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President's Corner - October Message



*This month we can be excited about the coming cool weather, as we prepare for our Sister to Sister Summit, **November 9th**. We encourage all branch members to contribute and participate in this vital event to inspire middle school girls at the TCC Trinity Campus.*

***Our** Public Policy Task Force is forming this month. We invite you to join the new interest group during this crucial time for women's economic and health issues in our state and nation.*

***Two** important events at TCU to which we have been invited are highlighted in this newsletter: A Colloquy with the Editors of A Feminist Reader, Linda Hughes and Sharon Harris, **Oct. 10**; A Showing of the Film "The Invisible War" about sexual assault in the military, **Oct 28**.*

Plan** to join us for our fall fundraising dinner at Blue Mesa, **Oct 24!

***Our** second monthly program comes up **October 16th**, when we look forward to a tour of the Jubilee Theatre and dinner downtown. Come, bring a guest, make new friends and catch up with old ones!*

-- Tina Caliga

OCTOBER 16TH BRANCH EVENT

Please join us **Wednesday, October 16th** at the **Jubilee Theatre**, 506 Main Street, downtown Fort Worth. Artistic Director, **Tre Garrett**, and Marketing Manager, **David Hadlock**, will lead us on a tour and share the history of the theatre company. Please arrive by 5:30 pm for registration. The tour begins at 5:40. Afterwards we will proceed across the street to Mi Cocina Restaurant for dinner and a short business meeting. **Price is \$ 18 per person at the theatre door**. Bring your parking ticket for validation at the theatre. **Reservations required by Monday, October 14th** to Karen Vanderwerken, karenvtx@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 20TH BRANCH EVENT

Plan ahead to join us **November 20th** at the **Stayton** for our Holiday Gathering and Potluck Dinner. We look forward to a presentation by Terri Freer, Co-President, League of Women Voters Tarrant County. **As is customary, there is no December branch meeting.**



The November Board Meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 6th, 5:30 pm, at The Stayton, ground floor, Green Room. Many thanks to BJ Hoskins for hosting us again!

PROGRAMS “NO SHOW” POLICY

In the spirit of continuous improvement, we tried Evite last year, and this year we have gotten set up on MeetUp.com for publicizing our programs and taking rsvp's. This year we also wish to clarify our “No Show” policy, so it is fair and clear to all, and to avoid any loss of branch funds when expected members or guests do not show up when there is a charge for the meal or event.

No Show Policy: “Individuals who rsvp to attend are expected to pay for their reservation, including guests, if not cancelled by the stated deadline.”

-- Karen Vanderwerken, Programs VP

Member News

Please welcome new member **Orlew Lauger**, who joined at the September 2013 meeting. Email o.lauger@sbcglobal.net, February 12th birthday. She received a BA in French from Luther College, IA, and an MA in French from the University of New Mexico. Orlew is a retired French teacher and previously a member of AAUW in Albuquerque. She was attracted to our branch through her association with Mary Bailey and AAUW's focus on women's issues. Her interests span all of our interest groups, and the committees that interest her include Community Outreach, Hospitality and Philanthropic Activities.

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**, at m Baileyfw@sbcglobal.net. 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!

Community Service – NICU Scrapbooking – October 10th

Cook Children's Hospital NICU Scrapbooking Project: The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) provides parents of premature babies with the therapeutic support of scrapbooking memories of their baby's hours, days or weeks in the NICU. We will prepare materials for parents to use later when scrapbooking, working together in a scrapbooking shop in Aledo, 15 minutes west of the Hulen Mall. Susan Brinkley is organizing a carpool from the Macy's parking lot, leaving at **9:45 am, Thursday, October 10th**. The project is expected to run from 10 am to about 3 pm. Please rsvp and request further information from Susan at sujebrinkley@gmail.com.

“You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.” — Kahlil Gibran

Fall Fundraising Event – Blue Mesa Restaurant – Oct 24th, 6:30 pm



When: Thursday, October 24, 6:30 pm

Where: Blue Mesa Restaurant
1600 South University Drive

What: AAUW-TCB members, friends and guests are invited to attend a Dutch treat dinner. Blue Mesa will generously donate 20% of each total base check to our branch.

RSVP's: Please rsvp to Ann Bracey annbracey@yahoo.com for the count
Eat and make money; how easy is this?

<http://www.blumesasgrill.com/menus>

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program – Benefits our Branch!

Sign up for this program and every time you shop at Tom Thumb our branch will benefit! **We will receive \$1 for every \$100 spent with a reward card linked to our organization.** 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.**

Sister to Sister Summit – Saturday, November 9 - “How to Help”

Mark your calendar and plan to spend all or part of November 9th from 8 am to 4:30 pm at TCC Trinity River Campus with your fellow AAUW members and community volunteers. *You will be making a difference in the lives of middle school girls through a fun, essential project of our branch.*

This is our 13th year for the Sister-to-Sister Summit. We hold this event annually for middle school girls from 5 different Fort Worth ISD schools -- girls who may not finish high school. We are going to give them a day with college women to discuss their concerns, inspire them to finish high school, and plant the seed that they, too, can be a college graduate.

