



# UNIVERSITY WOMEN TEXAS

## *President's Message - Pam Wolfe*

### **VOTE!**

We have 30 AAUW members from Texas going the AAUW convention this June (14-17) in Washington, D. C. Just in case you have forgotten, several years ago we voted to change our voting method from using delegates to

one-member-one-vote. We first used this new method at the New Orleans Convention in 2013. Please exercise your right to vote!!

Please use: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> to educate yourself about the candidates and the issues (Bylaws/Public Policy changes.) You will also find voting instructions on the webpage.

If you would like to review the comments from members regarding the Bylaws Amendments, the rationale and comments can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2017/03/2017-AAUW-OMOV-Bylaws-Comments-All-nsa.pdf>. Most of the bylaws comments are related to proposed amendments to Article IV – Membership and Dues and Article XIII – Meetings of the Membership Section 4. Voting. Due to the number of comments regarding these amendments, you might want to pay special attention to them.

## **INCLUDE IN YOUR BRANCH PLANNING**

Spring is the time of year that many branches begin to plan for the coming year. Be sure to include the articles “Road MAP to Success” and “Members Awards” in your plans. We hope all branches will apply for the MAP Award and then nominate both a Member of the Year and New Member of the Year. This issue also includes an informational article about the AAUW TX 2018 Convention.

**REMINDER:  
STATE DUES  
ARE \$13 AS OF  
JULY 1, 2017**

**Start thinking of  
running for an AAUW  
Texas office - Details  
in the Fall UWT!**

Conference Information - Pg 2

Road MAP to Success - Pg 3

Know Your Impact - Pg 4

Equal Pay Day - Pg 5

Rambling with Marina Rivers - Pg 6

### **Attention Branch Presidents:**

Do not forget to enter the new slate of officers in the AAUW's MSD (Member Services Database) before the end of June.

# MEMBER AWARDS

**Member of the Year:** At the AAUW Texas Convention in Houston (April 20-22, 2018), we will recognize a Member of the Year. To nominate an outstanding AAUW member, please submit a narrative (1000 words or less) describing the accomplishments of the member and why they should be named Member of the Year. Submissions are due March 1, 2018, to Malinda Gaul, [mgaul@satx.rr.com](mailto:mgaul@satx.rr.com).

**New Member of the Year:** At the AAUW Texas Convention in Houston (April 20-22, 2018), we will recognize a New Member of the Year. To qualify for nomination, the person must have joined AAUW after July 1, 2015. To nominate an outstanding AAUW new member, please submit a narrative (1000 words or less) describing the accomplishments of the new member and why they should be named New Member of the Year. Submissions are due March 1, 2018, to Malinda Gaul, [mgaul@satx.rr.com](mailto:mgaul@satx.rr.com).



AAUW Texas is heading to "Space City", y'all! Houston is welcoming us with open arms. The state board and a local arrangements committee (LAC) from the terrific Houston area AAUW branches are planning three great days for our members to be educated and empowered. **Mark your calendars on April 20, 21 and 22, 2018 for the 48th Biennial AAUW Texas Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites, Energy Corridor.** It's exciting to have secured this beautiful facility for our on-site convention sessions as well as guest room suites at convention rates that include a sitting area with a couch containing a pull-out bed, a daily, delicious hot breakfast and free self-parking. A room with 2 queen beds will be \$115 plus tax and a room with a single king bed will be \$109 plus tax.

We appreciate the feedback received from members who responded to our District Representatives' request for branch member suggestions on workshop topics and presenters. We're using those ideas, together with some of the ideas expressed in the evaluation forms submitted at the end of the 2016 convention in San Antonio, plus a few original ideas of our own to plan for a convention full of useful information. Our goal is to have a worthwhile convention at an affordable price. It will be a great time to connect with AAUW friends, so begin making plans to attend the 2018 convention in Houston!

# Road MAP to Success

AAUW Texas is introducing an exciting new award - the MAP Award. MAP stands for Membership, Advocacy, and Philanthropy. As we start the journey towards the 2018 AAUW Texas Convention in Houston, we encourage branches to MAP out their 2017-2018 year with the MAP Award as part of the plan.

The criteria is simple:

**1. Membership:** The branch can achieve an M for membership by either increasing membership by 5%, having a retention rate of 90%, or recruiting 3 new members.

**2. Advocacy:** The branch can achieve an A for advocacy by planning one mission-based program or event.

**3. Philanthropy:** The branch can achieve a P for Philanthropy by donating \$5 for each member to AAUW Funds.

All roads lead to the Houston AAUW Texas Convention where branches will be recognized for achieving MAP - membership, advocacy, and Philanthropy goals. A good plan is like a road MAP: it shows the final destination and usually the best way to get there. So, do not forget to include MAP in your planning for the next AAUW year. See you in Houston!



