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Welcome to another year of AAUW Tarrant County Branch. I am honored to serve as your President for the 2017-2018 term and will do my best to carry on the outstanding legacy of AAUW. There is no greater group of committed ladies than Tarrant County Branch of AAUW



May the winds be with us...

--Joyce Raessler, President

SEPTEMBER 20th BRANCH EVENT

Please join us **Wednesday, September 20th, 5:30 pm** in the TCU Brown Lupton University Union, Beck Geren Room. We will be pleased to present Katherine Spillar, Executive Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) and the Feminist Majority, presenting: **"Rise Up! Feminist Activism and Civic Engagement in this Political Moment."** Registration and the social time begin at 5:30 pm in the Beck Geren Room, with the buffet dinner at 5:45. At 7 pm we will move to the Ballroom for the program. Cost is \$17 per person. Please **Prepay by Thursday, September 14th**. Click [here](#) to RSVP and Prepay, and for further information. If you send a check, also email o.lauger@sbcglobal.net to **RSVP**.



**UNIVERSITY
PROGRAMS**
Women & Gender Studies

Branch News

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Membership will help with the distribution of our **new yearbooks** at the **Sept 20st** Branch Meeting. The yearbooks will be available again at the Oct 18th meeting. After that all remaining yearbooks will be delivered or mailed to members by **Tricia Deitz, Yearbook Chair**. Please send any Yearbook corrections to Tricia Deitz.



NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

powered by:
Communities Foundation of Texas

Countdown to Giving Day
3 Days

Challenge Amount \$2000

Get Up and Give! Donate to AAUW Tarrant County Branch on **Thursday, September 14, from 6:00 AM through midnight**. **Your dollars will be multiplied!**

Online donations of \$25 or more will be matched by anonymous donors until a total of \$2000 in matching funds has been reached. Extra bonus funds will also add a percentage to your donation.

This year you may log in early to donate and not be charged until the Giving Day!

Here's the link to donate to our branch:

<https://northtexasgivingday.org/npo/aauw-tarrant-county-branch>



Named Gift Honorees

At the May 17 Celebration / Installation Dinner we honored five outstanding members for their efforts during the past year. Donations of \$500 each were made in their names to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund (EF). Gloria Morris announced the following Named Gift Honorees for 2016-2017.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Winners!

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| ❖ Pat Auping | ❖ Susan Davis | ❖ Gloria Long |
| ❖ BJ Hoskins | ❖ Lynn Hayes | |

BRANCH LEADERSHIP

Please welcome our **2017-2018 Officers for AAUW Tarrant County Branch:**

President	Joyce Raessler
President Elect	Erica Robinson
Program Co-VP (programs)	Josita Baker
Program Co-VP (facilities)	Debbie Powell
Membership Co-VP	Orlew Lauger
Membership Co-VP	Berry Bock
AAUW Funds Co-VP	Cynthia Redden
AAUW Funds Co-VP	Kathryn Bryan
Finance VP	Becki Griffith
Secretary	Gloria Morris



PROGRAMS 2017-2018



We have a variety of speakers and interesting topics starting September 20th and ending May 16th with our Installation of Officers. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. A meal is included, combined with our monthly Branch Meeting. Locations vary. We can thank Program Co-VPs Josita Baker and Debbie Powell for this exciting calendar of events! **Please make note of the dates:**

September 20 5:30 pm

Rise up! Feminist Activism and Civic Engagement in this Political Moment

Location: TCU Brown-Lupton University Union

February 21 5:30 pm

**Salary Negotiation:
Women Know Your Worth**

Location: The Stayton

October 18 5:30 pm

What is Diversity and Inclusion?

Location: The Stayton

March 21 5:30 pm

Title IX

Location: The Stayton

November 15 5:30 pm

Potluck Feast:

Memories, Moments, & Merriment

Location: The Stayton

April 18 5:30 pm

Organizational Change:

From Mediocracy to Greatness

Location: The Stayton

January 17 5:30 pm

Alliance for Children: Stop the Abuse

Location: The Stayton

May 16 5:30 pm

AAUW Installation Dinner

Location: TBD

Bookmarks with this program schedule will be made available at events this fall to take home and also share with friends. Guests are always welcome and the events are open to the public. Guests who join at an event open to the public receive a discounted first year membership rate of \$53.50.

Membership News

Membership Social Report

The Membership Committee entertained our branch with an elegant Fall Membership Social on Saturday, September 9 at Colonial Country Club. Members and guests had the opportunity to visit, enjoy a delicious brunch, meet our leadership team, and learn about our programs, community activities and interest groups. Our year has been launched off to a great start!

