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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.

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President's Message

March Madness is upon us!

We're in the middle of NCAA basketball tournaments, Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day. Our clocks have sprung forward and a yellow haze of pollen is everywhere! Spring Break just wrapped up and it's time to get back to business.

It's hard to believe there are only 3 months left of this AAUW year! Your board is working hard to bring you projects and programs for the remainder of the year. Program VP Kristi hosts a Trivia Night at her home for our March 21st Branch Meeting.

April brings us the annual **Phantom Event** hosted by President Elect Verle Ellis. We host our

Help us finish up our year strong:
✓Attend meetings
✓Donate
✓Serve when called upon

Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation lunch on April 22nd. **Use the form on page 4 to register.**

We start this luncheon by awarding the annual AAUW Scholarships to deserving young women. The Business Meeting follows the scholarship presentations and members approve the annual budget and slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year

Join us May 16th for **Cocktails and Conversations** at Villagio Del Vino hosted by Membership VP Susan Garrison. We'll wrap up the year with the **End of Year Meeting and Officer Installation** (Salad Supper) on June 13th. And, our Interest Groups continue to meet. Look for more details on all of these events on the pages of this Gazette newsletter.

Help us finish off our year strong by:
• Attending our upcoming

Diane Kavanaugh



Trivia Night on March 21st

- Inviting a prospective member to a program or interest group outing
- Stepping up to serve on next year's board
- Registering to attend the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation on April 22nd
- Supporting the annual Phantom event with a donation

My thanks to Jackie Littleton and the Scholarship Committee for their hard work in selecting this year's scholarship recipients. AAUW received more than 30 scholarship applications that had to be read and reviewed by all of the scholarship committee members. I appreciate the effort you each put into it. I hope you can join us on April 22nd for the scholarship presentations.

Thank you for the honor to serve as President! Hope to see each of you at an event soon!

Diane

DON'T MISS TRIVIA NIGHT!



AAUW Trivia Night
Tuesday, March 21
6:30pm
2022 Dueling Oaks

Let us know if you can attend
Text 903-245-1820
Kristi.c.roberts@gmail.com

Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023—2024—Andie Rathbone, Chair

This year's Nominating Committee are proposing



**President
Verle Ellis**



**Treasurer
Sheila Austin**



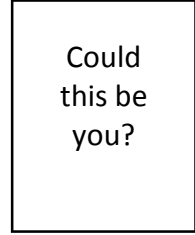
**Secretary
Mary Lynn Smith**



**VP Program
Kristi Roberts**



**VP Membership
Susan Garrison**



**President Elect
Vacant**

the following slate of officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Additionally **Merilyn Wick** and **Scherel Carver** are nominated to the Tyler Fund Board.

We still need a President Elect to work with Verle Ellis this year and assume the job of President for the 2024-25 fiscal year. If you are willing to serve, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee.

2023 Nominating Committee

Chair Andie Rathbone, Sue Lander, Meriynn Wick, and Marilyn Covey

March Madness Final—Mary Lynn Smith, Chair

The schedule is set! Go to <http://espn.com/> or the ESPN Tournament Challenge app to make your winning bracket for the **Women's 2023 NCAA March Madness Tournament**. and help us raise a few funds for AAUW. Simply follow the instructions in the previous email. I can help if you have questions.
Mary Lynn Smith, 903-571-2926



The final championship game is April 2, 2 pm.
Watch for Viewing Party Details.

Voting on Changes to AAUW Bylaws

In late January AAUW members were notified of the changes proposed by the AAUW Board of Directors and were asked to provide their feedback. Among the eight proposed changes of particular note were the following:

- Revision of the wording describing AAUW's charitable purpose.
- Moving the start of board terms from July 1 to the day following election.
- Having board officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Finance Chair and Secretary) elected by the board, *not* the membership.
- Eliminating the requirement for 60 days' advance notice to the membership before board approval of a dues change.

The comment period is closed and now the AAUW Board of Directors reviews member comments, amends as necessary, and approves the bylaws before they go to the membership for a vote. Members will be notified when voting starts April 5.

Key Dates for the Vote

April 5 | Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)

May 15 | Online voting ends at 5:00 pm ET

May 17 | Vote results announced online



WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THE PHANTOM EVENT

Watch your mailboxes, Ladies: invitations to the **PHANTOM FUNDRAISER** will go in the mail by the end of March. You will not want to NOT MISS this event because all of the proceeds will go towards the AAUW Scholarships to be awarded in 2024.





Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - DISCIPLES HALL
(S. Broadway at the Loop)

Join us for lunch on Saturday, April 22nd for our Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. and cost is \$20.00 per person. Advanced registration required.
Deadline to register is April 17th.

\$20.00 per person (\$21 if paying online)

Use the below registration form to mail a check to AAUW Tyler Branch, PO Box 7171, Tyler TX 75711 or scan the QR Code to pay online



Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone # _____

Email address: _____

of registrations _____ at \$20.00 each

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Yes, I'd like to
sponsor a
scholarship
recipient or their
guest

_____ @ \$20