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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



President's Message

Happy New Year!

Like most of us, you probably made new year's resolutions. And, like most of us, you may have broken one or more of those resolutions. Don't give up yet! Revisit those resolutions and make a plan to meet those goals.

Usually our resolutions are about making ourselves better individuals. I'd like to challenge our members with some resolutions to help AAUW Tyler grow and succeed.

- Invite a friend or co-worker to attend any of our AAUW events. This includes an interest group outing, branch meeting or activity. Did you know that if a new member joins at one of our public events, they get a savings on their National dues?
- Serve in a leadership role for one of our projects or committees. We're about to open up nominations for the 2023-2024 AAUW fiscal year. Have you thought

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about taking on one of our board positions?

- Be present at our meetings and events, in addition to

interest groups. Many of our members work diligently behind the

scenes to plan events and activities for our members and guests. I'd like to specifically encourage our members to attend the **Great Decisions Lecture Series** that starts in January and runs through March. I personally am making a goal to attend half, if not more, of the sessions.

- Support AAUW Tyler and AAUW financially. We have our annual **Phantom** event coming up this Spring. Last year was our best fundraising success in many years. Can we top it this year?

I hope each of you will implement these resolutions and help finish out our AAUW year strong!

I would be remiss if I did not offer some words of thanks

Diane Kavanaugh

and kudos to some members for their hard work and dedication to our branch.

We once again had a successful Games Day event. Thank you to Chair **Jeanne Henderson, Jeanelle Maland** and **Jackie Littleton** for all of your work making this a great event and fundraiser.

Thank you to **Susan Garrison** for opening up your home for the AAUW Christmas Party. Over 30 members and guests were in attendance. It was a fun, relaxing evening.

Lastly, thank you to our Membership Vice President **Cathy Brady** for her service, ideas and participation in our Branch. If you've not heard the news, Cathy is retiring at the end of January and will move to Austin. We're so glad you found a home with us at AAUW Tyler Branch. You will be missed!

Susan Garrison has accepted the role as Membership Vice President and will fill out Cathy's term.

Diane



TOUR OF TISD CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER



AAUW members will tour the TISD Career Technology Center on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 pm To read more about the courses and benefits offered by this forward-looking program, [see article on page 4 of this newsletter.](#)

TISD Career Technology Center Tour

**Tuesday
January 10, 6 pm
3013 Earl Campbell
Parkway**

January 18—Energy Geopolitics

Dr. Stephen Stine, Tyler Jr. College

How will changes in the energy industries impact relations between countries?

Access to oil and gas has long held an influence over the politics of individual nations and their relations with others. But as more countries move toward sustainable energy, and supply chain shortages affect the availability of oil and gas, how will this change the way in which the United States interacts with the outside world? *By Carolyn Kissane*

January 25—China's Foreign Policy and the U.S.

Dr. Jeffrey Crean, Tyler Jr. College

How will the United States respond to China's growing global presence?

For the past ten years, the United States and China have been locked in a competition for who has the greatest global influence. One major point of contention is the status of Taiwanese sovereignty, which has become even more relevant recently with the possibility that Russia's invasion of Ukraine may prompt China to take similar action regarding Taiwan. How will the United States engage a China which is increasingly seeking to expand its sphere of influence? *By David Lampton*

War Crimes

What is a war crime? How does this definition apply to recent events in Ukraine?

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in widespread charges of war crimes and calls for justice. But what exactly are war crimes? Opinions of what constitutes a war crime have evolved, as have ways to identify and punish the perpetrators. How will the war crimes committed in Ukraine be dealt with? *By Francine Hirsch*

Economic Warfare

What comprises economic warfare? How have these measures been used recently against Russia?

