

# UNIVERSITY WOMAN TEXAS



*AAUW Texas*

## Changes in State Board Leadership

The AAUW Texas State Board met in Houston, July 29 -30, 2011. There were a number of pressing business items for Board Members to address. The first item of business was to elect a new Board President since Board President Margaret Bentley had resigned due to health issues the end of June, 2011. The Board following the AAUW Texas Bylaws and Policies and Procedures elected Jeannie Best, Membership V.P. to become the President for the remainder of the 2010-12 term. With that election came the election of new Membership V.P. Stephany Compton (North District Representative.)

In other business, the Board approved the appointment of



2011-12 AAUW Texas Board Back Row L - R: Margie Poole, Rosemarie Herrmann, Marjo Johnson, Mary Edwards, Enny Schissler, Susan Alami, Lucy Barrington. Front Row L - R : Jackie Littleton, Elizabeth Newell, Jeannie Best, Stephany Compton, Rosemary Morrow. (not pictured: Martha Matthews, Jan Domaracki, Elizabeth Matarazzo, MaryAnn Huslig, Priscilla Mowinkel)

Jackie Littleton as Branch Services Officer, and Rosemarie Herrman as Public Policy Chair, worked on a 2011-2012 Proposed Budget, planned District Branch Meetings to be held in Octo-

ber, approved Austin as the site for the 2012 Biennial AAUW State Convention to be held April 13-15, 2011 and reviewed the AAUW Texas State Strategic Plan . Margie Poole, Chair of the

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### Special points of interest:

- 'Bringing the Convention Home ' coming to your District in October
- Sign -up for email alerts and the electronic issues of UWT
- Save the Date: April 13-15, 2012 AAUW Texas State Biennial Convention, Austin
- Graduate Student AAUW membership \$18.81 through June 30, 2012

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## Celebrating 130 years of AAUW

For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political. Our members are accomplished women working in diverse fields who strive to make positive change in their communities.

What better way is there to celebrate AAUW's upcoming 130th Anniversary year than to invite more individuals to join us in our important work? AAUW has extended graduate students eligibility to receive a special membership rate of \$18.81 until June 30, 2012. If you know of graduate

students who are interested in the kind of work we do and in joining our efforts, please encourage them to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Additionally, for all colleges and universities that join AAUW during the campaign

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## President's Thoughts

R.E.A.P. the Benefits of ...



Welcome to the 2011-2012 AAUW Year! Most of your Branches are 'up and going' for this year. You have held or are holding membership events and your Branch Year has been planned.

AAUW Texas is 'up and going' as well. We are planning State-wide events and assessing our Strategic Plan/Goals. We need your help to achieve these goals and we want to assist you in achieving your Branch Goals.

AAUW Texas's Goals include  
1.) Increase visibility of AAUW's mission & issues

- Holding a Biennial State Convention, April 13- 15, 2012 in Austin with the purpose of educating branches & communities about AAUW programs & how to use these programs to increase AAUW's visibility

### 2.) Communicate Effectively

- Connecting with branch officers through the use of "LINK" e-mail
- Communicating with Branch &

National members using the every-member publication, *University Woman Texas*

- Maintaining an up-to-date State Website & Establish a presence on FaceBook (Social Media) through AAUW Texas FaceBook page

### 3.) Leadership Training

- Sponsor district conferences to facilitate communication of ideas among branches and develop a sense of unity as well as train future branch and state leaders
- Identify & recognize branch programs or processes that develop &/or nurture leaders

In this issue of *UWT*, an effort has been made to feature articles that will assist your Branch in increasing AAUW visibility in your community through communication with other branches in our state and our state board. Also, it is hoped that you find information your Branch can use to create opportunities to train/support current & future branch leaders.

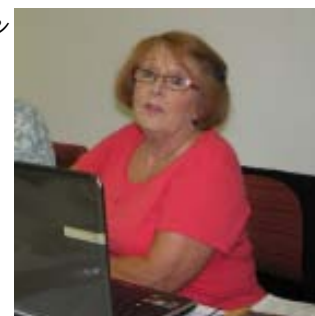
In future issues, I hope to answer your questions and address your concerns

as well as to continue to feature programs and ideas that you will be able to apply at your Branch level.

