



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH

NE TC Branch Scoop



From the President's Pen

I wonder if the U.S. Post Office realizes they delivered history making documents to AAUW members today? AAUW's first *One Member One Vote* election authorized by delegates at the 2009 National Convention opens May 1! Members are encouraged to visit *One Member One Vote* website at www.aauw.org to read candidate biographies, proposed bylaws amendments, and the proposed Public Policy Program. Our own branch member Kathy Anthon is a candidate for AAUW Director-at-Large. You may vote online or by mail-in paper ballot and know that you are part of the AAUW community working together to break through educational and economic barriers to advance equity for women and girls.

The spring calendar also reminds us it's time to renew our membership which is also possible to do online through the secure AAUW website. Mark your calendar for our May Branch Meeting Saturday, May 14 at Martin Methodist and join us in a celebration of a very successful year. Thanks to a committed and

energetic board, we have heard outstanding programs, raised funds for worthy causes, and enjoyed great restaurants and cultural outings. And finally, I hope you will join us June 26 for our Annual Planning Retreat and be part of planning the calendar of programs and events for next year!

Thanks to each of you for your support and hard work! I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your president this year, and I look forward with you to another great year.

Donna Baumgartner
President



AAUW: Breaking through barriers for women and girls

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“Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but grown? What's that suppose to mean? In my heart it don't mean a thing.”
~Toni Morrison, *Beloved*, 1987

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>Cultural, Arts & Letters, 7:30</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 <i>KEYS faculty breakfast, 8am</i>	13 <i>Bridge group, 1pm</i>	14 <i>Board Meeting, 8:30am; Branch meeting 10am; Met at the movies, noon; Gourmet, 6:30</i>
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Cultural, Arts & Letters, 7:30</i>	20	21 <i>Interbranch Meeting, 10am</i>
22	23	24 <i>Bridge group 7pm</i>	25	26 <i>Lit group, 7:30pm</i>	27	28
29	30	31				

Schedule of Events

- * **5/3**—Cultural Group, Arts and Letters Live, Kathryn Stockett, 7:30pm
- **5/12**—Daytime Bridge Group, 1pm
- **5/12**—KEYS faculty breakfast 8am
- **5/14**—Board Meeting, 8:30am, Martin Methodist Church
- **5/14**—Branch Meeting, 10:00am (9:30am Meet and Greet), Martin Methodist Church
- **5/14**—Cultural Group to Met Opera at the Movies, Tinseltown, noon
- **5/14**—Gourmet Group, 6:30 pm, Ruggeri's Ristorante, 32 Village Lane, Colleyville
- **5/19**—Cultural Group, Arts & Letters Live, Erik Larson, 7:30
- **5/24**—Evening Bridge group, 7pm
- **5/26**—Literature Group, 7:30pm, Janet Key's home

Lit Group's Spring Line-Up by Meg Sprengle

The literature group usually meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30. Please note that we will be meeting on the fourth Thursday in May and June because of conflicting events. During the week before our meeting, I send an e-mail reminding interested readers in our branch of the date, time, book, hostess and the hostess' address. If you would like to be added to this distribution list, please let me know at spreng1@sbcglobal.net

May 26 - Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro, reviewer: Anna Holzer, host Janet Key

June 23 - Fordlandia by Greg Grandin, reviewer: Meg Sprengle, host Gloria Long

July 21 - Guilty Pleasures - our annual salad supper and discussion of books that we have enjoyed...or not, host Mary Ann Goetz

August 18 - Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout, reviewer and host: Ellen Lee



Bridge Group by Gloria Long

The Bridge groups continue to meet and have fun. If you are interested in joining, or even subbing occasionally, please let me know at gnmlong@swbell.net.

Daytime Bridge meets Thursday, May 12th at 1pm in the home of Diane Dewaters. DianeDewaters@msn.com

Evening Bridge meets Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm in the home of Martha Matthews. MarthaK.Matthews@verizon.net

Please let the hostesses know if you are coming. Check your yearbook for addresses and phone numbers.

