

# AAUW Tarrant County Branch Bark Newsletter November-December 2013



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### **NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> BRANCH EVENT**

Please join us **Wednesday, November 20**<sup>th</sup> at **The Stayton** for our **Holiday Social**. We look forward to a presentation by Terri Freer, Co-President, League of Women Voters Tarrant County. The social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6, and the speaker at 6:30. A short business meeting will follow. While there is no charge for this event, donations will be accepted for Tarrant County College Scholarships. Members are requested to bring a dish and guests to enjoy our bounty. **Please RSVP by Monday, November 18**<sup>th</sup>, to Karen Vanderwerken, <u>karenvtx@gmail.com</u>.

### **JANUARY 15th BRANCH MEETING**

Mark your calendar for our first event of 2014: **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm,** TCU Brown Lupton Student Union, featuring a **TCU Panel on Wind Energy.** 

http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net



**The January Board Meeting** is planned for Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, at The Stayton, ground floor, Green Room. Many thanks to BJ Hoskins for hosting us again!

# Watch us Grow: 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 January or 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.

We will brainstorm questions such as.....1)How much exposure is needed/wanted? 2)What will it take to maintain our 'wants'? 3)How much will it cost? 4)Do we need a Board Officer who will manage and maintain a yearly Technology Committee and report to the Branch President? 5)What happens when we don't maintain our technology exposure? 6)How much is enough to attract and sustain a growing membership? 7)What Yearbook content can be moved to the website?

Please email Liz Stepp at <a href="less-bulber">lstepp@sbcglobal.net</a> if you are willing to serve the Committee. Your expertise and quidance are requested, valued and needed!

\*please 'Like' AAUW Tarrant County on Facebook!

# Welcome New Members!

**Barbara Young-Gollaher**, <u>byg151@gmail.com</u>, January 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. Barbara has a BS in Nursing from the University of Iowa and works at Texas Health Harris Methodist as a clinical educator. Barbara was attracted to our branch through a friend. She is interested in participating in our community service, cultural outings, gourmet and out to lunch groups. Her other interests include baking, gardening, and cycling.

**Debra (Dee) Satchel**, <u>deesatchel@live.com</u>, September 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Dee has a BA in Business Education from the University of Central Florida and a MPA in Public Administration from Baruch College CUNY (City University of New York.) Dee is retired from a career in teaching and found our branch through the Meetup.com web site where our branch meetings are publicized. Dee was attracted to our branch to meet intelligent and progressive women. She is interested in participating in community service, cultural outings and out to lunch groups. She is also interested in fundraising, hospitality and public policy committees. Her other talents include dancing, acting, singing, sewing and computer skills.

**Jackie Rea**, <u>irgerea@copper.net</u>, June 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jackie has a BS in Education and a minor in Art from the University of North Texas. She retired as Lower School Head of Fort Worth Country Day School where she taught and coached physical education. Jackie lives at the Stayton Place where Kathryn Bryan recruited her to join AAUW.

**Congratulations!!** to member **Layne Craig,** who has a new book out: **When Sex Changed: Birth Control Politics and Literature between the World Wars (Rutgers, November 2013)**.

# Community Service - Feast of Sharing - November 12

Join us Tuesday, November 12, 1:00 – 4:30 pm for the Central Market "Feast of Sharing," to combat hunger in Fort Worth. With the help of volunteers like us, Central Market will provide complete Thanksgiving meals and live entertainment in the Amon Carter Exhibit Hall at Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster. Our group is signed up to serve meals to the tables for homeless people who will be treated to a sit down dinner. (For those who can't stay on their feet too long, there will be other volunteer jobs where one can be seated.) AAUW volunteers can stay as long as they'd like. Wear comfortable shoes and casual clothing.

