A MESSAGE from the President

By: Elouise Perry, AWC President

It is hard to believe that there are only five months until we end our current club year. Time goes by so quickly.

We had a wonderful Christmas Tea. Thank you to Joann Bender and Lynda Sherrieb. Our club continues to look beautiful thanks to Sandra Greenwood and Brenda Gordon and their committee.

We have several events on the horizon at AWC. The Community Service Committee is busy preparing for Spring Fling on Saturday, February 22, at 10:30. This is the time that our members prepare food bags for AISD students who may not have sufficient food during spring break. The goal of the committee is to raise $2400 to purchase the food for approximately 900 students. Please look for the donation box at your next department meeting or in the office. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please let me know. It is a really fun morning and certainly a worthy cause. A soup and salad lunch will be served.

Second Vice President for membership, Pat Rohloff, and her committee are busy preparing for the March 7th Open House for Prospective New Members. Please remember that we accept new members all during the year, so if you have a prospective member you would like to invite to the Open House, please contact Pat.

The Philanthropy Committee, headed by Karen English, is planning a Garden Party for our philanthropy event on Friday, March 27, at First United Methodist Church. The doors will open at 5:30 with dinner being served by Spring Creek Barbeque from 6:00 to 7:00.
If you plan to attend, please pick up your ticket from Jessica in the office so we have a count for Spring Creek. If you invite a guest, the $15 ticket can be purchased in the office as well.

As you can see, we have a busy spring ahead. I hope to see each of you at one or more of these events. Keep blooming!!

“Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace.”
MEMBERSHIP

By: Pat Rohloff, 2nd Vice-President

Seems we just had the hectic pace of the Holiday Season and now we are looking at Valentines! How fast the days pass by us! AWC has had a great year of New Members so far and we are looking forward to the promise of many more ladies to meet.

Since Opening Coffee we have welcomed 10 new members: In September - 5 new members, October - 1 new member, November - 3 new members and December – 1 new member. We are rolling right along!

Spring Open House for Prospective New Members is Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Forms are available in the office to fill out for anyone you would like to invite to attend.

Applications are always available in the business office if you have a friend who would like to join us. Remember only one sponsor is needed.

Thank you to all departments for welcoming and assimilating these new ladies each month. Your graciousness has been greatly appreciated.

This is midpoint in the club year. Please remember to attend 1 General Meeting (2 left) as a minimum and be a hostess 1 time in every department you have joined!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

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AWC GENERAL MEETINGS

By: Linda Black, 3rd Vice-President

I hope all of you that came to our February General Meeting enjoyed Lauren Harris the Co-Anchor of NBC5 Today. Our next General Meeting will be on Friday, April 3rd at 10:00. It is our AWC Business Meeting. We will not have a luncheon so you don’t have to buy a ticket, but we do ask that you RSVP in the Parlor by Friday, March 27th. The reason for this is so we know how many tables to set up and how many light refreshments we will need. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets that morning before the drawing at the meeting. We will draw one raffle ticket that will get their dues paid for 2020. The raffle tickets are the way that we fund the General Meetings. The money is used for speakers, decorations, and food. We really appreciate all of you that have already bought your raffle tickets. Don’t forget to RSVP in the Parlor for our April 3rd Business/General Meeting. See you there!
COMMUNITY SERVICES

By: Judy Johnson, Chairperson

A super big thank you ladies! We were able to deliver 51 presents to Oakwood nursing facility. The residents were excited as they were delivered. We also delivered a big bundle of stocking stuffers to Heritage Oaks. The usual toiletries, sandwiches and cookies and meals to the OPEN ARMS CLINIC have gone smoothly. Thanks for stepping up and helping. It takes all of us to fulfill our commitments.

We have another major commitment and that is to NEW DAY. This is an outreach program totally run by volunteers that provide food to area students who are in need. **February 22nd**, is the day we fill the bags for the students to have over Spring Break. Please join us at 10:30. It’s a fun event and when we’re finished the board will provide soup and salad. Hope to see you at the clubhouse. All our welcome!!!

Thanks again,

Judy Johnson

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PHILANTHROPY

By: Karen English, Chairperson

Our annual Philanthropy Event, “Let’s Go to A Garden Party”, will be on **Friday, March 27, 2020** at the First United Methodist Church (Division and Center). Tickets are currently on sale in the AWC office.

This year, monies raised will go to seniors, including one child of a Top O’ Hill Terrace.

Dinner is sponsored by Spring Creek Barbeque and entertainment will be provided by local musical artists Sara and the SaraTones.

Come join us for raffles, games and a silent auction with an array of unique and fun items. Let’s get together and welcome Spring by going to a “Garden Party”!!!!

