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President's Corner - July Message



I have returned from the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans filled with enthusiasm and new ideas! During the summer I hope to share these ideas with our Board as we dream, set goals, and make plans for the coming year. We will strive to further the mission of AAUW, while providing education and enrichment to our members, as well as service to the community.

*Many thanks to all the members of the board and branch members who have been so wonderful and supportive during the past year! Outgoing AAUW Funds VP, Emelia Hoefle recognized our **Named Gift Honorees**, Mary Bailey, Susan Brinkley, Dawn Ellison, and Susan Fine at our May Celebration meeting.*

*Looking forward to seeing each of you on August 24th at our **Membership Social**. It is always such fun to get back together as summer draws to a close, refreshed and looking forward to the new year ahead! -- Tina Caliga*

AUGUST 24TH MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

Save the date for our Membership Social: Saturday, August 24th, 10 to noon, at the YWCA Ballroom, 512 W 4th Street. **All members** are encouraged to attend. **Everyone is asked to bring a friend** who would enjoy being a part of our dynamic organization. We thrive on new faces and talents. The year ahead for the Tarrant County Branch looks to be very exciting for us all!



The Summer Board Session for dreaming and goal-setting will be held Thursday, July 25th, 10am - 1pm, at the home of Tina Caliga.

The September Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4th, 5:30 pm.

Fundraising Distributions

The income after expenses from all our fundraisers and related donations in the fiscal year 2012-13 stands at **\$8,526.23**. In June, Treasurer Peggy Harwood made the following distributions:

- 35% to Tarrant County College Scholarships, **\$3,044.18**
- 30% to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund, **\$2,767.87**
- 10% to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, **\$852.62**
- 10% to Leadership Training and Conventions, **\$852.62**
- 10% to the Sister to Sister Summit, **\$852.62**
- And 5% is retained for Administrative Costs in next year's budget, **\$426.31**.



Congratulations to all members for this tremendous fundraising outcome!

“I found that giving liberates the soul of the giver.” -- Maya Angelou

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Exciting news just in: Thanks to our level of fundraising and donations to the TCC Scholarship in the past three years, **our branch will now offer two \$500 scholarships to TCC per semester.** The AAUW-TCB Board has passed the motion to offer a second scholarship starting this fall. 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. We are proud of Danette Thrush, last year's recipient, who completed her coursework at TCC this spring and has transferred to UTA for the fall.

We want to thank **Vera Rowell and Joyce Beck** for their contributions to the TCC Scholarship this year. Also, thanks to **Dr. Doug Newsom** for a donation in memory of **Nancy Moher**.

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

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES INFORMATION

The membership team extends a **big thank-you** to all of you renewed your dues for next year by June 30, the end of our fiscal year. Paying early is a huge help to our local and national officers as they make plans for next year. So far, we have 60 paid members, including seven new members who joined us during this past year. We also have one Honorary Life member.

Save the date for our membership social that will be on Saturday, August 24! The social will be held in the lovely YWCA Ballroom, in downtown Fort Worth. Please be thinking of someone you would like to invite as your guest. All new members who join at the social, or a following meeting, are given ½ off national dues making their total dues only \$50.50 for their first year of membership.

If you have not had a chance to renew your membership for 2013-14, it is **never too late to re-new**. There is **one more deadline** you can make. If you pay by the membership social on **August 24**, you will still get your name included in the yearbook. Please include a completed yearbook information form (available on the branch website) with your dues check. **We would especially like to collect cell phone numbers from everyone to include in the yearbook.** If there is no change to your information, you may simply write your name and “NO CHANGE” and send it with your check made out to AAUW-TCB to Mary Bailey, 4112 Angus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76116. The full year membership dues are \$75 for non-life members and \$26 for Life Members. If you have any questions **please contact Membership Co-VP Mary Bailey, at 817-735-1488 or m Baileyfw@sbcglobal.net**.

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

Member News



Gordon Hendon, beloved husband of member Peggy Hendon, passed away on May 24. We extend our deepest sympathy to Peggy.

We were also saddened by the death of Honorary Life Member Nancy Moher on June 17. We received many tributes for Nancy, including these: “She was a treasured member of our branch from the very beginning and served as President 2000-2001. Nancy has left us to carry forward the legacy of support she provided for women and our community. It is important to remember all those who helped our branch get going and to flourish.”

Donations have been made to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund in their memory.

SUNSHINE SUE Catterton welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to whom we would express our caring and encouragement.
suecatterton@yahoo.com



There will be No Interest Group activities in July, with so many of our members on vacation.

Bouquet of the Month Cards



We have been receiving some beautiful bouquets using our Bouquet of the Month Cards this summer! Don't forget to pick up flowers using your card each month through December, avoiding the week before the holidays listed. [Sally's Flower Shop & Gifts](#) proprietor, Nicole Parker-Biggs will appreciate your purchases of gifts and flower orders for special occasions. We want to help grow her business, to thank her for sponsoring this important fundraiser!

