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MARCH 16TH BRANCH EVENT

Join us **THURSDAY**, March 16, at the Fort Worth Central Library, 500 West Third St, in downtown Fort Worth. Arrive at **4:30 pm** for a reception and light refreshments in the Chappell Room, followed by a short business meeting, and from 6:00-7:00 pm, the program in the Tandy Lecture Hall. This is our annual celebration of Women's History Month, in partnership with the Fort Worth Public Library. Our speaker will be **Christina Winters-Gears**, CEO of Creating & Managing Wealth, on the topic **The Creative Side of Financial Planning**. Please RSVP by Monday, March 13, by 6:00 pm to Peggy Hendon (pkhendon@gmail.com). **No charge**. Invite a friend!



Christina Winters-Gears

APRIL 19th BRANCH MEETING

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 pm, at The Stayton. Dr. Myeisha Taylor will speak on **"Women: The Changing Face of Medicine."**

Fundraising

13th Annual *Silent Auction and Wine Tasting* -- Just Around the Corner!



Sunday, April 30th, 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 by Monday, April 24th**, and come help us make this a success!
- Let us know what **items you would like to donate** for the silent auction as soon as possible. **You may bring items to the March or April Branch Meetings.**
- **Decide how you might like to help us on the day of the event** -- by assisting 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.
- **Again this year on the Big Board: A week's stay in a beautiful 3-BR condo in Santa Fe, NM** for the winning bidder. Our own Joyce Beck and her husband Bob have made their condo available to us again for our auction. We are so grateful for their generosity!
- **Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted!** Proceeds from this event will benefit our local TCC scholarships, national AAUW fellowships and grants, AAUW Legal Advocacy, and our Sister-to-Sister Middle School mentoring program.
- **See the attachments** for our flyer to share with friends and the sample letter for soliciting donations.
- **With questions and to volunteer,** contact [Lynn Hayes](#), VP AAUW Funds.
- Finally, if you will not be joining us at Times Ten on April 30th, you may contribute to our spring fundraising using our PayPal **[Donate](#)** option on our website. **Thank you!**

2017 – 2018 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The *Nominating Committee* is proud to present:

Slate of Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch 2017 - 2018:

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|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| President | Joyce Raessler | (1 year term) |
| President-Elect | Open | (1 year term) |
| Program Co-VP (Speakers) | Josita Baker | (1 year left in term) |
| Program Co-VP (Facilities) | Debbie Powell | (1 year left in term) |
| AAUW Membership Co-VP | Orlew Lauger | (1 year left in term) |
| AAUW Membership Co-VP | Berry Bock | (1 year left in term) |
| AAUW Funds Co-VP | Sheryl Bundle | (2 year term) |
| AAUW Funds Co-VP | Cynthia Redden | (2 year term) |
| Finance VP | Becki Griffith | (2 year term) |
| Secretary | Gloria Morris | (1 year left in term) |



A candidate for President-Elect is still being sought. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, comprised of Marsha Abeson (Chair), Tina Caliga, Peggy Hendon, Ellen Myers, and Barbara Young-Gollaher, for their diligent service in recruitment of this slate of officers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Begins March 16, 2017

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.



Since AAUW TCB is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit, our dues paid are tax deductible as follows:

- **Regular Members:** \$62.00 total tax deductible, based on National dues of \$49.00 (less \$3 not tax deductible) = \$46.00 national + \$16 local = **\$62.00**.
- **Life Members (paid up National) dues:** \$16, local branch dues, is tax deductible.
- **The State of Texas AAUW Affiliate is in the process of applying** for 501(c)(3) Nonprofit status, and we will keep you updated on their progress. Currently the \$13 State portion of our dues is not tax deductible. (In case you missed it, our State dues increased \$3 for 2017-2018.)
- **AAUW National Student Affiliate fee is \$17:** \$16 is tax deductible, and \$1 is not tax deductible.
- **Bottom line for Regular Members:** \$49.00 national + \$13.00 state + \$16.00 local = **\$78.00**, of which **\$62.00 is tax deductible**.

You can renew your membership with Tarrant County Branch online, starting March 16, with a credit card through the national website of AAUW. This online service is called Membership Payment Program (MPP). The process is simple. You will need your member ID number, which you will find under your

name in the AAUW-TCB yearbook. If you are a new member, call Orlew at 817-715-1192 and she will give you your ID #.