Parking is free at Farrington Field, across the street from Casa Manana, at Lancaster and University. Free shuttle service will run throughout the day. Our group has planned to meet at Farrington Field at 12:55 pm to take the shuttle together. If you are late, don't worry because shuttle buses leave every 10 minutes, going to and from the exhibit hall. Everyone will be free to leave when they are ready. Stay as long as you are having fun! The public we are serving are so grateful! This may be the easiest and most satisfying way most of us have to interact with people we would not usually have the privilege to meet! To join this project and for more information, please rsvp right away to Susan Brinkley at sujebrinkley@gmail.com, so we will know to look for you at the shuttle and we can check in together.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." — Mother Teresa

# Sister to Sister Summit - November 9th

*Many thanks* to all who volunteered and contributed to this year's **Sister-to-Sister Summit. In this our 13<sup>th</sup> year, it was another successful event!** Over 70 Middle School girls and over 30 college women participated! Our appreciation goes out to:

- College women from TCU and TCC-Trinity River Campus who acted as mentors.
- Cecilia Silva for recruiting the women from TCU, helping train mentors and Sister many other things.
- Mary DuBoise, Co-chair of Sister-to-Sister, for recruiting TCC-Trinity
   Campus volunteers, participating in training, communications with FWISD, and other many other organizational activities.
- **Jo Linda Martinez, Co-chair of Sister-to-Sister,** for work with the curriculum, training the college women mentors, and many other functions.
- **June Hill** for tackling the tough task of logistics yet another year!
- **Volunteers from Delta Kappa Gamma**, Delta Chapter, who raised funds for the Summit and helped on the day, making this their annual service project.
- **Community Volunteer Elda Rodriguez,** a Fort Worth ISD employee, who worked with curriculum, trained the mentors and acted as MC for the event.

- **All the AAUW-TCB members** who assisted with community and personal donations for the gift bags, warm up exercises, serving food, making goodie bags, cleanup and much, much more!!
- **TCC-Trinity River Campus** for providing the venue, breakfast and lunch for everyone, and their continued support!
- Fort Worth ISD for the students, counselors, teachers, aides, and bus drivers with the buses!

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice. - Cherokee saying

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR AAUW BRANCH

- Communications/PR Committee
- Cultural Outings Interest Group Co-Chair
- Membership Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Public Policy Task Force

Share your strengths and talents! Contact the committee chair or Tina Caliga at <a href="mailto:tcaliga@gmail.com">tcaliga@gmail.com</a> to volunteer as you are inspired.

# 2014 Bouquet of the Month Cards!

Our **new** 2014 Bouquet of the Month cards will be available at the <u>November 20<sup>th</sup></u> Holiday Social from <u>AAUW Funds Co-VP's</u> Ann Bracey and Barbara Cager, who will be happy to supply you with cards to purchase and/or sell. <u>Sally's Flower Shoppe & Gifts</u> is partnering with us for a second year, offering beautiful flowers for January through December 2014. These cards make wonderful stocking stuffers. When you go in for your bouquet, remember to thank owner Nicole Biggs-Parker and staff for their support!

Flower cards are \$20 each. Each member is encouraged to sell a minimum of 5 or more. Members may check out the cards and return the money/checks to Ann Bracey <a href="mailto:ann.bracey@yahoo.com">ann.bracey@yahoo.com</a> or Barbara Cager <a href="mailto:bcager@sbcglobal.net">bcager@sbcglobal.net</a> by mail or at any AAUW-TCB event.

# **Fundraising Updates**

### **Blue Mesa Community Night**

While enjoying an evening of congeniality and friendship, diners from our branch raised **\$106** at the Blue Mesa Community Night Dinner on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to all who attended and brought their friends!!

### Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

Exciting News! Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor program has sent a **\$134** check to Treasurer Peggy Harwood. We extend our gratitude to all who have enrolled for our branch to benefit from this program! If you have not enrolled yet, click <a href="here">here</a> 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.



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

### MEMBERSHIP AND DUES RENEWAL INFORMATION

Annual dues renewals are **still \$75!** First time members who join any of our events open to the public are given ½ off national dues, reducing their dues to only \$50.50 for their first year of membership. If you have not renewed or wish to join our branch, please contact Membership Co-VP **Mary Bailey**, <u>mbaileyfw@sbcglobal.net</u>. In case you are wondering, \$46 of the \$75 is tax deductible, as is \$23 of the \$50.50.



