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President's Message Sheila Austin

Welcome to March, Women's History Month, and the beginning of Spring. While we haven't been able to meet in person during this AAUW year, we have been able to adapt to virtual meetings for our branch, our board and committee meetings, and our special interest groups. Adaptability seems to have been key to surviving through the last year.

One thing that hasn't changed during the pandemic is the mission of AAUW to work towards equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Here in Tyler, we do our part to assist with the

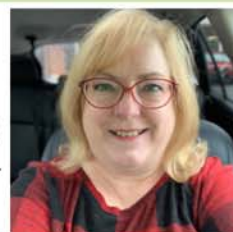
education aspect by awarding scholarships to local students. We also offer the Dorothy Scott scholarship to a branch member to continue her education. Our Scholarship Committee has been hard at work this spring. We will meet the recipients on April 17th at our Annual Meeting.

Interesting fact—did you know that despite colleges and universities beginning in the US in the 1600s, the first woman to receive a bachelor's degree didn't occur until 1840? Since 2015, women graduates have outnumbered male graduates. With college costs on

the rise, the need for scholarships does not go away. Listening to our scholarship recipients every year gives us hope and renews our faith in the younger generation.

The word hope may be a word we hear a lot of over the next several months. Hope that the pandemic will get under control, hope that life returns to "normal"—whatever our new normal is. We'll continue meeting by Zoom through AAUW year and remain optimistic and hope we can see each other again in person by fall.

Sheila



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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



Early Scholarship Winner to Speak at March Branch Meeting

Laura Chapin will be our speaker for the March branch meeting, March 16 at 6:30 via Zoom. Laura received a scholarship from us in 1990 and last year sent a check for the entire amount that she received. It totally covered the cost of one scholarship this year!

She said in her letter: "I've meant to reach out for years with a formal thank you and donation --I'm sorry it has taken so long! Thank you so much women of AAUW Tyler for living out your organization's mission and

showing support to high school young women who are so

often facing the next chapter of life with a mix of youthful optimism, determination, self-doubt, and for some, the chips stacked against them. While the scholarship money you so graciously share with recipients is essential, so is knowing that exemplar women believe in them!

Laura was the first in her family to go to college and her story is a real success story!

Thank you so much women of AAUW Tyler for living out your organization's mission showing support to high school young women.



**Tuesday
March 16, 6:30 pm
Branch Meeting
Via Zoom**

Nominations for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors for AAUW-Tyler Branch and AAUW Tyler Fund, Inc.—Kristi Roberts, Chair

The following slate of officers will be voted on at the AAUW-Tyler Annual meeting via Zoom on April 17 at 11:30 am:

AAUW-Tyler Branch

President* **Sheila Austin**

President Elect
Diane Kavanaugh

Secretary
Jeanelle Maland

Treasurer
Open

Program Vice President
Sandra Owens

Membership Vice President
Andie Rathbone



**Austin has agreed to serve a second term as Vanessa Bostick, the President Elect voted on last year, is moving to Little Rock, Arkansas.*

Nominations may be made by members "from the floor" during the zoom meeting.

The 2020-2021 nominating committee is Chair Kristi Roberts, Andie Rathbone, Scherel Carver, Sheila Austin, and Jackie Littleton

Tyler Fund, Inc.

The following are nominated to serve on the board of the Tyler Fund, Inc.:

Andie Rathbone, Jackie Littleton, Kristi Roberts, and Sebetha Jenkins-Booker

American Fellowship First Recipient—Jackie Littleton, Chair

In 2003, the Tyler branch began the process of creating an American Fellowship in honor of our 75th Anniversary. The \$100,000 endowment was completed during our last fiscal year, and this year it was awarded for the first time.

Brooke Lopez is the first recipient of the Tyler (TX) Branch 75th Anniversary Fellowship. She recently founded Lone Star Parity Project, a nonpartisan publication dedicated to sharing research and stories from women and femmes in Texas politics. The Lone Star Parity Project website is an eye-opener.

Brooke graduated cum laude from the University of Texas at Dallas with a bachelor of science degree in public affairs. She currently attends the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law.

Congratulations to Brooke...and to all of you who contributed to the endowment!



April Annual Meeting & Scholarship Awards—Sandy Houston, Chair



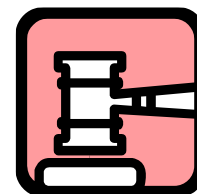
Some things never change.

Despite a new application process taking into account COVID's influence on education during the past year, the scholarship committee received the kind of applications that make their decisions very difficult. Although it was possible that SAT and ACT scores might not be available this year, all applicants included SAT and/or ACT scores that reinforced their excellent GPA's. Although it was possible that parent income might have been decreased because of job losses, all applicants included appropriate FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) scores and other grants and awards they had received, making it easier to determine need, one of AAUW's considerations.



