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Thoughts from the President

As we look forward to AAUW in 2009, wonderful adventures are in the air. Our National Convention is in June in St. Louis! Registration opens on December 1. Room reservations are being taken now. I hope we have a large group from NE Tarrant County. We are usually a large group anywhere we go – especially conventions.

In April, we will be hosting our Young Women's Summit. Gloria Long has been planning and looking at ways to attract young women to this wonderful day of information: Information to help them on their road to college and/or self discovery. The Summit really speaks to the heart of AAUW in its focus of development of young women in

their quest to become the self of their dreams.

This month we will have our great Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 13. There will be wonderful silent auction items, mimosas, and vendors with tempting goodies. Lots of shopping to do. Bring your sisters, daughters, moms and good friends. You would not want to deprive them of this wonderful time. Lynn Doyle and Marie Iervolino are working hard to make this a special occasion for you and me.

On Sunday evening, December 14, we will have our Holiday Party at Susan Zadeh's home. Our KEYS Wishing Tree will be there so that we may have the opportunity to provide classroom needs. Donna Baumgartner, KEYS Chair, will be so pleased with your support in this worthwhile program.



Wishing all of you a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy 2009 in AAUW.

Pat Wachter

December 13: Holiday Brunch, Silent Auction, & Bazaar – fundraiser for EF/LAF. At Stacy's Furniture Community Room.

December 14: Branch Holiday Party with KEYS Wishing Tree. At home of Susan Zadeh

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Annual Holiday Brunch

Holiday Brunch
Silent Auction and Bazaar
Saturday, December 13, 2008
10:30 a.m.

[Stacy's Furniture Community Room](#)
[1900 S. Main Street](#)
[Grapevine, TX 76051](#)



Please come and join in the fun, socializing, shopping and eating a delicious brunch with friends. (See menu on page 3.) Some members might like to invite friends to fill a table. Each table will seat eight people. **Reservations should be made by December 6.** Send your check for \$20 made payable to NE Tarrant County Branch AAUW. Send to Lynn Doyle, 868 Chateau Vallee, Bedford, TX 76022.

This year we have a wide variety of vendors displaying jewelry, skin care products, chocolates, tea, Tupperware, Home Decor and other items.

Don't forget to bring an item for our silent auction. The silent auction items are to be new items. The item can be something you cook, bake or make. Gift certificates for a service are also popular.

On the day of the brunch we will need help during setup, registration, and for closing auction tables. If you have a few extra minutes before or after the brunch to help us, it would be great! Some of you have already signed up at our last meeting. Email us so we will know we can count on you.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact: Lynn Doyle (817) 285-8185, beachqueen@att.net, or Marie Iervolino (817) 788-0834, marie6908@sbcglobal.net.

Lynn Doyle and Marie Iervolino
EF/LAF VP's



Dec 13th Brunch Menu

Fresh Fruit Tray
Eggs Benedict with
Hollandaise Sauce
Strawberries
French Toast
Roasted Potatoes
Bacon & Sausage
Croissants

Also: Mimosas available for \$3 each



January Branch Meeting

Dr. Hamed Madani, Political Science professor at Tarrant County College – Southeast Campus, will be speaking on the role of women in education since the downfall of the Taliban in Afghanistan. Professor Madani was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, and spent 2003-2004 in Afghanistan as an Advisor to the Secretary of Higher Education. Members may want to review the book, *Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad, as an aid to understanding our speaker's point of view.

Join us for this incredibly informative discussion on Saturday, January 10, at [Martin United Methodist Church](#) in Bedford.

Donna Baumgartner and Dena Marra
Program VP's

November
branch
meeting
speaker,
author Jim
Gatewood.



Young Women's Summit

The next meeting for Young Women's Summit will be after the January meeting at Martin Methodist. Plans are well underway for our April 25, 2009 event. Most of the workshop speakers are in place and most of the jobs that make the event run have been spoken for. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up yet, email me at gnmlong@swbell.net and I'll let you know what positions are still available. The most important task we have ahead of us now is funding. If you work for, or know of a business, that is looking for a good community event to sponsor, please let me know and I will send them a letter concerning our event. **EVEN BETTER**, let me send you a copy of the branch letter, and **YOU** contact the potential donor.

**Together we will make this another great
Northeast Tarrant County AAUW outreach event.**

Gloria Long

Young Women's Summit Chair

While this busy holiday season can be a time of joy and happiness, for many people it is just plain stressful. Take a moment and be thankful for the blessings you have and to remember those less fortunate. A simple reflection:

*I am grateful for that which I have.
I am not sorrowful for that which I do not.
I have more than others, less than some,
but regardless, I am blessed with
what is mine.*

- Pam Wigington





Holiday Party

Plan to attend our branch's holiday party on **Sunday, Dec. 14th starting at 5 p.m. at the home of Susan Zadeh, 301 Inverness Drive Trophy Club, 76262.** Spouses, significant others, and guests are welcome.

Main dish and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with everyone – such as salad, dessert, or appetizer – as well as any “special” beverages.