Waging economic warfare consists of a variety of measures from implementing sanctions to fomenting labor strikes. Such tools are utilized by states to hinder their enemies, and in the case of the United States have been used as far back as the early 19th century. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, economic warfare has been the main means for the west to challenge Russia. How effective will these sanctions be at convincing Russia to cease its war? *By Jonathan Chanis*

Politics in Latin America

What does the emergence of various left-wing governments mean for countries in Latin America?

Electoral results in Latin America over the past four years have led many observers of the regional/political scene to discern a left-wing surge in the hemisphere, reminiscent of the so-called "Pink Tide" that swept the area some 20 years ago. But how much do these politicians actually have in common? What implication does their ascendancy have for the region? *By Jorge Castañeda*

Global Famine

What causes famine? How can it be prevented in the future?

Fears of global food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted grain shipments from the major grain producer. But what about countries and regions that were suffering before this impending shortage? How is famine defined, and how is it different from simple food shortages? What if any remedies are there? *By Daniel Maxwell*

Iran at a Crossroads

What is the future for relations between Iran and the U.S.?

By the fall of 2022, Iran was in a state of turmoil due to widespread protests against government-enforced wearing of the hijab, a failing economy, an ineffective new president, and the looming succession of the country's leader, Ayatollah Khamenei. Abroad, renewal of the Iran nuclear deal seemed doubtful and tensions remain high between Iran, Israel, and Arab states. Many Iranians have lost hope of a better future, and the country seems at a

crossroads. How should the United States deal with it? *By Lawrence Potter*

Climate Migration

How is climate change impacting human migration?

As climate change accelerates and drought and rising sea levels become more common, millions of people in affected regions must uproot themselves and seek safety elsewhere. Who are these affected individuals, and how might the United States aid them, and be affected by the migration? *By Karen Jacobsen*



**Great Decisions
Foreign Policy
Discussions**

**January 18—March 8
12 noon**

**Tyler Public Library
201 South College**



Speakers and dates for each of the other six topics will be announced in the monthly email blast. Study guides or briefing books can be ordered directly from the sponsoring Foreign Policy Association at fpa.org and are priced at \$35 or from amazon.com as a digital book. **No copies will be available for purchase at the Tyler Public Library.**

The Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussions are sponsored by AAUW-Tyler, the League of Women Voters, and the Tyler Public Library.



Help Wanted for 2023 Spelling Bee— Donna Dietz and Diane Kavanaugh, Chairs

The Academic Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, January 14th at the Fairgrounds. Please let us know if you can volunteer for any of the positions/times. (Those listed were signed up as of 12/19)

Registration - 2 positions

8:30: Jackie L., _____
11:45: Bonnie B., _____

Wranglers - 3 or 4 positions

8:30: Jackie L., _____
11:45: Marilyn W., _____

Judges - 3 Positions

8:30: Andie R., Sandra O., _____
11:45: Scherel C., Suzanne T., _____

Saturday January 14
8:30 am—3 pm
East Texas State Fairgrounds
Front Street

Please note that the begin times are constant. The end times may be earlier or could be later depending on how many rounds it takes during the competitions to determine a winner. Those serving the 2nd grade bee could find themselves staying longer than noon. Those serving the 3rd grade bee would be affected by both a later start and finish should the 2nd grade run over. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.



STEM Like a Girl Project Set for February 18—Susan Garrison, Chair

STEM



Science • Technology • Engineering • Math

AAUW Tyler partners with Discovery Science Place on February 18, 2023 for the "STEM Like a Girl program". Up to 60 middle school aged girls

STEM GIRL

We need 6-8 volunteers for the day of the event from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers assist with registration, meal set up, and helping to guide the hands-on activities. This is an easy volunteer event and it is rewarding to watch the girls engaged

Contact Susan Garrison

if you can volunteer.



STEM Like a Girl
February 18
9:30—2:00
Discovery Science Place
Annex

attend this event, free of charge.

They interact with female professionals in the STEM fields and conduct hands-on activities related to each area. How can you help?

