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Thoughts from the President

Out with the old and in with the new! Whoa, not so fast! We learn so much from our successes (and not so much from our failures), that we surely will profit by taking a look at where we have been in order to plan our future. AAUW does this well. Please take a look at AAUW's Annual Report 2009. This remarkable report, titled, "In That Moment I Knew," is a look at what we do and how we foster individual success that fosters even more individual and group successes. It shows how our motto, "Breaking through Barriers" is doing just that!

Greg Mortenson, who wrote "Three Cups of Tea," makes the statement, "You can drop bombs, hand out condoms, build roads or put in electricity, but unless the girls are educated, a society won't change." Of course he is

referring to third world countries, but the truth is worldwide and we know it in our bones!

And so, we sell pansies, have silent auctions, buy gift cards and school supplies, give freely of our time and talents so that we may benefit young women who may not make it without our help. Yes, it is very worthwhile to be an active member of AAUW.

December was a month to wind down and gear up for Christmas holidays and give thought to the New Year. However, here is January 2010, and we are off and running again! Board meeting at Pat Wachter's on Thursday night January 7, and our first branch meeting of the year at Martin Methodist on January 9 with Kym Sosolik from SMU Cox Business School talking about "Women in Motion," and how you can go forward.

Please remember to give Donna Baumgartner gift cards from Wal-mart to add to much needed supplies for students and teachers at KEYS. KEYS is such a wonderful school because it gives hope to teenagers whose lives have not gone as planned. Our help is so needed and appreciated by students and staff.

As we carefully wend our way through uncertain times, we prioritize our time and resources. Just as we do this in our families, we see AAUW looking carefully at its priorities and adapting as needed. Our time with AAUW is very valuable. We receive so much when we give to this hope for the future.



Pat Wachter

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January Branch Meeting

Saturday, January 9 - 9:30 am

Martin United Methodist Church

Kym Sosolik, Director of LeaSMU Cox
School of Business

Kym is a top performing business leader proficient in developing and enhancing human capital, recognized for leadership by delivering business solutions, improving organizational development, and optimizing the organization's leadership potential and ability. Multi-functional expertise in sales and organizational development across different industries resulting in enhanced business outcomes.

Kym created "Women in Motion" to address the challenge of moving successful women business leaders into higher levels of responsibility.

"Women in Motion" is an innovative dynamic program that enables highly successful women leaders to leverage and expand their unique talents to meet the challenges of a changing global market. In today's highly competitive business world, companies must act on the direct link of women and profitability.

Membership

We are in the process of mailing out membership directories to active members who have not yet picked them up at past meetings.

Please add to your yearbook the contact information for Rita, who has rejoined our branch:

Rita Frick
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Hurst, TX 76054
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Pat Boeckenstedt and Janet Key
VPs-Membership

KEYS Gift Cards

We will deliver the Wal Mart Gift Card Box to KEYS Principal Dr. Jacoby (details to be announced) on Thursday, January 14. Thank you to those of you who have already participated in this project! **We are about 25 cards short of our goal.** A reminder to all members you may still bring a Wal Mart Gift Card in the amount of \$15, \$20, or \$25 to our Branch Meeting Saturday, January 9. The KEYS Gift Card Project is an opportunity for branch members to directly help the students enrolled at KEYS. The counselor, Elaine Vaughan, sees a stream of students in her office on a daily basis who are in need of basic items such as diapers, formula, warm clothes, or food. Because of our generous support, she is able to present a Wal Mart gift card to a student in need, and this in turn helps the student focus more clearly on academics as they pursue their High School Diploma and opportunities afforded them through education. Ms. Vaughan said, "I know gift cards are not as much fun to give for the giver as would be selecting baby clothes or toys, but our kids really are uncomfortable leaving the building with a bag of 'stuff' – they much prefer a gift card, and, trust me, they always use the gift card to help their families."

AAUW Northeast Tarrant Branch has participated as an HEBISD/KEYS Adopt a School Partner since its inception. Dr. Jacoby and the faculty of KEYS are passionate about supporting KEYS Kids, and we are passionate about supporting KEYS Kids. We could not support a more worthy organization or group of people. We are a Key factor in the success of the lives of these students in our own community. Thank you again for your support of our KEYS Gift Card Project.

Donna Baumgartner
KEYS Chair

Bridge Group

The Bridge Group has scheduled the 2010 meetings through next October on the 4th Thursday of each month. So mark your calendars now!

January 28 – hostess Martha Matthews. February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28 – hostesses to be determined later. Please let Martha know if you are coming this month.

