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Book Group

Wednesday, October 11
Time/Place TBD

The Chancellor:
The Remarkable Odyssey
of Angela Merkel
by Kati Marton



Discussion Leader:
Carolyn Stutts
RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Gourmet

Saturday, October 28
7:15 p.m.

at City Park
Movie & Music on the Lawn
1921 classic movie
The Cabinet of Dr. Calgari



Horror music compiled by
Baton Rougean Ben Living
Bring your own lawn chair, food,
and drink

RSVP **JiJi Jonas**

Movie will not begin until dark,
but you should arrive by 7:15 to
find the group and RSVP to JiJi
so the group will know to be
watching for you.

Insights



Great Decisions

China and the U.S.
Tuesday, October 17
6 :30 p.m. by Zoom

Discussion Leader:
Suzanne Besse
RSVP **Melanie Hanley**



If you have not paid dues which were due June 30 yet, search email for a Monday, April 24 message from Katrina Breese, AAUW for a personalized opportunity to pay online with a credit card or send a check to **Rebecca Triche**, branch treasurer.

Attention! You received an email from **Pam Baldwin** Monday, Aug.28 requesting volunteers to assist with a LA Office of Women's Health Summit to be held October 3 & 4 to support AAUW's goal of supporting girls and women in the Greater Baton Rouge community. **June Klimash** and **Pam Baldwin** have volunteered. Pam asks that others join them. See page 4 of this newsletter for further information.

Insights, traditionally lunch and a speaker, will not meet in October but will resume in the future.. Earlier this year we were privileged to hear from two of last year's three scholarship recipients about their doctoral studies. The presentations were inspiring. We awarded six scholarships most recently. **Mary Francis** and **Pam Baldwin** are working to secure some of this year's awardees to join us to discuss their own Ph.D. programs. See page 3 for a sneak peak intro to two of them.

Coming...Book Club

TIME AND LOCATION OR ZOOM OPTION ARE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Wednesday, November 8

Castes: the Origins of Our Discontents

by Isabel Wilkerson

(previously postponed)

Discussion leader: ***Eileen Kennedy***

There will be no meeting in December.

Wednesday, January 11, 2024

The Girl in His Shadow

by Audrey Blake

Discussion Leader: ***Mary Francis***

February going forward to be announced.

Coming...Gourmet

November

To be determined taking advantage of events at the Baton Rouge Gallery including silent movies and a gallery opening with a band. Details closer to the dates.

December 2, 6:30 pm

Dinner at the home of **Pam** and **Greg Baldwin**.

January

Dinner at the home of **Judy** and **Chuck Nielson**

February

Dinner and viewing the Southdowns Mardi Gras Parade hosted by **JiJi** and **Larry Jonas**

March

Flavors of San Miguel themed dinner at the home of **Carolyn** and **Charles Stutts** co-hosted by **Ann Sperry**

April

Dinner at the home of **Margot Kiehfuss**

May

Dinner at the home of **Lorraine** and **Donal Day**

Note: Participants who attend dinner in a private home will request a recipe from the hostess to prepare and bring to contribute to the meal.

All members are invited but they must RSVP in advance, either to the hostess or the designee who will make the restaurant reservation.

Coming...^{PAGE 3}Great Decisions

No meeting November nor December

January War Crimes Led by **Anne Campbell**

Great Decisions reading materials are published on a calendar year schedule. We will discuss new topics beginning in February 2024. Titles of topics have already been published for 2024. They are:

Mideast Realignment

Climate Technology and Competition

Science across Borders

U.S. and China Trade Rivalry

NATO's Future

Understanding Indonesia

High Seas Treaty / Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty

Pandemic Preparedness

Meet Two Recipients of the Eleanor Earle Scholarship 2023

My research will consist of speaking with Black mothers about their lived experiences post-COVID to determine what effects the pandemic has had on all aspects of their health and relationships and how social media influenced those experiences. The work of gathering firsthand accounts about the health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black mothers, told by a Black mother, will add to the body of health communication literature in a way that can't be wholly captured quantitatively. It will offer important insights into how Black women's mental and physical health, professional, interpersonal, and environmental well-being — and the trickledown effect on their children — might have been altered since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, while I will submit this research to peer-reviewed research journals, I will also situate this work in non-academic mediums so the paywalls of academia aren't additional barriers to accessing data that could inform future health education and communication campaigns. Furthermore, I will identify social media sources that Black mothers trust and engage with, help elevate media representation for this population, and inform healthcare policy changes. Thank you!

