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Thoughts from the President

Congratulations to our Shining Star, Gloria Long! Gloria has been a tireless "doer" of all things AAUW for a long time. This past year she has been heavily involved in our Young Women 's Summit plans and now in our Girl University plans with Girl Scouts of America. She understands and works toward AAUW's commitment to young women in any way she can. Gloria is also a vice president for our finances. She and Meg Sprengle work tirelessly to keep our budget balanced and up-to-date. In addition to all these things to track, she still keeps our Bridge Group going. She also loves her time to travel and camp with her husband,

Marvin. (Marvin has even been known to fill in for bridge.)

Speaking of Shining Star, you will love their luncheon! It is the Arts League Annual Shining Star Luncheon. They have a great silent auction with wonderful paintings and artwork donated by local artists. Even if you don't bid, it is a beautiful day and great fun. October 23 at the Marriott Las Colinas. Bob Schieffer will be the speaker.

Thanks to all of you who sold and ordered the gorgeous pansies for yourselves and others. Lynn Doyle and Mary Cinatl worked very hard to give every member an opportunity to be a part of this extremely important fund raiser for our commitment to AAUW's Educational Foundation.

I see that our calendars are full for October! Beginning with Board meeting on the 6th at Donna Baumgartner's home and the Branch Meeting on Thursday, the 8th. Look inside for more.



Pat Wachter



*Oh No, the Big Four-0!!
Our branch is now 40 years old - that's something to celebrate!!*

2008-2010 Officers

President	<i>Pat Wachter</i>
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Gourmet	<i>Lynn Milner (Committee: Barbara Brasco, Pat Wachter, Anna Holzer, & Kathy Anthon)</i>
Literature	<i>Pat Lucas</i>
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October Branch Meeting is Our Birthday Party!

You are cordially invited to the AAUW Northeast Tarrant County Branch's 40th Birthday Party! We will be celebrating this glorious event at Farpointe Cellar in Southlake. In addition to "Party Games," we will be looking back at where we have been and look forward to where we plan to go. The party is only meaningful with you there! We will enjoy 6 different wine tastings (1 1/2 ounces each) – 3 red and 3 white. We will also be feted to scrumptious cheese, sausage and crackers platters adorned with fresh fruit. At the close of the evening we will have a birthday cake made by our own Hot Chocolates ladies. And, you can be part of this fun for only \$20 each, all inclusive. Additionally, if you fall in love with any of the wines, you will have the opportunity to buy them there at a discounted price.



We are limited to 35 guests, so please RSVP to Martha Matthews, 3122 Woodland Heights Circle, Colleyville, 76034 with your check for \$20 made out to AAUW NETC. She needs a count of attendees by Oct. 5.

When: Thursday, October 8
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Where: Farpointe Cellar, 721 E. Southlake Blvd. (1/4 mile W. of Carroll on the south side of the street)

Why: To celebrate us!

Who: You, our members

Martha Matthews

October Program Coordinator
(& Party Planner)

Board Meeting

The October Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7pm at Donna Baumgartner's home.

Our Shining Star Gloria Long



Gloria Long is a vital part of the AAUW Northeast Branch. She has been a member of AAUW for 40 years. She has belonged to branches in other areas before joining the Northeast Tarrant County Branch 29 years ago. Gloria has been an active member participating in the many activities of the Branch. She has held elective and appointed offices including membership vice president and financial officer. Whatever the job that needs doing, Gloria is first to volunteer. Her organizational skills are greatly valued. She is currently working jointly with the Girl Scouts on "Girls University," a career conference for high school age girls, to be held this spring. She is a named gift recipient for her contributions to the AAUW Education Fund. Gloria and her husband Marvin have two grown children and three grandchildren. She is retired from Brewer High School in the White Settlement ISD after teaching Math for 22 years.

Shining Star Luncheon
Friday, October 23, 2009
Dallas Marriot Las Colinas
223 Las Colinas Blvd W.
Irving, TX 76039
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Tickets \$60.

