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Board Meeting:

April 25, 2014

in Hurst, Hyatt Place Hotel
/ Hurst Conference

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Texas 46th Biennial State
Convention, April, 2014.

THE AAUW TEXAS 46TH BIENNIUM CONVENTION WANTS **YOU!**

By Lucy Barrington, Program VP, AAUW TX

Why can't there be a middle ground where we can all work to the benefit of the people of Texas? There can! And, that's why "**The Best Stuff IS in the Middle**" for the AAUW TX State Convention on April 25 through 27, 2014, in Hurst, TX!

Why should **YOU** be a part of the AAUW TX 46th Biennium Convention?

- Because of the host of great ideas being presented by the very knowledgeable speakers!
- Because of the tremendous workshop topics and presenters who are from several organizations that agree with AAUW's issues!
- Because the registration cost is below \$200 (which was member requested)--and includes the lunch and dinner!
- Because of the excellent rate at the Hyatt Place--for what amounts to a suite that could house "2 friends or 4 REALLY GOOD friends" and includes a full breakfast!
- Because of the camaraderie with like-minded people sharing ideas!

Have you seen the 2012 movie "The Revisionaries"? On Friday evening at the Tarrant County Community College, we're showing "The Revisionaries." We're asking students, AAUW members, and guests to attend and view this movie which is about the state school board and things they have done in the past few years.

To our delight on Saturday morning the Opening Keynote speaker is Kathy Miller, President of the Texas Freedom Network, presenting "**THE BEST STUFF IS IN THE MIDDLE**"! (Kathy will also be present to answer questions at the movie Friday evening and the reception afterwards.) Many of you know the Texas Freedom Network—TFN advances a mainstream agenda of religious freedom and individual liberties to counter the religious right.

What superb workshops are planned! There are four workshops in the morning and three workshops in the afternoon. (*continued page 2*)

Morning

--*Women in Community Colleges—Access to Success*, featuring Andresse St. Rose, Senior Researcher at AAUW and a panel of local community college staff members.

--*Using Social Media to Grow Your Branches*, featuring Melodía Gutiérrez, the AAUW state organizer (for OK, LA, TX) assisting Texas.

--*Engaging and Enriching Student Members*, featuring Maria-Luiza Popescu who is currently serving on the AAUW Student Advisory Council.

--*The Stories Under Your Bed* (about archiving materials), featuring Jackie Littleton who is a member of the national AAUW Archives Corps and Robin Insalaco who is an archivist at Tyler Junior College.

Afternoon

--*Women's Healthcare Access: More than a Woman's Issue*, featuring a panel which includes Kelly Hart (with Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas), Joe Potter (with the Texas Policy Evaluation Project [in Austin]), and Dr. Anne Epstein, noted physician in Lubbock and member of the Lubbock Board of Health.

--*A View of Our Future: Stories from NCCWSL*, featuring Stephany Compton of Texas Woman's University and a panel of attendees of NCCWSL.

--*Unraveling the Web*, featuring Lucy Barrington, Programs VP of AAUW TX Board.

The *AAUW TX Luncheon* which provides attendees with an update of AAUW National will feature Texas' own Malinda Gaul who is currently serving on the AAUW Board of Directors.

The *AAUW TX Funds Dinner* features prominent author Jan Reid who will speak on Governor Ann Richards and his book about her. Mr. Reid knew Ann Richards and followed her throughout her political career. His book, "**LET THE PEOPLE IN: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ANN RICHARDS**," will be available for purchase and autographing by Jan Reid.

Early Sunday morning, Mark Hopkins, AAUW Chief Strategic Officer, presents "**Strategies for Marketing Your Branch.**" Several AAUW Texans attended the National Convention in New Orleans and said Mark was a most outstanding speaker, and we needed to have him come to Texas! He's giving a modified version of the presentation from national.

Our Closing Keynote on Sunday morning is Ann Beeson, Executive Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, who will address "**BEYOND GOOD 'OLE BOYS AND MA FERGUSON: ENGAGING TEXAS WOMEN TODAY.**" What a great way to close the convention!

The convention host hotel is the Hyatt Place in Hurst; however, the convention activities will take place at the Hurst Conference Center (which is just down the block). The Hurst Conference Center is an amazing facility with WiFi access and built-in AV equipment. The Hyatt Place Hotel has such beautiful suites that all include amenities such as a sofa, refrigerator and microwave in the room.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Hurst at the AAUW TX State Convention where "The Best Stuff IS in the Middle!"

BRANCHES ADS FOR THE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Honor your newest or oldest or in-between members. Create awareness of your best projects. Celebrate branch achievements. An ad in the program book for the 2014 AAUW Texas State Convention April 25-27 in Hurst is an inexpensive way to let all AAUW Texas members share in your successes. A "branch special" three-line ad is available for \$10 or a quarter page for \$35. Deadline for ad copy is March 1. Contact Donna Baumgartner (Donnaf107@gmail.com) for more information and criteria.



Happy New Year and Welcome 2014

By AAUW TX President Jeannie Best

I don't want to take away from the many 'features' in this issue. Please spend your time reading about the many opportunities being offered at our state's 46th Biennial Convention in Hurst. Members of the State Board had the opportunity to hold our October Board Meeting in Hurst. We stayed at the

Hyatt Place, the convention hotel, and were very impressed with the accommodations. The rooms were large, the beds comfortable..... we dined in for breakfast and lunch and the food & service was a great value. The bar will be most accommodating for Friday evening's Cocktails & Convos. Tarrant County Community College is so close to the Hyatt and their facility for Friday evening's event is really nice. And then there is the Hurst Conference Center across the street...**Wow!!!** Beautiful, large lobby....state of the art conference facility and banquet room. Northeast Tarrant County Branch has arranged everything so well, Congrats !!!

However, let's move on to the program. I believe you will be impressed as you read about the keynote speakers and the workshop presenters/panelists. In the Fall 2013 UWT, I spoke

on **excitement!** If you are not inspired and **excited** when you leave this convention, we will need to check your pulse. We have some dynamite presenters! and Sunday's program will leave us.... unable to wait for the 2014-15 year to begin. Lucy's program committee has worked so very hard to bring this program together. They have done a marvelous job. Thanks Lucy, Martha, Rosemarie and Jackie!



Let's make a goal of 175 AAUW members in attendance at the very least. That's five, **five** members per branch. That's an obtainable goal. That's a 'car load' of people. Let's fill the hall. Let's become **EXCITED** about AAUW and the impact we can make in this state and our communities. I continue to be **excited**. I'm ready for Convention 2014:

Entertainment Friday,
Enlightenment/Educational Saturday

Excitement Sunday

Is your branch ready? Are you ready? Catch the **excitement!** because....

The Best Stuff IS In The Middle



Keynote Speakers



KATHY MILLER, PRESIDENT TEXAS FREEDOM NETWORK

After first serving as the Texas Freedom Network's deputy director from 1996 to 2000, Kathy Miller returned to TFN as president in January 2005. During her time at TFN, Kathy has helped the organization become a respected and influential champion of religious freedom, civil liberties and strong public schools. In addition, phenomenal growth in TFN's membership, staff and budget since 2005 has reinforced the organization's status as the nation's preeminent state-based counter voice to far-right political extremism.

Kathy has also served as communications director for the Texas Council on Family Violence and National Domestic Violence Hotline and as public affairs director for Planned Parenthood Federation of Austin.

