

**Arlington
Woman's Club
Established in 1957**



Spreading Seeds of Kindness

**AWC Newsletter
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**A Message from the President
Linda Black**

Our year began on Thursday, September 7th with an awesome Opening Coffee! I was overwhelmed when I walked in and saw many of you and how beautiful the club looked. Thanks to Linda Smith, 1st Vice President, and her Opening Coffee Committee for a job well done! I hope you were able to come and enjoy the day as you signed up for your different departments. It was a fun day seeing all of you and watching seeds of kindness being spread.

September was a very busy month as we had our New Member Orientation on Saturday, September 16th. Cynthia Berend, 2nd Vice President, and her Membership Committee welcomed new members who were interested in knowing more about us. The room was decorated so nicely with school supplies that were being donated after that day. Thanks to Cynthia and her wonderful committee for making everyone feel welcomed! Remember that if you have someone who wants to join the Arlington Woman's Club, they can join at any time.

We also participated for our second year in North Texas Giving Day. I want to thank each of you that participated and helped us raise \$5,805 for our general fund of our club! Our special time to donate was between 2:00 and 7:00. We were awarded a special bonus grant of \$5,000 from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation for having the most people donate during that time for a small non-profit. A BIG thank you to Lee Ann Harmon, Treasurer, for organizing us to participate in North Texas Giving Day!

Your departments have all met by now and the programs have been super. I have enjoyed all the programs that I have attended. Remember that each of you needs to join one department by November 1st. Don't let that day slip by.

Our first General Meeting will be our night meeting on **Thursday, November 2nd** at 6:30 pm. Karen English, 3rd Vice President, and her program committee are working hard to make it a wonderful tribute to all the people that have served in our armed forces. The program is called "A Musical Salute to Our Soldiers and Those Waiting Back Home." Dave Tanner, an entertainer and pianist, will be performing for us, and we will have a delicious meal prepared by Spring Creek Barbeque. You don't want to miss it! You can purchase your \$20 tickets in the office for yourself, your husband, and your friends. The last day to purchase tickets is **October 26th**. Hope to see you there!

This year our Performing Arts Department will be performing a Veteran's Day Program on **Saturday, November 11th** at 1:30. Please invite your family and friends and purchase tickets in the office for \$15.00. The proceeds will go to AWC and our Scholarship Fund.

The club is going to participate in Scrip again this year for one time in the fall and one time in the spring. Scrip is where you can order gift cards, and AWC gets a small percentage. Laura Lace is graciously organizing this program for us. You will find the order forms in the parlor on the desk. The date for you to get your order form in is **Tuesday, November 14th**. You give Monica your check and then you put your order form in the green zipper folder in the office. Laura will contact you when your gift cards arrive at the club. You can do some Christmas shopping early!

To get you into the Christmas spirit, I hope you will be able to join us this year on **Sunday, December 3rd** for the Christmas Tea from 2:00 to 4:00. You will be able to do some Christmas shopping at the Gift Boutique that is put on by the Art and Design Department. The tickets for this event are \$5.00 and you can purchase them in the office.

Our last event for 2023 will be "An Evening with Danny Wright" on **Saturday, December 9th**. Danny is a pianist who has played in Las Vegas. We are so fortunate to have a member, Kim Murphy, who knows him personally. Danny is now living in Fort Worth. We will have dinner together and then Danny will perform. If you are planning on coming, please purchase your ticket before **November 18th** as then we will open it up to the public. This is our club fundraiser, and the tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased in the office.

As you can see there are many wonderful opportunities for you to be a part of, I hope that you will take advantage of as many of them as you can. I look forward to seeing you as we are "Spreading Seeds of Kindness."

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it! By George Elliston

A Message from the 1st Vice President

Linda Smith

The month of September was filled with fun exciting activities. Opening Coffee was a huge success!!!! We had 289 members attend and there was plenty of food for everyone!! Linda Black, our President, was thrilled and very surprised at the transformation of the club. The club was draped in pink and kelly green and "Seeds of Kindness" everywhere!! Her theme is very contagious, people are being kind to others and it is obvious in our daily activities!! The Opening Coffee committee was awesome. They all worked so hard and used all their creative skills to make everything beautiful. Thank you again to those 55+ women who spent the summer making this Opening Coffee so successful.