Our Branch will have a table. Please join us in honoring Gloria. Send your check to Georgia Kidwell, 308 Brookview Dr. Hurst, TX 76054. Make checks out to AAUW NETC. We will carpool from Martin Methodist to go to the Luncheon.

Georgia Kidwell
Our Original Shining Star

Membership

Ladies:

If you did not pick up your new membership directory at the September meeting, please do so at the upcoming October meeting at Farpointe. Thank you!

Pat Boeckenstedt & Janet Key
Membership VP

KEYS News

Thank you again for all the school supplies! And thank you to Nelda Rogers for delivering supplies to the KEYS Campus. Kids at KEYS have realized they are competing for a very small number of jobs, and the competition is even more difficult when the next person competing against you has a high school diploma. There are 160 students anxious to obtain a high school diploma enrolled at KEYS this fall, and many students this year have babies/families and very difficult living conditions. All to say, they will not worry quite so much about whether to buy school supplies or baby supplies for a while – and all because of YOU!



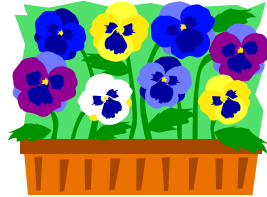
Now we are looking forward to our Christmas Project – a Wal Mart Wish for KEYS Kids. Members will donate \$15, \$20, or \$25 Wal Mart gift cards to KEYS. The counselor will distribute these cards to Kids in Need. Last year's program was a huge success, and Counselor Elaine Vaughan wanted you to know your donations really make a difference in student's lives. Also of note: if you know of any baby clothes, furniture, maternity clothes, or something that would make Baby Days easier, please contact Debbie McIntosh, Secretary at KEYS, and discuss your personal donation.

And last but not least, thank you for donating (\$) to our monthly KEYS Scholarship fund through our Raffle. At our October Birthday Celebration, the prize will be a \$25 Premier Jewelry Gift Card – thank you Pat Wachter ☺. [Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5] Good Luck!! We are in the selection process for two Fall \$500 Scholarship Awards, and your donations help deserving KEYS Kids see their future with an exemplary education! Thank You!!!!

Donna Baumgartner
KEYS Chair

EF/LAF Pansy Sale A BIG Success

Ladies, you have done it again! We have a total of 295 flats ordered for this fall's fundraiser. We thank each and every one of you for reaching out to your neighbors, family and friends so we could meet our minimum order of 250 flats. We are thrilled that we have once again, raised money to help fund our very worthwhile goals.



The flowers have been ordered and will be delivered on Friday October 23, 2009 to Mary Ann Goetz' home. If you would like to help with the unloading process, please sign up at our October meeting. Members who ordered flats may pick them up at Mary Ann's house on Saturday, October 24th between 9:00 and noon. Her address is: 200 Arbor Glen Drive, Euless, TX 76039. An e-mail confirmation order has been sent to each member. Please let us know if there are any discrepancies.

A very special thank you to Mary Ann for graciously lending us her yard for this fundraiser.

Again, thank you for all your support. Happy planting!

Lynn Doyle & Mary Cinatl
EF/LAF Chairs

Cultural Events

Saturday, October 24th @ 9:30am

We will meet at Martin United Methodist Church at 9:30am to carpool and tour the exhibit of "Butchers, Dragons, Gods & Skeletons" finishing off with lunch at the Kimbell Art Museum.

<http://www.kimbellart.org/haas/>

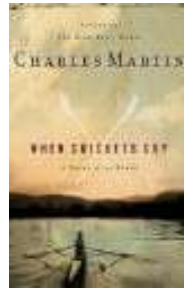
Saturday, November 21st @ 9:30am

We will meet at Martin United Methodist Church at 9:30am to carpool to the AAUW Plano Tour of Homes. We will have our usual lunch out.