In her roles as spokesperson for TFN and other organizations, Kathy has testified before the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress and has appeared on national cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC and FOX and the major broadcast networks. She has also given numerous interviews on local, state and national radio and has appeared in state and national newspapers such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post.

In addition, Kathy has trained thousands of individuals from Texas and across the nation on media relations, grassroots organizing and mobilizing to combat far-right extremism.

Kathy earned a degree in political science from the University of Texas at Austin in 1991 and attended the University of Texas graduate school, studying philosophy. She is the mother of two daughters, Olivia and Caroline, both attending public school in Austin.



MARK HOPKINS CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER OF AAUW

Mark Hopkins is chief strategy officer of AAUW and has responsibility for nondues revenue generation and fundraising, strategic alliance and collaboration development, and strategic planning with the other members of the executive staff of AAUW, among other duties.

With more than 25 years of experience working for and with nonprofit organizations, Mark has been an executive with American Lung Association, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and USO World Headquarters. As a consultant in his own practice he has worked with Target Corporation, Estée Lauder Companies, Nike, JP Morgan Chase & Co., World Medical Center, and several others on innovation development, strategic alliance, and business development projects, as well as strategic philanthropic efforts.

Mark has also served as a volunteer with several nonprofit organizations and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.



JAN REID **AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST**

As AAUW Texas works to complete the Ann Richards American Fellowship, who better to remind us of the woman for whom it is named than award-winning Texas author Jan Reid.

Reid will be the keynote speaker at the AAUW Funds Banquet during the AAUW Texas State Convention April 26, 2014.

AAUW members know Reid best for his definitive biography of former Governor Ann Richards. *Let the People In: The Life and Times of Ann Richards* was named one of the top ten best nonfiction books of 2012 by the *Houston Chronicle* and won two awards from the Texas State Historical Association--2012 Book of the Year and co-winner for Best Book on Women

in Texas History. Reid draws on his own personal experience, interviews with friends and family, unpublished correspondence, and a plethora of other material to present this in-depth, personal biography of legendary Texas governor Ann Richards.

Born in Abilene, Reid grew up in Wichita Falls and has lived in or near Austin since 1970. He is married to Dorothy Browne, who was a senior aide of Governor Richards, and is now chief of staff in the Texas Legislature. Jan Reid is a writer-at-large for *Texas Monthly* and has freelanced for *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Slate*, *Men's Journal*, *Garden & Gun*, the *New York Times*, and many other publications. Jan Reid is an award-winning journalist, novelist, and biographer. He first won acclaim for his magazine writing and his 1974 portrayal of Willie Nelson and other icons of Texas music, *The Improbable Rise of Redneck Rock*. Reid's other books include *The Bullet Meant for Me*, *Rio Grande*, *Texas Tornado: The Times and Music of Doug Sahm*, and two award-winning novels, *Deerinwater* and *Comanche Sundown*.



ANN BEESON **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES**

A renowned social justice lawyer, former philanthropy executive, and frequent public speaker and writer, Ann Beeson joined the Center for Public Policy Priorities in 2013. She was previously the Executive Director of U.S. Programs at the Open Society Foundations, where she promoted human rights, justice, and accountability nationwide. Ms. Beeson was the national Associate Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, where she worked from 1995-2007.

She argued twice before the U.S. Supreme Court, litigated numerous cases around the country, and launched groundbreaking programs to stop the erosion of civil liberties in the name of national security and to protect free speech and privacy on the Internet. Ms. Beeson has been recognized as one of the nation's top lawyers by *American Lawyer Magazine* and the *National Law Journal*.

A proud Texan, Ms. Beeson has embraced a wide range of innovative strategies to advance social change. Before joining CPPP, Ann launched a new non-profit to involve the creative sector in social change. In 2012-13, she was a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at the University of Texas, where she co-produced a public media series to inspire more people to get engaged in their communities.

Ms. Beeson grew up in Dallas, Texas, and received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Texas. She obtained her law degree from Emory University School of Law, and served as law clerk to the Honorable Barefoot Sanders, then chief judge of the Northern District of Texas.

OVERVIEW OF CONVENTION PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25, 2014

Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Registration – Hyatt Place
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	AAUW Texas Board Meeting – Hyatt Place
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Dallas/Fort Worth Pre-Convention Tours
Before 6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Movie: THE REVISIONARIES – Tarrant County Community College
	Moderator: Kathy Miller, Texas Freedom Network
8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	COCKTAILS AND CONVOS – Hyatt Place

Saturday, April 26, 2014

7:30 a.m. – noon	Registration - Hurst Conference Center Gallery Breakfast on your own
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Sales Area Open
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	OPENING SESSION
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation THE BEST STUFF IS IN THE MIDDLE – Kathy Miller, President, Texas Freedom Network
	WORKSHOPS
10:15 – 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Women In Community Colleges: Access To Success - Andresse St. Rose❖ Engaging And Enriching Student Members - Maria-Luiza Popescu❖ Using Social Media To Grow Your Branch – Melodía Gutiérrez❖ The Stories Under Your Bed – Jackie Littleton, Robin Insalaco
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon – WHAT’S HAPPENING AT AAUW – Melinda Gaul

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

- ❖ **A VIEW OF OUR FUTURE: Stories From NCCWSL** – Stephany Compton, Panel of NCCWSL participants from Texas Women's University
- ❖ **Women's Health Care Access: More Than A Woman's Issue** – Dr. Anne Epstein, Kelly Hart, Joe Potter, Georgia Kidwell (Panel Moderator)
- ❖ **Unraveling The WEB** – Lucy Barrington

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

First Business Session

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

District Meetings

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Barnes and Noble available to sell Jan Reid's book on Ann Richards

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Reception – Honoring Past Presidents and Legacy Circle Members – Jackie Littleton

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

AAUW Funds Banquet – Martha Matthews
LET THE PEOPLE IN: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ANN RICHARDS – Jan Reid

9:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Jan Reid will sign books; Barnes and Noble will sell books

Sunday, April 27, 2014

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Registration

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Closing Session

***Strategies for Marking your branch** – Mark Hopkins

Second Business Session

***Closing Presentation – BEYOND GOOD 'OLE BOYS AND MA FERGUSON: ENGAGING TEXAS WOMEN TODAY** – Ann Beeson

PRECONVENTION TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Members and guests attending the 2014 AAUW Texas State Convention will have an opportunity to tour The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. On Friday, April 25, a tour bus will pick up at 1 p.m. at the Hyatt Place Hotel and take us to Fort Worth for a tour of the museum and shopping in their boutique from 2-4 pm. We will return to the hotel by 5 p.m., in time to dine locally before attending Movie Night at the Tarrant County College campus. Cost for the tour, including admission to the museum and transportation is **\$30**. Reservations for 20 are necessary to guarantee the tour.

This is truly a museum that celebrates the AAUW spirit.

For more information on the museum visit <http://www.cowgirl.net/TheMuseum.html> .



Mission Statement

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience, and independence that helped shape the American West, and fosters an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire

Collections

Seeing is believing. Our rare collections bring the American West to life.

The collections of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame document the history of women in the American West. More than 5,000 artifacts and 5,000 photographs illustrate and preserve the stories of a diverse group of remarkable women from artists like Maria Martinez and musicians like Patsy Cline to ranchers like Fern Sawyer and athletes like Jan Youren. This includes a variety of objects from costumes and historic clothing, boots, spurs and saddles to papers and photographs related to the formation of the Girls Rodeo Association in the 1940s. The Museum is home to one of the most extensive collections of artifacts related to women in the American West.

