



# Arlington Woman's Club

Established in 1957

Spreading Seeds of Kindness

## **AWC Newsletter** **Volume 59 Issue 2      April 2024**

### **A Message from the President** **Linda Black**

Happy Spring! I hope that you have enjoyed all the activities at the club so far this year! The Fitness Class started in February, and we have been having a dedicated group of ladies led by one of our members, Roseanna Needham. You can still join the class. They meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:15 to 3:15. Call Roseanna for more information.

Our Spring Fling was a huge success and thank you for coming to help the community! We had 81 people attend and we filled 1013 bags for New Day! They were very appreciative of all we did for them.

Did you learn some new things about our National Parks at our March 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting? Karla Morton did a great program called, "The National Parks: A Century of Grace". She loved talking to us and she sold the most books ever. Karen English, Third Vice President, and her Program Committee did a great job with the decorations of all the National Parks. Then on April 5<sup>th</sup> we had our Business General Meeting, and the officers were elected for next year with an April Showers theme.

We tried a new time of day for our New Member Orientation on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and it was very successful! Cynthia Berend, Second Vice President, and her Membership Committee had the room decorated and delicious food. If you have a friend who would like to be a part of the club, they can join at any time.

Thanks to all of you who ordered Scrip in March. We made \$266. 90. A BIG thank you to Laura Lace who oversees the Scrip Program. Laura will be doing this for us next year. We will have one day in the fall and one in the spring.

Thank you for coming and supporting our Philanthropy Dinner and Casino Night on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the club! We had 313 people come to support our scholarships for seniors and Phased-In. Peggy Martin and Joy McKee did an awesome job with the help of the Philanthropy Committee! We had so many winners for Purse Bingo, and I am sure you will see some of those purses around the club! Blackjack was a huge success, and we thank all our dealers! I hope you were a winner in the Silent Auction. The greatest part of all is that all the money we raised goes to Scholarships for students in Arlington which is 60% of our total funds raised and then 40% of our total funds will be given to the young ladies in Phased-In. The final totals were not available when this went to print.

If you have not attended a General Meeting this year, you have one more chance. Our last General Meeting for this year is on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00. We will have Installation of Officers by Judy Duke and a delicious lunch. The tickets are on sale in the office with Monica for \$20.00. I am sure Karen English, Third Vice President, and her Program Committee will be preparing another great meeting for us. Linda Smith, First Vice President, will be announcing the winner of the AWC Award and President's Award. Karen English, last year's Cooper Award winner, will be announcing the Cooper Award winner for this year.

As you can see there have been many wonderful opportunities for you to be a part of and one more General Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>! I look forward to seeing you as we are "Spreading Seeds of Kindness" together. Have a great summer and thanks for all the support you have given me and the Board of Directors this year!

**"Be Mindful. Be Grateful. Be Positive. Be True. Be Kind." Roy T. Bennett**

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# A Message from the 1st Vice President

**Linda Smith**

As our club year is coming to an end, I would like to thank my Opening Coffee committee that worked so hard to make Opening Coffee so special for Linda in September. It has been a very exciting and **kind** year watching how we all have "Spread Seeds of Kindness". I would like to give a huge thank you to my Rental Committee. They have worked so hard on our 21+ rentals this past year. I would also like to give a warm hug to Elouise Perry, Carolyn Jolly and Lee Ann Harmon for being the other leaders on the day of rentals. It has really made a difference to share in these duties. We have made \$24,095 and after expenses of \$2,482, we have income of \$21,613.00 with 4 more rentals coming this spring. What an exciting year for our club to have all these rentals and income for us.

At our June meeting, we will present the AWC Award, Cooper Award and the President's Award winners. Thank you to our ladies for turning in so many nominations. We have many qualified ladies for these awards so keep that in mind for next year. I would like to thank my two committees who read and chose the award winners this year. The Award Committee for the Cooper Award was Karen English, Sandra Greenwood and Cheryl Illingworth. The Awards Committee for AWC Award and President's Award was Freda Thornton, Beverly Begham, Sandy Tribble, Lewayne Putnam and Linda Smith.

Have a great summer, safe travels if you are taking a vacation. Enjoy time with your family and friends and will see you in September.

# A Message from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cynthia Berend, Membership



It was a dark and stormy night; however, we had nine prospective members come to the Spring Open House. I was so happy with the attendance of prospective members and the membership. I appreciate the support! The membership committee was awesome and welcomed our guests with warm smiles and delicious food.

