



February 2020



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President's Message



Dear Friends,

Oh Happy Day!! **In January, the state of Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.** In 1972 the United States Congress sent the ERA to the states with a seven-year ratification window. That deadline was pushed to 1982, but that deadline passed with still only 35 of the 38 states ratifying the amendment. Now that 38 states have ratified the ERA, a bill has been introduced to eliminate the deadline for ratification and if the bill passes Congress would allow the ERA to become part of the Constitution. More to come as these efforts unfold over the coming months.

I welcome new AAUW national member Corai Jackson. Corai is a graduate student enrolled as a doctoral student at the LSU School of Leadership and Human Resource Development. She joined AAUW National through the College and University partnership program and will be joining us over the next months at some of the branch events. Please join me in extending Corai a warm welcome to AAUW.

Take advantage of the extra day this leap year February and **join your AAUW colleagues at a "Meet and Greet"** over coffee and pastries at La Madeline, Perkins Rowe from 10:00 – 11:30 am on Saturday, February 29th. Dutch treat coffee and food of your choice in the private room with guests encouraged. Hope to see many of you there!

Contact JiJi Jonas or Valerie Jackson-Jones if you are willing to serve on the branch board. We only meet once a month and your branch needs your help if we are to continue fulfilling the AAUW mission of improving the life of women and girls in our community and state and nation.

Look for more on upcoming branch events in the next President's letter and as always review the newsletter for all our interest group activities in the coming month.

Until next month,

June Klimash

AAUW LOUISIANA

**2nd Annual Legislative
Kick-Off Brunch**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020
11am to 2 pm**

See page 3 for details.

**AAUW Baton Rouge branch monthly board meeting
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12
Bluebonnet Library
All members are invited.**

**Leap Day Meet and Greet
10-11:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, February 29
Private Room at La Madeleine (Perkins Rowe)**

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and
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Jackson-Jones**

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Morning Book Club

Monday, February 17
10:00 a.m.

at the home of

Suzanne Vincent

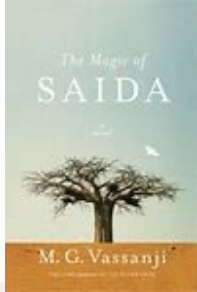
1648 Longwood Drive

The Magic of Saida

by M.G. Vassanji

Reviewer: **Suzanne Vincent**
RSVP

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Evening Book Club

Wednesday, February 5
6:30p.m.

Bluebonnet Library

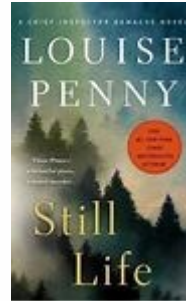
Still Life

by Louise Penny

Reviewer: **Margot Kiehuss**

RSVP **Ann Sperry**

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Gourmet



Southdowns Mardi Gras
Parade Watch
at the home of

JiJi and Larry Jonas

1630 Carl Avenue

6:00 p.m. Friday, February 19
Bring your favorite appetizer or
sweet and adult beverage. We
will have water, tea, and coffee.

RSVP

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Great Decisions

*Climate Change
and the Global Order*

Discussion Leader:

Anne Campbell

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 pm
at the home of

Suzanne Besse

1242 Aurora Place

Tara Subdivision

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Leap Day Meet and Greet Saturday, February 29
10:00-11:30 a.m. La Madeleine at Perkins Rowe

Dutch treat visit for all members of
AAUW BR branch and guests



Chuck and Judy Nielson, Carolyn Stutts, JiJi and Larry Jonas, Pam Baldwin, and Lorraine Day were among Gourmet participants who celebrated Costa Rican cuisine at the Jonas home January 18.

Campus Study

There will not be a February 27 meeting but we will meet on March 26. Summer Steib director of the LSU Women's Center will be our speaker. BUT we need you to make a decision. She can either speak to us at Juban's or we can go to the Women's Center on campus for a tour of the facility and more. Note that it is during Spring Break so there will not be parking issues. Also note that the lunch would be scaled down as we would bring in basically box lunches. In addition, we had voted at the annual meeting to find another location for Campus Study due to the inconsistency of Juban's, however they have made numerous changes and since then the quality of food and service have risen. So, I'd like to ask you to reply to the following 2 questions:

1 March 26 meeting – meet at Juban's or meet at the Women's Center at LSU?

2. For future Campus Study meetings - continue to meet at Juban's or move to another restaurant? (Please send some ideas of options. Consider that Juban's is quite centrally located.)

Please reply to me at aaubatonrouge@gmail.com

AAUW LOUISIANA

2nd Annual Legislative Kick-Off Brunch Sunday, March 8, 2020 11am to 2 pm

The *Keynote Speaker* will be Judy Perry Martinez, Esq., President of the American Bar Association, with introduction by newly elected State Representative Mandy Landry.

Tickets are not on sale yet but can be reserved with June Klimash to sit at an AAUW table. Stay tuned for a further announcement as details are finalized.

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23	24 Happy birthday to Sylvia Martinez 	25 Happy birthday to Margot Kiehfuss 	26	27	28	29 Leap Day Meet & Greet 