Austin Branch Awardees for 2016-2018



The Stephenville Branch with AAUW State Board Members Barbara Cager, Gloria Long and Pam Wolfe



Texas is one of the fortunate states to receive an AAUW Impact Grant to provide us with additional resources for public policy outreach. In the fall our focus was get out to vote (GOTV) and the spring focus was equal pay day (EPD). With a few short months remaining we are pleased to report success of our goals:

We have identified new prospective coalition partners: National Council of Jewish Women, Trust, Respect, Access, Coalition of Schools, UT Austin College Chapter, Younger Women's Task Force San Antonio and Deeds Not Words.

We increased participation at EPD and will award mini grants to the following branches for bringing the most members to lobby day: We increased participation at EPD and will award mini grants to the following branches for bringing the most members to lobby day: Austin, Brazos Valley, Northeast Tarrant County, San Antonio and West Harris County. Our branches are engaging in the Title IX project as well as the Stand Up to Sexism campaign

To finish the grant term strong we need your help!

- + Please share your public policy work with us at [tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com](mailto:tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com) and share directly with nationals
- + Encourage members, community members, coalition partners, family, colleagues to sign up for our Action Network-Two Minute Activist Alerts
- + Participate in social media/technology splashes and storms
- + Continue to identify organizations in your local community doing similar work and share with us at [tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com](mailto:tx.aauw.policy@gmail.com)

Our final Impact Grant report will be submitted in June. We want to celebrate and highlight the great work we're doing across the state. Thank you for ALL you do!

## CENTRAL DISTRICT BRANCHES ON THE MOVE!

San Antonio Branch raised funds to honor six (6) textbook scholarships. **Andrea Smith, Jemima Baca, Ashley Hass, Yolanda Martinez, Megan Uhlig, and Vy Nguyen** all received scholarships. Additionally, **Sarah Kane, Jiyoung Moon, and Shannon Sanchez** all received graduate scholarships from endowed funds. The Scholarship recipients and their guests were celebrated at a luncheon at Los Patios in San Antonio, on April 1st. As **Karen Reichensperger**, Co-President stated: "All these young women are the cream of the crop. They are following in our footsteps, they will be working with us, and they will take over where we leave off".

The Georgetown Branch celebrated their Seventh Annual Fashion Show and silent auction of "gently used purses" to raise money to help fund competitive scholarships for eligible senior women in the Georgetown high schools. **Brenda Scholin**, past President, has successfully chaired this event since its beginning. The event was held at the Berry Creek Country Club with 87 people attending. Chico's Clothing staged the fashions and members of the Branch served as models. **Marsi Liddell**, Co-President, summed up the event: "Fun! Fashion! Funding! What could be better?"

**"All these young women are the cream of the crop. They are following in our footsteps, they will be working with us, and they will take over where we leave off".**

Continued on next page...

# EQUAL PAY DAY

2017 Equal Pay Lobby Day was a success on both the state and national level. On Tuesday, April 4, 2017 we joined hundreds of Texas residents at the State Capitol lobbying for multiple causes. The day was truly invigorating and inspiring. In addition we hosted a Pre Lobby Day reception on Monday, April 3 hosted by Austin Branch, Co Public Policy Chair Jean Bessent. The event highlighted an Austin based employment & labor law attorney and owner of a FMLA firm.

On April 4 women joined us across the state at the Texas State Capitol for an informative day and an opportunity to stand together in solidarity for women. We were thrilled to have the UT Austin student chapter Co-President, Kavya Ramamoorthy share her perspective on equal pay and UT Austin's commitment to inform and educate young about equal pay through our Start Smart, Work Smart, Salary Negotiation workshops. In addition Traci Jensen, AAUW Director and Texas VP of Funds shared her personal perspective on the importance of equal pay and current AAUW Public Policies. We appreciated Texas State Representative Ina Minjarez sponsoring us and sharing details about her bill HB 656 relating to family leave for women. Special thank you to our Branch Public Policy Chairs.

HB 290 did make it out of the Business and Industry Committee; however, it did not make it on the House Calendar. Both HB937 and HB 656 died while still in committee.

2017 Equal Pay Lobby Day was a success on both the state and national level, but as you know, the fight is not finished. Our next Lobby Day will probably be April 2019. However, wouldn't it be great if the Day that Women make the same amount of money as Men was moved up a couple of months?

What is next?

As we all know, only 55% of the registered voters voted in the Fall 2016 Presidential election. AAUW is a non-partisan organization. How can we help increase the number of voters in the 2018 Elections? Not only can we help in voter registration efforts beginning now, but we can start planning election events in our Branches during the Spring and Fall of 2018.

