

2022-2023  
Issue 1  
August  
2022



## GRADUATE GAZETTE

AAUW Tyler/Texas  
P. O. Box 7171, Tyler TX 75711  
[www.tyler-tx.aauw.net](http://www.tyler-tx.aauw.net)

Scherel Carver, Editor  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
[www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org)

### IN THIS ISSUE:

President's Message	1
Aug. 28 AAUW Open House and Reassembly	1
Finances in a New World	2
Games Day October 25	2
Save Books for the Book Sale!	2
Scholarships Awarded	3
Long Range Plan	4
Help Wanted! Please...	4
AAUW Tyler Funds	4
Membership News	5
New Members	5
Like Us on Facebook	5
Interest Group Contacts	6
Interest Group Schedules	6
2022-2023 Board	7
Calendar of Events	7

### President's Message

Welcome to the 2022-2023 AAUW Tyler new year! Your board is busy putting together plans and goals to make this a great year! Read about our upcoming events and activities throughout this newsletter.

First, "Thank You" to immediate **Past President Sheila Austin** for serving the last two years as AAUW Tyler President. She served with grace and led us well. Kudos, Sheila, for a job well done. Thank you also to last year's Board.

As we plan for this upcoming year, I wanted to highlight a few of my goals for AAUW Tyler. First and foremost, I hope to see **each** of you take a more active role in

I hope to see **each** of you take a more active role in growing our branch.

This growth starts with a combination of *recruiting* more members and *activating* them in meaningful ways. We should treat each event as a recruiting opportunity. Are you willing to

serve as a new member mentor? This growth is also about increasing our *leadership* pool. How do we do this? We **need** each member to serve on a planning committee and a project committee. Our games day needs many people to help out with registration, marketing, obtaining sponsors and silent auction items. Be watching for emails and/or phone calls from our Board inviting you to help out!

### Diane Kavanaugh



- Ask yourself, how **WILL** I help AAUW Tyler grow? Each one of us plays a part in the success, or failure, of our organization.
  - Who **WILL** I invite to attend our Open House / Kick Off or other meeting?
  - What businesses **WILL** I ask for sponsorships and/or silent auction items?
  - What planning or project committee **WILL** I serve on?
  - What **WILL** I do to share the mission and work of AAUW in the Tyler and East Texas Community?
- I hope to see you on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 for our Open House and Kick Off Meeting.

*Diane Kavanaugh*

**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



## AAUW Tyler Open House & Kick Off

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH 2-4PM  
THE GENECOV ROOM  
TYLER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
315 N. BROADWAY

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

Connect with old friends and make new ones.

Discover upcoming programs, interest groups and ways to get involved.

Invite your friends or co-workers to attend with you.

Light refreshments provided

RSVP to  
Verle Ellis  
—  
[verleellis@gmail.com](mailto:verleellis@gmail.com)  
or  
903-520-5230



## Navigating Finances in a New World—Program VP Kristi Roberts

Join us on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the law offices of Roberts & Roberts, 118 West 4th Street, Tyler. Please join us as speakers discuss how financial planning has been affected by the covid pandemic and other world events. Speakers will be announced closer to the date.

Plan now to attend. Please consider all of our meetings as an open door to invite guests and potential members. AAUW Tyler is ready to expand our membership.



Meanwhile, let's mobilize to put women at the center of our nation's economic recovery from COVID-19. The pandemic exposed the many inequities women in our society face. Women of color were especially hard hit. We must tackle the immediate problems, but also address the underlying issues that led to them.

**Navigating  
Finances in a  
New World  
Tuesday  
September 20  
Roberts & Roberts  
118 West 4th St**



## GAMES DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 25: GAMING, LUNCHEON, AUCTION, FUN!

Games Day is quickly approaching, set for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hollytree Country Club. As in previous years, we will have a silent auction with quite the variety of fabulous items, including a Mah Jongg set, cookies and pies, pampering services, food and drink gift cards, jewelry, artwork, and many other novelties. Along with Mah Jongg, we would love to welcome players of bridge or any other game—come join the fun!

