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## President's Crib

Our Branch has reason to be proud of our members and our involvement in our community. We have a vibrant membership including quite a number of new women. We have just completed our two annual fundraising projects supporting three TCC scholarships, Sister to Sister mentoring, and the AAUW Education Foundation. We held six successful monthly Branch educational programs, two monthly book groups, and numerous friendly social lunches and dinners.

On the National level, AAUW continues to expand support of key issues:

- Equal Pay
- Gender Bias
- Financial Literacy
- Public Policy – Equity for Women and Girls
- Education Foundation - Lifelong Learning for Women
- Global Connection - Economic and Social Development Globally
- Leadership Development
- STEM Education
- Research
- Campus Leadership

As my term as Branch President comes to a close, understand that my involvement and support of AAUW will remain strong and consistent. It has been both a pleasure and a blessing to serve.

--Karen Vanderwerken

## MAY 20 BRANCH MEETING

**Installation of New Officers and Yearend Celebration Meeting** will be held at **Aventino's Italian Restaurant, 5800 Lovell Avenue**, off Camp Bowie between Lovell and Littlepage. The event will take place from **6 to 8 pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us as we **celebrate** this year's accomplishments and **look forward** to next year. **Please RSVP and Prepay by Sunday, May 17, 6 pm**. Click [here](#) to RSVP and Prepay, and for further instructions. **Bring a friend!**





**At the May 6 Board Meeting**, future President Barbara Cager announced the Board will have two planning retreats this summer, one in June and the other in August. The first Board Meeting of the fall is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 at the Stayton.

## *Branch News*

### **2015 – 2016 OFFICER INSTALLATION**

**The following Slate of Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch 2015-2016 will be installed at the May 20 Celebration Meeting:**

President  
Program VP (Speakers)  
Program VP (Facilities)  
AAUW Funds Co-VP's  
Finance Co-VP's  
Membership Co-VP's  
Secretary

Barbara Cager  
Alyson Pollak  
Eileen Frey  
Lynn Hayes & Duchess Humphrey  
Peggy Hendon & Kristen Mize  
Orlew Lauger & Gloria Morris  
MarJoe Barnhart



*Many thanks* to our **Nominating Committee**: MarJoe Barnhart, Orlew Lauger, Kathryn Bryan, and Peggy Harwood, led by Randi Thistlethwaite.

## *Community Projects*

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE LUNCHEON**

Our Community Service Interest Group will end the year with a **luncheon** on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at **noon**. Marsha Abeson has graciously offered to host us at her home at 4704 Shady Ridge Court, Fort Worth. To join in this lunch, **RSVP** to [deitz3@hotmail.com](mailto:deitz3@hotmail.com), or call with questions. At the lunch we will be collecting 'wish list' items for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls Inc. College Shower** to be held in July, to help provide resources and items girls will need when they begin college. If anyone else in the branch would like to participate, please let me know and I will be happy to forward the 'wish list' to you and collect those items to be delivered in July.



It has been my privilege to be a part of this wonderful and giving group of women and I look forward to this service group growing and staying strong! -- *Tricia Deitz*

### **VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE WALK – April 11, 2014**



Our branch was well represented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Victory Over Violence Walk on April 11<sup>th</sup>, benefitting The Women's Center. Our AAUW team led by Tricia Deitz included Marsha Abeson, Eileen Frey, Emelia Hoefle, Randi Thistlethwaite, Doris Watkins, and guest Betty Poage. (Photos on page 8.) Three hundred volunteers helped in the weeks leading up to and on race day, including our AAUW Community Service group. There were a

record 3750 participants this year on a cool, cloudy morning. On hundred seventeen teams showed their support in the Run/Walk, and 169 signs of support were posted. It was a perfect morning to get some exercise while supporting the mission and programs of The Women's Center.

## *Membership News*

### **Tarrant County Branch welcomes two new members:**

**Janie Hart** (Rush {John R.}), [janiehart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janiehart@sbcglobal.net), birthday July 7, joined AAUW TCB in March. She was attracted to AAUW by its people, programs, and literacy. Janie received a BFA in Art History and an MA in Economics from UTA. Retired from General Dynamics, she anticipates contributing to Community Service. Janie also looks forward to Out to Lunch and Dining Out experiences with fellow members.

**Cindy Hart**, [cileeha@gmail.com](mailto:cileeha@gmail.com), birthday January 7, joined AAUW-TCB in March at the same meeting as her mother, Janie. Cindy received her BBA in Systems Analysis from UTA. She presently works as a Project Manager at Texas Health Resources. Cindy is interested in Out to Lunch and Dining Out, as well as Cultural Outings and Community Service.

Welcome! Welcome! We are so glad Janie and Cindy elected to join Tarrant County Branch.