In closing, please assist us in our communication efforts by emphasizing to your officers and members the importance of signing up for State e-mail and newsletters through our Web Based communication system, AWEBER.

Thank You for your commitment to AAUW

*Jeannie Best*  
AAUW  
Texas  
Board  
President



info@aauwtxas.org

**Reminder: If your Branch has not submitted an updated 2011-12 Branch Officer list to AAUW National, please do that NOW (even if your board did not change officers from 2010 to 2011)**



## Sign up for AAUW Texas e-mails and electronic versions of UWT

You can help AAUW Texas to better communicate with our Branch and National members.

Sign up to receive AAUW Texas e-mail news, timely updates on convention, *University Woman Texas!* and more, all spam and hassle-free.

Fill out this simple form at [www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org)

First\_Name:

Member\_at\_Large:  
 Yes

State\_Member:  
 Yes

Which Branch if any:

Email:

Last\_Name:

You will receive an e-mail asking you to confirm this request. Follow the instructions in the e-mail and you will be set to receive AAUW Texas e-mail.



A portion of your \$10 State dues helps to pay for this e-mail service.

## Celebrating 130 Years of AAUW

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year, membership dues are \$130 for one year. Contact Priscilla Mowinkel, [pamowinkel@tx.rr.com](mailto:pamowinkel@tx.rr.com), for information on encouraging Student Affiliate membership at colleges and universities in your area. Also, visit the AAUW website for more information.

Is your Branch planning a 130 Years Celebration? Let the State Board know. If given enough 'lead time,' Marjo Johnson will post

your celebration on the State Website ([webmaster@aauwtexas.org](mailto:webmaster@aauwtexas.org)) and don't forget that you can post your event on AAUW Texas FaceBook and on the AAUW Membership Showcase calendar.



**AAUW Texas**  
*Biennial*  
*State Convention*  
 April 13-15, 2012  
 Austin, Texas

## Changes in State Board Leadership

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State Nomination Committee presented updates from her committee and announced a State-wide Call for nominations. Nomination Packets will be sent to all Branch Presidents and will be available for downloading at [www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org). Elections for the 2012-14 AAUW Texas Board will be held in April, 2012 at the Biennial State Convention.

Mary Edwards, Program Vice President has formed a Convention Program Committee and will be accepting suggestions for speakers and session topics over the next few months. The meeting concluded on Sunday at noon. November 11– 13, 2011, are the dates for the next Board Meeting to be held in Austin.



**Jackie Littleton, Lucy Barrington, Enny Schissler & Jeannie Best discuss plans for October 2011 District Branch Meetings before Saturday evening's supper.**

## 'Bringing the Convention Home'

During the month of October, AAUW State Board Members will be sponsoring a series of 1/2 day conferences "Bringing the Convention Home." These events will be held in each of Texas' 5 geographic districts.

The programs will consist of reports on the 2011 National Convention held in Washington, D.C. and One Member- One Vote. Branches will receive information on the new Branch Recognition initiative *REAP the Benefits of AAUW*. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to share ideas and become better acquainted with the other branches within their District. Board Members and District Representatives will be available for Town Hall Q & A. Lunch & materials will be included in the nominal fee charged by each District. Visit [www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org) for information & registration forms.

AAUW Texas will pay a \$50 stipend

to each Branch that sends four (4) or more members to these district meetings.

