

# **AWC NEWSLETTER**

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### **A MESSAGE from the President**

**By: Elouise Perry, AWC President**

It is difficult to believe that our club year is near the end. It has truly been a club year like no other.

With many of our members being fully vaccinated, I am seeing an increase in attendance at department meetings. We are continuing to wear masks and social distance. Due to this unprecedented year, we are waving the attendance requirements for the departments and the general club events.

We were not able to have many of our club events this year. Spring Fling was cancelled. However, we are still collecting donations for New Day. All donations will be forwarded to New Day. Look for the acrylic box at your department meetings. Thank you to the Community Service Committee for their commitment to continue their activities for Oakwood and Heritage Oaks Nursing Homes and Open Arms Clinic.

The Scholarship Committee is hard at work interviewing and selecting the AWC scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Reception is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, from 2:00-4:00. This is always such an inspiring occasion as the accomplishments and future plans of the recipients are presented.

We were unable to have our annual Philanthropy Dinner. We are planning a Philanthropy event at club. The two day come and go event is planned for Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. We will have a silent auction, wine pull, and the gift card tree. Look for more information in the near future. Thank you to Karen English and her committee for their dedication to the club's philanthropy.

Don't forget the June General Meeting on Saturday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m. The tickets are \$15 and on sale in the office. The winners of the AWC and Cooper Awards will be announced and the club officers for the upcoming year will be installed. I hope you can attend.

I have only a couple of months to go to serve as your President. I certainly can't say that it has been the presidency that I had envisioned. We missed so many of our traditional events, many departments have been unable to meet, and I missed seeing so many friends. Nonetheless, I am so appreciative of all the members who have supported me and given me encouragement. Thank you to the club officers for your guidance. You were so helpful when difficult club decisions had to be made. I have been truly honored to serve as your president. Now, I look forward to enjoying being a "regular" member.

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**By: Doris Short, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Our 2020-2021 club year is certainly different from anything we have ever experienced. A big thank you goes to all of our departments for their efforts to make sure their meetings are held in a safe manner and helping our club run as smoothly as possible during these uncertain times. Thank you to all of our members for following the Covid protocols. I appreciate all of your service to AWC.

Please remember that AWC is available for rentals for special occasions.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**By: Pat Rohloff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President**

This club year is nearly over and it has certainly been an unusual one with Covid hitting our world as well as our AWC community. Nothing has been the same this year but we are hoping things will be getting back to at least a new normal for our club. As a result, we were not able to have our Spring Open House for Prospective New Members.

Our normal assessment for membership requirements has also changed for this year. Since many departments have still been unable to meet our club has been unable to require the usual attendance. However, it is great that some of you have been able to get back to meeting and being together.

I regret that I have been unable to visit with our new members and get to know you better. This is my final sign off. Please know that I have sincerely appreciated your cooperation in welcoming new members these past 2 years. I have truly enjoyed my duties as Membership Chairman. May AWC continue to grow and fulfill our missions and become a normal functioning organization again.

Stay safe.

#### **AWC GENERAL MEETINGS**

**By: Linda Black, 3rd Vice-President**

Our year is coming to an end and our last General Meeting will be on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This will be our Installation of Officers and Luncheon Meeting. We will be using round tables and will only have 4 people to a table so we can be distanced from each other. We will be wearing masks when we are not eating. This means that we will have a limit of only 88 tickets for this event with 22 tables being used. TCP will be catering our lunch. Tickets are \$15.00 and are on sale in the office with Jessica. The last day to buy your ticket is Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> as I have to turn in the count to TCP that day. Your name will be put on a waiting list if you come in after May 28<sup>th</sup> to buy a ticket. If you buy a ticket and find out that you cannot attend, please let Jessica know. Jessica will then call the first person on the waiting list and that lady will be able to purchase your ticket.

I want to thank each of you that have attended the General Meetings these last two years as I was 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Your support and encouragement have been so appreciated. I thank all of you that were a hostess for a General Meeting. I want to thank my Program Committee that was so faithful to come and help set up, tear down, and other jobs. I could not have done this job without all of you! Thank you!

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**By: Gayle Kregel, Chairperson**

The Community Service Committee wants to thank everyone who have been supporting all of our projects this year.

We do have our baskets out in the bathroom for our ongoing projects of Life Shelter toiletries and bingo prizes for Oakwood.

Thank you goes out to the Quilt Department who took 227 snack items to Open Arms in March and to Creative Living who took 369 snacks items in April. Way to go ladies!

Our large project for New Day which had been postponed has now been canceled for this year. We are still collecting money for this project. The box is in Jessica's office and is available to take into the room for your meetings. If you are not going to the clubhouse at this time and would like to donate to this great cause, please mail your check to the clubhouse and Jessica will deposit it to the account. As of this week we have \$1,788.00 in the fund and we will be donating this money to New Day in May. I have set a deadline of May 7, 2021 for donations. We will be doing a photo shoot when we give them the check, so let's make it a big one.

Thank you all again for being so generous with your donations.

