



AAUW Tarrant County FLASH

Fall 2019

OUR MISSION: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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Letter from our President



Dear Members of AAUW Tarrant County Branch,

How do I thank you for such a great Fall Season in AAUW? We began the 2019-2020 year with the most elegant Fall Membership Social. The Stayton continues to provide a beautiful venue and valet for our general meetings while the caterer provides delicious meals. Speakers have offered provocative programs for our edification. We exceeded our monetary and contributor goals on North Texas Giving Day. We collaborated with others to march for Day of the Girl. Record numbers of middle school girls participated in the Sister to Sister Summit. We broke bread together at the Tributary Café to highlight our TCC Scholarship Fund. Established interest groups are ever vital and new groups are engaging. I am so happy to see all our hours and hard work result in such success. I hope you are too.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for contributing your talents, skills, and moneys so that we can be about the business of advancing the well-being of women and girls.

May we look forward to the Winter and Spring Seasons with thankfulness, hope and vision.

*With love and gratitude for you all, **Orlew***

Fall Membership Brunch - September 7



A joyful Fall Membership Brunch marked the beginning of a new branch year, when we celebrated our members and their guests at the [Ridglea Country Club](#). Forty-three members and twelve guests attended. We are pleased to announce that five new members joined at the event!

Since July, 2019, seventeen new members have joined our Tarrant County Branch:

Nancy Price, Emily Spence, Judy Vick, Kathleen Stewart, Cindy Ford, Patricia Kittredge, Janet Mattern, Deborah Peoples, Jacque Stone, Connie Montoya, Cindy Wilson, Elizabeth Barron, Joan Sullivan, Mary Beth Hartman, Patricia Richardson, Charlotte Risinger, and Barbara Wyatt (in the order they joined.)

Brief bio's of our new members will be sent to better introduce them later this Fall.

-- Cheri Poston & Tina Caliga, Membership Co-VPs

Gratitude for North Texas Day of Giving Results



A Special AAUW Thank You to the Awesome Members of the Tarrant County Branch for helping to make our 2019 North Texas Giving Day a SUCCESS!! Because of your generosity we exceed our goal of \$6000.00.

The check we received from the North Texas Giving Day totaled \$3,313.83, based on 51 online gifts. Awesome Anonymous Matching Fund Donors gave \$3,350.00! Thus, our NTGD proceeds for 2019 has the grand total of **\$6,663.83**.

The funds raised will enable the Tarrant County Branch of AAUW to continue to spread our positive foot print in Tarrant County through giving scholarships to Tarrant County College, providing middle school girls an opportunity to participate in Sister to Sister, supporting various Girls Inc. events, and joining the Women's Center Victory over Violence Walk, to name a few.

- - Barbara Cager, Chair

October 11: Day of the Girl



“Strong! Smart! Bold!” Members of AAUW Tarrant County Branch and North East Tarrant County Branch banded together with 1300 other energized marchers in Fort Worth to shout this cheer on October 11, Day of the Girl. Rallying at the Old Court House steps, marchers donned red t-shirts and raised banners through the downtown streets to join forces with this 100% youth-led movement. The goal is to bring awareness of the rights and opportunities for girls everywhere. Our own Emily Spence stood on the Court House steps to deliver an impassioned call for all girls to know their human rights and to take action. AAUW is proud to excite the movement for youth rights and social justice.

A big thank you to Tricia Deitz and Gloria Long for organizing the participants of TCB and NETC. --
Orlew Lauger

Sister to Sister Summit, October 19



The 19th Sister to Sister Summit was a winner! We had 128 middle school girls from seven FWISD and one Castleberry ISD school (this was their first time to attend), a large increase over the 84 girls last year. All the girls had a good time as they learned to interact with students from other schools and were mentored by college women.

Cecilia Silva and Elda Rodriguez recruited and trained 40 TCU, TCC and Tarleton State college students to lead the girls in three chat sessions for this year's program, "The Power of One". It was inspiring to see so many returning college mentors.

Our 20 super AAUW volunteers were recruited by Tricia Deitz and did everything from preparing the facilitator bags to welcoming the girls, helping with breakfast and lunch, filling the gift bags, monitoring the hallways, taking photographs and cleaning up.

Once again, we had the good fortune to be hosted by the very accommodating TCC Northwest Campus. TCC provided a wonderful breakfast and lunch for everyone, supplied a string backpack with several TCC gifts inside to all the middle school girls, and supported us with helpful staff at the event. We are indebted to Becki Griffith, the many departments who coordinated all the arrangements, and the President of the Northwest Campus who gave our keynote address.

Mary DuBoise and Barbara Cager were our liaisons with the school systems and their counselors and made sure we had school buses lined up, brochures and flyers distributed, t-shirts purchased, and registration smoothly handled. Surely a job that requires patience and perseverance.

