



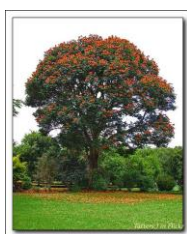
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President's Crib

By the time you read this, it will be Spring weather and Spring time! That's what I am planning for our Branch membership! The time change is certain, the weather hopeful...

Daily I am impressed and encouraged with the industrious group of Branch leadership and active members who pitch in, get tasks done, and make Tarrant County a better place for girls and women.

Coming soon is our annual Spring fundraiser. Without this vital project, we would not be able to support the AAUW mission. We are counting on each of you to give generously and help us meet our funding goals.

I continue to be proud to work with such an amazing group of women, and count you and AAUW a blessing.

--Karen Vanderwerken

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. Indeed, that's all who ever have!" Margaret Mead, anthropologist

MARCH 19TH BRANCH MEETING

Celebrating Women's History Month with the **Fort Worth Library**, we will meet **Thursday, March 19, 5:30 pm at the Central Library, 500 W. 3rd St, down town.** Dr. Linda K. Hughes, Professor of Literature, TCU, will speak on ***Our Foremothers, Ourselves: Why the History of Feminist Thought Matters Today.*** A YWCA catered buffet dinner begins at 5:45, with a short business meeting before the lecture, which will begin at 6:45. **Please RSVP and Prepay by Sunday, March 15, 6 pm. Click [here](http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net) to RSVP and Prepay, and for further instructions. Bring a friend!**



-- Informationwave at Wikipedia

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

APRIL 15TH BRANCH MEETING

Plan ahead to attend our April Branch Dinner Meeting at the Stayton. Learn about **THE BLUE ZONES PROJECT** and **"Making The Healthy Choice The Easy Choice."**



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 **April 1st and May 6th.**

Branch News

2015 – 2016 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The *Nominating Committee* is proud to present the following **Slate of Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch 2015-2016:**

President
Program VP (Speakers)
Program VP (Facilities)
AAUW Funds Co-VP
AAUW Funds Co-VP
Finance Co-VP
Finance Co-VP

Barbara Cager
Alyson Pollak
Eileen Frey
Lynn Hayes
Duchess Humphrey
Peggy Hendon
Kristen Mize



Continuing Officers with one more year to complete their terms:

Secretary
Membership Co-VP's

MarJoe Barnhart
Orlew Lauger & Gloria Morris

We want to thank the committee of MarJoe Barnhart, Orlew Lauger, Kathryn Bryan, and Peggy Harwood, led by Randi Thistlethwaite, for their conscientious selection of this slate of officers.

OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS -- Named Gift Nominations 2015

It's time again for nominations for Educational Opportunities Fund (EF) **Named Gifts!!**

Each year our branch honors members for their contributions by making donations in their name to EF. The AAUW Funds Committee is now accepting nominations for these named gifts. **All nominations are made without notice to the nominees. Please submit a short letter or email to Barbara Cager, bcager@sbcglobal.net, stating the reasons for the nomination, following these 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 April 25.** The selected honorees will be announced at the May Branch Meeting. (For more information, see page 42 of the Yearbook.)

Congratulations to Member **Cecelia Silva**, who won the Deans' Teaching Award at TCU Fall Commencement.

News Flash!



Bouquet of the Month Cards are still available! Each card is good for 8 more months of beautiful bouquets for just \$20! You can help by selling additional cards, turning in your cash & checks from your sales along with your sales logs, and turning in your unsold cards. Use these cards as gifts to promote branch membership to your friends! **Help your Tarrant County Branch AAUW put this fundraiser over the top by completing your sales!**

Contact Ann Bracey pixiesmom06@gmail.com, or Barbara Young-Gollaher byg151@gmail.com for more cards. Turn in proceeds to Ann, Barb or one of our Finance officers.

11th Annual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting -- Just Around the Corner!



Sunday, April 12th, 3:30 to 6 PM

Times Ten Cellars

1100 Foch Street

We want you to be part of the merry band of women and guests for this event!

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets on line.

