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Happy New Year!

As we enter this brand new year of 2016 rested, reenergized and committed to the work of AAUW, we continue to advance equity for women and girls trough advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

There is no better time to get a fresh start than the beginning of January, in a new year that is full of promise for new beginnings. This is perfect time to give yourself a brand new beginning in AAUW by getting to know a member you have not had an opportunity to meet, joining a new Interest Group, attending a Board or Branch meeting, and planning to travel to the AAUW State Convention in April. Start now! You can do it!

Our Tarrant County Branch ended 2015 in outstanding style. Our Sister to Sister event for middle school girls was great. It was enjoyed by the girls, college women and volunteers. A grand salute for a job well done to Mary DuBoise, Orlew Lauger and each of the AAUW volunteers. Our Holiday Potluck was a smashing success! The food, music, conversation and Stayton hospitality were fantastic. Thanks to everyone who made this possible! The holiday season was made extra special this year by our new fundraiser, the beautiful poinsettias. Thanks to Lynn Hayes and Duchess Humphrey who took a leap of faith to try something new. The plants were very nice, beautiful and loved by everyone who purchased or received one as a gift.

The sustainability of our Tarrant County Branch of AAUW is very important. The 2016 nominating committee has begun the task of securing the best candidates for various offices; please give them your support. Our branch needs your time and talents in leadership positions. -- Barbara Cager

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are an excellent leader". -Dolly Parton

JANUARY 20TH BRANCH EVENT

Please join us Wednesday, January 20th, 5:30 pm at The Stayton, Sundance We will be pleased to present the program "STEM: Women in the Room. Workplace" and speaker Amy Gowder, Vice President of Supply Chain Management, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. Registration and the social time begin at 5:30 pm, the buffet dinner at 6:00, and the program at 6:45. Cost is \$20 per person. Please **RSVP and Prepay** by **Sunday**, **January 17th**, **6 pm**. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP and Prepay. Carpooling is recommended. Free valet parking offered.



FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, February 17th, 5:30 pm, at The Stayton.** The program will feature a panel discussion on **"Generations of Women."**

Fundraising

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thanks to the efforts of our members to sell these lovely plants, we earned a total of **\$789.40** to use for our programs and scholarships!





All funds are in for the **North Texas Giving Day** campaign, **Thursday**, **September 17**. As promised, your dollars have been multiplied! We received a total of **\$3,768.49**, including the donations, challenge fund and community bonus funds! Again, thank you for your generous support!

Individual Donations: We received **\$150** in donations this fall designated for Sister to Sister. At our November Holiday Meeting, a total of **\$295** was donated for TCC Scholarships.

Times Ten Wine Tasting and Auction – Save the Date – April 24th

Our 12th Annual Wine Tasting and Auction is almost here, ladies! The Fundraising Committee is busy making plans for a terrific **Spring Fundraiser**. We are requesting all members begin soliciting auction items such as:

- Weekend Get-aways -
 - Concert Ticket
- Sports Event Tickets

- Condo Stays
- Airline Tickets
- Dining Gift CardsDecorative Pieces
- Fashion Accessories Spa Treatments
- You may turn in auction items as soon as you have them along with a business card from the donor. The standard letter for soliciting donations from vendors will be supplied for you to customize.

Please contact Lynn Hayes <u>lynn.hayes@dot.gov</u> or Duchess Humphry <u>duchesshumphrey@gmail.com</u> to submit items and for all inquiries.

Working on the auction committee is **Fun!** The following volunteer positions are open:

- Serve on the Planning Committee
- Collect and Coordinate Raffle Items
- Provide Food Trays

- Coordinate Table Décor
- Be a Table Monitor
- Prepare Gift Basket (Value \$75 to \$100)

Invite your friends and family to a comfortable, yet sophisticated experience as we raise funds for our local scholarships and programs, while enjoying great company of AAUW friends.



