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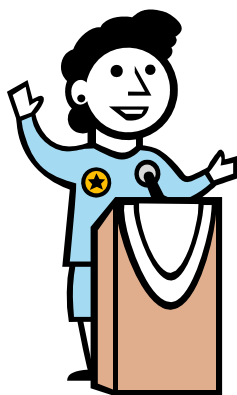
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www.aauw.org. It has wonderful news and links to other information. For instance, there is a link to your national elected officials. Enter your zip code, and it will tell you the names of your elected congressperson and senators. There is also a wealth of historical knowledge on the site along with current events. A member login is required to delve deeper into the website. If you do not know your member id, you may enter your name, state and zip code and it will find it for you. At this time, the updated website will not “remember” you so you will need to remember your login or go through the look up process each time. Every time you order books, music, and more from online discounter Amazon.com through AAUW’s website, a percentage of your sale supports AAUW’s programs and services.

Our state website is www.aauwtexas.org. You will learn more about our upcoming state conventions (Dallas on April 25 -27, 2008) and other interesting data. This website is also being updated as I write this article.

Our branch is also part of the North Texas Interbranch Council, along with 15 other branches in the Metroplex. The Interbranch website is www.ntmibc.org and shows us our Branches, Services, About Us, Contact Links, and Events Calendar along with a Home page.

Finally, we come to our pride and joy: www.netarrant.org. Have you checked this out? Not only does it have our own information, it also has links to the National and State websites. But best of all, it lists OUR calendar, pictures, and upcoming events. Don’t forget that you can also read our newsletters online through this site. You can even go back



Thoughts from the President

AAUW Launches New Websites!

Although many of you are already aware, let me introduce you to the four (4) AAUW websites in which we can learn more about organization. The big news is that National and State have just launched new and easier to use websites. Our national website is

about two years for our old newsletters. Our website also lists our monthly meetings a list of your board members.

Stay informed by reading our websites!

Martha Matthews

Quotable Women

If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.

Abigail Smith Adams

“Amazing Women” Wanted!

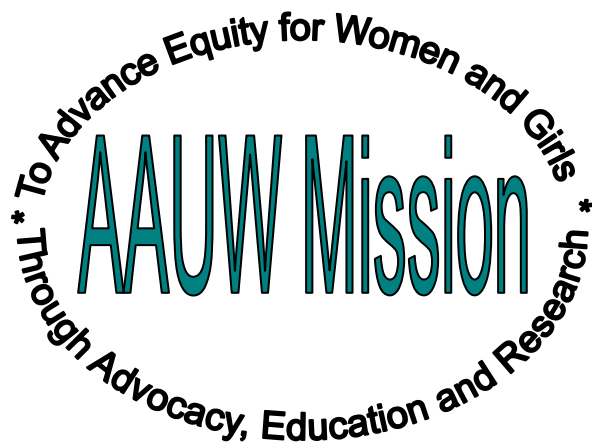
For the past year, I have been selecting interesting women to profile in our newsletter’s “Amazing Women” feature.



Now it’s time to hear from you. Who would you like me to profile?

Send me the women’s names and research links to information about them. I will profile them in upcoming newsletters. Or if you prefer, you may write a profile and send it to me.

Lori Kaspar, Newsletter Editor



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KEYS Raffle Update

At our September branch meeting, our guest speaker, Beth Duke, also brought greetings from Eric Miller, media director for the Amarillo Convention and Visitor Center. Mr. Miller asked Beth to say, "Thank you!" to AAUW/ELAF in honor of his late wife, Dr. Lucinda Miller, who along with Elaine King Miller had been recipients of the AAUW Legal Defense Fund in their gender equity suit against Texas Tech Pharmacy School. They won their case and the support of AAUW was pivotal. Dr. Miller, however, lost her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer and she died in May 2007.

In addition to the family's appreciation, Mr. Miller donated two stadium blankets from the Amarillo Convention Bureau to be used as a raffle item. We will offer these blankets as part of our "Tailgate Party Pack" raffle item at our October meeting. Donations from our raffle ticket sale go to support KEYS.

Thank you to everyone who participates in this project.

Donna Baumgartner

KEYS Committee Chair

November Election Note

Would you like to know how your legislators voted on issues important to you?