Thank you, ladies!

Four of our prospective members have already joined us. They are joining departments and having fun! Please welcome these new ladies. We have had a few resignations. Some of our members are moving to be closer to family. I can certainly understand that. At the present time I know there are two new membership applications in my box. Keep them coming. Our membership number stands at 389 currently. I am excited about that. 400 here we come!



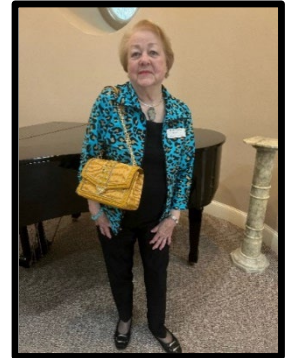
Have a great summer! Look for those new members and invite them to join us!

Thank you for all you do for AWC!

# A Message from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Karen English

We just had an awesome General/Business Meeting on Friday, April 5th.

Attendees unanimously voted for the nominated slate of 2024-2025 officers and 2024-2026 two-year director nominees. Members were treated to an incredible charcuterie board of meats, cheeses, desserts and more. Many thanks were given to Lea Bailey for the beautiful spread she designed for our meeting. Montie Green won her 2024-2025 club dues paid by having her name drawn at the dues raffle and Martha Stallings excitedly won our beautiful Michael Kors handbag.



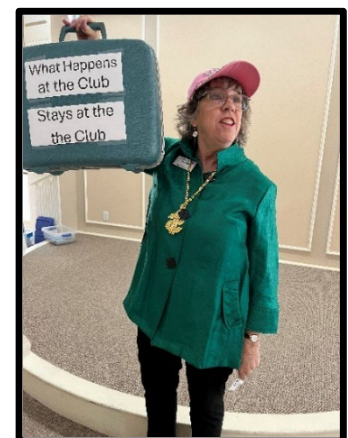
I am really looking forward to our June 1, 2024 General Meeting and Installation Ceremony presented by past-president, Judy Duke. Judy's program will cap off a year of hugely successful programs presented in the Fall by local actor/musician Dave Tanner and in the Spring by 2010 Texas Poet Laureate Karla Morton.

Members will dine on a lovely lunch provided by TCP Catering. Required tickets for the event and lunch are \$20 each and may be purchased now in Monica's office. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, May 24, 2024.

Departments providing hostess support for this final General Meeting of the 2023-2024 club year will be Art & Design, Duplicate Bridge, Creative Living, and Performing Arts.

This will additionally be our last designer handbag raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.00. The handbag raffle drawing will be held at the close of our June 1st meeting.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our programs and our terrific program committee. I look forward to seeing you on June 1st. Please plan to join me and let's find out together who Judy will be!



# Treasurer

## Lee Ann Harmon

### *Where does the money go?*

Happy Spring Everyone!

As we begin to wrap up this club year, I thought you might want to know how all the money that we receive from dues, fundraisers, giving circles, and donations gets spent.

The two largest spending categories are:

-35% on fundraising and giving out scholarships and donations

-44% on the operation of the club – staff and the building

We spend our income on the following (as a percentage of total income):

Fundraising	18%
Remainder - Net Profit	18%
Philanthropy- money given out for Scholarships & Charity	17%
Staff	15%
Building maintenance and utilities	13%
Insurance	11%
Office supplies and copier	5%
Yearbook	3%
Rentals	1%
	100%

Good business practice is to have at least one year of operating expenses set aside in savings for a “rainy day”. Our annual operating expenses are approximately \$113,000 and we have over \$142,000 set aside. We also have designated funds which means money that has been given to us to be used for a specific expenditure such as scholarships or the building.

*Reminder that 2024 – 2025 Dues are due now!*

The departments and board are already making plans for next year. Paying your dues now helps with the planning process since we need to know how many members we expect to participate.

Please put your \$225 check in the pretty box on Monica’s desk or Monica can take your credit card payment.



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# Photography

**Elouise Perry**

I have really enjoyed taking your pictures at our club events the past two years. I appreciate everyone's cooperation when you saw me headed your way with my phone. I'll still be taking the pictures at the Philanthropy Event and our final General Meeting and Installation of Officers in June. I hope to see you there. If you have a particular request for a picture, please don't hesitate to ask.