- Plan to buy your ticket and come help us make this the biggest and best ever!
- Let us know what items you would like to donate for the silent auction.
- **Decide how you might like to help us on the day of the event** -- assist with set-up, clean-up, auction table monitoring, or refreshment table duties -- all the while visiting with your AAUW friends and enjoying a lovely Sunday afternoon.
- There's a Big Board surprise this year! **A week's stay in a beautiful 3-BR condo in Santa Fe, NM and more** for the winning bidder. Our own Joyce Beck and her husband Bob have made their condo available to us for our auction. We are grateful for their generosity.
- Bring yourself, your guest and your checkbook and let's have some fun! This year we will offer the opportunity to use **PayPal and credit cards, too!**
- **See the attachments** for details on tickets, our new 501(c)(3) status and the sample letter for soliciting donations.
- **With questions and to volunteer contact** [Ann Bracey](#) or [Barbara Young-Gollaher](#).
- Finally, if you will not be joining us at Times Ten on April 12th, you may contribute to our spring fundraising using our new PayPal [Donate](#) option on our website. *Mucho Gracias!*

Interest Groups

CULTURAL OUTING

This is your opportunity to join a docent-led tour by our own Orlew Lauger through "The Collection of Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass," featuring 37 late 19th and early 20th century paintings and sculptures. Join us for lunch at the **Kimbell Buffet Restaurant** Thursday, March 26 at noon. The tour, scheduled for 2 pm in the **Renzo Piano Pavilion**, is free. **RSVP** to Orlew by Tuesday, March 24 at o.lauger@sbcglobal.net. www.kimbellart.org



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.



March 2015: Women's History Month

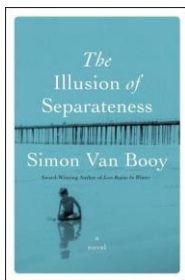
You are invited to the Benbrook home of Bettye Boisselier on **Monday, March 16th at 10:00am** when Susan Brinkley will lead a discussion of ***My Beloved World***, by Sonia Sotomayor. Sotomayor is the first Hispanic person and the third woman ever appointed to the US Supreme Court. With a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting justice, she recounts her journey from a Bronx housing project to a federal bench. Please **RSVP** your attendance to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, Mar 13th.

April 2015: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Please join us at the home of Tricia Deitz on **Monday, April 20th at 10:00 am**, when Berry Bock will guide us through a discussion of ***Crazy Love***, by Leslie M. Steiner. At 22, Leslie Morgan Steiner seemed to have it all: good looks, a Harvard diploma, a glamorous job in New York City, and a handsome, funny boyfriend who adored her. *Crazy Love* takes you inside the violent, devastating world of abusive love and makes you feel the power and powerlessness of abuse that can take place anywhere and to anyone. Please **RSVP** your attendance to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, April 17th.



LITERATURE GROUP BOOK CLUB



AAUW Lit Group will meet on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 pm at the home of Joan Ramin. Kay Yount will review ***The Illusion of Separateness*** by award-winning author Simon Van Booy. According to Booy's website, his latest novel "tells a harrowing and enchanting story of how one man's act of mercy during World War II changed the lives of strangers, and how they each discover the astonishing truth of their connection." Please let Joan know you will be coming by calling or emailing her at gjoanrambin@yahoo.com.

On **April 13 Carlotta Norman** will be the reviewer for Lit Group. You may **RSVP** to Jane Bruckner, who will host the group that evening at 7:30 pm, jane@janebruckner.com.

Dining Groups

OUT TO LUNCH

Our AAUW Lunch Group will dine on **Wednesday, March 11th** at **11:30** at **Righteous Foods** located at 3405 West 7th Street. This is Lanny Lancarte's new restaurant where all food comes from reputable organic sources. Check out their website: <http://eatrighteously.com/>

RSVP to **Marla Parvey** at marvey318@aol.com by **Monday, March 9th**. You may also contact Marla to be added to the lunch group email reminder list.

