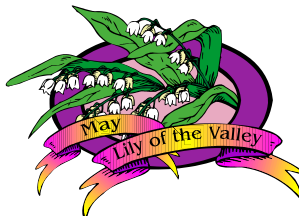




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President's Corner - Wrapping it Up!



Each branch year can seem like a race. We have the finish line in sight once again! This newsletter comes when we have completed our spring fundraiser and had the April General Meeting, where new officers have been elected. We can be thankful for the continuity in our leadership and our dedicated members' contributions.

*We appreciate all the planning and hard work that went into our **Silent Auction with Food & Wine**, held April 6 at Times Ten Cellars!*

*Coming up next will be our **TX State Convention, April 25-27**, in Hurst, and the opportunity for networking, new ideas, and leadership training.*

*We look forward to the **May 21st Annual Celebration and Installation of New Officers** in the new meeting room at Buffalo West. Kathryn Bryan plans to lead us in a lively installation ceremony. All our new members are especially encouraged to come and share in this time of spirited community. Guests are also welcome to attend this event! -- Tina*

MAY 21st BRANCH MEETING

Installation of New Officers and Yearend Celebration Meeting

will be held at **Buffalo West**, 7101 Camp Bowie Blvd West. The event will take place from **6 to 8 pm on May 21st**. Please join us as we **celebrate** this year's accomplishments and **look forward** to next year. **RSVP's required by Monday, May 19, 6 pm**, to Karen Vanderwerken, karenavtx@gmail.com. **Include your Menu Choice A, B, or C.** See the event flyer for details on the menu. Bring a friend!



VISION STATEMENT

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.



The May Board Meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 7th, 5:30 pm, again at The Stayton, ground floor, Green Room. Many thanks again to BJ Hoskins for hosting us. Karen will lead the meeting in Tina's absence. In appreciation to the Stayton for hosting us, our members are making donations of good quality, gently used books to their Library.

Named Gift Nominations – Due by May 1!

Please take time to honor our members who have served so faithfully this year by making your nominations for our **Named Gifts to the Educational Opportunities Fund (EF)**. Our branch traditionally honors a few members this way each year. We make each donation of \$500 to the EF in the name of an outstanding member.



Barbara Cager, Co-VP AAUW Funds, is now accepting nominations for these **Named Gifts**. Please submit a short letter or email to Barbara stating the reasons for the nomination, following the criteria: The member shall have made a unique contribution in one or more of the following areas: The Tarrant County Branch of AAUW, their community, or their profession. All nominations are made in secret and must be received by May 1. The selected honorees will be announced at the May Branch Meeting. (For more information, see page 44 of the Yearbook.)

Fundraising Updates

Silent Auction with Food & Wine



Our annual **Silent Auction with Food & Wine**, held **April 6th** at [Times Ten Cellars](#), was a **huge success because of all of you!** Our sincere gratitude is extended to the wonderful AAUW members who solicited and contributed auction items, as well as our fantastic Fundraising Committee who worked tirelessly planning, organizing and implementing the event. We especially thank Barbara Cager, Co-VP AAUW Funds, who provided overall leadership to the event and Ann Bracey, Co-VP AAUW Funds who coordinated the donation of lovely

theme gift baskets and trays for auction. Bravo to Liz Stepp, who organized the delicious food! We appreciated having members bring their friends and family to make this a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you also to all the members who could not attend, but made donations to this fundraiser for the charitable distribution. If you did not get an opportunity to donate earlier, it is not too late.

Current income after expenses from the Silent Auction Fundraiser stands at \$4,035.00.

In June at the close of our fiscal year, we will be making distributions as follows from our total funds raised:

- 35% to Tarrant County College Scholarships,
- 30% to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund,
- 10% to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund,
- 10% to Leadership Training and Conventions,
- 10% to the Sister to Sister Summit,
- And 5% is retained for Administrative Costs in next year's budget.

2014 Bouquet of the Month Cards



Many thanks for your efforts in selling the 2014 Bouquet of the Month Cards, enabling us to exceed our sales goals! *Please turn in any further proceeds and unsold cards to Finance VP Peggy Harwood.* Remember these bouquets are not available the week before major holidays: Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please continue to shop at Sally's to show your appreciation!