Love Me, Love My Vote—Kristi Roberts, Program VP

Please join us on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00pm at the Law offices of Roberts & Roberts, 118 W. 4th Street Tyler

Voting is one our most basic rights and for centuries has been believed by most Americans to be inalienable or absolute. How can the power of the vote be sustained by everyday citizens? In November a slice of the U.S. electorate broke with its own voting history to reject extremist candidates—at least partly out of concern for the political system. This gathering is to strategize about the countless ways we can restore faith in elections and make voting an important focus of our neighbors and friends.

After an election is the ideal time to communicate with elected officials to build a personal relationship and make your



Bring a Friend!

voice heard. Discuss how to make those contacts more effective and prepare for the next election. Come together for drinks and treats with friends and associates who have not taken for granted the right to make choices that affect our everyday lives. This social gathering is an opportunity to chat, plan, brainstorm, and give thanks that we live in a democracy that lets citizens make our voices heard. For best access, please park in the rear parking lot and enter through the glass door.

RSVP appreciated, but not required.



*Love Me,
Love My Vote*
Saturday
February 22, 6pm
Roberts & Roberts Law
118 W. 4th Street

Get Ready for March Madness! — Mary Lynn Smith, Chair

Start studying women's college basketball—or just wing it as most of us did last year—in preparation for the **Women's 2023 NCAA March Madness Tournament.**

You'll have a chance to create a bracket, talk some trash, and maybe even win a little money for AAUW.

The tournament will run
March 15 - April 2.
More details to come....



Scholarship Applications Open, Deadline March 1—Jackie Littleton, Chair

Unless you have a student currently in college, you may not know what higher education costs these days. Here are some facts:

- **Nationwide:** in-state tuition at a public university in 2022 averaged \$6,476 for tuition and fees and \$21,230 for living expenses.
- **Tyler Junior College:** \$2,962 for tuition and fees and 53% of their students received grants and scholarships totaling \$4,635.
- **UT Tyler:** \$9,596 for tuition and fees and 60% of their students received grants and scholarships totaling \$7903
- **Texas A&M:** \$13,239 for tuition and fees; 62% of their students received grants and scholarships totaling \$9,793
- **SMU:** \$60,236 for tuition and fees; 71% of their students received grants and scholarships totaling \$344,874.

For the 2022-23 school year, AAUW Tyler Fund will award a total of \$6,000 to six very deserving graduates of Smith County public high schools. In other words, each young

woman will receive \$500 from us each semester she is enrolled in college. Before you tear your hair and wish we could give more, let me share with you what one of the girls told me. "It was more than the money. It was seeing all those educated women sitting around the tables at lunch who believed in me."

The Scholarship Committee will soon be receiving applications for scholarships during the 2023-24 school year. If you know of a rising senior from any Smith County Public School, please let them know that we would like to hear from them. The application form is on our website; the deadline is March 1.

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



AAUW TEXAS PRIORITIES FOR 88TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION—SCHEREL CARVER, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

The AAUW Texas Public Policy Committee took recommendations from the recent member survey to hire a lobbyist from the HillCo Agency to work with us during the legislative session from January through May. Her name is **Kate Kuhlmann**.

In a December 1st dynamic Zoom program Kuhlmann explained what her role would be. Kate and the staff at HillCo will generate reports for us during the 88th Texas Legislative Session, which starts January 10, 2023.

Members' most important issues were the following:

- Women's health issues
- Reduction in gun violence
- Improved monitoring of workplace sexual harassment
- Open and fair elections broadly accessible to all voters
- Opposition to censorship of books in classrooms and libraries

Kuhlmann noted that Texas appears to have had the greatest number of book challenges in the nation.



HIGHLIGHTS OF TISD CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER—KRISTI ROBERTS, PROGRAMS VP

The Career & Technical Education program serves hundreds of high school students in Tyler ISD. A wide variety of options allow students to explore career pathways and earn certificates and licensures before they graduate high school. The CTE partners with local colleges to provide opportunities for students to earn dual credit and get a jump start on their post-secondary plans.

