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Lincoln Center Hotel. The dates are April 25-27 (Friday through Sunday). The hotel is located at 5410 LBJ Freeway, which is at LBJ and Inwood, just south of the Galleria.

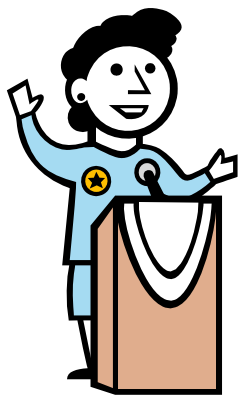
Our keynote speaker is Colleen Barrett, Southwest Airlines President. She will be speaking to us at the First General Session, which will be held Friday from 7 – 8 PM. Count on being there. I understand that in addition to her words of wisdom she will also be donating two tickets on Southwest to be raffled!

There will be a Pre-Conference tour on Friday, April 25, where we will visit the Nasher Sculpture Gardens and The Women's Museum. Be sure to register early for this event priced at \$42.00 including box lunch, ride, tour and tips.

Saturday and Sunday will be a blend of general sessions, district meetings, workshops and panels. The workshops and panels will address five key subjects related to the general theme (Investing in the Future):

- Investing in Leadership Development
- Investing in Economic Security and Opportunity
- Investing in Equity in the Workplace
- Investing in Educational Success and Opportunity
- Investing in our Sisters of the World

The cost of the conference is \$125, which includes all of the meetings, Dessert Reception on Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. If you



Thoughts from the President

Investing in the Future

This is a very special time of year. It is the time to do something special for yourself, for your branch and for your community.

We are so fortunate this year that we can celebrate Texas AAUW's 100th Anniversary at the 43rd Biennial State Convention to be held in Dallas at the Hilton

wish to stay at the hotel, the room rate is \$95.00 per night for two double beds.

Personally, I felt so enlightened after attending the State Convention two years ago for two very specific reasons:

1. Training Sessions for new branch officers (whether elected or are thinking about it). This is where I learned the most about my new position within AAUW.
2. Sharing of ideas with other branches. This is where Linda Adams tailored another branch's Young Women's Summit idea to fit the needs of our area. Thank you, Linda!

The deadline for the \$125 Conference rate is April 3. After that, the rate increases by \$50.00. Similarly, the deadline for the guaranteed hotel rate is also April 3.

Please read more about this investment course for you in University Woman Texas. If you have not received yours yet, the information is online for you at www.AAUWTexas.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Dallas.

Martha Matthews

KEYS Update

**Thanks from KEYS Faculty and Staff for
“Wishing Tree Project” January 2008**

Dear Branch Members,
Thanks so much for your generous donations that made our KEYS Wishing Tree Project 2007 a huge success! We provided 18 classroom supply bags to the faculty, and 35 retail/restaurant gift cards, one for each faculty and staff member at KEYS. These gifts had a monetary donation value of around \$1200. The faculty and staff received their gifts at the party on Tuesday, January 22, and were as excited as anyone to open packages and be honored for their leadership in education. Thanks especially to Nelda Rogers, Faye Mathews, and Georgia

Kidwell for hosting the event. And to all who brought desserts for the table - yum o! I received many thank you emails this week from the staff and faculty expressing how much they truly appreciate our effort and gifts. They and I are ever so grateful :) to you!

Dear AAUW:

Thanks for the wonderful thoughts, wonderful cookies, and wonderful people! The AAUW Wishing Tree party was a great success! The talk of the day before the party was AAUW! The gifts were practical, wanted, needed and above all...uplifting for the spirit!! Thanks for all you do. YOU ARE THE BEST!

June Jacoby
KEYS Principal

Donna Baumgartner

KEYS Committee Chair

FEBRUARY Branch Meeting



Our February meeting features Catherine Uberman, Vice President of JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. Some of you may remember her as the presenter of “Dollar Divas” at last year’s Young Women’s Summit.

Ms. Uberman’s topic is “The Top 10 Money Mistakes Clients Make Over and Over”.

She began her career with Texas Commerce Bank in 1977 and has watched a cavalcade of changes in the industry during that time. Currently she works with the banks affluent clients, offering them checking, savings, loans and investments.

Please join us February 9, 2008, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Parc Place Retirement community, 1301 Airport Freeway between Central and Bedford Road. The complex is on the north side. For more detailed directions or a map, please go to parcplace@spectrumprop.com.