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April 25-27, 2014

Hosted by Northeast Tarrant County Branch

THE BEST STUFF IS IN THE MIDDLE

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Jan Reid

author of the book

Let the People In:

The Life and Times of Ann Richards



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AAUW Texas <http://www.aauwtxas.org>



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Single/Double
Hot breakfast
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Hurst, Texas, USA, 76054

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<http://fortworthhurst.place.hyatt.com>

REGISTRATION: \$225

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$195

Expires by: March 1, 2014

Don't miss out!



Free Parking

Hurst Conference Center

1601 Campus Drive

Hurst, Texas 76054



AAUW TEXAS 46TH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION

Hurst Conference Center
1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, TX 76054
April 25-27, 2014
Registration Form

INFORMATION

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Branch: _____

Branch Position: _____

State Office: _____

AAUW Office: _____

Honorary 50 Year Member _____ Student _____

____ College/Univ. Partner
____ C/U _____

Voting Status (Check One Only)

- ☐ TX Branch Delegate
☐ TX Alternate Branch Delegate
☐ TX Past State President Delegate
☐ TX State Board Delegate

Please indicate any special needs:

- ☐ Limited Mobility
☐ Limited Hearing
☐ Other _____

1st Time _____ Guest _____

AAUW Fellowship or Grant Recipient (Type/Year)

Full Registration

Includes Friday evening reception, all Saturday meals, workshop materials, convention packet.

Select Entrée for Saturday Evening:

____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegan

____ Vegan for Saturday Lunch

Early Bird (postmarked by Mar. 1)	\$195	_____
Regular Registration (after Mar. 1)	\$225	_____
Student Registration	\$100	_____
Saturday Only	\$150	_____

Guest Meal Tickets

Saturday Lunch \$25 _____
Saturday Dinner \$50 _____

*Tour to the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame
Friday afternoon, April 25, 2014
Fee – \$30*

Hotel Reservations

Deadline for convention rate-March 20

Make your own reservations with

Hyatt Place Hurst – 817-577-3003

Link at <http://aauwtx.org>

\$99 single/double

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

Payment Type:

____ Check enclosed payable to AAUW Texas Convention

____ Payment by PayPal (link at <http://aauwtx.org>)

Confirmation # _____

Mail this form to: Carol Fisher, 38 Morrow Dr., Bedford, TX 76021 (817-545-4333) Electronic forms may be completed on-line, saved to your computer and e-mailed to carolfishertx@sbcglobal.net with the PayPal confirmation number.

Please print or type clearly. One person per registration form. Meal availability cannot be guaranteed with late registration. A check or a PayPal confirmation number must accompany this registration form.



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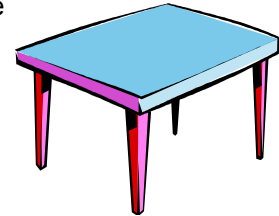
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CALL FOR VENDORS

The AAUW Texas State Convention 2014 is excited to offer the vendor community the opportunity to participate in our convention. We are now accepting vendor applications for the Convention scheduled for April 25-27, 2014. Vendors will be assigned display space for Saturday ONLY, 8:00am to 7:00 pm, at the Hurst Conference Center, Hurst, Texas 76054. We are seeking a good mix of vendors including Arts and Crafts, Booksellers, Commercial (including pre-packaged ingredients for recipes), and Fair Trade. Please be aware that, while no specific commercial business will be duplicated, similar sales lines may be represented during the convention.



Reserve your Vendor Table Display space today! Space is limited. The table display fee is \$35 -early bird including non-profits and other branches. (A \$50 fee will be assessed to vendors after February 25.) Each table display includes one 8-foot table and two chairs. Vendors are responsible for table area clean up. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD** may be consumed in the exhibit area or conference building.

Submit a description of your product (photo if available) to

AAUW Texas State Convention 2014 Vendors
% Mimi Nimocks
1221 Forest Ridge Drive
Bedford Texas 76022.
Email: MNimocks@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS



ANDRESSE ST. ROSE, ED.D.
Senior Researcher at AAUW

Andresse St. Rose is a senior researcher at AAUW where she studies a wide range of gender equity issues in higher education and the workplace, including the recruitment and retention of women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) throughout the educational pathway. She is a regular contributor and speaker to a variety of publications and audiences focused on the need to increase women's representation in STEM.

Prior to working at AAUW, Andresse was an academic counselor and taught high school math and biology. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from Hamilton College, a master's degree from Boston College, and earned her doctorate in education policy from George Washington

University.

Andresse is a co-author of several AAUW reports including *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* and *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*. At the AAUW Texas 46th Biennium Convention, she will be presenting the research and discussing the conclusions with a panel of Texas community college staff members.



Maria-Luiza Popescu AAUW National Student Advisory Council

Maria-Luiza Popescu is a member of the 2013-2014 National Student Advisory Council (SAC). She is a graduate student at the University of Texas--Dallas, pursuing her master's degree in public policy and political economy. She is currently a fellow for President Barack Obama's Organizing for Action grassroots organization. In the past, Maria-Luiza served as the access and directional volunteer for the Clinton Global Initiative annual meeting and as the campus representative for the Clinton Global Initiative University.

This year's SAC will work toward closing the leadership gap between men and women and fight for fair pay. They will also organize students on campuses across the country on critical issues such as ending sexual violence. They will create better ties between campuses and AAUW by providing insight on how to reach out to students and engage them on these issues.

Maria-Luiza is generously sponsored by AAUW of Texas.



MELODÍA GUTIÉRREZ

AAUW State Organizer for TX, LA, OK

Melodía Gutiérrez is the new AAUW state organizer assigned to assist Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma branches with advocacy, social media, etc. Melodía was raised by community organizers, and her earliest memories are of 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 included increasing civic and political engagement among Latino communities in Utah and advocating for immigration reform. She has a B.S. with an honors certificate in political science from the University of Utah and continues to take courses to increase her knowledge surrounding strategic communications and graphic design.

After growing up in a political family in Texas, Melodía took some time 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 Utah. When she's not consulting for campaigns, volunteering for nonprofits, and supporting local political efforts, you can find Melodía either reading— or dancing hip-hop or zumba!

Melodía's workshop, "Using Social Media to Grow Your Branch," is not just for beginners to learn how to use the different social media. She encourages all members to participate in her workshop. The more members know how to use social media, the more they can be involved with blogging, posting and tweeting!



ROBIN INSALACO

Archives and Acquisitions Librarian Tyler (TX) Junior College

Robin Insalaco is a certified archivist and is currently the Archives and Acquisitions Librarian for Tyler Junior College where she has been employed for eight years. She has primary responsibility for the newly established Tyler Junior College Archives and Special Collections department. Robin received her master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Oklahoma and a post graduate certification in Archives Management from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists.

Robin joined AAUW in 2004. She has served as the president and treasurer of AAUW Tyler and is currently serving as the co-historian for the Tyler branch.



JACKIE LITTLETON
AAUW Archives Task Force

Jackie Littleton currently serves on the Archives Task Force and as Legacy Circle Chairperson for National, where she served two terms on the Board of Directors and one term as Board secretary. She is Branch Services officer for AAUW Texas and AAUW Funds Chair for the Tyler Branch. She was state president of AAUW Tennessee.

