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Hargrove, Georgia Kidwell, Polly Post, Jean Dodds, Pat Shores and Pat Cheong. What a fabulous group of women! Donna will be honored at the wonderful Shining Star luncheon on Friday, October 24. Call Georgia Kidwell if you will be able to attend. (They have a really good silent auction.)

When we go to the AAUW website (www.aauw.org), we find so much information about AAUW and our Mission that it is almost overwhelming. We belong to an organization with a long (125 years) history of advocacy for women, and more recently, for men as well. We provide a rare avenue for women to obtain scholarships toward graduate degrees. Undergraduate scholarships are also available through our national organization.

Thoughts from the President

Well! We got those pansy orders up to the level we needed for free delivery. We thank, thank, thank Lynne Doyle and Marie Iervolino for putting a fire under our membership to get those orders for our EF/LAF fund. So VERY important!

Our "Shining Star" this year is Donna Baumgartner. She has been the "heart" of our commitment to the KEYS school for at-risk high school students. She is also the co-vice-president for programs. Donna is enthusiastic and dynamic in all her pursuits. She sets a standard for all of us. Donna joins our previous "Shining Stars", Carol Fisher, Linda Adams, Betty Chang, Anna Holzer, Rosemary Jobe, Belinda

AAUW's "Outlook" newsletter is available online to keep us informed about our organization. Our organization is up-to-date and looking forward. Reading the newsletter helps us to stay focused on our local issues.

I suppose that I am really trying to say that each of us has the opportunity through AAUW to explore our unique gifts and talents to help others explore theirs.



Pat Wachter

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October Branch Meeting

Our October Branch Meeting will be on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Raven's Grill in the Texas Star Complex [1400 Texas Star Pky Euless, TX 76040].

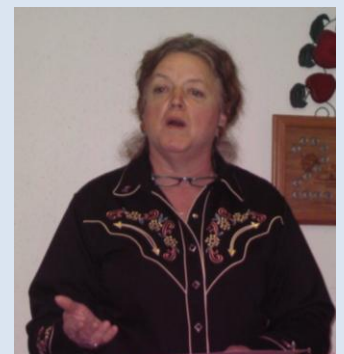
Members will order dinner from the Chef's (\$) Select Menu. Reservations are not required, however, we do need a head count. Please RSVP to Donna Baumgartner at donnaF107@tx.rr.com.

Our speaker will be Dr. June Jacoby, Principal of KEYS. Dr. Jacoby is an energetic educator whose vision established the KEYS school. The KEYS Education Center is a unique approach to providing effective education for those students, ages 16-21, in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District who have been identified as having significant personal, academic, or economic needs which inhibit these individuals' ability to remain on their home campuses. KEYS offers the opportunity for dropouts, at-risk students, and parenting teens to complete required coursework needed for high school graduation.

We look forward to seeing you at our October branch meeting.

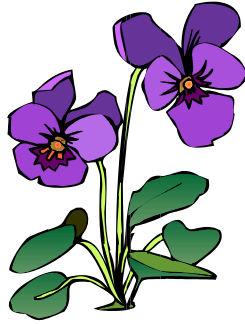
*Donna Baumgartner &
Dena Marra*
Program VP's

*September
branch
meeting
speaker from
Tarrant
County
College*



Pansy Sale

We are pleased and excited to announce that we sold over 250 pansy flats (296 and counting!) so we will have free delivery of the pansies on Fri., Oct 24 at Dena Marra's house ([302 Covington Way, Colleyville](#)). You can pick up your order on Sat. Oct. 25 between the hours of 9am & 2pm. We will need volunteers to help unload the flats on Friday & can help work on pick-up day, Saturday. We also are in need of volunteers who have a van/truck & are able to help pick-up the flowers and deliver. Anything you can do to help on those two days will be most appreciated.



Lynn Doyle & Marie Iervolino
EF/LAF VP's

On a Personal Note ...

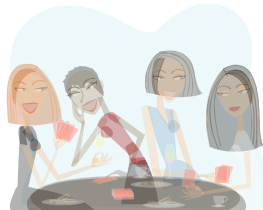
Our Congratulations

To *Donna Baumgartner* on being named AAUW's Shining Star 2008.

To *Belinda Hargrove* on the 10th anniversary of her company, TransSolutions.

