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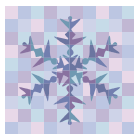
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President's Corner - New Year's Message



***It's January and time for a "Fresh Start!"** How do we keep our organization vital and timely? What are our priorities for this New Year? **You** can help shape the answers to these questions by keeping informed and being an activist on current gender equity issues. **You** can contribute through your involvement in our programs and events. Please consider offering your time and talents when we have opportunities to serve! New leadership keeps us fresh!*

***Have** you signed our AAUW Texas Petition on women's economic and health issues in our state? If not, see the link in this newsletter.*

***The Bouquet of the Month** cards sales are progressing briskly. Be sure to get your cards and support this winter fundraiser.*

***Our Communications/Public Relations Committee** led by Liz Stepp begins work in February to plan for our branch to make wise use of the many modes of communication and technology in this rapidly changing world. Your participation is welcome!*

***At our January 15th Wind Energy Panel Discussion** we look forward to learning about important ecological issues and advancements. Join us in the beautiful TCU Brown Lupton University Union! Bring a friend. Hope to see you there. -- Tina Caliga*

JANUARY 15th BRANCH MEETING

Please join us **Wednesday, January 15th**, for **TCU's Women of Wind, a Panel Discussion on Wind Energy**, in the TCU Brown Lupton University Union. Registration and the social time begin at 5:30 pm, the buffet dinner at 5:45 with the business meeting, and the panel discussion at 7 pm. Cost is \$18 per person at the door. Please **RSVP by Monday, January 13th, 10 am**, to Susan Brinkley, [suebrinkley@gmail.com](mailto:sujebrinkley@gmail.com).

FEBRUARY 19th BRANCH MEETING

Mark your calendars for our February Branch Meeting to be held at Trinity Terrace, 1600 Texas Street. We look forward to a presentation on **Global Fair Trade**, by **Natalie Traylor Knight**, Manager of **Ten Thousand Villages Fort Worth**.

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The February Board Meeting is planned for Wednesday, Feb 5th, 5:30 pm, again at The Stayton, ground floor, Green Room. BJ Hoskins has kindly arranged to host our board meetings through May. To demonstrate our appreciation, members are encouraged to make donations of unwanted, good quality, gently used books to the residents' library at the Stayton!

AAUW Texas Initiative – “Stand with Texas Women & Families”

AAUW Texas has initiated “**Stand with Texas Women & Families**,” a petition which will be presented to Governor Rick Perry on Equal Pay Day, April 18, 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 will be available to sign at our AAUW-TCB branch events. Or you can sign it online at: http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/23/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=9070

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training – January 27

Another foundation to securing women’s rights is to register voters in Texas. The objective is to encourage women to use their vote to help Texas families succeed. On **Monday, January 27**, we will attend a Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training Session at **1:30 pm**. The training lasts 30 minutes and each of us will leave with a badge certifying us as Volunteer Deputy Registrars in Tarrant County. There will be opportunities for anyone who chooses to be involved in registering voters throughout the upcoming year. If you agree that elected officials in Austin need to hear from more Texans—Women and Men—let’s be ready to take part in a non-partisan effort that “gets out the vote.” This initiative is supported by AAUW national.

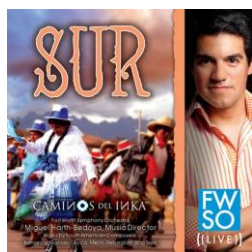
Those volunteering for this training are invited to a light lunch at Enchiladas! Ole beforehand at noon. The group will meet at the Tarrant County Election Office, 2700 Premier St, at 1:30 pm for the training. Please **RSVP** to Susan Brinkley sujebrinkley@gmail.com, if you would like to join in, for more information and for directions.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD LUNCHEON – February 7

The Annual Planned Parenthood Greater Texas Luncheon is scheduled for **Fri, Feb 7, Noon - 1:30 pm**, at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel. Keynote Speaker will be Filmmaker **Jennifer Siebel Newsom**, www.jennifersiebel.com. Our own Betty Hove is chairing the luncheon this year and welcomes your participation. Seats are \$175 for the event. **We have two more seats that need to be filled for the AAUW table.** To secure your seat, please send or give your check, made out to "Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas" or "PPGT" to Liz Stepp or Randi Thistlethwaite **right away**. For more information, contact Randi at metrest@earthlink.net, or Liz at lstepp@sbcglobal.net.