A classroom teacher for 30 years, she is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and received her Master's degree from the University of Louisville.



MALINDA GAUL
AAUW Board of Directors, 2013 – 2015

For more than 30 years, Malinda has practiced employment law representing employees who have been discriminated against in the workplace. Malinda is the senior partner of the law firm Gaul and Dumont in San Antonio, Texas.

A member of AAUW since 1989, Malinda has been both branch and state president and has held many other elected and appointed positions for the San Antonio Branch and AAUW Texas. Prior to being elected to the AAUW Board of Directors this term, she served on the Legal Advocacy Fund Committee, reviewing cases for support from AAUW, and the Convention Procedures Committee, working with the host states on the Phoenix and St. Louis conventions.

Malinda is also currently on the Board of the Texas Employment Lawyers Association and San Antonio Youth

Literacy. She has been recognized with many awards including the The Best Lawyers in America-- Lawyer of the Year (2012), The Best Lawyers in America (2003-2013), Texas Super Lawyers (2003-2012), and San Antonio's Best Lawyers (2004-2012).

Please join me in welcoming Malinda Gaul, a member of the AAUW Board of Directors and one of our own from the great state of Texas, as she brings us up to date on "What's Happening at AAUW."



Stephany R. Compton
AAUW Texas Membership VP

Distance Education Librarian, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas. 1999 to present. B.A., M.L.S. from Texas Woman's University in English and Library and Information Studies.

AAUW experience: Willing Volunteer. AAUW Texas VP Membership, 2012-2014, AAUW Texas North Texas District Representative, 2010-2012, AAUW North Texas Interbranch Council Treasurer, 2010-2014. Denton Branch: President, 2009-2013, Delegate National Convention, 2009, Interbranch Representative- 2001-2005, Vice President for Membership 2003-2005, Hostess for Home Tour 2003-2006, Parliamentarian 2007-2008. AAUW-NASPA-NCCWSL, Attendee, 2010.



DR. ANNE C. EPSTEIN, MD, FACP

Dr. Epstein did her undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Austin. She received her MD degree and did her Internal Medicine Residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and also did graduate work in Philosophy. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Sleep Medicine, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Epstein served as a professor of internal Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center from 1985 to 1995, then moved into her current position in private solo practice in Lubbock TX.

Dr. Epstein is a member of the Lubbock City Board of Health, and chair of the Board of Health Committee on Fracking. She is a member of the Lubbock City Oil and Gas Advisory Board. She has also served on the biomedical ethics committee at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the Institutional Review Board. She has served as President of her Synagogue, and is active in interfaith programs in Lubbock.

Dr. Epstein has been given numerous presentations to University, civic and religious groups on topics that include preventing teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, health needs of medically underserved women, sleep disorders, health risks in oil and gas development, medical ethics, and Jewish ethics.



KELLY HART
Senior Director of Government Relations
Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas (PPGT)

Kelly Hart is the Sr. Director of Government Relations for Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas (PPGT). PPGT is the eighth largest Planned Parenthood affiliate in the nation, providing reproductive health care and education services to more than 117,000 people a year.

PPGT's Public Affairs Department advocates for every person's right to comprehensive, confidential reproductive health care and works in cooperation with supporters to maintain and increase access to these services.

Kelly has a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas in Austin and a graduate degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She has been with the agency for more than 10 years, and is responsible for directing the agency's grassroots outreach and advocacy programs.



JOSEPH E. POTTER
Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Principal Investigator for the Texas Policy Evaluation Project

Joe Potter is a demographer with a doctorate in economics from Princeton University. As Principal Investigator of this study, he coordinates all project components. He is highly involved in the family planning clinic surveys, the Postpartum Contraception Study, and the estimation of the demographic and economic impact of Texas' state funding cuts in women's reproductive health services.

Much of his research over the last three decades has addressed fertility and contraceptive practice in Mexico and Brazil—two countries that have experienced dramatic demographic transitions during the last four decades. From 2006 to 2011, Joe led the Border Contraceptive Access

Study (BCAS). This NIH funded project addressed the “natural experiment” that exists in El Paso, Texas, where women may access the pill either in pharmacies without a prescription (across the border), or through family planning clinics in El Paso. The research took place simultaneously with an earlier round of cuts in state funding for family planning.

Joe has been at UT--Austin since 1989, and teaches courses on demographic methods and the evaluation of social policies. Outside the office, he may be found cycling, playing with grandchildren, or fly-fishing in Montana.



LUCY BARRINGTON
Programs Vice President, AAUW Texas
(2012-2014)
President, AAUW Lubbock Betty Anderson
Branch (2013-2015)

Lucy Barrington has been a member of AAUW since 1989, starting in the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch in the St. Louis Missouri area. Since the summer of 1990, she has been involved in one way or another in local branches or on state boards; just before moving to Texas, she was starting her

second term as president of the K-WG Branch.

Lucy holds a BS and MAT in Education; she taught business and computer education in high school for 29 years and taught adult education, community college, or university level business and/or computer education courses for over 36 years. Lucy still teaches adult computer applications courses in the Lubbock area.

Since moving to Texas in 2007, she has been actively involved in the Lubbock Branch--of which she is currently president. She has served on the AAUW TX State Board in the positions of AAUW TX Funds VP (2010-2012) and Program VP (2012-2014).

Lucy's workshop presentation "Unraveling the Web" will help members in the branches—*not just officers*—to better understand what you can find and where you can find AAUW information on the Web! All levels of computer experience are encouraged to participate in this workshop. If you can bring a laptop, tablet, or phone that will let you access the Web that will be helpful; however, it's *not required* that you do. Workshop attendees will receive a handout of the PowerPoint presentation which they can use at home.

New Web Site

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

Nominating Committee Report

The current Nominating Committee, Elaine Wells and Margie Poole, brought many years of AAUW experience to their task. The next 4 pages provide information about our slate of AAUW TX 2014-2016 Executive Board of Officers selected by the Nominating Committee.

Voting for AAUW TX Executive Board of Directors will occur Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the state convention. Nominations from the floor may be made during the first business session. If there are nominations from the floor, voting instructions will be given at that time.

In the future we hope to begin virtual voting (on computers), but that requires a bylaws change. A bylaws change will be proposed once we feel we are ready to begin voting electronically. A vote too soon would require us to use a new method of voting whether we have the technology or not for the method.

Elections at State Conference Require Recognized Branch Delegates

Inés García, AAUW TX Finance Officer

Each Branch must elect an appropriate number of delegates based on its size. Our guidelines for determining the number of delegates that each branch is entitled to have is based on the AAUW Texas Bylaws --- specifically, Article XIII, MEETINGS OF AAUW Texas: Section 2. c: *Each branch shall have **three votes** and, in addition, there may be **one vote for every ten members** of the Association above the first ten or major fraction thereof. Each branch shall apportion its votes among the elected delegates.*

Student affiliates, in addition to dual members of the branch, count toward the branch membership totals that will be submitted to the State Finance Officer, Inés García after February 1, 2014.

The State Finance Officer will soon be sending all branch presidents specific instructions regarding procedures necessary for branches to follow in order to ensure that branch delegates receive the proper credentials at the State Convention

Want To Send Snail Mail To AAUW Texas?

