



AAUW TCB Newsletter

Summer / Fall 2020

WELCOME to a New Year of the American Association of University Women, Tarrant County Branch (AAUW TCB). The AAUW, founded in 1881, has as its Mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. In this issue you will see the following:

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Letter from the AAUW TCB President



Dear Members of AAUW Tarrant County Branch, I hope this fall newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy. These are difficult days. I've been feeling it and you may be too. We can take comfort that we are all in this together.

I want you to know that you have a most dedicated group of board members engaged for you. They have been working all summer to create a dynamic year ahead for you. I am inspired by their diligence. It is my hope that you will attend the kickoff Membership Social on Saturday and be inspired yourself: Instilled with a desire to make a difference in your own life and in the lives of the women and girls we serve.

All AAUW TCB meetings will be via Zoom until AAUW National and State deem it possible to meet in person. Concerned about this new meeting venue? Never fear, we have experts who can help each of us all along the way. Even though we cannot be together physically, we can still come together in exciting ways to celebrate and share our gifts. How important our relationships are!

I hope you enjoy the Fall Newsletter. Then come join your fellow members on Saturday to share the vision for 2020-2021 and be about the joy of *Renewing Ties!* Can't wait to 'see' you!

Thank you for the privilege of being your president. Blue Skies! [Orlew Lauger](#)

Fall Membership Social - Sat, August 29 9:30 - 11:00 AM



Our Fall Kick-off event will be held via Zoom on Saturday, August 29, 9:30 - 11 am. Come and bring a friend! While reservations officially closed on the 27th, if you email [Elizabeth Barron](#) by 7:30 AM on the 29th, you can still receive the link and password to join in the fun. Watch for a Membership Eblast coming soon.

North Texas Giving Day - September 17 *Gift Donor?*

Will You Be a Matching



This year, on **Thursday, September 17, 2020**, AAUW Tarrant County Branch is participating in the 12th Annual [North Texas Giving Day \(NTGD\)](#). This is our **annual fall fundraiser**. Our branch provides three scholarships to Tarrant County College and this year we are working with Girls Inc to provide at-home activity kits for selected Fort Worth ISD students.

OUR NTGD GOAL THIS YEAR: \$6,000. We are seeking matching funds for \$3,000. We have two matching funds donors but need more. **Please contact [Barbara Cager](#), to offer to provide matching funds.**

Get up and give on September 17, 2020!

Membership Renewals for the Handbook and Directory



In order to be included in the **2020-2021 AAUW TCB Handbook and Directory**, you need to renew by **September 1**. If you renew in the *two weeks* before 9/1, either **online or by mail to our Finance VP**, please also notify [Ellen Myers](#) or [Elizabeth Barron](#) **by 9/1**, since it may take up to two weeks to be updated on the national database. The new Handbook and Directory will be distributed in September to all members.

You may notice the name change from Yearbook to **Handbook**. We want our members to know it contains lots of **handy** information about our *branch officers, activities and interest groups, as well as the contact directory for our members.*

September 16, 6:00 - Program "The Women's Walk to the Poll"



Plan to join us via Zoom for our first monthly Branch Meeting and Program: **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm, "The Women's Walk to the Poll"**. Dr. Karin Gedge, a feminist historian at the University of West Chester in Pennsylvania, will present to AAUW regarding the history of the women's journey towards the nineteenth amendment. Please log in between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. We will have a Hospitality Room starting at 6:00 PM so everyone can get logged in and have time to visit. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

Community Service Projects Coming Up

- **[March to the Polls \(MTTP\)](#)** is a nonpartisan organization devoted to encouraging young people 18-24 to register and vote. Multiple volunteer opportunities are available on this [link](#). If you have questions, contact [Marsha Abeson](#).
- **"She Votes"** virtual presentation by [Girls Inc of Tarrant County](#) in September. We are invited to attend and encourage the girls' participation so their voices will be heard. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Marsha Abeson](#).
- More details on these projects may be found on our website under [Local Projects](#).