The applicants who will receive one of our six high school scholarships will be announced during the **Annual Meeting April 17, at 11 a.m.** Each of the recipients will join us via Zoom to tell us a little about their plans. You won't want to miss the opportunity to meet these outstanding young women.

By the way, it's not too late to make a donation to the AAUW Tyler Fund to help with scholarships and other of our educational projects. **Send your check to Fund Treasurer Diane Kavanaugh.**



Members of the 2020-2021 scholarship committee include Chair Sandy Houston, Diane Kavanaugh, Sue Lander, Jackie Littleton, Jeanelle Maland, and Andie Rathbone.

Proposed Budgets for the 2021-2022 for AAUW-Tyler and AAUW Tyler Fund

Diane Kavanaugh, Chair

TYLER FUND, INC. PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022

INCOME

GAMES DAY	\$ 9,125.00
AMAZON SMILE	\$ 42.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 500.00
PHANTOM EVENT	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 12,167.00

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION

INSURANCE Gen Liability	\$ 185.00
POST OFFICE	\$ 92.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 65.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 342.00

PROGRAMS

STEM PROJECT	\$ 250.00
GREAT DECISIONS	\$ 100.00
PROGRAMS	\$ 500.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$ 850.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

AAUW GREATEST NEEDS FUND	\$ 2,000.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 8,000.00

FUNDRAISING

GAMES DAY	\$ 2,875.00
PHANTOM EVENT	\$ 100.00
TOTAL FUNDRAISING	\$ 2,975.00
Total Expenses	\$ 12,167.00

NET INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES

INTEREST INCOME \$0.00

INTEREST INCOME 5.00

AAUW - TYLER BRANCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022

INCOME

BUSINESS MEETING	\$ 400.00
DUES	\$ 3,325.00
FUNDRAISING INCOME BOOK SALE	\$ 500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,135.00

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION

CONVENTION	\$ 250.00
DUES NATIONAL	\$ 1,612.00
DUES STATE	\$ 403.00
INSURANCE	\$ 300.00
WEBSITE	\$ 120.00
TREASURER	\$ 50.00
SOFTWARE	\$ 50.00
OFFICER SUPPLIES	\$ 150.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION \$ 2,935.00

MEMBERSHIP

RECRUITMENT/ RETENTION	\$ 100.00
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 175.00
REASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00
DIRECTORY	\$ 150.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 525.00

PROGRAMS

SALAD SUPPER & BUSINESS MEETING	\$ 550.00
HONORARIUM	\$ 125.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$ 675.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 4,135.00

NET INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES

\$ 0.00

INTEREST INCOME MMA

\$ 100.00

TOTAL INTEREST INCOME

\$ 100.00

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!



2021 STEM Like a Girl

Sponsored by AAUW Tyler, this event is a fun, hands-on day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning led by local female STEM professionals. Activities include 4 rotations, a wrap up panel discussion and Q & A time. Lunch is provided! Participants learn what it's like to work as an engineer, a field biologist, software programmer and more. How the skills learned in school can translate to a job using math or technology.

AAUW Members:

To help with this project contact Jackie Littleton at jackielit@hotmail.com

Space is limited to 40 participants, so they should register soon. For more information call Discovery Science Place 903 533-8011.

Registration is on the Discovery Science Place Facebook event page. Copy and paste into search line:

discoveryscienceplace.doubleknot.com/event/stem-like-a-girl-2021/

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION or ATTENDANCE FEE FOR THIS EVENT.



**March 27
10 am—2 pm
Discovery
Science Place
Annex
308 North
Broadway**

AAUW Tyler Funds: Everything You Wanted to Know— Jackie Littleton

AAUW Funds? Tyler Fund? The Legacy Circle? Three distinct and powerful ways to support AAUW's mission today and in the future, locally and around the world.

The AAUW Fund raises unrestricted funds to support all of AAUW national and community-based programs such as the Work Smart salary negotiation workshops, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, research, and other mission-driven initiatives.

Tyler branch and individual members during the current fiscal year have given \$5763 to the Greatest Needs Fund of the AAUW Fund. Our branch earmarks \$2000 each year for this fund and this year AAUW Texas donated \$198 (\$3 per member) to our credit. Additionally, our members donated \$263 for the member-created notecards we receive each spring. Four major donors added \$3302 to our total contribution.