Sunday, April 24th, 3:30 – 6:00 PM Times Ten Cellars 1100 Foch Street \$30 per person

OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2016

The *Nominating Committee* is looking for candidates to hold AAUW Tarrant County offices beginning in July 2016. Open Board positions for next year include:

- President Elect
- Secretary
- Program Co-VP (Locations & Catering)
- Membership Co-VPs



Our Nominating Committee members include Pat Auping, Orlew Lauger, Gloria Morris, Joyce Raessler, and Deborah Roszek. Please say **yes** when you are called! Or, volunteer as your interests and talents lead you. *Leadership opportunities abound!*



AAUW Tarrant County Branch welcomes four new members:

Josita Baker, <u>ilbaker817@yahoo.com</u>, birthday August 17, is the first new member to join on line! She can tell you how easy that is. Josita received a BA in Journalism & Public Relations from the University of Central Oklahoma and an MS in Management from Southern Nazarene University. Working in Higher Education for 10 years, she is now an Advisor, Instructor, and Program Manager at Tarleton State University. Her passion is to promote higher education to the public. Josita anticipates supporting AAUW-TCB in any way she can. Programs, Public Policy, and Community Service are her special interests, along with Cultural Outings, Out to Lunch, and Dining Out.

Rebecca (Becki) Griffith, <u>bg636@live.com</u>, birthday November 4, has returned to the metroplex and wants to get involved in the community. She earned a BA in Journalism at Temple University and an MEd in Ed Tech Leadership from Lamar University. Becki is enjoying her new position as Registrar at Tarrant County College-NW. She was attracted to AAUW's mission and looks forward to the Programs and many opportunities offered through all the interest groups.

Julie Patel, <u>spjuls@gmail.com</u>, is the second new members to join on line! She visited at our November Potluck dinner and liked our group!

Marie Schein, (Samuel), <u>mmschein1@gmail.com</u>, birthday August 6, was invited by Theresa Gaul to the event at TCU. She was impressed by the work of the association. Marie holds an MA in English & Modern Languages from Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier, FR, an MA in French from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a PhD in English from the University of North Texas. She is an instructor of French at Texas Christian University. Marie looks forward to interesting programs and community service opportunities.

Welcome! Welcome! We are so glad that these fine women elected to join Tarrant County Branch. We are now 87 members strong. Word of mouth is our best recruiting method. Won't you take a moment to tell a friend about our vibrant organization and invite them to our next monthly program? If you have any questions about membership, please contact Orlew Lauger at <u>o.lauger@sbcglobal.net</u>.

National Membership Discounts for New Members Take 50–75 percent off national dues for new branch members, January 1-March 15

Recruit **new** branch members with the half-price national dues rate of \$24.50 between January 1 and March 15. Use the <u>Shape the Future campaign</u> and double the discount! That makes national dues for any new members joining at a public event just \$12.25 — 75 percent off normal AAUW national dues! This offer applies to this fiscal year 2015–16, so the membership will expire **June 30, 2016**. At this

special rate, with the Shape the Future campaign, total new member branch dues during this period are just \$38.25.

Celebrate winter graduates with a free membership

Celebrate the success of a graduate this season with <u>Give a Grad a Gift</u>. Anyone who graduated within the last two years is eligible, **so don't forget interns or student teachers you know**. Give graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership in honor of their accomplishments. Give a Grad a Gift can also be applied to <u>Younger Women's Task Force</u> membership.

For more on national membership dues and discounts, check out the <u>national dues</u>, fees, and tax <u>deductibility table</u>!



SUNSHINE is being provided by **MARY BAILEY** this year! She welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to express our congratulations, caring and/or condolences. <u>mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net.</u>

Member News

We congratulate our President, **Barbara Cager**, on the birth of her first grandchild, Major Singh Hundal Cager, born 12-28-15, 7 pounds 11 ounces and 20 ¾ inches long.

Congratulations to member **Dr. Cecelia Silva,** who won the TCU Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Teacher-Scholar in 2015.

We appreciate **Betty Hove** for agreeing to lead our Cultural Outings Interest Group and **Barbara Young-Gollaher** for offering to assist as Photographer.

Eileen Frey, proud grandmother of five very special girls, welcomed her first grandson, Oscar Robert Frey, born 1-9-16, 8 pounds 5 ounces.

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 Orlew Lauger and Tricia Deitz.