Please email Jean Dodds jdodds0630@aol.com if you are interested in either or both of these events

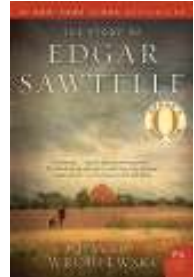
Jean Dodds
Cultural Chair

Lit Group News



October 15th – Pat Lucas will review *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin. Location for the meeting is at Barbara Brasco's home.

The book for November is *The Story of Edward Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski.



There will not be a meeting in December but we are reading *Moloka'I* by Alan Brennert for January.

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!

Pat Lucas
Literature Group Chair



Bridge Group

The next meeting of the Bridge Group is Tuesday, October 27th in the home of Pat Wachter. Please let Pat know if you are coming. Anyone who plays or wants to learn is welcome. We play for fun and learning – nothing cut-throat about this group.

Gloria Long
Bridge Group Chair

Gourmet (Out-to-Dinner) Group

October Gourmet is set for Saturday, October 24, 6:30 pm at Cafe Medi, 420 Grapevine Highway, Hurst. This is a Mediterranean/Greek food restaurant and a BYOB place! Check out the website at www.cafemedi.com.

This is a small restaurant, so we will be limited to the first 20 people who sign-up. Also, note we are meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month as was tradition in years past.

I hope you can make it!

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 23, to me at L_millner@yahoo.com or by phone at 817-589-2053.

Lynn Millner
Gourmet Group Chair

Interbranch

AAUW members in North Texas are fortunate to enjoy membership in the North Texas Metroplex Interbranch Council. Interbranch was created to open channels of communication among branches for sharing ideas and successes in enhancing and promoting the program of AAUW.

The meetings for the rest of the 2009-2010 year:

- November 21, 2009, hosted by the Tyler branch at the UT Tyler Muntz Library.
- January 16, 2010, hosted by the Arlington branch.
- March 20, 2010, hosted by the Denton branch.
- May 15, 2010, hosted by the Richardson branch.

November Topic: The Tyler branch of AAUW members collaborates with the Tyler/Smith County League of Women Voters in the Open World Leadership Center. Created by the United States Congress, this program is designed to enable emerging leaders to gain first-hand exposure to the American system of democracy through visits to local communities. Earlier visitors were from Russia; this year the groups welcomed visitors from Kazakhstan, Interbranch Council members will have an opportunity to learn new ways to collaborate with partner organizations and in doing so recruit new members from organizations with like minded purposes and missions.

Margie Poole

The 2010 Branch Project: Girl University

SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2010

If you are interested in helping with any of the following areas, please contact Gloria Long to get connected with the subgroup chair:

Hospitality
Door Prizes/Goody Bags
Logistics
Exhibitors
Volunteers

Gloria Long

Girl University Liaison

NETC Branch Programs/Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Location: Stacy's Furniture Community Rm
 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
 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

KEYS Scholarships & Officer Installation

Location: TBA
 Coordinators: Linda Adams/Donna Baumgartner

June 13, 2010 – Sunday TBA

Program Planning Meeting

Coordinator: Donna Baumgartner

Donna Baumgartner

Program VP

AAUW Position: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education

Since its founding in 1881, the American Association of University Women has been committed to making the dream of higher education a reality for women. AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program reaffirms our commitment to "a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity....and advocates increased support for, and access to, higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations."¹

The shortage of American scientists threatens our nation's ability to compete and innovate in the coming years, especially as the outsourcing of jobs to, and importing of science from, other nations continues to grow. By 2014, the U.S. will have added more than one million additional information technology jobs to the workforce.² However, women still lag far behind in earning computer technology degrees and working in computer technology-related professions. High school girls represent only 17 percent of computer science Advanced Placement (AP) test takers.³

College-educated women earned only 18 percent of computer and information sciences bachelor's degrees (down from 37 percent in 1985).⁴ In 2006, women earned only 21 percent of doctorate degrees in computer science.⁵ Overall, women comprise 24.8 percent of computer and mathematical professionals, down from 27 percent in 2006.⁶

AAUW's *Tech Savvy* (2000) and *Women at Work* (2003) have documented the troubling shortage of girls and women preparing to work in STEM fields. In order to close this gap, AAUW supports efforts that train teachers to encourage girls and other underrepresented groups to pursue STEM careers.