College women from TCC and TCU will again be the mentors for the middle school girls. We are very grateful for their enthusiasm and key participation.

Does this make a difference in lives? Yes! Many girls who participated in a Sister-to-Sister Summit are now college women and college graduates. We have had college women who had attended a Sister-to-Sister Summit in middle school return as mentors. They shared their great memories of the experience and how it inspired them.

This takes a lot of effort from AAUW members such as Cecilia Silva, who does the critical task of recruiting the women from TCU. We are so privileged to have **Jo Linda Hara Martinez, Co-chair of Sister-to-Sister**, who works with curriculum and training the college women. **June Hill** tackles the tough task of logistics. In addition, it takes the partnership with TCC Trinity River Campus

and the Fort Worth ISD. A very important community volunteer for this event is **Elda Rodriguez**. She trains the college women and is MC for the event. Again this year we are joined by volunteers from Delta Kappa Gamma, Delta Chapter of Fort Worth, who continue to support this effort!

What are the "Goodie Bags" given to the middle school and college girls at the end of the day? These contain items that either age group might like. The girls love receiving these take home bags. We include promotional items and donations from companies, as well as items the volunteers buy to contribute. (We have enough pens already donated.)

This effort truly takes a village - All of us! And we need you! Please let Mary DuBoise know if you are willing to help with this effort, how you wish to be involved or contribute, or if you have questions: mary.duboise@sbcglobal.net

Helping Prior to Day:

- Solicit or purchase items for goodie bags. Bags are not necessarily all the same, so if you have 3, 10 or 100 of an item it makes no difference, as long as it is something the girls or college women can enjoy. The middle school girls like items that are colorful and smell good. They enjoy trading items on the bus going back to their schools.
- Secure door prizes we might give out to FWISD volunteers
- Secure special items for the college women mentors' goodie bags
- Pick up donations from vendors

Committees to Join:

- Work with training the college women as mentors using the curriculum
- Work on the theme and prepare materials for projects the girls make on the day
- Warm-up activities in Rotunda, led by Randi Thistlethwaite, metrest@earthlink.net

Day of Event Ways to Help: Come for the day or only a few hours in the morning. No experience is necessary!! *On the job training is provided. Bring a book to read in downtime.*

- Arrive by 8 am to help set up
- Sort and fold tee shirts by size
- Register schools/girls (8:00 - 9:30 AM)
- Help with serving breakfast and/or lunch
- Monitor halls during workshops - morning, afternoon, or both
- Straighten/clean tables when girls go to workshops after breakfast and lunch
- Verify the printed certificates and name tags
- Help stuff goodie bags and count them
- Monitor meeting room to protect our items/purses/etc. in main room
- Take pictures throughout the event
- Help distribute goodie bags as girls leave
- Stay outside with girls until they are picked up, if not riding a bus

- - **Mary DuBoise**, Co-Chair Sister-to-Sister Summit



SISTER to SISTER Warm-up Activities -- 6 to 10 Volunteers Needed

Do you love having fun? Do you enjoy playing games? Do you remember when you were in middle school? Then do I have a job for you! I am looking for 6 to 10 volunteers to help with Warm-up Activities as this year's middle school girls disembark their buses for the Sister to Sister Summit, November 9. We will train for the planned activities that morning at 7:45 am, before the girls arrive. We will be finished with our part of the program by 9:30. If you can help, please contact Randi Thistlethwaite: metrest@earthlink.net

"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens." -- Kahlil Gibran

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR AAUW BRANCH

- Cultural Outings Interest Group Co-Chair
- College/University Partner Committee
- Sister to Sister Committee
- Membership Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Program Committee
- Public Policy Task Force
- Publicity Committee
- Newsletter Editor
- Co-Treasurer
- President Elect

You are invited to serve! Develop your leadership skills and share your talents! Contact Tina Caliga at tcaliga@gmail.com for more information on any of these roles and to volunteer as you are inspired.

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." Kahlil Gibran

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Our branch offers two \$500 local scholarships to TCC per semester. The two recipients chosen for this fall will continue to receive the scholarships in the spring, provided they maintain the required grade average and course load.

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

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Update

The Committee working to secure nonprofit 501(c)(3) status for our branch has made steady progress and is in the final stages of preparing the IRS Form to apply. This is the wave of the future for AAUW branches, now that our national organization is a 501(c)(3). Nonprofit status will be most helpful when soliciting donations for our fundraising activities. – *BJ Hoskins, Committee Chair*

Bouquet of the Month Cards



Remember to stop by [Sally's Flower Shoppe & Gifts](#) for your Bouquet of the Month. Business owner Nicole Parker-Biggs will appreciate your flower orders for special occasions and purchases of gifts. Watch for the new Bouquet of the Month Cards to be on sale in late November.

