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Welcome to November. November represents change in Louisiana, as we approach the beginning of some cooler fall weather and the ending of hurricane season. I do hope Zeta is our last storm of a busy 2020 season. We also are in a US Presidential election year this November and that adds another dimension to the month.

The Baton Rouge branch of AAUW will celebrate the end of voting for the US President with a **"Post-Voting Happy Hour"** on **Wednesday, November 4th** at **5:00 pm** via **Zoom**. Mix up and pour your favorite drink and join your fellow members for some purely fun, social time. Please see the newsletter for more details on this event.

Despite the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, your local Baton Rouge branch of AAUW has continued to offer interest group activities and special events, both virtually and in some limited cases outdoors in a safe and socially distanced way. See the newsletter for details on interest group activities and other special events.

I wish you all a **Happy Thanksgiving**. The many challenges of 2020 have made me immensely grateful for the friends I have made in AAUW. You are truly amazing women who work hard to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

Mask up and stay safe.

Until next month,

June Klimash



Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom
All members are welcome.



AAUW BR member **Suzanne Besse** provided us with a link to the BR Votes election guide.

<https://www.brvotes.org/>

Take advantage of this resource and then vote !

Who knew before 2020 and the pandemic that early voting would be so attractive? Distributing the number of voters on any single day could ease the burden of social distancing. If you qualified for voting by mail, we hope you returned your ballot soon after you received it since the postal service has experienced delays. Those of us who have lived through this public health situation will likely long remember THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 2020. Now prepare to be patient. Final results, which are never really final for any election on the day of the election because votes must be officially promulgated, will likely take longer to be tallied than previously.





Sending Good Wishes



Our member **Gail Johnson** has been under the weather lately. We join in sending her our best wishes and reminding her that we are thinking of her. We hope she will feel well again soon and rejoin us on Zoom. We miss you!

Asking You to Consider Serving as an Officer in the Future

Since new officers were installed at our annual meeting conducted by Zoom, we have been highlighting the responsibilities of officers so you may be informed and motivated to serve. Refer to newsletters published in May, June, and August for information about president, vice-president, and treasurer. This month we are featuring the secretary's slot.

Members are invited to shadow a current officeholder to gain an appreciation for how more of us may be involved in the leadership of the group we all enjoy. Newer members may not have considered service as an officer yet, but AAUW Baton Rouge's branch will need you soon. Likewise, long time members who have served previously may be willing to share the experience they garnered as officers in the past or to accept a new and different challenge. Thank you for considering what you can do to sustain our branch before the nominating committee meets next year.

Job Description for Nominations Committee Members of AAUW Baton Rouge

For this position, it's obvious. You recruit willing members to serve as officers. There are two elected committee members and one board appointed member. Nominating committee members serve for two years. Certain offices are filled every other year. Members also serve on the organization's board.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

Reminder from Our Treasurer

Thanks to the many of you for paying your dues on time. For the few who have not, you'll see electronic and in some cases snail mail letters soon with dues paying info. We don't want to lose you and I know you don't want to stop supporting AAUW.

Thanks,

Pam Baldwin

Dues - National: \$ 59

Dues - State: \$ 12

Dues - Branch: \$ 18

Total Dues: \$ 89

If you would like to pay by check, please send the check for \$89 payable to AAUW BR to :

Pam Baldwin

Treasurer, AAUW Baton Rouge

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Baton Rouge, LA 70810-4543.

AAUW Baton Rouge Branch

invites you to a

**Post-Voting Happy Hour
the day after election day**

Wednesday, November 4

5:00 p.m.

by Zoom.



**Please join us to socialize with friends.
Whether you have participated in a campaign
or you only vote and wait,
it will be time for a get together
with others who share our mission
to advocate for girls and women
and who participate in local interest groups.**

**If you would like to share your personal recipe
for your favorite tasty toast,
please send it to Vice-President Julie Sukkar.
If you will cc: all members, we will be
informed voters after the November 7 deadline
for submissions.**



Reminder : Kicking off an initiative we
have mentioned before

Meetup

Meetup is an online social networking portal that facilitates offline group activities. People who share a particular interest connect through the social-networking website Meetup. It is available for Apple and Windows computers and iPhone and Android phones (probably not available for flip phones).