### Meeting Dates & Times:

- **North District** Bedford  
Saturday, September 17, 2011  
9:30 AM Bedford Methodist Church  
for more information  
[Domarac@netzero.net](mailto:Domarac@netzero.net)
- **South District, North** Houston  
Saturday, October 15, 2011  
10AM for more information & to  
make reservations e-mail  
[mhostak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhostak@sbcglobal.net)
- **South District, South** Harlingen  
Saturday, October 15, 2011  
10:00AM for more information  
[elkaluv@aol.com](mailto:elkaluv@aol.com)
- **West District** Lubbock  
Saturday, October 22, 2011  
10:30AM for more information & to  
make reservations e-mail  
[lkbarrington@arn.com](mailto:lkbarrington@arn.com)



- **Central District** Austin  
Saturday, October 22, 2011  
10AM Austin Community College  
contact [enewell4@austin.rr.com](mailto:enewell4@austin.rr.com)  
for more information

*"AAUW Texas will pay a \$50 stipend to each Branch that sends four (4) or more members to Fall District Meetings."*

## Nominations Being Sought for AAUW Texas State Board Officers 2012-14

Margie Poole, State Nomination Committee Chair and her committee have been empowered to search for, and propose candidates for statewide elective offices. Nomination Packets are being sent to Branch Presidents. Packets contain nomination applications & experience forms, member evaluation form, position descriptions and instructions for

filling out and submitting nominations. The names of the nominees for elected office will be published and sent to every member at least thirty days prior to our State Convention. Nomination packets are also available for download at [www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org) or contact Margie Poole at [nominating@aaauwtexas.org](mailto:nominating@aaauwtexas.org)



We have many leaders in our Branches, please consider using your leadership talents on the state board.



## What's New At AAUW

### *Simplify Your Branch Website*

Beginning August 23, AAUW branches and states may sign up for Site Resources, the attractive, new, AAUW-hosted website solution available to states and branches free of charge. Site Resources uses the WordPress publishing platform to provide an easy-to-maintain website template that delivers a professional web experience. Visit [AAUW Site Resources](#) or contact [site\\_resources@aauw.org](mailto:site_resources@aauw.org) today for more information.

### *Partnership with Howtosmile.org*

AAUW has an exciting new collaborative agreement with [howtosmile.org](http://howtosmile.org), an online collection of thousands of hands-on interactive science and math activities dedicated to making learning fun for everyone. All activities on [www.howtosmile.org](http://www.howtosmile.org) are freely accessible without registration or subscription.

Howtosmile.org is part of the National Science Digital Library, which brings together a consortium of science museums to empower



## Cocktails and Convos: AAUW PROGRAM IN A BOX



**Cocktails and Convos** (convo short for conversation) is a great way to draw in the community in a fun and casual setting where members and nonmembers

alike come together and discuss women's issues. Use this Program in a Box to market your branch to your community and potential members in a low-pressure setting.

This program has been particularly successful with recent college graduates, college faculty, young profession-

als, and older executives who want to stay plugged in to what the younger segment of the workforce is thinking and the issues that are important to them.

### *Program format*

Cocktails and Convos is an open-attendance happy hour held at a different bar or restaurant every month. It is recommended that you hold the event regularly, as this encourages an increase in attendees.

### *Time considerations*

Time frame: A weeknight (Tuesday or Wednesday are typically best) for two



hours.

Time line: The date and location should be determined at least six weeks in advance. We recommend you always have three months' worth of events scheduled in advance.

For more information: [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/programs/upload/](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/upload/)



## Branch SpotLight

North Harris County Branch Membership co-VP's **Betsy Calabro** and **Darlene Veltri** are trying two new ideas this year to put a spark in branch membership. They have implemented the idea of Cocktails and Convos, they call their event *AAUW Social*. It has been a successful venture. The other new idea they are trying is sending out event invitation using *"Smilebox"* an on-line multi-media technology company that allows you to send more personalized e-greeting & e-invitations as

part of their service.

**Wait a minute Mr. Postman!**

Betsy and Darlene are checking the mail for the response cards for the AAUA Membership Luncheon to be held on August 6.



Guests will be delighted when they receive a unique invitation with your photos or videos. It's easy to create something personal.