My other responsibility is rentals. We didn't book many rentals during the month of September, but October and November will be very busy for my rental committee. It is always interesting to be a part of the rentals of our club. This committee is awesome also. They always step up and volunteer when given the opportunity. If anyone knows of someone or an organization looking for a place to hold a meeting, shower, wedding, or party, please send them to me.

Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather that is headed our direction. We all need a break from this heat.



A Message from the 2nd Vice President Cynthia Berend, Membership

We had a wonderful showing at our Fall Open House for potential new members to the Arlington Woman's Club. The open house was held on September 16, 2023.

We had nine guests, three new members and six potential members. Of the six, two have joined since the open house. That brings our total membership to 382.

I am excited and I know you are all trying to get new members into our group.

I especially want to thank the officers, department chairs and committee chairs for attending the open house. Thank you for allowing me to use the posters from opening coffee to help our guests get an insight into the departments. Thank you to Linda Price for a great pictorial presentation, and Elouise Perry for taking pictures of the event. Our President Linda Black gave a great history of the club.

My committee members were rock stars and made my job easier. Thank you!

If you have any questions about membership, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!



A Message from the 3rd Vice President

Karen English

Happy Autumn! It's finally here (I think!)

We had a wonderful Opening Coffee in September. I was able to visit with many of you at our "Victory Garden" table and everyone is so excited about our upcoming club events! At Opening Coffee, we sold 46 tickets to the general meeting for a total of \$920 and we sold a total of \$100 in "membership dues" raffle tickets. General meeting tickets may now be purchased in the front office from Monica Williams at a price of \$20 each. There has been no increase in price for this year although food prices have increased. Dues raffle tickets are being sold by me at one for \$5 or six for \$25. Dues raffle tickets, as well as raffle tickets for a wine basket, will be sold at the event on Thursday evening, November 2, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

I can't tell you how excited I am about the November general meeting sponsored by Kathy Carlile and the Texas Greenhouse Company with our special guest, Dave Tanner (back by popular request) and the start of my year as your AWC 3rd Vice President.

One of the things that I am most looking forward to seeing are the many photos submitted by you, our members, in displays to celebrate the military service of loved ones and those families and friends who waited for their return. **To make this happen, I am asking for a very large favor from you.** If you would, submit to me a copy of your photo at either my email laniekje@gmail.com or by putting a copy in my box in the copy room. On the back, jot down the name or names of people in the photo, your name as the AWC member relative or friend, brief information related to the military personnel in the photo and whether they might have been killed or injured in the service. For the injured we will be honoring as blue stars and for those who did not make it home, we will be honoring as gold stars.

Please plan to join me and my incredible committee for an evening of delicious food, musical and story-telling fun and wonderful AWC friendship.

Treasurer Lee Ann Harmon

North Texas Giving Day – September 21, 2023

September 21 was an exciting day for AWC. The officers excitedly watched all afternoon as the North Texas Giving Day contributions started to roll in. AWC members helped “spread seeds of kindness” by **contributing \$5,805** for North Texas Giving Day. This surpassed our goal of \$5,000! A big thank you to every person who contributed.

That evening 13 members gathered at Levitt Pavilion for the concert and presentations to Arlington charities. Much to our surprise --- AWC received a **\$5,000 bonus grant** from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation for the highest number of donations received between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. We were jumping and screaming when our name was called!

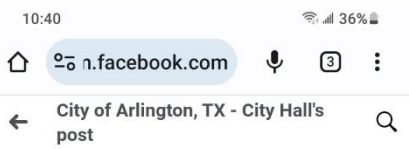
The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation began in 2007 with a \$100 million contribution from the City of Arlington. The contribution was from the lease payments and royalties connected to natural gas drilling on City of Arlington land. The foundation has contributed almost \$43 million to more than 500 projects.



2023 NTX GIVING DAY
PRIZE WINNER



Thriving Arlington
Grant






Arlington Tomorrow Foundation was live.
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Happy **North Texas Giving Day!** The celebrations are underway at **Levitt Pavilion Arlington** at our 10th annual Arlington Gives! concert.

Congratulations to our two “time block” winners who have received the highest number of unique donations between 2 p. m. and 7 p.m. on North Texas Giving Day. The small organization receiving the highest number of donations is **Texas Health Resources Foundation**, and the large organization receiving the highest number of donations in this time period is **Arlington Woman's Club**.

