

**Arlington
Woman's Club
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Spreading Seeds of Kindness

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

Happy New Year to each of you! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends and that 2024 will be a great year!

We have many wonderful opportunities for you to be involved at the club for 2024! Be sure and look in your yearbooks so you do not miss anything! All the departments have resumed after the break, and they have many great programs for you to participate in. Remember we are looking at starting an AWC Fitness Class. If that is something you want to do, please sign the clipboard in the Parlor.

Be sure and read Linda Smith's article about Awards. It is time to nominate ladies for these awards. Forms are in the office.

Our first special event for 2024 will be our Spring Fling on Saturday, February 24th at 10:30 in the morning. We will fill bags of food for New Day and the officers will treat you to lunch after the bags are filled. It is a special time of fellowship as we work for the community.

Do you like to visit National Parks? If so, you will not want to miss our first General Meeting for 2024 on Friday, March 1st at 10:00 AM. Karla Morton will present a program for us called "The National Parks: A Century of Grace." This will be followed by a delicious lunch. Tickets are on sale in the office with Monica.

Just six days after our General Meeting will have another Open House for Prospective New Members on Thursday, March 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. I know it is a different day and time, but we are trying something new! Be thinking of any ladies you could invite and let Cynthia Berend know.

We had a successful Scrip order in November, and we have our last one for the year due on Tuesday, March 19th. Laura Lacey oversees this for the club. She will have order forms in the parlor for you to pick up. This is a good time to get those gift cards for Easter, Graduation, or Birthdays.

Our next General Meeting will be our Business Meeting on Friday, April 5th at 10:00 AM. This is not a ticketed event, but we will need for you to RSVP in the Parlor, so we know how many tables and chairs to set up. This is an important meeting as you will elect your club officers for the next year. I hope you will mark your calendars.

The following Friday, April 12th will be our Philanthropy Dinner. This year we are trying something new with a casino night at the club. Joy McKee and Peggy Martin have been working on this since June. They have a committee that has been working hard on all the different areas. The funds raised will be divided between Scholarships receiving 60% and Phased-In receiving 40%. Come out and support our community by participating. Bingo will be one of the games played that night and remember how much fun you had last year playing bingo.

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” together in 2024!

The two pictures below happened in December. On December 11th, the officers came to my house for lunch followed by our Officer Meeting. Then on December 20th, we volunteered at the Christmas Store for Mission Arlington. Tillie Burgin met us when we arrived and gave us a brief overview of the Christmas Store and then we were personal shoppers to help the families shop for their children for Christmas.

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou



A Message from the 1st Vice President

Linda Smith

Happy New Year to each of you!! As we begin 2024, I wanted you all to be aware of how successful our rentals have been. We have had 13 rentals since August and have made over \$14,500 for our club. I would like to thank my rental committee for all of their hard work and willingness to help with all these rentals. We could not have been as successful without their help. We have already scheduled 4 more rentals for the spring and summer and quite a few inquiries.

I want to remind you that we will be choosing our award winners in April. The Cooper Award, the AWC Award, and the AWC President's Award which will be presented at the June General Meeting. The qualifications for these awards are listed on page 148 of your yearbook. Remember that a person who has already won this award cannot win it again. Those winners are listed in your yearbook on pages 10 & 11. If you have anyone you would like to nominate, please stop by the office and pick up an application from Monica or from me. All written nominations are due by **March 31st**. You can turn them into my box in the office or put them in the envelope behind Monica's desk. We have many, many members who would qualify for these awards, so be thinking about who you can nominate.

Hope 2024 will bring you much happiness, good health, and lots of fun activities at AWC!

A Message from the 2nd Vice President

Cynthia Berend, Membership

Happy New Year Ladies!

I am excited to get this year underway. We were able to add fourteen new and reinstated members during the first half of the year! I hope we can add that many or more during the second half.

The Spring Open House for prospective new members will be on Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Membership Committee and I will host a come-and-go informational meeting about AWC. We will be serving light refreshments. I hope you will have some names to give me for invitations. This is a perfect time to add some new faces to our group. Please email me or put names and contact information in my box.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our exciting events this spring!

Thank you for your support and allowing me to serve!

A Message from the 3rd Vice President Karen English



I am really looking forward to both 2024 and our second General Meeting. Our long-awaited program on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 10:00am entitled, The National Parks: A Century of Grace, will be presented by author and former Texas State Poet Laureate, Karla Morton. Ms. Morton will be sharing insight into our incredible national park system and we will be able to purchase her book at the conclusion of the program. This will be the third time we've tried to get Karla here as we were previously hampered by bad weather.

Tickets are required and on sale now in the office from Monica for \$20.00, which includes a catered luncheon. Departments providing hostess support will be Travel, Garden & Gourmet, Thursday Bridge and Mah Jongg. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for your 2024-2025 membership dues. They are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The drawing will be at the April General Meeting, and you do not have to be present to win. There will also be raffle tickets sold for a designer handbag. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.00. The handbag raffle drawing will be at the close of our March 1st meeting. Lastly, there will be two door prizes, donated by Cynthia Berend and Karen Ellen Anderson, awarded to two lucky guests.