Interest Groups

CULTURAL OUTING



Saturday, January 25, 7:30 pm, join us at Bass Hall for “**Caminos del Inka**,” a multimedia spectacle celebrating the music of Latin America, *created and conducted by Miguel Harth-Bedoya*. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance! For ticket sales click [here](#), or call 817.665.6000. **Dinner** is planned together beforehand at **Thai Tina’s, 5 pm**, 600 Commerce St, free valet parking. **RSVP for the dinner group** to Tina Caliga, tc caliga@gmail.com, by Wednesday, January 22.

See the website for more information on this amazing project: <http://caminosdelinka.org/>

OUT TO LUNCH

This month our lunch group will dine at Macaluso's Italian Restaurant located at 2443 Forest Park Blvd. We will meet at **11:30 Wednesday, January 22nd**. **RSVP** to Marla Parvey at mfparvey@gmail.com by Monday, January 20th. All are welcome at these casual lunches. <http://macalusosrestaurant.org>



GOURMET GROUP



Mary DuBoise will host the next Gourmet Group dinner on Saturday, January 25th. For more details, please contact Mary at mary.duboise@sbcglobal.net. To learn more about this group, contact leader Eva Isbell at emisbell@aol.com.

Book Clubs

¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

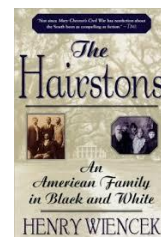


[January is National Mentoring Month:](#)

Please join us on **Monday, January 20th** for *Adelante! Book Club* at 10 am in the downtown T&P Lofts with residents Peggy Harwood and Liz Stepp hosting in the Owner's Lounge. Parking instructions will follow via your RSVP. Dawn Ellison will guide us in a discussion of the New York Times bestseller *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg. Dawn says the book will take you by surprise. **RSVP** is required by Friday, Jan 17th to lstepp@sbcglobal.net.

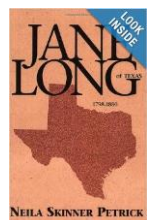
[February is Black History Month:](#)

February *Adelante!* will be on **Monday, Feb 17th** at 10 am, at the home of Peggy Hendon. Peggy will lead us in a discussion of *The Hairstons: An American Family in Black and White* by Henry Wiencek, winner of the 1999 National Book Critics Circle Award. **RSVP** is required by Friday, Feb 14th to lstepp@sbcglobal.net.



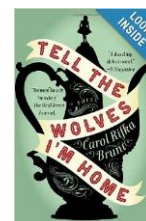
All are welcome at *Adelante!* by RSVP. We meet the third Monday of every month at 10 am, except in November and December when we meet the second Monday.

LITERATURE GROUP



You are invited to attend the *Literature Group* on **Monday, January 13th** at 7:30 pm, hosted by Ann Bracey. Jane Bruckner will review the historical novel *Jane Long of Texas 1790-1880* by Neila Skinner Petrick. Rarely mentioned in history books, Jane Long is regarded by many as the "Mother of Texas." Her exciting life has become the stuff of legend. Please **RSVP** to Ann at annbracey@yahoo.com.

February Lit Group will be hosted by Joyce Beck on **Monday, February 10th**, at 7:30 pm. Kay Yount will review *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt. "A dazzling debut novel... emotionally charged... an unforgettable portrait of the way compassion can make us whole again." Please **RSVP** to Joyce at jlbeck@imagin.net.



Membership News

The membership committee is thrilled to report that between August and the end of November, 2013, our branch has received 17 new members. Our deepest thanks to all of you who brought guests to meetings and activities that inspired new members to join. You helped us exceed our goal of increasing our membership by 15%! Let's keep the momentum going and see how many more we can attract to help us in our mission of helping women and girls.

The membership committee was also especially grateful for the help of Jane Parris who helped with membership duties at the November 20 social at the Stayton.