Proposition 11, one of the 16 amendments on the November 6th ballot, would require the Texas legislature to record all votes on final passage and make the results easily accessible to the public. Passage of this amendment will allow all the citizens of Texas see how their legislators vote on issues.

Please spread the word about this important amendment! [Download the League of Women Voters' Election Guide](#) for more information.

Georgia Kidwell

(Editor's Note: Here is a link to an interesting news report on how house members voted in the last session.) [How Legislators Vote](#)

How "Chocolates" Benefit Pets!

Hot Chocolates presents
The Costume Carnival
 Benefiting the City of Hurst Animal Services Center



Date: Saturday Oct. 27

Time: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Chisholm Park Pavilions, 2200 Norwood Rd. in Hurst ([map](#))

- 🐾 Family & Pet Friendly!
- 🐾 FREE admission
- 🐾 Ticketed Carnival Games- win prizes!
- 🐾 Silent Auction & Cake Walk
- 🐾 Costume Contests- Best Adult, Child, and Animal Costumes
- 🐾 Cash and checks only

We still need sponsors and volunteers! Ask us how you can help our Furry Friends at the Hurst Animal Services by calling us at 817-282-9400.

Confectionately Yours,

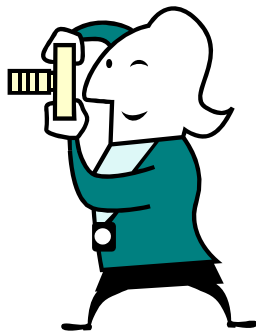
Becky Henry & Lori Thomas

Photographer Wanted: Apply Here

What might you have in common with famed “photographer to the stars” Anne Liebovitz?

1. *Liebovitz's mother inspired her—surely your mother inspired you, too!*
2. *She was chief photographer for Rolling Stone magazine—YOU could be chief photographer for AAUW and have your photos published in BOTH the Fort Worth Star-Telegram AND our newsletter!*
3. *Liebovitz has photographed many of the rich and famous—you could photograph “famous” members of our branch (which is rich with tradition)!*

In case you haven't figured it out yet, our branch is still looking for a branch photographer. Because the Fort Worth Star Telegram is no longer supplying a "Click" photographer for community events, we need to supply our own digital photos for inclusion in the newspaper.



This is a great opportunity for a new member to become involved in our branch. As the old saying goes, the more you put into the branch, the more you get from the branch.

We need you! Please contact Martha Matthews to volunteer your talent.

Lori Kaspar

October Gourmet Group

Our October, Gourmet makes its annual fall visit to Texas wine country to LightCatcher Winery in far west Fort Worth. (For directions, click [here](#).) This winery dedicates itself to

making small lots of very fine wines using grapes from only the best vineyards in Texas.

Our wine tasting party is on Sunday, Oct. 21 and begins at 4 p.m. For \$10 per person we



will be able to taste a variety of wines while enjoying a light snack buffet and listening to the musical sounds of the Lauren Whitener Quintet. We can also order lunch from their bistro kitchen for an additional charge. Their appealing menu includes such delights as unusual salads, individual pizzas, quesadillas, burgers, cheese platters and luscious desserts.

Please email me early with your reservations so we can reserve tables for our group.

Remember, husbands, significant others, friends and singles are all welcome. Come and enjoy the fun and lovely fall vista of this outdoor/indoor setting. Hope to see you there!

Winery website: <http://www.lightcatcher.com/>

Marie Iervolino

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Washington Update

September 27 - AAUW Celebrates New Law to Ease Student Loan Burden

Measure is largest investment in higher education since the GI bill



Washington – The American Association of University Women applauds President Bush

for signing the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (H.R. 2669) today, a bill that will increase scholarships and reduce loan costs for undergraduate students.

The bill, which represents the largest investment in higher education since the GI bill, comes at no new cost to taxpayers. It will cut interest rates on subsidized federal loans in half over the next five years, contain college costs, and make student loan payments more manageable for borrowers. The bill will also increase the maximum Pell Grant scholarship by \$1,090 over the next five years and will provide loan forgiveness to a number of graduates who choose to become public servants. Most of its provisions go into effect Oct. 1, 2007.

