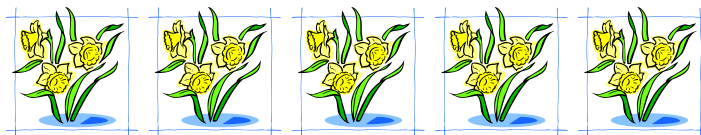




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*Welcome Spring and its many exciting activities! In this time of renewal, we rejoice that a new slate of officers has been nominated for next year! There is so much leadership talent in this branch! Lots of us will be heading for **State Convention, April 25-27**, in Hurst, which will offer great leadership training. There is still time for you to register!*

*Many thanks for excellent results selling our Bouquet of the Month cards! We have heard about wonderful items being gathered for our **Silent Auction with Food & Wine**, coming up on April 6 at Times Ten Cellars! We appreciate how many members are joining in the spirit of enthusiasm preparing for this, our major fundraiser!*

At our March 20th Women's History Month Program we look forward to another major collaboration with the Fort Worth Library and the opportunity to learn about Ruth Carter Stevenson, a remarkable woman in the history of our city. Join us at the stately Central Library downtown! Guests are welcome to attend this celebration! -- Tina Caliga

MARCH 20TH BRANCH MEETING

Celebrating Women's History Month with the Fort Worth Library, we will meet **Thursday**, March 20, 5:30 pm at the Central Library, 500 W 3rd St, downtown. Dr. Andrew Walker, Director of the Amon Carter Museum, will speak on "Ruth Carter Stevenson and the Invention of the Museum Experience in Fort Worth." A YWCA catered buffet dinner begins at 5:45, with a short business meeting before the lecture, which will begin at 6:30. **Please RSVP by Monday, March 17, 6 pm**, to Karen Vanderwerken, karenvtx@gmail.com. Bring a friend!



-- Informationwave at Wikipedia

APRIL 16TH BRANCH MEETING

Plan ahead to attend our April Branch Meeting, featuring a UNT Health Science Center Panel of women ObGyn doctors: **"The For HER Health Institute - A Community Partner in the Prostitution Diversion Initiative."**

<http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net>
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The April Board Meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 2nd, 5:30 pm, again at The Stayton, ground floor, Green Room. Many thanks again to BJ Hoskins for hosting us. In appreciation our members are making donations of good quality, gently used books to the Stayton Library.

Fundraising Updates

Silent Auction with Food & Wine – Save the Date – April 6th

It's time to get ready for our annual ***Silent Auction with Food & Wine*** scheduled for **Sunday, April 6th**, at ***Times Ten Cellars***, 1100 Foch St. The Fundraising Committee is requesting members assist by soliciting **"big ticket"** items such as weekend getaways, condo stays, airline tickets, etc. We are also seeking gift cards for dining, spa treatments, event tickets (symphony, theatre, sports, etc.), gift baskets and artworks for the silent auction. As you visit with potential donors, you can say our Charitable Exemption Application is in process and, once granted, will be effective back to April, 2013.



Please contact **Barbara Cager** bcager@sbcglobal.net or **Ann Bracey** annbracey@yahoo.com regarding any items you are able to secure for this fundraiser. A standard letter is available for soliciting donations. As soon as you secure your items for donation, please give them to Barbara or Ann along with a business card from the vendor.

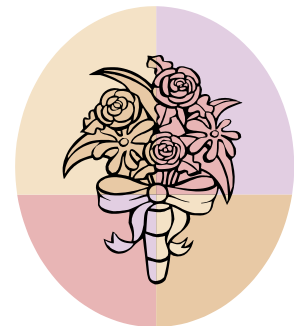


Times Ten Cellars, a local winery and wine bar, provides us a popular venue for this event. Tickets are \$30 per person. Advance reservations are required; your check is your reservation. Please turn in your check at our next meeting or mail your check to our Finance VP, Peggy Harwood, 201 W Lancaster Ave, #305, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Each guest will have tickets to use for either 2 full glasses of wine or 4 half glasses. Times Ten will offer several wines for tasting. There will be ***great food***, with catering arranged by Liz Stepp. *If a member cannot attend, we would appreciate a donation for AAUW Scholarships and Programs.*