Thank you to all our expert shoppers, including BJ Hoskins, who was responsible for all the gift items for the girls and facilitators; Jane Parris, who purchased the gift for the keynote speaker and the books for the school counselors and made beautiful gift bags for all of these plus the door prizes; and Phyllis Goodman and Margaret Duryee, who purchased all the necessary supplies so that the chat sessions ran smoothly. Thank you to Orlew Lauger, Past Chair of the Purchasing Committee, a guiding light for our new committee members.

This AAUW program benefited from generous donations by our members to the gift bags, as well as a sizable donation from Half Price Books, enabling us to give each girl two books.

We are grateful for the success of the 19th Summit and look forward to our **big 20th Anniversary next year.** -- Marsha Abeson

Tributary Café Fundraiser Report



The **AAUW Funds Co-VP's** wish to thank everyone who participated in the **Tributary Café TCC Fundraiser**. It was a lovely fall evening on November 4 when we packed the restaurant with 48 fun-loving AAUW members and their guests. A profit of \$235.00 was made on the raffle, and we received \$480.00 from the 10% donated by the restaurant, giving a total of **\$715.00 earned for our TCC Scholarship Endowment**. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated!

- - Emelia Hoefle and Lynn Hayes

Holiday Feast and Friendship Pot Luck - November 20



Our **traditional holiday pot luck dinner** will be held November 20, 5:30 pm, at the Stayton. There is no charge for the event. Bring a favorite holiday dish to share. You may also bring wine. Please **rsvp** to Cheri Poston, caposton@sbcglobal.net, so we have a count for the room setup. This special monthly gathering will focus on thankfulness, friendship and sharing good food, as we look forward to the holidays. We hope you will come to socialize with old friends and get to know our new members. You are welcome to bring a friend who is interested in learning about AAUW.

There is no meeting in December. We resume our regular third Wednesday meetings on January 15, 2020.

Follow Up Resources to the October 16 Program



The October 16 speaker, **Dr Tara O'Connor Shelley**, made us aware of new research on the prevalence and dangers of intimate partner violence. We should all strive be aware and recognize its signs. Here are two resources she shared:

- [JoinOneLove.org](https://www.joinonelove.org) - which has the mission to educate young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships, empowering them to identify and avoid abuse and learn how to love better. One Love was founded in honor of Yeardeley Love: A young woman who tragically lost her life at 22.
- **Tarrant County Council on Family Violence**, a local nonprofit, **needs volunteers**: <https://www.onesafeplace.org/> Mission: To develop and promote a comprehensive and effective community effort to reduce family violence in Tarrant County.

Program and Speaker Ideas Welcomed



Do you have a great idea for a monthly program for next year? Do you have contacts at an organization with similar goals and ideals to AAUW? We are soliciting your input at our January 8 Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend this special board meeting where we will **brainstorm programs for the 2020-2021 branch year**. Please be thinking of your suggestions!

AAUW Tarrant County Fall-Winter Calendar



View our [Branch Calendar](#) on our website. Upcoming events:

- November 12 **Movie Enthusiasts**, “Make Way for Tomorrow”, hosted by Gloria Morris, rsvp to [Berry Bock](#)
- November 13 **Out to Lunch**, 11:30 am, [Snooze](#) Restaurant, 2150 West 7th Street, Suite 108, rsvp to [Marla Parvey](#) by Nov 11
- November 18 **Adelante**, 10 am, *The Art of Gathering* by Priya Parker, Carolyn Lombard host, 5713 Whitman, rsvp to [Tina Caliga](#) by Nov 15

- November 20 **Holiday Feast and Friendship Dinner**, 5:30 pm, The Stayton, rsvp to [Cheri Poston](#) by Nov 18, bring a dish
- November 24 **Cultural Outing**, Amon Carter Museum, 1- 4 pm. Art Mashup, rsvp to [Joyce Raessler](#)
- December 3 **Women Writing**, 4:30 – 6 pm, Bellaire Ranch Clubhouse, rsvp to [Eileen Frey](#)
- December 4 **Cultural Outing**, 1:00 pm, The Kimbell, Lunch in the Kahn "Buffet", 2:00 pm private tour with docent Orlew Lauger of "Renoir, The Body, the Senses", rsvp to [Orlew Lauger](#) by Mon, Dec 2
- December 19 **Women and Wine**, 4:00 -- 5:00 pm, Winslow's Wine Café, 4101 Camp Bowie Blvd, rsvp to [Orlew Lauger](#)
- December **No Board or General Meeting**
- January 8 **Special Board Meeting**, 5:30, The Stayton Green Room, Program Suggestions Welcomed

Social Media Photos



See our event photos on our [Facebook](#) and [Website Photo](#) pages! If you have great photos to share with our group, send them to [Tina Caliga](#)

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Please send your AAUW Calendar information, Interest Group Announcements, Eblast and Newsletter articles to Tina Caliga via [email](#).