Current income after expenses from the Bouquet of the Month Cards stands at \$4,186.

2014 – 2015 OFFICER INSTALLATION

The following **Slate of Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch 2014-2015** was presented by the *Nominating Committee* and elected at the April Branch Meeting. They will be installed at the **May 21st Branch Meeting:**

President	Karen Vanderwerken
President-Elect	Barbara Cager
Program VP (remaining 1 year term)	Jane Parris
Membership VP	Orlew Lauger
Secretary	MarJoe Barnhart
Finance Co-VP (remaining 1 year term)	Peggy Hendon
AAUW Funds Co-VP (remaining 1 year term)	Barbara Gollagher



Continuing Officers with 1 more year to complete their terms:

Finance Co-VP	Peggy Harwood
AAUW Funds Co-VP	Ann Bracey

Community Projects

COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTING – May 29

The Community Service Group will finish the year with a lunch outing to support the "One World Everybody Eats Foundation" at their non-profit café in Arlington: **Potager Café**, 315 S. Mesquite, Arlington, 817.861.2292, cash only. Most suggested meal prices are around \$12. The group will meet to carpool from the Central Market parking lot on Hulen, close to World Market, at 10:30 am Thursday, May 29. Dress is "university student casual." Please rsvp to Susan Brinkley sujebrinkley@gmail.com. oneworldeverybodyeatsfoundation.org

VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE WALK – April 12, 2014



Our branch was well represented at the 18th Annual Victory over Violence Walk/Run on April 12th, benefitting The Women's Center. Our AAUW team included Pat Auping and her son Jonathan (running the 5K), Mary and Warner Bailey, Tricia Deitz, Emelia Hoefle, and Randi and Mark Thistlethwaite. This year, we joined forces with the team of Susan Fine, a former member of our branch and past director of Public Relations at The Women's Center. There were

close to 3000 participants this year, and the good weather and enthusiasm of all there made it a perfect morning to get some exercise while supporting the mission and programs of The Women's Center.

Interest Groups

OUT TO LUNCH

Let's Celebrate in Joy Together!

Please Join the May *Out to Lunch Bunch*
In honor of member **MarJoe Barnhart**

As we share the excitement and anticipation
Of the June arrival of **Baby Baron Barnhart**

Wed, May 14th, at 11:30am

*Macaluso's Italian Restaurant**

RSVP to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Sun, May 12th.

Other optional info:

Wish to be a part of group gift? Contact
lstepp@sbcglobal.net

Or bring your own lovely contribution of joy.
Registry at BabysRUs & Amazon

Or just come for lunch to celebrate together!



**Macaluso's Italian Restaurant is located at 2443 Forest Park Blvd*

BUNKO BUDDIES - APRIL

Please join us for a fun evening of Bunko at the home of Liz Stepp, *T&P Owner's Lounge*, 221 W Lancaster Ave (south downtown) at **7:00 pm, on Wednesday, April 23rd**. Your **RSVP** is requested by noon on Tuesday, April 22nd by email to LStepp@sbcglobal.net. I will send you more info including parking information. \$5 per player is collected for Bunko winners, and bringing a munchie to share is optional! Cold drinks & water will be provided. ***All are welcome, and bring a friend who might be interested in joining AAUW!***





GOURMET GROUP

Carlotta Norman will host the next Gourmet Group dinner on **Saturday, April 26 at 7 pm**. The theme is "Real French!" There is room for a few new participants. For more details, please contact Carlotta at cknorman@att.net. To learn more about this group, contact leader Eva Isbell at emisbell@aol.com.

Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

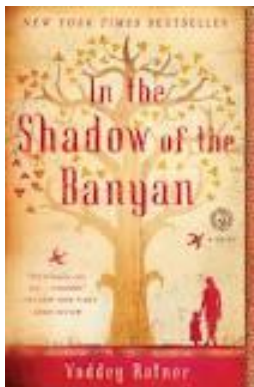
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

You are welcome **on Monday, Apr 21st, at 10:00am** at the home of Tricia Deitz, where we will discuss *The Slave Across the Street*, by Theresa Flores. Many people in the United States think that human trafficking only happens on foreign soil...not within our own country's borders. T. Flores shares how she, as an American teenager, was enslaved into the dangerous world of sex trafficking while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit. This will be a disturbing read, but important to raise awareness of human trafficking and its devastating consequences.

