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Tarrant County Branch Year Ending on a High Note



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

The 2015-2016 AAUW year is coming to a close. Where has the time gone? It seems as it was only last week we began a new year. Thanks to the officers, committee chairs and interest group leaders for making this a very successful year. So many wonderful things have happened: the Membership Social, Poinsettia Fundraiser, Sister-to-Sister Summit, providing three Tarrant County College scholarships, awesome monthly programs, the annual Silent Auction fundraiser (complete with wine and food), wonderful Interest Group activities and Community Service opportunities, to name a few. We welcomed several new members this year and we look forward to working together in the years to come. Our attendance at our monthly programs increased; hats off to our committed Branch members.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Tarrant County Branch. I know you look back with pride at the numerous accomplishments we have made this year. I am humbled and grateful to serve as your president and I look forward to serving another year in this capacity. Thanks for your unwavering support.

Enjoy your summer; return invigorated and ready to continue the work of AAUW.
-Barbara Cager, President

May 18TH BRANCH EVENT

Installation of New Officers and Year-End Celebration Meeting will be held at **Buffalo West Restaurant**, 7101 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth 76116. The event will take place from **5:30-7:30 pm on May 18**. Please join us as we celebrate this year's accomplishments and look forward to next year. **Please RSVP by Sunday, May 15, to Peggy Hendon (pkhendon@gmail.com)**; there is no prepay required as each attendee will pay their own way, **but RSVPs are required so that the restaurant knows how many attendees to expect!** Also - let Peggy know if you'd like to bring a guest.

Branch News

2016 – 2017 OFFICER INSTALLATION

Having been elected at the April Branch Meeting, the following Slate of Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch 2016-2017 will be installed at the May 18 Celebration Meeting:

President-Elect	Joyce Raessler
Program VP (Speakers)	Josita Baker
Program VP (Facilities)	Emily Leftwich
Membership Co-VP's	Berry Bock & Paula Yoder
Secretary	Rebecca "Becki" Griffith

Continuing Officers remaining on the board to complete their terms:

President	Barbara Cager
AAUW Funds Co-VP	Lynn Hayes
AAUW Funds Co-VP	Duchess Humphrey
Finance Co-VP	Peggy Hendon

Many thanks to our **Nominating Committee**: Pat Auping, Gloria Morris, Joyce Raessler, and Deborah Roszek, led by Orlew Lauger.

Membership News

Tarrant County Branch welcomes three new members:

Sheryl Bundle, sherylbundle@yahoo.com, birthday October 23, joined AAUW TCB in March. She earned her degree in Legal Studies from TWC, but now has turned a hobby into a business making custom jewelry. After recently moving from Michigan to Texas, Sheryl researched a number of organizations and was impressed with the AAUW website! Sheryl would like to team with other members to counsel young women at university to prepare them for the work place.

Scarlet Meyerson, janismeyerson@gmail.com, birthday February 19, joined AAUW TCB in March. Scarlet earned her BS from TCU. She looks forward to meeting new friends through the various interests group. Scarlet is ready to contribute to the group especially in Communications/Public Policy and Hospitality.

Patricia Towle, laliquelollypop@aol.com, birthday July 22, joined AAUW TCB in April. She earned her BA in Elementary Education from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI. Pat continued her studies in Guidance & Counseling at TCU where she got her MEd. Before retirement, she was a Supervisor/Diagnostician in Azle ISD. Pat is looking forward to participating in Cultural Outings, Out to Lunch, and Hospitality.



It's That Time Again!

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. New members may call Orlew for their AAUW ID at 817-715-1192.

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.

2015-2016 has been a dynamic year for AAUW-TCB. Let's continue to create ties that bind as we grow and realize our mission together. 2016-2017 here we come!

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.

-Orlew Lauger

Member Accolades

- ❖ **Paula Harbour** was recognized for 20 years of delivering meals for Meals on Wheels
- ❖ **Barbara Cager** was honored by the League of Live Theater Tarrant County at its 23rd Annual Awards, for her work with Jubilee Theater

Fundraising Updates

Silent Auction and Wine Tasting

Hats off to everyone who supported our **12th Annual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting!** The event was a smashing success that was well attended by members and friends. There were some incredible auction items this year that caused bidding wars. The event was a very enjoyable. Thanks to Lynn Hayes and Duchess Humphrey for giving leadership to the event. Bravo to the committee members that assisted in planning, decorating, food, flowers, organizing, securing items, etc. Our sincere gratitude to Michael Auping for serving as moderator and encouraging the attendees to enjoy themselves while they bid. We appreciate Pat Auping's assistance in selling the raffle tickets and generating excitement. Many thanks to Barbara Young Gollaher and Ann Bracey, who organized the delicious food!



