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## Next State

### Board Meeting:

October 25, 26, 27, 2013  
in Hurst, Hyatt Plaza Hotel  
/ Hurst Convention  
Center site of the AAUW  
Texas 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial State  
Convention, April, 2014.

## When Women Succeed, America Succeeds

By Elizabeth Owens, AAUW Headquarters

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) received a Texas-sized welcome August 26 from AAUW members and friends in the Lone Star State. Pelosi spoke in Austin about a [new economic agenda](#) for women that advocate policies promoting equal pay for equal work, work and family balance, and access to affordable child care.

More than 150 people attended the event hosted by AAUW of Texas, the AAUW Austin (TX) Branch, and the AAUW Georgetown (TX) Branch. The event was held on Women's Equality Day, which celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the [right to vote](#). Both the city of Austin and the governor's office issued proclamations recognizing Women's Equality Day, and Austin Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole spoke at the event.

"It was absolutely awesome," said AAUW of Texas President Jeannie Best. "I really feel like it's going to help AAUW in Texas and reinvigorate our efforts."

Texas women have faced some setbacks recently — the Legislature [passed](#) a restrictive abortion bill in a second special session that has since been [signed](#) by Gov. Rick Perry, and Perry also recently [vetoed](#) equal pay legislation. AAUW members were in the middle of the fight on both issues, so Pelosi's visit came at the perfect time.

"It's going to give us a shot in the arm," Best said.

The crowd applauded Pelosi's agenda — "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds" — and the help it could provide for women and families.

"We're focused on the equal pay, the paid medical leave, and the child-care aspects of the difference that we have to make," Pelosi said. "We've already passed the Affordable Care Act. These are bills that we must pass, and I hope that we can do so with your support."

The attendees also heard from AAUW Abilene (TX) Branch member Dianne Morphew, who shared her personal story of pay inequity. Morphew said that when she was about to leave her job at a Fortune 500 oil and gas company, a man she had trained was being considered to replace her.

In a conversation with Morphew, the man expressed concerns about the salary the company had offered him. His offer was 50 percent more than she had been making.

"I don't know how to tell you how shocked I was," Morphew said. "I felt like I'd been slapped in the face, and my world had dropped out from under me."



Jeannie Best, AAUW TX President with Leader Nancy Pelosi as she 'lauds' AAUW's newest research on 'Women in Community Colleges'



Diane Morphew, Abilene Branch tells her story of the pay inequity she experienced during her career.



AAUW Texas branch members Malinda Gaul, Linda Young, Jeannie Best, Diane Morphew & Anita Knight pose with Leader Pelosi.

Not only did Morphew share [her story](#) during the event, but she also got one-on-one time with Pelosi afterward.

"It's cathartic to be able to talk about it and to have them hear and understand," Morphew said.

AAUW 2013–14 [American Fellow](#) Allison White, a doctoral student at the University of Texas, said the event made her feel encouraged about the future of pay equity.

"Knowing that at some point I might have an equal paycheck to a man means a lot to me," White said. "I put in the same amount of work."

Members of the audience asked what they could do to help the women's economic agenda move forward and to help with congressional gridlock. Pelosi urged those in attendance to create an environment where more women are in politics through [encouraging](#) and asking them to run.

Also during the event, held at Austin Community College's Eastview Campus, Pelosi commended AAUW's latest research report, [Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success](#), and recognized the work of students at community colleges.

Linda Young, a member of the Austin branch and Austin Community College's special assistant to the president for external affairs, took the stage with Pelosi.

"It gave me chills to just have the opportunity to introduce someone who is such an incredible piece of history and a role model for women across the world," Young said after the event. "I'm so proud of AAUW for doing this."

Anita Knight, president of the Austin branch, said that her branch was honored and delighted to help put on the event.

"What an opportunity to have women gather and hear from Leader Pelosi," she said.

Pelosi has been traveling across the country in support of the women's economic agenda. She was in Massachusetts [last week](#), and AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho spoke at the event. Pelosi also chatted with [AAUW members](#) in Connecticut about the agenda.