Please use the following address:

Jeannie Best, AAUW TX President
849 Kenwood
Abilene, TX 79601

NOMINATIONS FOR 2014-2016 AAUW TX EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

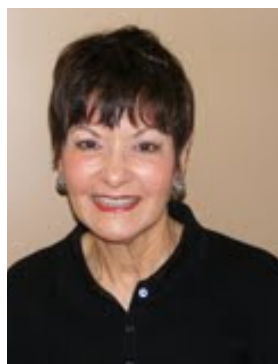


**Jeannie Best
President**

As 2014-2016 AAUW Texas State President, I would like to expand on the goals set forth in the current Strategic Plan. AAUW Texas is at a crossroads, an exciting crossroads. We need to be more forward thinking and venture down a path that leads us to: focus more on establishing an AAUW presence on college campuses; employ a marketing strategy that is bold and effective, making AAUW a

“household” term. A strategy that involves a strong web and social medial presence; become more bold and pro-active in supporting AAUW's Public Policy knowing that we may lose some current members but gain others because we stand strong in our 130 year+ commitment of equity for women and girls.; AAUW Texas also needs to partner with our surrounding states and with AAUW National to support each other in Leadership programming and conventions..... We need to become *‘less Lone and more Star.’*

I am the current AAUW Texas State Board president (2011-2014); I have served on the state board as West District Rep. (2008-2010) and as Membership VP (2010-2011). I have served in many leadership roles in my local branch (Abilene Branch) from 2000, when I became a member of AAUW, to the present. I currently work full time for AAUW Texas as a volunteer leader. I am a retired Public School educator. I am graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with both a Bachelor of Music in Education and a Masters in Counseling and Human Development.



**Janet A Domaracki
Program Vice President**

In keeping with AAUW National objectives, I will endeavor to program events that reflect AAUW's Vision to appeal to a more diverse membership; in age, ethnicity, lifestyle and occupation. I will try to raise the visibility of AAUW National's Take Action Public Policy initiatives. Since I believe that “Equity is Still an Issue”, I would like to encourage programming which is aimed at improving the financial security of working women. I will support fund raising and recruitment ideas and programs that are used in AAUW branches or like-

minded organizations. I will encourage, where appropriate, joining with other AAUW or non-AAUW, organizations to accomplish mutual objectives.



Ginny (Virginia) A. Phoenix
Membership Vice President

I plan to work with our new State Organizer to market AAUW and bring in new members. Also I hope to help our branches in retaining their present members. My membership in AAUW has included Membership VP, and Finance Officer for my Northeast Tarrant County Branch. I am also acting as Treasurer for the April 25-27, 2014 Texas State Convention which my branch is hosting in Hurst, Texas.

My educational background includes a B.S. In Elementary and Special Education and a Masters Degree in Educational Testing and Administration. Undergraduate work was done at Southern Connecticut State University. I have also done graduate work at Texas Woman's University. I have held various teaching positions over the years. My final

position before retiring in 2010 was as Director of Elementary Religious Education at my church .



Martha Matthews
Funds Vice President

I plan to make donations to Funds easier with online directions, also to increase donations. As a former Microsoft trainer, I am comfortable and confident in my computer skills- also for helping others.

My previous experience in AAUW Texas Funds was in 2012 – 2014; Texas North District Representative 2010 -2012. My specific skills are leadership, computer literate, I am committed to AAUW's Mission and Goals, financial reporting experience and I am service oriented. I have worked with NE Tarrant County branches and also involved with the North Texas Interbranch projects and State Board projects for four plus years.



Maria Inés García
Finance Officer

I plan to continue working with the organization's software to produce better information for members regarding the state of the State finances. In addition, the files will be weeded and organized. In the first biennium, I learned the organizational structure of the organization. With this knowledge, I expect to start incorporating new techniques and approaches that will improve accountability. I have served during the previous biennium as State Finance officer.

I am a retired TEA Specialist in foreign language teaching and learning. I am organized, methodical, honest, conscientious and a team player.



**Elizabeth A. Matarazzo
Secretary/Historian**

I intend to follow the job description in accord with the president, to provide accurate minutes in a timely manner and to maintain the history of state activities. The skills that I have acquired that especially qualify me for the office of Secretary/Historian include the ability to listen carefully, to write accurately and to respond promptly.

I am an active member of the EL Paso Branch of AAUW since 2008. West Texas Representative 2013-2014, 2012-2013. Presently I am El Paso Branch Membership VP, past branch president, branch Educational Fund chair. Currently I am a part-time English Instructor at El Paso Community College since 2003. I have an M.A. English from University of New Mexico, B.A. English from Notre Dame College, St. Louis, MO. I was a public school English teacher from 1984 – 2005.



**Judy A. Reinhart
Central District Representative**

I would like to serve as the Central District Representative for a second biennium to concentrate on keeping the seven Central District branches informed of the association and state business, to visit with each branch at one of their local meetings and to urge each one to attend our State convention.

I was President of the Austin Branch 1999-2000, Program VP and Treasurer two terms. I have also been president of several other both professional and community level.



**Gloria J. Long
North District Representative**

I am anxious to see the North Texas AAUW branches become more collaborative. The branches could be great resources to each other, and together would be a great vehicle for bringing an AAUW stem program to our area. Together we should be able to attract interesting speakers and become involved in projects that would benefit all our communities while increasing the visibility of AAUW in the Metroplex and other north Texas areas.

My tenure as president of two (2) organizations in the last few years has taught me increased organizational skills, how to reach out to involve others in working towards a common goal. I have been NETC branch, treasurer, State convention co-chair, membership vp, and new member coordinator.

I have a BA in Math from UT Arlington, was head of the Math department for four years. Currently I am a retired high school math teacher.



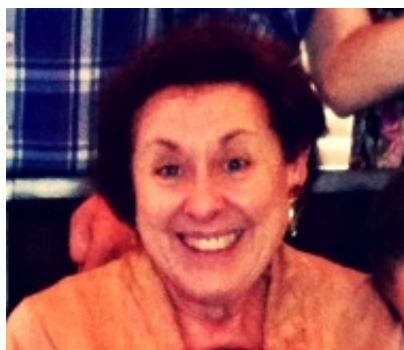
Kay Zilliox
North District Representative

Kay Zilliox has an MBA in Finance from the University of Southern California and an undergraduate in Business Administration, Management Science from Penn State University. She started her career with Hughes Aircraft in California who awarded a fellowship to her to attend USC for her MBA. In 1977, Kay decided to make Dallas, Texas home.

In the Dallas area she has worked for several large corporations including Rockwell, Xerox, Bank of America, Verizon, and Citigroup. She has held managerial positions in Finance and Marketing.

Kay's top priority as North Texas District Representative would be to improve relations between branches. She feels branches would benefit from a more proactive sharing of ideas and programs that worked and didn't work. She would like to see branches located close to each other exchange activity information by posting links to neighboring branch websites on their website and ask branches to encourage their members and National Members to feel free to attend activities held by neighboring branches. If feasible, activities, such as a visit to a museum, could be sponsored by several neighboring branches.

Kay has four children and one grandchild and resides with her husband, David and their two dogs. She enjoys reading and yoga.



Elka Jaross
South District Representative

I have served as Branch President, Program VP, and secretary of my branch. I have acquired many leadership skills from other organizations to which I have belonged over the years.