Because of the generosity of those who attended, we will be able to financially support our programs – Tarrant County College Scholarships, Educational Opportunities, Legal Advocacy, Leadership Training and the Sister to Sister Summit. Net income is not yet available, but the initial projection is impressive!

Amazon "Smiles" on AAUW

Do you shop with Amazon? If so, there's now a way to make a contribution to AAUW Tarrant County every time you make an Amazon purchase, without any extra cost to you! If you have an Amazon account, the following link will connect your account to the AAUW-TCB Amazon Smile fund.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1510954>

Scholarships

Tarrant County College Scholarships

Our Tarrant County Branch has reason to be proud of our scholarship recipients. We were instrumental in launching two students to their next level of education. Both **Natalie Tweedy** and **Vinh Nguyen** have successfully transferred to four year universities. **Hope Shrader**, our STEM scholar, will return next year to TCC for completion of her classes. We will continue this circle of success by awarding three more student scholarships of \$750.00 per semester for the 2016-2017 academic year. Our fundraising efforts and donations are truly making a difference in these student's academic careers. We are grateful to be part of a vibrant, caring and generous branch that does impact women's lives.

-Pat Auping and BJ Hoskins

Community Service

Offering Comfort

Our final service activity will be on Friday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. when we will be volunteering at The Warm Place, 809 Lipscomb St., Fort Worth. This organization provides grief support for children ages 3 ½ - 18 and their families, as well as young adults, who have experienced the death of a loved one. We will be assisting the support staff in preparing projects and/or activities for the children and families they serve. If you have questions and are interested in joining us, please RSVP to deitz3@hotmail.com.

It has been another meaningful year connecting with our community through different volunteer projects, and I thank everyone who has participated in so many different ways. It has certainly been a privilege to be part of this group and we look forward to new leadership and new ideas next year!

Victory Over Violence



Marsha Abeson, Mary and Warner Bailey, Randi Thistlethwaite and Bonnie Blan at the VOV Walk

I also wanted to acknowledge and thank our branch for continuing to support The Women's Center through our participation in the Victory over Violence Walk in April. This included the purchase of a sign expressing our support displayed along the walk/run course; volunteering to stuff race bags; and last but not least, signing up as team members for AAUW-TCB! This year's team included: Marsha Abeson, Mary and Warner Bailey, Bonnie Blan, Berry Bock, Barbara Cager, Tina Caliga, Tricia Deitz, Dawn Ellison, Emelia Hoefle, Orlew Lauger, Deborah Roszek, Randi Thistlethwaite, and Barbara Young-Gollaher (and I hope I didn't leave anyone off!) This was the 40th anniversary of this event, with 3421 participants. Kudos to Bonnie Blan, who raised \$225.00 through her team page, and with an

additional \$105.00 donations, Team AAUW-TCB made a significant difference in supporting the programs and services of The Women's Center. Congratulations, thanks to all and mark your calendars for VOV 2017 on April 8th!

-Tricia Deitz

Interest Groups

OUT TO LUNCH

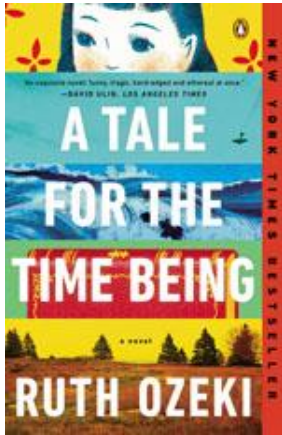
On **Wednesday May 11th**, at **11:30 am** the group dines at **Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine**, 4259 Bryant Irvin Road. Attendees will enjoy what CBS News This Morning called "a top dining destination in the Lone Star State."

GOURMET GROUP – Will return in September

Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month



Please join us on **Monday, May 16, at 10:00 am** when Barb Dennis will lead our discussion of *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. Liz Stepp will host us at the T & P Owners Lounge. There is pay parking in front of the building. Please **RSVP** to Tina Caliga by Friday, May 13 at tcaliga@gmail.com – Tina will respond with parking details.

“As contemporary as a Japanese teenager’s slang but as ageless as a Zen koan, Ruth Ozeki’s new novel combines great storytelling with a probing investigation into the purpose of existence. . . . She plunges us into a tantalizing narration that brandishes mysteries to be solved and ideas to be explored. . . . Ozeki’s profound affection for her characters makes *A Tale for the Time Being* as emotionally engaging as it is intellectually provocative.” — *The Washington Post*

LITERATURE GROUP – Will return in September



SUNSHINE is provided by **MARY BAILEY!** She welcomes your requests for cards to be sent to members to express our congratulations, caring and/or condolences. m Baileyfw@sbcglobal.net.

***Named Gift and Shining Star Nominations
have closed and honorees will be announced soon!***

Mark Your Calendars for the SISTER TO SISTER SUMMIT -- Nov 5, 2016

Great News!!! Approval has been received from the Trinity River Campus of TCC to provide the facility and food for the Sister-to-Sister Summit. The date is November 5, 2016. The partnership with Trinity River Campus is an extremely important component for the production of the Sister-to-Sister events. We are extremely grateful that the campus will continue to support the Summit.

