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### Thoughts from the President

Just as we think the hot days will not end – they do! Just like that! It is a good thing because we have so many exciting plans for the upcoming year for our North Tarrant County Branch of AAUW. These plans begin with our North Tarrant County Branch’s “New Member Brunch” on August 22.

This year we will be at Betty Chang’s “Annex.” (She is the only person I have ever known who keeps an extra house for meetings, guests and anything else that should arise. Of course, our group has benefited many times because of her generosity.) As always, our members will be bringing their friends who may have been thinking about joining AAUW but have not gotten around to it, or who simply have not had the time. Since membership requirements have changed recently, take another look at your friends. You may have

knowledge of a very good prospective member who is now eligible.

Don’t forget that the food that shows up for the Brunch is fantastic! Our ladies are very talented in this area and you’ll miss one of our best meals of the year if you don’t get there. We will be showing the DVD from our Convention in St. Louis on “Breaking Through Barriers.” This video shows our intent and passion in a very powerful way. The other great thing about our Brunch is the chance to make new friends of some very fabulous women. You may want to bring your offerings of supplies for KEYS to this event. Please join us.

Texas AAUW awards the PEARL Award each year to deserving Texas branches. PEARL stands for the ways AAUW breaks down educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance: Protects, Educates, Advocates, Researches and Leads. Our branch received recognition in every single area! Hooray for us!

In our September 12 meeting at Martin Methodist Church, we will be talking about the National AAUW Convention, “Breaking Through Barriers.” Nine of our members attended the Convention in St. Louis, MO this summer. Thirty-three of our members from Texas were there. Our By-Laws were changed and it was impressive to see the way that AAUW looks at being sure that we are heading in the direction that best suits our devotion and commitment to all women and their education.



Pat Wachter

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## New Member Brunch

The New Member Brunch will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. Details of the brunch are in the e-vite you recently received. Please be sure you respond promptly to this invitation so we can get a handle on how many to expect.

A HUGE thank-you to Betty Chang who so generously donated the use of her "annex" house!



Ladies, we truly need to promote new membership. Our membership has decreased substantially. If you have a guest/s you would like to invite, please be sure to contact Pat Boeckenstedt by phone (817-864-9207) or e-mail ([pgb1225@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgb1225@sbcglobal.net)) with this information as soon as possible so she can mail the invitations in plenty of time before the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

*Pat Boeckenstedt & Janet Key*  
Membership VP's

## Dues

It's not too late to pay your dues for 2009-2010 if you are one of the few who have not yet paid. Remember that this year, for the first time, \$46 of the \$49 dollars of our National Dues will be tax deductible. Please send your \$75 to Meg Sprengle. Thanks!

*Meg Sprengle & Gloria Long*  
VP-Finance

## Congratulations!

*Belinda Hargrove's company,  
Trans Solutions, was awarded the  
2009 Corporate Cup of Excellence  
by the American Association of  
Airport Executives*

## Cultural Event

### New Cowboys Stadium Tour

On Sunday, September 13th 2009 at 2pm, I have reserved a tour of the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium for 20 people at \$10.69 per person (ticket price includes Arlington Taxes!)

As I think this will be a very popular event, I am going to take reservations based on when I receive your email response which is a financial commitment from you as I have had to pay in advance.

We will meet at 1pm at Martin United Methodist Church to carpool to the event. See you in September.



*Jean Dodds*  
Cultural Chair

## School Supply Drive for KEYS Kids

There is something magical about getting new school supplies, and for our KEYS Kids, this is the magic for their school success. Take advantage of the low cost of school supplies this year and pack a bag for KEYS! Pocket folders, notebook paper, pens, pencils, graph paper, colored pens and pencils, and glue sticks are on the KEYS School Supply List. Teachers have also requested boxes of tissues, hand sanitizer, hand held pencil sharpeners, post-it notes, and Ziploc bags for their classrooms. (See complete list on page 6.) Bring your bag of supplies to our New Member Brunch on Saturday, August 22, or the Branch Meeting on September 12.

We will deliver all supplies to the KEYS Kids by September 15.