<u>Community Service</u>



JANUARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – MLK Day of Service

This week the "Action Alert: MLK Day of Service" email went out and we hope you will be able to participate in this January 18th service project. Susan Brinkley and Dawn Ellison have worked hard through their 'Collaboration Connection' group and our participation is needed to make this a success. Talk to your friends and sign up together to make a difference on this day of service. Register here and type AAUW in the space "church name," www.tarranttogether.org

Our Community Service Group had a great time in **December**, decorating lounge areas and halls in the space used for emergency housing for women and families in need at the **Center for Transforming Lives** (formerly the YWCA), downtown Fort Worth. Thanks to all who participated, with your donations of wonderful Christmas decorations and taking the time to deck the halls!

Ideas are needed for a service project in **February**. One possibility would be to set up a voter registration drive, if there is interest. Let me know what you think – participation is open to everyone in our branch and ideas from all are welcomed! -- Tricia Deitz, <u>deitz3@hotmail.com</u>

<u>Interest Groups</u>



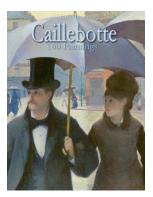
OUT TO LUNCH

Wednesday January 13th at 11:30 am the group will dine at **Buttons,** located at 4701 West Freeway in the Central Market Shopping Center near World Market. Enjoy award winning soothing comfort food by executive chef Keith Hicks. <u>http://www.buttonsrestaurants.com/</u>

Please **RSVP** to Marla Parvey at <u>marvey318@aol.com</u> by Monday, January 11th. You may also contact Marla to be added to the lunch group reminder list.

CULTURAL OUTING

Join us for lunch and a docent led tour at the **Kimbell Art Museum**, **Thursday**, **January 28, 11 am**. The women of AAUW will be touring the current exhibit at the Kimbell Art Museum: **Gustave Caillebotte: The Painter's Eye.** "The exhibit brings together over fifty of the most important and beloved pieces of Caillebotte's career, lent from private collections, public institutions, and the artist's own family. This exhibition will delve into Caillebotte's diverse inspirations, offer critical insights into the cultural context of his work, and position him firmly within the pantheon of French avant-garde art." For more information see <u>http://caillebotte.kimbellart.org/exhibit</u>.



We plan to gather for lunch at the Kimbell Buffet Restaurant at 11 am and afterwards tour the exhibit in the Piano Pavilion at 12:30 pm, led by our Rock Star Guide, Orlew Lauger. If you would like to be a part of this cultural outing or have questions, please email Betty Hove at <u>msbrodee@aol.com</u>. Your **RSVP** is requested **by Monday, January 25th**.



GOURMET GROUP

The Gourmet Group typically meets on the fourth Saturday of each month and the host plans the menu. **The January 23rd dinner will be hosted by Mary DuBoise**, <u>mary.duboise@sbcglobal.net</u>. To learn more about this group, please contact the leader Eva Isbell, <u>emisbell@aol.com</u>.

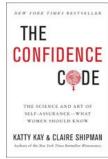
Book Clubs

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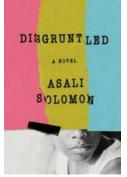
January is National Mentoring Month

You are welcome on **Monday, January 11, at 10:00 am**, at the home Debbie Powell, where Peggy Harwood will lead our discussion of *The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance — What Women Should Know, by* Katty Kay and Claire Shipman.

"The authors of the bestselling *Womenomics* provide an informative and practical guide to understanding the importance of confidence — and learning how to achieve it — for women of all ages and at all stages of their careers."



February is Black History Month



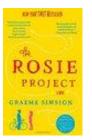
Please join us on **Monday, February 15, at 10:00 am** when we will discuss **Disgruntled:** *A* **Novel** by Asali Solomon, 2001–02 AAUW American Fellow, at the home of Peggy Hendon.

"Effortlessly funny and achingly poignant, Asali Solomon's long-awaited debut novel follows Kenya from West Philadelphia to the suburbs, from public school to private, from childhood through adolescence, as she grows increasingly disgruntled by her inability to find any place or thing or person that feels like home. A coming-of-age tale, a portrait of Philadelphia in the late '80s and early '90s, an examination of the impossible double binds of race, **Disgruntled** is a novel about the desire to rise

above the limitations of the narratives we're given and the painful struggle to craft fresh ones we can call our own."