## Grassroots Organizer Coming to Texas

Six full-time field organizers will be in place this fall to kick off AAUW's state-based organizer pilot program. Located in six key regions, these organizers will coordinate grassroots activities on local, state, and federal public policy issues; support branch and state mission-based initiatives; work with campus leaders; and recruit new members.

AAUW Texas is very pleased to announce that Texas was notified we were among the state chosen to receive a state organizer. Organizers trained on August 26-28<sup>th</sup> at AAUW National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and will be in their assigned field by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Organizer will work with our state & branch leaders to support and enhance the existing framework AAUW Texas has built.

In our application the State Board ask that our state organizer coordinate with the branches and the state board by:

- Working with state leadership to develop effective AAUW participation on local, state, and federal public policy issues through field tactics.
- Coordinate efforts with state leadership to move our goals and plans by helping to draft short-term and long-term action plans. Motivate leaders and members to take action.
- Coach members to build relationships with community leaders and elected officials.
- Provide support for members who want to lobby and interact with elected officials.
- Assist AAUW Texas to Pro-actively reach out to identify, build and maintain relationships with state coalition partners.
- Help manage and draft state action alerts and email blasts. Train and

provide technical assistance to state leadership on using Salsa Labs, including email blast best practices and tracking advocacy actions.

- Conduct one-on-one meetings with State and Branch leaders in-person and via phone.
- Run small group trainings for media outreach, public events, lobbying, social media, and other grassroots efforts
- Work in coordination with AAUW Texas to recruit and engage college and university partners and student activists, including developing on-campus grassroots advocacy opportunities (public events, forums, etc.).
- Provide assistance with other tasks as needed
- Participate in daily and weekly check-in meetings and participate in monthly planning meetings with our state leadership.

### Internal and External Goals:

- To build capacity based on our needs
- To build member skills and technique through trainings based on the needs of AAUW Texas
- To build membership and C/U partnerships

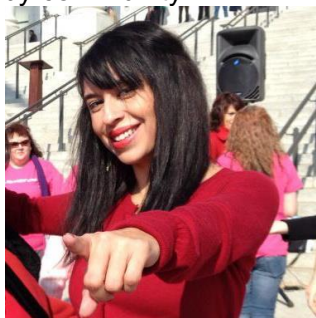
In the coming months, we will keep you apprised of progress in obtaining our goals with the assistance of our very own State Organizer.



# Meet AAUW Texas State Organizer

**Melodia Gutierrez – Area 4  
(Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas)**

Melodía was raised by community organizers, and her earliest memories are working with her mom to empower minority communities, through art, education, and music. She has



managed and consulted on several statewide and city-wide campaigns, as well as worked with State and County Parties. In addition, she has worked with nonprofit and political organizations to advance minority issues through advocacy, lobbying efforts, rallies, and events.

Most recently, her work includes increasing civic and political engagement among Latino communities in Utah and advocating for immigration reform. She has a Political Science B.S. with an Honors Certificate from the University of Utah and continues to take courses to increase her knowledge surrounding strategic communications and graphic design.

While growing up in a political family in Texas, Melodía took a break to work and travel as a flight attendant. As a result, she has lived in TX, CA, GA, and UT, and now is back home in the Lone Star State after finishing her degree in UT.

When she's not consulting for campaigns, volunteering for nonprofits, and supporting local political efforts, you can find Melodía either reading, dancing hip-hop, zumba, or kickboxing.

*AAUW Texas Convention  
April 25-27, 2014  
Hurst Conference Center*

# AAUW Texas Seeking 2014 Board Nominations

Elaine Wells, 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. **Deadline for submittal is October 15, 2013.** 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 Elaine Wells at [nominating@aaauwtexas.org](mailto:nominating@aaauwtexas.org)**

Many of our current board leaders are ineligible to seek office since they have served on the board for three consecutive terms either in the same position, or in various other board positions. Elected Board Positions are: President, Vice President Programs, Vice President Membership, Vice President AAUW Funds, State Financial Officer, Secretary and 5 District Representative positions. We have many leaders in our Branches! Please consider using your leadership talents on the state board. We need Y-O-U!!!!

## Call for Bylaws & Resolutions

Proposals to be considered at the April 2014 AAUW Texas Convention to be held in Hurst must be submitted by October 15 to [bylaws@aauwtexs.org](mailto:bylaws@aauwtexs.org).

