



## The President's Pen

When asked why women join AAUW, most often the responses include:

- Love being a part of a group of educated women focused on empowering women and girls
- Provides a great place to discuss women's issues
- Feel this group is focused on elevating women to higher levels of responsibility
- provides an outlet to support worthwhile causes
- Provides continuing education for educated women
- Members are friendly

that will focus on the AAUW mission and developing new friendships. You will also notice that this year our board meetings will be held prior to the branch meetings. Be sure to mark your calendars so you won't miss a thing!

I look forward to working with each of you this year!

Donna Baumgartner, President



AAUW: Breaching through barriers for women and girls

We had a wonderful New Member Brunch and had the opportunity to showcase a new year for Northeast Tarrant Branch! Everyone has been working hard and our calendar is full of branch meetings and events

## Committees/Areas of Interest of AAUW NETC Branch

There are several active committees and Area of Interest groups in the AAUW Northeast Tarrant County Branch. In "The Scoop" you will find about their activities and opportunities to join in their enlightening, fun and diverse activities. The committees are open. Please contact the committee coordinators for more details. Our active committees are: Public Policy, Interbranch,

Keys, Hospitality, Publicity, Yearbook, Membership, Educational Foundation/ Legal Advocacy Fund, Girl University.

Our active "Areas of Interest" are: Cultural, Bridge, Literature and Gourmet.

Get involved and stay connected!

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

~Elizabeth Lawrence

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting, 8:30am; Branch meeting, 10am; Cultural Group Outing
12	13	14	15	16 Lit Group, 7:30	17	18 Interbranch Council, 10am; Gourmet, 6pm
19	20	21	22	23 Bridge Group, 7pm	24	25 Cultural Group Outing
26	27	28	29	30		

### Schedule of Events

- **9/11**—Board Meeting 8:30am; Branch Meeting, 10am Martin Methodist; school supplies due
- **9/11**-Cultural Group Outing, Fiery Pool: The Maya and the Mythic Sea, Kimbell Art Museum
- **9/16**-Literature Group, 7:30pm, True Notebooks: A Writer's Year at Juvenile Hall, Jean Dodd's House
- **9/18**-Interbranch Council meeting, Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, 10am
- **9/18**-Gourmet Group, 6pm Mi Tierra
- **9/23**-Bridge Group, 7pm, Georgia Kidwell's House
- **9/25**-Cultural Group Outing, Dallas Latino Cultural Center

## Gourmet Outing by Pat Cheong

Enjoy a fun Saturday evening dining out and getting to know AAUW members!. Gourmet Group is open to all members, whether alone or with their spouses/guests. This year, a team, coordinated by Pat Cheong, will plan regular outings to local restaurants, wine tastings or food-related events on 3rd Saturday evenings in September, October, January, February, March, April and May. Attendance is entirely optional each time; a reminder and reservation deadline is emailed each month to all members. Reservations by email to that month's team restaurant planner are usually required to ensure adequate seating and menu planning.

Date: Saturday, September 18  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Restaurant: Mi Tierra Latin Fusion  
 Address: 603 W. Abram, Arlington, TX

Alcohol: Bring your own bottle  
 Website: [www.mitierralatinfusion.com](http://www.mitierralatinfusion.com)

RSVP by Sunday, Sept 12 to patcheong2009@gmail.com



Mi Tierra is a family-owned restaurant in a charming old house, specializing in Puerto Rican/Cuban/Latin American cuisine. In the Caribbean tradition, service may be "relaxed", so please arrive by 6 p.m. You may bring your own alcoholic beverage, if desired. Credit cards accepted.

Directions: From the Mid-Cities, take Industrial Blvd (Hwy 157) south to Arlington, where 157 becomes Collins Street. Pass Division Street; Turn Right (west) on Abram. Proceed a few blocks towards Cooper. Watch for old house on the right, beside McDonald's. If you get to Cooper, you've just passed it.

## Keys to KEYS by Linda Adams

For many years, the NE Tarrant Co. Branch of AAUW has sponsored the alternative education school that is a part of the HEB I. S.D. We first entered the scene as an Adopt a School and we have served as an "Honorary P.T.A." ever since. During the school year, our Branch does whatever it can to support the staff and the students at KEYS. Students make the choice to attend KEYS for many reasons. They may just not be able to handle the traditional school routine. Pregnancy and drug addiction problems are the first things that come to most people's minds, but those reasons are not the central issues. A student may have fallen behind due to an illness or from too many moves from school to school. Homelessness is sometimes a problem or a language barrier. Whatever the reason, choosing to attend KEYS is a contract that

the student makes with the district to complete his/her education and AAUW wants them to know that we support them 100%.