We are meeting inside the main retirement center residence building. There is a small parking lot immediately in front of this entrance. After entering through the lobby, you will be directed to the meeting room.

Sex Discrimination Victory for AAUW LAF

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff Settles Discrimination Suit with University of Colorado at Boulder for \$2.5 Million

The American Association of University Women Legal Advocacy Fund is pleased to recognize an important victory in the ongoing battle to prevent sexual harassment and assault on university campuses with the settlement agreement between Lisa Simpson and the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU).

The settlement agreement provides \$2.5 million to Simpson and requires that the university create a new position in the Office of Victim Assistance and hire an independent adviser to monitor the school's compliance with federal sex discrimination laws. Simpson requested a lower settlement amount in exchange for the new personnel.

A former student at CU, Simpson sued the university under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 for failing to remedy the sexually hostile environment on campus that led to her sexual assault and harassment by university football recruits and players. She alleged that in December 2001, she and another female student were sexually assaulted by numerous football recruits and players. Simpson and her roommate reported the events to CU's vice chancellor for student affairs and

the director of the university's Office of Victim Assistance the following day. Although the university charged the students involved with code of conduct violations, it declined to pursue sexual assault charges against them. In addition, none of the football players lost his eligibility to play in any subsequent football games.

Simpson took legal action against the school to ensure the protection of women students. Throughout the suit, Simpson advocated nationwide reforms to college and university policies to improve the treatment and safety of women on campuses. CU itself overhauled its football-recruiting program, and several top officials, including the chancellor and the football coach, resigned in the aftermath.

"From the beginning of this case, Lisa Simpson's goal was to do everything she could to increase the safety of all students on campus and prevent what happened to her from happening again," said Simpson's attorney, Kimberly Hult.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund adopted the case in February 2005 and provided over \$35,000 in financial support.

"Lisa appreciates so much the support of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and the many AAUW members she has met. The wide-ranging and continuous support of the AAUW has been very important to Lisa and her legal team throughout what was a long and difficult battle," said Hult.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, a program of the AAUW Educational Foundation, is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. It provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Because Equity Is Still an Issue.

www.aauw.org.

On a Personal Note

We're Glad You're Feeling Better

Barbara Brasco says “thank you” to AAUW members and friends who helped her through her recent health crisis.

Kudos To

Shawn Tindell, a nurse at Harris Methodist HEB Hospital was named 2007 Nurse Manager of Excellence.

Anna Holzer retired Jan. 31 after 28 years as Director of Library Services at TCC Northwest.



February Gourmet Group

This month, Gourmet is planning to dine at Copeland's New Orleans Restaurant in the new Hilton Hotel in Southlake on Sat., February 16 at 6:30 p.m. The original Copeland's was founded in 1983 in New Orleans & offers American fare, Creole and Cajun, seafood, pasta, steaks, desserts and specialty drinks. All menu items are prepared from scratch, using only the freshest vegetables, meat and fish. This first-class, upscale restaurant with a down-home feeling will make you feel comfortable in any attire from casual to dressy. We will have a private dining room, which will hold about 25, so please get your reservations in early.

Remember, all are welcome couples, singles, friends. Please email Marie marie6908@sbcglobal.net

Hope to see you there!

Marie Iervolino

2006-2008 Branch Officers

President	<i>Martha Matthews</i>
Program VPs	<i>Kathy Hartzler & Linda Adams</i>
Membership VPs	<i>Susan Zadeh, Wendy Pullinen & Donna Baumgartner</i>
Educational Foundation VP & Legal Advocacy Fund	<i>Carol Fisher & Jean Dodds</i>
Secretary	<i>Pat Wachter</i>
Treasurers	<i>Gloria Long & Meg Sprengle</i>
Cultural	<i>Jean Dodds</i>
Education / KEYS	<i>Donna Baumgartner</i>
Historian	<i>Georgia Kidwell</i>
Hospitality	<i>Georgeann Gallian & Lynn Millner</i>
Interbranch Council	<i>Margie Poole</i>
Mail	<i>Wendy Pullinen</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Lori J. Kaspar</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Kathy Anthon</i>
Public policy	<i>Georgia Kidwell</i>
Publicity	<i>Dena Marra</i>
Yearbook	<i>Gloria Long, Carol Fisher, & Susan Zadeh</i>
Gourmet	<i>Lynn Doyle & Marie Iervolino</i>
Literature	<i>Sandi Chetian</i>
Arts & Crafts	<i>Carol King</i>
Bridge	<i>Gloria Long</i>
Webmaster	<i>George Anthon</i>

For membership information, contact Susan Zadeh (817) 430-9797 or Wendy Pullinen (817) 722-8007.