A copy of the current bylaws may be found on the AAUW Texas website, [www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org).



## Remembering the 2013 AAUW Convention in New Orleans



Over thirty AAUW Texas members attended the AAUW Convention, June 9-12, 2013 in New Orleans. Branches represented were: Abilene, Austin, Dallas, Farmers Branch / Carrollton, Fort Bend County., Georgetown, Houston, North Harris County, Northeast Tarrant County, San Antonio, Tarrant County, Tyler and West Harris County.

Reports from those in attendance were filled with enthusiasm. Only criticism: too many good workshops, not enough time to attend them all. Thankfully, AAUW National has provided many of the workshops online and they are available for downloading.

- Malinda Gaul, San Antonio Branch, was elected as a National Director-at-Large. Congratulations, Malinda.
- Jackie Littleton, Tyler Branch and State Branch Services Officer presented an incredible workshop on archiving personal and branch history: What Stories Are Under Your Bed?
- Check Out these photos:



NE Tarrant Co. members "Show-off" their new branch shirts in AAUW Blue with the new AAUW logo (Georgia Kidwell, Lynn Millner, Martha Matthews, Kathy Anthon, Dixie Christian, Jean Dodds, Gloria Long, Pres., Jeannie Best, TX. Pres)

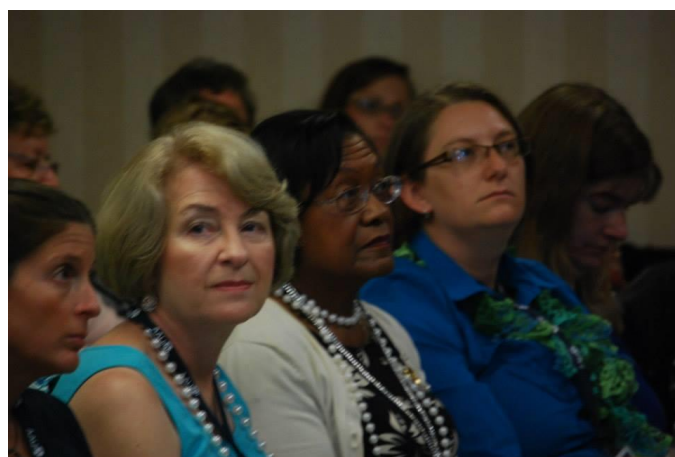
University Woman Texas



Georgia Kidwell with former Senator Olympia Snowe at a Legacy Circle reception. NOLA National Convention (Linda Hallman back left)



Jackie Littleton modeling AAUW's new color scheme during an opening convention style show



Tina Caliga, Tarrant County Branch President, attends one of many fantastic workshops presented at the AAUW National Convention in NOLA, June 9-12, 2013



State Presidents' Conference before Convention



Gloria Long, NE Tarrant Co. Pres with San Diego "Dolphin" San Diego is the 2015 site of AAUW Convention



2013-2015 AAUW Board of Directors Patricia Fae Ho, Pres. Janet Brown, V.P. and 6<sup>th</sup> from the left Malinda Gaul, Director-at-Large



Senator Elizabeth Snowe accepts the AAUW Achievement Award for her outstanding political career, which has been defined by nonpartisan compromise.



AAUW Texas Members attending the 2013 Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana



# NEWS FROM OUR BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS

The **El Paso Branch** awarded its annual scholarships to women at the University of Texas El Paso on June 15, 2013, at a tea at Mary Potter's home. This year one scholarship went to a transfer student from El Paso Community College and two went to students continuing at UTEP. Kathy Dill, a transfer student from EPCC, is in a pre-med program and plans to pursue a medical degree, probably at the Foster School of Medicine, the Texas Tech medical campus in El Paso. Tiffany Garcia is studying special education at UTEP with the intent of specializing in deaf education. Nora Ortega, who also received a scholarship, last year, spent a second summer at Harvard doing research as an intern; she hopes to continue her medical studies there next year. Every year the interview committee is impressed with the caliber of applicants and this year was no

exception. We were pleased to honor these three outstanding women.