Downloading and using the app is free for the user.

Individuals can search for groups based on interests. They can join the Meetup group to become involved in that organization. Note that this is not the same as joining AAUW. See [Meetup](#) for more details.

Our board has agreed to try meetup for a half a year. The cost for this is paid by the organizing organization – us. The cost is \$98.94/half year, or nearly \$200/year.

This app is used by many younger people, especially those new to an area. Since we are looking for new members, we want to try this for a half a year (the shortest available membership) to see if it attracts new, and especially younger members. We will evaluate before the renewal date and if it has not helped attract new members, we will not renew.

Thank you for supporting AAUW Baton Rouge in this outreach.

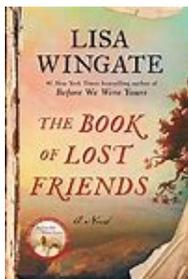


Evening Book Group

The Book of Lost Friends
by Lisa Wingate

Wednesday, November 4
6:30 p.m.

Reviewer: **Carolyn Stutts**



All AAUW BR branch members are welcome to meet with us. **Morning Book Group members are especially encouraged to meet with us.** We will meet by Zoom until further notice. RSVP Ann Sperry or Catherine Roundtree

Campus Study



Because Campus Study involves gathering for lunch to hear a speaker, it is on hiatus as covid statistics nationwide are not conducive to meeting in person. If you have suggestions for managing this interest group, please get in touch with one of the co-leaders whose contact information follows.

Mary Francis or Pam Baldwin

Morning Book Group

The group is not currently meeting. Members are invited to meet with the Evening Book Club by Zoom.

To contact any on this page, send email to aauwbatonrouge@gmail.com

Great Decisions



Tuesday, November 17
6:30 p.m. on Zoom
China and Latin America
Reading begins on page 65.
Discussion Leader,
Anne Campbell
RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Gourmet Tail Gate Fun !



Saturday, November 14
11:00 a.m.
Home of
Judy and Chuck Nielson
on the deck or
in case of rain
indoors with 6 ft. spacing
9715 Greenwich Avenue
RSVP **Judy Nielson** for details
as to menu and whether you will
participate.

Continuing thanks to **JiJi Jonas** who has provided us with photos of the Gourmet interest group throughout the mostly stay at home period this year.

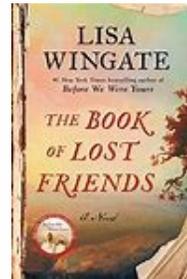


The Masked Ladies of AAUW Gourmet Group: Judy Nielson, Cathy Roundtree, JiJi Jonas and Margot Kiehffuss. Not pictured were **Chuck Nielson** and **Larry Jonas.** AAUW Gourmet Group met on Saturday, October 24 at Independence Park for Breakfast in the Park. Judy Neilson brought pumpkin bread to share with the group .

Would you like to join the Evening Book Club ?

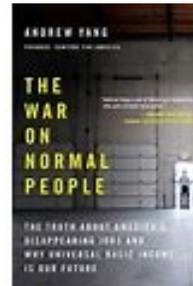
The AAUW Evening Book Group generally meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Unless otherwise indicated, the group will meet by Zoom. The schedule for the 2020 – 2021 year follows:

Carolyn Stutts will review *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate on November 4.

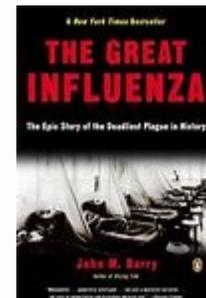


There will be no meeting in December.

Margo Brault will review *The War on Normal People* by Andrew Yang on January 6.



Susan Smolinsky will review *The Great Influenza* by John Berry on February 5.



Cathy Roundtree will review *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson on March 3.



Anne Campbell will review *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson on April 7.



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Post- Voting Happy Hour followed by Evening Book Club	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14
15 Happy Birthday to Delores Dyer 	16	17 Great Decisions	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday to Margaret Moore 	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29	30					