There is something for everyone in Career & Technical Education. They offer course sequences in the following areas: Accounting, Agriculture, Animation, Architecture, Audio & Video Produc-

tion, Automotive Technology, Business Management, Construction Technologies & HVAC, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Emergency Fire Response, Engineering, Fashion Design, Finance, Health Science, Graphic Design, Hospitality, Information Technologies, Law Enforcement, Manufacturing, Marketing, Robotics, Sports Medicine, Teaching & Education, Veterinary Science, and Welding & Process Technologies.

Programs of study are individualized to meet the needs of every CTE student. 11th and 12th grade students have the opportunity to complete many CTE pathways taking

DONATIONS TO AAUW'S GREATEST NEEDS FUND—JEANELLE MALAND, FUND CHAIR

Thank you to everyone who donated to the AAUW National Fund in 2022! Through November 2022, eighteen people donated over \$2,900 to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund, which responds rapidly to critical issues affecting women. (This is in addition to the \$2,000 in our annual budget given to this Fund.)



As we celebrate these generous donations in 2022, it is a new year, and a perfect time to start your 2023 giving to AAUW!

Please mail your contributions to the attention of **Tremayne Parquet, 1310 L Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20005**. Make sure you note **Greatest Needs Fund / TX7077-Tyler** on the memo line (there are other specific funds to select from as well). If you have further questions, please contact Jeanelle Maland at [REDACTED]

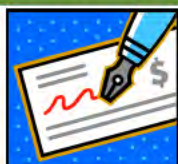


MEMBERSHIP NEWS—SUSAN GARRISON, APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP VP

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 them to Sheila Austin, 2118 Woodhaven, Tyler, TX 75701, or you can pay by following the link:

To pay online, use the link below:

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

If you have questions or great ideas, contact: **incoming Membership VP Susan Garrison**



or

Cathy Brady



NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS—ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

Wanda Barber

3319 Greg Lane
Tyler TX 75701
903 566 4211



Angie Whitehead

602 East 3rd Street
Tyler TX 75701
903 593 3030 H—903 561 5588 W

Goodbye to Membership VP Cathy Brady Retiring—Sue Lander

Membership VP Cathy Brady retires January 31st from the Education Service Center of Texas Education Agency after a long career in the world of health and nutrition. Cathy serves as Child Nutrition Coordinator at Region 7 Education Service Center. She says, "I provide training and technical assistance on the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs to Child Nutrition

Directors at public, private, and Charter Schools in East Texas."

In her time with AAUW Tyler she has managed the STEM Like a Girl project and was elected last April to recruit, retain, and involve members as Membership VP. She is a member of both Evening Book and LOTE interest groups. Her expertise, energy, and winning charisma will be missed.

Her phone and email remain the same.

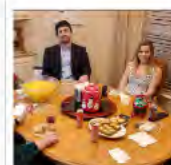
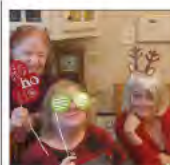
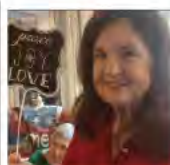
AAUW Tyler wishes her the best in her new life and hope she will remain in contact with her Tyler friends.



If You Missed It, We're Sorry



Christmas
PARTY



2022-2023 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 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	
Community Service	Jeanne Henderson	Times and Dates Vary	
Culture Club	Sheila Austin	Varies	
Daytime Book Group	Andie Rathbone	4 th Wednesday, 1:30 pm	
Evening Book Group	Sue Lander	3 rd Thursday, 7:00pm	
LOTE "Ladies of the Evening"	Andie Rathbone	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm	
Mah Jongg	Jeanelle Maland	Times and Dates Vary	

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

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

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

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



Next meeting is January 22, 1—4 pm at 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 meetings are **January 24 and February 28.**

For more info contact Mary Lynn Smith

Game On!