Girls Inc College Shower Project 2020 -- Completed

Thirty-five members of our branch gave very generously to the Girls Inc College Shower for our chosen girl, Jackie M. We purchased almost all the items on Jackie's college wish list: a laptop computer, bicycle, calculator, backpack, items for her dorm room, and school supplies. Her lovely thank you note ended with "I may not know you, but this is the sweetest thing anyone has done for me and I will never forget that".

Spotlight on Interest Groups - Meeting Via Zoom



- **Adelante Book Club, third Monday at 10 am ([Tina Caliga](#))** See our [2020-21 Reading List](#), books by women about topics of interest to our members.
- **Great Discussions, second Saturday at 11 am ([Mary DuBoise](#))** The Sept 12 question concerns *Native American Rights in the Time of Covid-19*. Resources provided each month.
- **Out to Lunch, second Wednesday at 11:30 am ([Marla Parvey](#))** A way to keep in touch with friends.

- **Women Writing, fourth Tuesday at 4 pm ([Eileen Frey](#))** We are sharing our writing and learning together.
- **Women and Wine, last Wednesday at 4:30 pm ([Margaret Duryee](#))**. Join us for a relaxing time together, just chatting.

Year Round Fundraising Made Easy

Contribute to AAUW Tarrant County every time you make an Amazon purchase, without any extra cost to you! Have your Amazon password ready before you start.

Setup to use **Amazon Smile**:

1. Start from this [Amazon Smile link](#), which takes you directly to their webpage with our charity filled in.
2. 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 [Amazon Smile](#).

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program. If you shop at Tom Thumb, please enroll. Click [here](#) to access the form. Print a copy and complete it with our Charity # 5773. Turn the form in when you next shop. Using your Tom Thumb card will enable our Tarrant County Branch of AAUW to receive donations.

Be Informed and Advocate on AAUW Issues



- Go to this [link](#) to sign up as a [Two Minute Activist](#) with AAUW and receive AAUW Action Alerts.
- Join the [AAUW Equity Network](#)
- Subscribe to [AAUW Webinars](#)
- Read the latest column from **AAUW CEO Kim Churches: "[Know Your Value](#)"**

AAUW Tarrant County Fall Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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

- August 29 Fall Membership Social, 9:30 - 11:00 am, via Zoom, [Elizabeth Barron](#) for access
- September 2 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- September 9 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am, via Zoom
- September 12 Great Discussions, 11 am to 12 noon, via Zoom, ***Native American Rights During Covid-19***
- September 16 Branch Meeting and Program, 6:00 pm, via Zoom
- September 17 North Texas Giving Day Opening Ceremony, 11:30 am, Communities Foundation of Texas
- September 21 Adelante, 10am, via Zoom, [She Said](#) by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey
- September 22 Women Writing, 4 to 6 pm, via Zoom
- September 26 AAUW Texas Webinar, 10 am, Lisa Maatz, ***Challenges of Women in Politics***
- September 30 Women and Wine, 4:30 pm, via Zoom
- October 7 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- October 10 Great Discussions, 11 am to 12 noon, via Zoom, ***Black Women and The Vote***
- October 14 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am, via Zoom
- October 19 Adelante, 10am, via Zoom, [The Ninth Hour](#) by Alice McDermott
- October 21 Branch Meeting and Program, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- October 27 Women Writing, 4 to 6 pm, via Zoom
- October 28 Women and Wine, 4:30 pm, via Zoom
- November 4 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- November 11 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am, via Zoom
- November 16 Adelante, 10am, via Zoom, [Long Bright River](#) by Liz Moore
- November 18 Holiday Social, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- December No Board or General Meeting

AAUW Tarrant County Leadership Team



ELECTED OFFICERS

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Due to Covid-19, all other interest groups will be suspended until we can meet in person.

Please send your AAUW Calendar information, Interest Group Announcements, Eblast and Newsletter articles to Tina Caliga.