Invitations with registration forms will be sent in September. Please contact Jeanne Henderson at [jeanne@jimhenderson.com](mailto:jeanne@jimhenderson.com) if you have any friends who would like to join us who may not already be on the mailing list. Also, if you are unable to play, please consider coming to the yummy Mexican food

lunch we are having this year and shopping the silent auction! Registration will be \$45; lunch only will be \$30.

**Sponsorships  
are a great  
way to  
support this  
event.**

Games Day is AAUW's major fundraiser – we would love everyone to come and help support our local scholarships and educational projects. Also, please start contacting friends and business associates for items to donate to the silent auction. Anything you would bid on would probably be a great item!

Finally, sponsorships are available, and a great way to support this event—watch your email for this opportunity.



**Tuesday  
October 25  
10 am—3 pm  
Hollytree Country Club  
6700 Hollytree Drive  
Registration:  
\$45  
Lunch only:  
\$30**



## SAVE THOSE BOOKS! Book Sale Set for November 5



**Save! Save! Save!**

**Please save those books.**

We will have the AAUW book sale Saturday, November 5, at the First Christian Church, South Broadway and Loop 323. Meanwhile please save books and hit up your friends for donations.

**Mark Your  
Calendar  
November 6**

Volunteers are needed for Friday, November 4 to price the books and for two-hour shifts on November 6.

**Thank you for your donations and for volunteering.**

**Book Sale  
Saturday  
November 5  
8 am-2 pm  
First Christian  
Church**





## Scholarships Awarded at Annual Business Meeting—Jackie Littleton, Chair

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



Six graduates from Smith County high schools will start their college years with a little help from the Tyler branch. Branch members were delighted to meet these exceptional young women at our Annual Meeting in May. In case you missed that event, here's a synopsis of who won and why.



**Emma Arteaga** is a Tyler High graduate heading to UT Austin to pursue a degree in business. She has two passions, money and the environment. Her goals are much more nuanced than that as she hopes someday to start her own Environmental Consultant Company.



**Talina Vargas** said her dad had two big rules: you have to play a musical instrument and you have to go to college." Brought up in Flint with "small town values," she is "joyfully" looking forward to beginning a new chapter in her life in California at Pepperdine University where she will study to be an orthodontist. She also "dabbles" in a bit of piano. She is a Legacy High graduate.



**Jorden Braley** says her mom is her role model. She not only supported Jorden through her battle with a rare blood disease, she started at TJC when Jorden was in kindergarten and now has a Master's in Educational Leadership from UT Tyler. Jorden's goals are to get her BSN from UT Tyler and "to work in the Tyler or East Texas area as a nurse in my own community." She's a graduate of Whitehouse High School.



**Ruby Sandoval**, from Chapel Hill High School, plans to major in social work at UT Austin. Through her volunteer work with Mentoring Alliance, Ruby discovered a passion to "help the vulnerable." She has been a leader at Chapel Hill where she says she learned "how to accept the perspective of others."



**Jayla Wroten** graduated from Troup High School and plans to start at TJC this fall, majoring in Psychology. She credits her work with the Green Acres Baptist youth for her interest in psychology. She wants to help "individuals under stress" such as those she has met through her mission work.



**Kawsar Yasin**, a Legacy High graduate, was accepted at Harvard, UT Austin, A&M, and SMU. She has chosen Harvard where she will begin her studies in biochemistry, public health, and international relations to pursue "medicine with a humanitarian focus." She was unable to attend the luncheon because she was participating in an academic competition.

The Scholarship Committee received 20 applications this year, making their decisions even more challenging than usual. Students from six Smith County High School submitted applications this year.

**Members of the Committee** were: Jackie Littleton, chair; Mary Barnhart, Brenda Gilliam, Sandy Houston, Sue Lander, Jeanelle Maland, and Andie Rathbone.



*Scholarships*

## Long Range Plan to Be Reviewed—Verle Ellis, President-Elect

To make sure our Mission and Vision are still being supported by our Long Range Plan, a committee will study previous versions of this statement. Verle Ellis, Sheila Austin, Kristi Roberts, Cathy Brady, and Andie Rathbone are current members. We need four more volunteers to complete the requirements.

Please consider volunteering: there will be only four meetings (perhaps three) by Zoom.

**Contact Verle Ellis at 903.520.5430 if you can help.**



## Recruiting Open for Key AAUW Roles

**Help Wanted:** We need you! Enjoy volunteering? Want to be more involved in your AAUW branch? The following positions are open and we'd love for volunteers to take on each role.