Northeast Tarrant AAUW Newsletter publishes this newsletter each month (except in June & July) and each member receives it via e-mailed or regular mail. **Deadline for articles for publication is the last day of each month.** Please e-mail articles if possible to lori@lorikasparlaw.com.

The Northeast Tarrant AAUW Branch Newsletter and e-mail list is reserved for AAUW news and business only. Directory information is for the use of the Branch, State, and Association for AAUW purposes only.

Quotable Women

For I am my mother's daughter, and the drums of Africa still beat in my heart. They will not let me rest while there is a single Negro boy or girl without a chance to prove his worth.

Mary McLeod Bethune

Membership Update

Half-year dues are half price, \$35.00, from now until March 15th. Dues will be going up after that. So if you have someone you have been thinking about inviting to join our branch, now is the time! Thanks to everyone who has been actively recruiting new members this year. Your efforts are appreciated!



Susan Zadeh, Membership

Convention Registration Volunteers Needed

NorthEast Tarrant County is handling registration at the State Convention in Dallas.

We'll be there Thursday (preregistration for early arrivals), Friday and Saturday.

Whether you're attending the convention or not, please help us fulfill our convention obligation.

Please sign up at the Feb. 9th meeting.

Margie Poole



Make our 100th Year a Banner Year with a Gift to EF & LAF

What better way to celebrate 100 years of AAUW in Texas than with a record year of giving to the Educational Foundation (EF) and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)! Two statewide raffles will be promoted between now and the Biennial Convention in Dallas, April 25-27, 2008. Raffle tickets sell for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. You can sell them to friends.

A beautiful quilt made and donated by AAUW TX LAF Vice President, Marietta Hostak, will be raffled for the LAF. The 54x54 inch quilt has an American Heritage design in the center, surrounded by colorful and varied starburst squares. The quilt is machine pieced, appliquéd and quilted with a sleeve for hanging. Go to the AAUW Texas website (www.aauwtexas.org) to see a picture of the quilt.



Two roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines have been donated by SWA for the Educational Foundation raffle.

Individual donors of \$100 or more to AAUW Texas during 2008 will receive a specially designed AAUW Texas Century Club pin and

will be listed in an issue of the UWT. Persons buying \$100 of raffle tickets for EF and/or LAF raffles will also qualify for the Century Club pin.

Carol Fisher will have raffle tickets at the February branch meeting. Jean Dodds will have raffle tickets at the April branch meetings. If you would prefer fill out the raffle ticket below and send it to Carol at 38 Morrow Drive, Bedford Texas 76021. For checks less than \$100 make check payable to Northeast Tarrant County Branch of AAUW. The checks will be combined to take one check to state convention. For checks of \$100 or more make them payable to LAF or EF. Contributions for the raffle are not tax-deductible.

LAF QUILT RAFFLE

April 27, 2008

AAUW: Celebrating 100 years in Texas and Investing in the Future

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Branch Northeast Tarrant County_

EF SWA TICKETS RAFFLE

April 27, 2008

AAUW: Celebrating 100 years in Texas and Investing in the Future

Address _____

Phone _____

Branch _ Northeast Tarrant County

Carol Fisher & Jean Dodds
EF and LAF VPs

Easy Way to Help with Young Women's Summit

This year's committee is trying something new and you can help. Last year we drew names and handed out eight \$25.00 gift cards to attendees. It was so popular Event Chair Linda Adams is

hoping we can increase the number of prizes we hand out.

If you'd like to purchase a card or two and donate it to the committee, we would appreciate it. Door Prize chair Margie Poole will have a signup sheet at the February meeting. Here is a list of this year's chosen stores so you can be thinking about your selections!

American Eagle, Barnes & Noble, Bath and Body Works, Best Buy, Charlotte Russe, Claires, The Gap, Forever 21, Macy's, Old Navy,

PacSUN, Sonic, Starbucks, Steak & Shake and/or Target.

If you cannot attend the meeting, feel free to call Margie at 817-991-8646 or email her at margiep4762@tx.rr.com

Margie Poole

Young Women's Summit

March 29, 2008

Update on "Young Women's Summit - Passport to the Future"

Please contact Georgia Kidwell if you would like to help in some way for our Young Women's Summit on Sat., March 29.



