

## AAUW Texas Outstanding New Member of the Year Helen Santire

Helen Santire is an outstanding AAUW new branch member. Helen joined the West County Branch in September 2022 and promptly jumped in, offering her time and talent. Helen is dynamic, enthusiastic and a force to be reckoned with. She immediately became an active member of the WHC branch by joining and participating in numerous activities and attended all branch meetings to familiarize herself with AAUW mission and priorities. In her first year she enthusiastically accepted any request for help from branch members. One of her first-year accomplishments was being a leader in the holiday planning committee.

Helen wanted to use her fundraising skills to enhance the AAUW mission and accepted a board position as a Vice President of AAUW Funds for 2023-2025. As fundraising vice president, she attended the state fundraising zoom meetings and also the HUB zoom meeting to learn more about the workings of AAUW. She is currently working on innovative ways to increase our funds. She is enthusiastic about AAUW and has helped recruit 4 new members. She is also serving on this year's nominating committee.

Helen is a retired math teacher. She is a member of the Daughter of Penelope and organized a major fundraiser event for her chapter. She is also on the board of AIA Houston (Archeology Institute).

Helen is a strong supporter of AAUW and wants to use her many skills to enhance AAUW's mission. She is a wonderful example of qualities that define an outstanding new member.

“For the last 30 years of a 53-year teaching career, I taught at an all-girls high school where I strove to have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of my “girls”. How could I encourage other young women to reach for the stars? The answer was simple. Join AAUW!” Quote from Helen.

Please consider Helen Santire for AAUW TX outstanding new member. She epitomizes what all organizations want from a new member.