

**Protect, Educate, Advocate, Research, and Lead...**

## PEARLS of wisdom needed for a fair chance

**Deadline: April 30**

Send electronically (preferred) to: Laurie Beardsley, Branch Recognition Committee Chair, at [LCB88tiger@verizon.net](mailto:LCB88tiger@verizon.net). To send via email, go to [www.AAUWTexas.org](http://www.AAUWTexas.org) and complete the form online.

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**PEARL** is how AAUW breaks down educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

**P – AAUW PROTECTS the legal rights of those facing discrimination in many ways, at the local level and at the national level.**

By helping a woman treated unfairly by her employer, and by educating college students how to protect their rights, the Legal Advocacy Fund ultimately protects us all.

***How does your branch help AAUW PROTECT women or girls from discrimination?***

**E– AAUW EDUCATES women for a lifetime of success.**

Through our Fellowships and Grants, scholarships granted in local communities, STEM programs for girls and financial literacy programs AAUW works to enable women have the education needed for every stage of life.

***How does your branch EDUCATE women or girls?***

**A – AAUW ADVOCATES for laws that give women a fair chance.**

Through a Lobby Corps that meets with and educates lawmakers on behalf of our members across the country, through voter education programs in our communities, and by having an expert represent our rights on Capitol Hill, AAUW advocates for our issues.

***How does your branch ADVOCATE for AAUW issues?***

**R – AAUW RESEARCHES the educational and economic barriers that harm women.**

Through the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Research Fund, from its charter report “*How Schools Shortchange Girls*” to our most recent reports “*Behind the Pay Gap*” and “*Where the Girls Are*”, AAUW exposes injustices and educating individuals, communities and lawmakers how to break down educational and economic barriers.

***How does your branch support or use AAUW’s RESEARCH?***

**L – AAUW LEADS, and teaches others to lead, in our schools, communities, and our country.**

AAUW gives women the opportunity to serve in leadership positions at the branch, state, and national level, acquiring skills and relationships that will open other doors of opportunity.

***How does your branch LEAD and/or teach others to LEAD?***

**2010-2012**

## Call for Nominees to serve on AAUW Texas Board

Nominations of AAUW Texas officers for the 2010-2012 biennium is hereby requested. The positions to be filled are as follows:

- \* President
- \* Program VP
- \* Membership VP
- \* Educational Foundation VP
- \* Legal Advocacy Fund VP
- \* Secretary
- \* Finance Officer
- \* District Representatives (by each district)

Any AAUW Texas branch, branch board or individual member may propose the name of one or more candidates for any AAUW Texas elective office. All names must be submitted in writing.

Because AAUW officers are usually required to devote considerable time to their duties, we encourage the nomination of candidates who are ready and willing to serve if elected.

To facilitate the nomination process a packet of information mailed to all branch presidents in March contained:

- \* The names of the nominating committee members
- \* Job descriptions as per the bylaws

\* Copies of the three forms needed for submitting a nomination to the nominating committee: "Nomination", "Candidate Goals & Experience", and "Member Evaluation of Officer Candidate"

All forms must be sent to me postmarked no later than October 1, 2009. The nominating committee will accept and consider only that information which has been submitted on the approved forms. Feel free to duplicate these forms. I will be happy to answer any questions relating to the nomination procedure and can supply extra forms.

Your participation in the nominating process is important. Please turn your attention to this matter now and follow the procedure for submitting nominations as outlined in the branch president packets.

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## In Memoriam: Betty Price Anderson — 1933–2008

A long-time AAUW leader, Betty Price Anderson was born on August 18, 1933 and passed away on December 28, 2008 after a lengthy illness.

Long an active proponent of AAUW issues, Betty served as the local and state president for both the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters. She was a board member of both national organizations. She was named an AAUW Woman of Distinction, and the Lubbock Branch was renamed in her honor.

She was a tireless advocate for the health and well-being of all Texans. Betty spent most of her life in Lubbock. She received her BA from North Texas State University and her MA from Texas Tech University.

She received the League State President's Award and the National League's Voters Education Fund Leaders Award. Betty was appointed to numerous state agencies and committees, including the Texas Commission on Children and Youth and the Texas Department of Human Services Aged and Disabled Committee.

Betty served the Lubbock community in many ways by personally assisting the homeless, aged, disabled and children. She served on and chaired dozens of charitable organization boards and received numerous awards for her service, including Lubbock Woman of the Year.

She chaired the Texas Committee on the Humanities and the Texas Commission on Women. Betty was a board member of the Center for Public Policy Priorities since 1994.



Betty Anderson wrote an article about AAUW in Texas for the *Handbook of Texas Online*. Read it here: [www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/AA/kaa1.html](http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/AA/kaa1.html)