Ann Bracey and Barb Gollaher are coordinating gift baskets and trays for the silent auction. **Please email annbracey@yahoo.com with information about your gift basket or gift tray. Please include a list of the items in the basket or tray and include the value, as well as a suggested starting bid.**

2014 Bouquet of the Month Cards

The fundraising sale of our 2014 Bouquet of the Month Cards for ***Sally's Flower Shoppe & Gifts*** has been a **real success**, exceeding our sales goal! Please turn in any further proceeds and unsold cards to Finance VP Peggy Harwood. When you go in to pick up your pretty bouquets, we encourage you to shop for gifts and thank the Sally's employees for supporting AAUW! (Remember these bouquets are not available the week before major holidays: Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.)



Named Gift Nominations

Each year members are invited to make nominations for our Educational Opportunities Fund (EF) **Named Gifts**. Our branch traditionally 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. Please submit a short letter or email to **Barbara Cager** stating the reasons for the nomination, following the 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 May 1. The selected honorees will be announced at the May Branch Meeting. (For more information, see page 44 of the Yearbook.)

2014 – 2015 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The *Nominating Committee* is proud to present the following **Slate of Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch 2014-2015:**

President	Karen Vanderwerken
President-Elect	Barbara Cager
Program VP (remaining 1 year term)	Jane Parris
Membership Co-VPs	Orlew Lauger & Carole Widmann
Secretary	MarJoe Barnhart
Finance Co-VP (remaining 1 year term)	Peggy Hendon
AAUW Funds Co-VP (remaining 1 year term)	Barbara Gollagher



Continuing Officers with 1 more year to complete their terms:

Finance Co-VP	Peggy Harwood
AAUW Funds Co-VP	Ann Bracey

We want to thank the committee of MarJoe Barnhardt, Berry Bock, Kathryn Bryan, and Peggy Harwood, led by Randi Thistlethwaite, for their thoughtful diligence in selecting this slate of officers.

Community Projects

VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE WALK/RUN – The Fine Team!



The 18th Annual **Victory over Violence (VoV) 5K & 1K Walk/Run** will be held Saturday, April 12. This year we are excited to join the **Fine Team**, which Susan Fine is organizing. We do this to honor Susan, one of our long-time members who worked at the Women's Center and recently moved away. She will be in town for the event!

All proceeds benefit the anti-violence programs of [The Women's Center of Tarrant County](#). The Women's Center serves 90,000 people annually through counseling, employment and educational programs. Our branch has participated in the 5K event for several years as one of our community projects. We carry an AAUW-TCB sign to advertise our branch!

You are encouraged to include family and friends on the **Fine Team** – the more, the merrier! **The deadline for registration is Monday, March 31.** Team members are asked to go online to register at <http://www.vovfw.org/register-2/>.

Directions for registering online:

- Scroll down the page to **Registration Type** and click the gray 'Teams' tab.
- Enter the team name, **Fine Team**, and **Susan Fine**, as team captain.
- Select **5K Untimed**
- **Enter** your participant information and **Continue** to the next page
- Choose your **T-shirt size**, enter your **Emergency Info**, and **Continue** to the next page
- **Payment:** \$16 per person

If you would rather send in a form with a check, the form is attached to the email with this newsletter.

The **VoV** Run/Walk course winds through Trinity Park. The 1K Fun Run begins at 8 am, with the 5K Run/Walk starting at 8:30. Susan will notify our team of the meeting place to gather with our sign for a picture before the start, and then everyone can walk at their own pace. Please email Susan at finesusan25@gmail.com if you have questions. You will be notified by email when and where to pick up your packet and t-shirt in advance of the day.

Let's show our support for The Women's Center and walk for Victory over Violence!

