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Thoughts from the President

Oh, sweet success!! Another successful year of AAUW. We have seen a wonderful balance in our focus on women's issues. We seem to have struck a wonderful place where we are able to mix our wonderful times with raising funds and developing programs to uplift women.

Our Holiday Brunch, chaired so capably by Marie Iervolino and Lynn Doyle, was, once again, a wonderful benefit to our desire to fund EF/LAF (Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Foundation). Members and Vendors were so very generous in donating wonderful items for our Silent Auction so that our donation will be substantial once again. We were all so happy to enjoy our party, complete

with live music and Persian food, at Susan and Abby Zadeh's home the next evening.

As we begin our new calendar year, we have so many wonderful plans in place for winter and spring. Our Young Women's Summit, ably chaired by Gloria Long, is looking very exciting. We will be at TCC once again. Please be sure to attend any and all planning meetings for this event that is central to our purpose in AAUW.

Our Lit Group (Pat Lucas) has wonderful offerings this year, Bridge (Gloria Long) is such a delightful time, Cultural (Jean Dodds) outings are always great fun as well as being informative and uplifting – and, for that nifty peek into new (to us) restaurants, be sure to attend Gourmet's (Lynn Milner) monthly evenings. These group times are always special. It is wonderful to expand our friendships in AAUW. Each member has so many facets that will keep you surprised and amazed. AAUW Action Network refers to us as “a

powerful network of educated women.” Oh Yes!!!



Thank you to all of you for showing the world what AAUW is all about!!

Pat Wachter

2008-2010 Officers

President	<i>Pat Wachter</i>
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Publicity	<i>Carol King</i>
Photographer	<i>Linda Adams</i>
Yearbook	<i>Gloria Long, Martha Matthews & Meg Sprenkle</i>
Gourmet	<i>Lynn Milner (Committee: Barbara Brasco, Pat Wachter, Anna Holzer, & Kathy Anthon)</i>
Literature	<i>Pat Lucas</i>
Webmaster	<i>George Anthon</i>

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January Branch Meeting

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Hamed Madani, Political Science professor at Tarrant County College Southeast Campus. Professor Madani was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, and spent 2003-2004 as an Advisor to the Secretary of Higher Education. He



will be speaking on the role of women in education since the downfall of the Taliban in

Afghanistan. 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 informative discussion on Saturday, January, 10, 9:30 am at [Martin United Methodist Church](#) in Bedford.

Janet Key

Meeting Coordinator

Donna Baumgartner & Deena Marra

VP Program Co-Chairs

Young Women's Summit

The next meeting of the Young Women's Summit committee will be immediately following our January 10th branch meeting at [Martin United Methodist](#). Plans are well underway for our April 25, 2009 event. There are still a few jobs to sign up for.



Also, we have received no new funds. If you know of a company that might be willing to share here in the New Year, by all means ask.

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

Gloria Long

Young Women's Summit Chair

KEYS Kids Wishing Tree Project

Need Walmart Gift Cards

Our NE Tarrant County Branch, as an official HEB Adopt-A-School sponsor of KEYS, is donating our Wishing Tree Project to provide directly for the needs of KEYS Kids. Members are asked to donate Walmart Gift Cards in the amount of \$15 or \$25.

We will deliver the cards to Dr. Jacoby, KEYS Principal, and the Counseling Department on Tuesday, January 13, at 4pm. These cards will be distributed throughout the year to students in need of basic items such as groceries, clothing, diapers, etc. This project needs your help! As of 'press time' we still have 20 gift tags remaining on our Wishing Tree. Please bring the gift cards to the January 10 branch meeting, or contact Donna Baumgartner at donnaF107@tx.rr.com.

(Please note: We have rescheduled the Dessert Table for the Faculty, as previously announced, and plan for this to be a February project for KEYS Faculty Appreciation. Look for the signup sheet in February.)