GRATITUDE:

- **Cheers** to Treasurer, **Peggy Harwood**, for successfully closing out the books for yearend and making the charitable distributions!
- **Gracias** to our **Program Committee** for asking our input on programs for the coming year!
- **Continued Encouragement** to the **501(c)(3) Committee** as they work on the IRS application for nonprofit status.
- **Many Thanks** to our **Enthusiastic Membership Duo**, **Mary Bailey and Susan Brinkley**, as they plan for our end of summer **Membership Social**.

47th AAUW National Convention **Breaking through Barriers: *Leading across Generations*** **Eye Witness Report from Tina Caliga**

Attending the 47th AAUW National Convention in New Orleans was a very exciting and energizing experience for me. I have prepared this summary of presentations by the key speakers to share what I learned with the AAUW-TCB branch members and friends. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to attend and represent our branch.

Opening Ceremonies – Monday, June 9

Jackie Clarkson, President of the New Orleans City Council, welcomed us to New Orleans and gave an update on the city, post-Katrina. She said they have re-established quality education in the city. Women now fill 6 out of 7 seats on the New Orleans City Council.

Carolyn Garfein, AAUW President, presented an **Update on AAUW:**

- The 2009 Governance change to a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and consolidation into one Board of Directors has paid off reputationally. AAUW now has an excellent rating and is in the top five US charity organizations.
- In 2009, AAUW national changed to One Member One Vote. Since then AAUW has become a leader in the use of social media, Facebook, the Two Minute Activist, Get out the Vote, and effective in getting voters out on issues.
- AAUW has experienced a membership turnaround, with steadily increasing membership, through social media and the Action Network. We now have 165,000 plus members & supporters, over 1000 branches, and 813 college and university partners, up from 718 in 2008.
- The National Council of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) met in early June with 700 college women participating.
- Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop is now held on 200 campuses per year.

- Elect Her for campus women has been adding 10 campuses each year, held on 50 this year.
- Tech Trek Summer Camp for eighth grade girls is expanding from California with pilots into several other states.
- The Tech-Savvy: Educating Girls in the new Computer Age program, founded by the Buffalo, NY Branch in 2011, has been so successful that the sponsor Praxair is funding an expansion to 10 new sites next year.
- AAUW is acclaimed worldwide for its research. The latest report, out April 30, is entitled “Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success.”
- This year we celebrate 125 years of women’s scholarships with over \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants being awarded to support 278 women in their professional and academic careers.
- AAUW is involved in a number of international projects with women in Israel, China, Cuba, and South Africa.
- AAUW is a strategic partner with the Clinton Global Initiative/University 2013.

Monday Afternoon Panel Discussion - “Equal Pay 50 Years Later”

Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, introduced the panel:

- **Lilly Ledbetter**, author of Grace and Grit, namesake of the 2009 Fair Pay Act
- Keith Hill, Director of the New Orleans Field Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Linda Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

Lilly Ledbetter said, “My story is not unique, it is just the tip of the iceberg!” Linda Maatz stated that AAUW has asked President Obama to continue working on Equal Pay and to consider using an Executive Order, if Congress does not pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. There is a new Whitehouse.gov portal on equal pay.

Why is there a pay gap for women?

1. The majors chosen in college and types of jobs women work;
2. With parenthood, wages go up for men and down for women;
3. Choices made for us, jobs not offered, raises not given, based on discrimination, beliefs, and gender stereotypes that die hard.

There has been virtually no change in the last decade, just 1% improvement. The new Paycheck Fairness Act being considered in Congress will tighten loopholes, move the ball down the field, and update the 50 year old bill. Women need their comparable work to be valued equally with men. AAUW has a new self-help website for people who think they have been discriminated against. The AAUW Lobby Corps is now a fixture in Congress. AAUW Public Policy Impact Grants are open to all 50 states. The \$mart \$tart program teaches college students to negotiate higher starting salaries.

Tuesday Morning, June 11

Keynote Speaker Robin Gerben delighted the audience using storytelling to present “Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way.” Gerben is a historian and author of the book by the same title on the former First Lady. She told stories and shared quotes from Eleanor’s childhood through old age. During her time Eleanor received extreme criticism from many, while her greatest causes were civil rights, women’s rights and education. She was the most admired woman in the world when she died in 1962. The twelve chapter book would provide a great roadmap for studying lessons in leadership.

The AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Award for 2013 was presented to Linda Alepin for her work as chair and founder of the Global Women's Leadership Network. This is a nonprofit leadership development and community resource for women leaders around the world.

Tuesday Afternoon - Annual Meeting

Carolyn Garfein, AAUW President, led the Annual Meeting, highlighting the accomplishments of the past two years. She invited a representative of each national committee to the podium to share their top two accomplishments.

The Membership Committee informed us of 10 new branches, including 3 virtual and 3 college branches. There are new resources for recruitment, and to encourage diversity and inclusion. Improvements have been made to the Member Database.

The Branch Program Resources Committee Chair spoke of their work identifying successful branch programs. They have streamlined and developed a support base for their mission-based programs and "Programs in a Box."