Keys to KEYS by Linda Adams

In an effort to connect our branch with KEYS more directly, this column will highlight an amazing and wonderful staff member or student at the school. Below is a highlight of **Lyndsey Puckett, KEYS 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year:**

KEYS Learning Center is a unique school with small classes that allow for more individualized instruction. We have the opportunity to help some of the most at-risk students in our school district. This is my first teaching position after completing the Regional Service Center's Alternative Certification program. I have been at KEYS for 5 years and enjoy working with the students and staff.

I am a product of the HEB ISD

school system. I attended the following schools: Lakewood Elementary, Stonegate Elementary, Spring Garden Elementary, Harwood Junior High, and Trinity High School(1998). I attended college at Texas A&M University in College Station where I earned a BS in Health Education and a MS in Health with a Community Health Education emphasis.

Prior to coming to KEYS, I lived in Atlanta, Georgia where I was a Regional Manager for Special Olympics Georgia. In this position, I worked with teachers, the community, and students to improve, maintain, and start local Special Olympics programs throughout Georgia. Seeing the smiling faces of the Special

Olympics athletes competing at State Games was a very rewarding experience.

I have been married for seven years to a fellow Aggie and we have two beautiful children. My oldest, Ian, will be starting Kindergarten this fall. My youngest, Reese, is one and is a very opinionated little girl. They keep me very busy, but I have found time to sing in my church choir, play women's softball, and coach Under 5 soccer.



May Meeting Features International Baccalaureate Program By Mary Cinatl and Janet Key

The May 14th meeting will find us back at Martin Methodist Church for our 10:00 AM meeting. Be sure to arrive early for our Meet and Greet and Goodies at 9:30!

The program on Saturday morning will be presented by Judy Chapman who will discuss the International Baccalaureate Program in the HEB ISD.

On June 26, we will meet at Mary Shardy's home for our annual Summer Program Planning Meeting. Everyone is asked to bring a covered side dish and AAUW will supply the entree. At this meeting we will discuss proposals for Program Speakers at our 2011-2012 monthly meetings. Please

bring your ideas, along with your covered dishes, to this meeting. We are always open to new ideas, speakers and adventures. Time for this meeting will be announced soon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us.

Thank you to all the hostesses who have helped to contact speakers for this past year. It has been wonderful and we have all learned something to share with others.

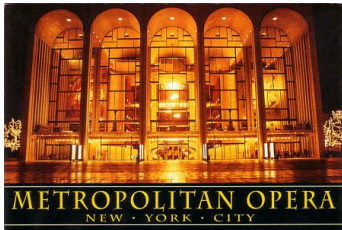


Cultural Outings by Jean Dodds

We have three events scheduled for May. Arts and Letters are selling out – **both have been moved to the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, as the response has been overwhelming.** The tickets are \$32 to \$40. We will meet at Georgia Kidwell's at 6pm to carpool to the two Arts and Letters events.



May 3rd Arts & Letters Live: Special Event Kathryn Stockett, author of The Help. 7:30 pm. General seating – First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.



May 14th – Metropolitan Opera at the Movies – noon at Tinseltown in Grapevine (we will leave the General meeting so we can go to this). Cost

\$22-25. The Opera is the second in The Ring series by Wagner - Die Walkure (those of you who saw the first one will not want to miss this one!) Bring a drink and something to eat for your lunch.

May 19th Arts & Letters Live: Distinguished Writers, Erik Larson, author of Devil in the White City, Thunderstruck, Isaac's Storm. Presented by U. S. Trust, 7:30 pm General Seating – First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.



Call 817-428-1361 or email jdodds0630@gmail.com (note new email address) Jean Dodds if you are interested in any of the above events.

Interbranch Council News by Margie Poole

The May 21 AAUW DFW Metroplex Interbranch Council meeting will be held at the Harrington Library, 1501 18th Street, Plano. Deidre Fulton will talk about Women's Financial Planning Issues. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Fulton is the founder and president of Fulton Financial Planning, Inc., a financial planning and registered investment advisory firm. The firm specializes in providing fee-only financial planning and investment advice to people from all walks of life.