Money raised for the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund will be named in honor of a member selected by the AAUW Tyler Board. Previous awardees are Gladys Howard (2013-14), Joanne Rairigh (2014-15), Delcie Wylie in memoriam (2015-16), Linda Gunter,

Janet Majors, and Marian Snipes 50-year members (2016-17), Carol Cushman (2017-18), Jeanelle Maland (2018-19), and Carolyn Bain (2019-2020).

Tyler Fund, Inc. is the name of AAUW Tyler's 401(c)(3) organization from which we support all our local scholarships and projects such as Great Decisions and STEM Like a Girl. Money for this fund comes primarily from Games Day, and since we've had no fund-raising event this year, money has come from \$2425 in individual contributions and \$22.68 from Amazon Smile. Obviously, we have tapped into fund reserves to continue our scholarship program.

The Legacy Circle is not a fund, but a way to support AAUW's mission into the future. By including AAUW national in your estate planning, your belief in our mission becomes more than incidental...it becomes part of your legacy to women and girls. Legacy Circle members in Tyler are Vanessa Bostick, Carol Cushman, Jackie Littleton, and Berta Seitz. Questions about the Legacy Circle may be directed to Jackie Littleton, National Legacy Circle Liaison.

Photos from the 2021 Spelling Bee—Angie Whitehead, Chair

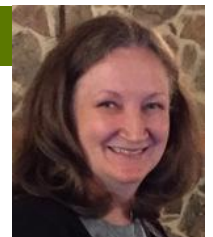
Thank you to the following AAUW members who contributed to the success of the Spelling Bee: Andie Rathbone, Diane Kavanaugh, Sandra Owens, Scherel Carver, Cathy Brady, Janet Majors, Sandy Houston & LouAnne Smoot who was kind enough to work both shifts!



2nd Grade 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners with Judges and Moderator



3rd Grade 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners with Judges and Moderator



Angie Whitehead, center, with Judges for 2nd grade: Sandra Owens, Lou Anne Smoot, Andie Rathbone, and Diane Kavanaugh.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS—ANDIE RATHBONE, MEMBERSHIP VP

Dues Renewal Period opens March 16th

AAUW Tyler Branch members can renew for the next fiscal year beginning March 16th. You will receive an invoice via email that allows you to pay online using your credit card. The new fiscal year begins July 1st and members are encouraged to renew by June 30th. Your invoice also provides an option for mailing your checks to the branch for processing.

Please note, for the new fiscal year, AAUW National increased the national dues by \$2.00. Our annual dues are \$94.00 for the upcoming year.

Know of someone interested in joining AAUW? If they join March 16th or later, their dues payment of \$94 covers them through June 30, 2022.

Please send your check for \$94.00 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.

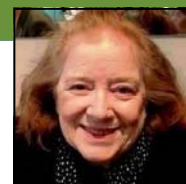


If you don't know your member ID, contact:

**Membership VP
Andie Rathbone**

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 the 2020-2021 member directories.

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

**Jeanne Henderson, Year Book Chair
Jeanne@jimhenderson.com**

SAVE THE DATES! AAUW-TEXAS ON SELF CARE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

AAUW of Texas is planning a series of Zoom meetings. Please mark your calendars for attending these meetings.

Watch your mail for more information and the links to sign up. Each meeting will host up to 100 people. Meetings will be recorded and then posted on the AAUW of Texas website for viewing at your convenience.

March 18 and March 25 at 7pm On these successive Thursday evenings, AAUW-Texas will partner with Brazos Valley NASW-TX to have Dr. Lynn Hagan LCSW present a series of lessons on

Self Care in Difficult Times. We recognize that after a year of COVID worries and restrictions and a week of Mother Nature's worst efforts, many of our members are emotionally exhausted.

Dr. Hagan's program: **Put on Your Own Mask First: Self-care in a Time of Fear** will cover these topics:

March 18 Physical and Emotional Self Care

March 25 Spiritual and Relationship Self Care



MEMBERS TO VOTE ON CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY IN NATIONAL BYLAWS

AAUW is asking members to vote on a significant change in bylaws that would open membership to a wider range of persons. **Hear about the Pros and Cons on one of two dates:**

March 16, 7 pm and March 20, 10 am:

On each of these two days AAUW-Texas will host a discussion of the proposed change to our national bylaws. The pros and cons should be covered. Please choose the date that is most convenient for you.

Voting Dates

Voting on bylaws change and public policy changes:

April 7 – Voting opens – online voting is encouraged

April 16 – Last day to request a paper ballot

April 30 – Postmark deadline for mailing paper ballots; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59pm ET to be counted

May 17 – Online voting ends at 5 pm ET

Goodbye & Good Luck to AAUW-Tyler Member Vanessa Bostick



Vanessa Bostick was elected at the 2020 AAUW Tyler annual meeting to serve as President Elect for the 2021-2022 term. Sadly, Vanessa is relocating to Little Rock in April to

continue in her ministry as Senior Minister at First Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Vanessa served as Tyler AAUW Branch President 2003-2004 and has served in numerous ways. We value her steadfast support of the organization.