With ID number & credit card in hand, follow these steps:

1. Google www.aauw.org/
2. Click on **Membership**
3. Under **Branch Members**, Click on **Renew**
4. Under **Join & Renew online**, click on **Log into the MSD now**
5. Click on **Enter Member Services Database**
6. Review your contact information and submit changes if any
7. On left of screen click on **Renew My Membership**
8. **Fill in** the blanks, and **submit**

Voilà! Your renewed membership is valid until June 30, 2018.

Mark your calendars to renew your membership for 2017- 2018 on this **magic date: MARCH 16**. How great would it be to process everyone's renewal on March 16! Though payment through the MPP is preferred, you may still pay your membership renewal by check. Make your check payable to AAUW-TCB in the amount of \$78.00, and send it to Peggy Hendon. Peggy will also be prepared to accept your renewal check at the March Library meeting.

Give a Grad a Gift

Know a recent college Graduate? 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. Email Orlew at o.lauger@sbcglobal.net for procedures.

Member News

Barbara Cager was in a photo in the Star-Telegram on Sunday, February 26, with the ladies of the Fort Worth Unit of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians.



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. mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net.

Community Service

MARCH COMMUNITY SERVICE

For **March**, the **Community Service** group will be volunteering at **Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W. Broadway Avenue**, on **Thursday, March 16, from 9 am – 12 noon**. The church has a clothing room and a food pantry and also provides sack lunches to homeless people. We will be doing a variety of tasks, including sorting clothing and helping clients with choosing clothes; helping with food distribution; handing out sack lunches; and possibly even assembling hygiene kits. Several of us have volunteered at Broadway Baptist Church before and it has always been a rewarding experience. We hope to see you there. Please **rsvp** to either of us below by **March 9**.

Tricia Deitz deitz3@hotmail.com Marsha Abeson alandmarsha@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL WALKERS! April 8 - 21st Annual Victory Over Violence 5K/1K

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 8** and sign up for our team to walk together to benefit the Anti-Violence Programs of this invaluable organization! The **deadline is March 22** and **fees are \$18**. We need a **minimum of 10 people** to qualify us for team registration.



YOU can join our team by **registering online at** <http://www.vovfw.org/register/>

1. **Scroll down and then click on the Team Tab**
2. **Select Adult - 5K untimed - \$18.00**
3. **Enter our team name AAUW-TCB and Team Captain Tricia Deitz**
4. **Enter your contact info and click Continue to go to payment screen**
5. You may also register by mail to The Women's Center postmarked **by March 22**

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. Please notify our team captain Tricia Deitz that you plan to participate. 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.

Girls Inc. of Tarrant County College Shower

Girls Inc. of Tarrant County holds a College Shower each summer for girls in their program who are graduating high school and going on to college. Last year, 75 girls were celebrated and showered with much-needed items to level the playing field for them in their transition into post-secondary education. This year's event is on **Thursday, August 3**. Girls Inc. produces a wish list, which includes items ranging from gel pens, legal pads and surge protectors to umbrellas, spiral notebooks and flash drives.



We will be collecting items at each of the next three AAUW branch meetings. If you have questions about appropriate items, please contact [Marsha Abeson](#). Although not complete, there is a wish list set up at this link [Amazon.com](#), if you wish to order items and have them sent directly to the agency.

SISTER-TO-SISTER SUMMIT – Save the Date! – November 11

The next Sister-to-Sister Summit has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 11**, at **Tarrant County College – Northwest Campus**. Thanks to Becki Griffith for assistance with arranging this!

Interest Groups

OUT TO LUNCH



Wednesday, March 8, at 11:30 am, the group will dine on great Tex Mex at **Rio Mambo**. It is located at 6125 SW Loop 820. This is in the Cityview Center on the southwest corner of Bryant Irvin and I-20.
<http://www.riomambo.com/>

Please **RSVP** to Marla Parvey at marvey318@aol.com or 817-886-2677 by Monday, March 6. You may also contact Marla to be added to the lunch group reminder list. In April we will go Out to Lunch on Wednesday, April 12, at a location to be announced.

GOURMET GROUP

The Gourmet Group typically meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, and the host plans the menu. **The March 25th dinner will be hosted by June Hill.** Please contact June at june.hill@att.net to **RSVP**. **Carlotta Norman is scheduled to host on April 29th.** In April, please **RSVP** to cknorman@att.net.

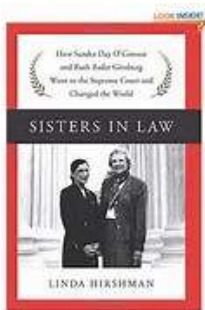


Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

March is Women's History Month

You are welcome on **Monday, March 20, at 10 am**, at the home of Peggy Hendon, when she will lead our discussion of ***Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*** by Linda Hirshman.

