



From the President's Pen

October was a great time to discuss the scope of the AAUW Mission Statement: *Breaking through barriers*. Many conversations were started by groups that see education as the key to breaking barriers. Women's health issues and Breast Cancer Awareness Month found friends and families watching professional football players in pink shoes and sweat bands. Voting guides designed to educate Americans about their ballot choices were distributed. The White House made education headlines with announcements of the USA Science and Engineering Festival designed to encourage girls in science and math, and highlighting a renewed partnership between community colleges and major corporations to boost graduation rates with a

White House Summit.

All of this information comes through cyberspace to members in the *AAUW Mission and Action e-newsletter*. This newsletter is a user-friendly format that delivers the news members need to make educated choices and decisions in our world. Our Northeast Tarrant County Branch newsletter has the same purpose: to foster dialogues and work toward breaking through barriers and improving lives with education. Let's keep the conversations going!



AAUW: Breaming through barriers for women and girls

Did You Know

- Over 90% of all cases of eating disorders occur in women, and nearly seven million women in the U.S. currently suffer from anorexia nervosa or bulimia.
- Approximately one in five women worldwide reports being sexually abused before the age of 15.
- About 14 million adolescent girls become pregnant each year, with over 90% of those girls living in developing countries.
- Each day 1,600 women die as result of pregnancy or childbirth complications. Nearly 99% of these deaths occur in developing nations.

Carlson, Karen J., Terra Ziporyn, and Stephanie Eisenstat. 2004. The New Harvard Guide to Women's Health. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

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"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

~ Albert Schweitzer

AAUW Northeast Tarrant County Branch
Meeting Minutes September 11, 2010
North Richland Hills Public Library, North Richland Hills, TX



WELCOME: Donna Baumgartner welcomed members and guests. (Approximately 31 were present.)

PROGRAM: Georgia Kidwell introduced Linda Pavlik, who presented a program on her career in journalism and public relations. Kidwell announced that Pavlik had been awarded a local AAUW scholarship by an Oklahoma branch to attend university.

REPORTS:

- **TREASURERS' REPORT:** Meg Sprenkle reported bank balances: Operating - \$1950.65; Educational Foundation: \$4,677.51; KEYS \$1904.70, Girls University \$817.57
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Ginny Phoenix announced the branch has 81 members and name tags are available. Margie Poole added she has bragged to AAUW-Texas that the branch has 22 new members and plans to retain them.
- **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (EF):** Stephanie Thacher announced members sold 289 pansy flats, well above our goal of 250. They will be unloaded Oct 29 and available for pickup Sat. Oct 30 at 9 a.m. at Mary Anne Goetz' home. She reminded members to bring silent auction items for the December 4th Holiday Brunch/Silent Auction, which benefits EF.
- **PROGRAMS:** Janet Key thanked Georgia Kidwell for arranging today's program and Pat Cheong for the Nov. 13 program on Maternal and Child Health, featuring Ann Salyer-Caldwell and Rose Mary Bennett, from Tarrant County Public Health.
- **COMMUNITY/KEYS:** Linda Adams encouraged members to open the recent email about the branch being highlighted on the KEYS website. She added AAUW members who are also members of Martin Methodist's Peacemakers quilt group donated 6 baby blankets to KEYS. She requested members begin purchasing \$15 Wal-Mart gift cards to donate for our holiday KEYS gifts; (the school requests only Wal-Mart and only \$15 denominations).
- **YEARBOOKS:** Gloria Long and Martha Matthews announced members should check off their name as they pick up their new yearbooks (or those for other members). Errors should be emailed to Gloria; corrections will be published in the newsletter.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Baumgartner announced Lori Kaspar is updating the website to include current newsletters. Please contact Lori Kaspar if as you notice corrections that need to be made on the website. Demesia Razo requests newsletter articles by the 25th of the month. Email changes should be reported to Pat Cheong. She mentioned Pat Wachter's branch publicity notices have not yet appeared in the Star-Telegram.