Thank you so much for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting program and luncheon in March. Let's prove together that the "third time's the charm!"



Treasurer

Lee Ann Harmon



Christmas Vases-

Thank you to all the members and departments who contributed to the Christmas vases for Monica and Reggie's bonuses. Because of everyone's generous giving, we were able to increase the bonuses this year to \$2,045 each. Thank you to Cheryl Pauley for making the beautiful sleighs to present the bonuses.

Spring Fling-

Spring Fling is coming up on February 24 and the Community Service Committee is starting to raise funds for the purchase of the food. Last year, we raised \$7,270. As a reminder, the departments need to vote to contribute towards the purchase of food. Contributions from the departments are optional. If you write a personal check for the contribution, please designate on the memo line that it is for Spring Fling.

2024 – 2025 Dues-

It is already time to start thinking about the next club year! Membership dues are payable on or before April 1, 2024, and become delinquent on June 1. There will be a box in the office to place your checks.

To keep things simple, please make out **ONE check** for your \$200 dues and \$25 philanthropy for a **total of \$225**. If you want to pay by credit card there is a \$6.75 added fee to cover the credit card processing fee that the club must pay. Monica can process the credit card payment for you.

Christmas Tea

Donna Reinsch & Terri Sisson

December 3rd was a beautiful day for our annual Christmas Tea and we would like to thank everyone for their support and for coming to celebrate this event with us. We hope that you all had a wonderful time shopping the Christmas Boutique, getting your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, listening to beautiful Christmas music, snacking on an assortment of goodies, and mostly enjoying the company of your friends and family.



Of course, it does take a small village to make the Tea happen and to each one of our Christmas Tea Committee Members, we are truly appreciative of your time baking and working shifts with a can-do spirit and a smile.

We wish you all a new year blessed with kindness and good health!

Community Services

Sally Cabanski

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

We delivered 41 Special Christmas gifts to the residents of Greenbriar Nursing Home. The Social Director, Connie Cane, was waiting for us as we drove up. Lewayne Putman, Joyce Spinks & I had our cars full of gifts. We unloaded the gifts, in pouring rain, took them into the lobby of Greenbriar NH. Ms. Cane & some of the staff helped us get the gifts in. The staff got so excited when they saw how many we had! It was a beautiful experience for Joyce, Lewayne & me!

SOCKS UPDATE

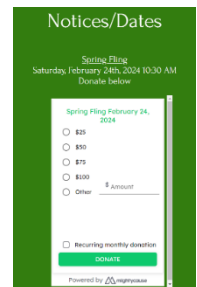
Members brought in socks, children's & adult underwear. The Sock Drive goes on to total over 935 items!!! Thanks to Jonibeth Evans who coordinated the Sock Drive. She took care of collecting, separating, counting and delivering all the socks and underwear. We owe her a big thanks for this big job!!!

What Fantastic, Compassionate Women who care so much about our Arlington citizens! Thank you for all you have given a hand up to & Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



Ladies, we have a Big task ahead of us! SPRING FLING IS Saturday, FEBRUARY 24, 10:30!!! I am asking all members to think about what monetary assistance you can provide to help give good, nourishing snacks to our Arlington New Day children for Spring Break 2024! We must raise at least \$4,000 to purchase the food needed to fill our Snack Bags for these children who attend Arlington School District! Thank you for giving the money we will need. A Double Thank you for coming to help fill the bags for these students who will be missing school lunches during Spring Break! You are all needed & appreciated!

Go to the Arlington Womans's Club Website <https://www.awctx.org/>. Scroll to the bottom and you will see this picture. You can donate directly to support Spring Fling on our website.



Philanthropy

Joy McKee & Peggy Martin

Philanthropy Dinner & Casino Night

April 12, 2024 at AWC

Philanthropy dinner is coming in April. It's going to be Casino Night with a cruise theme. Mark your calendars- it's going to be FUN!

Meeting Dates: Friday, Feb. 16 @10 am and Thursday, Mar. 21 @2 pm

Photography

Elouise Perry

Hello All, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a blessed 2024. Hopefully, you've had a chance to enjoy the Christmas Tea pictures in the frame outside the beverage kitchen. "An Evening with Danny Wright" pics coming soon.

Scrip

Laura Lace

All About Ordering Scrip Gift Cards

It's time to plan for ordering gift cards for spring events and holidays, and by ordering through AWC's Scrip program, you are supporting and raising money for our club! Our fall/winter order earned over \$450 for AWC. With even more participants, we can bring in even more dollars!

Beginning in February, you will find new order forms on the parlor desk listing over 400 area stores, services and restaurants. Please use this updated order form and not an older copy as listings change from month to month.

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 spring is

Tuesday, March 19th!