In lieu of gifts, members will provide items requested by KEYS faculty and giftcards for KEYS kids. See the article below for details.

Y'all come and let's party!!



KEYS Project – Wishing Tree

At our September Branch meeting, Dr. June Jacoby, Principal of KEYS, spoke to our group. She passionately mentioned how KEYS is in a unique position to provide education, stability, and basic family needs to the students who are in earnest toward getting a High School Diploma. One of her most heart-wrenching stories involved a teen-mom who was trying to re-use disposable diapers for her baby because she lacked the money to buy diapers. This teen-girl is juggling motherhood, succeeding as a high school student, and working to pay the rent. This is a snapshot of our adopted campus, KEYS.

We asked KEYS to let us know how our Branch can best help students and faculty during this holiday Season of Giving. This year we want to use our Wishing Tree Project to provide for teachers for their classrooms, but we also wanted to

directly help the KEYS Kids. We met with the Counselor and the CPS Counselor for KEYS to create a Needs List for KEYS Kids. We learned that KEYS is affiliated with Christmas Providers and several other community organizations that will be able to provide for the students and their families. Then we discovered a unique opportunity for our Branch - to provide \$25 Gift Cards to Walmart. These cards will be held and distributed by the counselors throughout the year to students in need of basic items such as groceries, clothing, diapers, etc. The counselors said, “ I know gift cards are not as much fun to give for the giver as would be selecting baby clothes or toys, but our kids really are uncomfortable leaving the building with a bag of ‘stuff’ – they much prefer a gift card, and, trust me, they always use the gift card to help their families.”

With this in mind, we will ornament our Wishing Tree with all the requests from the KEYS campus including Walmart Gift Cards. We will present the Wishing Tree at our Branch Holiday Party at Susan Zedah's home on Sunday, December 14. If you wish to participate, please purchase a \$25 WALMART Gift Card, or another item from the Wishing Tree, and direct it to Donna Baumgartner, Chair, between now and January 10.

The deadline for this project will be January 10, 2009. We will deliver all Wishes and gift cards to the KEYS Campus on Tuesday, January 13, along with a Dessert Table for the faculty.

And if you can provide something for the dessert table, there will be a sign up sheet.

Dr. Jacoby and the faculty of KEYS are passionate about supporting KEYS Kids. We could not support a more worthy organization or group of people. We are a Key factor in the success of the lives of these students in our own community. Thank you in advance for your help!

Donna Baumgartner
KEYS Chair



Branch Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009

December 13, 2008 – Saturday – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Stacy's Furniture Community Room, Grapevine
 Program: Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction for EF/LAF

December 14, 2008 – Sunday – 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Party for Members and Guests & Wishing Tree for KEYS
 At home of Susan Zadeh, Trophy Club

January 10, 2009 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
 Program: Women in Afghanistan

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

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
 Program: How to be a Patient Advocate – Medical Awareness

March 12, 2009 – Thursday – 6:30 p.m.

Location: North Richland Hills Library
 Program: Update on Tarrant County Public Transportation Issues

April 18, 2009 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
 Program: Work-Related Issues Facing Today's Families
 Texas Tech Presenter

May 9, 2009 – Saturday – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
 Program: Computer & Internet Safety

June 7, 2009 – Sunday – 3:00 p.m.

Location: TBA
 Program: Annual Program Planning

Board Meeting Dates – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6	Monday, March 9
Tuesday, February 10	Tuesday, April 7
	Tuesday, May 5

Unless otherwise noted, all branch meetings are held at
Martin United Methodist Church -
[2621 Bedford Road,](http://www.martinumc.org)
 Bedford, Texas 76021



Cultural

**No outings planned for December.
 Happy Holidays! Check back in 2009.**

Jean Dodds
 Cultural Chair

Bridge Group

Bridge Group will not meet in December.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 22nd, 7 pm in the home of Jean Dodds.

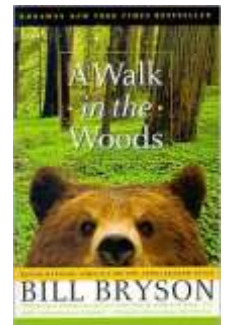
Gloria Long

Literature Group

Our November meeting was attended by 19 members. "The Glass Castle" review by Carol Fisher sparked a lively discussion. Our thanks to Meg Sprenkle for her hospitality.

December – No meeting

January 15 – Gloria Long will review "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. Location for the meeting is 212 E Pleasantview Drive, Hurst, TX 76054 (Pat Lucas)



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

LIT GROUP Schedule at a glance

January 15

Book: "A Walk in the Woods"
 Author: Bill Bryson
 Reviewer: Gloria Long
 Hostess: Pat Lucas

February 19

"The Madonnas of Leningrad"
 by Debra Dean

March 19

"People of the Book"
 by Geraldine Brooks

April 16

"Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen..."
 by Larry McMurtry

Despite the fact that some people hate cold weather, it does have its advantages. After all, a good cold day gives us an opportunity to cuddle up indoors with the people we love the most.