If you are interested in attending, please contact either Martha Matthews at marthak.matthews@verizon.net or Margie Poole at margiep4762@tx.rr.com.



Gourmet Group by Pat Cheong

GOURMET GROUP - Note change of schedule

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Ruggeri's Ristorante, 32 Village Lane, Colleyville

Thanks to Janet Smith for arranging our May gourmet restaurant. Please note we'll meet on the second (instead of third) Saturday in May (same date as our branch meeting) at Ruggeri's in The Village at Colleyville. Known for its fine Italian food and romantic atmosphere, Ruggeri's Risto-

rante will be a great place to bring new member prospects for a fun social evening. View the menu online at www.ruggeriweb.com.

Please email Janet your reservation by Wednesday, May 11th at janetm.smith@sbcglobal.net

Ruggeri's

Italian Ristorante

Financial Matters

Our president, Donna Baumgartner, has asked me to keep everyone informed on how and when your membership and donations to AAUW are tax deductible. \$46 of your \$49 of national dues is tax deductible. (If you joined at a membership event and paid ½ price dues, then it will be \$23. If you got in on the half off ½ price dues, it will be \$11.50). Dues paid to State and the Branch are not deductible. Donations paid directly to AAUW National, by check or credit card are deductible. Donations made to our branch collections/

fundraisers for EF/LAF or KEYS are not deductible since our branch does not have 501(c)3 status. AAUW National has become 501(c)3, but the branches remain 501(c)4, which is the non-profit status for organizations that lobby. Some have suggested that pursuing this status would help our fundraising.

Some have expressed the opinion that the amounts contributed locally are not significant enough to justify an expense to branch, should it cost money to do the paperwork, and that the annual pa-

perwork would be a burden to branch volunteers. If any member of the branch has special interest or expertise in pursuing this matter, please contact me.

Gloria Long, Co-finance Officer



Keeping Current with KEYS by Nelda Rogers and Linda Adams

The KEYS Breakfast has been changed from May 5th to May 12th due to a conflict at the school. If you had not previously signed up to bring food, you may still do so with Nelda Rogers (817-282-4066 or 2nrogers@att.net). At one time, we catered the meal, but donating the food leaves more money for the scholarship fund. You may drop the food off at the school on your way to work or drop it by Nelda's or Linda Adams' on Wednesday afternoon or evening.

We could also use another hostess if you have the time. A big THANK-YOU to our members for supporting this cause. The teachers and staff appreciate your thoughtfulness.

May 9 Donna Baumgartner and Linda Adams will represent our branch at the HEB I.S.D. Appreciation Luncheon for district adopt-

ers. We were the first KEYS' adopter in 1991.

Our NE Tarrant Co. Branch of AAUW was also nominated for an Adopter Award by KEYS' Principal June Jacoby. Quite an honor! KEYS is in the process of choosing the four nominees for the scholarships that the branch is awarding this year.

The Georgeann Gallian Scholarships will be presented at The KEYS Learning Center graduation ceremony on May 27 at Bell High School.

Congratulations to our featured KEYS teacher, Lyndsey Puckett, for being named this year's Teacher of the Year representative from the KEYS Learning Center campus.



Renewal Time is Here! By Ginny Phoenix

Now is the time to renew your membership in AAUW. You can renew online at www.aauw.org, you can mail your check for \$75.00 to Gloria Long, 2917 Cortez Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76116, or you can give your check to Gloria Long or Meg Sprenkle at the May 14 meeting at Martin Methodist Church. Whichever way you choose, please renew because we don't want to lose you.

Renewal on-line is a safe and secure way to keep your membership current.