Sister-to-Sister has been held since 2002. AAUW is joined by Delta Kappa Gamma, Delta Chapter, Fort Worth ISD, and TCU's Center for Urban Education in planning this Summit. The Summit is a successful way to reach middle school girls to stress the importance of learning. The ways of learning and what they learn and do now will profoundly influence their future.

This event brings together girls from five Fort Worth ISD middle schools who are partnered with college women from TCC, TCU, and other colleges for a day of fun and inspiration. The ISD counselors, who

will accompany the girls, provide a link to the middle school campuses for the girls. The college women will receive training before the Summit so they can be fully prepared to be a Sister for the day. It takes lots of women working during the planning stages and on the actual day of the Summit to create a successful experience for our girls and the college women. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate on November 5, 2016.

If you would like to be involved in the planning, please contact mary.duboise@sbcglobal.net or 817-992-4751. -- Mary DuBoise, Chair of Sister-to-Sister Summit 2016

KUDOS from the President to:

- **Orlew Lauger** and **Gloria Morris** for working together as our amazing membership team
- **Alyson Pollack** for securing awesome speakers for our Branch Programs
- **Eileen Frey** for securing facilities and arranging the catering for our meals
- **Lynn Hughes** and **Duchess Humphrey** for giving leadership to our 12th Annual Fundraiser
- **Peggy Hendon** for diligence and service with the branch finances
- **Tricia Deitz** for organizing our community service opportunities
- **Tina Caliga** for our exemplary newsletters
- The **Fundraising Committee** for a successful Silent Auction
- **All Branch Members** for their consistent support of the AAUW mission

Branch Calendar

May 4	Joint Board Meeting, Stayton (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
May 11	Out to Lunch, Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine (11:30 a.m.)
May 16	iAdelante! Book Club, T&P Owner's Lounge (10 a.m.)
May 18	Branch Meeting: Year-End Celebration and Officer Installation, Buffalo West Restaurant, (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
May 20	Community Service: The Warm Place (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

What's next? *After a summer break, branch activities formally resume in September...but your board will still be working during these months to plan an exciting MEMBER SOCIAL to kick off the new year...so, stay tuned for emails and watch our website and social feeds.*

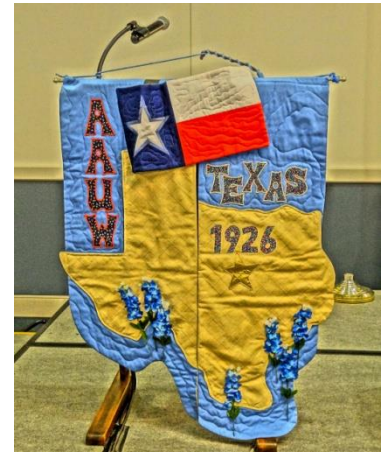
Sept. 7	Board Meeting, Stayton (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
Sept. 21	First Branch Meeting of 2016-2017, Location TBA
Nov. 5	Sister to Sister Summit, TCC Trinity River Campus

THE NEWS FROM AAUW TEXAS

AAUW State Convention Tidbits: Step into Action with AAUW

President Barbara Cager and Finance Co-VP Peggy Hendon attended the AAUW Texas State Convention in San Antonio, April 29-May 1. They report the following highlights:

- Branch scrapbook and display of Tarrant County Branch activities was viewed by attendees
- Mary Bailey's watercolor painting "Sunshine" was displayed
- Barbara Cager was elected as a Co-North Texas District State Representative



State Banner on Display at the Convention

Branch Awards received at the State Convention:

AAUW 2015 Funds Donations: Top Donations per member, #3 in Texas - \$70.18

AAUW 2015 Funds Donations: Top Donations per Branch, # 6 - \$5,052.96

Certificate of Achievement: AAUW Texas R.E.A.P. Mission-Based Programming

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>

AAUW Tarrant County Facebook pages:

- **In Touch**, our closed group, online community bulletin board for branch members, accessible by invitation; contact [Tina Caliga](#) about joining
- **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/> **Twitter** – see National Website to follow AAUW

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E-blasts are sent monthly and as needed

Photo Gallery



***New Member Coffee at Orlew
Lauger's home in April***



***Barbara Cager and Peggy
Hendon at the AAUW
Convention, San Antonio***



***Erica Robinson and Gloria Morris
checking attendees in at the
Silent Auction/Wine Tasting***



Fun at the Auction



***Pat and Michael Auping –
Auction Raffle Team***



***Gourmet Group: Berry Bock,
Carlotta Norman & June Hill***

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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.



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<http://www.aauw.org/>