



NE TC Branch Scoop



From the President's Pen

Birthday parties are so much fun!

Twelve members of our branch attended the AAUW Texas North District Celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the Founding of AAUW on Saturday, October 29.

The party featured a Reader's Theater Presentation of the *her-story* of the founding of AAUW, and recognition of the founding dates for North Texas branches. Our Northeast Tarrant County branch was originally founded as the Hurst Branch in the summer of 1969. Georgia Kidwell served as the first president and has continued to share her time and talents to see it grow. How proud we were to see her honored by The North Texas District at this event for her accomplishments and service to AAUW!

When I pause to reflect on the *her-story* of our organization I appreciate these words from the National Website: "For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the funda-

mental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in all aspects of

our work. By belonging to AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Since its first

meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW contributes to a more promising future and provides a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored."

As I think of the women who have served our own branch and contributed to a vision for women that is today a reality for my life, I am truly grateful for all of their hard work. Let's sing it one more time, "Happy Birthday to YOU!"

Donna Baumgartner

Branch President



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"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Board Meeting</i>	9	10 <i>Daytime Bridge</i>	11	12 <i>Branch Meeting & Cultural Group</i>
13	14	15	16	17 <i>Lit Group</i>	18	19 <i>Interbranch Meeting</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>RSVPs due for Holiday Dinner</i>	29	30 <i>Cultural Group</i>			

Schedule of Events

- **11/8**—Board Meeting, 7pm, Donna’s House
- **11/10**—Daytime Bridge Group, hosted by Barbara Winkler, 1pm
- **11/12**—Board Meeting, 8:30am, Martin Methodist Church
- **11/12**—Branch Meeting, 10:00am (9:30am Meet and Greet), Bridges of Tarrant County, Martin Methodist Church
- **11/12**—Cultural Group to the Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth after Branch Meeting
- **11/17**—Literature Group, 7:00pm, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Betty Chang host
- **11/19**—AAUW DFW Metroplex Interbranch Council meeting; carpool 9 a.m. from Martin Methodist
- **11/28**—RSVPs due for 12/6 Holiday Dinner
- **11/30**—Cultural Group to Dallas Museum of Art, Jean Paul Gaultier, meet at Georgia’s, 10am

Lit Group’s November Line-Up by Meg Sprengle

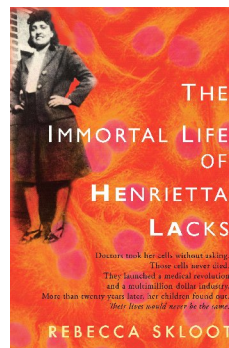
The literature group meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00. During the week before our meeting, I send an e-mail reminding interested readers in our branch of the date, time, book, hostess and the hostess' address. If you would like to be added to this distribution list, please let me know at spreng1@sbcglobal.net

November 17 - [The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#) by Rebecca Skloot, Host: TBA

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in

1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can’t afford health insurance.

Join us for what promises to be a lively discussion of this important book!



Bridge Group by Gloria Long

The Daytime Bridge group will meet on Thursday, November 10, at 1pm in the home of Barbara Winkler. Please contact Barbara if you’d like to play at 817-685-6393 or barbywink@sbcglobal.net. The December meeting will be on the 8th at 1pm in the home of Jean Dodds. Please contact Jean at 817-428-1361 or jdodds0630@gmail.com if you can join us that day.

The Evening Bridge group will combine its November and December meetings on December 1st in the home of Polly Post. Please contact Polly if you can play at 817-571-0963 or pkpost@aol.com. Gloria Long gnmlong@swbell.net

December 2011

Schedule of Events

- **12/1**—Evening Bridge Group at Polly Post's
- **12/3**—Cultural Group to the Kimbell Art Museum, meet at Georgia's 10am
- **12/6**—Branch Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction, 7pm, Main Street Bistro, Grapevine
- **12/8**—Daytime Bridge, hosted by Jean Dodds, 1pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Evening Bridge</i>	2	3 <i>Cultural Group</i>
4	5	6 <i>Branch Holi- day Dinner</i>	7	8 <i>Daytime Bridge</i>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Save the Date!