Please **RSVP** to Tina Caliga by Friday February 12th, <u>tcaliga@gmail.com</u>.

LITERATURE GROUP BOOK CLUB



January Lit Group is scheduled for **Monday, January 11th at 7:30 pm,** hosted by Joyce Beck. Kay Yount will review **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion, an "Aussie." The book is an international bestseller, now available in paperback, which Amazon, calls a "romantic comedy 'bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and...humor,' (*Entertainment Weekly*) featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love."

February Lit Group will be hosted by Lynn Hayes on **Monday, February 8 at 7:30 pm**. Jane Bruckner will give the book review. Please **RSVP** to Lynn at <u>lynn.hayes@dot.gov</u>.

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony." — Mahatma Gandhi

PUBLIC POLICY

The AAUW Public Policy Alliance pilot (Collaborative Connection) is offering you an opportunity to serve your community while proving the pilot's concept that linking organizations can CREATE A LARGER PUBLIC POLICY FOOTPRINT for the participating organizations.

Tarrant Churches Together (TCT) has asked the four other Alliance partners to add 50 new volunteers this year. Please join us in partnership with TCT in the upcoming **6th Annual MLK Day of Service on January 18.**

On January 7th an Alliance "Call to Action" Message was emailed to all AAUW TCB members with all the details and how to volunteer. Please respond and be a part of this day of community service, including options to help feed families, clothe children, clean up a neighborhood, sack groceries, stock pantry shelves, and much, much more! Choose from among more than 30 opportunities to make a difference in one life--or many! Registration (use AAUW for church name) www.tarranttogether.org

-- Dawn Ellison, Co-Chair Public Policy

AAUW North Texas Interbranch Meeting

Join us for the **North Texas Interbranch Meeting, Saturday, January 16th,** at the International Museum of Cultures, 411 US 67 Frontage Road, Duncanville, 75137. We will have a social time with snacks 9:30 – 10 am; meeting at 10 to discuss our upcoming state convention and share what is going on in the local branches. Following the meeting, a 10:30 tour the museum is planned (\$5 fee) and a visit its delightful gift shop. <u>http://internationalmuseumofcultures.org/</u> Many thanks to Penny Ball and the Southwest Dallas County branch for arranging and hosting this meeting.

You are invited to lunch at the **Veracruz Café** afterwards, 1427 N. US 67, Cedar Hill, 75104. The restaurant is 1.3 miles south of the museum, and offers a varied menu of Mesoamerican, Mayan, Huasteco and Aztec cuisine, a perfect finish to our multicultural morning experience. <u>www.veracruzcafedallas.com</u> All members and guests are welcome! Submitted by Gloria Long, Interbranch President, <u>gnmlong@swbell.net</u>. **Barbara Cager requests all who are interested in attending this meeting to contact her, so a carpool may be arranged.**

Communications

Remember all the ways to keep in touch by accessing these links & social media:

AAUW Tarrant County Branch website - http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net

- AAUW Tarrant County Facebook pages:
 - **In Touch**, our secret group, online community bulletin board for branch members, accessible by invitation, contact <u>Tina Caliga</u> about joining
 - Tarrant County public page <u>https://www.facebook.com/aauwtarrantcounty</u>
- AAUW Texas http://aauw-tx.aauw.net
- AAUW National Website http://www.aauw.org/
- AAUW Blog http://www.aauw.org/blog/
- **AAUW on Twitter -** Log on or sign up for a Twitter account. Start following AAUW members from around the nation to hear the latest AAUW and public policy news.

Tarrant County Newsletters are published bi-monthly. E-blasts are sent monthly and as needed.

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 3rd** and **March 2nd**.

KUDOS from the President to:

- Mary DuBoise, Orlew Lauger and all of the members that volunteered to make Sister to Sister a success.
- * Lynn Hayes and Duchess Humphrey for conducting our first ever Poinsettia fundraiser.
- * **B.J. Hoskins** for hosting us at the Stayton for our **Holiday Potluck.**
- The members of the Nominating Committee for stepping up to the task of seeking good leadership for our Branch.





THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

It's My Vote 2016 Webinar: Get Out the Vote Campaign Kick-off

AAUW is dedicated to making sure every woman is registered and has the information she needs to cast her vote. We'll kickoff our 2016 Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign with this all-member webinar on January 13. With so much at stake in this election, learn how your branch can register, educate, and turn out millennial women voters nationwide as part of our It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign! All AAUW members are invited but space is limited. This call will be recorded and made available at a later date. Webinar Date: January 13, 6:30 Central Time, online. Register here today!

See these articles on our wonderful National <u>www.aauw.org</u> website:

- Start the New Year Off Right -- Empower Women and Girls •
- Humans Will Probably Walk on the Moon before Women Get Equal Pay
- Challenges Women Face in the Workplace
- Become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist

THE NEWS FROM AAUW TEXAS



SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 29 thru MAY 1, 2016

AAUW TEXAS BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION in San Antonio

Register EARLY: http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/2016-aauw-tx-state-convention/



2017 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 14–17 * WASHINGTON DC





Thoughts at the end: The New Year is when we make a fresh start at being our best "me." We get involved in activities that bring more meaning to our Fresh our best me. of the set of the se

"Happiness, not in another place, but this place ... not for another hour, but for this hour." — Walt Whitman

Community Events

Coalition for Public Schools Meeting in the Metroplex. Monday, January 11th - 6:00 pm, Acton United Methodist Church - Granbury, Texas. Register using EventBrite:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-education-meeting-coalition-for-public-schools-tickets-20025963195

Empty Bowls, Friday, February 19, 11 am - 1 pm, Will Rogers Memorial Center, benefiting The Tarrant Area Food Bank. <u>http://tafb.org/tafb-events/empty-bowls/</u>

Twentieth Annual Victory Over Violence Run/Walk, Saturday, April 9, benefiting the Women's Center of Tarrant County. <u>http://www.vovfw.org/</u>



Branch Calendar

- Mon Jan 11 Literature Group, 7:30 pm, hosted by Joyce Beck, Kay Yount reviewer
- Mon Jan 11 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, hosted by Debbie Powell
- Wed Jan 13 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am, Buttons, 4701 West Frwy near World Market
- Wed Jan 13 It's My Vote Webinar, 6:30 pm Central Time, register online
- Sat Jan 16 Interbranch Meeting, 9:30 am, International Museum of Cultures, 411 US 67 Frontage Road, Duncanville
- Mon Jan 18 MLK Day of Service, Community Service Project
- Wed Jan 20 Branch Dinner Meeting & Speaker, 5:30 pm, The Stayton Sundance Room
- Sat Jan 23 Gourmet, hosted by Mary DuBoise
- Thur Jan 28 Cultural Outing, Kimbell Museum, 11 am Lunch, 12:30 Docent led tour
- Wed Feb 3 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton Green Room
- Mon Feb 8 Lit Group, 7:30 pm, hosted by Lynn Hayes, Jane Bruckner reviewer
- Mon Feb 15 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, hosted by Peggy Hendon
- Sun Apr 24 Silent Auction & Wine Tasting, 3:30 6 pm, Times Ten Winery
- Fri Apr 29- Sun May 1 AAUW TX State Convention, San Antonio

Sister to Sister Summit November 14, 2015



Mary DuBoise, JoLinda Martinez & Delta Kappa Gamma Volunteers



Middle School Girls Presenting Poster



MC Elda Rodriguez and College Women Mentors



Vol's Theresa Gaul, Cecilia Silva & JoLinda Martinez

Holiday Get Together November 18



Poinsettia Sale: Mary DuBoise & Peggy Hendon



Celina Vasquez, Barbara Cager, and Josita Baker



Joyce Raessler, Orlew Lauger & Peggy Harwood led singing



Fun with Table Topics & Potluck Dinner

More photos will be available on our Website: <u>http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/about/facebook-photos/</u>



AAUW TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2015-16

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Our Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day - educational, social, economic, and political.

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.