## **...CONTINUED: CENTRAL DISTRICT BRANCHES ON THE MOVE!**

Vivian Davis, Chair, steers the Scholarship Committee for the vetting and selection of the winners. The recipients were Victoria Kaines and Jackie Doss of Eastview HS, and Jacqueline Massey, Georgetown HS. They will be honored at a party, 18 May, at the home of Marsi Liddell, Co-President of the Georgetown Branch.

The Austin Branch has been active between hosting two marches at the State Capitol and finishing up the spring programs. Jean Bessent, Public Policy Chair, hosted a meet and greet at her home prior to the Pay Equity Day.

The Branch just elected a new slate of officers for 2017-2018: Mary Ellen Scribner and Elaine Penn, Co-Presidents; Roberta Coffin, Treasurer; Dr. Linda Anderson Welsh, Vice President, Membership. Resa Dunn, Secretary and Judy Reinhardt, Vice President, Programs, will continue to serve on the Board. Marsha Endahl Kramer and Marina Rivers, Co-Presidents, are completing their term in office.

# RAMBLING WITH MARINA RIVERS

## DISTRICT REP-TX

My road trip began with a drive to Livingston, TX (Polk County Branch). **Jane Holcomb**, past President, picked us up and we joined Trisha Redding for an early dinner before the monthly meeting. There were 26 members present and the speaker, **Alethea Eckhardt**, was informative and focused.

Polk County continues to be active in promoting scholarships from the local high schools. **Rachel Frey**, has assumed the Presidency after **Lynda Hall** moved to Denton earlier this year.

The next morning, **Sharon Lesikar** and I continued our road trip to Nacogdoches, Texas, where we had the chance to explore the historic downtown district. The annual azalea trail had ended due to the early spring.

That evening, **Bernice Wright**, President, and her committee honored their Woman of the Year, **Scarlett Sloane**, at a large banquet (160 people) that included a broad cross-section of community life in Nacogdoches. Along with the W of Y award, five women received Service Awards for their contributions. The Branch is celebrating its 80th anniversary, and **Annette Dawson**, has been a 50-year member at the same branch!

The following Saturday, I was on the road to San Antonio, accompanied by **Barbara McGrail**, for their annual scholarship luncheon. We had the opportunity to visit with some of the members from the 2016 State Convention. **Karen Reichensperger** and **Gayna Dupont**, Co-Presidents, presented the winners of the scholarships. It was so encouraging to hear the students' stories and their plans for the future, and to meet their families. Also, see the article, "Central District on the Move" in this Newsletter.



# AAUW STATE LEADERSHIP

## 2016-2018 State Board Elected Members

President	Pam Wolfe
Program Vice-President	Dixie Christian
Membership Vice-President	Ginny Phoenix
AAUW Funds	Traci Jensen
Finance Officer	Gayna DuPont
Secretary / Historian	Susan Roehrig
Central District Rep.	Marina Rivers
North District-East Rep.	Barbara Cager
North District-West Rep.	Gloria Long
South District-North Rep.	Brenda Moss
South District-South Rep.	Malinda Gaul
West District Representative	Isabel Gutierrez

## Standing Committees

Parliamentarian / Bylaws	Ann Berasley
Public Policy	Melodia Gutierrez
Public Policy	Shenee Simon

## Appointed Officers

Branch Services Chair	Malinda Gaul
College / University Representative	Freda Bryson
Nominating Committee Co-Chairs	TBA
Younger Women's Task Force, Dallas	Sara Mahmood

## Communications Team

University Woman Texas Editor	Ashley Eklof
Website	Janani Janakiraman

## 2015-2017 AAUW Elected & Appointed National Leaders from Texas

Branch Program Resources Committee	Karen Reichensperger
Director	Malinda Gaul
Director	Traci Jensen
Legal Advocacy Committee	Deirdre Trotter
Membership Committee	Jeannie Best

# AAUW POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNER

Good news for AAUW Texas and Texas Woman's University. **Candace Salyers**, alumna in the TWU Department of Dance Ph.D. program, just received the AAUW Postdoctoral Fellowship Award (\$30,000.00). Candace does not live in Denton (she teaches at Mt. Holyoke in Massachusetts). She is a phenomenal scholar. Her work took place in 5 national parks. She lived in each for an extended period of time, took amazing photos while also working with the rangers. She then created movement solos inspired by the landscape, history, and sense of each. She based her ideas in differing movement philosophies discussing how knowledge is created in the moving body's relationship with the environment.

---

UWT Quarterly Newsletter

Copyright © 2016 AAUW TX, All rights reserved.

<http://aauw-tx.aauw.net>

Our mailing address is:  
AAUW of Texas  
3601 Eagles Nest  
Round Rock, Texas 78665