Congratulations to these deserving groups, which will each receive a \$5000 bonus grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.



Write a comment...   



Building & Grounds

Laurie Tittle

Hope everyone enjoyed the Opening Coffee as much as I did. I was so happy to see all the bright smiling faces that came out to celebrate Linda Black. I will be back working on getting Opening Coffee flowers and other goodies put back into storage. If you ever need anything to decorate your meetings, just remember that we have a plethora of items to choose from at the club. No need to bring it from home. All we ask is that you put it back where and the way you found it. Eventually we will have a guidebook in the large closet of items we have so you won't have to go dig. Just remember you can put it on your hospitality sheet and Reggie can get stuff down for you.

We are working on the North and South doors to get remote unlocking to ease entry into the building and improve safety, but it all takes time and money.

I really appreciate all of you helping us keep things organized so we can show off our beautiful building.



Christmas Tea

Donna Reinsch & Terri Sisson

CHRISTMAS TEA

"Tis the Season of Kindness

December 3, 2023 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tickets = \$5.00

Guests Welcome

Bring your camera for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus



RAFFLE PRIZES

A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show
at Theatre Arlington - Dec. 4-17
(3 raffles of 2 tickets)

The Texas Tenors
at Arlington Music Hall - Dec. 16
(1 raffle of 2 tickets)
1 ticket - \$2.00 or 3 tickets - \$5.00

Christmas Tea tickets are available for purchase in the office.
Contact Donna Reinsch at 817-917-0575 to purchase raffle tickets.

Community Services

Sally Cabanski

HELLO, MEMBERS!! WE NEED SOCKS! LOTS OF SOCKS!

Community Service is collecting NEW, CLEAN, NEVER BEEN WORN SOCKS. We are taking all sizes for Adult Men and Women and Children's Socks and also underwear for Arlington Life Shelter. We will collect these starting October 1 and continue until November 30, 2023. Adult Socks are going to Greenbriar and Heritage Oaks Nursing Centers. Socks and underwear for children and parents are going to Arlington Life Shelter. These facilities ALWAYS need socks and the Life Shelter runs out of clean, unused underwear all the time. The Social Directors at these Nursing Homes tell me the residents are always asking for socks. Socks are worn all the time and wear out quickly and many get lost. This donation is a Real Kindness to all the people staying at these facilities. They LOVE getting new socks!! Please help us collect as many pairs of socks and underwear as possible. Your Giving means a LOT to these people who are in new surroundings, who do not have many clothes to wear, who are living with people they do not know and are scared from everything happening. A new, clean pair of socks make them feel wonderful! Your Giving is Greatly appreciated . Thank you so much.

And Remember, Angel Tree Angels are coming right around the corner. That will start November 15 to December 15 for Greenbriar Nursing Home. Thanks again, Ladies! This cannot be done without Your Caring Kindness!



Philanthropy

Joy McKee & Peggy Martin

Philanthropy Dinner & Casino Night

April 12, 2024 at AWC

Philanthropy Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 19th at 2:00. We would love for you to consider being a part of this committee. Come join us as we begin planning for our Casino Night to raise monies for our AISD Scholarships.

Photography

Elouise Perry

Happy autumn everyone, no really, it is autumn. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some cooler weather. I hope you have enjoyed the pictures from Opening Coffee. They are in the frame in the hallway outside the beverage kitchen. I will be taking pictures at the November General Meeting. If you have a particular group that you would like photographed, please let me know. As always, thank you for your cooperation when you see me coming with my phone. I take pictures for the scrapbook, social media, and the newsletter.

Scrip

Laura Lace

All About Ordering Scrip Gift Cards

It's time to plan for ordering gift cards for fall and winter events and holidays! By ordering gift cards through our Scrip program, you are supporting and raising money for AWC!

You will find order forms on the parlor desk listing over 400 area stores, services and restaurants. New listings this year include Tom Thumb and Dunkin Donuts, among others. Please note: two of our favorites, Container Store is now listed under The Container Store, and Home Depot is now under The Home Depot.

Fill out your order form and write your check to AWC, adding \$3 to help defray shipping. Give your check to Monica in the office and leave your order in the bright green zipper folder you'll find there too. Cards come usually in less than a week's time, and you'll be notified when they are available to pick up in the office.