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## PHILANTHROPY

By: Karen English, Chairperson

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## SCHOLARSHIP

By: Beverly Behgam, Chairman

The Scholarship Committee will soon be hard at work reading and evaluating this year's scholarship applications. We appreciate the support of departments, individual members, and Giving Circles as we help these remarkable students achieve their dreams. Our seven annual \$5,000 scholarships have received recognition in the community and AISD Superintendent, Dr. Cavazos, has expressed his support and appreciation. We make a difference!



## All About Scrip

- Scrip is an ongoing fund-raiser for AWC
- Scrip offers gift cards from over 400 stores, services and restaurants in our area
- Order forms are on the desk in the living room
- Add \$2 to your total order to help defray shipping
- Make your check out to AWC
- Leave your completed order form and check in the bright green zipper case in the AWC office
- Order dates and delivery dates are posted with order forms and in the AWC office
- Cards are picked up in the AWC office
- Plan ahead for the cards you need!

### Scrip orders/deliveries 2021

Orders by January 19<sup>th</sup> ----- Delivered on January 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Think Valentine's Day!

Orders by February 2<sup>nd</sup>----- Delivered on February 9<sup>th</sup>

Orders by February 23<sup>rd</sup> ----- Delivered on March 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Think Easter! (Easter – April 4<sup>th</sup>)

Orders by March 16<sup>th</sup> ----- Delivered on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Orders by April 13<sup>th</sup> ----- Delivered on April 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Think Mother's Day! (Mother's Day – May 9<sup>th</sup>)

Orders by April 27<sup>th</sup> ----- Delivered on May 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Think Graduation and Father's Day! (June 20<sup>th</sup>)

Orders by May 18<sup>th</sup> ----- Delivered on May 25<sup>th</sup>



## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS...

### **ANTIQUES AND MORE DEPARTMENT**

**Peggy Martin, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Fourth Monday and Dues are \$10.00  
12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting**

In March, the Antiques and More Department was fortunate to have Phyllis Stanton present a program on *Who is Nancy Drew? First Girl Detective*. In addition to bringing a huge display of books that showed how Nancy evolved over time, Phyllis brought door prizes. Lucky winners received a flashlight, a magnifying glass and other items that helped Nancy solve her mysteries.



### **ART & DESIGN DEPARTMENT** **Cheryl Pauley, 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**



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**BIBLE/JOYFUL LIVING DEPARTMENT**

**Lucy Thompson, Chairperson**

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

**BOOK REVIEW  
BOOK REVIEW DEPARTMENT  
Linda Dunson, Chairperson**

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

In March, the Book Review Department was fortunate to have Rebecca Blackwood present the book "American Princess" by Stephanie Marie Thornton. Ms. Blackwood, who filled in at the last second, even dressed the part of Alice Roosevelt! Members were also treated to a St. Patrick's Day feast that was pleasing to both the eyes and the palate.



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## BRIDGE

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

**Judy Duke, Chairperson**

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

### THURSDAY BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

**Ruth Ryden, Chairperson**

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

### TUESDAY BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

**Jonibeth Evans, Chairperson**

**Meets First and Third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
Dues are \$4.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$3.00**

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### CREATIVE LIVING DEPARTMENT

**Freda Thornton, Chairperson**

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

Creative Living met in March, still masked and socially distanced, but grateful to gather again! Our program was presented by Marcie Finney Ditto, whose business, Mustard Seed Jewelry, was inspired by the Biblical story of the mustard seed. A segment from TV's Texas Country Reporter showed us the story of her company which began in the living room of her home. She displayed a stunning array of necklaces, bracelets, earrings and rings, all containing mustard seeds. Each purchase includes \$2 "seed cash" to inspire random acts of kindness. Also included are note cards inscribed with inspirational messages given to her by her great grandmother. Marcie generously donated 30 per cent of the proceeds of our purchases to AWC.



Jean Howell, Marcie Finney Ditto (owner) and Kathy Anderson of Mustard Seed Jewelry



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**GARDEN & GOURMET DEPARTMENTS**

**Linda Smith, Chairperson**

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



Garden and Gourmet’s March guest speaker was Judy Rupay, the editor of Arlington Today magazine. Judy spoke on the interesting history and content of the magazine.

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**LITERATURE STUDY DEPARTMENT**

**Sue Hogg, Chairperson**

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

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**Dana Bishop, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Second Monday  
Dues are \$10.00 and Cost Per Meeting is \$2.00  
9:30 a.m. in the Small Meeting Room**



**NIGHT DEPARTMENT**  
**Barbara Edwards, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Third Monday and Dues are \$10.00**  
**6:45 p.m. Dinner – 7:00 p.m. Meeting**



**PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT**  
**Pat Tremenziozi, Chairperson**

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



**QUILTS, ETC. DEPARTMENT**  
**Cynthia Berend, 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 OLD & NEW DEPARTMENT**  
**Patty Decker, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Second Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00**  
**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 9:45 a.m. Meeting**



**TRAVEL DEPARTMENT**  
**Cheryl Illingworth, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Fourth Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00**  
**Meeting Time: Varies – TBA**



In Memoriam

If I could give our friendship a name, it would be Memories Unlimited. I am grateful you gave me beautiful memories that I am going to cherish for a lifetime.

Members

Mary Ellen Miller

Lucille Ward

Former Members

Jane Duff

Mary Jo Roberson

Shirley Smith

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