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



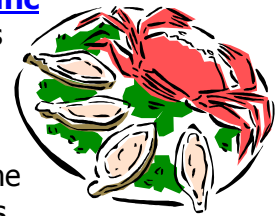
INTEREST GROUPS

PUBLIC POLICY TASK FORCE

You are invited to join this **new group led by Vicki McCoy** for its inaugural meeting on **Wednesday, October 30th, 11 am**, 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 Oct 28 to Vicki at vickipmccoy@aol.com.

OUT TO LUNCH

Join our lunch group on **Wednesday, October 23rd, 11:30 am**, at **Pacific Table**, pacifictableleftworth.com. This new fresh seafood/sushi restaurant is located at 1600 S. University Drive, Suite 601, in the University Park Village Shopping Center. You will find it in the corner between Blue Mesa and Coldwater Creek. **RSVP** to Marla Parvey one week in advance by Wed, Oct 16th at mfparvey@gmail.com. You may also contact Marla to add your name to the Out to Lunch group email reminder list. All are welcome at these casual lunches.



GOURMET GROUP

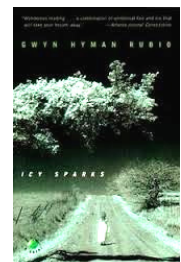


Joan Rambin and Trudie Byers are hosting the Gourmet Group on Saturday, October 26th, 7 pm. The dinner will be held at Joan's home with Trudie choosing the theme. For more details, please contact Joan at gjoanrambin@yahoo.com. To learn more about this group, contact leader Eva Isbell at emisbell@aol.com.

BOOK CLUBS

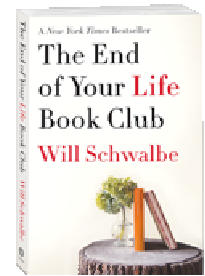
¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

Adelante! Book Club will meet at **10:00 am** on **Monday, October 21st**, at the home of Gwen Kelly. We will be discussing *Icy Sparks*, by Gwyn Hyman Rubio, the Adelante! selection in honor of *National Disabilities Month*. *Icy Sparks* is the story of a young girl with Tourette's Syndrome. Please **RSVP** to Liz Stepp at lstepp@sbcglobal.net by Thurs, Sept 17th should you wish to attend. All are welcome.



LITERATURE GROUP

You are invited to attend the **Literature Group** on **October 7th at 7:30 pm**, hosted by Joan Rambin. This group normally meets the second Monday, but was changed this month to accommodate members' schedules. Berry Bock will review *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. "The inspiring story of a son and his dying mother who form a book club that brings them together as her life comes to a close." Please **RSVP** to Joan at gjoanrambin@yahoo.com.



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 pleased to bring a state convention to our area so that you and your members will not need to travel as far as you might have in other years. See the attached flyer.

– Gloria Long, AAUW NE Tarrant County President

APPRECIATION

- ✓ **Merci** to our 11 new members for joining our **cause**!
- ✓ **Encouragement** to the Sister to Sister Committee as they gear up for the **Summit**!
- ✓ **Heartfelt Thanks** to **Tricia Dietz** for printing the **Yearbook** and completing distribution!
- ✓ **Fortitude** to the **501(c)(3) Committee** as they continue work on the **IRS application**.
- ✓ **Cheers** to **Ann Bracey** for arranging the Fundraising Dinner at **Blue Mesa**!
- ✓ **Kudos** to all the branch volunteers for untold hours of **effort**!

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.

"Do one thing every day that scares you." — Eleanor Roosevelt

Check out [ShopAAUW](#) for research reports, gift items with our new logo and much, much more!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TCU Dept of Women's Studies Lecture, Thursday, October 10, 7-9 pm, Palko 130 (Coll of Educ Bldg ground floor auditorium), **A Colloquy with the Editors of [A Feminist Reader](#)**: *Linda Hughes* (English) and *Sharon M. Harris* (University of Connecticut) discuss the "deep roots of feminism" they

uncovered as they prepared their 4-volume work *A Feminist Reader: From Sappho to Satrapi* (Cambridge UP). Not only does feminist thought have a centuries-long tradition, Hughes and Harris argue, but it is also defined by its diversity and global reach.