**Give a Grad a Gift!** Remember this AAUW national program and offer membership to a recent college graduate in your life!

# **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **PUBLIC POLICY TASK FORCE**



You are invited to join this **new group led by Vicki McCoy** for its inaugural meeting on **Thursday, November 21, 2 pm,** at the home of Tina Caliga. Everyone interested in learning more about AAUW Public Policy and working to further our goals locally and nationally is welcome to attend! Vicki will update us on the latest news in advocacy and how we can participate in local action. Light refreshments will be provided. Please **RSVP** by November 19 to Vicki at <a href="mailto:vickipmccoy@aol.com">vickipmccoy@aol.com</a>.

### **OUT TO LUNCH**

Join our lunch group on **Wednesday, December 11**<sup>th</sup>, **11:30 am**, at **¡Enchiladas Olé!**, located at 901 N Sylvania. Quoting owner Mary Perez on her website: "*The spirit of Mexican food is not in any individual recipe, but in the feeling you bring to it. Our restaurant is small, our menu is simple and our ingredients are made fresh every day." <a href="https://enchiladasole.com">http://enchiladasole.com</a>.* 



Please **RSVP** to Marla Parvey at <u>marvey318@aol.com</u> by Wednesday, December 4th. All are welcome at these casual lunches.

### **GOURMET GROUP**

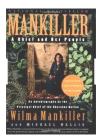


Kay Yount will host the next Gourmet Group dinner on December 14<sup>th</sup>. For more details, please contact Kay at <a href="kjyount2@sbcglobal.net">kjyount2@sbcglobal.net</a>. To learn more about this group, contact leader Eva Isbell at <a href="mailto:emisbell@aol.com">emisbell@aol.com</a>.

### **BOOK CLUBS**

### **iADELANTE! BOOK CLUB**

All are welcome at *Adelante!* by RSVP. We meet the third Monday of every month at 10:00am, except in November and December when we meet the second Monday.

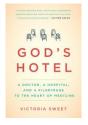


Please join us on **Monday, November 11**<sup>th</sup> for *Adelante! Book Club* at 10:00 am at the home of Randi Thistlethwaite. In honor of Native American Heritage month, Susan Brinkley will guide us in a discussion of *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People*, by Wilma Mankiller and Michael Wallis. Wilma Mankiller is the first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation and Presidential Medal of Honor recipient. **RSVP** is required by Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> to <a href="mailto:lstepp@sbcglobal.net">lstepp@sbcglobal.net</a>.

In December *Adelante!* will meet on **Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00am, at the home of Carolyn Lombard. We will be discussing *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* covers three decade of war and oppression in Afghanistan as told on an intimate scale through the lives of two women. RSVP is required by Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to <a href="mailto:lstepp@sbcglobal.net">lstepp@sbcglobal.net</a>.



### LITERATURE GROUP

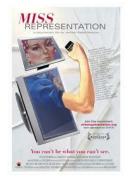


You are invited to attend the *Literature Group* on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, hosted by Carlotta Norman. Ann Bracey will review *God's Hotel, A Doctor, a Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine* by Victoria Sweet. This medical page turner explores one doctor's visionary approach called "Slow Medicine," which is patient-centered rather than focusing on efficiency. Please RSVP to Carlotta at cknorman@att.net.

# A Private Showing of Miss Representation

Jennifer Siebel Newsom is the director, writer and producer of *Miss Representation*, which premiered in the documentary competition at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival. Ms. Newsom is also the executive producer and Oscar nominee for Best Film Documentary of *The Invisible War*.

Siebel Newsom will be the keynote speaker at the *Planned Parenthood Fort Worth Luncheon* at the Omni on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Sit at the AAUW Luncheon Table by contacting Liz Stepp at <a href="lstepp@sbcglobal.net">lstepp@sbcglobal.net</a> or Randi Thistlethwaite at <a href="metrest@earthlink.net">metrest@earthlink.net</a> by December 6<sup>th</sup> before the table fills!