1/14/12—Branch Meeting featuring a spokesperson for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) non-profit organization

Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction by Stephanie Thacher

Our Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction will be, Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Main Street Bistro & Bakery 316 S Main Street Grapevine, TX 76051 817-424-4333

Our menu will include:

HORS D'OEUVRES

Saucissions (French sausage), pate
Continental cheese & fruit
Spinach artichoke dip with a variety of freshly baked breads

DINNER

Caesar salad
Layers of wide noodles with

cheese, meat and fresh tomato sauce
Roasted vegetables marinated in a balsamic vinegar and olive oil with garlic.
Italian Cream cake
Coffee, water, iced tea, and coffee

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund

Please make your reservation by November 28th by sending your check for \$30.00 made payable to NE Tarrant County Branch AAUW to Meg Sprengle at 1650 Rose-

wood Drive, #2506 North Richland Hills, Tx 76180-4983. Please also forward an email to Stephanie Thacher at snoopy1971@att.net to confirm the reservation. Any questions call Cindy Ashbaker at 469-826-7735 or Stephanie Thacher at 817-269-2920.



Please do not forget to bring your silent auction items for the fundraiser.

Happy Birthday Northeast Tarrant County Branch— Honoring Georgia Kidwell by Jean Dodds



It is hard to imagine another individual who has had such a meaningful impact on community life in Northeast Tarrant County so consistently over the years. Georgia's multi-faceted civic involvement has comprehensively touched lives of children and adults throughout the decades. She has accomplished all of this while carrying out family responsibilities as wife, working mother and daughter. Her integrity and reputation is unblemished. She has the unique skill of remaining above party politics while dealing with a variety of civic leaders and politicians. She has the ability to create synergy between many of her organizations to the betterment of them all.

Georgia joined AAUW in California while her husband was serving in the Military at Edwards Air Force Base. In 1969, she moved to Texas and she soon realized there was a need for an AAUW Branch in her immediate area and was the founder and the first president of the Hurst Branch which was later renamed the Northeast Tarrant County branch.

For the past 42 years, she has been an active and enthusiastic member of the branch which she founded, has held nearly every board position, and currently serves as branch historian, a position she has held since the branch started.

In 2004, she was elected to the

AAUW Texas State Board to link with branches in North Texas. She was District Director and Public Policy Chair. (A position she still holds.) Her peers in the branch hold her in such high regard that an AAUW named gift endowment for \$35,000 was established in her name in 2006.

Georgia is also a founding member of the Branch Literary Group and is a frequent reviewer of the monthly book selection. She is active in social events within the branch, and is an enthusiastic participant in the "Gourmet Group" and the "Cultural Group."

AAUW Awards and Recognition

1978 Nominated for "Safe Haven Legacy of Women" Outstanding Woman Award

1981 Honored with Named Gift Award

1989 Honored with Named Gift Award

1994 Nominated for "Safe Haven Legacy of Women" Outstanding Woman Award

2001 Branch Shining Star Award

2006 Georgia Kidwell Research & Projects Endowment

2011 Public Policy Award – DFW Interbranch

Community Honors

Texas State Teachers Associa-

tion/Hurst/Eules/Bedford WHO award

League of Women Voters Certificate of Appreciation

Girl Scouts of America "Thanks Badge"

Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW Outstanding Leadership in Girl Scouts

JPS/HEB Georgia Kidwell Child Healthcare Center dedicated in March, 2010

HEB ISD & Education Foundation – Distinguished Community Leader 2011

We are so proud of Georgia and her service to this organization, to our larger community and to women everywhere.

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.
Albert Schweitzer



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 **Curtis Russell, English/ Language Arts Teacher, KEYS Learning Center** in his own words.

I feel very blessed to be able to serve the HEB community at KEYS. This unique school offers me the chance to give the individual attention that some of our student population needs. This year, my third at KEYS, I will be teaching Junior and Senior English. My first two years at KEYS I taught the 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. I grew up in the HEB area and graduated from Richland High School. My teaching career began soon after I earned my

Bachelor of Arts Degree in German at the University of Texas at Austin. I got my first full-time position in 1999 teaching German, and since then, I've had the opportunity to teach several different subjects, including German, English, Math, and U.S. History on several different levels (6th grade- adults). I've mainly worked in the Fort Worth area, but from 2002-2004, I lived in Hamburg, Germany and taught English to business professionals.

I love all kinds of music, movies, and books, and I enjoy traveling and learning about other cultures and languages. Sports have also played a big part in my life. I played soccer throughout high school and college, and now I run marathons to keep myself mentally and physi-

cally fit. This summer was a joyous one for me; I got married! I actually met my wife, Shevin, while she was working as an educational aide at KEYS, so the school will definitely always hold a special place in my heart. She now teaches 4th grade in the Birdville ISD. We both worship at Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst, and cherish spending time with each other, family, and friends.