All are welcome **by RSVP** to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, Apr 18th.



May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month:

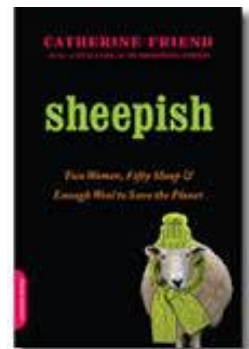


Please join us on **Monday, May 19th, at 10:00am** at the home of Karen Vanderwerken where we will discuss *In the Shadow of the Banyan*, by V. Ratner. "For seven-year-old Raami, the shattering end of childhood begins with the footsteps of her father returning home in the early dawn hours bringing details of the civil war that has overwhelmed the streets of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Soon the family's world of carefully guarded royal privilege is swept up in the chaos of revolution and forced exodus."

Please join us by **RSVP** to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, May 16th.

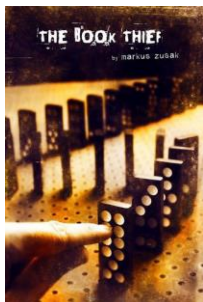
June is LGBT Month:

You are welcome on **Monday, June 16th**, at 10:00am, when Berry Bock will lead us in a discussion of *Sheepish: Two Women, Fifty Sheep, and Enough Wool to Save the Planet*, by Catherine Friend. "A funny, thoughtful romp about sheep, shepherding, farming, and surviving your passion!" All are welcome **by RSVP** to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, June 13th. Location TBD.



Adelante! will take a break in the months of July and August, then resume in September. Email Liz Stepp at lstepp@sbcglobal.net if you would like to be added to the Interest Group email.

LITERATURE GROUP BOOK CLUB



May Literature Group will be hosted by Kay Yount on **Monday, May 12**, at 7:30 pm. Carlotta Norman will be reviewing ***The Book Thief***, by [Markus Zusak](#).

"Set in 1939 Nazi Germany, this unforgettable story is about the ability of books to feed the soul."

Please **RSVP** to Kay at kjyount2@sbcglobal.net.

Membership News

Please welcome the following **five** new members who joined in March and April:

Frieda Cooper, griloco@sbcglobal.net, November 20th birthday. Frieda has a BS in Business from Le Tourneau University and is retired from working in banking and finance. Frieda was attracted to AAUW by a friend and Karen Vanderwerken. Her interests include book clubs, cultural outings, gourmet, out-to-lunch, and dining out.

Avis Herndon, November 20th birthday. Avis earned both BS and MS degrees from UNT and is retired from teaching in the Fort Worth Independent School District. Avis was attracted to AAUW by Jane Bruckner. Her interests include book clubs, community service, and writing. She is also interested in the communications/public relations and hospitality committees.

Gloria Morris, gmclyde@sbcglobal.net, October 24th birthday. Gloria has both BBA and MBE degrees in Business Education from UNT and is a retired teacher. She is a life member of AAUW and is a prior member of branches in Odessa, Arlington, Barrington, IL, Long Beach, and Warsaw, IN. She was recruited to our branch by Paula Harbour and was attracted to AAUW by people and women's rights. Her interests include book clubs, cultural outings, gourmet, the Out to Lunch group, and Bunko. The hospitality committee is of interest to her.

Patricia (Pat) M. Richards, richpm50@sbcglobal.net, October 29th birthday. Pat has a BS in Education from UT Austin and a MEd in Counseling from TCU. She works as a counselor at Arlington Heights High School. A former member of AAUW in Arlington, she was attracted to our branch by her friend, Gloria Morris, another new member. The Gourmet and Bunko interest groups appeal to Pat, and she is interested in helping with the hospitality committee.

Judy Wood, jwwriting@gmail.com, March 30th birthday. Judy has a BA in Literature and English Composition from Queens University of Charlotte and is a semi-retired writer and editor. She was attracted to AAUW by Dawn Ellison and Karen Vanderwerken through their association in the League of Women Voters. Judy has many interests but due to limited time she currently would like to participate in Community Service, the Out to Lunch group and the Public Policy committee.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES INFORMATION

Remember to renew your AAUW-TCB membership for next year in April or May!