AAUW Gives Thanks

From the **AAUW Washington Update**: AAUW reflects back on the many things we have to be thankful for this year. Here are just a few of them:

We're thankful for coaches in [California](#) and [Florida, students in Colorado](#), and moms in [Michigan](#) who insist on holding colleges and high schools accountable on [Title IX](#).

We're thankful for [NCAA President Myles Brand](#) who recently told colleges and universities not to blame cuts to athletic programs on Title IX.

We're thankful that the [House of Representatives](#) recognized the importance of women in the [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics](#) fields, and that AAUW is undertaking a [major research](#) project on the topic.

We're thankful for AAUW state and branch affiliates nationwide that registered new voters, held candidate nights and issues forums, advocated on statewide ballot initiatives, and generally [ensured that women's voices were heard](#) in this year's election.

We're thankful for states that heed the [research](#) on [comprehensive sex education](#) and choose to [reject federal abstinence-only funding](#).

We're thankful for [presidential debates](#) that bring issues like [school vouchers](#) and [pay equity](#) into the spotlight.

We're thankful for AAUW's good friend Lilly Ledbetter, the [Face of Pay Equity](#), for putting pay equity issues on the national stage at the [Democratic National Convention](#), in [congressional hearings](#), and on [Capitol Hill](#).

We're thankful for [cities](#) and [states](#) that show their support for working families by passing [paid family leave and paid sick days](#) legislation before the federal government gets around to it.

We're thankful that AAUW [gained special consultative status](#) at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

We're thankful for [30 years](#) of civil rights law that helps women to fight the "Motherhood Penalty."

We're thankful that [Roe v. Wade](#) has survived [35 years](#) of Supreme Court ups and downs.

We're thankful for the [AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#), whose persistent and thoughtful volunteer advocacy helped pass bills on [pay equity](#) and [higher education](#), and [held lawmakers accountable](#) on their votes.

We're thankful for a new federal law that ensures health plans provide the same [coverage](#) for mental illness as they would for any other health condition.

We're thankful for AAUW's merry band of bloggers and all those contributing to the fruitful public discourse on [AAUW Dialog](#).

We're thankful that Americans who were previously deemed "[not disabled enough](#)" will benefit once again from protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

We're thankful the [Florida Supreme Court](#) rejected school vouchers in the Sunshine State, ensuring precious taxpayer dollars go only to public schools.

We're thankful for improved federal aid programs that help students -- including our [honored veterans](#) -- make the dream of a college education a reality.

We're thankful for [girls](#) who see themselves as advocates, and [college students](#) working to make the world a better place.

We're thankful for courageous women who break through the [brass ceiling](#), the [glass ceiling](#), and the [marble ceiling](#).

We're thankful for AAUW members and supporters who put their money where their mouth is, generously giving time and resources to [help women get their degrees](#) and develop [leadership skills](#).

And of course, we're thankful for you, the [AAUW Action Network](#), for your spirited advocacy to break through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

From all of us at AAUW, best wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving and a joyful beginning to your holiday season.



December 2008 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>World AIDS Day</i>	2 <i>Int'l Day for the Abolition of Slavery</i> <i>Special Education Day</i>	3 <i>Int'l Day of Disabled Persons</i>	4 <i>Wear Brown Shoes Day</i>	5	6 Brunch Reservations Due!
7 <i>National Cotton Candy Day</i>	8 Bodi Day (Buddha's Enlightenment) Eid al-Adha	9 <i>National Pastry Day</i>	10 <i>Human Rights Day</i>	11 <i>UNICEF Birthday</i>	12 <i>Poinsettia Day</i> 	13 Brunch, Silent Auction & Bizarre, 10:30 am Stacy's
14 Branch Holiday Party, 5pm Home of Susan Zadeh	15 <i>Bill of Rights Day</i>	16 <i>National Chocolate-covered Anything Day</i>	17 <i>Clean Air Day</i>	18 	19	20 <i>Sacagawea Day</i>
21 <i>World Peach Day</i> <i>Winter begins</i>	22 1 st day of Hanukkah 	23	24 <i>National Eggnog Day</i>	25 Christmas 	26 1 st day of Kwanzaa Boxing Day 	27
28 	29 Islamic New Year	30	31			

Upcoming AAUW Events

December 6 – Brunch reservations Due

December 13 – Holiday Brunch with Silent Auction & Bazaar

December 14 – Holiday Party

*Evergreen, evergreen, big fat tree!
I ask you now please to come home with me!
We'll cover you with ornaments and lots of pretty lights,
and let you shine about our house at Yule, the longest night!
Thank you, tree, thank you tree, for the gift you give today,
we'll plant another in your name, when spring comes our way!*

Scrapbook

Eight members went on the Plano Holiday Tour of Homes on Saturday, November 22 and enjoyed lunch at the Sea Breeze Fish Market & Grill.



Photos from our November branch meeting were published in the [Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Click!](#) and can be seen on the [newspaper's website](#).



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About AAUW



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.



A Legacy of Leadership

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