Welcome New Member

Patti Hebson, hehebson@sbcglobal.net, birthday April 8. Patti is a St. Louis, Missouri native. She earned a degree in microbiology from Stephen F. Austin State University. She spent much of her life in Houston, working as a medical technician before joining us in Fort Worth. She retired as Assistant Manager of William Sonoma as of September 1st. Our President, Joyce Raessler, her neighbor, wisely invited her to our September Social to encourage her to join our wonderful group of women. Patti plays tennis and enjoys all kinds of outdoor activities. She is also a new grandmother. Please welcome her to our branch.

Membership and Dues Information

Thank you for renewing your AAUW membership for next year! Your membership is important to the health and vitality of our branch. Together we ensure our commitment to the mission of AAUW.

The full year membership dues are \$78 for non-life members and \$29 for Life Members. New members who join at a special event or at an open meeting may do so at a significantly reduced rate. That is part of the Shape the Future Campaign!

Please make out your check to AAUW-TCB and include with it a form with your contact and interest information for the yearbook. The form will be available at branch meetings or may be downloaded from our branch web site at <http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net/membership/>. The form may also be mailed to you by contacting Orlew Lauger at o.lauger@sbcglobal.net.

Please mail the form along with your dues to Orlew Lauger, 1915 Rockridge Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76110. The form may also be given to Orlew at a branch meeting.

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, Membership Co-VP



SUNSHINE will be provided by **MARY BAILEY** and **LYNN HAYES** this year! They welcome your requests for cards to be sent to members to express our congratulations, caring and/or condolences. mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net and lynn.hayes@dot.gov.

Fundraising Updates

Annual Fundraising Contributions

With your generous support, we were able to make the following distribution in June from 2016-17 fundraising projects and donations:

- **\$4693** to our local scholarships at Tarrant County College
- **\$2439** to our fund supporting the Sister-to-Sister Summit for Local Middle School girls
- **\$2231** to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund for National grants and fellowships
- **\$744** to AAUW Legal Advocacy



We are grateful for the efforts of all members toward meeting our fundraising goals!

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! Have your Amazon login and password ready before you start.

Here is how to use Amazon Smile:

1. Start from this Link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1510954>.
2. This takes you directly to the Amazon Smile webpage with our charity filled in. Once there, enter your Amazon email and password. "Aauw Tarrant County Branch" should already be filled in as the charity. You can then proceed to shopping.
3. Each time thereafter when you shop on Amazon, you **must always start** at <https://smile.amazon.com> in order to support Aauw Tarrant County Branch.

Tom Thumb "Good Neighbor" Program

During the fiscal year 2016-2017 we received \$223 from the **Tom Thumb Good Neighbor** program, just for shopping in their stores! Thank you everyone who has enrolled for our branch to benefit from this program! If you have not enrolled yet, click [here](#) to access the form and print a copy to submit the next time you shop at Tom Thumb. **Use Charity # 5773 for our Tarrant County Branch AAUW.**

Scholarships

Tarrant County College Scholarships

We are so proud of the 2015-2017 scholarship recipients: **Hope Shrader, Vinh Nguyen and Lauren Rindeikis**. Hope and Vinh were eligible for all four semesters of the AAUW-TCB scholarship program. Hope was our STEM scholar who enrolled in Texas Women's University starting in summer 2017 and is pursuing degrees in Biology and Medical Laboratory. Hope plans on completing both her degrees in December 2019 at TWU.

Vinh transferred to UTA in the Fall 2017. She is completing her dream of being a math teacher. Vinh completed all of her coursework and graduated with her Associates degree from TCC. Vinh accepted our offer of Give a Grad membership and she is now a member of AAUW.

Lauren also graduated from TCC with her Associates degree. Like both Hope and Vinh, Lauren graduated with a 4.00 GPA. Lauren's responsibilities of family with her many roles of wife, mother of four boys and daughter of a very ill mother, have temporarily stalled her academic studies but she is determined to complete her degree in Communications.

We are happy to share our new 2017-18 recipients: Margaret Davis, Chelsea Ragland and Jason Moden. There will be complete bios with donor letters from each scholar in subsequent newsletters.

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



Community Projects

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please join us for our first Community Service volunteer activity of the fall. We will be at Catholic Charities, a new agency for our volunteer work. We will be working in the donation area from 9 am to 12 noon on Wednesday, September 27. Wear comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes. Catholic Charities is located at 249 W. Thornhill Drive, Fort Worth 76115.