## **Central District Leadership Conference**

By Judy Reinhart, Central District Representative

The **Central District's Leadership Conference** was held Saturday, August 3, 2013 at the Austin Community College's Business Center with guest speakers, Jackie Littleton from Tyler and Lucy Barrington from Lubbock. Seven AAUW members, four from the Georgetown Branch and three from the Austin Branch, attended.

During the morning session Jackie Littleton discussed the results of the national member

survey by using a power point presentation and expanding on the various statistics gathered in the member survey.

Following lunch everyone adjourned to the computer lab where Lucy Barrington walked everyone through the AAUW national website helping individuals to register on AWeber and tour the various aspects of the website.

## **AAUW State North District Leadership Meeting**

by Ginny Phoenix, North District Representative

The North District Leadership meeting was held on Saturday, July 27 at Tyler Junior College from 10 am to 2 pm. Jackie Littleton and Priscilla Mowinkle were the presenters. Sixteen AAUW members from seven branches including Arlington, Farmer's Branch/Carrollton, Greenville, Northeast Tarrant County, Plano/Collin County, Tarrant County and Tyler attended.

The morning session was a review of the Every Member Survey from both members and non-members. Even though working and socializing with like-minded women was a major reason to join for over 50 women; under 50 women were more concerned with the mission of the group.

After a lovely lunch, the program continued with navigating the National AAUW website including using the Member Services Database and Resources available to all branches.

# NEWS FROM OUR BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS

## West District Holds Summer Conference “Bringing Home the Convention: Lubbock, Texas -

Members of the West District branches of Abilene, El Paso and Lubbock gathered on the campus of Texas Tech Saturday, July 27, to ‘hone’ our AAUW knowledge. Lucy Barrington, state V.P. Programs, presented a session on ‘Navigating the New AAUW Website’ without losing our sanity. (Just when we learned to navigate the former ‘new’ website, it changes again .....but West District branches are up for the challenge). After a break for a quick lunch and the opportunity to “Chat & Chew,” state President Jeannie Best, presented “Secrets Exposed: What Individuals Actually Think About AAUW.” During this session, misconceptions about AAUW and membership trends were explored. A discussion on how states and branches could use the information presented ensued. Including were examples of Texas branches faced with disbanding and what they have done to “reinvent and reinvigorate themselves” to once again become viable organizations within their communities.



## TAKE ACTION

### Become a Two-Minute Activist

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox.

AAUW is a nonpartisan organization, and our members are multi-partisan, representing a variety of political affiliations and viewpoints. Despite our differences, AAUW members come together to get things done and serve our communities.



## NEWS FROM OUR BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS



### Georgetown Scholarship

Dianne Melton, president of AAUW Georgetown, introduces Abby Hanna, recipient of the branch's 2012 scholarship, who attended the luncheon at Gumbo's with her mother.

Abby gave the group an overview of her first exciting year attending University of Texas in Austin. Abby completed her year in the top10% of her class.

**Right:** Sydney Reese, scholarship recipient for 2013, sits with Corrine Sayther, chair of the Scholarship Committee for AAUW, and Sydney's mother at the luncheon. Sydney plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall to major in biomedicine. All members agreed AAUW Georgetown Scholarship Committee certainly knows how to select the best!



### \$tart \$mart Negotiation Workshop Collaboration

Plano/Collin Co. Branch

Robin Bellerby and Tina Bertrand, Facilitators of the \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops, along with staff at Texas Women's University Leadership Institute, will be conducting a workshop on Saturday September 14, 2013 at TWU as part of a TWU leadership retreat for students. \$tart \$mart workshops provide college women who are approaching the job market with knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits so that they receive fair and realistic compensation. There is no other campus program that offers such detailed skill building on pay negotiation.

Robin and Tina recently attended training sessions conducted locally by AAUW National devoted to providing training and resources for Branch affiliates to establish collaborative relationships with area universities bringing this important resource to college women starting careers.

Plano/Collin AAUW Branch members interested in volunteering and/or participating in the upcoming work-shop are invited to contact Robin at [robin.bellerby@gmail.com](mailto:robin.bellerby@gmail.com).