PUBLIC POLICY: Kidwell reported Congress is on recess for the election. The Fair Paycheck Act is up for a vote Nov. 15. Several announcements:

- North Texas Express public hearing/open house Oct 27 at the new Hurst Conference Center.
- The League of Women Voters of Tarrant County is hosting a Hot Topics luncheon Nov 3 at The Women's Center on "Electric Shocked" (price of electricity).
- The LWVs of Tarrant County and Arlington have also posted their joint Voters Guide online (www.lwvtarrantcounty.org); two new features are individualized ballots and videos of candidates on your ballot.
- Early voting starts Monday and continues for two weeks.

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL and AAUW-TEXAS: Martha Matthew announced North Texas Interbranch Council meets Nov. 20 at Handley Methodist Church. She, Margie Poole and others drove to the state board meeting hosted by the Kerrville



Minutes Continued

Branch and are impressed with the new state membership chair who is successfully using social marketing (e.g., website and Facebook) to recruit new members. Matthews urged members to “like” the AAUW-Texas Facebook page. Poole added the state website is being updated. State is looking at new ways to communicate with members (and now using branch newsletters) and new ideas for Convention (location TBD). Interested members are invited to apply for the state Public Policy chair position (appointed by new President Margaret Bentley).

INTEREST GROUPS:

- **CULTURAL:** Jean Dodds reported members recently enjoyed opera at the movies and seeing Sarah Gruen, author of “Water for Elephants”. On Friday at 6 p.m., those interested will view the film “Mao’s Last Dancer” (also a Lit Group book) at The Modern. Poole added a group enjoyed the Dallas Latino Cultural Center and lunch at Bolsa. She welcomes ideas for early November.
- **GOURMET GROUP:** Pat Cheong and Mary Anne Goetz invited members to reserve for dinner Saturday 6:30 p.m. at Bellissimo.
- **LITERATURE GROUP:** Sprenkle reminded members Lit Group meets next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Betty Chang’s annex to discuss “Left to Tell”. In November, the book will be “Sarah’s Key”.
- **BRIDGE:** Long announced bridge players are invited Oct 28 at 7 pm at Polly Post’s home. Next meeting Dec. 2 at Jean Dodds’.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Baumgartner announced:

- Oct 22 - Members will carpool to the Shining Star luncheon to honor past president Pat Wachter. Shalyn Clark and Janet Smith are also being honored.
- Oct 29 - Branch member Mary Cinatl, nominated by Catholic Charities, will be honored at SafeHaven’s Legacy of Women luncheon.

HOSPITALITY: Baumgartner and Rosemary Jobe thanked the evening’s hostesses: Margaret Martin, Nelda Rogers, Gloria Long, Meg Sprenkle, and Jobe.

ADJOURN: Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cheong, Secretary



News From KEYS By Linda Adams

There is much to be done this holiday season for the KEYS school. Members are being asked to donate \$15.00 Walmart Gift Certificates for our friends at KEYS. The KEYS administration specifically requested the \$15.00 amount and that the cards be from Walmart. I will be collecting these cards in November and December, so whenever you are out shopping, please think of purchasing a gift card. It may mean a tank of gas for a student to get to school or a package of diapers for a new baby. It could even mean a warm sweater or a hot lunch when money is tight. We want

to support these young people in any way that we can so that they can concentrate on getting their high school diplomas.

Several of our branch members are also members of the Peacemakers Quilt group at Martin Methodist Church and they have made eight blankets for the new babies that keep arriving at KEYS! Thanks to those involved in this wonderful gift!

As you are aware, our organization offers scholarships to outstanding and deserving students at KEYS. The scholarship winners from to the present are:

2001	Emily Cannon
2002	Kim Mohler
2003	Nicholas Jones
2004	Tara Cramer
2005	Rebecca Raz
2006	Stephon Lipsey
2007	Richard Wilborn
2008	Jace Morris
2009	Kayla Williams and Traci Anderson
2010	Lauren Loehke and Diana Cansino

What a wonderful legacy for our branch! If you know any of these students, congratulate them on all of their hard work.