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



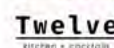
JOIN LOTE FOR FUN DINING WITH FRIENDS

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 [redacted] 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.

January 101	Tiba Grill
6:00 PM	211 Shelly Drive, Tyler
February 12	Twelve
6:00 PM	405 W. Southwest Loop 323, Tyler
March 12	Rick's on the Square
6:00 PM	104 West Erwin, Tyler



Restaurants for 2023 Year
 January 9 Tiba Grill
 February 13 Twelve
 March Rick's on Square
 April 10 Prime 120
 May 8 Villa Montez
 June 12 Javi's
 July 10 Longhorn Steakhouse

2022-2023 Board of Directors

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

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.

	Elected Officers	*Executive Committee	
President*	Diane Kavanaugh		
President-Elect*	Verle Ellis		
Program VP*	Kristi C. Roberts		
Membership VP*	Cathy Brady		
Finance Officer*	Sheila Austin		
Secretary/Parliamentarian*	Andie Rathbone		
	Standing	Committee Chairs	
Tyler Fund Chair	Jackie Littleton		
Scholarships	Jackie Littleton		
AAUW Funds Chair	Jeanelle Maland		
Public Policy	Scherel Carver		
Long Range Plan	Verle Ellis		
	Appointed	Chairs	
Historian	Open—this could be YOU!		
Newsletter	Scherel Carver		
Directory	Jeanne Henderson		
Publicity	Committee/Event chairs		
Webmaster/Social Media	Julie Davis		
	Project Chairs	& Fundraising Chairs	
Academic Rodeo	Co-Chair Donna Dietz		
Academic Rodeo	Co-Chair Diane Kavanaugh		
Great Decisions	Jeanne Henderson		
Book Sale	Jackie Littleton		
Games Day	Jeanne Henderson		
STEM Like a Girl	Susan Garrison		
March Madness	Mary Lynn Smith		

COMING ATTRACTIONS—Calendar of Events & Projects

January 2023

- 9 LOTE Tiba Grill, Shelly Drive, 6pm
- 10 TISD Career Technology Center Tour – AAUW Branch Meeting
- 14 Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee – East Texas Fair Grounds
- 18 Great Decisions Lecture & Discussion Series Wednesdays, 12 noon, thru March 8 – Tyler Public Library
- 19 Evening Books, 7pm
- 22 MahJongg 1 – 4, Boards & Bites
- 24 Board Games, 6:30 pm
- 25 Daytime Books@Pat Stillwell's 2:30pm

February

- 13 LOTE, 6:00 pm-Twelve Loop 323
- 16 Evening Books, 7pm
- 18 STEM Like a Girl – Discovery

Science Place

- 22 Daytime Books, 2:30pm
- 22 Love Me, Love My Vote – 6pm
- 26 MahJongg 1 – 4, Boards & Bites
- 28 Board Games 6:30 pm
- March — Women's History Month
- 1,8 Great Decisions Continues
- 8 Board Games, 6:30 pm
- 13 LOTE-Rick's on the Square 6 pm
- 15 Equal Pay Day
- 16 Evening Books – 7pm
- 21 Movie Screening
- 22 Daytime Books – 1:30 pm
- 26 MahJongg 1 – 4, Boards & Bites
- 28 Board Games 630 pm

April

- 10 LOTE – Prime 102, 6:00 pm
- 20 Evening Books
- 22 Annual Business Meeting &

Scholarship Awards, TBA

- 25 MahJongg 1 – 4, Boards & Bites
- 26 Daytime Book selection, 11:30am TBA
- May
- 8 LOTE – Villa Montez, 3324 Old Henderson Hwy
- 18 Evening Books – 7pm
- 23 MahJongg 1 – 4, Boards & Bites
- 24 Daytime Books – 1:30 pm
- TBA Salad Supper & Officer Installation

Watch email for updates and details.





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