Members interested in learning more about this important topic, are urged to read ***Lean In*** by Sheryl Sanberg (Facebook executive) and ***Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men and What To Do About It*** by Evelyn Murphy (AAUW WAGE project president).

# R.E.A.P the Benefits of Your AAUW Membership

TEXAS BRANCHES ARE COMMITTED TO

- RESEARCH
- EDUCATION
- ADVOCACY
- PHILANTHROPY



As you plan your branch year, aim toward letting the rest of AAUW Texas know how you help your members and your community benefit from AAUW's commitment to Research, Education, Advocacy and Philanthropy.

- ◇ The R.E.A.P. Awards will be presented to all branches that include any or all of the R.E.A.P. goals in their branch activities during the year.
- ◇ RESEARCH: How does your branch use AAUW research reports such as *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success (2013)*, *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap (2013)*, and *Graduating to a Pay Gap (2012)*? Do you support the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund?
- ◇ EDUCATION: Do you provide local scholarships and support Education Opportunity Funds for fellowships and grants? How do you encourage girls in STEM fields? Does your branch leadership participate in state and national training opportunities?
- ◇ ADVOCACY: Do your members receive *Action Alerts* (now available specifically for legislative issues in Texas)? Do your members support the Public Policy Fund and the Legal Advocacy Fund?
- ◇ PHILANTHROPY: Do your members support local fund-raising efforts as well as the AAUW Funds?

**Recruitment Tip:** *Distribute AAUW posters and branch flyers to libraries, recreation centers, Starbucks and many other community locations to recruit members for your branch.*



Carol Crawford, Plano/Collin Co Branch, designed a very cute and colorful flyer for the **Sundaes on a Sunday Afternoon** (member recruitment event) as well as designed and produced colorful branch brochures using the new AAUW logo. In addition, she made new branch member name tags (two for each member) using the new logo. It makes the recruitment of new members much easier.

# GREETINGS FROM YOUR AAUW TEXAS BOARD



As I am sitting at my computer, freshly brewed coffee within reach, reflecting on the events of this summer, I have to admit ...I am very **excited** !!! about the many opportunities on the horizon for AAUW Texas and our branches. So, where do we begin!!!?

- Giving your branch S.T.E.M. Program a 'face-lift' by applying for a TechTrek or TechSavvy grant?
- Arranging a **\$tart\$mart** or **Elect Her** seminar on the campus of a College/University Partner, or
- Enrolling a new C/U Partner at a local community college or university with these programs as an incentive?
- Developing a branch website using Site-Resources or moving your current website to Site-Resources?
- Telling you branch about the **46<sup>th</sup> AAUW Texas State Biennial Convention in Hurst April 24 - 26, 2014** and making plans NOW to attend????

Let me begin with events in June and the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans, LA (aka: NOLA). More than 30 Texas AAUW Branch and National members attended. The air 'crackled with

**excitement**' as everyone shared what they had learned at the workshop they had just attended. (Some of those workshops began at 7AM!) All of us returned to Texas and our branches.... well..... **excited** (for lack of another word) and ready to plunge right into the 2013-14 year! AAUW introduced numerous opportunities and the possibilities being offered to states and individual branches are.....**EXCITING**.

A major announcement was AAUW National's funding for 6 states to receive a paid staff position of "State Organizer." Twenty-nine Texas AAUW members bombarded me as this announcement was being made with one request, "Texas MUST apply for a "State Organizer." Later in June the state board met and approved the application process. Rosemarie Herrman, state Public Policy Chair, accepted the challenge of capturing the board's "wish list" of goals Texas AAUW wanted a "State Organizer" to help us and individual branches achieve. In mid July we received this message from Samantha Galing, associate director of field operations in AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations...

*"Thank you for applying for a 2013-2014 state organizer!"*

***We are pleased to let you know that Texas will be receiving a state organizer for September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014."***



This is very **EXCITING** news, indeed. However, as exciting as this news is, it comes with major responsibilities for members of the state board AND for branches. Our State Organizer will be working with individual branches on issues of membership retention, formation of C/U Partnerships, programming that will attract members, becoming more visible in our community as we advance our mission.....and the list of goals and objectives does not stop there.