For those of you who have not participated in our Community Service group, we try to schedule something each month at a different non-profit agency. You are not committed to helping each month if you sign up for this group, but we will put you on our email list to be notified about upcoming opportunities.

We hope you can join us. If people are interested, we can go to lunch afterwards.

Please rsvp to Marsha Abeson, alandmarsha@yahoo.com, or Tricia Deitz, deitz3@hotmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL – Friday, Oct 20 – JOIN OUR TEAM



For a fourth year our branch will join Girls Inc. of Tarrant County to celebrate **International Day of the Girl** with a March on Main Street! This year's event is **Friday, October 20 at 2:00 pm.**

Hundreds of women and girls from all over Tarrant County will walk together from the west side of the Court House (N. Houston Street side) where a rally will be held and a proclamation for the day will be read aloud, followed by a march down Main Street to the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Our AAUW Branch will be participating and we invite you to join us. We have also invited the Northeast Tarrant County and Arlington Branches to march with us.

Registration is \$25; the registration fee includes a t-shirt. Our branch goal again this year is to form a "Team" of 25 members, so our name will be on the back of the t-shirts. All proceeds support Girls Inc. of Tarrant County and its mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

Please register online by October 6 at <https://girlsintarrant.org/event/day-of-the-girl-2017/>. Be sure to enter our Team Name when you register: **"AAUW Team"**.

Contact [Marsha Abeson](#) for any questions. This is a great opportunity to achieve visibility for our branch, as well as to offer support to Girls Inc. of Tarrant County and other groups that advocate for girls and women. Plus, it's a fun afternoon!

- Marsha Abeson

SISTER-TO-SISTER SUMMIT – Saturday, November 11, 2017

A supply needed for this year's Summit is **magazines** with pictures of young girls and teens. These magazines will be part of an activity at the Summit and will be cut apart in the process. The magazines will not be returned. The magazines may be brought to the October 18 Branch meeting or the October 4 Board meeting.



On Wednesday, October 11, beginning at 1:00 we will meet at Orlew's house to pack supplies for the facilitators. **Six to eight volunteers** would make an efficient team to complete the task in one to two hours, including some time for refreshment and conversation. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Orlew.

On November 11 in the morning, there is a **need for two people with laptop computers** who have access to and a basic knowledge of Excel. To help in this way, **please contact Mary DuBoise.**

Everyone is encouraged to volunteer to help on the big day of the Summit on November 11, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the North West Campus of TCC. **Please sign up in advance with Orlew Lauger.** You may volunteer for a few hours or all day. No experience needed. Training will be provided on site.

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WOMEN'S POLICY FORUM FUTURE SMART SYMPOSIUM - Friday, October 27

Our branch will again act as a sponsor of the Women's Policy Forum's 4th Annual Emerging Issues Symposium, **"In the Driver's Seat: Fueling Economic Security & Opportunity for Women,"** on Friday, October 27, 7:30 am to noon at Amon G. Carter Center at Lena Pope, 3200 Sanguinet. Registration is \$40 per person, deadline October 15. [Register here](#). Ask to sit at the AAUW table.

Interest Groups

OUT TO LUNCH

On **Wednesday September 13th**, at **11:30 am**, the lunch group will dine at **Meso Maya**, 3050 Hulen Street, in the Trinity Commons Shopping Center in front of Tom Thumb. Executive chef Nico Sanchez says "Think of our menu as our homage to Mexican and Mayan food, techniques, and methods".

If you can join us, please **RSVP** to Marla Parvey, marvey318@aol.com or 817.886.2677 by Monday, **September 11th**. <http://mesomaya.com/>



GOURMET GROUP – Will return in October with Joan Rambin hosting. This group usually meets on the fourth Saturday. Contact the leader Eva Isbell at emisbell@aol.com for more information.

Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

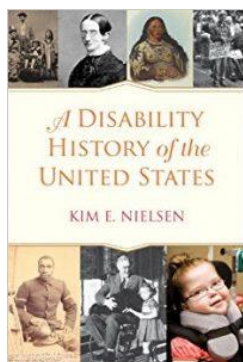
September is National Hispanic Heritage Month

Please join us on **Monday, September 18, at 10:00 am** at the home of Eileen Frey, where Liz Stepp will lead our discussion of ***Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice*** by Joan Biskupic. Please **RSVP** to Tina Caliga by Friday, Sept 15 at tcaliga@gmail.com.

How did Sonia Sotomayor become the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court of the United States? That is the question veteran journalist Joan Biskupic seeks to answer. Biskupic takes readers inside the Supreme Court nomination process, revealing how Sotomayor's connections and skills enabled her to achieve great success. *Breaking In* is the story of how two forces — the determination of a gifted Puerto Rican girl from the Bronx housing projects and the increasing political clout of Hispanics across the United States — came together to yield a historic appointment.