“AAUW actively supported this bill, and we applaud both the president and Congress for taking some critical steps to address increasing college costs and burdensome student debt,” said AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz. “The government has an important role to play in making college more accessible and affordable, as well as a concrete interest in doing so—having an educated population is critical to being competitive in the global economy.”

Over the past decade, debt levels for graduating seniors with student loans have more than doubled, from \$9,250 to \$19,200, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

AAUW Theme: Education Gateway to Women's Economic Security

Loan repayment is an even more significant burden for women college graduates, who earn less on average over the course of their lives than their male counterparts do. According to the 2007 AAUW Educational Foundation report *Behind the Pay Gap*, one year after college graduation women already earn less than their male counterparts earn—even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, this gap widens.

“AAUW supported the College Cost Reduction and Access Act because it is a positive step for access to higher education in general and for women in particular,” Maatz said. “Students shouldn’t have to mortgage their futures for a college education—or worse, avoid college altogether—because of skyrocketing costs and dwindling aid.”

For more information, please contact AAUW Director of Communications Ashley Carr at 202/785-7745 or carra@aauw.org.



Shining Star Luncheon

Every year The Arts League honors various members of volunteer and charitable organizations at a lovely luncheon. This year, Northeast Tarrant County branch of AAUW is proud to have nominated Carol Fisher as our “Shining Star”.

Carol as a vital part of our branch. She has served as Treasurer, Chairman of the Cinderella Conference (a career conference for young girls), and is currently Co-Vice President for the AAUW Education Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. She has the ability to see a need and fulfill it without being asked. Carol organized members’ information so that creating the annual yearbook is an easier task. She is a named gift recipient for her contributions to the AAUW Education Foundation.

*Carol Fisher is
our “Shining
Star”*

You are all invited to participate in the very special luncheon honoring Carol and the other Shining Stars. It will be Friday, November 2 from 10:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton DFW Lakes. The cost will be \$60.00. Your funds will also help ARTSNET continue its many educational and informative programs in Northeast Tarrant County.

Please give me your check for \$60.00 written to The Arts League by October 11. Many thanks!

Martha Matthews

Bridge Group

Bridge will be held at Donna Whitely's home on Monday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Donna lives at 125 Berry Drive in Haslet. She is near Alliance Airport, which is north on I-35. Please call Donna (817-439-3042) if you need directions. We will try to carpool, so you may call me too to join the carpool.



Our bridge group is open to all who want to improve their bridge game. This is true whether you are starting from scratch or are an experienced player. Try bridge – you may like it!

Gloria Long



Pansy Sale Update

Our total pansy sale this year is 277 flats. We met the free delivery number of 250 flats. Thanks to everyone in the branch who bought/sold pansies. Our branch success in the sale is because of your outstanding support.

The pansies will be available for pickup on Saturday, October 13 between 10 a.m. and noon. They will be at Dena Marra's home, 302 Covington Way, Colleyville.

If you did not participate in the sale, you may still show your support by donating to the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. Send donations to Jean Dodds, 4805 Mill Brook Drive, Colleyville, TX 76034.

Jean Dodds & Carol Fisher

Branch EF/LAF

Young Women's Summit

March 29, 2008



Although we only had six branch members attend our first organizational meeting, we accomplished a lot! We were very pleased that Kelly Willing, our TCC co-project leader was able to be at the meeting. She had invaluable input and even suggested that we go with a "passport" theme this year.

We need branch members to fill the following positions:

Assistant Project Leader – co-chair with me this year and head the project with an assistant next year.

Table Centerpieces - design, order, pick up and place on tables in Center Corner for lunch.

Sponsors - send thank you letters to companies who donate money; send letters out to a list of companies requesting donations.

Equipment - make a list of all equipment needed by Keynote Speaker and workshop presenters and give this to the TCC person in charge of equipment. Be there the day of the Summit to make sure all equipment has been set up.

"Off to School You Go" – A new workshop this year, consisting of a panel of 3 or 4 area college students and/or administrators who could talk about scholarship money and how to apply; options for financing your college education; dorm life; deciding upon a major; admission requirements (grade point average, SAT scores, community involvement, etc.); and any other pertinent topics. We need a branch member to organize this workshop and obtain the panel members.