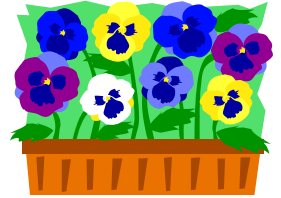
Thanks so much!

*Donna Baumgartner*  
KEYS Chair



## EF/LAF Pansy Sale

The new year for AAUW activities has just begun with our popular sale of pansies. So many of you were so pleased with these plants that we had a record sale of pansies. In fact, we hope you will continue to purchase them & maybe even set a new record!



The cost of the pansies has remained unchanged @

\$16.00 per flat. Flyers containing details & order forms will be handed out at the New Members' Brunch on Saturday, August 22 & will also be emailed to members. The final deadline for all orders will be no later than Sept. 21. So be on the lookout for more information.

*Lynn Doyle & Mary Cinatl*  
EF/LAF Chairs

## Bridge Group



The Bridge Group will meet at 7pm, August 27<sup>th</sup> in the home of Georgia Kidwell. Please let Georgia know if you will be attending (grgkdw@yahoo.com).

*Gloria Long*

## AAUW & Talbots

Talbots was one of the sponsors of AAUW National Convention this year in Saint Louis. Talbots totally outfitted our keynote speaker, Lilly Ledbetter, for the entire weekend (and she looked great!). Plus, they donated two \$500 gift certificates which were given away at the LAF dinner. Unfortunately, none of us from our branch won.

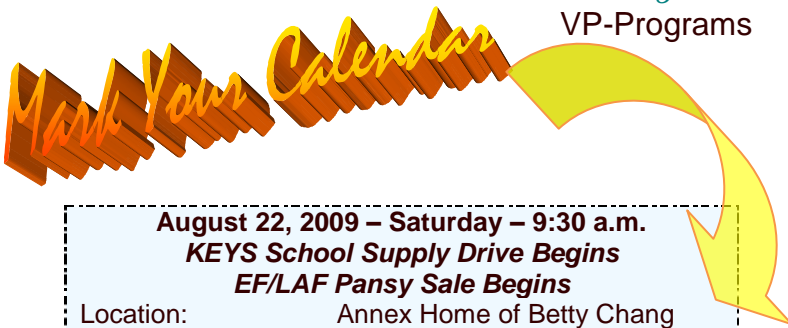
But now the great news: Talbots is giving every AAUW member 20% off all full-priced merchandise through August 31, 2009. There is no coupon needed – all you have to do is mention AAUW. If the sales person is unaware of the promotion, explain that it is listed in the Daily Briefing Sheet. Or, come shop with me at Southlake Talbots and I'll insure that you get your discount and wonderful personal service.

*Martha Matthews*

## Program & Event Calendar for 2009-2010

Focusing on the AAUW Mission Statement, AAUW *advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research*, members thoughtfully planned branch meetings and events for 2009 – 2010. Programs include an update on our organization from members who attended the AAUW National Convention this summer and, in October, we will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of our branch. Our branch meetings will feature respected speakers on national health care issues, the opportunities for students in public education, and women in the workforce. We are currently rethinking our Young Women's Summit, so this year we plan to join with the Girl Scouts and support Girl's U in the spring. Every branch meeting is an opportunity for us to contribute to our Georgeann Gallian KEYS Scholarship Fund for graduates from KEYS School in the HEB ISD, and, at our holiday events, contribute to AAUW EF/LAF programs. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in all our branch activities this year.