Plan ahead for all the gift cards you'll need, for yourself and for others. The deadline for turning in orders for fall and winter is **Tuesday, November 14th!**

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Antiques & More Joy McKee, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Fourth Monday and Dues are \$15.00
12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting**

Antiques & More had a wonderful first meeting serenaded by tunes from the 50s and 60s by the talented trio of Carolyn Jolly, Elouise Perry and Linda Price. Such talent! We're looking forward to October to learn more about the Wreaths Across America program and learn how to be a part of this meaningful endeavor.



Opening Coffee



Hostesses



Performing Arts Trio



Summer Birthdays

Art & Design

Lynn Binion, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Third Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00
(Cost Per Meeting Varies)
9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting in Small Meeting Room**

Our October meeting features Shara Hutson from Cloverleaf Designs. She will share design principles to make our lives fuller. This is a guest meeting, and we'd love to have you visit.



Heather Schneider - Secretary; Maureen Mathis - Vice Chair;
Lynn Binion - Chair; Yy Lee - Treasurer

Art & Design will again present a gift Boutique during the annual Christmas Tea. Super gifts made by talented A & D members as well as items purchased through local wholesalers will be offered. Hostess gifts, teacher appreciation items, clients, friends and family, even pets will be happy with your thoughtful gifts. Additionally, candy, baked items and all kinds of goodies will be offered, many gift-wrapped for you! Our popular frozen casseroles will be available in two sizes.

The Boutique helps fund scholarships given to Arlington high school students each year.

Thank you for your support!

Jackie Finch and Jackie Hutson

Bible/Joyful Living

Sue Wallace, Chairperson

Meetings are the Second Monday and Dues are \$15.00
12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting

Bible/Joyful Living Department enjoyed a 50's themed meeting on Sept. 11. Lynn Kenner, Sharon Friend, Lynda Reeves, Cissy Conley, and Jeanette Speed provided the refreshments of cokes, ice cream and all the trimming for a "Sock hop".

With Rev. Aaron Tomes on the piano and Brock Snow, the cello, members enjoyed hymns and scripture that related to "the Art of Kindness". A special treat was a four-handed duet especially arranged by Aaron and Brock.



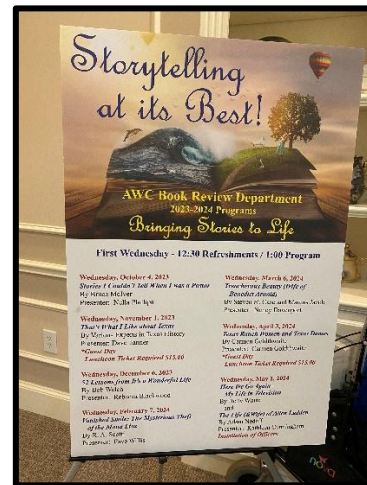
The Bible and Joyful Living department of AWC met on Monday, October 9. After enjoying a delicious luncheon, members heard a presentation from Cindy Wiles, Exec. Director of Restore Hope. The meeting concluded with October recognition and a short business meeting.

Book Review

Linda Lummus, Chairperson

Meetings are the First Wednesday and Dues are \$20.00
12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting

Officers Marcella Weyandt, Shirley Simpson, and Lea Bailey welcomed members to enjoy “Storytelling at its Best!” by joining the Book Review Department. Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. All are invited to “See Stories Come to Life” through books presented by professional reviewers.



Duplicate Bridge

Wilma Hill, Chairperson

Meets First and Third Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
Dues & Hospitality are \$15.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$5.00



Thursday Bridge

Betty Hudgins, Chairperson

Meets Fourth Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
Dues are \$4.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$4.00



Tuesday Bridge

Phyllis Staton, Chairperson

Meets First and Third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Dues are \$5.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$3.00

Tuesday bridge meets 1st and 3rd at 10:00 in large meeting room. Each player brings a sack lunch and hostesses furnish “go alongs” and dessert. Come join us for a fun day of party bridge.