Now you have an opportunity to see *Miss Representation*, at the **T&P** (**Texas & Pacific Lofts**) in **the Lobby Owners' Lounge on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-4:00pm**. Come prepared to be informed about Ms. Newsom's body of work. The address of the film showing is 221 W. Lancaster, Fort Worth, 76102.

Should you wish to attend the screening, please **RSVP** by email Liz Stepp at <a href="lstepp@sbcglobal.net">lstepp@sbcglobal.net</a> by Sat, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Betty Hove and Randi Thistlethwaite for getting the word out about this talented author, actress, and producer. We look forward to hearing her speak at the Planned Parenthood Luncheon.

"Miss Representation examines how the media have contributed to the under representation of women in positions of power." Wikipedia

### KUDOS TO:

- Ann Bracey for great work on the Blue Mesa dinner and the Bouquet of the Month cards!
- Mary DuBoise, Jo Linda Martinez and the entire Sister to Sister Committee for a successful event!
- Peggy Harwood for preparing the financials for the 501(c)(3) application form!
- Peggy Hendon for locating pro bono CPA services for the 501(c)(3) Committee!
- Karen Vanderwerken for preparing beautiful flyers for our programs!
- Susan Brinkley for arranging the perfect community service project for the season!
- Liz Stepp for our fabulous new Facebook page!

## TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE 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 Home page on the website.
- 2. Click on: **one time gift form**.
- 3. Fill in the required info in the "Member Information, Online Giving Foundation" form.
- 4. Choose the button Named Scholarship for Gift Designation Options.
- 5. Select AAUW-Tarrant County Branch Scholarship. Click Continue.
- 6. Indicate if the gift is in honor or memory of someone. Click Next.
- 7. Complete billing information, review and finish.

### Thank you for your contributions to our local scholarship fund!

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

# 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. *Our Tarrant County Branch will organize an outing to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame for convention participants on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.* 

### 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 <a href="here">here</a>.
- 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 <u>here</u> to join the Action Network.

"I have never felt that anything really mattered but knowing that you stood for the things in which you believed and had done the very best you could." — Eleanor Roosevelt

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**An Evening with Bob Schieffer: Remembering John F. Kennedy. Free Public Program** from 7 - 8:30 pm, November 15, <u>Central Library</u>, Gallery. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's death, the Fort Worth Library presents a **Special Exhibit** *JFK in Fort Worth: A Lasting Impression*, Sept 19 – Dec 6, documenting Kennedy's visit to Fort Worth.

**The Annual Planned Parenthood Greater Texas Luncheon** is scheduled for Fri, February 7, 2014, 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. To secure a place at one of the AAUW tables, please send or give your check, made out to "Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas" or "PPGT" to Liz Stepp or Randi Thistlethwaite by December 6. For more information, contact Randi Thistlethwaite, metrest@earthlink.net, or Liz Stepp, <a href="mailto:lstepp@sbcglobal.net">lstepp@sbcglobal.net</a>.



Thoughts at the end: As we enter the Thanksgiving season and plan for special December holidays, it is good to be mindful of those in our community who are less fortunate whom we can serve. May we also remember to express our love and caring to friends and family, in the midst of busyness for the holidays. Join in our community service, if you can. Come for our Holiday Party. Be present in the moments to make the most of this special time of year!

— Tina

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment." --Buddha

### **Branch Calendar**

Mon Nov 11	Adelante Book Club, 10 am, home of Randi Thistlethwaite
Mon Nov 11	Literature Group, 7:30 pm, home of Carlotta Norman
Tues Nov 12	Community Service, 10 am, Aledo
Sat Nov 16	North Texas Interbranch Meeting, La Madeleine, 5290 Belt Line Road, Addison
Wed Nov 20	Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Stayton,
Mon Dec 9	Adelante Book Club, 10 am, home of Carolyn Lombard
Wed Dec 11	Out to Lunch, ¡Enchiladas Olé!, , 11:30 am, 901 N Sylvania

# Community Calendar

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Mon Nov 18	Miss Representation film screening, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, T&P Lofts Lobby Owners' Lounge
Fri Feb 7	Planned Parenthood Luncheon, noon to 1:30 pm, The Omni Hotel, Fort Worth



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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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