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SCHOLARSHIP

By: Beverly Behgam and Linda Smith, Co-Chairs

The Scholarship Committee is hard at work evaluating applications for this year’s scholarships. Once again, we have close to one hundred applications from the six Arlington high school campuses. We thank everyone for their support of Scholarships which enables us to significantly help these amazing young adults achieve their dreams. **Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3rd**, and plan to attend our reception to see for yourself how amazing these students really are!
Scrip Orders/Deliveries – 2020

Orders by February 20th  Delivered on February 27th
Orders by March 12th  Delivered on March 19th
   Think Philanthropy Baskets! (Philanthropy – March 27th)

Orders by April 2nd  Delivered on April 9th
   Think Easter! (Easter – April 12th)

Orders by April 23rd  Delivered on April 30th
   Think Mother’s Day! (Mother’s Day – May 10th)

Orders by May 7th  Delivered on May 14th
   Think Graduation!

Orders by May 21st  Delivered on May 28th
   Think Father’s Day! (Father’s Day – June 21st)

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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!
DEPARTMENTAL NEWS…

ANTIQUE DEPARTMENT
Karen Ellen Anderson, Chairperson

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

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ART & DESIGN DEPARTMENT
Jackie Finch, 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

Art & Design had fun making Spring centerpieces in January!

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BIBLE/JOYFUL LIVING DEPARTMENT
Helen Bailey, 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 met Monday, January 23. After a delicious lunch of homemade soup and salad, the attendees enjoyed delicious desserts provided by hostesses, Maureen Mathis, Betty Whitaker, Carol Boring, and Sandra Reams. Our guest speaker, Don Hughes took us expertly down and through the “Rabbit Trails of the Bible”.

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The Book Review Department had a delightful December meeting with Susan Boone as our speaker. She presented “The Other Alcott” by Elise Hooper. We all were entertained by this different perspective from the sister of “Little Women” author, Louisa May Alcott.

AWC BOOK REVIEW DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU TO OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 4
12:30 p.m., A Soup & Sandwich Lunch; 1:00 p.m.
Ticket Required: $10.00

Our speaker will be Kathleen Cunningham who will review “Before the Parade Passes By-The Life of Marge & Gower Champion”
By John Anthony Gilvey

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BRIDGE

DUPLICATE BRIDGE DEPARTMENT
Jane Clark, 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
Edna Collins, Chairperson

Meets First and Third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Dues are $4.00 – Cost Per Meeting is $3.00
In January the Creative Living Department went on a field trip to the UTA Libraries Special Collections on the 6th floor. It was quite a feat for any of us to attend! It was cold, rainy, and a short walk from the parking garage (free spots given to us by Brenda-thx so much!). We McClurkin, Department Head Ben Huseman, an Expert speciality in History. After we wiped wet boots, and carefully McClurkin divided us into two Huseman guiding us to view as1495 including Texas. And she explained and give the exhibits highlighted in the Worth Star-Telegram editorial cartoons gifted to UTA from AWC members). It was were full of all the new facts, depicting our area as well as trips ever! You definitely need to go more than one time. Many thanks to Freda Thornton and Ann Schroeder for great planning and the ladies who forged ahead in the soggy weather.

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 & Gourmet continues to have a great year with wonderful programs. We were joyfully entertained in December by the very talented Lamar High School Show Choir.

Our January meeting will start the new year on a healthy note with our own, Linda Brookshire, presenting “Cooking Healthy Meals”.

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

There’s always a beginner’s table at Mah Jongg. Here Annette Schlaf, Cynthia Berend, Lana Ogden, and Gail Burdine enjoy a game at the December meeting.

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NIGHT DEPARTMENT  
Sharon Dougherty, Chairperson

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

The Night Department is having a fun year! In October we made fleece blankets, which were donated to Project Linus to comfort children in local hospitals. In November we were entertained and enlightened by Dave Tanner, a popular Dallas singer and musician. He played the piano and sang many of our favorite Christmas songs after presenting a short interesting and intriguing history before introducing each one. In December we enjoyed another fabulous Christmas dinner party at the Shady Valley Country Club. Members returned Christmas stockings filled with presents which were later taken to a local nursing home for residents who have no family to give them gifts for Christmas. In January we enjoyed a slide show of many beautiful and fascinating pictures taken at our nation’s National Parks along with interesting personal narratives by Fort Worth professional photographer David Hares, who has traveled over 50,000 miles exploring and photographing U.S. National Parks.

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PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT  
Pat Trementozzi, Chairperson

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

In November Performing Arts presented a Veterans’ Day program for the residents of Town Village Crossing. For the November PAD Meeting, we welcomed the “Wise Guy” Al Fike, a Christian author, comedian, minister and musician.

In December PAD performed “A Politically Incorrect Christmas" for the Encore Club Red Dress Luncheon and "Gospel Homecoming" for residents of Heartis Senior Living. Our December meeting was very festive with a performance by the Arlington High School Choraliers.
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

Quilts, Etc. Department met in January with a Trunk Show Program by our very own member Carolyn Bowden, a master quilter. She shared her story of how she began quilting and showed many of her beautiful quilts - each one more amazing than the one before.

Some of the ladies showed off their Schlep Bags they learned to make at the October retreat which was led by Barbara Cain.

THEORY OF GAMES OLD & NEW DEPARTMENT
Cheryl Pauley, Chairperson

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

Ladies playing Holiday Trivia in December and Crazy Bridge in January!

TRAVEL DEPARTMENT
Cheryl Illingworth, Chairperson

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