Hope Hickerson, MA, MCHES
 PhD Student, Public Relations and Media
 Manship School of Mass Communication
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I am in my final stages as a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Louisiana State University, with a minor in African & African American Studies. My research areas are grounded in race and ethnicity, criminology, media, Black motherhood, and gun violence. Specifically, my research focuses on how Black mothers who have lost children to gun violence are represented in the media and overall media portrayals of Black victims. My dissertation draws upon rigorous, comprehensive, and robust qualitative data to examine issues of Black motherhood, victimization of Black men and women, media portrayals of Black men and women, and state sanctioned gun violence. I recently defended my dissertation prospectus and am on track to defend my dissertation in Spring 2024. My dissertation research, titled: "Black Survivorship and Victimization: An Investigation of Media Portrayals on Black Bodies and State Sanctioned Gun Violence" investigates the extent to which media are central in the perpetuation and dissemination in the portrayals of Black victims and examines the effects of gun violence on marginalized Black communities. Thank you.

Mahalia C. Crawford, M.A.
 Doctoral Candidate
 2023-24 AAUW Fellow
 Louisiana BOR/SREB Doctoral Fellow
 Department of Sociology
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AAUW Louisiana was asked to help recruit volunteers to assist with this health summit. See page one of this newsletter (red print box) for directions to the mail message **Pam Baldwin** sent to all of us asking us to consider helping as we are able.

Pam says more volunteers are needed. She asks that you consider participating, especially if you're a morning riser and can volunteer for a morning shift. The volunteer form was sent by email on September 26 at 4:41 pm. If you need another copy, please email Pam Baldwin.



SAVE THE DATE

2023 HEALTH SUMMIT

ADVANCING POPULATION HEALTH, EQUITY, AND WELL-BEING
CONTINUING OUR PROGRESS TOWARD LA40BY2030 WITH A FOCUS ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

OCTOBER 3-4, 2023 CONVENES AT 1:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 3, 2023
2023HEALTHSUMMIT.EVENTBRITE.COM

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, EMAIL
INFO@LAHEALTHTHEQUITY.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



AAUW BR is a partner of the Inter-Civic Council of BR which sponsors the Golden Deeds award each year. Our representatives to the council are **Aileen Hendricks** and **Eileen Kennedy**.

JiJi Jonas and her husband represent another organization with which they are active. Philanthropist and fundraiser **Frank McArthur** will be honored on Tuesday, November 14. See the story at

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/philanthropist-fundraiser-is-golden-deeds-award-winner/article_d18d83c4-5310-11ee-b79a-c3e8259e3d6c.html

Purchase tickets by emailing Richard Flicker flicker@premier.net



Honoring Philanthropy Since 1942

The Golden Deeds award is the most prestigious award in the Greater Baton Rouge area. Since its inception in 1942, it has been awarded to only one outstanding recipient each year for philanthropic service to the community. The actions and service of the recipients have made the community a better place to live and work.

The Golden Deeds Award nominations include the nine-parish Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area which covers East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, Livingston, St. Helena, East Feliciana, West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee.

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR OUR 2023 GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD RECIPIENT

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Explain why your nominee should receive the Golden Deeds Award. Tell us in your own words about the most memorable things they've done in service to the community.

Tell us how their actions touched your heart; how they made a difference.

Give specific examples of what they've done.

Maximum of 750 words.

Nominations must meet specific requirements to be considered.

SAVE THE DATE: GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 • BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT

Tickets \$50 each • Group tables available

To purchase tickets, contact

Richard Flicker at flicker@premier.net or 225-931-1626

RECIPIENTS OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS

2008.....Frances Bennett	2013.....Vera H. Martin	2018.....Donna Britt
2009.....Sue Turner	2014.....Whitney Vann	2019.....Gerard Ruth
2010.....Gary Mockler	2015.....Donna Saurage	2020.....Rosario Martina
2011.....Richard Lipsey	2016.....Marvin Borgmeyer	2021.....Mike Rolfsen, M.D.
2012.....G. Lee Griffin	2017.....Cordell Haymon	2022.....Ralph Bender

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**THE
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Mail nomination letters to
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October 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>Happy birthday to Jan Koellen</i> 	2	3	4 <i>Happy birthday To Mary Francis</i> 	5	6	7
2-day 2023 Health Summit						
8	9	10	11 <i>Book Group</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Great Decisions</i>	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Happy birthday to Marjorie Green</i> 	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Gourmet Happy birthday to Carolyn Stutts</i> 
29 <i>Happy birthday to Katherine Spillman</i> 	30	31		Coming Tuesday, November 14: Golden Deeds Award Banquet		