FUNDRAISER for COLON CANCER

Blue Mesa Community Night Fundraising Dinner, Thursday, March 13, 5-8 pm. AAUW-TCB member Paula Thomas has organized this event. 20% of your food bill will be donated to the **Colon Cancer Alliance** for research and patient support services. Blue Mesa Restaurant is at 1600 South University Drive. **RSPV** by Wed, March 12 to Paula Thomas at paot@aol.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Women's Center – April 1

Join us Monday, April 1, 3 – 6 pm, at the Women's Center, 1723 Hemphill, to help stuff the race bags for the annual Victory over Violence Run/Walk. Come for all or part of the time, as best fits your schedule. This is the second year for our volunteers to help and offers a time of camaraderie as we contribute to preparations for this vital fundraiser. Beforehand, our volunteers will meet at 1:30 for a late lunch nearby in the Magnolia Street area. Please provide your tentative **RSVP** to Susan Brinkley at this time at sujebrinkley@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Completed

On February 25, ten AAUW-TCB volunteers assisted the staff of the **Lenora Rolla Heritage Museum** in processing its historical collection of books, pamphlets, and records. Gayle W. Hanson of the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society sent a thank you note stating:

"What a wonderful team of women!"

Interest Groups

OUT TO LUNCH

This month our lunch group will dine on **Wednesday, March 12, 11:30 am**, at **Thailicious**, 4601 West Freeway, #206. Offering healthy and delicious Thai cooking with some lite dishes. **RSVP** to Marla Parvey at marvey318@aol.com by **Monday March 10**. All are welcome at these casual lunches. <http://www.lovetthailicious.com>



GOURMET GROUP



June Hill will host the next Gourmet Group dinner on **Saturday, March 22 at 7 pm**. June can accommodate 4 to 6 new people, but will need your **RSVP** by March 12, in order to work out the recipe distributions. For more details, please contact June at june.hill@att.net. To learn more about this group, contact leader Eva Isbell at emisbell@aol.com.

BUNCO

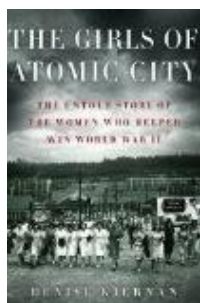
All are welcome to join this new, fun-loving interest group. The second game night will be **Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm**, at the home of Peggy Hendon. Please **RSVP** to Berry Bock at jim_and_berry@hotmail.com by Monday, March 24. A few more folks are needed to fill the tables of four, like bridge. If you've never played Bunco and wondered what you were missing, here's your opportunity! No experience required!



Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

March is Women's History Month:



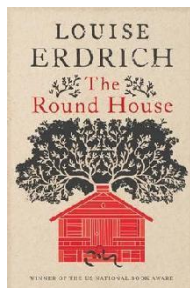
Please join us on **Monday, March 17, at 10 am** at the home of Bettye Boisselier where Peggy Harwood will lead us in a discussion of *The Girls of Atomic City: the Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*, by Denise Kiernan. All are welcome **by RSVP** to lstepp@sbcglobal.net Friday, March 14.

"The Girls of Atomic City tells the true story of Oak Ridge, TN, a secret city founded during WWII to help create fuel for the atomic bomb. Oak Ridge didn't appear on any maps, but thousands of women moved there during the war, enticed by good wages and war-ending work, and a buoyed, though mysterious, sense of purpose."

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

You are welcome **on Monday, April 21, at 10 am** at the home of Tricia Deitz, where we will discuss *The Slave Across the Street*, by Theresa Flores. All are welcome **by RSVP** to lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Friday, April 18.

Many people in the United States think that human trafficking only happens on foreign soil...not within our own country's borders. T. Flores shares how she, as an American teenager, was enslaved into the dangerous world of sex trafficking while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit. This will be a disturbing read, but important to raise awareness of human trafficking and its devastating consequences.



LITERATURE GROUP

You are invited to attend the *Literature Group* on **Monday, March 10**, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Carolyn Lombard. Joyce Beck will review *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. *The Round House* won the National Book Award for fiction in 2012--the first time this award has been won by a Native American. "Likely to be dubbed the Native

American *To Kill a Mockingbird*," it is "a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction--at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture." Please **RSVP** to Carolyn at pclobard@sbcglobal.net.