*Donna Baumgartner*  
VP-Programs



### August 22, 2009 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. KEYS School Supply Drive Begins EF/LAF Pansy Sale Begins

Location: Annex Home of Betty Chang  
2400 Cottonwood Lane, Bedford  
Program: New Member Brunch  
Coordinators: Pat Boeckenstedt & Janet Key

### September 12, 2009 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. KEYS School Supply Drive Ends

Location: Martin United Methodist Church  
Apple Corps Room  
Program: AAUW National Convention  
Coordinator: Georgia Kidwell

### October 8, 2009 – Thursday – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Farpointe Cellar  
721 E Southlake Blvd Southlake  
Program: Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
Coordinators: Marie Iervolino & Martha Matthews

### November 14, 2009 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin United Methodist Church  
Apple Corps Room  
Program: Health Care Reform  
Coordinator: Mary Scott, AARP  
Dixie Christian

### December 5, 2009 – Saturday – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Stacy's Furniture Community  
Room  
1900 S. Main St., Grapevine  
Program: Holiday Brunch and Silent  
Auction for EF/LAF  
Coordinators: Lynn Doyle, Mary Cinatl, & Pat  
Wachter

### December TBA - Sunday

Holiday Party and Giving Tree for KEYS

### January 9, 2010 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin United Methodist Church  
Apple Corps Room  
Program: Women in Motion  
Kym Sosolik, SMU Cox  
Business School  
Coordinator: Pat Wachter

### February 11, 2010 – Thursday -- 6:30 p.m.

Location: North Richland Hills Library  
9015 Grand Avenue, NRH  
Program: Today's Kids in School  
Bettye Edginton, Advanced  
Academics Coordinator HEB  
Coordinator: Donna Baumgartner

### March 6, 2010 – Saturday

Location: UT Arlington Campus  
Arlington, TX  
Program: Girls' U with Girl Scouts Inc.  
Coordinator: Gloria Long

### March 2010 TBA Branch Meeting

Location: TBA  
Program: TBA  
Coordinator: Donna Baumgartner

### April 10, 2010 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

#### Time to Renew Membership

Location: Martin United Methodist Church  
Apple Corps Room  
Program: The Endangered Life of Bees  
By Graham Dodds  
Coordinator: Jean Dodds

### May 8, 2010 – Saturday TBA

#### Award KEYS Scholarships Installation of New Officers

Location: TBA  
Coordinators: Linda Adams & Donna  
Baumgartner

### June 13, 2010 – Sunday TBA

#### Program Planning Meeting

Coordinator: Donna Baumgartner  
Unless otherwise  
noted, branch  
meetings are held at  
**Martin United  
Methodist Church -  
2621 Bedford Road,  
Bedford, Texas 76021**



## AAUW's Position on Health Care

**Health Care: A Basic Right** ([http://aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/healthcare.cfm](http://aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/healthcare.cfm))

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) believes that everyone is entitled to health care that is high-quality, affordable, and easily accessible. This position stems from AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program, which advocates: "increased access to quality affordable health care."

There is no shortage of proposals regarding how health care reform should be achieved. For AAUW, the top priority is not the system itself which ultimately emerges, but rather the end result of reform that succeeds at providing access to quality and affordable health care for all Americans. While this is a priority in any circumstance, it is especially important during economic downturns, as health care security is intrinsically tied to economic security. This relationship is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and are therefore less able to afford insurance or care. AAUW acknowledges that there are immense challenges involved in achieving meaningful health care reform, but is equally aware that failure to do so is simply not an option.

When it comes to their own healthcare, women face a unique set of challenges. Women earn around 78 cents for every dollar men earn, but women also use more health care services than men do. As a result of these two factors — less income, more costs — women face a high level of health care insecurity. These factors all add up to too many women with unpaid medical bills and long-lasting debt problems as a result of health care services. This has stark consequences. In 2004, one in six privately insured women reported she postponed or went without needed care because she couldn't afford it, up from 2001.

Such economic conditions become increasingly problematic over time. Not only are women less able to afford insurance or care because of life-long wage disparities, they face unstable coverage when subject to their spouses' plans, higher premiums in the individual market, a lack of access based on more prevalent preexisting conditions, and higher out of pocket costs than men. Rather than being able to receive comfortable access and receive quality health care, women are vulnerable to gaps in coverage and too many holes in the system.

