



# UWWT

By joining AAUW we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

## HELP YOUR SISTERS IN RAMADI RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM!

Now that Al Qaeda has been driven back and the people are reclaiming their city, women and girls wanting education, and especially professional women for whom it has been especially dangerous, are returning to classrooms. The problem is that, due to the looting, there are virtually no textbooks for the approximately 1200 women. I would like all of us to create a ground-swell of support and tangible help to these brave women. Several months ago I read about a woman, Kristin Hagerstrom, who went from being a housewife here in Houston to the Foreign Service where she is serving on the U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq. I contacted her and in becoming e-friends, I learned that the Women's College in Ramadi has never recovered from the 2006 attack and looting of their school by Al Qaeda while AQ-I was in control of the city.

Kristin writes, We are working especially with the English Department that needs texts like literature especially anthologies, novels and poetry. Shakespeare, Dickens, Brontes, Austen, F Scott Fitzgerald and those sorts things. They also need ESL materials for their language lab. I was even looking at getting DVDs of good films based on English and American novels. The Science Departments too need new books theirs are 20 years old. One or two of each would be enough as students and teachers share. I'll download the form when I get some bandwidth. It's a cool morning here in Falluja and I'm off to a conference with the Marines to determine our work for the next year. Kristin

She also writes: The science department at the school also came up with lists of books they need. We toured the burned out library. The Entire English collection fits on two shelves. One old paperback marked up copy of Old Man and the Sea for 1,200 students! Again any help you and your friends can get they will greatly appreciate. The professor of Curriculum Development was especially engaged saying Iraq's level of education used to be the best in the Middle East and they need to get back to that level

AAUW Texas has taken on an International Project with the hope of making a real difference in the lives of women in Iraq. We are joining forces with the Houston branch who initiated this effort, and hope you will find this project worthwhile enough to personally take part in and hopefully get your branch members excited about. We have powerful women that know how to organize and our help are sorely needed!

They can put to good use any and all recent university texts but especially English literature, the sciences and ELS materials. Books, DVDs, books on tape anything would help.

Please forward this to everyone you know hoping that organizations, groups, individuals, churches, soccer teams, high schools clubs, ....leave a stack at your spa or doctor's office..... will help with this effort. Money is useless over there; they need the books. You will note they are not asking for much as they will readily share texts. Please just let me know if you participate so we can keep a list.

(Email me for help with filling out the shipping address form on Amazon.com) karen.mckibben@gmail.com

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### Current Mailing Address to ship books:

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2/11 Det 2 HQ  
Unit 40451  
FPO AP 96426-0451

You can see Kristin Hagerstrom's entire wish list at:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1ECUG8JNLL9KZ>

Picture of Professors receiving first boxes of books



## Here's to a Wonderful Biennium!

Linda Conger

What a pleasure it has been for me to serve as your President for the past two years! Thank you for giving me that opportunity! It's been a labor of love which has allowed me to work with many extraordinary women – at the state level and at the branch level.

Each of the AAUW TX Board members worked tirelessly and creatively to support branches, to promote our mission, and to plan a successful future for AAUW Texas. Thanks to all their efforts, we can boast of a number of accomplishments, including (in no particular order):

1. Formed a new branch at Bryan/College Station;
2. Recruited many Members-at-Large to become members of AAUW TX;
3. Completion of the Barbara Jordan American Fellowship;
4. . . . Implemented an investment policy for AAUW TX
5. Enhanced communication through the update and revision of the AAUW TX website and through timely publication of University Women Texas!
6. Piloted the "Financial Fitness for Life" workshop at the Leadership Conference (one of four states selected for the pilot); and

The 2008 AAUW TX convention was the crowning glory of the biennium and I want to boast about it separately.

We enjoyed a wonderful pre-convention tour, luxuriated in beautiful facilities, were motivated and inspired by first-class speakers and exceptional workshops, honored the first class of AAUW TX Women of Distinction, raised \$4884.50 for the Educational Foundation and \$2100 for the Legal Advocacy Fund, and had a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party to celebrate 100 years of AAUW in Texas!

Kudos to AAUW TX Program Vice President, Lane Power, and her committee; more kudos to our host, the North Texas Interbranch Council, and the Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs, Marta Mountjoy and Maria Viera-Williams. And even more kudos to those who attended – we couldn't have done it without you!



Outgoing state president Linda Conger (left) presents the gavel and presidential mascot "Spike", the Fuzzy rhinoceros, to incoming president Ann Berasley.

As I've traveled around the state and visited branches the past two years, it is clear to me that AAUW is alive and well in Texas!

Go FORTH and MAKE MORE HISTORY!

Regional Director-Shirley Breeze

The state conventions and meetings in March, April, and May have been exciting, productive, and fun! AAUW's mission and value promise have been prominent in the activities and programming. The use of the new Leadership Training DVDs has enhanced our knowledge and appreciation of all that AAUW does for equity for women.

Now, we look forward to a summer filled with a number of AAUW events including the Southwest Regional Training Conference (June 13, 14 in Overland Park, Kansas) and planning for our next year of AAUW. If you have not registered for the Training Conference, please do so. It will be an invaluable experience and provide you with some wonderful programming ideas and resources. See the particulars in other sections of this newsletter or contact me.