Also, please let Linda Adams know if you would like to help stuff Goody Bags at 7:00 p.m. on Tues. evening, March 25 at the home of Dena Marra.

We have just received a pledge of \$250.00 from the Pete Heiden Metroplex Pioneer Club. If you know of a company that might be interested in lending financial support to our community event, please let me know and I will send them a request letter.

Thank you Aileen Curtin for agreeing to be our panel moderator for the “Off to School You Go” workshop.

If you would like to donate a door prize for the event, please see Margie Poole.

Our final planning meeting for the Young Women’s Summit will be after our branch meeting on Sat., Feb. 9, at Parc Place. All committee chairpersons need to be ready to make a final report on their assignments.

Thank you!

Linda Adams & Gloria Long,

Co-Project Leaders - Ladams529@aol.com

Bridge Group

The bridge group will meet at 7 p.m., February 11 in the home of Jean Dodds, 4805 Mill Brook Dr., Colleyville.

Be sure to let Jean know if you are planning to attend @ 817-428-1361.



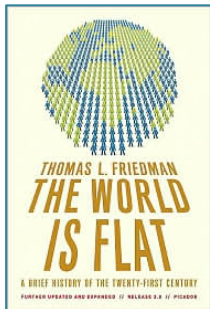
Gloria Long

Literature Group

This month’s book is *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*. It is a national bestseller book by Thomas L. Friedman. The title is a metaphor for viewing the

world as flat or level in terms of commerce and competition, as in a *level playing field*—or one where all competitors have an equal opportunity.

Our meetings are at 7:30 p.m. 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!

February 21

Book: [*The World is Flat*](#)

Author: Thomas L. Friedman

Reviewer: Betty Chang

Location: Home of Susan Zadeh
301 Inverness Dr.
Trophy Club 76262

March 13 (note change in date!)

Book: [*Two in the Far North*](#)

Author: Margaret Murie and Terry Tempest Williams

Reviewer: Carol Fisher

Location: Home of Betty Chang
2404 Cottonwood
Bedford 76021

April 17

Book: [*Eat, Pray, Love*](#)

Author: Elizabeth Gilbert

Reviewer: Susan Zadeh

Location: Home of Sandi Chetian
3329 Paint Brush Lane
Bedford, 76021

May 15

Book: [*The Known World*](#)

Author: Edward P. Jones

Reviewer: Gloria Long

Location: Home of Gloria Long

Sandi Chetian, Chairperson

Convention Information Source

Everything you need to know about the upcoming state convention April 25-28 in Dallas is now available on our new state website: AAUWTexas.org

You can link to the hotel site to book your room, download the registration form, learn about the pre-convention tour, view a complete schedule of workshops and speakers, and much, much more.

Margie Poole

AAUW-Led Coalition Releases Report on Title IX at 35

The [National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education](#), chaired by AAUW, held a congressional briefing on January 23 to release the new report *Title IX at 35: Beyond the Headlines*. AAUW contributed a chapter on sexual harassment to the report, which can be downloaded from the [NCWGE website](#).

Georgia Kidwell



Members of the GAP club from Trinity High School. These young women spoke at our January meeting.

Meeting Minutes

AAUW Of
NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY
General Meeting, January 12, 2008
Martin Methodist Church

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President, Martha Matthews

Introduction of guests: GAP Girl's Awareness Program at Trinity High School

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a note that the two items referred to in Public Policy were supported by AAUW.

Program: Linda Adams introduced the young women from GAP. Beth Pizzuto told us about the club and what its members do. The club is for girls who do not fit any

other clubs. They meet weekly at lunchtime to listen to speakers on relevant topics/issues. They do community service such as working and giving to an animal shelter. They go on field trips.

Membership – Susan Zadeh and Gloria Long
Gloria is passing the list of initial dates of member's original membership dates. We want the correct information so that members may be honored when approaching 25 years.

We are presently at 91 members. Half-price membership still available.

Treasurer – Meg Sprenkle and Gloria Long
We have in the bank: Operating: \$1084.15,
EF: \$3760.16, YWS: \$3100.03,
Community: \$1761.01.

Patty Ashmore fund is at \$175 short of underwriting two teachers for CAI.

Programs – Margie Poole

Next meeting will be at Parc Place Residential and will feature Kathryn Silverman, speaker on Financial Security for Women. New location ideas are desired. KEYS may have a room for us. Kathie Hartzler: April speaker will talk about the era of the Mafia in Arlington.