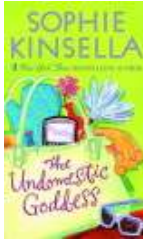
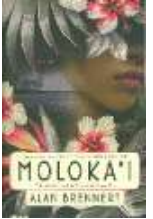


Gloria Long
Bridge Group Chair

Lit Group News

You may want to scan the Book TV Schedule (www.booktv.org) this week for a re-broadcast of an interview with Greg Mortenson or the review on the on autobiography *Molly Ivins: A Rebel Life*.

January 21st will be our first meeting in 2010. The book is *Moloka'I* by Alan Brennert. Our hostess will be Jean Dodds.



February 18th Elizabeth Forester will review *The Undomestic Goddess* by Sophie Kinsella. Our hostess will be Betty Chang.

The Literature group meetings are at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please come and join us even if you have not read the book.

Remember that if you order from Amazon.com through the AAUW website, a portion of the proceeds go to AAUW!

<i>LIT GROUP Schedule at a glance</i>	
<i>January 21</i>	" <i>Moloka'i...</i> "
Author:	by Alan Brennert
Reviewer:	Martha Mathews
Hostess :	Jean Dodds
<i>February 18</i>	" <i>The Undomestic Goddess</i> "
	by Sophie Kinsella

Pat Lucas
Literature Group Chair

Cultural Events

Friday, January 15 - Reward yourself with a day out
We will visit the Civil War Museum in Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Mint. In between we will have lunch (open to suggestions). I will have a signup sheet at the January Meeting with more details.

Saturday, January 23rd
Annual Burns Night - \$35 per person - celebrate the 251st anniversary of the Scottish Poet Robert Burns birth and wear some tartan.

http://scotsindallas.org/ssod_burnsnight.html

Hyatt Regency, North Dallas
701 East Campbell, Richardson, TX 75081
Reception at 6pm, Presentation at 6:45pm, Dinner & Speeches 7pm. Dancing 10pm
Please email Jean Dodds if you are interested.
jdodds0630@aol.com. We will carpool.

Jean Dodds
Cultural Chair

Girl University

The proposed schedule of meetings for finalizing details of the March 6, 2010 Girl U are as follows. Monday, January 11th, 5:30 pm at UTA. Sunday, January 24th, 2pm TBD. Monday, February 15, 5:30pm at UTA. Sunday, February 28th, 2pm at the Girl Scout Service Center on Briarhaven Road in Southwest Fort Worth (this will be the "packing party" for supplies going to UTA.)

Girl U is scheduled from noon to 5:30 pm. There will be slots for workers from before noon for set up until after 5:30 for clean up. Please decide when you can work and we'll pass a sign up sheet at our January and February meetings. In addition to set up, clean up, hospitality and session hostesses, we will need a few folks to serve at the AAUW information table where we hope to get our message out to the girls, their mothers and the other women workers.

Gloria Long

Girl University Liaison

Georgeann Gallian KEYS Scholarship Awards

The 2010 Recipients of the Georgeann Gallian KEYS scholarship are Diana Cansino and Lauren Lohrke. These fall graduates of KEYS plan to attend Tarrant County College this spring. Each young woman will be awarded a \$500 scholarship at a reception on Thursday, January 14 at KEYS (1100 Raider Drive, Euless, TX 76040). The AAUW Northeast Tarrant County Branch is committed to awarding college scholarships to local students. Since 1990, our Branch has awarded this scholarship to a high school graduate of KEYS alternative learning center of the Hurst Euless Bedford ISD. This past spring our Branch chose to name future scholarships to KEYS as the Georgeann Gallian KEYS Scholarship and award scholarships in the amount of \$500. Congratulations Diana and Lauren!

Donna Baumgartner

Interbranch

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is spotlighted at the January 16, 2010, meeting of the North Texas Metroplex Interbranch Council. Diana Vela, Ph.D, Director of Exhibits and Education will be our speaker.

The Arlington branch is hosting the group at the New World United Methodist Church, located at 2201 N Davis Dr, Arlington, TX 76012.

Social time starts at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. If you arrive early, doors are supposed to be opened by 8:30 a.m.

The church is north of I-30 and south of Green Oaks, between Fielder Rd and Cooper. Check out the church's website at www.nwumc.org for directions and a map.

It is not possible to reach anyone at the church by phone, so if you have a problem, please call Margie Poole at 817-991-8646.

