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President's Crib



We begin a new year with great promise! We have faithful, longtime members and several dynamic new members all interested in sharing advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research keyed to the National AAUW mission and support.

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For the first time there will be 100 women serving in Congress--80 representatives and 20 senators achieving a political milestone. However, this constitutes only 18.6% of Congressional representation. We clearly have much work towards 50-50 parity.

Key Women's Issues Accomplishments

- White House, Campuses, and Advocates collaborate to end campus sexual violence
- It's My Vote campaign to educate and to turn out young women voters

Glass Ceiling Breakthroughs

- First female chair of Federal Reserve
- Youngest female to receive the Nobel Peace Prize
- First female assistant coach in the NBA
- First female US Postmaster general
- First Navy female four-star officer
- First woman to win the Fields Medal (Nobel prize for mathematics)
- 13 year old girl throwing shutout Little League Baseball and on cover of Sports Illustrated

Our Tarrant County Branch continues to grow and provide our membership with quality monthly programs, community service opportunities, and a variety of social events. And we continue to raise funds to support National, State, and local mission-based projects.

Be sure to visit our Branch website www.tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net regularly. Watch for frequent updates and new features.

--Karen Vanderwerken

JANUARY 21ST BRANCH MEETING



Please join us **Wednesday, January 21st, 5:30 pm, at Trinity Terrace.** Kathryn Thompson, Executive Director of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition will speak on **Project BEST: Literacy Training Model.** The social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner and a short branch meeting at 5:45, and the program at 6:45. Cost is \$18 per person. Please **RSVP and Prepay by Sunday, January 18th, 6 pm.** Click [here](#) to RSVP and Prepay, and for further instructions.

FEBRUARY 18TH BRANCH MEETING

Mark your calendar for our February event in honor of Black History Month, **Wednesday, February 18th, 5:30 pm, at The Stayton.** Gayle Hanson, Author, Historian, and Genealogist will speak on **Early Education in Texas and the Jeanes Supervisor/Teachers.**



Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at The Stayton in the Green Room, with a social time at 5:00 pm, the meeting at 5:30. The next two meetings will be on **February 4th and March 4th.**

Fundraising

New Bouquet of the Month Cards

Benbrook Floral is partnering with us on the **new** 2015 flower cards, still \$20 each. Our new florist is located at 406 Mercedes Suite D, Benbrook, TX 76126, www.benbrookfloral.com. The card offers beautiful bouquets for **9 months of the year, with February, May and December omitted.** Each card entitles the bearer to one free bouquet, per customer, per visit.



Each member is encouraged to sell a minimum of 5 or more. Members may check out the cards and return the money/checks to **Ann Bracey** pixiesmom06@gmail.com or **Barbara Young-Gollaher** byg151@gmail.com by mail or at any AAUW TCB event. These cards are great for gifts and an ideal way to share about the mission of our AAUW TCB Branch.

Benbrook Floral Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am – 5:30 pm; Fri 9 am – 6 pm; closed Saturdays

Driving directions to Benbrook Floral:

I 20 to Granbury exit (Hwy 377)
South and over IH 20 to 2nd light at Mercedes
Left on Mercedes (east) to florist in complex behind the Burger King

OR

Take Hwy 377 (Benbrook Hwy) south across IH 20 to light at Mercedes
Turn left onto Mercedes (east)
Florist is in complex behind the Burger King

Times Ten Wine Tasting and Cocktail Buffet – Save the Date – April 12th



Planning is underway for our annual silent auction fundraiser:

Sunday, April 12th, 3:30 – 6 pm

Times Ten Cellars, 1100 Foch Street

\$30 per person

The **Fundraising Committee** is requesting members assist by soliciting items such as weekend getaways, condo stays, airline tickets, dining, spa treatments, event tickets (symphony, theatre, and sporting events), fashion accessories and artworks for the silent auction. Begin planning the items you will contribute. Because space is limited for display, gift baskets will be limited to 12 this year.

Please email **Ann Bracey** pixiesmom06@gmail.com or **Barb Young-Gollaher** byg151@gmail.com to **volunteer** to:

- Serve on the committee
- Collect and coordinate door prizes (8-12 items)
- Provide a veggie/dip or dessert tray
- Coordinate guest table decor
- Be an auction table monitor
- Donate or solicit specific items
- Prepare a Gift Basket, value \$75-\$100

Ann can supply a **standard letter** stating our **nonprofit status** to your donor. Please begin turning in auction items to Ann or Barbara as soon as you have them with a business card from the vendor.