I represent the Corpus Christi, Harlingen/Cameron Willacy County branches as well as being a member of Harlingen Branch. I have served in the following capacities; branch secretary, branch program vice president, I was in charge of our fundraising even for scholarship for girls going to college, President and recycled as program VP.



Kathy Anthon
South-Houston District Representative

I plan to work with each of the branches to understand their needs and help them develop a plan to reach their goals. Also to set up a schedule for follow up and review of their success and redirect activities if needed.

I have extensive leadership experience at the branch, interbranch, state and national level. Extensive business experience focused on sales, management, budgeting, program development and growth of participants. I have been branch president, Interbranch president, Texas State AAUW Funds VP, and National Board of Directors -2009-2013.

I attended the State University of New York at Buffalo- BS, MS home Economics Education. I hold a Permanent Pre-K to Adult Certification. Over 30 years of sales success and successful management of staff.

Volunteer for City of Grapevine working with the Police Department. Focus on working with the police department, fund raising for projects that are not in the budget.



Susan Roehrig
West District Representative

I have been an AAUW member since 1995, first in Abilene and later in Jonesboro, AR.

While in Abilene, I served as branch EF Chair, Scholarship Chair, President-elect and President. While in AR, I was Jonesboro Branch Treasurer and President and Arkansas State VP Membership.

I look forward to being back in TX (we moved to San Angelo last May) and getting involved in State and Abilene Branch activities.

WHERE ARE THE PROPOSED BYLAWS?

By Pam Wolfe, Acting Bylaws Chair

During the October board meeting, we discussed making a change to bylaws to allow for virtual voting (computer voting.) The board is interested in making this change; however, several things need to occur before a bylaws change is proposed.

1. Many more members need to sign up to receive electronic information via our website. It would be nice if every member was signed up, but we need at least a majority on-line.
2. Voting numbers of Texas members for the national 2013 AAUW Board was very small. Show the board you want on-line voting by voting for the next AAUW Board in 2015.
3. We will do a "test vote" for AAUW TX Board in 2016, but it will just be a test; the votes at the convention will be the official vote and a proposal for a bylaws change is likely.

No proposed bylaws were submitted by the October deadline, so that will be only mandatory changes from AAUW (we do not vote on these.)

Due to the cost of printing, the only issue we are printing for our members is the convention issue. **All of our UWT issues are now on our website, <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/newsletters>.** You need to sign up to receive notice that the newest version is available:

To register your e-mail address, <http://www.aauwtexas.org/emailoptin.html> . Fill in the information and click "submit". Then REPLY to the confirming e-mail message. After you are signed up, we can use this information to sent out on-line voting notices once we change the bylaws.

To join AAUW TX Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.texas>

"Remember what Susan B. Anthony said? 'Failure is impossible.' Failure is possible if women don't vote." Madeleine M. Kunin



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PUBLIC POLICY

Rosemarie Herrmann

AAUW-Texas' Public Policy Committee has been focused on watching several important issues that speak directly to AAUW's mission – the possibility of legislation permitting vouchers in education, the push to weaken the science curricula at the State Board of Education, and the reduction in access to family planning and women's health services by the legislature.

First, the good news -- Due to our market size, Texas has a great deal of influence over the content of new textbooks used all over the country. Our State Board of Education (SBOE) has been reviewing science textbooks this year, with the big vote a week before Thanksgiving. Creationists had been pushing hard for the SBOE to either reject the high school biology textbook published by Pearson Education or require Pearson to make substantial changes that would give more credence to creationism and less to evolution. The environmental science textbook, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) was also targeted for rejection, on the dubious grounds that it was attacking the oil and gas industry in Texas. After a robust series of reviews and hearings, the SBOE voted to adopt the HMH textbook with minimal changes, which do not compromise scientific principles. They also approved the Pearson biology textbook, with the proviso that a 3-member group (appointed by SBOE members) reviews by mid-December a list of alleged 'errors' in the textbook. **Pearson, however, has stated that it will withdraw the textbook from Texas altogether rather than make any changes that would compromise the science in the textbook.** The vote by the SBOE was a win for those supporting science-based curricula in Texas, and demonstrated that the involvement of every-day Texans is vital to ensuring that our state officials know that we won't tolerate a watering-down of our children's curricula to accommodate those on the fringes. AAUW members emailed and called members of the SBOE to express our strong views in support of a science-based curricula.

Now the bad news ---- In the 2011 legislative session, the state's family planning and women's health care funding was cut by more than 60%, and one provider – Planned Parenthood – was cut out altogether from receiving state funds. This latter step meant that the federal government had to cut Texas off from Medicaid funding for the popular Women's Health Program, since federal law requires that any competent and willing provider must be included in the program. In the subsequent two years, approximately one-third of all family planning/women's health clinics closed and many more cut hours and services. The result was a

severe decrease in the number of women served with contraceptive care, as well as with screening for breast and cervical cancer, diabetes, hypertension, sexually transmitted infections and a host of other preventive health services. In 2013, the legislature tried to begin correcting some of these problems by a significant increase in funding. Many of the closed clinics are in rural areas where there are few if any providers, whether you have insurance or money to pay for care. All of this has been exacerbated by the contentious debate over abortion in the state capitol this year, resulting in new restrictions on providers of abortion care. It's important to note that this debate has not really been about abortion: closing clinics means fewer women can get birth control, thereby increasing the number of both unplanned pregnancies and abortions.

And it's about reducing women's access to cancer screening and other health conditions – thereby increasing the likelihood that Texas women, often mothers of young children, will suffer debilitating or life-threatening health problems when their kids and their community need them the most.

And now the future – vouchers for Texas families? Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston introduced legislation in the last session that would allow a voucher program in Texas; although it failed to be made law, it will certainly be proposed again. AAUW supports excellence in education for ALL our children, not just a favored few. Vouchers would be a huge burden in Texas – for our children, for our state, and for the very notion of public education. First, proponents of voucher programs talk a lot about "school choice", but what they fail to mention is that it would be the private school's choice, not the family's choice, that will be honored. Private schools will recruit the top students, and will have the right to only accept those who meet their academic standards; once enrolled, the student who presents 'problems', related to either academic performance or behavior, can be expelled for failing to meet the school's standards. Meanwhile, the public school system will be losing money paid by taxpayers to provide an education that is legally required to meet the students' needs; this includes the needs of 'special-ed' students, whose education of course costs more per student than that of other children. These costs will have to be borne by the public school system working under a reduced budget.

Most of the private schools in this country are run by religious institutions; use of tax-payer money to subsidize the tuition for religious education is contrary to our long-standing traditions, and constitutional imperatives, of maintaining a separation of church and state. These are only a few of the reasons for our opposition to a voucher scheme of any kind in Texas. We will continue to watch and continue to urge all our members to communicate forcefully with our state legislators.

STAND UP FOR TEXAS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

In the words of Margaret Mead, *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* And that's AAUW Texas! The stakes for women and families are clear. We're asking you to [Stand Up for Texas Women and Families](#) and provide them with the support they need for a healthy and well--rounded future by signing our petition and sharing it with your friends and family



By signing the petition, you will:

- Support women's access to birth control, cancer screenings, and other preventive care services.
- Support access to affordable health care for all Texans.
- Support paid family, medical and temporary disability leave laws.
- Support equal pay legislation.
- Support quality education that includes curricula based on scientific principles.
- Oppose school voucher programs

We plan to deliver all the signatures on Equal Pay Day, April 8th, 2014, to Governor Perry, who if you remember vetoed the fair pay measure, HB950, in the Texas State Legislature this past session. Copies will send to elected officials all over the state.