Liaison to Area High Schools – One of the most important jobs will need several branch members who will be willing to contact area high schools and actually go and pass out the registration pamphlets and talk with either the counselors, vice principals or classroom teachers about promoting our Summit. We have already met with the Girl Scouts and look forward to having their support this year.

Keynote Speaker will be Tarrant County Prosecutor, Lori Varnell. Lori works in the computer crimes division and will make a very strong case for safety while on the various web sites and blogs frequented by young girls.

Margie Poole is working on a revision of “You Glow Girl,” which was a very popular workshop at last year’s Summit. This year we would like to have someone speak more specifically about how to apply makeup to flatter your skin and facial features. We would also like to involve one or two local clothing stores where high school girls would shop (Target, Old Navy, etc.) Our goal is to have someone from the store bring clothing and show how to create a variety of outfits that would be appropriate for different body types. Dressing for an interview would be included. **If you would be interested in helping with this workshop, please contact Margie.**

Catherine Uberman from Chase Bank will return as the leader of the workshop, “Dollar Divas. Myrna Loy Ashby will also return with a streamlined version of her workshop entitled, “LifeStart – Skills for the Future.” Both of these workshops were very popular at last year’s Summit so we wanted to offer them again with a slight twist to the subject matter.

As always, I welcome your suggestions and comments. This is the major community outreach project for our NE Tarrant County Branch of AAUW. Let’s make it our most successful effort ever!

Next meeting: Saturday, Nov. 10 at Martin Methodist Church after the branch meeting.

Linda Adams, Project Leader

Ladams529@aol.com

Literature Group

We had an excellent turnout for the September meeting and because of the many ideas that were discussed we have chosen books for the next six months.

The 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.



October 18

Book: *Snowflower and the Secret Fan*
 Author: Lisa See
 Reviewer: Polly Post
 Location: Home of Janet Key
 1117 Misty Woods Ct.
 Bedford 76021

November 15

Book: *Water for Elephants*
 Author: Sara Gruen
 Reviewer: Margie Poole
 Location: Home of Martha Matthews
 3122 Woodland Heights Cir.
 Colleyville 76034

No meeting in December

January 17

Book: *Life and Times of the Thunder Bolt Kid*
 Author: Bill Bryson
 Reviewer:
 Location: Home of Susan Andrews
 8024 Arlee Lane
 North Richland Hills 76180
 phone: 817-427-1849

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 20

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

Sandi Chetian
 Chairperson

Quotable Women

I came along at a time when there was a demand to give men greater visibility and opportunity. In white society they were saying, "Women can't do it." In black society, they were saying, "Women do too much." It's a diabolical situation.

Yvonne Braithwaite Burke

September Meeting Minutes

NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY
 AAUW

General Meeting, September 8, 2007
 Martin Methodist Church

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

The minutes were approved as printed in the
 newsletter.

Donna Baumgartner brought two guests: Beth
 Duke, her sister and the program
 speaker, and Liz Fragosa, fiancée of
 Donna's son.

Guest Speaker: Beth Duke, topic: "Have
 Passport, Will Travel"

Beth's title is an International Cultural
 and Vocational Ambassador. She is a
 newsletter editor and a writer. Her
 main points concerning traveling are

- Set a goal,
- Keep a current passport,
- Stay with locals,

- Be willing to think outside the
 brochure. Look for opportunities.

Reports:

Young Women's Summit

First meeting will be at Linda Adam's home on
 9/11 at 7:00 PM

Membership – Susan Zadeh

We presently have 90 members. 91 is our goal
 to meet our budget. She has one application on
 hold, waiting credential authorization from
 National.

Treasurer – Meg Sprenkle

As of 9/8 we have in the bank: Operating:
 \$1771.25, EF: \$3747.62, YWS: \$3000.03,
 Community: \$519.76

Program – Next Branch meeting. Georgia
 Kidwell will speak on Public Policy.
 Meeting will be at Central Market on
 Southlake Blvd. on Thursday, October
 11 at 6:30 PM.