**Great Decisions Chair** – Serve as the AAUW representative along with the LWV and the Tyler Public Library to host the Great Decisions series that runs late January to early March.

**Book Sale Chair** – Ask members for books, set up the book sale on Friday, coordinate volunteers for set up, sales and packing up. Dates are 11/4 and 11/5.

**Academic Rodeo Co-Chair** – Help line

up volunteers for the Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee tentatively scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers assist with judging and wrangling participants for two separate grade level events. Represent AAUW at the awards ceremony in the Spring.

**Webmaster/Social Media Chair** – Post to the website and social media sites upcoming events and news.

Please contact President Diane if you have interest in serving or want additional information.



## Supporting Women Locally and Nationally — Jeanelle Maland, Funds

Most of us hold near and dear to our hearts the funding of AAUW Tyler's local scholarship program, which awards scholarships to graduating high school and college young women of Smith County. But we may not be as familiar with the AAUW Fund, which includes several fellowships, grants and awards given on a national level.

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. From astronauts to zoologists, the recipients of AAUW's fellowships, grants and awards represent nearly every imaginable field of endeavor.

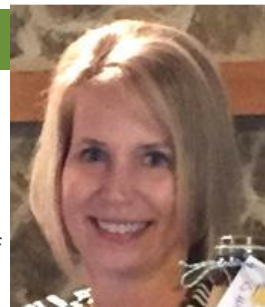
Overall, AAUW National has given

more than \$135 million to over 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations around the world, and our donations from AAUW Tyler have been part of this action. Currently, our local budget includes \$2,000 that we give to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. This funding has a tremendous impact, including help to ease the burden of student debt, which disproportionately affects women. Specifically, the Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly to critical issues affecting women as they emerge.

Giving to the Greatest Needs Fund is a great way to ensure AAUW's con-

tinued visibility, relevance and sustainability. Any contribution amount is worthwhile in the advancement of women in our nation!

Contact Jeanelle Maland at [jeanelle.maland@gmail.com](mailto:jeanelle.maland@gmail.com) if you are interested in making a donation to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. (If you decide to make your contribution online, please let Jeanelle know since the national AAUW website is still being revised/updated.)



## AAUW Funds — Jackie Littleton

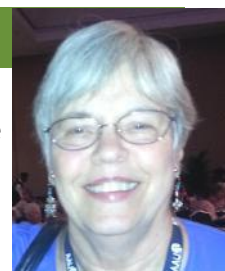
Once again the Tyler branch is in the top ten Texas branches in both total and per capita contributions to AAUW Funds during the past biennium as reported at the Texas state convention in April.

The branch was third in the state

(\$7,967) in 2020 and second (\$10,485) in total contributions during the past year.

In per capita contributions, the branch was first (\$120.71) in 2020 and second (\$166.43) in 2021.

The branch budgets \$2,000 each year and the remainder is made up of individual member contributions.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—CATHY BRADY, MEMBERSHIP VP

### Dues Reminder

If you haven't already done so, it's time to pay your annual dues. This year our dues are **\$98.00** broken down as follows:

AAUW National	\$67.00
State	\$13.00
Local Branch	\$18.00

Make checks payable to AAUW-Tyler and send to Sheila Austin, 2118 Woodhaven, Tyler, TX 75701, or you can pay at the **Open House & Kick Off on August 28<sup>th</sup>**.



To pay online,  
use the link  
below:

<https://aauw-tyler-branch.square.site/>

If you have questions or great ideas,  
contact: **Cathy Brady**  
[lovestangsoodo@gmail.com](mailto:lovestangsoodo@gmail.com)



## 2022-2023 MEMBER DIRECTORIES IN PRODUCTION

Once again Jeanne Henderson will be putting our membership directory together. If you have any changes that need to be made, please send

them to Jeanne at  
[jeanne@jimhenderson.com](mailto:jeanne@jimhenderson.com)

**Happy new AAUW year!**  
Jeanne Henderson, Year Book Chair

**If you find any corrections in the new directory once it is published, please advise [jeanne@jimhenderson.com](mailto:jeanne@jimhenderson.com)**