Remember, the Leadership Training DVDs are available to your branch for use in programs in the fall. They include the following modules: Introduction from Linda Hallman, our new executive director; Leadership; Membership, Communications, and Marketing; Philanthropy; Finance; Education and Research; Advocacy. The initial module featuring Linda Hallman would be great for a new membership/recruitment event or the first meeting of the New Year. There are extensive materials available to assist with the delivery of all modules.

If you have not already heard, the 2009 national meeting will be in our region!!! It is scheduled for June 2009 in St. Louis.

As always, please contact me for additional information at [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com).

# ASSOCIATION UPDATES

## Membership Programs



Keys to the Future-  
Every member-get a  
member campaign

Members and members-at large (MALS) simply invite prospective members to join AAUW. When the membership enrollment is sent in the recruiter's (you) membership number is included with the application. There is a special place on the ADRs and BDRs to include this. Incentives and Awards will be given at the end of every major "challenge." Those recruiting new members are listed in the AAUW's Hall of Fame and rewards are determined accordingly. Texas had a fantastic representation for the first half of this year. The second challenge is not completed until June 15, 2008.

Texas had 25 branches out of 46 active branches participate in this challenge. They brought in a total of 190 new members for Texas. Melba Zarembo of McAllen again came in first for Texas. With a total of 15 new members recruited while Linda Conger of Austin had 9, and Carolota Garza of McAllen and Linda Adams of Northeast Tarrant County both had 6. The branch bringing in the most new members with this program was McAllen 34 while Austin came in second with 25.



The second campaign resource which is available to the branches is Shape the Future. I received the Texas branch results and I was shocked that it was not being used in conjunction with

the member-get-a-member campaign. It really is not difficult to initiate. This may also be used with the half-price Association dues.

1. During AAUW-sponsored activities, branches offer a half-price regular membership to individuals who join at the event. Discounts are restricted to new or lapsed members (those who have not been members for at least two years).

2. Discounts are offered to new members at all AAUW branch activities

that the community and potential members published. A notice in the newspaper will count as will posters displayed in public places. This applies to Association dues only.

3. You must use the Shape the Future guest/referral list so that staff can capture all the necessary information and it must be turned into Association within two weeks of the event. This can be downloaded from the website.

4. The reason for doing this extra work?

- " each branch will receive one free membership for every two new members recruited on the spot (a new member can choose to join a branch or join as a member-at-large)
- " Each branch will receive up to three free memberships each fiscal year (the fiscal year ends June 30)

Visit [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/)  
Or contact your district representative or State Membership VP for more information.

<p><b>Congratulations to the following participants in the Shape the Future Campaign.</b></p>
<p><u>Branch and Free Memberships</u></p>
<p>Abilene -2</p>
<p>Bryan/College Station-2</p>
<p>Kerrville-3</p>
<p>N Harris Co.-2</p>
<p>West Harris Co.-3</p>
<p>Orange-2</p>
<p>San Antonio-3</p>
<p>Tyler-3</p>
<p>Farmers Branch-3</p>
<p>Fort Bend Co.-2</p>

## AAUW Mission Based Programs

1. AAUW Texas has partnerships with Prudential Financial Services and the State Mental Health Association. Both are interested in providing programs to Texas branches.

For local contacts to present programs on being "financially fit for life," contact [gina.jimenez@prudential.com](mailto:gina.jimenez@prudential.com) -Gina Jimenez.

Since 2000, Prudential Financial has conducted a bi-annual study on women's financial behaviors and experiences. They recently published "Behavioral Risk in the Retirement Red Zone," exploring the role of emotions in financial decision making. In 2007 Fortune Magazine named Prudential Financial the world's most admired company in the life/health insurance category, and the National Association for Female Executives recognized Prudential Financial as a "Top Company for Executive Women."

2. In this election year, "The Power of One Vote" materials from the association are very appropriate for women's involvement in policy decisions: statewide and nationally. Georgia Kidwell, outgoing Public Policy Chair would be happy to give you program ideas. [grqkdw@yahoo.com](mailto:grqkdw@yahoo.com)

3. Just Published Where the Girls Are: The Facts about Gender Equity in Education the findings of this new AAUW research report refute the notion of a boy's crisis in schools. Girl's successes do not come at boys' expense; rather, when girls do better in school, so do boys.

Branch Programming Ideas to utilize this research report can be found a click away! [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

### OUTSIDE RESOURCES

The Texas State Securities Board is also actively boosting public education on securities and securities fraud and has offered to provide speakers for programs throughout the state. Contact Denise Voigt Crawford, the Texas Securities Commissioner, at 512-305-8300, to arrange a free program. For more information, see their website: [www.ssb.state.tx.us](http://www.ssb.state.tx.us).