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Branch Board Meeting</i>
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Lit Group</i>	19 <i>UNT event</i>	20 <i>Interbranch Council</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Schedule of Events

- **11/13**—Branch Board Meeting, 8:30am, Martin Methodist Church
- **11/13**—Branch Meeting, 10:00am (9:30am Meet and Greet), Martin Methodist Church
- **11/18**—Literature Group, UNT 7:30 for Sheryl WuDunn Lecture
- **11/20**—Interbranch Council Meeting, Handley Methodist Church, Fort Worth, 9:30am coffee and registration, 10:00am program begins
- **12/2**—Bridge Group, 7pm, Jean Dodds' house
- **12/4**—Holiday Brunch, 11am, Stacey's Furniture, EF/LAF Fundraiser, auction items are needed
- **12/12**—Branch Holiday Party at the home of Susan Zadeh

Lit Group Mixes it Up by Georgia Kidwell

Instead of our usual book discussion, this November the group will go to the University of North Texas in Denton on November 18, 2010 to hear Sheryl WuDunn. She will discuss the book she co-authored with her husband and fellow journalist, Nicholas Kristof of "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide". Sheryl WuDunn became the first Asian-American to win the Pulitzer Prize when she was honored for her coverage of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests in Beijing for the New York Times. The event is at 7:30 at the University Lyceum in the Student Union.

The group will car pool from Georgia Kidwell's home. Plans are being made to go to dinner in Denton before the event. Emails will be sent when plans are finalized. For more information call Georgia at 817-282-0712 or email gkgdw@yahoo.com



Bridge Group by Gloria Long

The November/December meeting of the Bridge group will be held on Thursday, December 2nd, in the home of Jean Dodds. This gives us the opportunity to play between the end of year holidays. Please let Jean know if you are coming at 817-428-1361 or jdodds0630@aol.com.



Keys to KEYS by Linda Adams

In an effort to connect our branch with KEYS more directly, this column will highlight the amazing and wonderful staff member or student at the school. Below is a highlight of:

Pat Graham, KEYS English Teacher

My name is Pat Graham and I am the lead English teacher at KEYS. I was one of the first five staff members hired for KEYS at its inception in 1987. I taught grades 7-12 until we added staff as our population and facilities grew. I now teach only seniors. It is a special experience to see them mature and change and get ready for the world as a high school graduate.

As KEYS has grown from five portable buildings and 25 students, to the FEW Center and over 175 students, our challenges have grown to meet a

diverse and ever changing school population. Our charge from Dr. Jacoby is to be ever vigilant to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. All students must be responsible for their own learning, mentored and guided by the staff, to accelerate and get their high school diploma.

On a personal note, I have lived in Bedford for 26 years and have been married to my husband, Rick, for 42 years. Both of my children graduated from Trinity High School. My son, Chad, lives in Grapevine with his wife Elyse and their two children, Travis, age seven, and Caroline, age four. My daughter, Staci, lives in Memphis with her husband, Allen, and daughter Kaitlyn, age two (going on 30!).

What I look forward to most each year is our graduation ceremony

at the end of May. It is a celebration of the triumphs of our students over the obstacles and adversity that brought them to us. I compose a poem each year for graduation that I hope captures the melody and tenor of the group of graduates as they leave us. KEYS is a very special school, and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to teach here.

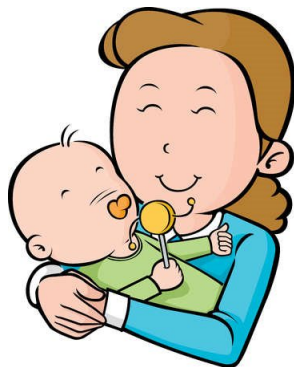


November Meeting Features Health Advocates

By Mary Cinatl and Janet Key

The Program for our November 13th 10:00 meeting at Martin Methodist Church will be presented by Rose M. Bennett and Ann Salyer-Caldwell, from the Tarrant County Health Department. They will share with us information regarding the community's work in the area of Maternal & Child Health - specifically infant mortality. This information directly supports our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Please come learn more about this very pertinent issue.

We will gather at 9:30 for breakfast goodies and the program will begin at 10:00 AM



Yearbooks Have Arrived!