### **It's Membership Renewal Time**

Now is the time for all good members to go to their computers and renew their memberships! You will be amazed at how easy it is. If you have not already renewed, you have received a reminder/invoice from National. Click on the "Click here" in that email and just follow the simple instructions. All you need to know is on your screen. You will need a credit card. If you need your AAUW ID for any reason, you will find it printed in the yearbook under your information in the address list.

A few members prefer to send a check to renew membership. Though Membership prefers that you pay online, you may certainly send a check. Please send your check to Peggy Hendon.

2014-2015 has been a dynamic year for AAUW-TCB. Let's continue to create ties that bind as we grow and realize our mission together. 2015-2016 here we come!

### **Message from Peggy Hendon, Finance VP:**

Invoices will be sent to members who have not yet renewed their memberships. If you receive an invoice and have already paid your dues, please contact Peggy Hendon right away so she can get your information corrected. You will be able to renew online or you can mail a check to Peggy Hendon. Finance VPs would greatly appreciate it if you could have your renewal done no later than the first week of June. This will enable us to have your membership information before our yearend, June 30.

### **Celebrate Spring 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 national membership in honor of their accomplishments.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:suecatterton@yahoo.com)

## **TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Our branch continues to be instrumental in providing necessary and oftentimes life changing educational opportunities for local, deserving students at Tarrant County College. Our TCC Scholarship recipient this past semester, **Brittany Trammel**, is the first college student in her family. Her goal is to be a math professor at the university level. Our branch has allowed her to get within reach of her goal by awarding her scholarships for four semesters, the first two at \$500.00 and the last two increased to \$750.00. This is just one example of how we have assisted students in need to have the opportunity to succeed. As members of this branch, we applaud you in your donations and fundraising that allow us to continue this circle of success and happiness. This coming fall 2015, AAUW Tarrant County Branch will award three more students scholarships of \$750.00 per semester. May we take this time to reflect that we are truly making a difference in the lives of these students. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve a generous and giving AAUW Tarrant County Branch.



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

## **HOW TO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION 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 Donation page on their website.
2. Complete the "Online Giving – Foundation" form.
3. Below the amount, click the button for Named Scholarship for Gift Designation Options.
4. Select AAUW-Tarrant County Branch Scholarship. (Be careful as there are other AAUW listings.) Click **continue** to go back to the form. AAUW-Tarrant County should show at 100%.
5. Indicate if gift is made "In honor of" or "In memory of" an individual. Click Next.
6. On next page enter payment information and complete the donation.

## ***Interest Groups***

### **OUT TO LUNCH**

Our AAUW Lunch Group will dine on **Wed, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30** at **Brewed**, a coffee house / gastro-pub and eatery located at 801 W. Magnolia Ave. Check out their website: <http://brewedfw.com/>

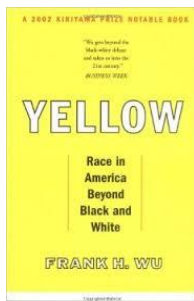
**RSVP** to **Berry Bock** by Monday May 11th at [jim\\_and\\_berry@hotmail.com](mailto:jim_and_berry@hotmail.com).





## ***¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP***

*Adelante! Book Group* meets on the third Monday of the month, except in Nov & Dec when we meet on the second Monday. All are invited to attend by RSVP to [lstepp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lstepp@sbcglobal.net).



**May 2015**

### **Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month**

Please join us at the home of Debbie Powell on **Mon, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am** when Peggy Harwood will guide us through a discussion of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*, by Frank Wu. Wu confronts the "color line" of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and offers a unique perspective on how changing ideas of racial identity will affect race relations into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Wu offers new ways of thinking about race in American society, and dares us to make good on our great democratic experiment.

Please **RSVP** your attendance to [lstepp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lstepp@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Adelante 2015-2016 Needs You!***

Might you be willing to **Chair** our Adelante Book Group next year, Sept 2015 - May 2016? I would love to nominate you to serve as our incoming Chair. Please contact me at [lstepp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lstepp@sbcglobal.net) to learn more about how easy yet important this position is. Maybe you were new to this group in the Fall, or possibly have been coming for some time; please send me your interests and/or questions!

-- Liz Stepp



## ***LITERATURE GROUP BOOK CLUB***



AAUW Lit Group will meet at the home of Ann Bracey on Monday, May 11th at 7:30. Berry Bock will review *The Danish Girl* by David Ebershoff. "A stunning first novel that probes the mysteries of sex, gender, and love with insight and subtlety. Inspired by the true story of Danish painter Einar Wegener and his California-born wife, this tender portrait of a marriage asks: What do you do when someone you love wants to change?" Please let Ann know you will be coming by calling or emailing her at [pixiesmom06@gmail.com](mailto:pixiesmom06@gmail.com).

## ***GOURMET GROUP***

The Gourmet Group typically meets on the fourth Saturday of each month and the host plans the menu. **The May dinner will be hosted by Berry Bock.** Contact Berry at [jim\\_and\\_berry@hotmail.com](mailto:jim_and_berry@hotmail.com) to join in the May event.