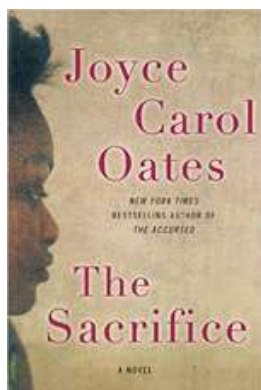


The relationship between Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg — Republican and Democrat, Christian and Jew, western rancher's daughter and Brooklyn girl — transcends party, religion, region, and culture. Strengthened by each other's presence, these groundbreaking judges, the first and second woman to serve on the highest court in the land, have transformed the United States itself, making it a more equal place for all women. Linda Hirshman's dual biography combines legal detail with warm personal anecdotes that bring these very different women into focus as never before. Meticulously researched and compellingly told, it is an authoritative account of our changing law and culture and a moving story of a remarkable friendship.

Please **RSVP** to Tina Caliga by Friday, March 17, tcaliga@gmail.com.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Please join us on **Monday, April 17, at 10 am**, for Adelante at the home of Tina Caliga, when she will lead our discussion of ***The Sacrifice*** by Joyce Carol Oates.

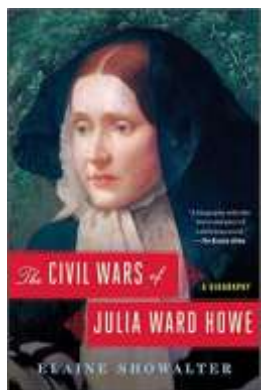


When a 14-year-old girl is the alleged victim of a terrible act of racial violence, the incident shocks and galvanizes her community, exacerbating the racial tension that has been simmering in this New Jersey town for decades. Unfolding in a succession of multiracial voices, in a community transfixed by this alleged crime and the spectacle unfolding around it, this profound novel exposes what — and who — the “sacrifice” actually is and what consequences these events hold for us all. Oates offers a sympathetic portrait of the young girl and her mother and challenges our expectations and beliefs about our society, our biases, and ourselves. As the chorus of its voices — from the police to the media to the victim and her family — reaches a crescendo, *The Sacrifice* offers a shocking new understanding of power and oppression, innocence and guilt, truth and sensationalism, justice and retribution.

Please **RSVP** by Friday, April 15, to tcaliga@gmail.com.

LITERATURE GROUP BOOK CLUB

March Lit Group is scheduled for **Monday, March 13, at 7:30 pm**, hosted by Carlotta Norman. Joyce Beck will review *The Civil Wars of Julia Ward Howe* by Elaine Showalter. This “lively biography” (*The New Yorker*) is the first to tell the story of Julia Ward Howe, long famous for writing the words to the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” as a powerful feminist pioneer.



Like many feminists before and after her, she was belittled and mistreated; many attempts were made to stifle her intellect and freedom. “Nevertheless,” says her Amazon reviewer, “Julia persisted.” She became a groundbreaking figure in the abolitionist and suffrage movements, and a successful author and lecturer who fought her own battle for creative freedom and independence (Amazon).

Please RSVP to Carlotta Norman at cknorman@att.net. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you have read the book, are a member of Lit Group or AAUW or not. Please bring friends and guests.

April Lit Group will be hosted by Tina Caliga on **Monday, April 10, at 7:30 pm**. Trudie Byers will give the book review. Please **RSVP** to Tina at tcaliga@gmail.com.

PUBLIC POLICY GROUP

United Educators Association, the metroplex teachers union, has agreed to publish a specially created AAUW-TCB handout in its upcoming email newsletter. The newsletter reaches 90,000 educators, friends and supporters in the Dallas/Fort Worth region.

Our branch Public Policy Team created the 5x8 handout to advocate for free public schools and teachers who provide it. You can see it, along with more information about the damage vouchers do to public education, on our branch website at <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/public-policy-2/>.

Team members include Tricia Deitz, Gloria Long, Susan Davis, Eileen Frey, Joyce Raessler and Susan Brinkley. Jennifer Stoffle, an Eagle Mountain-Saginaw elementary school teacher, served as a consultant. -- Susan Brinkley, Public Policy Co-Chair

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>

See our new Google Calendar with all the branch events: <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/calendar/>.

A mini-calendar on the right sidebar keeps events visible.