As branches, we will need to take steps toward 'being receptive' to ideas that might make us 'uncomfortable' and require our acceptance of the idea of.....CHANGE. Not 'change' for the sake of 'change itself' and throwing the 'baby out with the bath water' but 'change' that will bring positive results and make AAUW Texas and our thirty-seven branches a viable organization filled with energy, purpose and **EXCITEMENT**.

AAUW Texas needs to re-embrace the challenge of being *THE* organization that, for over 130 years, has been and still is ***'the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls (by) examining and taking positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.'*** ...

We need to be: An organization that is inclusive, not exclusive... An organization that is alive, vibrant and active in our local and state community... An organization that is multi-generational...An organization willing to 'take-on' the 21<sup>st</sup> century and its challenges...An organization that forms many alliances with other like-minded organization to achieve our shared goal.

I'm ready and **excited**! Your state board is ready and **excited**! Are you..... ready?..... and **excited**?

*Jeannie Best*



## Ann Richards is calling YOU!

By Martha Matthews, AAUW Texas Funds VP

In 2008, we AAUW Texans started a new Education Foundation fellowship in honor of former governor Ann Richards. Our goal is to fund this effort by attaining \$200,000 by 2023. As of June 30, 2013 we have \$85,678.08 in the Ann Richards Fellowship Fund **4324**. I feel certain that Ann would be ever so proud if we reached the halfway point of \$100,000 by the end of 2013.

Please use the [new Ann Richards Fund landing page](#) to make a direct donation. AAUW will associate your donation with your branch.



COMMEMORATIVE PIN: Donors of \$100 (or more) will receive a beautiful Texas lone star on a field of red, white and blue, and philanthropy recognition for their Branch. Let's make Ann proud of her fellow Texans!!

### *AAUW TX College/University Partners as of August 2013* *By College/University Chair, Priscilla Mowinkel*

Brookhaven College  
Del Mar College  
Jacksonville College  
Jarvis Christian College  
Our Lady of the Lake University  
Palo Alto College  
Rice University  
San Antonio College  
Schreiner University  
Texas A & M University  
Texas A & M University – Kingsville  
Texas A & M University – Commerce

Texas Christian University  
Texas Southern University  
Texas Tech University  
Texas Wesleyan University  
Texas Woman's University  
The University Of Texas Pan American  
University of Houston  
University of North Texas  
University of Texas – Dallas  
University of Texas - El Paso  
University of Texas at Austin

The new semester begins at most colleges and universities the last week of August. After this time College/University Partner memberships will continue to come in to national. As an AAUW branch member if you do not see a College/University in your area on the above list be sure to contact them. If you need information contact your district director or the state College/University Chair, Priscilla Mowinkel [pamowinkel@tx.rr.com](mailto:pamowinkel@tx.rr.com)

If you have a Community College/Junior College in your area that is not a partner please contact that college to try to get them to embrace a C/U partnership. Please keep in mind that AAUW because of their latest research report, *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*, is focusing on recruiting community colleges as AAUW partners. This report explores an underappreciated part of our higher education system and can be an exceptional recruiting tool. The report looks at the role of community colleges in women's education, including challenges women face in completing a certificate or degree, or in transferring to a four-year institution. The particular concerns and needs of student mothers' and barriers women face in pursuing STEM and nontraditional fields are examined in detail. The report includes recommendations that will strengthen community colleges for all students. This report can be downloaded from <http://www.aauw.org>

## Texas AAUW Membership Matters

By Stephany Compton, Membership VP

Membership in AAUW is enriched by the programs we offer.

AAUW National sends a newsletter, *Membership Matters*, to all AAUW Membership Vice Presidents. It provides Resources, including Audio and Video, Brochures, Guides, Programs in a Box, Tool Kits, and Tutorials and Webinars that are available to all members. These links have information, how-to, manuals and fact sheets. Enrich your programs and membership activities with ideas and issues that empower women.

Graduation Gifts are available any time of the year. Give a Grad a Gift program is good for students in two-year, four-year, or graduate programs. You gift is a free, one-year membership to AAUW.

## Take Control of Your Website with AAUW Site Resources

[AAUW Site Resources](#) delivers low-cost, dynamic, professional websites for branches. Through an easy-to-use platform (truly!), Site Resources offers low-maintenance, user-friendly, and customizable tools to maximize membership communication, retention, recruitment, and fundraising efforts.

