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President's Corner - August Message



My boundless enthusiasm continues this summer after the inspiring AAUW National Convention! Our Board has met for summer dreaming to set goals and make plans for the coming year. We will strive to further the mission of AAUW, while sustaining our leadership, developing a new Public Policy Taskforce, and strengthening our local university partnerships.

*Many exciting community activities are on the horizon: **The Women's Day Celebration** hosted by The League of Women Voters on August 23rd and the **YWCA Women Who Care Share** on September 28th. Also, the **TCU Women's Studies Department** has invited us to special lectures.*

*Our own **Membership Social** on August 24th promises to be a festive occasion to honor members and their guests at the newly renovated YWCA ballroom! I look forward to seeing each of you again as the summer winds down. There is much to anticipate in the new year ahead! -- Tina Caliga*

AUGUST 24TH MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

Membership Social: Saturday, August 24th, 10 to noon, at the **YWCA Ballroom**, 512 W 4th Street. **Dr. Theresa Gaul**, Director of Women's Studies at TCU, will speak on "The Role of Women's Studies in Today's Universities." A light brunch and coffee will be served. **All members** are encouraged to attend and **bring a friend** who would enjoy learning more about our dynamic organization. There will be an opportunity to sign up for Interest Groups and Committees. Please **RSVP** to **Mary Bailey** by **Sunday, August 18th**, or for more information, Mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net or 817-735-1488.

SEPTEMBER 18TH BRANCH MEETING

Looking ahead to September 18th, the speaker will be Marjorie McColl Petty, JD, MS, Regional Director of the US Department of Health and Human Resources, speaking on "The Affordable Healthcare Act & How It Affects Women." We will meet at the UNT Health Science Center.



Tarrant County Branch

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



The September Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4th, 5:30 pm, at the T&P Owners' Lounge. Plan to stay for dinner afterwards at the T&P Tavern. Many thanks to Peggy Harwood and Liz Stepp for hosting us!

Leadership Team Installation May 15, 2013



President Tina Caliga, Treasurer Peggy Harwood, VP Programs Karen Vanderwerken, Co-VP Funds Barbara Cager and Ann Bracey, Co-VP Membership Mary Bailey and Susan Brinkley, & Secretary Dawn Ellison.

BRANCH GOALS from Summer Board Meeting

The AAUW-TCB Board met July 25th and agreed upon the following goals for the coming year to keep our branch growing and vital. We ask our members to embrace these goals and strive towards their fulfillment.

- Sustainable leadership for key positions: President Elect, Co-Treasurer
- 20% increase in fundraising collections over 2012-2013
- 15% increase in membership over 2012-2013
- A Public Policy Task Force
- A branch Facebook page
- A STEM committee
- Sustainable partnerships with local colleges/universities

MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL -- Saturday, August 24



We hope all of you are planning to attend and bring a guest to our **Membership Social on August 24 at 10 am** in the beautiful newly decorated ballroom of the YWCA downtown. **Please RSVP by Sunday, August 18 to Mary Bailey at mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net or by calling 817-735-1488.** There will be light refreshments, time for reconnecting with all your AAUW friends, making new friends, and hearing a short talk by Dr. Gaul, Director of Women's Studies at TCU. Free parking is available on the street and at the First United Methodist Church.

Please encourage your friends to join AAUW at the social or a following meeting. All new members who join at the social, or a subsequent meeting, are given 1/2 off national dues, reducing their dues to only \$50.50 for the first year of membership.

DUES INFORMATION

Need the dues renewal form? Go to: <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/membership/>. Everyone who has paid their dues by August 24 will be included in the yearbook. Please include a completed yearbook information form with your dues check. If you have any questions please contact Membership Co-VP Mary Bailey, at 817-735-1488 or mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net.

Have a new college graduate among your friends and family? [Give a Grad a Gift!](#)

Community Service Opportunity – September 27th

YWCA Fort Worth and Tarrant County is hosting its largest and most vital fundraiser of the year on Friday, September 27 at the Omni Hotel Fort Worth, 1300 Houston St. AAUW-TCB has committed to assist them between 8 am and Noon. We will be decorating tables, setting up raffle items, greeting, checking in and directing guests for the YWCA Women Who Care Share—15th Anniversary Luncheon.

The raffle begins a 10:30 am and the program at 11:30. We are asked to wear business casual or Sunday clothes with comfortable shoes. Anyone who wishes to stay for lunch is welcome to make their own reservation in the amount of \$100, though this is outside the scope of our volunteer effort. Those who choose may enjoy an informal lunch with our group afterwards, when our service is completed around noon.

Our volunteer efforts are important to the YWCA. We will be reciprocating for their generosity in hosting our Annual Social event in their ballroom this month. To volunteer and for more details, please contact Susan Brinkley at sujebrinkley@gmail.com. We will have a carpool from the Montgomery Plaza parking lot at 7:45 am, meeting at the far edge of the Target store.