As debate in Congress picks up steam, AAUW believes that the following key priorities must be contained in the final legislation:

- **End the practice of "gender rating":** Gender rating is the process by which insurance companies charge men and women different premiums for individually-purchased health care plans.
- **Require coverage of women's reproductive health services:** AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program advocates, "choice in the determination of one's reproductive life...increased access to health care and family planning services including expansion of patients' rights." AAUW has long believed that politicians should not insert themselves into the decision-making process when it comes to reproductive health care, which is a basic element of women's health care overall. As a result, AAUW firmly believes that health care reform legislation should require coverage of women's reproductive health services.
- **Ensure access to and coverage of preventive services and care:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the two leading causes of death for women in America are heart disease and cancer – afflictions that can often be prevented if women have access to preventive care services such as screenings, immunizations, and educational material.

## Lit Group News

The annual salad supper was enjoyed by 19 members. Each person discussed books they had read over the last year. A list was compiled and will be available at the September meeting.

A monthly schedule for book for the rest to the year will be available at the New Member Brunch.



August 20 Lit Group meeting will be at the home of Polly Post. Polly will review *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

September 17th meeting is at the home of Barbara Brasco. Anna Holzer will review *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.



*Pat Lucas*

Literature Group Chair

# School Supplies



### KEYS Kids need:

- 3-Ring Binder or Folder/Dividers
- Notebook paper
- Black Ink Pens
- Pens with different ink colors
- Pencils/Erasers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Pocket Folders with Brads
- Map Pencils
- Graph Paper
- Highlighters

KEYS Kids need basic school supplies. This list has been compiled from the teacher websites and tells what kids need to bring to class. Please follow these guidelines and bring a sack of supplies either to the *New Member Brunch August 22* or to the *September Branch Meeting Saturday, September 12*.

All supplies should be delivered to KEYS by September 15.

### Teacher Requested Classroom Needs:

- Box of Tissues
- Hand Held Pencil Sharpeners
- Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer
- Ziploc Bags
- Post-It Notes

## August 2009 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>International Forgiveness Day</i>	3 <i>National Watermelon Day</i> 	4 <i>U.S. Coast Guard Day</i>	5	6	7 <i>National Lighthouse Day</i> 	8
9	10 <i>National S'mores Day</i> 	11 <i>Presidential Joke Day</i>	12 <i>Middle Child's Day</i>	13	14	15 <i>Relaxation Day</i> 
16 <i>National Tell A Joke Day</i> 	17 <i>National Thrift Shop Day</i> 	18	19	20 <b>Literature Group</b> 7:30pm Polly Post's home	21 <i>Senior Citizen's Day</i> 	22 <b>New Member Brunch</b> 9:30am Annex home of Betty Chang
23	24	25	26 <i>National Dog Day</i> 	27 <b>Bridge Group</b> 7pm Georgia Kidwell's home	28	29 <i>More Herbs Less Salt Day</i> 
30	31 <i>National Trail Mix Day</i> 					

**Upcoming AAUW Events**  
 August 20 – Literature Group  
 August 22 – New Member Brunch  
 August 27 – Bridge Group  
 September 12 – Branch Meeting  
 September 13 – Cultural Group @ Cowboys Stadium

*Summertime and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. Oh yo' daddy's rich an' yo' ma is good lookin' So hush, little baby, Don't you cry. One of these mornin's, You's gonna rise up singin' Then you'll spread yo' wings an' you'll take to the sky. But till that mornin', there ain't nothin' can harm you With your Daddy an' Mummy standin' by.*

- Gershwin, Gershwin, & DuBose

*People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.*

- Anton Chekhov

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

- Warren Buffett

The summer night is like a perfection of thought.

- Wallace Stevens

If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?

- Steven Wright

**No one ever drowned in his own sweat.**

~Ann Landers

Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.

- Sam Keen



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## About AAUW



The American Association of University Women is a national organization that advances education and equity for all women and girls. Our commitment to these issues is reflected in our public policy efforts, programs, and diversity initiatives.

### The AAUW logo:

The **W** stands for WOMEN and reinforces our focus on education and equity for women and girls. The **overlapping triangles** represent the collaborative efforts of our 3 corporations: The Association, The Educational Foundation, and The Legal Advocacy Fund. The **parallel lines** represent the concept of EQUITY.



A Legacy of Leadership

For information on the AAUW's history, read the article, "Founding Mothers". Available at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)