

## Scholarships to be Awarded April 22 — Jackie Littleton, Chair

A tough, but rewarding, job got a lot tougher this year. The Scholarship Committee received 35 applications for AAUW scholarships by the March 1 deadline. Applicants from Bullard, Chapel Hill, Legacy, Lindale, Troup, Tyler, and Whitehouse High Schools submitted requests for AAUW's 6 high school awards. Recipients will be announced at the branch Annual Meeting April 22.

This year's applicants already have been accepted at 15 different Texas colleges and universities, as well as the University of Arkansas, the University of Colorado, the University of Alabama, Purdue and Auburn. Their announced majors lean heavily toward STEM fields, including premed, health science, psychology, biology,



**Meet the 2023  
Scholarship-  
Winning  
Women April  
22 at the  
Annual Business  
Meeting  
First Christian  
Church, Tyler  
11:00 a.m.  
Sign up at  
EventBrite \$20**

nutrition, and biomedical engineering. Engineering was well represented, as were biology and geology. Communications, music theory, finance and public relations were also mentioned. And, lest some of us "older generation" feel left behind, elementary education and nursing are still in the running!

This year's scholarship committee members are **Brenda Gilliam, Susan Garrison, Sandy Houston, Jeanelle Maland, Andie Rathbone, Carol Parr, and Jackie Littleton, chair.**



## PUBLIC POLICY—SCHEREL CARVER, CHAIR



## ALL FROM THE AAUW-TEXAS NEWSLETTER

### ACTION ALERTS

Many AAUW Texas members are also members of the *League of Women Voters*. Our two organizations share many of the same legislative priorities for the current session. All AAUW Texas members have been invited to join with the LWV in participating in their Action Alerts. This can be done by signing up for League Action Alerts. You will get up to 5 Alerts per week by texting **ACTION to 80123**.

## Some Positive Bills from Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

On February 13, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick presented his 30 Priority Bills, and the full list is available online. It may be surprising to find a few positive titles related to AAUW Texas' public policy priorities, such as Senate Bills listed below.



- Senate Bill 9 – Empowering Teacher Rights – Teacher Pay Raise
- Senate Bill 10 – Adding 13th Checks for Retired Teachers
- Senate Bill 11 – Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure
- Senate Bill 25 – Creating New Scholarships for Registered Nurses
- Senate Bill 26 – Expanding Mental Health Care Beds Across Texas – Focus on Rural Counties

## Continue to fight for equal pay

Join advocates, lawmakers, and community members from across the country to raise awareness about the wage gap that impacts women and their families! For every \$1 a man makes, women who work full-time, year-round earn on average only 84 cents. And for all earners (including part-time and part-year seasonal workers trying to piece together enough to get by) they earn only 77 cents on average as compared to men. Therefore, it took women until March 15, 2023 to catch up with men's 2023 earnings. **#EqualPayDay**



## WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE RIGHT TO READ



From: *Texas for the Right to Read*  
([TLA@ecprtexas.com](mailto:TLA@ecprtexas.com))

This group, a part of the Texas Library Association, has shared a template for a letter to be sent to your state representatives encouraging them to vote 'NO' on anything involving book banning. Please copy this letter and send an electronic or a paper copy to your state legislator. **Feel free to add your own comments as well as that will give the letter more impact.**

Dear (name of your state legislator):

I am a constituent in your district, and I am writing to inform you of my opposition to the current push for banning books in Texas libraries.

Limiting someone's first amendment rights

based on subjective beliefs is a disservice to

the education of Texas

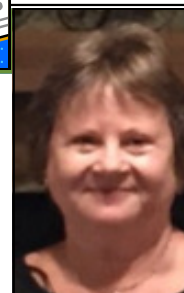
students. Oftentimes, these books are the first time that students see themselves represented in media or learn to empathize with others through these stories—a skill that we can agree is crucial to human development.

I am asking you to please speak out against this injustice and reinstate the books that have been shamefully removed from the shelves of Texas libraries.

Thank you,  
(Add your name and address so they know you are a constituent)



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—SUSAN GARRISON, MEMBERSHIP VP



### Dues Reminder & New Process

AAUW National changed the dues renewal process at the beginning of this fiscal year. Instead of all members being up for renewal in June, membership is now based on an anniversary year. The majority of our members still fall into the June renewal period. Watch for renewal details coming soon. For those of you who joined after August, the renewal is

the month you joined AAUW. You will receive a dues notice when it is time to renew.

**2023-2024 dues have increased to \$100.00**, broken down as follows:

AAUW National \$72.00

AAUW Texas \$13.00

AAUW Tyler \$15.00

National increased dues by \$5.00. To keep our members' dues at \$100, the

**board voted to decrease our local dues to \$15.00.**

Make checks payable to AAUW-Tyler and send them to Sheila Austin, 2118 Woodhaven, Tyler 75701

Question? Contact: [Susan Garrison sgarrison09@gmail.com](mailto:sgarrison09@gmail.com)

## NEW MEMBER—ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

### Evelyn Onofrio

Evelyn Carol Ward Onofrio  
433 Preston Ridge Drive  
Tyler TX 75701  
864 525 1047  
[evelynonofrio@gmail.com](mailto:evelynonofrio@gmail.com)

Evelyn graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She previously was in South Carolina. We welcome her to AAUW.