Bridge Group

The next meeting of the Bridge Group is Monday, October 20th at 7pm at the home of Lynn Millner, [541 Greenwood Circle, Hurst](#). Please let Lynn know if you are coming and if you are bringing a guest.
L_millner@yahoo.com



Gloria Long

Cultural

Two Cultural Events coming up...

Thursday, October 23rd 2008 - 9:30am



We will visit the Dallas Arboretum <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/> to see "Autumn at the Arboretum, The Great Pumpkin Festival". We will meet at Martin Methodist Church at 9:30am. We will visit the Arboretum first then go to lunch. Please email me, Jean Dodds jdodds0630@aol.com if you are interested in joining us.

Saturday, November 1st 2008 - 10am

We will visit the Bishop Arts District in Oak Cliff <http://www.bishopartsdistrict.com/>.

"Come to the historic Bishop Arts District and see for yourself what all of the buzz is about.

Enjoy dining at Bolsa (in a converted garage), take in an art gallery and satisfy your shopping hunger at some of Dallas most unique, and interesting shops."

We will eat lunch at Bolsa

<http://www.bolsadallas.com/Site/Bolsa.html>

where my son Graham is the chef. We will meet at Martin Methodist Church at 10am.

Please email me, Jean Dodds

jdodds0630@aol.com if you are interested in joining us.



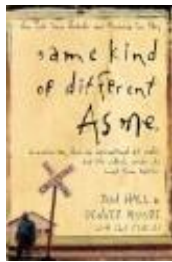
Jean Dodds
Cultural Chair

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; not yet we, the male citizens; but we the whole people who formed the Union.

- Susan B. Anthony

Literature Group

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.



October 16 “Same Kind of Different as Me” by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent. Our reviewer is Meg Sprenkle.

November 20 “The Glass Castle” by Jeannette Walls. Our reviewer is Carol Fisher.



December – No meeting

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

October 16

Book: *Same Kind of Different as Me*
Author: Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent
Reviewer: Meg Sprenkle
Location: Home of Mary Ann Goetz

November 20

Book: *The Glass Castle*
Author: Jeannette Walls
Reviewer: Carol Fisher
Location: Home of Meg Sprenkle

The ‘Out-to-Dinner’ Group

Save the date – the next ‘Out-to-Dinner’ Group event will be the third Saturday, October 18th. Watch for details at the upcoming branch meeting. Lynn will also send out an email with info in the next week or so.

Lynn Millner
Gourmet Chair

School Supplies for KEYS Kids

Branch members collected:

- 30 POUNDS of pencils, highlighters, pens, markers, post-it notes
- 40 BOXES of Kleenex
- 35 BOTTLES of Hand Sanitizer
- 50 PACKAGES of notebook paper
- 30 spiral/composition NOTEBOOKS

for the KEYS Kids! Thank you for a very successful School Supply Drive! We delivered the supplies to the KEYS campus on Tuesday, September 16. The faculty and staff were very excited and grateful for this support. Math teacher Tracy Malveau writes:

Thank you for the supplies.

The winter time is coming and allergies are bad. Thank you for giving me Kleenex I was wishing I had.

:)

I am a math teacher but I did my best.

Thanks again.

Looking ahead:

Raffle Drawings are held at each branch meeting to raise money for our KEYS projects which include our \$500 scholarship, the Wishing Tree in December for KEYS, and the Faculty Appreciation Luncheon in May. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. Thank you from the KEYS Kids and this committee for your continued support!

Donna Baumgartner
KEYS Chair

Voter Registration

FYI: Last Day to register to vote in Texas for the presidential election is October 6, 2008. To register to vote, get all the information and your options at: www.votexas.org. For friends/family out-of-state, see www.wvww.org.

Young Women's Summit

The date for the 2009 Young Women's Summit at Tarrant County College, Northeast is Saturday, April 25th. The first planning meeting will be held this **Saturday, October 4th at 10am**. Please come and bring your ideas. Georgia Kidwell has graciously volunteered her home for this meeting. Since I live on the West side of Fort Worth, I would appreciate other volunteer hostesses for these meetings so that everyone doesn't need to drive across town. Hope to see you soon at Georgia's, [308 Brookview Dr., Hurst](#). If you are unable to attend, but have some great ideas or want to volunteer for a particular job, please call me at 817-560-4581 or email me at gmmlong@swbell.net.