The STEM Taskforce Committee Chair shared information that grants have enabled the expansion of Tech Trek Camps into Florida, Ohio, Texas, and Washington.

Lisa Maatz, AAUW's top policy adviser, spoke of the "Get out the Vote" campaign and their work for Pay Equity. Online visits to their blog are up 66%.

The College and University Relations Committee Chair said AAUW has the highest number of CU Partners to date, 813. There are 200 new CU Partners. E-Student memberships are up to 4,000.

Mike Gellman, AAUW's Chief Financial Officer, spoke on the strong financial position of AAUW investments and new working rules for the Investment Committee.

Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Strategic Advancement, spoke of the AAUW "Crossing the Line Report" and \$100,000 dedicated to recent LAF cases. LAF has supported the plaintiffs in the unsuccessful Wal-Mart lawsuit as well as three military sexual abuse lawsuits.

Suzanne Gould has been hired as the fulltime AAUW Archivist and Records Manager to preserve AAUW history. So far she has worked through 42 of 700 boxes of AAUW memorabilia. Gould described finding the thank you letter from Rachel Carson for the AAUW grant to fund her research for The Silent Spring.

Gloria Blackwell, Director of Fellowships & Grants, reported that \$4.3 million have been granted to 278 people and programs in 2013. The AAUW Annual Achievement Award has been re-instated, this year being awarded to Sen. Olympia Snowe.

Dr Catherine Hill, AAUW Director of Research, spoke on a new research report just out on "Women in Community Colleges." AAUW Research reports are available on the web with Power Points presentations. AAUW provides annual updates on "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap."

AAUW Director of Campus Leadership Programs, Kate Farrar, reported accomplishments in the development of campus leadership through the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), which had 700+ participants this year. A pilot is underway with Mentor Cloud.

Tuesday Evening Banquet

Senator Olympia Snowe was recipient of the 2013 AAUW Achievement Award. She spoke on the *equity imperative for women*. Snowe retired from the Senate in January, 2013. She championed many initiatives during her years in public office, including establishing the Office of Research on Women's Health. She is the third longest serving woman in the history of Congress, as well as the first woman to serve in both houses of her state legislature and then both houses of Congress. In 2006, in *Time* magazine, she was named one of the top 10 U.S. Senators. While in Congress Snowe worked to build bipartisan consensus on many issues and built a reputation as a leading moderate. She was a wonderful and inspiring speaker!

Wednesday Morning, June 12

Keynote Speaker Cynthia D'Amour presented "How to Get Beyond "We've Always Done it That Way." " After the many workshops and new ideas we had learned, this was just the exercise needed on how to present and incorporate new ways of doing things in our branches when we return home.

Closing Ceremonies

Out-going President Carolyn Garfein spoke on her journey in AAUW, saying she "joined for the mission and stayed for the friendships." She found in AAUW "an instant community of women with shared values." She passed on a Dr. Seuss book *All the Places You'll Go* to incoming President Patricia (Pat) Ho.

In-coming President Pat Ho began by quoting Bill Nye: "Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't." She spoke of the learning and sharing we all had at convention. She said AAUW has goals and direction working for us. We want to be smart, strong, and bold. We will strengthen our support of branches and colleges, while we reach out to young student leaders. She outlined the goals of the new board of directors, including continuing wise use of resources and maintaining a good financial position, working globally, pursuing collaborations and partnerships, and expanding our horizons.

The Convention concluded with the announcement of the 48th Convention being planned for San Diego, CA, at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

- **View the AAUW Website**, for all the latest news! Click [here](#) to view.
- **3 Big AAUW Moments on the Equal Pay Act's 50th Anniversary**. Click [here](#) for the story.
- **Get Involved:** The Equal Pay Act anniversary may be over, but AAUW's fight for women and families continues. Join in at fightforfairpay.org.
- **AAUW Blog** – Read about and discuss issues of the day. Click [here](#) to view the blog.

Be an AAUW Two-Minute Activist: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS! Issues this week include:

- [Reverse the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike](#)
- [Tell Your Senators to Cosponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act](#)
- [Our Kids Deserve a Better Bill](#)

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.

"I have never felt that anything really mattered but knowing that you stood for the things in which you believed and had done the very best you could." - - Eleanor Roosevelt

KEEPING FIT

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 Walkers website [here](#).



Thoughts at the end: After a wonderful convention, I felt compelled to slip in an extra newsletter this summer to share with you the accomplishments and focus of our national organization, of which we can be very proud. There is so much going on at national and such enthusiasm! It is very contagious! I have come back excited about what we can do together to further the cause of equity for women and girls. There is nothing like women working together to support women!
-- Tina

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Branch Calendar

Sat	August 24	Membership Social, YWCA, 10 am - noon, all members & guests invited
Wed	September 4	Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
Mon	September 9	Lit Group, 7:30 pm
Mon	September 16	Adelante, 10 am
Wed	September 18	Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm

NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION PICS



Member Vicki McCoy, Linda Alepin, Winner of Eleanor Roosevelt Award, President Tina Caliga



Treasurer Peggy Harwood and Gloria Long, NE Tarrant County Branch President



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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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