April Lit Group will be hosted by reviewer Dorothy Aker on **Monday, April 14**, at 7:30 pm. Please **RSVP** to Dorothy akerdc@sbcglobal.net.

Membership News

Celebration for Increasing Branch Membership by 15%

Twenty branch members were recognized at the February branch meeting for helping us achieve our membership goal by bringing a guest to an AAUW event or meeting between August and February. Fourteen were present to receive a chocolate truffle from the Sweet Shop plus a thank-you Valentine made by Susan Brinkley. They included the following : Mary Bailey, Berry Bock, Bettye Boisselier, Ann Bracey, Jane Bruckner, Kathryn Bryan, Barbara Cager, Tina Caliga, Tricia Dietz, Dawn Ellison, Barb Gallaher, Mary Lou Goehring, Emelia Hoeffle, B.J. Hoskins, Amanda Irvin, Ruth Karbach, Vicki McCoy, Doug Newsom, Randi Thistlethwaite, and Karen Vanderwerken.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES INFORMATION

On March 16, AAUW-Tarrant County Branch begins its **Membership Renewal** for the full year 2014–2015, which covers July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Collecting next year's dues now ensures your commitment to AAUW and allows our branch to start planning next year's activities.

These dues are collected from all current members, as well as new members. This means new members will receive membership for the remainder of this year and all of next year. The full year membership dues are \$75 for non-life members and \$26 for Life Members.

Please make out your check to AAUW-TCB and include with it a form with your updated contact and interest information for the yearbook. The form will be available at branch meetings, may be downloaded from our branch web site, or it may be mailed to you by contacting Membership Co-VP Mary Bailey, at m Baileyfw@sbcglobal.net.

Please mail the form along with your dues to Mary Bailey, 4112 Angus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76116, or give it to Mary at a branch meeting.

MEMBER CONGRATULATIONS

Our friend and branch member, **Dr. Jensen Branscombe**, received her PhD in History with a certificate in Women's Studies from TCU at commencement on December 14, 2013.



SUNSHINE SUE CATTERTON welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to whom we would express our congratulations and support. suecatterton@yahoo.com

EXCITING UPDATE ON TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Brooke Kirbie, one of last year's scholarship recipients, graduated from TCC in December 2013. Brooke is a participant in the bridge program, "Ready, Set, Teach," a program at UNT in education. She is guaranteed a teaching position in Arlington ISD after she graduates. Congratulations, Brooke!

Morgan Staskus is our new 2014 spring scholarship recipient to replace Brooke. Morgan has a 4.0 GPA in her studies towards an AA in teaching. Her goal is to be a middle school teacher. Currently, Morgan serves as vice president of the NW TCC Campus Phi Theta Kappa Chapter. Morgan's philosophy is that "one person can make a difference." Morgan expressed in her thank you letter to AAUW-TCB that she hopes to be as debt free as possible with the help of scholarships and working part time.

More fantastic news – After thoroughly reviewing the AAUW-TCB funds with the TCC Foundation, it was voted by the board to fund our current two scholarships at \$750.00 per semester. This is an increase from the current \$500.00 per scholarship. Our current fundraising monies and the TCC endowment have allowed us to make the increase for the benefit of our worthy recipients. The \$750.00 scholarship takes effect with the fall 2014 semester.

-- Pat Auping and BJ Hoskins, TCC Scholarship Co-Chairs

You are Invited to the TEXAS AAUW STATE CONVENTION - April 25-27

Northeast Tarrant County Branch is excited to be hosting the 2014 TX State Convention, Apr 25-27. The venue is the Hurst Conference Center, and the convention hotel is the Hyatt Place across the street from the center. **We are happy to have many of our members already registered to attend. There is a wonderful lineup of speakers. See all the details:** <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/events-projects/events/2014-state-convention/> **Early Bird Registration Rates extended to March 15!**

KUDOS TO:

- ❖ The industrious **Barbara Cager, Ann Bracey and Committee** working 'behind the scenes' preparing for a wonderful **Silent Auction with Food & Wine** on April 6th!
- ❖ Finance VP **Peggy Harwood** for skillful record-keeping on our finances!
- ❖ The dedicated **Nominating Committee** for their diligence in filling the 2014-2015 Board!
- ❖ TCC Scholarship Chairs, **BJ Hoskins and Pat Auping**, for their Leadership and attention to detail!
- ❖ Membership Co-VPs, **Mary Bailey and Susan Brinkley**, for honoring members who have brought guests and contributed to meeting our membership goals for the year!
- ❖ **All Interest Group Leaders** for their Leadership and initiative!