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Mary Lynn Smith  
Phone 903-571-2926  
Email: [marylynnsmith1959@gmail.com](mailto:marylynnsmith1959@gmail.com)

## Member Social Event Planned—Susan Garrison VP Membership

***We know what you want!*** A chance to meet and mingle with other AAUW members. This event is just what you will love.

Don't miss this opportunity to get acquainted with other members and greet our newest ones. Bring along a friend

or co-worker who would be a perfect AAUW member.

The weather will be perfect, the cocktails delicious, and the companionship ideal.



**VP Membership  
Susan Garrison**

**TUESDAY  
MAY 16TH**  
**Cocktails & Conversations**

**Villagio Del Vino**

4803 Old Bullard Rd

6:30 pm – 8:00pm

**GUESTS  
Welcome**  
AND ENCOURAGED



**Come and  
Go event**

**Hosted by Membership VP Susan Garrison**  
*You provide the cocktails We provide the conversation.*

## 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	marylynsmith1959@gmail.com
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

March 22 **The Sentence** Louise Erdrich

April 26 **Book Selection & Luncheon**

May 24 **Beneath a Scarlet Sky** Mark Sullivan

June 28 **TBA**

#### EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Thurs 7 pm

##### Date

##### Title Author

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

### Mah Jongg Interest Group—Jeanelle Maland

The Mah Jongg Interest Group is for anyone who enjoys playing the game and for anyone who would like to learn how to

play! We usually meet at Boards and Bites on the last Sunday of the month from 1:00-4:00 pm.

If you are interested in joining this fun interest group, please contact Jeanelle Maland at [jeanelle.maland@gmail.com](mailto:jeanelle.maland@gmail.com)



#### Next meetings

**March 26, April 30, May 28—Boards & Bites**

### Board Games Interest Group—Mary Lynn Smith

Board game players arrive at 6:30 if you want to eat there. Games begin at 7:00. Cost is usually \$3.50, depending on the number of people. Next meeting is **March 28**.

For more info contact Mary Lynn Smith  
**903-571-2926**  
[marylynsmith1959@gmail.com](mailto:marylynsmith1959@gmail.com)

#### Game On!



**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, and she will add you to the contact list.

**April 10 Prime 102**  
**6:00 PM** 102 North College  
**March 8 Villa Montez**  
**6:00 PM** 3324 Old Henderson Hwy  
**June 12 Javi's**  
**6:00 PM** 7212 Old Jacksonville Hwy

**Restaurants for 2023 Year**  
**April 10 Prime 120**  
**May 8 Villa Montez**  
**June 12 Javi's**  
**July 10 Longhorn**  
**Steakhouse**



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

## 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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
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Membership VP*	Susan Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011
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Secretary/Parliamentarian*	Andie Rathbone	Andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com	903-312-5118
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Book Sale	Jackie Littleton	jackielit@hotmail.com	903-534-4677
Games Day	Jeanne Henderson	jeanne@jimhenderson.com	903-534-6563
STEM Like a Girl	Susan Garrison	sgarrison09@gmail.com	903-245-9011
March Madness	Mary Lynn Smith	marylynnsmith@gmail.com	903-571-2926

## COMING ATTRACTIONS—Calendar of Events & Projects

### March — *Women's History Month*

- 22** Great Decisions Concludes
- 15** *Equal Pay Day*
- 21** **Trivia Night—6:30pm Kristi Roberts'**
- 22** Daytime Books — 1:30 pm
- 26** Mah Jongg 1—4, Boards & Bites
- 28** Board Games 6:30 pm

### April

- 10** LOTE — Prime 102, 6:00 pm
- 20** Evening Books
- 22** **Annual Business Meeting & Scholarship Awards** — First Christian Church Disciples Hall, 11:30 am
- 26** Daytime Book selection, 11:30am TBA
- 30** Mah Jongg 1—4, Boards & Bites

### May

- 8** LOTE — Villa Montez, 3324 Old Henderson Hwy
- 16** Cocktails & Conversation—6:30 pm Villagio del Vino, 4803 Old Bullard Road
- 18** Evening Books — 7pm
- 23** Board Games 6:30 pm
- 24** Daytime Books — 1:30 pm
- 28** Mah Jongg 1—4, Boards & Bites

### June

- 12** LOTE—Javi's 7212 Old Jacksonville Hwy, 6:00 pm
- 13** **Salad Supper & Officer Installation**—6:30pm Location TBA
- 15** Evening Books—7:00 pm
- 25** Mah Jongg—1-4, Boards & Bites
- 27** Board Games 6:30 pm
- 28** Daytime Books—1:30 pm

**Watch email for updates and details.**







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