At this writing, over a third of Texas branches---**Abilene, Austin, Denton, Farmers Branch Carrollton, Fort Bend County, Georgetown, Houston, Lubbock, Nacogdoches, NE Tarrant County, N. Harris County, Plano/Collin County, Tarrant County** and **Tyler**--- all have websites with AAUW's Site Resources. Nearly all are using the FREE service and maintain their own pages.

AAUW Texas will follow on their heels very shortly.

Branches whose webpage is currently maintained for them (also for free) on AAUW Texas will have a fresh new look, but they can still be reached at <http://www.aauwtexas.org>. Branches, like **San Antonio**, who maintain their own web site and address will be linked and reachable just like they are now.

TESTIMONIALS: Within a few weeks after their new website went up (which only took a week), **Houston** Branch had three new membership applications! **Tyler** has a special giving page for their AAUW projects grant. AAUW Texas now has a similar page for the Ann Richards Fellowship and the other in-progress Texas AAUW grants and fellowships. **Austin** is able to fund their local scholarships directly from their new website.

For more information about the Site Resources program, please visit <http://site-resources.aauw.org/>.



Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW...work you've supported during your lifetime...continues long into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, you can become part of the AAUW Legacy Circle.

Texas is proud of the 18 members who have joined the Legacy Circle and received their beautiful pin. Geraldine Allen (national), Nancy Anderson (Southwest Dallas County), Kathy Anthon (Northeast Tarrant County), Joanne Callahan (non member), Jean Dodds (Northeast Tarrant County), Mary Lou Fowler (West Harris County), Lynn Hagan (national), Mary Ellen Harris (Southeast Harris County), Joann Hudson (Kerrville), Veronica Johnson (Austin), Anita Knight (Austin), Donna Labate (non member), Jackie Littleton (Tyler), Charlotte Magelssen (national), Virginia Mann (McAllen), Karen Reichensperger (San Antonio), Linda Tisdale (San Antonio), and Pam Wolfe (Austin/Georgetown).

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. You can also name AAUW as the beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

For more information, contact Jackie Littleton, National Legacy Circle Chair for Texas at

[jackie\\_littleton@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie_littleton@yahoo.com).

# Save THIS Date!

## AAUW Texas State Convention

April 25-27, 2014

Hosted by Northeast Tarrant County Branch

THE BEST STUFF IS IN THE MIDDLE



HURST CONFERENCE CENTER  
Hurst, Texas 76054



Hyatt Place





# Featuring [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

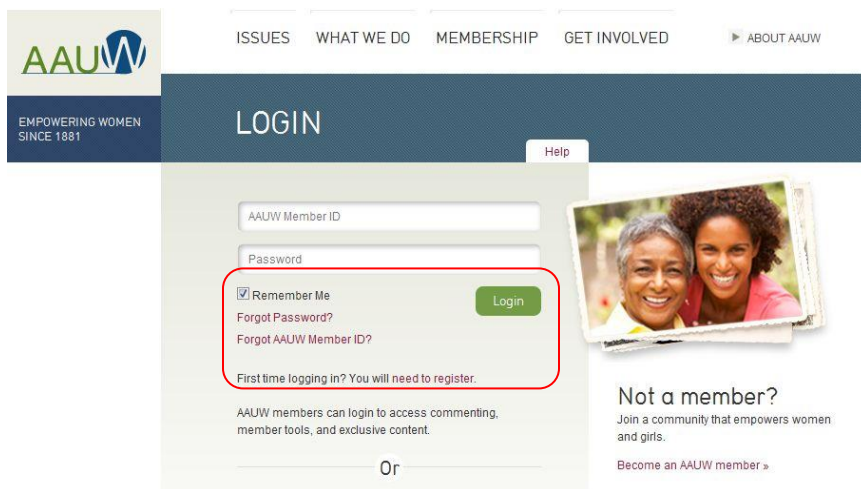


In an effort to familiarize our AAUW Texas members and encourage the use of everything AAUW National provides branches and members, UWT will feature some of our 'favorite' places to explore at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