## NEW MEMBERS—ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

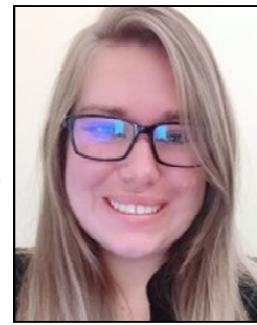


### Esther Roberts

2022 Dueling Oaks Drive, Tyler, TX 75703  
817-903-1123  
[estherkroberts1998@gmail.com](mailto:estherkroberts1998@gmail.com)  
Tarrant County College - Associate of Arts Dallas  
Baptist University - Bachelors of Science, Communication Studies  
Full-Time Student (online real es-

### Kyla Sather

1100 Broadway Blvd., Kilgore, TX 75662  
719-849-8641  
[ksather@kilgore.edu](mailto:ksather@kilgore.edu)  
Adam State College, Colorado, Bachelors of Arts, Psychology and Sociology  
Colorado State University-Global, Colorado, Masters in Project Management



tate licensing course)

Esther is the daughter-in-law of Program VP Kristi Roberts.



Like us on  
facebook



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

### AAUW FACEBOOK PAGE & WEBSITE

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.



## 2022-2023 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
Board Games	Mary Lynn Smith	4th Tues 6:30 dinner 7pm games	4smiths@suddenlink.net
Community Service	Jeanne Henderson	Times and Dates Vary	Jeanne@jimhenderson.com
Culture Club	Sheila Austin	Varies	sjaustin64@gmail.com
Daytime Book Group	Andie Rathbone	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1:30 pm	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
Evening Book Group	Sue Lander	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm	soonersue@sbcglobal.net
LOTE "Ladies of the Evening"	Andie Rathbone	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com
Mah Jongg	Jeanelle Maland	Times and Dates Vary	jeanellemaland@gmail.com

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



Listed here are titles of the compelling books the two AAUW Book Interest Groups have selected to read during 2022-2023. 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 Jan & Feb meetings 2:30pm

##### Title Author

August 24	Harlem Shuffle	Colson Whitehead
September 28	Age of Innocence	Edith Wharton
October 26	First Conspiracy	Brad Meltzer
November 16	Getting Life	Michael Morton
December 21	Member Lunch	Dakota's
January 25	Sandcastle Girls	Chris Bohjalian
February 22	Forget the Alamo	Bryan Burrough
March 22	The Sentence	Louise Erdrich
April 26	Book Selection &	Luncheon
May 24	Beneath a Scarlet Sky	Mark Sullivan

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

Date	Title	Author
August 18	Oil and Marble	Stephanie Storey
September 15	Out of Darkness	Ashley Hope
October 20	The Address Book	Dierdre Mask
November 17	Cloud Cuckoo Land	Anthony Doerr
December 15	The Which Way Tree	Elizabeth Crook
January 19	Horse	Geraldine Brooks
February 16	The 1619 Project	Nikole Hannah-Jones
March 16	Dictionary of Lost Words	Pip Williams
April 20	The Reading List	Sara Nisha Adams
May 18	Things You Save in a Fire	Katherine Center
June 15	Deacon King Kong	James McBride
July 20	Thunderstruck	Erik Larson
August 17	The Story Of Edgar Sawtelle	David Wroblewski

### Board Games Interest Group—Mary Lynn Smith



Board Game Players meet **August 23** at Boards and Bites. Dinner (optional) at 6:30 and games at 7:00.

#### Game on!

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

**Board Games**  
**4th Tuesday**  
**every month**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Boards & Bites**

### JOIN LOTE FOR FUN DINING WITH FRIENDS

**LOTE**, "Ladies of the Evening," Interest Group is a group of members having a casual evening 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. If you would like to attend, please contact Andie Rathbone at [andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com](mailto:andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com) or call at (903) 312-5118

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

**September 12 Oliveto Italian Bistro**  
**6:00 PM** 3709 Troup Hwy, Tyler



Restaurants for the year will be decided at this September 12 meeting, so bring names of your favorite restaurants to be voted on by members.