By Gloria Long and Martha Matthews

The 2010-2011 Yearbooks were delivered at the October branch meeting, Lit group and Bridge. If you are a new member, your info pages are in a white binder. Please check your entry and let either Martha or Gloria know of any errors. If you have any changes during the year, please keep us updated on that as well. Yearbooks will be available again at the November meeting.



Cultural Outings by Jean Dodds

Jean Dodds is planning these events in December so mark your calendars for...

Interested? Pencil into your calendar...

Saturday, December 18th at 6pm (in Dallas)

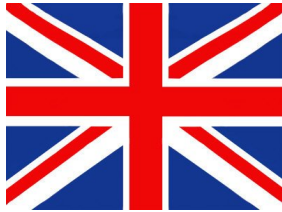
Free! Walk 3.7 miles or 6.8 miles round Highland Park looking at the Christmas Lights. Barbara Winkler did this several years ago and said it really put her in the Christmas spirit.

Enjoy the Christmas lights along the streets and sidewalks of Highland Park. Start from Starbucks in the Highland Park Village Shopping Center - recognized as the oldest



shopping center in America. We will carpool from this area.

Sunday, December 19th at 2:30pm (in Plano)



Have a cultural experience watching the British Pantomime - Babes in the Wood

<http://www.theatre-britain.com/>

Ticket prices:

Adults \$18

Students and seniors \$15

Children (under 14) \$8

Fun for all - grandparents/parents/children/grandchildren

We will carpool from this area.

If you are interested, please email me

jdodds0630@aol.com

Our next meeting is Saturday November 20th. The speaker is Carol Donovan, attorney-mediator, public speaker and community volunteer. Ms Donovan is now President of Peacemakers Incorporated, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. The institute's creation was a direct result of Peacemakers' most recent international conference, held in 2007.

Registration and coffee starts at 9:30 a.m., and the program starts at 10 a.m.

The location is Handley Methodist Church, 2929 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, 76112.

Directions: take southbound Loop 820 to the Craig St. exit, turn left on Craig and go to the stop sign at Forest. Turn right on Forest and left just past the last house before the church. Go around to the back of the church to a large garage door and come directly into the Fellowship Hall. If you get lost, the church number is 817-451-4321.

Hope to see you there!

Our Members Shine!

Pat Wachter, our Past President was recently honored as our AAUW Branch honoree at the "Shining Star Luncheon" along Honorees from our branch, **Janet Smith** (nominated by Colleyville Woman's Club and **Shalyn Clark** (nominated by HEB ISD Education Foundation). Several members shared the day with the honorees including *Georgia Kidwell, Linda Adams, Martha Matthews, Polly Post, Kathy Anthon, and Anna Holzer.*

Our very own **Mary Cinatl** was also honored in October as a "Legacy of Women" Award Recipient. Her legacy as an educa-

tor for the hearing impaired in the area was honored as well as her instruction at TCC. *Demesia Razo, Georgia Kidwell and Martha Matthews* were in attendance.

Congratulations women!



Stay in touch using the latest forms of online communication and check out the following links:

AAUW Northeast Tarrant Branch <http://www.aauwnetarrant.org/>

AAUW Texas www.aauwtexas.org

AAUW Website www.aauw.org: The new website is designed to simplify AAUW's wealth of information for members and others while also modernizing the site's look. The site is organized around the user's experience – to learn, act, or connect – providing more intuitive functionality.

AAUW blog <http://blog-aauw.org> which is a lively place to read about and discuss issues of the day.

AAUW on Twitter [Log on or sign up for a Twitter account](#) and start following **AAUW** members from around the nation to hear the latest AAUW and public policy news, or join AAUW on [Facebook](#).



Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research - that is the mission of the American Association of University Women.

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Women and men with university degrees are eligible to join. Ask us about membership.

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

The Northeast Tarrant County Branch of AAUW serves the suburban north-east area of Tarrant County, Texas.

Breaking through barriers for women and girls!

See you in the Pictures



Mary Cinatl, Legacy of Women Award Recipient, Education, Fort Worth



Shining Star Luncheon Friday, October 22, 2010



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