Please welcome the following three new members who joined in November:

Bonnie Blan, bonnieblan@ymail.com, September 13th birthday. Bonnie has a BBAS and MBA in Business/CIS from Tarleton State University. She works as a consultant in Educational Technology at the Education Service Center. Bonnie was attracted to AAUW by Ann Bracey and new member Barb Gollagher. Her interests include community service, cultural outings, gourmet and technology. The community outreach, philanthropic activities and technology committees are of interest to her.

Sandra Miller, slm76109@yahoo.com, October 1st birthday. Sandra has an associate degree from TCJC with a major in general studies and music. She is employed by RJM Contracting, Inc. in Human Resources working as an accounting/secretary. Sandra was attracted to AAUW by our professional attitude, fundraising, and community service. She is interested in participating in the community service and fundraising activities, as well as helping with hospitality.

Harriet Woldt, brwoldt@att.net, May 10th birthday. Harriet has three degrees from the University of Michigan: BA in Speech and Drama, Bachelor of Music, and Master of Music. As both a professor and performer she retired from TCU as an Associate Professor Emeritus where she worked for over 35 years. She has also performed with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for 50 years and continues her work as a musician. Harriet was attracted to AAUW by Doug Newsom. She has many interests including book clubs, community service, cultural outings, golf, bridge and travel. The community outreach and philanthropic activities committees are of interest to her.

MID-YEAR DUES

The AAUW national and state portion of our dues for new members is half price between January 1 and March 15. **From now through March 15, the mid-year dues are \$45.50.** A new member joining at an event open to the public receives an additional one half off national dues, bringing the amount to **\$33.25**. Mid-year dues extend membership through June 30, 2014. To join our branch, please contact Membership Co-VP **Mary Bailey**, mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net.

Winter graduations are sometimes overlooked, but AAUW offers a terrific way to honor these recent graduates through our [free Give a Grad a Gift program](#). Do you know interns or student teachers who have just graduated? Give them a free, one-year membership as congratulations for their accomplishments. **Informing and empowering women graduates is a real gift!**

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Tricia Deitz, Yearbook Editor, sends a "Happy New Year" to all of our branch members. A Yearbook update page with all our new members as of January 2013 is being sent with this newsletter. Don't hesitate to contact Tricia if you have changes or corrections to your own information.

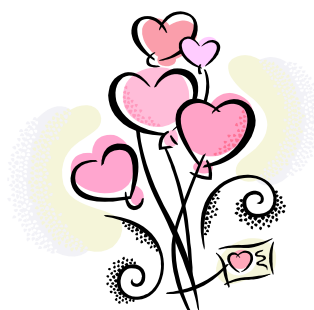
OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for candidates to hold AAUW Tarrant County offices beginning in July 2014. Open Board positions for next year include President, President Elect, Secretary, and Membership VP. Our Nominating Committee members include MarJoe Barnhardt, Berry Bock, Kathryn Bryan, Peggy Harwood, and Randi Thistlethwaite. Please say yes when you are called! Or, even better, volunteer as your interests and talents lead you. **Leadership opportunities abound!**



Fundraising Updates

2014 Bouquet of the Month Cards



Sally's Flower Shoppe & Gifts is partnering with us for a second year, offering beautiful flowers for January through December 2014. Sales of the new 2014 Bouquet of the Month cards are in full swing. The cards sell for \$20 each. AAUW Funds Co-VP's, **Ann Bracey** and **Barbara Cager**, will be happy to supply you with cards to purchase and/or sell at any AAUW-TCB event or by mail. Each member is encouraged to sell a minimum of 5 or more. Please turn in payment for the cards you sell to Treasurer Peggy Harwood, Ann Bracey, or Barbara Cager. Be sure checks are made out to "AAUW-TCB" and indicate the names of who paid in cash for our records.

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

It's time to start planning our annual **Silent Auction with Food & Wine** scheduled for **Sunday, April 6th**, again at **Times Ten Cellars**, 1100 Foch St. The Fundraising Committee is requesting members assist by soliciting some **big ticket** items such as weekend getaways, condo stays, airline tickets, cooking classes, dining, spa treatments, event tickets (symphony, theatre, sports, etc.), and artworks for the silent auction. (There will be no white elephant items again this year.) At this point we 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, so that members do not ask the same vendor. A standard letter can be supplied for soliciting donations. Please begin turning in auction items to Barbara or Ann as soon as you have them with a business card from the vendor.