1. Hostesses Lucille Biden & Nancy Courtwright 2. Jonibeth Evans & Carolyn Lackland sharing a joke



Creative Living

Pat Tremontozzi, Chairperson

Meetings are the Third Thursday and Dues are \$10.00

9:30 a.m. Refreshments –10:00 a.m. Meeting



Pat Tremontozzi; Speaker, Chip Waggoner and son; Charlene Mahan



Hostesses



Summer Birthdays

Garden & Gourmet

Jane Buehler, Chairperson

Meetings are the Second Tuesday and Dues are \$15.00

9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting

The speaker at the September Garden and Gourmet was Michael Bebrecht, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for Arlington. He told us about current and new projects the parks were doing. A few he highlighted were the Active Adult Center on Green Oaks between Arkansas and Pioneer, the Korean War Memorial at Veterans Park and the Rotary Dream Park on E. Front Street. The meeting also included a question-and-answer session with lively participation from our members.

The current board members were the hostesses for the event. Pictured are Jane Beuhler, Patty Franz, Joyce Stephenson, Ellen Landrith, Elizabeth Pirkey, Carrie Palmer and Sally Cabanski.



Literature Study

Barbara Wadley, Chairperson

Meetings are the Second Thursday and Dues are \$10.00
9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting

The Literature Study Department enjoyed a lively presentation, discussion and songs by Sara DeMore about the book *Dogtripping* by David Rosenfelt. What a great program to start out our year! The officers and committee chairmen hosted the yummy refreshments. Chairman Barbara Wadley chaired the meeting.



Mah Jongg

Lewayne Putman, Chairperson

Meetings are the Second Monday
Dues are \$10.00 and Cost Per Meeting is \$2.00
10:00 a.m. in the Small Meeting Room



Night

Leslie Storey, Chairperson

Meetings are the Third Monday and Dues are \$15.00

6:45 p.m. Dinner – 7:15 p.m. Program

The next meeting of the AWC Night Department will be on October 16 at 6:45 p.m. We will have a light meal, followed by our business meeting and a program titled “On the Train to Mexico”.

This will be a fundraiser for the Night Department with a cost of \$15.00 per person. This is also a Guest Day, so bring your friends!

The program for the November meeting will be “Mission Arlington: The Woman Behind the Success” presented by Tillie Burgin. Please note that the meeting is on November 13, instead of the third Monday of the month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

On December 11, we will have our Holiday Extravaganza featuring the Academy Musical Theatre Company. This is a ticketed event, with tickets being \$30.00 per person. This meeting is not on our regular meeting night, due to the Christmas holidays.

In January, Phyllis Staton will present a program on American Cakes. This meeting will be on January 15.

Performing Arts

Kay Biggs, Chairperson

Meetings are the First Thursday and Dues are \$10.00

9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting

Performing Arts had its first meeting of the year. Kay Biggs, Chairman, welcomed AWC Past Presidents, new members and guests and honored Summer and September birthdays.

Judy Duke, Vice-Chairman and PAD Artistic Director presented a “Cast Call” and invited members to sign up to perform in the Veteran’s Day Program honoring our Veterans and First Responders. The program will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased in the office. Proceeds from the event will go to AWC and the Scholarship Fund.

We welcome non-performers as well as performers to join our fun department. You will enjoy a variety of programs during the year. Our next meeting is October 5 at 10:00. Refreshments are served at 9:30.



Quilts Etc.

Debra Hood, Chairperson

Meetings are the Fourth Tuesday and Dues are \$15.00

9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting in Small Meeting Room



Theory of Games

Sandra Reams, Chairperson

Meetings are the Second Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00

9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 9:45 a.m. Meeting

Theory of Games met on Wednesday, September 13, and everyone had a great time playing Phase 10. Wonderful refreshments were served by the officers of our department before our games began. Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on Wednesday, October 11, when our group will play Crazy Bridge. Everyone is asked to bring a new or like new stuffed animal that will be donated to Alliance for Children. Everyone is welcome to come join us!



Travel

Jan Taborsky, Chairperson

Meetings are the Fourth Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00

Meeting Time: Varies – TBA – Hostess Dues \$10.00

The Travel Department has three exciting trips planned for this fall:

October 25 & 26 – One Night Mystery Trip – the trip planners are “pumped” about this trip. The cost is \$300 and is due on September 27.

November 29 – tour of the Mary Kay Museum in Dallas, lunch at La Hacienda Ranch, and shopping at Legacy West. The cost is \$80 and is due on October 25.

December 14 (**Thursday**) – catered dinner by Marcona at the club. Then we are supporting the Arlington arts scene by going to a Christmas concert by the Arlington Symphony at the Arlington Music Hall. This trip is closed at this time. Anyone wanting to go will be on a wait list.

See you on the Bus!