Donna Baumgartner
KEYS Chair



Bridge Group

The Bridge Group will meet at 7pm on Thursday, January 22nd in the home of Jean Dodds, [4805 Mill Brook Drive, Colleyville, 76034](mailto:jdodds0630@aol.com). Please let Jean know if you plan to attend through email, jdodds0630@aol.com, or by phone 817-428-1361.

Gloria Long

Membership Update

A new member joined at our December brunch: **Eloise Frye**. We welcome her to AAUW NE Tarrant Chapter!

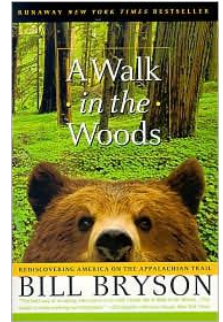
Pat Boeckenedt and Janet Key
VP-Membership

Literature Group

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/212+E+Pleasantview+Drive,+Hurst,+TX+76054/@32.854444,-97.083333,15z) (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, 817-268-0716

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

Thank You

My belated thanks to the wonderful women of AAUW for their support during my past two difficult years. It meant so much to me. When Skip participated in any of our activities, you made him feel welcomed and he considered you to be his friends too. I owe a debt of gratitude to Gloria Long for all the times that she carried much more than her share of the work, and to Jean Dodds for the outings that have provided such enjoyment. Our branch is a special and caring group.



Gratefully,
Meg Sprenkle

Branch Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009

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,
Bedford, Texas 76021



Holiday Brunch Update

We are so pleased with the wonderful response and participation of all our members to last month's brunch, silent auction and sales to vendors. The food (and mimosas!) were delicious and plentiful, and the holiday spirit prevailed throughout the brunch. We wish to thank each and every one of you who attended. We certainly couldn't have accomplished this without your wholehearted participation in this event--and most importantly, we made a profit of approximately \$2,000 to our scholarship fund!

Lynn Doyle and Marie Iervolino
VP's EF/LAF

Cultural/Gourmet for January

Robert Burns Night

Dinner and Dance

to observe the 250th birthday (Jan. 25, 1759) of Scotland's most celebrated poet:

Robert Burns

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Hyatt Regency, North Dallas

701 East Campbell, Richardson, TX
75081

Hotel Phone: (972) 619-1234

Entertainment:

The North Texas

Caledonian Pipes & Drums

Dallas Highland Dancers,

under the direction of

Fiona Robertson Alpaugh

Traditional Scottish

Country Dancing



The Evening's Schedule:

Reception: 6:00pm Presentation

(Piping in the haggis): 6:45pm

Dinner: 7:00pm Dancing: 10:00pm

Admission: Adults: \$35

Please make your reservations with Jean Dodds at Jdodds0630@aol.com or 817-428-1361.

Jean Dodds
Cultural Chair

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

- Anne Bradstreet

Branch Meeting Minutes

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November 8, 2008

Pat Wachter called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

Linda Adams introduced Jim Gatewood, historian, who spoke about his new book on the JFK assassination.

Introduction of Guests: Amy Wyles, Eloise Frye

Minutes: Approved

Reports:

Membership: Janet Key, Patricia Boeckenstedt

Please pick up your directory at the table. New members need to see Janet to get your binder. The informational brochures about AAUW are available. We need new members and these brochures will help you explain our organization which should help recruitment.

Financial: Meg Sprenkle

Operating	\$ 1,464.68
EF	6,170.91
YWS	1,283.02
Community	414.75

EF/LAF: Lynn Doyle, Marie Iervolino

The board voted to give \$5,000 to the Ann Richards Fellowship to be divided as follows: \$830 to LAF and \$4,170 to EF. Georgia Kidwell presented information about Ann Richards, former governor of Texas, who gave support to AAUW.

The holiday brunch and silent auction will be at 10:30 a.m. December 13th at Stacy's Furniture. There are sign-up sheets for jobs and reservations. You are encouraged to bring guests. The cost is \$20 per person; the deadline for reservations is December 6th. Please donate new items for the silent auction. There will be several savory brunch items as well as several beverage choices. Mimosas will be available for \$3.00 each. Thank you to every single one of the members for the support of the pansy sale. While there were no big sales, the small sales raised \$2,400 EF and LAF.