Our online version of the petition is available through our new SALSA system, National AAUW's excellent new program to reach all of us quickly to become "2 minute activists." Salsa will continue to be used to make our voices heard in Texas

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/23/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=9070 embedded into the words 'SIGN OUR PETITION HERE'

Intergenerational Theatre Project Connects Students With Women In The Community

Nita Hornbeck, Georgetown Newsletter Ed.

Branch member, Professor Juhl, Southwestern University, came up with the idea for the intergenerational theater project after talking with Sarah Brackmann, director of civic engagement. Brackmann had attended a meeting of the Georgetown Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and thought they might be willing to partner with Juhl on the project.

The group agreed, and all 10 students in the class were paired with an AAUW "pen pal." The students and pen pals worked together to write scenes on topics related to feminism such as abortion, rape and gender equality in the workplace.



<http://www.southwestern.edu/live/news/8718-feminism-across-generations>



Welcome to AAUW Texas

By Margo Johnson

WELCOME to the NEW AAUW Texas website! <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/> You will find all your long time branch tools and information here, just in a few new places, along with a lot of fresh links to the www.AAUW.org web pages, blogs and RSS feeds to keep you up to date.

Each Texas Branch still has its own web page, about half of them maintained by the branch itself, the other half on the AAUW Texas site. The AAUW Texas site and many of your own Branch websites are maintained by SITE RESOURCES, no (or low) cost sites sponsored by AAUW National.

AAUW Site Resources delivers free and low-cost, dynamic, professional websites for branches and states. Through an easy-to-use platform, Site Resources offers low-maintenance, user-friendly, and customizable tools to maximize membership communication, retention, recruitment, and fundraising efforts. Encourage your branch leaders to make the switch to AAUW National's website services. For more information about their program, please visit <http://site-resources.aauw.org/>.

REAP the Benefits of Your AAUW Membership

By Jackie Littleton

We REAP the benefits of our AAUW membership through Research, Education, Advocacy and Philanthropy. AAUW Texas seeks to recognize all the ways our Texas branches sow the seeds that reap benefits for our members and all women and girls in our communities.

This recognition program is just that...*recognition* of the work your branch does to level the playing field for women and girls through research, education, advocacy and philanthropy. This is not a competition...it is a way of acknowledging what you do and sharing your ideas with branches in other communities.

All branches who submit a REAP application will be recognized at the AAUW State Convention in Hurst in April. List and describe briefly in each section the actions that demonstrate your branch commitment to **Research, Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy**. You do not have to complete all sections. Use additional space if needed.

Deadline: March 1, 2014

Send electronically (preferred) to: Jackie Littleton, Branch Services Officer, at jackie_littleton@yahoo.com. (There is an underscore between the names)

**Or mail to: Jackie Littleton
818 Ashford Court, Tyler, TX 75703**

REAP the Benefits of Your AAUW Membership

Branch Recognition Application

R – AAUW RESEARCH is the foundation of all AAUW programs and projects.

How does your branch support and/or use AAUW Research and/or research on women's education and equity issues generated within your community?

Some ideas: Your book group has read *Community Colleges: Access to Success* or other AAUW research reports. Your branch has used the Program in a Box for a branch, school board, parent organization, faculty or other community meeting. Your branch has given a copy to your local public and college libraries. Your branch uses the research in planning or updating a branch project or event. Your branch supports the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund which pays for our research.

E – Equitable and accessible EDUCATION for all women and girls has been the bedrock of AAUW for 130 years.

How does your branch educate women and girls, including your own members?

1. Some ideas: Your branch has co-sponsored a Campus Action Project or Legal Advocacy Fund event on a local campus. Your branch has co-sponsored a \$tart \$mart or Elect Her event for high school or college students. Your branch has sent a local student to NCCWSL or paid for a scholarship. Your branch sends leaders to district, state and national AAUW meetings. Each officer in your branch helps mentor new leaders

A – AAUW ADVOCACY for laws that give women a fair chance has changed our world.

How does your branch advocate for AAUW issues?

Some ideas: Your branch members have helped educate and/or register voters. Your branch members subscribe to *Mission in Action* and *Action Alert*. Your branch and branch members support the Public Policy Fund. Your branch is planning an Equal Pay Day event. Your branch members write letters and send e mails to your elected representatives in local, state, and national offices. Your branch has used a PIAB to educate your community about Title IX, the Safe Campus Act, the National Women's Museum, and/or Pay Equity.

P – AAUW PHILANTHROPY is the engine that drives our programming.

How does your branch's philanthropy support AAUW's programs both nationally and locally?

Some ideas: Your branch and branch members support at least one of the AAUW Funds. At least one of your branch members is a member of the Legacy Circle. Your branch funds a local scholarship for a graduating senior, a proven scholar, or a member. Your branch sends a young woman to NCCWSL.

AAUW Funds – Making a Donation Martha Matthews

Often times many of the most influential people in our lives are fellow AAUW members. They may have offered us guidance along the way or been the friend we most enjoy. Also many times these people already have all of the physical belongings they need, but we would like to thank them in a most sincere and honorable way. Below are the actual steps to make an AAUW online Memorial or Honorary gift donation to the Ann Richards Fund. Of course, you may choose other funds, but this is the one many of us are working on currently.

When you login, national knows the branch of which you are a member. Therefore, your branch will receive credit for the donation. National will also send a thank you note to the name listed in step 13 which is either the member or the name of a survivor if person is deceased.

Steps to Making an AAUW Online Memorial or Honorary Gift Donation

1. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/>
2. Login
3. Click on Give (top Right)
4. Scroll down to Other Ways to Give – Make a Memorial or Honorary Gift
5. Click on “In Memory Of”
6. Give to Specific Cause
7. Click Here to give to another program or Cause
8. Choose Fellowships
9. Choose Ann Richards Fund
10. Enter Amount
11. Next
12. One Time Only
13. Make this donation in Memory Of _____
14. Card Type – Choose to be sent: ☐ E-Card ☐ Printed Card ☐ None
15. Next
16. Fill in the blanks
17. Verify your Info
18. Next
19. PayPal or Credit Card
20. Enter info
21. Submit

Thank you so much
for your Funds
donations!!!!!!

Christmas Cardinal by Joann Rairigh, Tyler Branch

AAUW selected Joann's watercolor for their 2013 Holiday card.

Artist's note: When I retired from public school counseling 22 years ago, I found two new activities to keep me busy. One was AAUW, and the other was art. I served the AAUW Tyler TX Branch in many capacities, including as president, but my favorite role was local scholarship chair. At the same time I discovered AAUW, I also discovered a love of watercolor; I took a workshop in Maine and was hooked. I'm still a novice, so I only boast of my love for the medium.



Recognize A New Member in Your Branch

By Jackie Littleton

She (or he) may respect your traditions while bringing fresh ideas and new enthusiasm to your branch. Perhaps, instead, she (or he) seems, at first, a square peg in a round hole until eccentricity turns out to be creativity and the branch blooms.

Whether one or the other or something else entirely, new members are the life blood of the branch. Let AAUW Texas help you honor those of your membership who have been members for 3 years or less and who have brought skills and ideas that have helped you grow.