We begin the year with a school supplies donation. We ask all members to bring their donations to either the New Member Brunch in August or to the first Branch meeting in September. I will then deliver the supplies by September 15.

At Christmas we provide Wal-Mart or Target Gift Cards which are given to the KEYS' counselor to give to the students or teachers as various needs arise.

In May our Branch creates a delicious brunch for the staff and teachers to let them know that we support the work that they are doing.

Traditionally, we have also donated two scholarships to graduating seniors so that they may further their educa-

tions beyond high school. This is now called the "Georgeann Gallion KEYS Scholarship." It is named for one of our members who was a well-known educator in the HEB I.S.D. Our Branch will hold a major fund raiser in the spring to financially support this undertaking. Donations to our Branch scholarship fund are welcome at any time during the year. Every member is expected to financially support this Branch goal.



## Get your Programs Here! By Mary Cinatl

Welcome to another exciting year of AAUW!. The Programs Committee met this past summer and planned thoughtful and informative Programs for the year; each in keeping with our goals as an organization that promotes strong and empowered women. Please join us for our Saturday September 11, 2010 meeting at Martin Methodist Church in Bedford. Ms. Dar-

lene McMurray will speak to our group on True Colors, a personality test of sorts, that will help us all learn more about ourselves and those with whom we work.



Janet and Linda vote on possible programs for the upcoming AAUW year

The meeting begins at 10:00, but come early for coffee and munchies.

Hope to see you all soon!  
Janet Key and Mary Cinatl

## September Meeting Promises True Colors for Fall! By Margie Poole

**Special Program Note: because it involves very specific information and handouts, meeting coordinator Margie Poole needs to know if you will be attending our Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can call her at: 817-991-8646 or email her at: margiep4762@tx.rr.com**

Are you a thinker or do you prefer to inspire people? Maybe you're the responsible one or the persuasive entertainer.

Our September program offers easily understood insights into not only your behavioral style and personality type but also those of others, so you can improve communication and build rapid rapport, in all areas of your life.

After everyone completes a short form, our speaker, Darlene McMurray, will lead us in what promise to be very animated discussions. Each person will leave with about 5

handouts (their "color" as well as the other three colors.)



## Cultural Outings by Jean Dodds

The Cultural Group has many exciting outings planned. Put the following in your calendars!

**Saturday, September 11, 2010, Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX**

### Fiery Pool: The Maya and the Mythic Sea

The exhibition reflects the broad range of media used by Maya artists: massive carved stone monuments and delicate hieroglyphs, exquisite painted pottery vessels, charming sculpted human and animal figurines, and a lavish assortment of precious goods crafted from jade, gold, and turquoise.

We will carpool from the Martin Methodist parking lot and eat lunch at the Museum before attending the exhibit. Costs: Free to Members, Seniors (60 and over) pay \$10, all other adults pay \$12. 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76107

Please email Margie Poole if you are planning to attend. [margiep4762@tx.rr.com](mailto:margiep4762@tx.rr.com)

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010. Latino Cultural Center, Dallas, TX**

### Photo Exhibit – works by Three Mexican Women

Some of the features we will see are the facility itself, designed by award winning Mexican Architect Ricardo Legorreta; the mural "Orientations", by artist Celia Alvarez Muñoz in the Rotunda and both "Actor" and "Dios Viejo/Ancient God" by Sebastian in the Theatre Lobby. "Granite Weaving", by Jesus Moroles, is featured outside in the Plaza, and in the Outdoor Sculpture Courtyards – "Eagle" and "Man of

Fire" by Luis Jiménez, as well as "El Nuevo Mundo", Flying Pegasus, by Sam Torres.

Of special interest is the current exhibit in the Gallery: **El Ojo Fino/ The Exquisite Eye**. Organized by the Wittliff Collections at Texas State University-San Marcos, Texas. It features three generations of Mexican women photographers, mentors, friends, colleagues - all of them artists of great individuality and passion.

We will leave from Martin Methodist at 9:30 am on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Museum is at 2600 Live Oak – Dallas, Texas 75204. More information on lunch to come.