Invite your friends for a delightful Sunday afternoon, when we will raise funds for our local scholarships, national grants, and other projects. --*Ann Bracey and Barbara Young-Gollaher*

Interest Groups

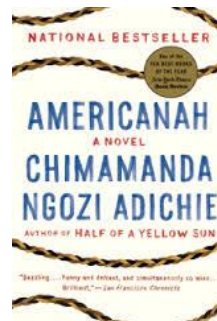
Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Adelante! Book Group meets on the third Monday of the month except in November and December when we meet on the second Monday of month. All are invited to attend by RSVP to lstepp@sbcglobal.net.

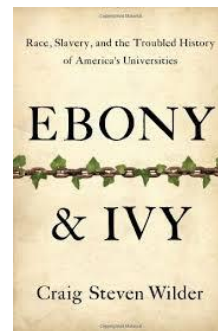
January 2015:

You are welcome at January *Adelante!* when Randi Thistlethwaite will guide our discussion of *Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. We will gather at the home of Karen Vanderwerken on **Monday, January 19th at 10:00 am.** Adichie is the winner of the 2013 *National Book Critics Circle Award* for fiction, and *Americanah* is one of *The New York Times'* Ten Best Books of 2013. Please **RSVP** your interest to **Liz Stepp** at lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, January 16th.



February 2015: African American History Month

Please join us at the Arlington home of Gwen Kelly on **Monday, February 16th, at 10:00am** when we will discuss *Ebony and Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities*, by Craig Steven Wilder (2014). This book explores the relationship and impacts between early US slave economies and leading universities. Please **RSVP** your attendance to **Liz Stepp** at lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, Feb 13th.



LITERATURE GROUP BOOK CLUB

January Lit Group has been cancelled because of illness. **On February 9, at 7:30 pm**, Lit Group will be hosted by **Carlotta Norman** with a review by **Trudie Byers**. **RSVP** to cknorman@att.net.

Dining Groups

OUT TO LUNCH



Our AAUW Lunch Group will dine on **Wednesday, January 14th at 11:30** at **Cat City Grill, 1208 West Magnolia Ave.** Cat City Grill received the culinary award for best power lunch 2011 by Fort Worth Texas Magazine. <http://www.catcitygrill.com>

RSVP to **Marla Parvey** at marvey318@aol.com by **Monday, January 12th**. You may also contact Marla to be added to the lunch group email reminder list.

DINING OUT

Our AAUW quarterly Dining Out Group will be going to Piranha Killer Sushi on **January 30 at 6:30 pm**. Located on Sundance Square, downtown Fort Worth, 335 W 3rd Street, 817-348-0200. **Peggy Hendon** organizes this group. You are welcome to bring your spouse or a friend. **RSVP** by Wednesday, January 28 to pkhendon@gmail.com.

<http://www.piranhakillersushi.com/piranha-locations/fort-worth>.



GOURMET GROUP



The Gourmet Group typically meets on the fourth Saturday of each month and the host plans the menu. **The January dinner will be hosted by Mary DuBoise.** To learn more about this group, please contact group leader Eva Isbell, emisbell@aol.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Community Service Interest Group has been active since September, volunteering at Broadway Baptist Church with the Tarrant Area Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry, registering new voters at Tarrant County College-Trinity River Campus, reviewing scholarship applications for Girls Inc. program

participants, and helping with SafeHaven's Santa's Sack Store. **Great appreciation** is extended to all in our group who have volunteered, and we are looking forward to new opportunities in 2015.

In January, 2014, an enthusiastic group of members trained to become Volunteer Deputy Registrars through the Tarrant County Elections Administration. With those appointments expiring as of December 31, members interested in renewing their appointment will need to participate in another training program. This could be scheduled sometime during the last week of January at the Elections Administration office. Please contact Community Service Chair **Tricia Deitz** at deitz3@hotmail.com, if you are interested in joining our interest group, or if you would just like to become a Deputy Voter Registrar. You will be contacted as soon as a date and time are set for the next training.

-- Tricia Deitz, Community Service Chair

BUNCO BUDDIES

Carolyn Lombard will be organizing and leading the Bunco group until Berry Bock is back on her feet. Bunco will meet Wednesday, **January 28, 7 pm** at the home of **Carolyn Lombard**. \$5 per player is collected before play begins each evening for the Bunco winners. Please email pclombard@sbcglobal.net to **RSVP** by Monday, January 26.

February Bunco will be held Wednesday, **February 25, 7 pm** at the home of **Peggy Hendon**, pkhendon@gmail.com. **RSVP** by Monday, Feb 23.