Publicity – Martha Matthews

We need a photographer. We are now
 responsible to send our own photos to
 the newspaper. Martha, Georgia, and
 Linda are attending a workshop on 9/10
 regarding this. Pat Cheong and/or
 George Anthon may do this.

EF/LAF – Jean Dodds

Pansy Order blanks are on the side
 table. We need to sell 250 flats. That is
 an average of three per member. Mid-
 October will be the delivery.

KEYS – Donna Baumgartner

Branch made \$125 for KEYS at the
 Brunch. This will go for school
 supplies and big boxes. Today's raffle
 is a travel bag which includes a signed
 copy of Three Cups of Tea.

Public Policy – No Report

Bridge – Will be at the home of Martha
 Matthews on 9/10 at 7:30.

Cultural - Jean Dodds

Today's outing is to Kimball and the
 Modern Art M. Lunch will be at the
 Kimball.

Gourmet – Lynn Doyle

Next dinner is at Mezza Luna
 Restaurant in Keller on 9/22 at 7:00

Lit – Meg Sprengle

Next meeting will be at Georgia's home on 9/20 at 7:30. The book is "Three Cups of Tea".

Interbranch – Margie Poole

First meeting of the year is on 9/15. Information: A State Board position is open. Oct. 1 is the deadline and a member may nominate his/her self. Call Margie if interested.

Announcements –

- Shining Star Luncheon is 11/2 at Hilton DFW at \$60. Our Star is Carol Fisher.
- Pat Cheong announced a public policy forum on 9/17 at 1:30 at the Botanic Gardens
- United Way Northeast Luncheon is 10/3 at Hyatt DFW Regency at \$25. Contact Pat Cheong to secure a reservation.
- International Literacy Day is today. Go to www.onesharedworld.org to find out more. 900 million adults in the world cannot read. Local literacy groups are forming.

Pat Cheong won the Travel prize.

Thanks to our hostesses: Jean Dodds, Margie Poole, and Pat Cheong.

Adjournment at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Wachter, Secretary

Quotable Women

Battles in life are never won. I mean, you don't have your household budget permanently balanced; you have to balance it every year. Life's a continuous business, and so is success, and requires continuous effort.

Margaret Thatcher

Branch Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008

October 11, 2007 – Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Central Market, Southlake
Program: Politics – 2008 Women's Issues
Coordinator: Margie Poole

November 10, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin Methodist Church
Program: Status of Women in UAE and Beijing, China
Coordinator: Cheri Butler

December 1, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Bedford
Program: Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction and Bazaar
Coordinator: Carol Fisher and Jean Dodds

December 9, 2007 – Sunday – 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Party for Members and Guests
& Giving Tree for KEYS Faculty

Location: 2440 Brittany Lane Grapevine, TX 76051
Coordinator: Kathy Anthon

January 12, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin Methodist Church
Program: Trinity High School GAP Club for Girls
Coordinator: Linda Adams

February 9, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Chase Bank, Hurst, TX
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 8, 2008 – Thursday - 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