AAUW Tarrant County and **TCU Women's Studies Program** will co-sponsor the screening of **"The Invisible War"** on **Monday, October 28, 6 pm**, in PALKO 130 (Coll of Educ Bldg ground floor auditorium) on the TCU campus. Visitor parking is near the Palko building or in the admissions parking lot. The film, a documentary about sexual assault in the military, will be followed by a panel discussion. Jennifer Siebel Newsom was the executive producer of this film. She also wrote, directed and produced the documentary film **"Miss Representation."** Newsom graduated with honors from Stanford University and Stanford Graduate School of Business. She worked in Africa, Latin America, and Europe on assignments with Conservation International, a global environmental organization, where her primary focus was providing micro-enterprise opportunities to women. After business school, she moved to LA where she performed in numerous films and TV shows, and later formed Girls Club Entertainment, LLC as an umbrella entertainment company to develop and produce independent films with strong social, political, and cultural significance, focused primarily on empowering women. The most exciting part of this story is that we will have an opportunity to hear this young, talented woman speak at the Planned Parenthood Luncheon in 2014. To RSVP for the film, and with questions, please contact Randi Thistlethwaite: metrest@earthlink.net.

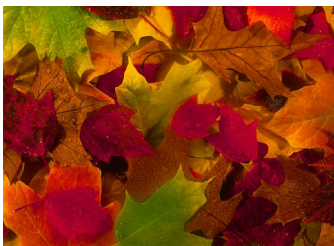
The Annual Planned Parenthood Greater Texas Luncheon is scheduled for Fri, February 7, 2014, Noon - 1:30 pm, at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel. Keynote Speaker will be Filmmaker **Jennifer Siebel Newsom**, www.jennifersiebel.com. Our own Betty Hove is chairing the luncheon this year and welcomes your participation. To secure a place at one of the AAUW tables, please contact Randi Thistlethwaite, metrest@earthlink.net, or Liz Stepp, lstepp@sbcglobal.net.

Ongoing: Tarrant County Walkers each weekend offers an opportunity to walk for fun, fitness, and friendship! In the warm months walks are planned for every Saturday at 7am at the Fairfield Inn at University and I-30. Bring water. The route is shady. Contact Susan Fine for more information and to join in the fun, finesusan@sbcglobal.net. View the TC Walkers website [here](#).

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Evening with Bob Schieffer: Remembering John F. Kennedy. Free Public Program from 7 - 8:30 pm, November 15, Central Library, 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 FW Contemporary Arts Museum, 2900 Berry St, exhibit **"Normal Work"**, Pauline Boudry & Renate Lorenz, a German artist team, bringing together film and photography to raise questions about gender and work. Showing August 24 - October 18, 2013, Hours: Wed - Sat: 12 - 5 pm. <http://www.theartgalleries.tcu.edu/>



Thoughts at the end: October is a glorious month of fall colors and opportunities to give of ourselves. We have great choices including helping plan Sister to Sister, joining in service to our community and branch, and teaming up on public policy issues. March on, as we work together for the empowerment of women and girls! -- Tina

“March on. Do not tarry. To go forward is to move toward perfection. March on,
and fear not the thorns, or the sharp stones on life's path.” -- Kahlil Gibran

Branch Calendar

Mon Oct 7 Literature Group, 7:30 pm, home of Joan Rambin,
Thu Oct 10 Cook Children's NICU Scrapbooking Community Service, 10 am, Aledo
Wed Oct 16 Branch Meeting, 5:30 pm, The Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main Street, Mi Cocina dinner
Mon Oct 21 Adelante Book Club, 10 am, home of Gwen Kelly
Wed Oct 23 Out to Lunch Bunch, Pacific Table, 11:30 am, 1600 South University Dr, Ste. 601
Thu Oct 24 Fundraising Dinner, Blue Mesa Restaurant, 6:30 pm, 1600 South University Dr
Sat Oct 26 Gourmet Group, 7 pm, home of Joan Rambin
Mon Oct 28 "The Invisible War" Screening & Panel Discussion, 6:00 pm, TCU Palko 130
Sat Nov 9 Sister to Sister Summit, 8 am - 4:30pm, TCC Trinity River Campus

Community Calendar

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Fri Nov 15 Bob Schieffer: Remembering John F. Kennedy, 7 pm, Central Library, 500 W. 3rd St.



AAUW TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2013-14

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Next Newsletter Deadline is Friday, Nov 8 for the **November-December** newsletter

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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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TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH

<http://tarrantcounty-tx.aauw.net>

AAUW TEXAS

<http://www.aauwtexas.org>



Karen Vanderwerken and Marjorie Petty
September Program, UNT Healthscience Center



Peggy Hendon and Berry Bock, Volunteering at the
YWCA Women Who Care Share Luncheon

More Branch Volunteers at the YWCA Women Who Care Share Luncheon



Peggy Harwood



Liz Stepp and Susan Brinkley with our member Mary Bailey



Karen Vanderwerken selling raffle tickets



New members Orlew Lauger and Ruth Karbach
with Peggy Hendon at Out to Lunch