Gloria Long

Young Women's Summit Chair

*President
Pat Wachter
leading the
September
branch
meeting*



Membership Update

At our next meeting on Thursday evening, October 9 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. June Jacoby, Principal of KEYS, will be our guest speaker. It should be an exceptional program, so please bring a friend. What better way to learn about AAUW than the primary beneficiary we support?

As you "talk up" AAUW among your friends and acquaintances, please remember to contact either Janet Key or me for further information. We'll be happy to mail it out.

Pat Boeckenstedt and Janet Key

Membership VP's

Branch Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009

October 9, 2008 – Thursday – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Raven's Grill
Program: KEYS Principal
Dr. June Jacoby

November 8, 2008 – Saturday -- 9:30 a.m.

Location: Martin United Methodist Church
Program: JFK book overview by author
Jim Gatewood

December 13, 2008 – Saturday – time TBA

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

December TBA

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

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.

Monday, October 6	Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, November 4	Monday, March 9
Tuesday, January 6	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



Why Women Vote: History is Being Made

This is the story of our Grandmothers, and Great-grandmothers, as they lived only 90 years ago. It was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.

The women were innocent and defenseless. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive.

Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 helpless women convicted of "obstructing sidewalk traffic."

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night.

They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack.

Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, twisting and kicking the women.

Thus unfolded the "Night of Terror" on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop -- was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory.

Some women won't vote this year because, why exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

HBO's "Iron Jawed Angels" is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could have my say at the polling booth. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

There was a time when I knew these women well. I met them in college -- not in my required American history courses, which barely mentioned them, but in women's history class.

That's where I found the irrepressibly brave Alice Paul. Her large, brooding eyes seemed fixed on my own as she stared out from the page.

Remember, she silently beckoned. Remember.

The HBO movie is now available on DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum.

I want it shown on Bunko night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and a little shock therapy is in order. It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized.

And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy.

The doctor admonished the men: "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

[\(Connie Schultz, columnist for Cleveland Plain Dealer, February 19, 2004\)](#)

We need to get out and vote and use this right that was fought so hard for by these very courageous women. Whether you vote Democratic, Republican or independent party -- remember to vote.

History is being made.



October 2008 Calendar

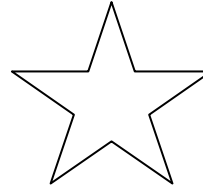
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>World Vegetarian Day</i>	2 <i>Name Your Car Day</i>	3	4 Young Women's Summit Planning Mtg 10am at Georgia Kidwell's
5 <i>Do Something Nice Day</i> <i>World Teacher's Day</i>	6 Board meeting 7pm	7 <i>World Smile Day</i>	8 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	9 Branch Meeting 6:30 pm Raven's Grill	10 <i>National Angel Food Cake Day</i>	11
12 <i>Farmer's Day</i>	13 Columbus Day Sukkot begins at sundown	14 <i>National Dessert Day</i>	15	16 Lit Group 7:30 pm Mary Ann Goetz's home	17 <i>Wear Something Gaudy Day</i>	18 Out-to-Dinner Group TBD
19 <i>Evaluate Your Life Day</i>	20 Bridge Group 7 pm Lynn Millner's home	21	22 <i>National Nut Day</i>	23 Cultural Group 9:30 am Dallas Arboretum	24 <i>United Nations Day</i>	25 Pansy Pickup 9am-2pm Dena Marra's home
26	27	28 Diwali	29	30	31 Halloween	1 Cultural Group 10 am Bishop Arts District in Oak Cliff

Upcoming AAUW Events

October 9 – Branch meeting
October 25: PANSY Pickup

Election Information

Texas Senate Debate - Thursday, October 16 - 8 pm KERA
 Vice- Presidential Debate- Thursday, October 2- 8 pm
 Presidential Debate #2 Tuesday, October 7
 Presidential Debate #3 Wednesday, October 15



The League of Women Voters "Voters Guide" will be in the FW Star - Telegram October 13.

Early Voting Sites

Colleyville City Hall
 Euless Public Library
 Hurst Recreation Center
 Northeast Sub- Courthouse
 Grapevine Activities Center
 North Richland Hills
 Recreation Center

Early Voting

Oct. 20-24 M-F 8-5
 Oct.25 Sat. 7-7
 Oct. 26 Sun. 11-4
 Oct. 27-31 M-F 7-7

**Get Educated!
 Get Out and Vote!**



Georgia Kidwell
 Public Policy

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