We look forward to making this exciting event, our principal annual fundraiser, a smashing success!

-- Barbara Cager and Ann Bracey

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.)

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

You are encouraged to sign up for the Tom Thumb Good Neighbor which gives back a portion of your purchases to the charity of your choice. 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.**



THANK YOU NOTE - TO MY WONDERFUL AAUW FRIENDS:

Thank you so much for the years of friendship you have given me. From the time in the 1980s that Mary DuBoise invited me to join her at a Gourmet dinner, I was hooked. I found a group of women (and their husbands) who believed as I did, in helping girls and women in all facets of life...and who just enjoyed having a good time. Over the years I have developed lifelong friends with many of you.

Your passion for women's issues has made me more confident and stronger to stand up for what I believe, too. I am a better person because of my friends in AAUW-TCB.

Your giving me a farewell party at Bar Louie's was so humbling and something I will never forget. As Liz Stepp said to me, "It's not goodbye, it's just see you till next time." I will be visiting many times since my Dad is still living in Fort Worth, and hope to attend AAUW fundraisers when I can on the weekend. In the meantime, THANK YOU for your patience with me, your friendship and your guidance. I will never forget my friends with AAUW-TCB. *Susan Fine*



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

We rejoice with our members who have new grandbabies:

- Karen and David Vanderwerken welcomed their first granddaughter Emma Michele Green, born 11-6-13.
- Tina and David Caliga welcomed a second granddaughter Riley Kate Denman, born 12-31-2013.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – 2013 DONATIONS

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\$2,994.18

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

\$1,415.00

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| • Michael Auping | • Mary Crawford | • Sharon Moore |
| • Joyce Beck | • Dawn Ellison | • Doug Newsom |
| • Anne Bracey | • Susan Fine | • Vera Rowell |
| • Susan Brinkley | • Peggy Harwood | • Liz Stepp |
| • Barbara Cager | • Ayesha Hawkins | • Laura M. Wood |
| • Tina Caliga | | |

With great gratitude and thanks to all of our generous donors, we made 2013 a record setting year for donations with the amount of \$4,409.18

We exceeded our goal set by TCC Foundation of contributing \$2,000.00 annually to support our TWO scholarships per calendar year. Our branch currently supports one scholarship with the emphasis on education, guidance or counseling. Our newly funded scholarship supports STEM with the emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

TCC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

BJ Hoskins, Tina Caliga and Pat Auping had the pleasure of attending the **Scholarship Recognition Dinner** on Nov 14, 2013 at the Trinity River Campus. As always, the event was reaffirming and inspiring as these students strive to reach their academic goals, oftentimes, with many obstacles to overcome. It was a delight to meet our two new recipients. What they have in common is their youthful enthusiasm; both work part time and both are first time college students in their families.

Brittany Trammel carries a 4.0 GPA in her studies to earn an Associate of Arts in Teaching at TCC's South Campus. She has aspirations to earn not only her associate degree but also bachelor's and master's degrees. Her career goal is to teach math at an accredited university. Her studies and grades have always been very important to her, and she has always excelled in them. Brittany is so pleased to secure this scholarship, not only for the financial boost it provides, but also for the emotional support it gives "I feel as though someone is 'rooting' for me!" she stated.

Brooke Kirbie is taking courses at TCC to earn an Associate's Degree before transferring to UNT to earn a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As part of her participation in the "Ready, Set, Teach" program, Brooke is guaranteed a teaching position in Arlington ISD after earning her degree. She plans to teach and then take classes in the summer toward a Master's degree. Brooke is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Delta Honor Society for education majors; she has been named to the Dean's List for two semesters. Eventually, Brooke would like to be a principal of an elementary school. She is solely responsible for her education expenses, so our scholarship is a huge help to her.