AAUW supports promoting and strengthening science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations. These efforts will help increase America's competitiveness by reducing gender barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in STEM fields.

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

www.aauw.org

¹ American Association of University Women. (June 2009). 2009-11 AAUW Public Policy Program. Retrieved July 9, 2009, from http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/principles_priorities.cfm.

² National Center for Women and Information Technology. (2007). *NCWIT Scorecard 2007: A Report on the Status of Women in Information Technology*. Retrieved June 26, 2009, from http://www.ncwit.org/pdf/2007_Scorecard_Web.pdf.

³ National Center for Women & Information Technology. (2009). *By the Numbers*. Retrieved June 22, 2009, from <http://www.ncwit.org/pdf/BytheNumbers09.pdf>.

⁴Ibid.

⁵ National Science Foundation. Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering. Table 2. <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/wmpd/pdf/tabf-2.pdf>

⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2008). *Current Population Survey, Table 11. Employed persons by detailed occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity*. Retrieved June 29, 2009, from <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat11.pdf>.



October 2009 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>National Breast Cancer Month</p>				<p>1 International Day of Older Persons</p> 	<p>2 Guardian Angels Day Sukkot begins at sundown</p> 	<p>3 Alternative Fuel Day</p> 
<p>4 World Communion Day</p> 	<p>5 Child Health Day World Teachers Day</p>	<p>6 Board meeting 7pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Branch Meeting & Birthday Party Farpointe Cellar, S'lake</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 National Cake Decorating Day</p> 
<p>11 Simchat Torah</p>	<p>12 Columbus Day observed</p> 	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Be Bald and Be Free Day</p>	<p>15 Literature Group 7:30pm Barbara Brasco's home</p>	<p>16 World Food Day</p>	<p>17 Diwali Int'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty</p>
<p>18 National Chocolate Cupcake Day</p> 	<p>19 World Osteoporosis Day</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21 National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day</p>	<p>22 National Nut Day</p> 	<p>23 Ipod Day</p>	<p>24 Cultural Group 9:30am Gourmet Group 6:30pm</p>
<p>25 Mother-in-Law Day</p>	<p>26 Worldwide Howl at the Moon Night</p> 	<p>27 Bridge Group 7pm Pat Wachter's home</p>	<p>28 National Chocolates Day</p> 	<p>29 Internet Day</p> 	<p>30 National Candy Corn Day</p> 	<p>31 Halloween National Caramel Apple Day</p>

Upcoming AAUW Events

- October 8 – Branch Meeting
- October 15 – Literature Group
- October 24 – Cultural Group @ Kimbell Art Museum
- October 24 – Gourmet “Out-to-Dinner” Group
- October 27 – Bridge Group



When a thing is funny, search it carefully for a hidden truth.
--George Bernard Shaw

Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter.
--Carol Bishop Hipps

Education is not a preparation for life: education is life itself.
--John Dewey

STUDY WITHOUT DESIRE SPOILS THE MEMORY, AND IT RETAINS NOTHING THAT IT TAKES IN.
--Leonardo Da Vinci

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
--Albert Camus

We can draw lessons from the past, but we cannot live in it.
--Lyndon B. Johnson

The person who knows 'how' will always have a job. The person who knows 'why' will always be his boss.
--Diane Ravitch

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.
--Elizabeth Lawrence




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About AAUW




THE POWER OF ONE VOTE
YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



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.

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A Legacy of Leadership

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