Current President Sheila Austin has agreed to serve another term since Vanessa will be unable to.

You can still contact Vanessa at **revvlb0316@gmail.com or 903-312-1589**



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 zoom link to book group discussions (or a list of meeting places)
contact Andie Rathbone or Sue Lander at email listed above.



DAYTIME BOOK GROUP—4th Wed 1:30 pm

Date	Title	Author
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

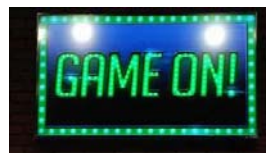
Date	Title	Author
March 18	Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen	Sarah Bird
April 15	The Giver of Stars	Jojo Moyes
May 20	Bangkok Wakes to Rain	Pitchaya Sudbanthad
June 17	The Other Americans	Laila Lalami
July 15	Unorthodox	Deborah Feldman
August 19	The Book of Longings	Sue Monk Kidd

Board Games Interest Group—Mary Lynn Smith

Currently there are **no meetings** of the Board Games Interest Group scheduled.



Contact Mary Lynn Smith at 4smiths@suddenlink.net if you are interested in the group. She will let the group know what's what.



**Stay Tuned
For Next
Game: 2021**

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

LADIES OF THE EVENING (LOTE) TO DINE WITH FRIENDS

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



Kitchen on the patio.

This month is 3rd Monday, hoping to have warmer weather. We will

The next date for LOTE is **Monday, March 15 at 1836 Texas**

continue to social distance and mask except when eating.

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.

This year has been a challenge, but with a little creativity we still have been able to get together (one way or another) and have some fun.

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



March 15, 6 pm
2427 Crow Road,
just off Old Jacksonville Hwy

Other LOTE Dates for 2021
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
President-Elect*	Sheila Austin	sjaustin64@gmail.com	903-574-1569
Program VP*	Verle Ellis	VerleEllis@gmail.com	903-939-2062
Membership VP*	Andie Rathbone	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com	903-312-5118
Finance Officer*	Diane Kavanaugh	dianeraby@att.net	903-581-2524
Secretary/Parliamentarian*	Susan Garrison	Sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011
	Standing	Committee Chairs	
AAUW Funds	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
Scholarships	Sandy Houston	statsped@gmail.com	214-934-8657
	Appointed	Chairs	
Historian	Open		
Newsletter	Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-581-1391
Directory	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-520-4311
Publicity	Vanessa Bostick	revvlb0316@gmail.com	903-312-1589
Webmaster/Social Media	Sheila Austin	sjaustin64@gmail.com	903-534-4953
	Project Chairs	& Fundraising Chairs	
Academic Rodeo	Angie Whitehead	awhitehead@murraysecurities.com	903 316-8050
Great Decisions	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
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

2021 Events and Future Dates

March

15, 6:00 pm LOTE—1836 Texas Kitchen Patio
16, 6:30 pm AAUW Branch Program—**Laura Chapin, 1990 AAUW Scholarship Winner**—via Zoom
18, 7:00 pm Evening Book Group—via Zoom
21, 4:00 pm AAUW Tyler Board—via Zoom
24, 1:30 pm Daytime Book Group—via Zoom
27 10:00 am **STEM Like a Girl**—Discovery Science Place

April

13 Tues, 6:00 pm LOTE—Javi's
14, 4:00 pm AAUW Tyler Board—via Zoom
15, 7:00 pm Evening Book Group—via Zoom
17, 11:00 am **AAUW Annual Business Meeting & Scholarship Awards**—via Zoom
28, 1:30 pm Daytime Book Group—via Zoom

**Mark Your
Calendars**

May

10, 6:00 pm LOTE—Villa Montez
16, 4:00 pm AAUW Tyler Board—via Zoom
18 6:30 pm **Salad Supper & Installation of Officers**
via Zoom
19 6:30 pm AAUW Branch Program—via Zoom
20, 7:00 pm Evening Book Group—via Zoom
26, 1:30 pm Daytime Book Group—via Zoom

June

17, 7:00 pm Evening Book Group—via Zoom
20, 4:00 pm AAUW Tyler Board—via Zoom

July

15, 7:00 pm Evening Book Group—via Zoom
18, 4:00 pm AAUW Tyler Board—via Zoom

August

15, 4:00 pm AAUW Tyler Board—via Zoom
19, 7:00 pm Evening Book Group—via Zoom

TBA — Reassembly and Rally —



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