Membership renewal dues are currently being collected for the year 2014–15 that begins July, 2014 and goes through June, 2015. The goal is for all members to pay their dues by the May meeting where a drawing will be held for a free membership. You must be present at the May meeting to participate in the drawing. The lucky winner will receive a dues refund! Collecting next year's dues now ensures your commitment to AAUW and allows our branch to start planning next year's activities.

The full year membership dues are \$75 for non-life members and \$26 for Life Members. New members who join between March 15 and May receive membership for the remainder of this year and all of next year through June, 2015.

Please make out your check to AAUW-TCB and include with it a form with your updated contact and interest information for the yearbook. The form will be available at branch meetings, or may be downloaded from our branch web site, or it may be mailed to you by contacting Membership Co-VP Mary Bailey, at m Baileyfw@sbcglobal.net.

Please mail the form along with your dues to Mary Bailey, 4112 Angus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76116, or give it to Mary at a branch meeting.

MEMBER CONGRATULATIONS

Our friend and branch member, [Layne Craig](#) won the Jean Giles-Sims Wise Woman Award, an award recognizing an outstanding TCU professor whose teaching, mentoring, and activities further the goals of women's studies, as determined by student nominations and voting.



SUNSHINE SUE CATTERTON welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to whom we would express our congratulations and support. suecatterton@yahoo.com

Looking for a Great Graduation Gift?

Spring is graduation season, and AAUW has a terrific gift suggestion for the graduates in your life. Give a free AAUW membership through our [Give a Grad a Gift](#) program. As a member, you can give a one-year national AAUW membership to recent college graduates — at no cost to you or them. What better way to introduce college women to AAUW?

TEXAS AAUW STATE CONVENTION - April 25-27

It's not too late to decide to attend part or all of the 2014 TX State Convention, Apr 25-27. Northeast Tarrant County Branch is hosting the convention at the Hurst Conference Center, with Hyatt Place across the street serving as the convention hotel. **Many of our members are already registered to attend and will be serving as our delegates. Please join us, if you can. For all the details see:** <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/events-projects/events/2014-state-convention/>

"I emphasize self-esteem, self-confidence, and dignity, not as an ideal, but as a real test of community organization. Without leadership development, community organizations do not have staying power."
-- [Paul Wellstone](#)

KUDOS TO:

- ❖ **Ann Bracey and Barbara Cager** for engineering our success in fundraising!
- ❖ **All members** assisting with Spring Fundraising and Community Projects!
- ❖ **Susan Brinkley** for organizing another year of awesome Community Service Projects!
- ❖ **Karen Vanderwerken** for advance work on programs and leadership for next year!
- ❖ **Liz Stepp** for leadership in Communications!
- ❖ **Mary Bailey and Susan Brinkley** for successfully leading us beyond our membership goals!
- ❖ **Peggy Harwood and Peggy Hendon** for great work on our finances!
- ❖ **Dawn Ellison** for keeping our Minutes straight!
- ❖ **Pat Auping and BJ Hoskins** for leading us to new heights in TCC Scholarships!

"If we don't fight hard enough for the things we stand for, at some point we have to recognize that we don't really stand for them." -- [Paul Wellstone](#)

THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

- **View the AAUW Website** for all the latest news from national! Click [here](#).
- **Get Involved:** For "Ten Ways to Get Involved with AAUW," click [here](#).
- **What We Do:** Research Reports. Click [here](#) to see seven important reports.

Click [here](#) to "Experience the Power of AAUW Membership" for a young person.

Click [here](#) to become an **AAUW Two-Minute Activist**.

AAUW in the Media – Take a look at recent media successes around Equal Pay Day:

- **Forbes:** "[The Awful Truth behind the Gender Pay Gap](#)"
- **New York Times:** "[The Truth about the Pay Gap](#)"

COMMUNITY EVENT

"The Vagina Monologues" play will be presented by **V-Day Fort Worth**, a "grassroots movement that relies on community volunteers to raise awareness about violence against women and girls." This local group is in its 12th year of participating in a worldwide campaign about this issue. The performances will be at the Holiday Inn Express, 1111 West Lancaster, FW, on **Sunday April 27 at 3:00 and 8:00**. Tickets can be bought at the door and all proceeds go to **benefit SafeHaven of Tarrant County**.