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

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 Department will begin meeting again in January with a fun program on the history of sewing machines. We will also begin selling tickets for our March meeting which will once again feature an Antique Appraisal and lunch. Tickets are \$15.00 and guests are welcome. Bring any small item that you've wondered about the value or history of. (No jewelry) Contact Joy McKee for tickets .

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**

The Art & Design Department would like to thank club members who attended and purchased items at our Boutique. A BIG THANKS goes to A & D members who saw the vision, put on their creative hats and went to work! Husbands, sons, and friends were enlisted to help! Sales exceeded \$4,556! We couldn't have done it without the extraordinary teamwork of A & D members Jackie Hutson, Kim Murphy, Donna Powell, Jan Taborsky, Y Y Lee, Cheryl Pauley, Norma Dickey, Heather Schneider and Lynn Binion. Feeling Blessed!

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 Sounds of the Seasons" was presented by Cindy Lou Hodges for the Bible /Joyful Living Department of AWC on December 11. Members and guests enjoyed festive food and decor provided by members. Birthdays were celebrated for members and especially the Birthday of Jesus. JOY TO THE WORLD!!



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 met December 6th and enjoyed a charcuterie board salad luncheon. Festive snowmen set the holiday theme decorating the tables and the meeting room. Members were treated to a fun and seasonal program by presenter Rebecca Blackwood from the book "52 Lessons I Learned from It's a Wonderful Life" by Bob Welch.



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

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



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



This past fall Garden and Gourmet enjoyed some informative and entertaining meetings. In October, we learned about planting bulbs throughout the year. Then in November, we enjoyed delicious food from the Arlington Culinary Students and in December we were entertained by the talented students from the Academy Musical Theatre Co. of the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts.

Come join us for the February 13 meeting: Death by Chocolate

March 12: Specialty patios and Personalized Gardens

April 9: Texas Wildlife

May 14: Step Into Spring Style Show



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 has been busy reading good books. In October, Literature Study had a presentation by Karen Ellen Anderson and Linda Sherrieb on *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. In November, Elouise Perry led a discussion about *The Devil in the White City* by Eric Larson. In December, Barbara Castano led a discussion about *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We enjoyed lively discussions and yummy refreshments!



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**

Mah Jongg will meet on January 8, 2024 at 10 am. Cost \$2.00 to play. Light lunch will be provided. If you are a beginner, we will have a beginner table.

Night

Leslie Storey, Chairperson

Meetings are the Third Monday and Dues are \$15.00
6:45 p.m. Dinner – 7:15 p.m. Program

On December 11, the Night Department held our Holiday Extravaganza featuring the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts performers. We enjoyed the awesome talents of 12 young people who are juniors and seniors in high school.

In January, Phyllis Staton will present a program on American Cakes. This meeting will be on January 15 with dinner served at 6:45 and the program starting at about 7:15.

Our February meeting will feature Amy Schultz who will be talking about the phenomenon of homecoming mums in Texas. Ms. Schultz will also be selling copies of her book about this high school football tradition.

On March 18, the program will be “Discovering Unique Foods in Texas” which should be very interesting. This meeting is open to guests.



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 has experienced a very successful year so far. In September, Judy Duke, our Artistic Director presented our “Cast Call” where we learned about our performance opportunities. We also welcomed a new Bose Sound System to accompany our singers during performances.



The October program was “Behavioral Health Law Enforcement” presented by officers from this special unit of the Arlington Police Department. This unit deals with a variety of issues in a nonthreatening, compassionate way. We learned of programs available to the citizens of Arlington.

On November 11 PAD presented a Veteran’s Day Concert under the direction of our former Music Director Cindy Lou Hodges with narration by Artistic Director, Judy Duke. Joining PAD singers were the color guard from TCU and guest speakers Retired Col. USAF Maritta Sumner and Pastor Tom Beaty, USAF Retired. The program was well attended and AWC and Scholarships benefitted from the proceeds of \$1935.

Gospel and Country music artist Craig Murphy performed at our November meeting. He delighted and inspired our members with popular selections as well as those he had composed himself.



In December we welcomed the Prime Time Steppers from Miss Persis Studio under the direction of Persis Ann Forester. Our members wished that they could join in the singing and dancing! We were not finished celebrating the season so 23 members and guests met the next week at Elouise Perry’s home for shared snacks and lively conversation!

On January 4 PAD met at Piccolo Mondo for a Happy New Year lunch and planning for our Fundraiser performance in April.

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



We enjoyed a Christmas trunk show from our members at our last meeting. You will have to admit our ladies are talented. We are looking forward to a great January program and workshop from our own Joan Gregory doing the Four Patch Stack Posie! What a great start to 2024!



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

The fall was a busy and fun time for the members of Theory of Games. Each month a fun game was played and members found ways to help others. In October 42 stuffed animals were collected for Alliance for children, and in November donations were made for scholarships. At the December meeting, Vice-Chair Judy Johnson created a fun Christmas Jeopardy game that everyone enjoyed playing. Theory of Games meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30am, and each month a fun game is played. Everyone is welcomed to come join the fun!



Travel

Jan Taborsky, Chairperson

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