October Women's History

- October 2 **1885:** Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde born (public official, diplomat, writer; first woman elected to Congress elected from the Deep South - Florida, 1829; first woman to represent the United States to a foreign country - minister to Denmark, 1933; daughter of William Jennings Bryan)
1949: Annie (Anna-Lou) Leibovitz born (photographer)
- October 3 **1922:** Rebecca Felton, age 87, first woman to occupy a seat in the U.S. Senate, appointed by Governor Thomas Hardwick of Georgia.
- October 4 **1582:** Teresa of Avila born (religious writer and mystic, Roman Catholic saint)
- October 5 **1932: Yvonne Braithwaite Burke born (lawyer, politician, U.S. Congress 1972-1978, the first African American woman elected to Congress from California) See "Quotable Women"**
- October 6 **1917:** Fannie Lou Hamer born (reformer: civil rights)
- October 7 **1985:** Lynette Woodward selected as first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters. Woodward was captain of the US Olympic women's basketball team that won a gold medal in 1984.
1991: Anita Hill publicly accused Clarence Thomas, nominee for Supreme Court Justice, of sexual harassment -- inappropriate and unwelcome sexual comments --
- while she worked for him at the U.S. EEOC.
- October 9 **1864:** Jessica Blance Peixotta born (economist, university educator, executive chairman of the Child Welfare Department, Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, World War I)
- October 10 **1830:** Isabella II, queen of Spain, born (1833-43 regency, 1843-1868 personal rule)
- October 11 **1884:** Eleanor Roosevelt born (settlement house worker, WTUL supporter, social reformer, First Lady, newspaper columnist, United Nations delegate; played major role in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)
- October 12 **1955:** Florence Chadwick set a world record for the southward crossing of the English Channel: 13 hours and 55 minutes.
- October 13 **1925: Margaret Thatcher born (politician, first woman prime minister in Europe) See "Quotable Women"**
- October 14 **1856:** Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore born (travel writer, photographer: proposed that Washington, D.C., plant cherry trees along Potomac River)
- October 15 **1830:** Helen Hunt Jackson born (writer: pen names include Saxe Holm and H.H.)
- October 16 **1916:** Margaret Sanger opened the first United States public health clinic
- October 17 **1818:** Elizabeth L. Van Lew born (Civil War spy and Union supporter)
1979: Mother Teresa was named to receive the Nobel Peace Prize
- October 18 **1929:** Women declared "persons" under Canadian law, in the "Persons Case"
- October 19 **1936:** Johnetta Cole born (anthropologist)
1950: Edna St. Vincent Millay died (poet, 1922 Pulitzer Prize winner)
- October **1979:** Greta Waitz wins New York

- 21 City Marathon, first time women participated
- October 23 **23-24, 1850:** First national Woman's Rights Convention, Worcester, Massachusetts
- October 24 **1830:** Belva Lockwood born (lawyer, reformer)
- October 25 **1782:** Deborah Sampson Gannat was dismissed from the Continental Army when her disguise (as Robert Shurtleff) was discovered
- October 28 **1818 - Abigail Adams died (First Lady, letter writer, manager) See "Quotable Women" & letter below**
- October 29 **1891:** Fannie Brice born (entertainer)
- October 30 **1830:** *Sense and Sensibility*, Jane Austen's first novel, published
1837: Harriet Powers born (African American quilter; her quilts are in the Smithsonian Institution)
- October 31 **1860:** Juliette Gordon Low born (Girl Scouts founder)

Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams

31 Mar. 1776 *Butterfield 120--21*

I wish you would ever write me a Letter half as long as I write you; and tell me if you may where your Fleet are gone? What sort of Defence Virginia can make against our common Enemy? Whether it is so situated as to make an able Defence? Are not the Gentry Lords and the common people vassals, are they not like the uncivilized Natives Brittain represents us to be? I hope their Riffel Men who have shewen themselves very savage and even Blood thirsty; are not a specimen of the Generality of the people.

I am willing to allow the Colony great merrit for having produced a Washington but they have been shamefully duped by a Dunmore.

I have sometimes been ready to think that the passion for Liberty cannot be Eaquelly Strong in the Breasts of those who have been accustomed to deprive their fellow Creatures of theirs. Of this I am certain that it is not founded

upon that generous and christian principal of doing to others as we would that others should do unto us.

.....

I long to hear that you have declared an independancy--and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticular care and attention is not paid to the Laidies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation.

That your Sex are Naturally Tyrannical is a Truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of Master for the more tender and endearing one of Friend. Why then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and the Lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity with impunity. Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your Sex. Regard us then as Beings placed by providence under your protection and in immitation of the Suprem Being make use of that power only for our happiness.

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October 2007 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Bridge Group – 7 p.m. @ Home of Donna Whitely	9	10	11 Branch Meeting – 6:30 p.m. @ Central Market Southlake	12	13 Pick up pansies – 10 a.m. – noon @ Home of Dena Marra
14	15	16	17	18 Lit Group – 7:30 p.m. @ Home of Janet Key	19	20
21 Gourmet – 4 p.m. @ Lightcatcher Winery	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Upcoming AAUW Events

November 10, 9:30 AM, Branch Meeting, Status of Women in UAE and Beijing
November 10 (after Branch meeting) – Young Women’s Summit Meeting
December 1, 10 AM, Holiday Brunch and Bazaar, Holiday Inn Bedford
December 9, 7 PM, Holiday Party at Kathy Anthon’s



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



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