# 2022-2023 Board of Directors

**AAUW Board Meetings** are the 3rd Monday of every month, 6 pm at PATH.

Your 2022-2023 Board of Directors are busy 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*	Diane Kavanaugh	dianeraby@att.net	704-526-7274
President-Elect*	Verle Ellis	verleellis@gmail.com	903-520-5430
Program VP*	Kristi C. Roberts	Kristi.c.roberts@gmail.com	903-245-1820
Membership VP*	Cathy Brady	lovestangsoodo@gmail.com	512-699-2790
Finance Officer*	Sheila Austin	sjaustin64@gmail.com	903-574-1569
Secretary/Parliamentarian*	Andie Rathbone	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com	903-312-5118
	<b>Standing</b>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
Tyler Fund Chair	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
Scholarships	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
AAUW Funds Chair	Jeanelle Maland	Jeanelle.maland@gmail.com	903-539-2722
Public Policy	Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-581-1391
	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Chairs</b>	
Historian	Open		
Newsletter	Scherel Carver	eddiecrvr@aol.com	903-581-1391
Directory	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-520-4311
Publicity	Committee/Event chairs		
Webmaster/Social Media	Open (See page 4)		
	<b>Project Chairs</b>	<b>&amp; Fundraising Chairs</b>	
Academic Rodeo	Co-Chair Donna Dietz	ddietz@dietzengineers.com	903-570-7329
Academic Rodeo	Co-Chair Open (See page 4)		
Great Decisions	Open (See page 4)		
Book Sale	Open (See page 4)		
Games Day	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
STEM Like a Girl	Sue Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011
March Madness	Mary Lynn Smith	4smiths@suddenlink.net	903-571-2926

## COMING ATTRACTIONS—Calendar of Events & Projects

### August

- 18 Evening Books, 7 pm
- 21 MahJongg-6:30 Boards & Bites
- 23 Board Games Group, 6:30 pm
- 24 Daytime Books, 1:30
- 28 AAUW Open House & Kick-Off  
Genecov Room, Tyler Chamber of Commerce—2-4 pm

### September

- 12 LOTE—6pm Olivieto's
- 20 Finances in the New World—Roberts & Roberts Law, 118 West 4th
- 15 Evening Book Group, 7pm
- 20 National Voter Registration Day
- 27 Board Games Group, 6:30 pm
- 28 Daytime Book Group, 1:30
- TBA Culture Club

### October

- 10 LOTE—6:00 pm TBA
- 20 Evening Books, 7pm
- 24 Board Games Group, 6:30 pm
- 25 Games Day—Hollytree, 10—3
- 26 Daytime Books, 1:30 pm

### November

- 6 AAUW Book Sale
- 12 LOTE—6:00 pm TBA
- 15 Censorship—Zoom AAUW Branch
- 17 Evening Books, 7 pm
- 21 Daytime Books, 1:30 pm
- 24 Board Games Group, 6:30 pm

### December

- 6 Holiday Gathering—Kristi Roberts'
- 12 LOTE—11 am Dakota's
- 15 Evening Books, 7pm
- 21 Daytime Books—11:30 @ Dakota's
- January
- 9 LOTE 6pm TBA
- 11 Great Decisions Lecture & Discussion  
Series Wednesdays thru March 1—  
Tyler Public Library
- 14 Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee—East  
Texas Fair Grounds
- 17 Start Mentally Strong—Branch Mtg.
- 19 Evening Books, 7pm
- 24 Board Games, 6:30 pm
- 25 Daytime Books, 2:30pm

### February

- 13 LOTE, 6:00 pm TBA
- 16 Evening Books, 7pm
- 22 Daytime Books, 2:30pm
- 25 STEM Like a Girl—Discovery  
Science Place
- 28 Board Games 630 pm

### March — Women's History Month

- 1 Great Decisions Continues
- 8 Board Games, 6:30 pm
- 13 LOTE—TBA 6 pm
- 15 Equal Pay Day
- 16 Evening Books—7pm
- 21 Movie Screening
- 22 Daytime Books—1:30 pm
- 28 Board Games 630 pm

### April

- 22 Annual Business Meeting &  
Scholarship Awards, TBA



**Watch email for updates and details.**



**P. O. Box 7171**

**Tyler Texas 75711-7171**

**Dated Material Enclosed:**

***AAUW Graduate Gazette***  
**2022-2023, No. 1**  
**August, 2022**

Provided to you by the AAUW-Tyler