## ***Fundraising***



### **Bouquet of the Month**

Many thanks for your efforts in selling the 2015 Benbrook Floral Bouquet of the Month Cards. Please turn in any further proceeds, sales logs, and unsold cards to Finance VP Peggy Harwood. You may pick up bouquets with your card in the upcoming months June through November. Remember to thank our new florist for her support of AAUW programs and shop with the 10% discount.

## Silent Auction with Food & Wine

Our annual ***Silent Auction and Wine Tasting***, held **April 12<sup>th</sup>** at [Times Ten Cellars](#), was a ***huge success because of all of you!***

Our sincere gratitude is extended to the wonderful AAUW members who solicited and contributed auction items, as well as our fantastic Fundraising Committee who worked tirelessly planning, organizing and implementing the event. We especially thank Ann Bracey and Barbara Young-Gollaher, Co-VPs AAUW Funds, who provided leadership for the event, coordinating the donation of lovely auction items and themed gift baskets. Bravo to Barbara, who organized the delicious food! We appreciated having members bring their friends and family to make this a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you also to all the members who could not attend, but made donations to this fundraiser for the charitable distribution. Total income after expenses has not been announced.



In June at the close of our fiscal year, we will be making distributions as follows from our total funds raised:

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

## Communications

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

Use our website for [Meeting Reservations](#) with PayPal, for info on how to [pay your dues](#), and for the opportunity to [Donate](#). Visit the website monthly for new features.



See our ***Branch History***: <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/about/branch-history/>

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

## KUDOS TO:

- ❖ **President Karen Vanderwerken** for her leadership this year!
- ❖ **Peggy Harwood and Peggy Hendon** for diligence and service in the area of branch finances!
- ❖ **Ann Bracey and Barbara Young-Gollaher** for hard work and leadership in fundraising!
- ❖ **The Fundraising Committee** for a successful Silent Auction at Times Ten Cellars!
- ❖ **Tricia Deitz** for organizing our Victory Over Violence Team!
- ❖ **Sue Catterton** for spreading sunshine, support and caring to our members!
- ❖ **Pat Auping and BJ Hoskins** for steering our TCC Scholarship!
- ❖ **Orlew Lauger and Gloria Morris** for inspiring membership efforts!
- ❖ **All Branch Members** for their consistent support of our mission and programs!
- ❖ **Barbara Cager** as she steps up from President Elect!

## THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION - - [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**Attention all AAUW Members:** Click [here](#) to [Make Your Voice Heard in the AAUW National Election](#). There are so many excellent candidates for the Board of Directors and several important issues to vote on! Should we change the requirements for membership? [Cast your ballot for our future!!](#)

All AAUW members who have paid their full national dues May 19, 2015, are eligible to vote. Online voting is fast, easy, and secure. To vote online, enter your member ID and voter PIN (listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer *AAUW Outlook* magazine, also sent to you by email 5/4/15), and click on Start to Vote. You can click on the links beside each candidate and item on the ballot for more information. Online voting began April 15 and ends June 19, 9 pm PDT.

### Hot Topics:

- [Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing](#). New research report, available for download online.
- [Title IX Coordinators Have Historic New Resources from Department of Education](#)
- [8 Awesome Ways We Pushed for Equal Pay](#)
- Click [here](#) to become an **AAUW Two-Minute Activist**.
- [2015 AAUW National Convention](#), June 18–21, San Diego. Convention is almost sold out. Barbara Cager and Tina Caliga are set to go and represent our branch. Would you like to join us?

## AAUW Texas

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 of us has joined AAUW for our own personal reasons. This organization appeals to some essential need we have to reach out, be involved, support, and nurture other women, while gaining enrichment for ourselves. Whatever our reasons, we can find many ways in AAUW to live with our whole heart and do what we were born to do. This continues to be the source of much happiness. Have a delightful summer! Tina Caliga, editor

*“Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things that renew humanity.” -- Gautama Buddha*

## Branch Calendar

Mon May 11 Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Ann Bracey hosting  
Wed May 13 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am, Brewed, 801 W. Magnolia  
Mon May 18 Adelante! 10 am, Debbie Powell hosting  
Tue May 19 Community Service Luncheon, noon, Marsha Abeson hosting, Girls Inc gifts  
Wed May 20 Branch Program, 6:00 pm, Aventino's, Celebration/Officer Installation  
June 18-21 AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA



## VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE WALK, APRIL 11



AAUW TCB TEAM: Eileen Frey, Marsha Abeson, Randi Thistlethwaite, Emelia Hoeft Doris Watkins, Tricia Deitz, and guest Betty Poage. Randi, Doris, Tricia and Emelia posed by our Branch Sign along the route.

## APRIL 12 SILENT AUCTION



**See our many great photos taken by Duchess Humphrey and Kristen Mize.**

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## *Bloom Where You Are Planted!*



### **AAUW TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2014-15**

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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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