To renew online:

1. Go to the AAUW national homepage (www.aauw.org)
2. Click on Member Center on top of page
3. Login with your member number (if you don't know your #, click on bottom of box to look it up)
4. Click on Member Services Database MSD on left side of page
5. Put in your password (if you haven't registered yet, click on register here)
6. You will get a screen with your name and member number
7. Click on Personal Membership under Membership Payment Program
8. Fill in forms and payment information
9. Submit the information

While this may sound a little tricky, the process is pretty straightforward once you log on. Please let Ginny or Gloria know if you have any questions regarding renewal.



We Are Growing in Members by Ginny Phoenix and Barbara Brasco

WELCOME

At our February meeting we signed up three new members: Sheila Kudray,

Kay LeClaire and Kathryn Palmer. Also, Sherry Hamilton joined in March. We want to welcome these new members and thank our veteran members who recruited them.

We signed up about 25 new people last year and we would love to repeat that this year. Thanks to everyone for helping us expand our branch. It is not too early to start thinking about new members for our New Member Brunch this year. You can send names, addresses, and email addresses to Ginny Phoenix at

ginnyphoenix@hotmail.com. I will send out information and forms to any prospective members and invite them to the New Member Brunch when a date is decided.

Remember, we can't get new members without your help. Tell your friends about this wonderful branch of AAUW!

AAUW/NETC Branch helps with Cliburn Amateur Event

The Sixth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs will be held at TCU's Ed Landreth Auditorium from May 23 through May 29, 2011.

Several members of the Northeast Tarrant County Branch are ushering for this event. They are: Claudia Foreman, Usher Chairman, Georgia Kidwell, Jean Dodds, Janet and Jim Key, Cindy Ashbaker, Anna Holzer, Marilyn Matthews, Diane Howard and Kathryn Moore.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Preliminaries Mon. May 23 - Wed. May 25 at 1:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. are \$10.00

Semi-Finals Fri. May 27 - Sat. May 28 at 2:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. are \$25.00

Finals and Awards Sun. May 29 at 1:00p.m. are \$35.00

AAUW has a long-standing association with the Van Cliburn International Piano Competitions dating back to 1962. Many other members from our branch have participated over the years. Claudia Foreman has been Usher Chairman since 1997

This is a very prestigious event that brings in competitors from all over the world, and the jury is composed of distinguished pianists and music faculty. Van Cliburn will present the awards on Sunday, May 29.



AAUW NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH
BRANCH MEETING
Thursday, April 14, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
North Richland Hills Public Library



Welcome: President Donna Baumgartner welcomed members as well as guests Michelle Ashbaker and speaker, Sherri Mata. She celebrated the addition of 4 new members – Sheila Kudray, Kay LeClaire, Kathryn Palmer and Sherry Hamilton.

Program: Janet Key, co-Program VP, introduced Sherri Mata, MAPC, LPC, Adjunct Professor of Psychology at TCC/NE, and Director of Career Services, Texas Wesleyan University, who spoke about the Women in New Roles (WIN-R) Program at Tarrant County College. Since the program's inception in 1977, over 8000 women ages 17-82 have completed the program which provides 2 college courses and much needed support to women returning to school.

REPORTS

Treasurers' Report: Meg Sprenkle reported account balances: Operating \$1500.18; Educational Foundation \$1397.03; Community/KEYS \$3587.76; and Girls University \$673.35.

Membership: Ginny Phoenix announced it's time to renew dues and update our contact information for the year-book. She encouraged members to renew online by credit card at www.aauw.org New members needing name tags must pay for those separately by cash/check to the branch.

Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund: Cindy Ashbaker requested 4 members to form a committee to select our Named Gift Honorees (members who've provided outstanding service to the branch).

Programs: Mary Cinatl announced the Saturday, May 14 branch meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Martin Methodist will feature the HEB-ISD International Baccalaureate program. The annual potluck program planning retreat to plan next year's programs will take place Sunday, June 26 at the home of Mary Shardy, Bedford. Details to come.

Community/KEYS: Linda Adams and Nelda Rogers encouraged members to bring food or paper products for the branch's annual appreciation breakfast for approximately 30 KEYS faculty/staff Thursday, May 5. Adams announced the branch has been nominated for a district Adopt-a-School award and we've been invited to the May 9 Adopt-a-School celebration luncheon.

