

December 8

Board Games Interest Group, 6:30 p.m. Contact Mary Lynn Smith @ 4smiths@suddenlink.net

December 14

LOTE Zoom meeting, Christmas Cocktails. Link to be sent by Andie Rathbone.

December 15 Branch Christmas Party by Zoom. contact Verle for details, verleellis@gmail.com

December 16 Daytime Book Group, 1:30 p.m. Daytime Book Group, *The Yellow House*, by Sarah Broom. Link to be sent by Andie Rathbone.

December 17 Evening Book Club, 7 p.m. *Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself*, by Alan Alda. Contact Sue Lander, soonersue@sbcglobal.net

December 20

Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Zoom, contact Sheila for link.

2021

January—February TBA

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussions-

January 16

Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee—ET State Fair Grounds. Contact Angela Whitehead,

February TBA

STEM Like a Girl TBA—Discovery Science Place

March 1

Deadline for 2021 Scholarship Applications

April TBA

AAUW Annual Business Meeting & Scholarship Awards

May TBA

Salad Supper & Installation of Officers



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