AAUW Texas Initiative – “Stand Up For Texas Women & Families”

AAUW Texas has initiated “**Stand Up For Texas Women & Families**,” a petition which will be presented to Texas Legislators and the Governor on April 24, 2014, to show how many people stand for equality for women. This petition is in support of women's access to comprehensive healthcare, quality public school education in Texas that includes scientific principles, equal pay and economic security for women. The petition is available to sign at our AAUW-TCB branch events. If you haven't already signed it, please find it online at the AAUW Texas Website: <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/>

"Sometimes it takes the better part of a lifetime to find out what your passion is, but in my observation, if you do, it might be the best part of your life."
-- Jane Pauley, *Your Life Calling: Reimagining the Rest of Your Life*

THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION

- **View the AAUW Website** for all the latest news from national! Click [here](#).
- **Get Involved:** For "Ten Ways to Get Involved with AAUW," click [here](#).
- **What We Do:** Research Reports. Click [here](#) to see seven important reports.

Click [here](#) to become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist:

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS!

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 join the Action Network.

Remember: If you set your *Bark* email aside to read and then can't find it later, just navigate to the newsletter page of our website where the entire year's *Barks* are archived:

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



Thoughts at the end: We can see Spring just around the corner bringing delightful times with our AAUW friends! The silent auction, monthly programs and community service projects are all events we can look forward to and spend happy times together preparing for. It is heart-warming to work with AAUW friends to make a difference on common causes of concern to us. We are grateful our Nominating Committees has again come forward with promising new officers. What a powerful group of women! -- *Tina*

"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance."

-- Eckhart Tolle, *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*

Branch & Community Calendar

Mon Mar 10 Lit Group, home of Carolyn Lombard, 7:30 pm
Wed Mar 12 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am, Thailicious, 4601 West Fwy #206
Thur Mar 13 Blue Mesa Fundraiser, 5-8 pm, Colon Cancer Alliance
Mon Mar 17 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, home of Bettye Boisselier
Thur Mar 20 Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W Third St
Sat Mar 22 Gourmet, 7 pm, home of June Hill
Wed Mar 26 Bunco, 7 pm, home of Peggy Hendon
Thur Mar 27 Empty Bowls, 11 am - 1 pm, Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W Lancaster
Tues Apr 1 Community Service, 3-6 pm, The Women's Center, 1723 Hemphill
Sun Apr 6 Silent Auction with Food & Wine, 3:30 - 6 pm, Times Ten Winery, 1100 Foch St
Wed Apr 9 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am
Sat Apr 12 Victory over Violence Run/Walk, 8 am, Trinity Duck Pond
Wed Apr 16 Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm, UNT Health Science Center
Mon Apr 21 Adelante Book Club, 10 am
Wed Apr 23 Bunco, 7 pm
Fri-Sun Apr 25-27 AAUW TX State Convention, Hurst Convention Center



AAUW TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2013-14

Branch President & Newsletter Editor: Tina Caliga, tcaliga@gmail.com

Next Newsletter Deadline is Friday, April 4, for the **April Newsletter**.

Send interest group notices and news items to tcaliga@gmail.com

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AAUW Funds Co-VP: Ann Bracey, annbracey@yahoo.com

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Gourmet Group Chair: Eva Isbell, emisbell@aol.com

Out to Lunch Group Chair: Marla Parvey, mfparvey@gmail.com

Yearbook: Address/Yearbook Changes: Tricia Deitz, deitz3@hotmail.com

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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