This is not a competition, but a way to recognize all the "new" members across the state whose talents and willingness to work exemplify the best in volunteerism. Write a brief (one page or less) essay describing the accomplishments of your new member both within the branch and in the larger community. Explain why this member should be recognized across the state. Send your essay to Jackie Littleton, Branch Services officer, and encourage her (or him) to accompany you to the state convention in Hurst April 25-27 where she (or he) will be honored. Essays should be send electronically to jackie_littleton@yahoo.com on or before March 1.

AAUW Legacy Gifts

Plan a Gift That Will Change Lives for Women and Girls

From AAUW website: <http://www.aauwlegacy.org/>

For each of us, philanthropy is intensely personal. It is an expression of our values and our vision of the world we hope to create for the next generation. Your support of AAUW today makes it possible for us to fund critical programs to help break through the persistent barriers that continue to limit opportunities for women and girls. But when you plan a gift to AAUW in your long-term estate or financial plans, you will ensure future with changes that are so important to women and their families. Go to <http://www.aauwlegacy.org/> to learn more about estate planning, how you can include a gift to us as part of those plans and how you can benefit from your gift.

Please join us at the convention for the Saturday evening reception honoring our TX Past Presidents and Legacy Circle Members.

Our AAUW Mission

*Advancing equity for women and girls through
advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

Member Remembrances

The AAUW TX Board would like the UWT to begin including a section concerning the deaths of our members. Obituary information should be brief and include AAUW activities. Please include a photo if possible. Send information to the AAUW TX UWT editor at uwteditor@aauwtexas.org



Susan Frances Andrews 1948 - October 8, 2013

Susan graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., with a BA in radio-television-film. In 1972, she earned a master of library science from the University of Texas at Austin, after which Susan moved to Garland and began working for the Dallas Public Library System. She developed an interest in traditional oral storytelling and joined the Tejas Storytelling Association and the National Storytelling Association and was an active participant in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, singing in the chorus. In 2001, she became the library director for the city of Hurst..

Susan was an active member of the AAUW Northeast Tarrant County Branch and belonged to numerous library associations. Susan brought joy and love and laughter to everyone who crossed her path. Her humor, intelligence and enthusiasm for everything made her an indefatigable conversationalist. When one asked Susan a question, one needed to be prepared for the complete answer and then some. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

*The **AAUW Austin Branch** lost three of its longtime members recently. We cherish their companionship and contributions over the many years they were part of the organization:*

Jane Smoot was born in Austin on December 13, 1919, and died in Austin on September 28, 2013. She lived in her family home all her life. Jane graduated from Austin High in 1935 and from UT Austin in 1938 (Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. summa cum laude majoring in British and American literature and minoring in French, German, and education. She earned her M.A. in 1939 and began teaching in AISD where she taught for forty years beginning at University Jr. HS, then Austin HS and Travis HS. Included was a stint at UT Austin where for two and a-half years she taught returning soldiers from WW II. She had a deep appreciation for nature, supported historical preservation, and traveled to many parts of the world.. AAUW was just one of a number of civic, academic, and historic associations that benefited from Jane's time, talents, and resources.

Effat Mahmmod Al-Hossainy retired from the Department of Microbiology at The University of Texas at Austin, died September 25. Effat received a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Baghdad in 1946, and she went on to receive an M.Ed. in education (1963) and an M.A. in biology (1970) from The University of Texas at Austin. Underneath her quiet, unassuming exterior was a brilliant, caring woman. She authored academic papers on such diverse topics as "Some Suggested Improvements in Public Secondary Education in Iraq" and "Attachment of Chlamydia psittacito Formaldehyde-Fixed and Unfixed L Cells." Effat joined AAUW in 1974, was a generous donor to Mainspring Schools, and until recently, an active participant in the Creative Stitchery Interest Group.

Life member **Patricia V. (Pat) Donnelly**, dual with AAUW Austin and Houston, died July 31, 2013, one week past her eightieth birthday. She earned a B.A. in biology from Texas Western University in 1955 and an M.S. in 1963 from the University of Missouri. Pat was retired from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston where her work was in microbiology; she was a certified state ombudsman. Pat admired Governor Ann Richards and regularly supported the AAUW fund that bears her name. She was very loyal to both branches of AAUW and loved the organization. She was a past president of the Houston Interbranch Council.

Highlights of AAUW TX Board Meeting

October 23-25, 2013, Hurst, TX

Financial Officer Inés García reported that, although dues collected to date are slightly under budget, it is anticipated that we should reach our membership and budget goal for the year.

President Jeannie Best and Financial Officer Inés García explained that the AAUW Texas tax-exempt certificate is for State use only. It is not for individual branch use.

Margo Johnson unveiled the updated AAUW Texas website. The new web address is www.aauw-tx.aauw.net. The website is under the AAUW umbrella and is maintained by SiteResources. A committee, chaired by Margo Johnson, was appointed to continue to evaluate and make changes to the website. Suggestions for additions, changes and improvements are welcomed.

An updated list of college/university partners was distributed by Priscilla Mowinkel, College/University Chair. Priscilla also answered questions about student affiliates and e-students.

President Jeannie Best presented a request from Shirley Breeze that AAUW Texas participate in a “regional” convention in 2014. The board agreed to participate and suggest a date at the end of June, 2014.

The Board agreed to sponsor Maria-Luiza Popescu AAUW Student Advisory Council member in the amount of \$2500. Maria-Luiza is currently a graduate student at the University of Texas – Dallas.

AAUW Texas will sponsor one or more deserving women to attend The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) each year.

The monies in the New Branch Development Fund will be used to start a branch in Bryan-College Station. Jackie Littleton, Priscilla Mowinkel and Judy Reinhart are working on this.

Funds remaining from an Association grant will be used for voter education possibilities. Public Policy Chairman Rosemarie Hermann is to prepare a proposal for a “Get Out the Vote” workshop.

Pam Wolfe, University Woman Texas Editor, outlined plans for the Convention Issue of the UWT. Deadlines were set to facilitate having the newsletter distributed to members by early February, 2014. All future issues of the UWT will have a memorial page to recognize death of members of all AAUW Texas branches.

Nominations for AAUW Texas officers for 2014-2016 were presented by Nominations Committee Co-chairman Elaine Wells.

Local Arrangement Committee chairmen Gloria Long & Dixie Christian and Program Vice president Lucy Barrington presented 2014 convention arrangements, budget and program for the Board's discussion and approval.

President Jeannie Best distributed and discussed State Organizer Melodia Gutierrez's analysis of branches, “AAUW Texas State Analysis and Working Draft Plan.” A committee of AAUW Texas Branch & Board members has been assembled to work with Mélodia on the initial results of this analysis and will be making suggestions to the Board at the April 2014, Meeting. Results and suggestions will be available on the state website following the committee's report

The next meeting of the Board will be on April 25, 2014, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Convention Hotel Hyatt Place, Hurst, TX.

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My AAUW To Do List

- _____ *Register to attend the AAUW TX Convention,
April 25 - 27, 2014*
- _____ *Find a roommate for the convention*
- _____ *Make your hotel reservation at the Hyatt Place
in Hurst. 1-888-492-8847 - Be sure to use our
group code (page 11)*
- _____ *Arrange a car pool to convention -
ROAD TRIP!!!!*
- _____ *Sell AAUW to everyone you meet*
- _____ *Sign up a new AAUW member*