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# Social Media

**Leslie Storey**

I wanted to spread the word that AWC is now on Instagram. If you are on Instagram, give us a follow @awctx

We are still on Facebook, so give us a follow there as well

- <https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonwomansclubtx>

If you have any photos to share for social media, please send them to [awctxsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:awctxsocialmedia@gmail.com)

# Community Service

Sally Cabanski



What a Fantastic year Community Services and AWC have had. The members of AWC have given so much of their money, time, assistance and positive encouragement to complete the goals for our projects this year. Overall, Community Services has completed and exceeded all goals made in the past years. We have given a record number of toilet items for Arlington Life Shelter. We contributed over 900 Socks and underwear for our Sock-It-To-Me project. Our recipients at Greenbriar and Heritage Oaks Nursing Centers,

and Arlington Life Shelter were given much-needed socks and underwear. Our Open Arms Health Clinic was given monthly snacks for their working Volunteers. The Departments participating in this project were able to provide Record amounts of snacks and drinks for the Volunteers. The Director, Fran Martin, has thanked our members on many occasions. Our traditional Angel Tree Angels from Greenbriar Nursing Center were asked what they would like for Christmas. The patient list given to us totaled 46. Each patient and their Wish were put on each Angel and put on our Angel Tree. Angels were picked from the tree within the 1st week. Each Angel wish was taken care of and then some. The staff and patients were so happy to see all the pretty gifts for each patient. It was a Beautiful feeling to make them so happy. Spring Fling was a RECORD BREAKER! 1013 bags of snacks were filled and given to New Day to distribute to area children who were on AISD school lunch vouchers. We had a Record 83 people present, to fill the bags with snacks for Spring Break. Our members made it possible, through their money donations, to break the record for bags filled with snacks. Everyone present had one goal and we reached that goal of giving with such joy and purpose. Our last project is our gently used clothing, shoes, handbags and jewelry contribution to CWJC, Christian Women's Job Corp. These donations help the women in CWJC looking for jobs; giving them more confidence and ability to succeed in their job search. We will complete this task by April 26, 2024. Thanks to all the members who are so generous with their clothing gifts.



I truly appreciate all the money and material donations given by all our members. Thank you so very much. This Record Breaking Year would Not have happened without all of you. It has been an Esteemed privilege to serve as Community Service Coordinator these last two years. I have gotten to meet, know and learn from each of you. I have loved seeing so many needs being met by such caring and giving women.

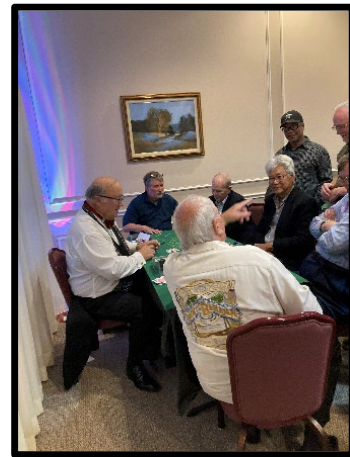


# Philanthropy

Joy McKee & Peggy Martin

The Philanthropy Casino Night was a great night of fun and games. Handbag Bingo & Black Jack were a hit. A huge thank you to Spring Creek BBQ who generously once again donated a delicious dinner and served over 300 participants.

The pictures below are from our Philanthropy Dinner. We had wonderful decorations to turn our room into a casino and we had many people playing bingo and blackjack.



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# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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## 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

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## 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



Learning to make bracelets  
at Wild Beads

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## 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

The Bible/Joyful Living department of AWC met on March 11. The room décor celebrated St Patrick's Day. The attendees enjoyed good food, fellowship and celebration of birthdays. Don Hughes's enlightening program explained 10 names in Genesis and their connections to the rest of the Bible.

**Bible/Joyful Living continued**



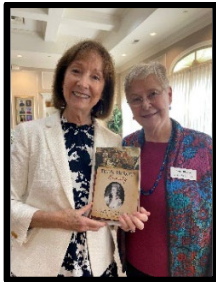
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**Book Review**  
**Linda Lummus, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the First Wednesday and Dues are \$20.00**

**12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting**

The Book Review Department enjoyed a presentation March 6 by Nancy Davenport on “Treacherous Beauty” (wife of Benedict Arnold) by Steven H. Case and Mark Jacob.