Community Service Inaugural Year Report

Many believe “to whom much has been given, much is expected,” generously and without even one complaint, our branch volunteers gave a total of 139 hours of their ability, energy, and time to those people in our community who so need anything we have to give. I hope you all have a warm and quietly joyful feeling about our accomplishments and gifts to this AAUW Community Service inaugural year. What a great and energetic group we turned out to be! I would like to take credit as the idea woman, but as you all know an idea without a solid core of engineers to make it happen really doesn’t mean a thing. Our volunteer hours tally for the year follows:

○ Tarrant Area Food Bank	7 workers	24 hours
○ Holiday at Unity Park	5	20
○ TCU Kinderfrogs	6	18
○ Muslim Community Center	7	21
○ Women’s Center Walk/Run	12	34
○ Mobile Food Pantry	8	22
Total Hours		139

-- Susan Brinkley, Community Service Interest Group Chair

“If you want to find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others.” Mahatma Gandhi

Annual Fundraising Contributions

Our branch fundraising for 2012-2013 surpassed our goals by **32%**. With your generous support, we were able to make the following donations this past year:

- \$3,119 to our local scholarships at Tarrant County College
- \$2,817 to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund for national grants and fellowships
- \$853 to AAUW Legal Advocacy
- \$853 to our own fund supporting the Sister to Sister Summit for local Middle School girls



Expressing our gratitude to all members for this tremendous fundraising outcome!

“That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing.” — Simone de Beauvoir

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

In case you missed the news last month: our branch will now offer two \$500 scholarships to TCC per semester. The two recipients chosen for this fall will continue to receive the scholarships in the spring, provided they maintain the required grade average and course load. Danette Thrush, last year's recipient, completed her coursework at TCC this spring and has transferred to UTA to continue her studies to be a teacher.

ONLINE DONATIONS TO TCC 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. Complete the “Member Information, online giving foundation form” and click “Next.”
4. Choose the button [Named Scholarship for Gift Designation Options](#).
5. Select [AAUW-Tarrant County Branch Scholarship](#). (Be careful as there are other AAUW listings.)

Thank you for your contributions to our local scholarship fund!

-- Pat Auping and BJ Hoskins, TCC Scholarship Co-Chairs



Bouquet of the Month Cards

Remember your Bouquet of the Month Card and stop by [Sally's Flower Shoppe & Gifts!](#) Proprietor, Nicole Parker-Biggs, will appreciate your flower orders for special occasions and purchases of gifts. We are very grateful to her for partnering with us for this important fundraiser!

Member News

We have received a Thank You note as follows: "I would really like to thank everyone in AAUW for their cards, phone calls and visits. They have meant so much and have been a great help." -- Peggy Hendon



Cecilia Silva, Associate Professor of Education at TCU, won the prestigious Exemplary Culturally Responsive Teacher Preparation Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

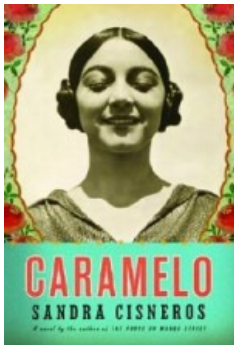
SUNSHINE SUE Catterton welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to whom we would express our caring and encouragement.
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INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK CLUBS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

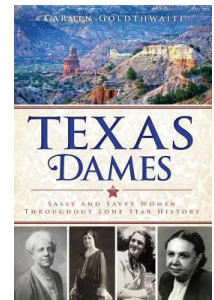


Please join us for the AAUW's *Adelante! Book Club*, which meets at 10:00 am on the third Monday of every month. Click here to see the book list for 2013-2014: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list/>.

In September we will meet on Monday, the 16th, at 10:00am, at the home of Peggy Hendon. September is Adelante's *National Hispanic Heritage Month*, and we will be reading *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros. *Caramelo* is a multigenerational family narrative alive with the vibrations of history, family, and love. Tina Caliga will lead our discussion. Please **RSVP** to Liz Stepp at lstepp@sbcglobal.net should you wish to attend.

LITERATURE GROUP

You are invited to attend the **Literature Group** on **September 9th at 7:30 pm**, hosted by Kay Yount. Joan Rambin will review *Texas Dames, Sassy and Savvy Women Throughout Lone Star History* by Carmen Goldthwaite. Please **RSVP** to Kay at kjyount2@sbcglobal.net.



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



WATERS

Join us **Wednesday, September 25th, 11:30**, at **WATERS, Bonnell's Coastal Cuisine**, 2901 Crockett St, in the 7th Street Development. "WATERS' menu places emphasis on wild, seasonal and, most importantly, sustainable seafood." Click here and page through the sections of the lunch menu: <http://waterstexas.com/lunch/>. **Park in the 7th St garages**. Please **RSVP** to **Marla Parvey**, by **Tuesday, September 24th**, mfpurvey@gmail.com. *All are welcome to these casual lunches!*

IN GRATITUDE:

- **Obrigado** to the **Board** for annual goal setting and vision.
- **Cheers** to Treasurer, **Peggy Harwood**, & the **Executive Committee** for drawing up our Budget!
- **Merci** to **Karen Vanderwerken** & the **Program Committee** for work on speakers and locations!
- **Grazie** to **Mary Bailey** and **Susan Brinkley**, as they prepare for our annual **Membership Social**.
- **Continued Encouragement** to the **501(c)(3) Committee** as they complete on the IRS application.
- **Kudos** to all our **Interest Group leaders** as they plan our activities.
- **Gracias** to **Peggy Hendon**, Historian, as she organizes our Archives into the Scrapbook.

THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

- **View the AAUW Website**, for all the latest news! Click [here](#) to view.
- **Get Involved:** Immigration Reform. Click [here](#) to urge your representative to vote. Attacks on Women's Health: AAUW Members Fight Back, Click [here](#) to be informed.
- **AAUW Blog:** Learn about issues such as Hunger: How Sequestration Hurts Women and Children. Click [here](#) for the story.
- **What We Do:** Educational Funding and Awards. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Be an AAUW Two-Minute Activist: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS!

First, take a minute to read about the issues. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of Congress. Click [here](#) to participate.

“There is strength in numbers, yes, but even more so in collective good will. For those endeavors are supported by mighty forces unseen.” — Richelle E. Goodrich

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TCU Dept of Women's Studies lecture by Edwidge Danticat, author of *Brother, I'm Dying*, the common reading book for TCU this year. **Monday, August 19**, at noon in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom. **RSVP** to t.harding@tcu.edu or 817-257-7395 **by Fri, Aug 16 at 3:30**.

League of Women Voters of Tarrant County's 3rd annual ***Women's Equality Day Luncheon***, **Friday, August 23**, 11:30-1:30, FW City Club, 301 Commerce St. Panel Discussion: "*Women in Politics, How Far Have We Come?*" Contact **Karen Vanderwerken ASAP**, by **Thursday, August 15**, karenvtx@gmail.com, if you'd like to join the **AAUW "Dutch Treat" table at \$30**. Or reserve through LWV to reserve and pay online at www.lwvtarrantcounty.org, required by Monday, Aug 19, or call 817-348-8683. **Individual tickets \$35**.

The **YWCA Fort Worth and Tarrant County** will host their **15th Anniversary Women Who Care Share Luncheon** on Friday, September 27 at the Omni Hotel Fort Worth, 1300 Houston St, reception and raffle starting at 10:30 am, and program at 11:30. **Contact Kathryn Bryan ASAP** if you wish to join in our **AAUW "Dutch Treat" table** at kasal.kathryn@charter.net. Or reserve with the YWCA <http://www.ywcafortworth.com/web/rsvp-for-women-who-care-share-2013/> Tickets \$100.

TCU Dept of Women's Studies lecture rescheduled to Thurs, Oct. 10, 7-9 pm, Palko 130, A Colloquy with the Editors of A Feminist Reader: *Linda Hughes* (English) and *Sharon M. Harris* (University of Connecticut) discuss the "deep roots of feminism" they uncovered as they prepared their 4-volume work *A Feminist Reader: From Sappho to Satrapi* (Cambridge UP). Not only

does feminist thought have a centuries-long tradition, Hughes and Harris argue, but it is also defined by its diversity and global reach.

Tarrant County Walkers each weekend offers an opportunity to walk for fun, fitness, and friendship! 2013 Saturday Summer morning walks are planned for every Saturday at 7am, starting June 15th, at the Fairfield Inn at University and I-30. Bring water. The route is shady. Contact Susan Fine for more information and to join in the fun, finesusan@sbcglobal.net. View the TC Walkers website [here](#).



Thoughts at the end: The coming year will be one of many challenges for us: To increase our membership and fundraising, to make a difference in our community through our projects, to complete the application for nonprofit status, and to mentor and develop our new leaders. The sky is the limit as we grow our branch! -- Tina

"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life--and I've never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do." -- Georgia O'Keefe

Branch Calendar

Sat Aug 24 Membership Social, YWCA, 512 West 4th St, 10 - noon
Wed Sept 4 Board Meeting, T&P Owners' Lounge, 5:30 pm
Mon Sept 9 Lit Group, home of Kay Yount, 7:30 pm
Mon Sept 16 Adelante Book Club, home of Peggy Hendon, 10 am
Wed Sept 18 Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm
Wed Sept 25 Out to Lunch Bunch, WATERS, 11:30 am, 2901 Crockett St
Fri Sept 27 YWCA Luncheon, AAUW Community Service Project, Omni Hotel, 8 am-noon

Community Calendar

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Fri Aug 23 LWV-Tarrant County Women's Equality Day Luncheon, 11:30 am, FW City Club
Fri Sept 27 YWCA Women Who Care Share Luncheon, Omni Hotel, 10:30 am, 1300 Houston St
Thu Oct 10 TCU Lecture, A Colloquy with the Editors of A Feminist Reader, 7-9 pm, Palko 130



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Next Newsletter Deadline is Friday, Sept 6 for the **September** newsletter
Send interest group notices and news items to tcaliga@gmail.com
Yearbook: Address/Yearbook Changes: Tricia Deitz, 817-207-9733, deitz3@hotmail.com

Our Mission

AAUW advances 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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