Margie Poole

AAUW's Women of 2009

Sonia Sotomayor

Half the Sky Movement

"I Am Neda" - Neda Agha-Soltan

Ursula Burns

Carol Greider

Michelle Obama

Lilly Ledbetter

Katie Couric

Diane Sawyer

Caster Semanya

Rihanna

Annise Parker

Jamie Leigh Jones

Zainab Salbi

"James Chartrand"

Source: www.aauw.org blog: AAUW Dialog

NETC Branch Programs/Meetings

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

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
 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
 Program: Girls' U with Girl Scouts Inc.
 Coordinator: Gloria Long

March 2010 TBA Branch Meeting

Location/Program: TBA
 Coordinator: Donna Baumgartner

April 10, 2010 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

Time to Renew Membership

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
 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 at
**Martin United Methodist
 Church - [2621 Bedford
 Road](http://www.aauw.org), Bedford, TX 76021**

Donna Baumgartner
 Program VP

AAUW Position: Hate Crimes

Improving the Prevention and Enforcement of Hate Crimes

Hate crimes are serious and well-documented problems but remain inadequately recognized and addressed. The 2009-2011 Public Policy Program of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) advocates "freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces and communities." To this end, AAUW supports legislation such as the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act and the Mathew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which would strengthen the federal response to hate crimes.

In 1968, Congress enacted a hate crimes prevention law that covers violent crimes resulting in death or serious bodily injury. Crimes must be motivated by a person's race, color, national origin, or religion and occur while the victim is engaged in a specified federally protected activity. AAUW believes that this important hate crimes prevention law must be extended to cover violent crimes motivated by gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability and must not be limited to victims engaged in federally protected activities.

For more information, call 202/785-7793 or e-mail VoterEd@aauw.org.

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October 22, 2009: **AAUW Celebrates Passage of Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act**

AAUW celebrates House and Senate passage of landmark hate crimes prevention legislation that had been more than a decade in the making. AAUW led the efforts of women's organizations to pass the bill, working with a coalition of more than 100 groups to finally see the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act sent to the president's desk. The measure was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 conference report.

October 28, 2009: **President Barack Obama Signs Hate Crimes Legislation Into Law**

The new law gives the Justice Department the power to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated violence where the perpetrator has selected the victim because of the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. The legislation was added as a provision to the FY 2010 National Defense Authorization Act earlier this Summer. The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act honors the memory of Matthew Shepard, a Wyoming college student brutally murdered in an act of hate violence in 1998, and James Byrd, an African-American man who was dragged to death in Jasper, Texas, in 1998.

January 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					New Year's Day	2
3 <i>Fruitcake Toss Day</i> 	4 <i>National Thank God it's Monday! Day</i> 	5	6 <i>Bean Day</i>  <i>Cuddle Up Day</i>	7 <i>I'm Not Going to Take It Anymore Day</i>	8 <i>National English Toffee Day</i>	9 Branch Meeting 9:30am Martin United Methodist
10 <i>Peculiar People Day</i> 	11 <i>Coming-of-Age Day</i>	12 <i>National Pharmacist Day</i> 	13 <i>Poetry Break Day</i>  <i>Dickinson</i>	14  <i>Hat Day</i>	15 Cultural outing in Fort Worth <i>Hat Day</i>	16 <i>Hot and Spicy Food International Day</i> 
17  <i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	18 <i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	19 <i>Popcorn Day</i> 	20 <i>Cheese Day</i> 	21 Literature Group 7:30pm home of Jean Dodds	22 <i>National Answer Your Cat's Question Day</i> 	23 Cultural to Burns Night <i>Measure Your Feet Day</i>
24 <i>Compliment Day</i>	25 <i>Burns Night</i> 	26	27 <i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i> 	28 Bridge Group 7pm home of Martha Matthews	29 Tu B'Shvat begins at sundown <i>National Cornchip Day</i>	30 <i>Escape Day</i> 

Upcoming AAUW Events

January 9 – Branch Meeting

January 15 – Cultural outing in Fort Worth

January 21 – Literature Group at Jean Dodds' home

January 23 – Cultural outing to Burns Night

January 28 – Bridge Group at Martha Matthews' home

When we once begin to form good resolutions, God gives us every opportunity of carrying them out
~St John Chrysostom

What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.
~Vern McLellan

Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.
~Oprah Winfrey

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.
~Bill Vaughan

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
~Albert Einstein

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.
~Ann Landers



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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.



For information on the AAUW's history, read the article, "Founding Mothers". Available at www.aauw.org