**Reviewer Nancy Davenport  
and Nancy Dickson, Vice  
Chairman**



**Janie Deterly and  
Chairman Linda Lummus**

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**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**

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## **Thursday Bridge**

**Betty Hudgins, Chairperson**

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

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## **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**

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## **Creative Living**

**Pat Trementozzi, Chairperson**

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



**Detective Julianne Cramer, Pat Trementozzi, Pattu Lemoine**



**Patty Lemoine, Shari Norton, Jeanette Young, Karen Flynn Pat Burdette, Anne Cochran and Sue Nutt**

# 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**

Garden and Gourmet has enjoyed some informative and entertaining meetings this year. We started in January with a meeting about healthy nutrition. February followed with learning about and tasting chocolate. In March, we were inspired by a horticulturist to freshen up our patios and gardens. Then in April we were introduced to animals from the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge. Come join us for our Spring Style Show and Installation of Officers, May 14th.



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# 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**

Literature Study discussed a historical novel, *The Rose Code*, in February. Betty Thomas presented the book about code breaking during WW II. The hostesses prepared a delicious spread of goodies.



Phyllis Staton presented an informative and interesting program, *The Exceptional Extraordinary EGG*, for the Literature Study annual fundraiser and salad luncheon in March. The hostesses provided desserts to go with the salads brought by the members.



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# 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**

Our next Mah Jongg meeting will be May 13, 10 am in the small meeting room.

Mah Jongg Tournament April 27 9:30-2:30. If you would like to play in our Tournament the price for AWC members is \$25 and the cost for non-members is \$45. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. If you would like a registration form or make a donation, please contact Lynn Binion or Lewayne Putman. We will have a Silent Auction and 50/50



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# 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 May 20 meeting of the Arlington Woman's Club Night Department will start with dinner at 6:45, followed by the meeting and program at 7:15.

Our program in March was presented by the brother-and sister-owners of Prince Lebanese Grill, Elizabeth and Aziz Kobty. They also provided a delicious meal. Aziz talked about the origins of the restaurant which was started by their father, Francis Kobty, in 1989, and has been featured on the TV show "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives".

## Night Department Continued

The program will be the “Gangsta” installation of officers for the 2023-2024 Club year and will be presented by Club Member, Phyllis Staton. The officers who will be installed will be Kim Murphy, Chairperson; H.Suzanne Kelly, Vice-Chair; Stephanie Ott, Secretary; and, Jeanette Speed, Treasurer. Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve the Night Department for the next Club year. This will be our last meeting until September.



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## 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**

The Performing Arts Department welcomed 2024 by meeting at Piccolo Mondo for lunch. During the meeting we began planning for our “Waltz Across Texas” themed fundraiser. In February the group toured the Marcelo Cavazos Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Sara and John DeMore entertained PAD in March. Our April Meeting will be the “Waltz Across Texas” fundraiser featuring guest soloist Craig Murphy.



## Performing Arts Continued

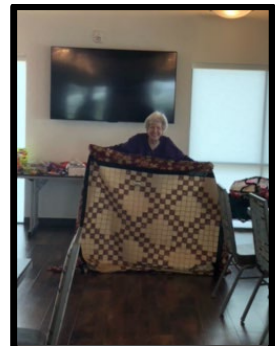


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## Quilts Etc.

**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**

Members of Theory of Games thanks all of the generous ladies who contributed plastic Easter eggs!!! Thanks to so many kind and generous ladies over a thousand plastic eggs were filled with candy and donated to Salvation Army to help make Easter very special for many children. Theory of Games meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30am for refreshments followed by playing a fun game. The April meeting was a special time when White Elephant Bingo was played and wrapped gifts that were brought to the meeting were won. Theory of Games welcomes visitors each month, and we always have a great time! Come join us!!!



**Playing Sequence: Ellen Dill, Pam Mathys, Lewayne Putman, Lee Ann Harmon, Joyce Spinks and Carolyn Lackland**



**Filling Easter eggs for Salvation Army: Cheryl Pauley, Linda Black, Linda Lummus, Shirley Simpson, Kathy Carlile**

# Travel

## Jan Taborsky, Chairperson

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

The ladies of the Travel department enjoyed a busy day on March 27 in the town of Nocona, TX. They visited the Tales and Trails museum and learned about the area including the life of Enid Justin (from the Justin boot family). They also toured the Nocona Baseball Glove Factory where baseball gloves have been handmade since the 30's. Lunch was enjoyed at the Blue Ostrich vineyard and winery in nearby St. Jo, TX. They also toured the 60,000 square foot Color Orchid greenhouse which supplies orchids to businesses across the mid-section of the country. Before returning home after a long day, they squeezed in a little shopping at the Red Rooster.