Upcoming Branch Meeting Programs You Won't Want to Miss!

By Mary Cinatl

Join us for our Saturday morning meeting on **November 12th** at Martin Methodist when Ms. Jan Morgan will speak to us about Bridges of Tarrant County. This summer enrichment program works with low-income children in HEB ISD to provide educational experiences in order to help students not fall behind in basic skills such as reading and math. Come early for coffee, goodies and conversation at 9:30.



The program will begin at 10:00 am.

December will find us celebrating the holidays with our special dinner. Read more about this holiday extravaganza in this newsletter.

Then start the new year off right with our January 14, 2012 Saturday morning meeting at Martin Methodist Church when Ms. Teddi Wiggins will discuss the non-profit organization, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children).

CASA and its 69 local programs of the Texas CASA network strive to ensure that every child who needs an advocate to speak for his or her



best interests before the courts has a caring, trained adult to help them with this difficult period of his or her life. Come learn how you might be able to make a difference.

Cultural Outings by Jean Dodds

The cultural group will be active this holiday season!

On **Saturday, November 12**, after the November AAUW meeting we will go to the Modern Art Museum in Ft. Worth for lunch at the Cafe, visit the Museum, and then go to the Movie TAKE SHELTER which starts at 5 p.m..

On **Wednesday, November 30th**, we will visit "The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk" at the Dallas Museum of Art. We will meet at Georgia's at 10am to carpool to the museum. For further information see:

<http://www.dm-art.org/View/Gaultier/index.htm>

On this day at, 12:15pm there is a gallery talk (free with entry to the exhibition). We will have lunch after viewing the exhibit & hearing the talk

Finally on **Saturday, December 3rd** we will venture to the Kimbell Art Museum to see the exhibit, "Caravaggio."

This ambitious exhibition explores the profound influence that Caravaggio had on painters from all over Europe who traveled to the papal city of Rome to profit from its vitality as a cultural capital. Not since Michelangelo or Raphael had one artist affected so many of his contemporaries and so irrevocably changed the course of European painting. For further information see

<https://www.kimbellart.org/Exhibitions/Exhibition-Details.aspx?eid=74>

We will meet at Georgia Kidwell's at 10am to carpool. Will see the exhibit and have lunch at the Kimbell. Email jdodds0630@gmail.com if you are planning to come.

Contact Jean Dodds at 817-428-1361 or by email jdodds0630@gmail.com if you are interested in any of the above events.

"He who thanks
but with the lips
Thanks but in
part;
The full, the true
Thanksgiving
Comes from the
heart."

-J.A. Shedd



Gourmet Group by Pat Cheong

Due to the holidays, the Gourmet Group will not meet in November or December. Please mark your calendar for 3rd Saturdays in the new year. We'll resume January 21, 2012.

Welcome New Member!

We have a new addition to our AAUW Northeast Tarrant County branch!
Please welcome member,
Danyah Arafat-Johnson.

We are looking forward to having all of our new members participate in our branch activities as much as possible in the upcoming year.

Celebrating our Shining Star—Margie Poole!



Our Star, Margie!



Celebrating with Friends



Kathy and Barbara



Margie and Donna

Keeping Current with KEYS by Linda Adams

Please enjoy reading about another faculty member of KEYS in this month's newsletter. We are highlighting different people at KEYS so our Branch members will get to know them and have a better idea of what KEYS is all about.

Our jewelry fund raiser brought \$240.00 to our KEYS account. I am suggesting that we use this money to purchase 24 \$10.00 gift certificates to be given to KEYS at Christmas. We will not plan to have any other fund raisers this year since I have found that we have \$1,850.00 in the HEB Educational Foundation's account. This money can be awarded to KEYS' students this year in the form of Georgeann Gallian Scholarships. The number and amounts of the scholarships will be determined

by the NE Tarrant Co. AAUW Board.



Interbranch News

The next AAUW DFW Metroplex Interbranch Council meeting will be November 19 at 9:30 AM. It will be hosted by Southwest Dallas County branch. We will meet at Martin Methodist at 9:00 AM to carpool. Please let Martha Matthews know if you are planning to attend. We would love to have you join us.

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



Pictures from the AAUW 130th Birthday Celebration at Texas Land and Cattle in Dallas, October 2011

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