Membership News

Welcome the following new members who joined in December:

Eileen Frey, epfrey@gmail.com, birthday November 2. Eileen earned a BS in nursing from Saint Louis University. She and her husband have recently retired to Fort Worth to be near family. Eileen is looking forward to meeting interesting women in her new environment. She has always admired the women of AAUW and has great respect for the mission of the Association. She is most interested in the Book Clubs and Community Service, as well as social justice issues and public policy. **Welcome, Eileen! How glad we are that you have joined Tarrant County Branch.**

Duchess Humphrey, duchesshumphrey@gmail.com, birthday July 11. Duchess earned a BA in 2011 in Interdisciplinary Studies and an MA in 2013 with a major in Urban Affairs/NP Management from the University of Texas-Arlington. Duchess has established her own business as a Strategic Planner. Duchess is interested in participating in community service and cultural outings, as well as gourmet and dining out. Committees of interest to her are Programs, Photography/Publicity, and Public Policy. Dee Satchel invited her to attend a meeting this fall and recruited her to join AAUW. **Thank you, Dee! Welcome, Duchess!**



Membership Report: As of January 7 our Tarrant County Branch has **83** members. **With one more person we will surpass our 2014-2015 new membership goal of 15%.** Please take a moment to share with your friends what AAUW means to you and what a strong AAUW means to future generations of women. Invite them to be a guest at our next general meeting or to come along with you to an interest group. We can gladly reset our goals to welcome many more women who would like to make a difference.

New Name Badges: Have you attended an event and worn your wonderful new AAUW TCB magnetic name badge? To help defray the cost, you may make a \$10 donation to our Branch.

Membership is open to those who hold an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Individuals who have received honorary degrees from qualified institutions are also eligible for membership.

If you have questions about membership please contact **Orlew Lauger** at o.lauger@sbcglobal.net. Check us out on our web site at <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net>. You can also look for AAUW-Tarrant County Branch on Facebook.

Do you know some young lady who has graduated this winter? Give the Free Gift of AAUW! Empower graduates with the ability to expand their networking opportunities and benefit their future careers. The **Give a Grad a Gift** program enables members to give a FREE, one-year national AAUW membership to recent college graduates! Give your grad the perfect gift today.



SUNSHINE SUE CATTERTON welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to express our caring and thoughtfulness. suecatterton@yahoo.com

CARING BRIDGE

Remember to access the Caring Bridge page for our member **Vera Rowell**, where you may post messages of support and caring. (Initially, go to www.caringbridge.org and set up an account with your email and a password. Click the box VISIT SOMEONE, and type in the person's name.)

"A Single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." – Saint Francis of Assisi

YEARBOOK UPDATES

A list of updates to the Yearbook is being emailed to members with this newsletter. It contains the names of new members and updates from existing members. If your contact information changes during the year, please send your updates to Peggy Harwood and Tricia Deitz.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for candidates to hold AAUW Tarrant County offices beginning in July 2015. Open Board positions for next year include:

- President Elect
- Program Co-VP (Speakers)
- Program Co-VP (Locations & Catering)
- Finance Co-VP
- AAUW Funds Co-VP



Our Nominating Committee members include MarJoe Barnhardt, Orlew Lauger, Kathryn Bryan, Peggy Harwood, and Randi Thistlethwaite. Please say **yes** when you are called! Or, volunteer as your interests and talents lead you. **Leadership opportunities abound!**

Communications

Tarrant County Branch WEBSITE - <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net>

Have a look at our Website for great photos updated regularly.

Newsletters: Beginning this month, we are transitioning to accessing the newly published newsletter through our Branch website. For member privacy, phone numbers will no longer be published. (You may find phone numbers in the yearbook.) Access newsletters on the following webpage, where prior month archives are also available: <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/about/newsletters/>



KUDOS TO:

- ❖ **Ann Bracey & Barb Gollaher** for new Bouquet of the Month arrangements.
- ❖ **BJ Hoskins and Jane Parris** for hosting us at The Stayton.
- ❖ **Kathryn Bryan and Liz Stepp** for cameo appearances at the Board Retreat.
- ❖ **The Nominating Committee** for stepping up to the task!

THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

- **www.AAUW.org** Check what's happening at National!! Constantly updated!
- Title IX and AAUW in the news: **[High School Students and Advocacy!](#)**
- Click **[here](#)** to become an **AAUW Two-Minute Activist.**

NATIONAL CONVENTION - **[2015 AAUW National Convention](#)**, June 18–21

Will We See You in San Diego? For best-value rates, don't forget to register for the AAUW National Convention by **[Thursday, January 15](#)**. Accommodations at the San Diego Sheraton, flight discounts with United. An opportunity to attend one of the best conventions in the world!