DINING OUT

Our quarterly Dining Out Group will be going Friday, April 24, 6:30 pm to The Blu Crab Seafood House & Bar, 6115 Camp Bowie Blvd Suite 104, 817.763.8585. **Peggy Hendon** organizes this group. You are welcome to bring your spouse or a friend. **RSVP** by Wednesday, April 22 to pkhendon@gmail.com. <http://theblucrab.com/>



GOURMET GROUP

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

BUNCO BUDDIES

Bunco meets the fourth Wednesday of each month for fun and fellowship. Berry Bock is the leader of this group. \$5 per player is collected before play begins each evening for the Bunco winners. The March and April locations have not been determined.

Contact Berry for more info at jim_and_berry@hotmail.com.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CALLING ALL WALKERS!

Our branch has been a proud supporter and active participant in The Women's Center Victory over Violence 5K/1K Walk/Fun for many years. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 11** and sign up for our team to walk together to benefit the Anti-Violence Programs of this invaluable organization! **We need a minimum of 5 members to qualify us for team registration.** The **deadline is March 30** and **fees are \$16.** **YOU** can join our team by **registering online at www.vovfw.org.** **Click on Register, scroll down and then click on the Team Tab. Select Adult 5K untimed - \$16.00. Enter our team name AAUW-TCB.** You may also register by mail to The Women's Center postmarked **by March 30.**

The walk begins at the Trinity Park Duck Pond in Fort Worth, 1K Fun Run at 8:00 a.m. and 5K Walk/Run at 8:30 a.m. Tricia Deitz is serving as our team captain. The important thing is to show our support for these programs – and enjoy fun time together while doing so. Please contact Tricia with any questions at deitz3@hotmail.com.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

All members are invited to participate in our rewarding Community Service events:

- **March 17th at 10:00 am**, we will be volunteering at the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum.
- **March 31st and April 2**, we will be stuffing race bags at The Women's Center, to be handed out to participants at the Victory over Violence Run/Walk on Saturday, April 11.

If you wish to join in on any of these dates, please contact Community Service Chair, Tricia Deitz, **for more details** at deitz3@hotmail.com.

Membership News

Membership Renewal

It will soon be time for all of us to renew our membership in AAUW-TCB. Our vision is simple, our mission is sound, and **YOUR MEMBERSHIP** makes our voice more powerful! Thank you for believing in the vital work of AAUW. Thank you for participating in interest groups. Thank you for volunteering to serve in so many ways. Thank you for enriching friendships with each gathering.

Tarrant County Branch is set to provide **online renewals with a credit card beginning March 16** through the national website of AAUW. This online service is called Membership Payment Program (MPP). The process is simple. Once on the site, click **Join** > click box that says **Renew Now** > next screen will ask you to **Enter Member Services Database** > review your contact information and make any changes as you wish to update contact information. Then on the left of this screen you see **Renew My Membership**. Click on this, fill in the blanks, and submit. *Voilà!* Mark your calendars to renew your membership for 2015-2016 on this magic date: **MARCH 16**. How great would it be to process 85 renewals on March 16!

Having said all that, **you may still pay your membership renewal by check.** Make your check payable to AAUW-TCB in the amount of \$75.00, and send it to Peggy Hendon, along with any contact information changes for the Yearbook.

Celebrate Winter Graduates with a Free Membership

Celebrate the success of a graduate this season with the [Give a Grad a Gift](#) campaign. Anyone who graduated within the last two years is eligible, so don't forget interns or student teachers you know. Give them a free, one-year membership in honor of their accomplishments.

For more on national membership dues and discounts, check out the [national dues, fees, and tax deductibility table](#)!

Take 50 percent off national dues when branch members gift a national membership January 1–March 15. National membership is a great gift for those who want to support our mission but whose schedules don't allow time to participate in regular meetings and activities. Now through **March 15, 2015**, a branch member can give the gift of a regular annual national membership for just \$24.50 [online](#)! Apply appeal code M15BRJN2015 to give one year of membership to a friend today.

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.



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

Communications

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

You can find out much, much more about our branch on this website! See our **Branch History** here: <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/about/branch-history/>

Access all our **Newsletters** on the following webpage:
<http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/about/newsletters/>



KUDOS TO:

- ❖ **The Nominating Committee** for producing a new slate of officers!
- ❖ **Jane Parris** for excellent new locations and catering!
- ❖ **Gloria Morris** for stimulating membership table topics!
- ❖ **Tricia Deitz** for organizing new community service opportunities!
- ❖ **Marla Parvey** for planning fun locations for lunch out!
- ❖ **Liz Stepp** for heading the Adelante book club!
- ❖ **Orlew Lauger** for planning a new member coffee event!
- ❖ **MarJoe Barnhart** for a new branch Facebook site, for members only!
- ❖ **Tina Caliga** for always making our publicity look great!

THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

- **Hot Topic:** [3 Reasons We Want to Introduce Girls to Cybersecurity](#)
- **Inspiring Woman:** [Mary Emma Woolley, a Champion of Unlimited Possibilities](#)
- **Celebrating Women's History:** [It's All in How You Speak!](#)
- **www.AAUW.org** Check what's happening at National!! Constantly updated!
- Click [here](#) to become an **AAUW Two-Minute Activist**.

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

Early birds don't just get the worm; they get to have a great time at convention! Will we see you in San Diego? Early Bird registration has been extended through March 31st! Accommodations at the San Diego Sheraton, flight discounts with United. **An opportunity to attend one of the best conventions in the world!!**

NEW RESEARCH REPORT FROM NATIONAL – Coming March 26

Live Stream AAUW's ***Solving the Equation*** Launch - AAUW's latest research report on women in STEM, *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*, will be released on March 26, 2015, with an event and panel discussion at Samsung's new research headquarters in Silicon Valley. We know how much you care about AAUW and our STEM programs, so make sure you [sign up to watch the event as it happens](#).

THE NEWS FROM AAUW Texas

Save the Date: **Equal Pay Lobby Day** in Austin, at the Texas State Capitol, **April 14th, 2015!**

See the great [AAUW Texas](#) website. [Sign up for Newsletters, Alerts and Announcements!](#) See the latest issue of the [University Woman Texas Newsletter](#).

AAUW Texas **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.texas>

Twitter: @AAUWTx



Thoughts at the end: Each time a newsletter is just about ready to publish, it gives me such a good feeling! Today the feeling is one of being proud of our members: All we can do together and how we get things done! It is a great band of friends we have, with high ideals and worthwhile goals. Sending the best of the coming springtime to you all!
-- Tina Caliga

“Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim.”—Nora Ephron

Branch & Community Calendar

Mon Mar 9 Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Joan Rambin hosting
Wed Mar 11 Out to Lunch 11:30 am, Righteous Foods, 3405 West 7th Street
Mon Mar 16 Adelante! 10 am, Bettye Boisselier hosting

Tue Mar 17 Community Service, 10 am, Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum
 Thur Mar 19 Branch Program, 5:30 pm, FW Central Library, History of Feminist Thought
 Tue Mar 24 Cultural Outing, Noon lunch at Kimbell Buffet, Docent-led Tour at 2 pm
 Wed Mar 25 Bunco, 7 pm, location TBD
 Tue Mar 31 Community Service, Women's Center, time TBD
 Wed Apr 1 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, Green Room
 Tue Apr 2 Community Service, Women's Center, time TBD
 Wed Apr 8 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am
 Sat Apr 11 Victory Over Violence 5K Run/Walk, Trinity Park Duck Pond, 8:30 am
 Sun Apr 12 Silent Auction & Wine Tasting, 3:30 - 6 pm, Times Ten Winery
 Mon Apr 13 Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Jane Bruckner hosting
 Tue Apr 14 Equal Pay Lobby Day, State Capitol, Austin, TX
 Wed Apr 15 Branch Program, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, The Blue Zones Project
 Mon Apr 20 Adelante! 10 am, Tricia Deitz hosting
 Wed Apr 22 Bunco, 7 pm, location TBD
 Fri Apr 24 Dining Out, 6:30 pm, Blu Crab Seafood House & Bar, 6115 Camp Bowie , Ste. 104
 Wed May 6 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, Green Room
 June 18-21 AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA

FEBRUARY 18 BRANCH MEETING



Barbara Cager and speaker Gayle Hanson



Gloria Morris, guest Lorraine Stell, and Kristen Mize



Joyce Beck, Orlew Lauger, Pat Auping and Kathryn Bryan

Bloom Where You Are Planted!



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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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