Please email Margie Poole if you are planning to attend. [margiep4762@tx.rr.com](mailto:margiep4762@tx.rr.com)



**Jean Dodds is planning these events in October so pencil into your calendar.....**

Saturday, October 9th at noon at Tinseltown, Grapevine

Metropolitan Opera at the Movies  
Das Reingold (The Ring) by Wagner - running time about 3 hours. Cost ~\$20

Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30pm at the Dallas Museum of Art - Arts and Letters Live Series - Sara Gruen

Arts & Letters Live: Best-selling author of 'Water for Elephants',

Gruen will discuss her upcoming new novel 'Ape House'.

General Admission \$36, Senior \$32

Jean will buy these tickets ahead of time so please send me a check if you plan to come.

Friday, October 15th at 6pm at the Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth \$8.50

Mao's Last Dancer - Movie made from the book we read in AAUW Book Group.

"The film's most complex character is actually Ben Stevenson (Canadian actor Bruce Greenwood shines in this crucial role), the director of the Houston Ballet Company who sets everything in motion and keeps it going." Peter Brunette, *The Hollywood Reporter*. The latest exciting and inspirational film from Academy Award-nominated director, Bruce Beresford, is based on Li Cunxin's bestselling autobiography about a young dancer from a poor Chinese village who participates in a cultural exchange program with the Houston Ballet. Under the guidance of Texas Ballet Theater's own Ben Stevenson, Li goes on to become a principal dancer and international star.

PG for a brief violent image, some sensuality, language and incidental smoking; 117 minutes

Please email Jean Dodds if you are planning to come. [jdodds0630@aol.com](mailto:jdodds0630@aol.com)

*Join us for some wonderful cultural experiences!*

## Interbranch Council by Margie Poole

The North Texas Metroplex Interbranch Council will meet Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> at Brookhaven College in Farmers Branch. This council consists of 17 AAUW branches in the DFW metroplex whose representatives convene every couple of months to share ideas. The speaker will be Kristin Alder, a graduate student in Women's Studies at University of North Texas. One of 20 students chosen nationally to attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women's program, Kristin will report on what's happened to the Beijing Platform 15 years after its implementation.

The meeting, which is open to all AAUW members, begins at 10 AM, with sign-in starting at 9:30 AM. It will be held in Building S, Room 220. (This is the same place

and room used a year and a half ago for Leadership Training.)

Brookhaven College is located off of Valley View just north of LBJ Freeway, between Marsh Lane and Midway Road. There is a de-



## Planned Programs

Below is a list of upcoming programs for our Branch:

**Thursday October 14, 2010** at 6:30 PM  
at North Richland Hills Public Library, Meeting Room

Tentative Program: *Docents in the Arts*  
AAUW Coordinator: Margie Poole

**Saturday November 13, 2010** at 10:00 AM  
at Martin Methodist Church, Bedford  
Program: *Maternal and Child Health in Tarrant County*

AAUW Coordinator: Pat Cheong

**Saturday December 4, 2010** 11:00 AM at Stacey's Furniture, Grapevine

### Holiday Brunch

AAUW Coordinators: Stephanie Thacher and Cindy Ashbaker

**Sunday December 12, 2010** (time TBA)

**Branch Holiday Party** at the home of Susan Zadeh

## It's Pansy Time!

Our annual sale of pansies kicks off this month! The sale of pansies directly benefits our Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund. Pansies are sold in a flat of 18 beautiful plants. The order form and information have come attached with this news letter. Please print out the form to collect your sales of pansies.

❖ Order now for order deadline *Sunday, September 26, 2010*

❖ Proceeds from this sale will go to

scholarships  
❖ **\$16.00** for a flat of 18 beautiful plants

❖ Make checks payable to **NE Tarrant County Branch AAUW /** checks due with orders

❖ Contact Cindy Ashbaker at 469-826-7735 or cindy1528@hotmail.com for more information



❖ Send orders and payment to Stephanie Thacher at snoopy1971@att.net, 4699 Fossil Vista Dr Apt 7312, Haltom City, TX 76137

❖ Pansies will be available for pickup on Saturday, October 30, beginning at 9am at the home of Mary Ann Goetz, 200 Arbor Glen Drive, Euless, TX 76039

## KEYS School Supplies Needed! By Linda Adams

KEYS Kids need basic school supplies. This list has been compiled from the teacher websites and tells what kids need to bring to class. Please follow these guidelines and **bring a sack of supplies to the September Branch Meeting on Saturday, September 11, 2010**. All supplies will be delivered to KEYS by September 15.