PLANNED PARENTHOOD LUNCHEON – February 6

The Annual Planned Parenthood Greater Texas Luncheon is scheduled for **Fri, February 6, Noon - 1:30 pm**, at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel. Keynote Speaker will be Author **[Jessica Valenti](#)**, praised as a gutsy young third-wave feminist. For more information, contact Randi at metrest@earthlink.net. Individual seats may be reserved through Planned Parenthood Greater Texas for \$150 each.

LOCAL INTEREST PROGRAMMING

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:00pm (CST) on Nickelodeon USA

"Nick News with Linda Ellerbee" Jumps In The Gender Equality Game With "What is Title IX and Why Do You Care?"

This half-hour special will focus on gender equality. Featuring **AAUW's Title IX Champion** award winners from the **Austin Branch's** submission of their amazing work. Nick News filmed their story and accomplishments last Fall on the Austin Community College Highland Mall Campus.

KERA Channel 13, presents **"A Path Appears,"** as part of its **Women & Girls Lead Initiative**, which follows intrepid reporters and activists as they uncover the harshest gender-based oppression and human rights violations in Columbia, Haiti, Kenya and throughout the United States. From the creative team that developed the series "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." This new documentary features investigative journalists, **Nicholas Kristof and Cheryl WuDunn**, as well as celebrity activists Malin Akerman, Mia Farrow, Jennifer Garner and more. The four-hour series premieres **Monday, January 26 at 9 pm on KERA TV.**

THE NEWS FROM AAUW Texas

See the great **AAUW Texas** website. [Sign up for Newsletters, Alerts and Announcements!](#) See the latest issue of the [University Woman Texas Newsletter](#), evidence of their efforts to spread AAUW values in our great state. Read until you see photos of **our team at the Day of the Girl!**

AAUW Texas **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/auw.texas> **Twitter:** @AAUWTx



Thoughts at the end: At a recent Board Retreat, we acknowledged some of the challenges we face and the need for our Branch to stay relevant. We also want to stay true to our core ideals and objectives. We have the courage to try new ways to get our message out. All agreed how much we value the support and camaraderie of this caring group of women, as we work to make the world a better place. -- Tina Caliga

"If you doubt you can accomplish something, then you can't accomplish it. You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through." -- Rosalynn Carter

Branch Calendar

Wed	Jan 14	Out to Lunch 11:30 am, Cat City Grill, 1208 W Magnolia
Thur	Jan 15	AAUW National Convention, best value registration rate expires
Mon	Jan 19	Adelante!, 10 am, Karen Vanderwerken hosting
Wed	Jan 21	Branch Program, 5:30 pm, Trinity Terrace, Kathryn Thompson, Literacy Training
Wed	Jan 28	Bunco, 7 pm, Carolyn Lombard hosting
Fri	Jan 30	Dining Out, 6:30 pm, Piranha Killer Sushi, 335 W. 3rd St.
Wed	Feb 4	Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, Green Room
Mon	Feb 9	Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Carlotta Norman hosting
Mon	Feb 16	Adelante!, 10 am, Gwen Kelly hosting
Wed	Feb 18	Branch Program, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, Gayle Hanson, Early Education in Texas
Wed	Feb 25	Bunco, 7 pm, Peggy Hendon hosting
Wed	Mar 4	Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, Green Room
Sun	April 12	Silent Auction, Wine Tasting & Cocktail Buffet, 3:30 - 6 pm, Times Ten Winery
June	18-21	AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA

Community Calendar

Tue	Jan 13	"What Is Title IX and Why Do You Care?" 7 pm, Nickelodeon TV
Mon	Jan 26	"A Path Appears," 9 pm, KERA Channel 13, Nicholas Kristof & Cheryl WuDunn
Fri	Feb 6	Planned Parenthood Luncheon, 11:30 am - noon, Omni Hotel FW

NOVEMBER 19, HOLIDAY SOCIAL & POTLUCK BUFFET



Pat Auping and Orlew Lauger



Liz Stepp, Dawn Ellison, Susan Brinkley, and Gloria Morris
And the bounteous buffet table



Carolyn Lombard and Dr. Doug Newsom



Chelsea Ewing (TCC scholar) and BJ Hoskins



Debbie Powell and Tina Caliga



Randi Thistlethwaite, Pat Auping and Tricia Deitz



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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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