Girl University: Margie Poole reported that attendance was low at Girl University on March 5 (our branch assisted Girl Scouts with the event) and changes are being considered.

Communication: Demesia Razo announced April 25 is the May newsletter deadline.

Public Policy: Georgia Kidwell urged members to act on AAUW's recent Action Alert regarding the federal budget, which is detrimental to women, children, older people and others. She announced May 14 elections include various city and school board elections. HEBISD is also having a bond election. Early voting is May 2-10. She requested help with a League of Women Voters candidate forum for Bedford City Council and HEB ISD Board of Trustees Thursday, May 4 at the Bedford Senior Center, Bedford Boys Ranch. 7 pm City Council candidates; 7:45 pm HEB ISD Board of Trustees candidates. Pat Cheong offered to email members a list of various candidate forums.

Interbranch Council and AAUW-TX: Poole announced the next DFW Metroplex Interbranch Council meeting is May 21 in Plano. Our branch will host the Interbranch meeting September 17. AAUW national convention will be June 16-19 in Washington, DC. A number of branch delegates will attend.



Minutes Continued



INTEREST GROUPS

Cultural Group: Jean Dodds has 10 free movie tickets to see *Water for Elephants* at the RAVE Cinema at Northeast Mall. On May 14 after the branch meeting, opera buffs will go to *The Met* at the Movies at Grapevine Tinseltown. Watch for details on each.

Gourmet Group: Cheong mentioned Gourmet group will enjoy Sushi at the home of Jennifer Phoenix this evening.

Literature Group: Lit Group meets a week later than usual – April 28 at 7:30 pm at the home of Polly Post to discuss “Shanghai Girls” by Lisa See.

Bridge Group: Gloria Long announced evening and daytime bridge groups; watch for details.

Appreciation to Hospitality Committee: Baumgartner thanked those who provided this evening’s refreshments: Cindy Ashbaker, Janet Key, and Liz Motley. Rosemary Jobe coordinates.

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Martin Methodist Church, Bedford.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cheong



Propose Named Gift Honorees by May 8 by Pat Cheong & Cindy Ashbaker

Thank you to all of the members who supported our EF/LAF fund raisers. As a result of our fall pansy sale and holiday silent auction, we sent over \$2300 to the Educational Foundation.

We traditionally designate our annual contribution to recognize members as Named Gifts Honorees for their significant service to our branch.

The named gift honoree program is a great opportunity for branches and states to honor people for their contributions to the mission of AAUW. Whether an individual made significant financial contributions, served as a longtime and dedicated officer, or proved to be a staunch supporter of AAUW, making a branch contribution to AAUW in her or his name is a

wonderful way to show our respect and appreciation.

To designate a named gift honoree, a branch (or state) must make a donation of \$500 or more to AAUW. Honorees receive a certificate at a branch function. Branches choose the process of choosing the honoree (s), cataloging past names, and recognizing them.

The level of our branch contribution to AAUW Funds this year entitles us to name two honorees at our May meeting. Pat Cheong, along with last year's awardees - Lynn Millner, Jean Dodds, and Pat Lucas - will form the committee. By Sunday, May 8, please email your suggestions for Named Gift Honorees, along with your rationale, to patcheong2009@gmail.com (The

names of previous honorees are listed in your directory on pages 19-20.)

Thank you for your support in honoring those in our branch who contribute significantly to this organization’s success.



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.

AAUW on Facebook join AAUW on [Facebook](#). "Like" the AAUW national page or Texas page!



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 northeast area of Tarrant County, Texas.

Breaking through barriers
for women and girls!

See you in the Pictures



Ann Holzer and Nelda Rogers

Pat Wachter
and Margie
Poole



Speaker Sherri Mata



Janet Key and Demesia Razo

Pictures from the April 14, 2011
Branch Meeting at the
North Richland Hills Public Library

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