Publicity – Dena Mara

Martha reported that she and Dena have obtained the phone numbers needed for publicity. Our calendar was in the Colleyville paper last month.

EF/LAF – Carol Fisher

Our Holiday Brunch netted \$1860. \$1000 for LAF and \$2500 for EF.

Thanks to Polly Post for the table arrangements.

KEYS – Donna Baumgartner

There is no coffee pot at KEYS.

YWS - A list for volunteers is being passed around.

Public Policy – Georgia Kidwell

Planned Parenthood Luncheon on Jan 30, 12:00, \$100, at Tarrant County Convention Center will feature Lucille Richards, President of Planned Parenthood.

Inter-branch – Margie Poole

Next meeting will be at the hotel where the state convention will be held. There will be a “scavenger hunt”. Nominations for officers will be held.

Nominating Committee – Kathy Anthon

Needs committee members. Slate will be mailed since no meeting is held in March.

Cultural – Jean Dodds

Today’s outing is to the Kimball Art Museum – lunch and viewing.

Robert Burns Night is Jan 26, \$35. Call Jean about this.

Bridge – Gloria Long

Will be at 7:00 at Polly Post’s on Tuesday

Gourmet – Marie Iervolino

Next dinner is at Asian Bistro in Southlake on Saturday night the 19th at 7PM.

Lit – Meg Sprenkle

At Susan Andrews’ home at 7:30 next Thursday.

Young Women’s Summit – Linda Adams

Will meet after this meeting in the same room.

Announcements –

Barbara Brasco is back and thanked all for cards, prayers and calls.

Thank you to hostesses: Gloria Long, Polly Post, Kathy Anthon and Sherry Elrod

“Outlook” contains a survey. We all need to reply by 1/26.

Jean Dodds donated the KEYS raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Wachter, Secretary

Branch Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008

February 9, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Parc Place Retirement Center
 Program: Financial Security for Women
 Coordinator: Martha Matthews and Margie Poole

March 29, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Young Women’s Summit – Passport to the Future
 Program: Tarrant County College, NE Campus, Hurst, TX
 Coordinator: Linda Adams

April 12, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Parc Place Retirement Center
 Program: Top O’ Hill Casino author J. Frank Norris
 Coordinator: Kathy Hartzler

April 25 -27, 2008

2008 State Convention
 Location: Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center, Dallas, TX
 Program: Celebrating 100 Years of Investing in the Future

May 6, 2008 – Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Stacy Furniture Community Room
 Program: Installation of New Officers Dinner & EF/LAF Update
 Coordinator: Jean Dodds and Pat Cheong

June 14, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin Methodist Church
 Program: Water Conservation / Xeriscape Landscape
 Coordinator: Georgia Kidwell

Board Meeting Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 5 Monday, February 4
 Tuesday, November 6 Tuesday, April 8
 Tuesday, January 8 Thursday, May 29

Quotable Women

But long or short, the one sure thing is that, taking it all in all, the struggles, the discouragements, the failures, and the little victories, the fight has been, as Susan B. Anthony said in her last hours, "worthwhile." Nothing bigger can come to a human being than to love a great Cause more than life itself, and to have the privilege throughout life of working for that Cause.

Reverend Anna Howard Shaw

February 2008 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Did You Know That...</i></p> <p>2008 is an <i>intercalary</i> year (leap year) February 29 is <i>bissextile</i> (the extra day of the leap year)</p>					1	2
3	4 Board meeting @ 7 p.m. – home of Linda Adams	5	6	7	8	9 Branch meeting @ 9:30 – Parc Place YWS meets afterward
10	11 Bridge Group @ 7 p.m. – home of Jean Dodds	12	13	14	15	16 Gourmet Group @ 6:30 p.m. – Copeland's in Southlake
17	18	19	20	21 Lit Group @ 7:30 p.m. – home of Susan Zadeh	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	<i>Half-price dues until March 15!</i>

Upcoming AAUW Events

March 29 – Young Women's Summit
 April 12 – Meeting: Top O' Hill Casino Author
 April 25 – 28 – AAUW State Convention
 May 6 – Meeting: Installation of Officer and Dinner at Stacy's

Martin

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2621 Bedford Road, Bedford, Texas 76021 | 817-354-9038

Unless otherwise noted, all branch meetings are held at
Martin United Methodist Church
 2621 Bedford Road, Bedford, Texas 76201



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.



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

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