AAUW Tarrant County Facebook pages:

- **In Touch**, our secret group, online community bulletin board for branch members, accessible by invitation, contact [Tina Caliga](#) about joining. All members may post!
- **Tarrant County public page** - <https://www.facebook.com/aauwtarrantcounty>

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 **April 5th** and **May 3rd**.

KUDOS from the President to:

- **Tina Caliga** for creating the excellent document, **Making Your Voice Heard**, to encourage each of us to let our elected officials hear our voice (Watch for it on March 8)
- **Becki Griffith** for the support given to **Sister-to- Sister** in securing a new 2017 location
- **Susan Brinkley and the Public Policy Team** for developing an idea into a reality
- **Josita Baker** for securing the variety of interesting speakers
- **Eileen Frey** for stepping in to help where needed with a smile
- **Nominating Committee members:** Marsha Abeson (Chair), Tina Caliga, Peggy Hendon, Ellen Myers and Barbara Young-Gollaher for their dedicated service in securing Branch officers



THE NEWS FROM AAUW TEXAS

Save the date: **2018 AAUW State Convention, April 20 -22, 2018, in Houston, TX**

See the [Winter Edition](#) of the **University Women Texas** newsletter.

AAUW National ASSOCIATION

Resources from our wonderful National www.aauw.org website:

- [AAUW Statement on March 8 Day of Action](#)
- [Winter 2017 issue of AAUW Outlook Magazine](#) In-depth feminist news and resources
- [AAUW Stands against Bias and Bigotry](#)
- [Become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist](#) Sign up, it's easy!

2017 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 14–17 ★ WASHINGTON DC



Won't you join us at the exciting [2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C.?](#)
Register now! Please let Barbara Cager know if you plan to attend.

Thoughts at the End

AAUW's values are nonnegotiable. We believe in fairness and equality, inclusivity and opportunity. We believe that bias and discrimination of any kind are unacceptable in our national dialogue and that our government must represent all of us. Throughout our [135-year history](#) we have always stood for solutions that work for all women and families — and we do not intend to stop now. With your active support, AAUW will continue to speak truth to power and fight for gender equity from the White House to the statehouse. You provide the voice; we'll provide the megaphone. Now let's get to work!

Community Event

FUNDRAISER for COLON CANCER ALLIANCE

Blue Mesa Community Night Fundraising Dinner, Tuesday, March 14th, 5-8 pm. 20% of your food bill will be donated to the **Colon Cancer Alliance** for research and patient support services. Blue Mesa Restaurant has moved to **612 Carroll St.** **Stan Thomas**, husband of our member **Paula Thomas**, who died from colon cancer in late 2014, has invited us to participate in her memory.

Branch & Community Calendar

Wed Mar 8 Out to Lunch, Rio Mambo, 11:30 am
Mon Mar 13 Lit Group Book Club, hosted by Carlotta Norman, 7:30 pm
Tue Mar 14 Colon Cancer Alliance Fundraiser, Blue Mesa, 5 – 8 pm
Thu Mar 16 Branch Reception, Meeting & Speaker, FW Central Library, 4:30 – 7 pm
Mon Mar 20 Adelante Book Club, hosted by Peggy Hendon, 10 am – noon
Sat Mar 25 Gourmet, June Hill hosting
Wed Apr 5 Board Meeting, Stayton Green Room, 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Sat Apr 8 Victory Over Violence Run/Walk, Trinity Park Duck Pond
Mon Apr 10 Lit Group Book Club, hosted by Tina Caliga, 7:30 pm
Wed Apr 12 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am
Mon Apr 17 Adelante Book Club, hosted by Tina Caliga, 10 am – noon
Wed Apr 19 Branch Dinner, Meeting & Speaker, The Stayton, 5:30 – 8 pm
Sat Apr 29 Gourmet, Carlotta Norman hosting
Sun Apr 30 Silent Auction & Wine Tasting, 3:30 – 6 pm, Times Ten Winery
Wed June 14 - 17 AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC
Sat Nov 11 Sister-to-Sister Summit, Tarrant County College - Northwest Campus

Photo Gallery

Branch Meeting, February 15, 2017



Dr. Njoki McElroy, storyteller



**Membership VP duo:
Berry Bock & Orlew Lauger**



Dr. Anne Bailey & Elaine Garvin



Marsha Abeson & Mary DuBoise

Girls, inc. Breakfast, March 3, 2017



Kathryn Bryan, Barbara Cager, Josita Baker, Tina Caliga, Marjoe Barnhart, Marsha Abeson, Lynn Hayes, Peggy Hendon, Peggy Harwood, Joyce Raessler, Orlew Lauger, and Erika Robinson



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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.