How to Donate Online to TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

We encourage members who would like to donate directly to our **local scholarship** at TCC to do so online, using these instructions:

1. Control-Click [here](#) to access the TCC Foundation Home page on the website.
2. Click on: **one time gift form**.
3. Fill in the required info in the "Member Information, Online Giving – Foundation" form.
4. Choose the button **Named Scholarship for Gift Designation Options**.
5. Select **AAUW-Tarrant County Branch Scholarship**. Click Continue.
6. Indicate if the gift is in honor or memory of someone. Click Next.
7. Complete billing information, review and finish.

Remember: If you set your **Bark** email aside to read and then can't find it later, just navigate to the newsletter page of our website where the entire year's **Barks** are archived:

<http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/newsletters/>



Thoughts at the end:

I count myself very fortunate to have been President of this wonderful group for nearly two years! You include my best and closest friends and sources of much inspiration! I find it exciting to be involved daily in promoting our branch and organization when I go out and about in Fort Worth. It has been my pleasure to serve you all and the high values of AAUW. This has been a period of growth in both membership and activities, as well as personal growth for me. I am so grateful! -- Tina

"Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears."

— John Lennon

Branch & Community Calendar

Mon Apr 21 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, Tricia Deitz hosting
Wed Apr 23 Bunko, 7 pm, T&P Owners' Lounge, Liz Stepp hosting
Fri-Sun Apr 25-27 AAUW TX State Convention, Hurst Convention Center
Sat Apr 26 Gourmet, 7 pm, Carlotta Norman hosting
Sun Apr 27 "Vagina Monologues" Play, 3 & 8 pm, 1111 W. Lancaster
Wed May 7 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton
Mon May 12 Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Kay Yount hosting
Wed May 14 Baby Shower/Lunch Out, 11:30 am, Macaluso's, for Marjoe Barnhart
Mon May 19 Adelante, 10 am, Karen Vanderwerken hosting
Wed May 21 Buffalo West, 6 pm, May Branch Meeting, Celebration & Officer Installation
Wed May 28 Bunko, 7 pm
Thur May 29 Community Service Lunch Outing, Potager Café, 315 S. Mesquite, Arlington
Mon Jun 16 Adelante, 10 am

AAUW TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2013-14

Branch President & Newsletter Editor: Tina Caliga, tcaliga@gmail.com

Next Newsletter Deadline is Friday, April 4, for the **April Newsletter**.

Send interest group notices and news items to tcaliga@gmail.com

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AAUW Funds Co-VP: Ann Bracey, annbracey@yahoo.com

AAUW Funds Co-VP: Barbara Cager, bcager@sbcglobal.net

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Historian, Publicity, Adv in Dining: Peggy Hendon, pkhendon@gmail.com

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Literature Group Chair: Berry Bock, jim_and_berry@hotmail.com

Gourmet Group Chair: Eva Isbell, emisbell@aol.com

Out to Lunch Group Chair: Marla Parvey, mfparvey@gmail.com

Yearbook: Address/Yearbook Changes: Tricia Deitz, deitz3@hotmail.com

Our Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Our Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



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If you haven't already, please "like" our Facebook page



CHOCOLATE PEANUT CANDY - Made in a Crockpot

Served at the 2014 Silent Auction, from the kitchen of June Hill

Ingredients:

- 2 - 16 oz jar lightly salted dry roasted peanuts
- 1 - 16 oz jar unsalted dry roasted peanuts
- 12 oz milk chocolate or semi-sweet chips (2 cups)
- 1 - 24 oz block white almond bark
- 1 - 4 oz pkg. German sweet chocolate

Layer in crockpot:

- Peanuts
- Chocolate chips
- Almond bark broken/chopped in pieces
- German sweet chocolate broken/chopped in pieces

Cook on **LOW** 2 hours without stirring.

Stir and mix well until all peanuts are covered. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed or parchment paper and let cool until set. Store in air-tight container. Made 130 pieces for the auction.