Programs: Donna Baumgartner

Our December holiday party will be at the home of Susan Zadeh in Trophy Club on Sunday, December 14th. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to the KEYS wishing tree.

YWS: Pat reported that the last meeting was not very well attended. Supporting this activity is very important to our branch. Giving support to high school girls is a heart issue with us. Linda Adams said that especially Gloria needs members who will contact high schools personally about the event. The next meeting will be after the general meeting in January.

Publicity: Pat Cheong sent out an e-mail that has a link to the Star Telegram CLICK column where members can find a picture of Donna Baumgartner, our Shining Star.

Public Policy: Georgia Kidwell

Georgia gave some statistics on the November 4th election. Once again women made the difference.

AAUW will continue to work with the legislature to promote our issues. To continue receiving "University Woman Texas" you need to sign up on the Texas AAUW website to receive it by e-mail. It's very easy.

Gourmet: The November Gourmet Group will meet on Saturday, November 15 at 6:30 pm, at the SWEET BASIL Thai Cuisine Restaurant located at 977 Melbourne Road, Hurst, TX 76053. You can bring your own wine to this restaurant. Please contact Lynn Milner for reservations.

Inter-Branch: Since our representatives are at a board meeting today, there is no report.

Bridge: Bridge will be at the home of Polly Post on Monday, November 10th.

Cultural: Jean Dodds

On November 22nd we will car pool to the Tour of Holiday Homes. The cost is \$15 prior purchase and \$17 at the door. We plan to tour two homes, then go to lunch, then tour two more homes.

KEYS: Donna Baumgartner

The raffle for the book that Jim Gatewood donated made \$75.

Literature: Pat Lucas

Meg Sprenkle will review Glass Castle at Franklin Park on November 20th. Please call Meg for directions if you are not on her e-mail list. That night a decision will be made on the next book to read. It will be reviewed after the first of the year.

President's Moment: Pat Wachter

We appreciate today's hostesses, Linda Adams, Pat Wachter, and Flo Wallace.


There will be no December board meeting.

We're working on our website. Our thanks go to George Anthon for all the hard work he has done. It looks as if we can't afford to pay for website work as it would cost about \$200 to bring it up to date and about \$35 per month to pay a web master. Please call me if you can help with it or if you have any suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by *Dixie Christian*, Secretary

January 2009 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3 <i>Festival of Sleep Day</i>
4 <i>Trivia Day</i>	5 <i>National Bird Day</i>	6 Board meeting 7pm Marie Iervolino's home	7	8 <i>Bubble Bath Day</i> 	9	10 Branch Meeting 9:30 am Martin UMC, Bedford
11 	12 <i>Feast of Fabulous Wild Men Day</i>	13 <i>Make Your Dream Come True Day</i>	14 <i>Dress Up Your Pet Day</i>	15 Literature Group 7:30pm Pat Lucas' home	16 <i>National Nothing Day</i>	17 <i>Ditch New Years Resolutions Day</i>
18 	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (observed) 	20 Inauguration Day 	21 <i>National Hugging Day</i>	22 Bridge Group 7pm Jean Dodds' home	23 <i>National Pie Day</i> 	24 Cultural/Gourmet – Robert Burns Night
25 <i>Opposite Day</i>	26 Chinese New Year (Year of the Ox) 	27 <i>Chocolate Cake Day</i>	28 <i>Fun at Work Day</i>	29 <i>National Puzzle Day</i> 	30 	31 <i>Inspire Your Heart with Art Day</i>

Upcoming AAUW Events

- January 10 – Branch meeting
- January 15 – Literature Group
- January 22 – Bridge Group
- January 24 – Cultural/Gourmet
- February 14 – Branch meeting

Scrapbook

Thanks to Susan and Abby Zadeh for opening their lovely home for our holiday party December 14.



Photos from our December brunch & silent auction were published in the [Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Click!](#) and can be seen on the [newspaper's website](#).



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.



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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**.



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