For a look at some of Betsy & Darlene's "Smilebox" invites, copy & paste this link into the address line of your web browser

<http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBoxsen-vent=4d6a55354d444d324e444e384e5467354f44597a4e7a413d0d0a&sb=1>

## Connect With AAUW In Person: AAUW Membership Showcase

Does your Branch post your events and meetings on the AAUW Membership Showcase? If not, consider doing this and let others know what you are doing. On the AAUW website Home Page ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) select "CONNECT." From the pull down menu, select 'In Person' then go to Events Calendar. You will be able to select your State and Branch Event Calendar (or any other Branch) to see events being held.

Like what some other Branch is doing and want more information? Contact them. The AAUW Administrator Login is available to authorized users appointed by state or branch presidents. Your Branch appointed 'administrator' is responsible for maintaining branch content/events on the AAUW website. Check out AAUW Texas events.

**MEMBER SHOWCASE**  
AAUW Breaking through Barriers

September 2011 Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Colorado Fall Leadership Conference - [Provided by: CO Colorado] <a href="#">Event website</a> All Day Event Repeats yearly until 09/1/22	17
18 Ferguson-Florkissant Branch reception [Provided by: MO-Missouri]	19 Keene Area Branch Meeting - [Provided by: NH-New Hampshire] <a href="#">Event website</a> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	20	21 Access to the Voting Booth and Elected Officer: Are the Haves more entitled than the Have Less? [Provided by: ME1006-Mid-Coast Maine] 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	22	23	24

## Top Ten Things to Remember

- # 10. State Biennial Convention April 13-15, 2012 in Austin
- #9. Sign up for e-mail updates & UWT at [aauw.texas.org](http://aauw.texas.org)
- #8. Make sure your Branch Officer information has been submitted to National
- #7. Submit your ADR/New Member information to National in a timely fashion
- #6. Give to the Ann Richards Educational Fund
- #5. Make plans to attend the State Biennial Convention April 13-15, 2012 in Austin
- #4. Consider submitting YOUR name as a nominee for a State Board office
- #3. Make your Branch & AAUW more visible in your community
- #2. Organize a van-load of Branch members, attend your District's "Bringing the Convention Home" in October & Branch receives \$50

AND THE  
**#1 TOP THING TO REMEMBER:**  
**APRIL 13-15, 2012**  
**AUSTIN**  
**BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION**

### 2010-2012 Texas State Board

**Elected Board Members**

all e-mail addresses are to [@aauwtxas.org](mailto:@aauwtxas.org)

President	Jeannie Best	info@
Program Vice President	Mary Edwards	programvp@
Membership Vice President	Stephany Compton	membership@
AAUW Funds	Lucy Barrington	aauwfunds@
Financial Officer	Susan Alami	finance_officer@
Secretary/Historian	Rosemary Marrow	boardsecretary@
Central District Rep.	Elizabeth Newell	centralrep@
North District-East Rep.	Janet Domaracki	northrep-east@
North District-West Rep.	Martha Matthews	northrep-west@
North District Rep.	vacant volunteers being sought	northrep@
South District-North Rep.	Enny Schissler	southrep-north@
South District-South Rep.	Rosemarie Herrmann	southrep-west@
West District Rep.	Elizabeth Matarazzo	westrep@

**Appointed Board Members**

Bylaws, Parliamentarian	Mary Ann Huslig	bylaws@
Public Policy Chair	Rosemarie Herrmann	publicpolicy@
Branch Services Officer	Jackie Littleton	branchscvs@

**College/University Liaison & AAUW National Membership Committee**

Priscilla Mowinkel

**Appointed Off Board Positions**

<i>University Woman Texas</i> , editor	vacant volunteers being sought
2012 Convention Chair	Elizabeth Newell convention1@
2012 Convention Co-Chair	Rosemary Marrow convention2@
Nominating Committee Chair	Margie Poole nominating@
Convention Credentials Chair	Susan Alami finance_officer@
Website Maintainer	Margo Johnson webmaster@



AAUW National Director at-large  
 Kathy Anthon



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*Save these dates  
&  
\*Bring yourself  
\*Bring Branch  
members  
\*Bring Students*