KEYS Kids Need:

- 3-Ring Binder or Folder/Dividers
- Notebook Paper

- Black Ink Pens
- Pens with different ink colors
- Pencils/Erasers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Pocket Folders with Brads
- Map Pencils
- Graph Paper
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks



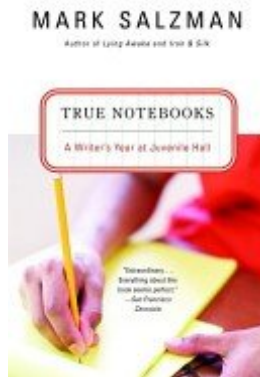
KEYS Teachers Need:

- Box of Tissues
- Hand Held Pencil Sharpeners
- Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer
- Ziplock Bags
- Post-It-Notes

# Get a Lit Fix with the Literature Group

# Join Our Shining Star!

The literature group will meet at Jean Dodd's house on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Please come and join the discussion of True Notebooks by Mark Salzman. If you need further information, please call Meg Sprenkle at 817-282-2042.



Upcoming Selections:

10/21, 7:30pm: **Left to Tell** by Immaculee Ilibagiza

11/18, 7:30pm: **Sarah's Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay

We will be honoring Pat Wachter, our Past President at the Shining Star Luncheon!

We will be putting together a table.

Please let Georgia know if you would like to attend.

Georgia Kidwell

817-282-0712 or

grgkdw@yahoo.com



Shining Star Luncheon, October 22, 2010 at the Marriott Las Colinas Hotel, reception beginning at 10:30. Cost of the ticket is \$65.00.

## Clarification of Tax Deductible Status of Donations and Dues

Last spring at the state AAUW convention I learned some new (to me anyway) information concerning the tax deductible status of donations to AAUW. The national organization has 501c3 status; **our branch does not**. If you want to make a donation to a national fund, such as a memorial, you must **write the check to AAUW national**, not to our branch. You may give the check to Meg Sprenkle or to me, and we will be glad to submit your donation and file the appropriate paperwork that gives our

branch the credit for your donation. In the past, some ladies have written a check to our branch, and we have then written a check to national from the branch account. This method does not make your donation tax deductible. Donations made to the branch and then used for KEYS are not deductible, likewise donations made for pansies, for items at the Holiday

*"\$46 of your dues are deductible..."*

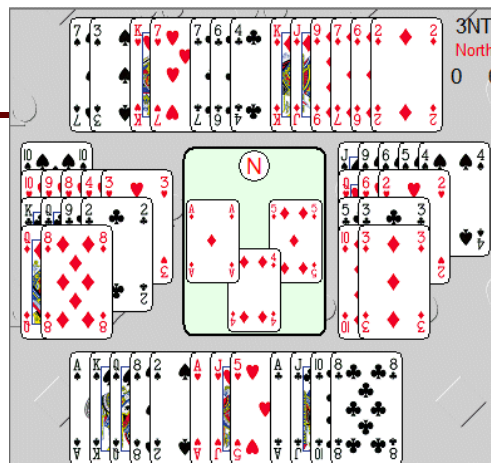
Brunch or donations in kind for branch supplies. Do remember that \$46 of your dues **are** deductible even though the check is written to our branch. I believe that donations to Girl U would only be deductible if made to Girl U, as the Girl Scouts have 501c3 status.

Gloria Long, Finance Officer

## Bridge Group

The September meeting of the Bridge Group is Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm in the home of Georgia Kidwell. Please contact her if coming at 817-282-0712 or grgkdw@yahoo.com We play very low key, nonaggressive bridge and welcome new members at any time. All we ask is that you let the hostess know you're coming.

See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Gloria Long



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 Website** [www.aauw.org](http://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 northeast area of Tarrant County, Texas.

***Breaking through barriers  
for women and girls!***

## New Member Brunch Report

The New Member Brunch was held on Saturday, August 28. There were a total of 50 people at the brunch of which 18 were new. The food that the members brought was outstanding and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all of you who came with that great food and especially to those who sent names of prospective members to invite to the brunch.

This year an invitation was sent and also a personalized letter with information and a registration form. This year, with your help, we recruited 15 new members and 3 former members. This should be a great year.

~Ginny Phoenix, Membership



Mary Cinatl, Ginny Phoenix, Faye Mathews



Kathy Anthon, Jen Phoenix



Donna McIntyre, Anna Holzer, Cindy Ashbaker

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