Thank you for supporting these deserving students with these valuable scholarships. It is gratifying to be part of the process that brings great joy not only to the award recipients but also to each donor who supports a scholarship!

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

SISTER TO SISTER SUMMIT Thank You Notes

As the New Year begins, we can look back on the accomplishments of our branch last year and continue to be proud of the Sister to Sister Summit which we staged November 9th. **If there are there any outstanding thank you notes to be sent for donations you received for the event**, please email [Mary DuBoise](mailto:MaryDuBoise) the specifics. Again, thank you to all who participated in this year's event!

SAVE THE DATE: TEXAS AAUW STATE CONVENTION - April 25-27, 2014

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 hoping many of our members will plan to attend. *There is a lineup of great speakers. See all the details:* <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/events-projects/events/2014-state-convention/>

Communications / Public Relations Help Needed !



We are growing! And along with that growth comes the ever increasing usage of media, public relations, and technology as our growth tools! **You can now find AAUW Tarrant County represented with our own webpage, meetup, and *facebook!** We also continue to publish our **newsletter and directory** and compile our yearly **archives**.

The technology tools that make this exposure possible are increasingly simple to use, and require minimal technology skill (word processing level) to maintain.

Won't you join our newly formed Communications/Public Relations Committee and help us determine a strategy to manage our community exposure with these tools into the future?

We will meet one time in February and do the rest of the research and communication by email. Close to the end of the year (April), we will report our recommendations to the Board/Branch on how to sustain our community exposure using modern technology tools.

Please email Liz Stepp at lstepp@sbcglobal.net if you are willing to serve the Committee. Your expertise and guidance are requested, valued and needed!

*please 'Like' AAUW Tarrant County on Facebook! Click page [here](#) to open our Facebook page.

KUDOS TO:

- ❖ **Ann Bracey and Barbara Cager** for organizing the Bouquet of the Month card sales!
- ❖ **BJ Hoskins and the 501(c)3 Committee** for completing and mailing the 501(c)(3) application form!
- ❖ **Karen Vanderwerken** for organizing our Holiday Dinner and League of Women Voters program!
- ❖ **Susan Brinkley** for organizing our fulfilling and worthwhile community service projects!

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.
- **Be Informed:** Click [here](#) to read about the many current issues.

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

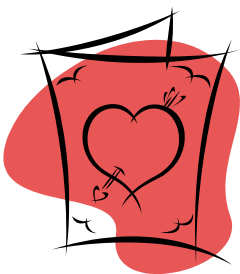
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS!

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.

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face....You must do the thing you think you cannot do." — Eleanor Roosevelt

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:** February is the month of hearts and flowers. I will be thinking fondly of you, our great members. There were bittersweet going away events for longtime member Susan Fine. (We miss you already, Susan!) My heart is full of gratitude for our AAUW friendships and what we accomplish together. I was overwhelmed by the donations to TCC Scholarships at our November event, over \$500! Our Community Service projects have demonstrated our commitment to local needs and issues. Our 501(c)3 Committee demonstrated our steadfastness to an important project. Our Nominating Committees have always come forward with great new officers. Together we are powerful! -- Tina*

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." — Marcel Proust

Branch & Community Calendar

Mon Jan 13 Literature Group, 7:30 pm, home of Ann Bracey
Wed Jan 15 Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm, TCU Brown Lupton University Union, TCU Women of Wind
Mon Jan 20 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, hosted by Liz Stepp and Peggy Harwood at T&P Lofts
Wed Jan 22 Out to Lunch, **Macaluso's**, 11:30 am, 2443 Forest Park Blvd
Sat Jan 25 Cultural Outing, Bass Hall, 7:30 pm, Caminos del Inka; dinner at Thai Tina's, 5 pm
Fri Feb 7 Planned Parenthood Luncheon, noon to 1:30 pm, The Omni Hotel, Fort Worth
Sat Feb 15 North Texas Interbranch Meeting, Dallas
Mon Feb 17 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, home of Peggy Hendon
Wed Feb 19 Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm, Trinity Terrace, Global Fair Trade



AAUW TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2013-14

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Next Newsletter Deadline is Friday, February 7, for the **February E-blast**

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

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

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

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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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