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

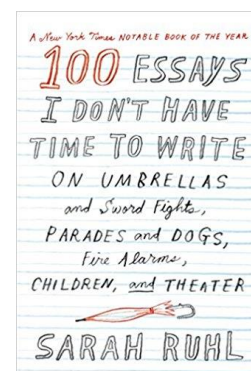


Please join us on Monday, October 16, at 10:00 am to discuss *A Disability History of the United States* by Kim E. Nielsen. Bettye Boisselier will host and Tina Caliga will lead the discussion. Please **RSVP** by Friday, October 13 to tcaliga@gmail.com

The first book of its kind, *A Disability History of the United States* places the experiences of people with disabilities at the core of the chronicle of American history. Using primary sources and social histories, Kim Nielsen portrays familiar stories like slavery and immigration in a new light, highlighting the role ableism played in the growth and flourishing of democracy. In so doing, she skillfully illustrates how conceptions of disability have had a deep effect on how we understand the American experience.

LITERATURE GROUP

AAUW Lit Group will meet at the home of Kay Yount on Monday, **Sept. 11, at 7:30 pm.** Susan Davis will review Sarah Ruhl's *100 Essays I Don't Have Time to Write: On Umbrellas and Sword Fights, Parades and Dogs, Fire Alarms, Children, and Theater*. The book is made up of one hundred incisive, idiosyncratic essays on life and theater from a major American playwright (Amazon). Ruhl is best known, says Susan, as the contemporary playwright who penned [*The Dead Man's Cell Phone*](#) and other plays.



Please **RSVP** to Kay so she will know you will be coming at kjyount2@sbcglobal.net.

October 9 Lit Group will be hosted by Joan Rambin at 7:30 pm. Berry Bock will serve as reviewer. Please **RSVP** to Joan at gjoanrambin@yahoo.com.

All are welcome to attend Lit Group, and please do invite guests or bring friends. – Joyce Beck, Chair



Branch Calendar

Sept 11	Lit Group, hosted by Kay Yount (7:30 pm)
Sept 13	Out to Lunch, (11:30 am)
Sept 14	North Texas Giving Day, https://northtexasgivingday.org/npo/aauw-tarrant-county-branch
Sept 18	iAdelante! Book Club, hosted by Eileen Frey (10 am)
Sept 20	Branch Dinner, Meeting & Speaker, TCU Brown-Lupton University Union (5:30 pm)
Sept 22	Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, Annual Conference, AAUW-TCB Info Table Volunteering, Alliance Marriott, I-35 (8 am – 4 pm)
Sept 27	Community Service, Catholic Charities, 249 W. Thornhill Drive (9 am – noon)
Oct 4	Board Meeting, Stayton (6 pm)
Oct 9	Lit Group, hosted by Joan Rambin (7:30 pm)
Oct 11	Out to Lunch, TBD (11:30 am)
Oct 11	Sister-to-Sister Volunteering, Packing supplies for facilitators, hosted by Orlew (1:00 pm)
Oct 16	iAdelante! Book Club, hosted by Bettye Boisselier (10 am)
Oct 18	Branch Dinner, Meeting & Speaker, The Stayton (5:30 pm)
Oct 20	International Day of the Girl March, downtown FW (2:00 pm)
Oct 27	Women's Policy Forum, 3200 Sanguinet (7:30 am to noon)
Nov 11	Sister-to-Sister Summit, TCC Northwest Campus (8:00 am to 4:00 pm)

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/aawtarrantcounty>

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

The Bark, Our AAUW-TCB Newsletter, published three times a year

E-blasts sent monthly and as needed

NEWS FROM THE AAUW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

See these articles and more on our national website: www.aauw.org

- [Ten Ways to Get Involved](#)
- [How to Apply for AAUW Educational Awards: Grants, Fellowships, and More](#)
- [Become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist](#)

Photo Gallery – Membership Social – Sept 9, 2017



***Joyce Raessler and
Cynthia Redden***



***Guest Tamesha Hilliard and
Erica Robinson***



Marla Parvey and Jaci McCrary



***Libby Watson, Ellen Benson and
Barbara Cager***



Berry Bock and Peggy Harwood



Joyce Beck and Cheri Poston



Berry Bock, Orlew Lauger, Debbie Powell, Josita Baker & Erica 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.



Stay connected to AAUW on a national level.
Watch your email and check in at the website:

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