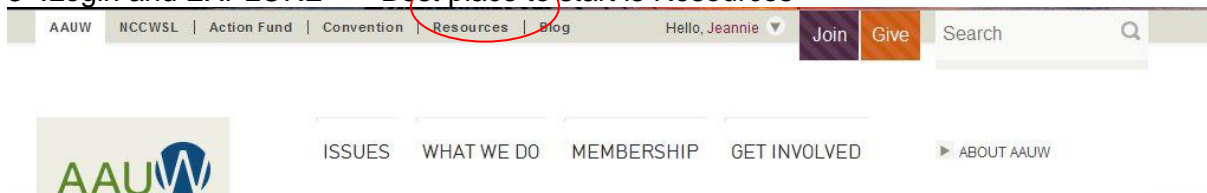
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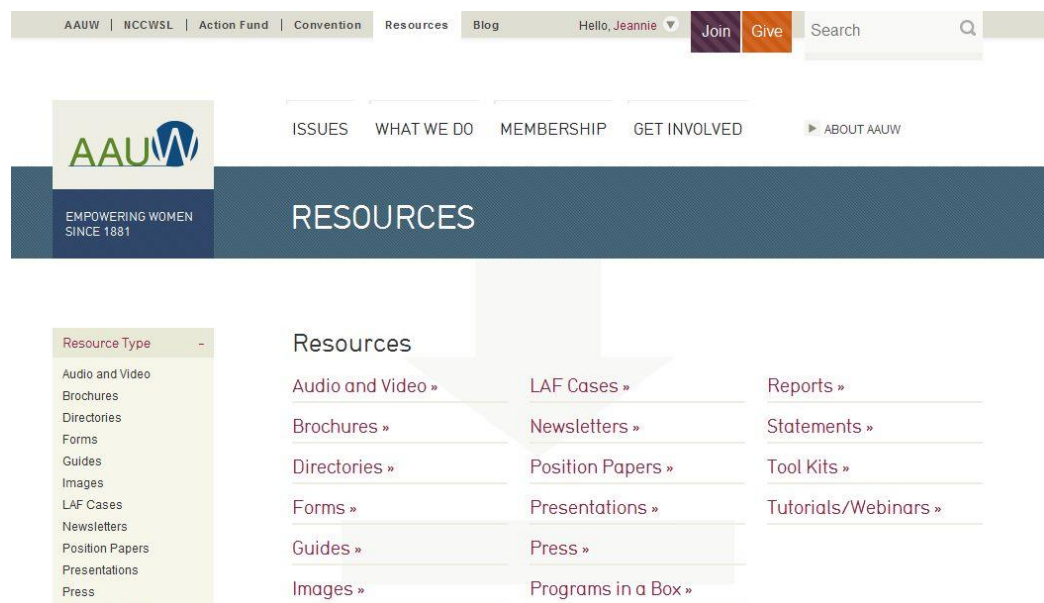
2<sup>nd</sup>: Register, if you have not already done so. (Forgot your Member ID or password, not a problem, follow the instructions)



3<sup>rd</sup>: Login and EXPLORE Best place to start is Resources



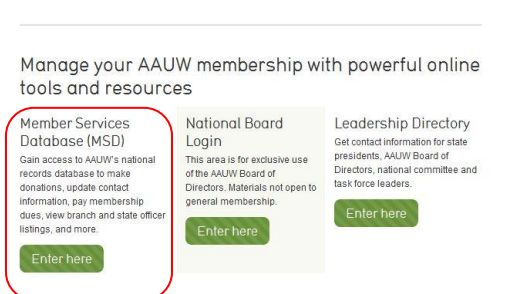
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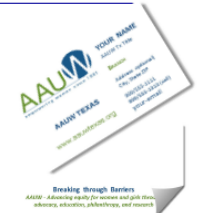
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- *Decide to run for AAUW TX State Office*
- *Complete Nomination Form and  
SEND IT IN*
- *Review AAUW TX Bylaws and submit any  
proposed changes or resolutions*
- *Update my calendar to include the  
AAUW TX Convention, April 25-27, 2014*
- *Sell AAUW to everyone your meet*
- *Sign up a new member*



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