The State Mental Health Association and the Texas Suicide Prevention Council are eager to address mental health issues for women, particularly college age and older. Check out the "Coming Together to Care: Suicide Prevention Toolkit Appendix A" at [texassuicideprevention.org](http://texassuicideprevention.org) contact Mary Ellen Nudd ([menudd@mhatexas.org](mailto:menudd@mhatexas.org)) [mhkeller@onr.com](mailto:mhkeller@onr.com)) - Merily Keller



## A MUST FOR ALL BRANCHES ANNUAL 990 REPORT TO IRS

Beginning with the AAUW fiscal year 2007-2008 ending June 30, 2008, Branches that have less than \$25,000 in gross receipts have to electronically file Form 990-N also known as the e-Postcard with the IRS. There will be no paper filing. The electronic filing is due no later than November 15 of each year. You cannot file the e-Postcard until after your tax year ends, but you can file it after June 30.

### How to File

Please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) website and type in "Form 990-N" in the keyword/search box. This should bring up information on the Form 990-N filing. If you have trouble accessing the system using the above, you may be able to access the filing site directly by typing or pasting the following address into your Internet browser: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. When you access the system, you will leave the IRS site and file the e-Postcard with the IRS through their trusted partner, Urban Institute. The form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form.

Late Filing or Failure to file the e-Postcard if you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard. However, a Branch that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the Branch's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

### HOW TO FIL OUT E POST CARD

- [Employer identification number](#) (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
- [Tax year](#) (7-1-07 through 6-3-08 for all AAUW Branches)
- [Legal name and mailing address](#)
- [Any other names the organization uses](#)
- [Name and address of a principal officer](#) (President, Treasurer, etc.)
- Confirmation that the branch's annual [gross receipts](#) are [normally \\$25,000 or less](#)

Margaret Bentley [desotom@tx.rr.com](mailto:desotom@tx.rr.com)

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Barbara Jordan Fellowship Completed at the State Convention

The Barbara Jordan American Fellowship has been completed by AAUW Texas with the amount in the fellowship exceeding the \$100,000 required. This was accomplished through years of contributions to the fellowship. The final push to success came at the AAUW Texas State Convention in April. The members of the state raised more than \$4884 for the fellowship through donations and sales of raffle tickets for the two Southwest Airlines Tickets.

THANK YOU to all the members who contributed to this last effort to complete the fellowship. Lubbock raised the most money through the EF Raffle with a total of \$1,015.  
WAY TO GO LUBBOCK!!

**The AAUW-Texas  
Barbara Jordan American  
Fellowship \$100,000  
endowment proceeds will go  
toward post graduate  
scholarships in Texas.**

### Texas Recognized TWICE by Association for Educational Foundational Contributions!

For 2007 Texas was recognized twice by Association for money contributed to the Educational Foundation. The awards are for Tenth Place in the Top Ten Fundraising Awards for the Total Giving by State to the Educational Foundation and for Ninth Place in the Top Ten Fundraising Awards for the Total Contribution Growth over the Previous Recognition Year.

OUTSTANDING fundraising  
AAUW TEXAS!!!

Mary DuBoise

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND IS MAKING CHANGES

- ◇ LAF case support will extend beyond academia to other work place settings.
- ◇ Funding will cease for the current plaintiffs as of December 2008, and no new cases accepted.
- ◇ LAF's new direction will be for expanded legal use of amicus curiae briefs, friend of the court. This is an activity national has already engaged.
- ◇ Legal advocacy Fund will continue the following
  - Campus Outreach Program
  - Plaintiff Travel Grants
  - Online LAF Resource Library
- ◇ Placed on hiatus indefinitely
  - Progress in Equity
  - Speaking Out For Justice Awards

Marietta Hostak

The quilt raffle for LAF was a  
huge success. \$2,100

Delia (Dee) Thomas of the Lubbock branch was the lucky winner. It was only fitting that someone from this branch win, since Lubbock branch sold \$255 in tickets, the Most of any branch.

### EF RAFFLE

Airlines Tickets Donated by  
SW Airlines

Winner-  
Pam Wolfe- Austin

\$4884.00 Contributed to  
Barbara Jordan Endowment

BRANCH 2007 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAF

\$5.00 PER CAPITA

TOP TEN BRANCHES

San Antonio-\$3460.00  
 Austin-\$1725.94  
 West Harris- \$1681.95  
 Abilene-1475.00  
 Lubbock-1200.00  
 N.E. Tarrant-1105.00  
 Dallas-\$921.50  
 Tarrant Co. \$670.00  
 Kerrville-\$595.00

TOP TEN PER CAPITA

Abilene-32.07  
 San Antonio-23.70  
 SE Harris-22.69  
 Lubbock-20.34  
 Dalls-15.11  
 Georgetown-15.00  
 Tarrant Co. - 14.62  
 Fort Bend 13.38  
 NE Tarrant Co.-12.14  
 Austin-9.43

Abilene-32.87	Austin-9.43
West Harris-7.75	Wichita Falls-8.15
San Antonio-23.70	Denton-7.72
SE Harri-22.69	Houton-7.36
Lubbock-20.34	Arlington-6.04
Dalls-15.11	Farmer Branch-5.56
Georgetown-15.00	Plano/Collin-5.30
Tarrant Co-14.62	S.Dallas-5.24
Fort Bend13.38	Kerrville-5.04
NE Tarrant-12.14	

Branches that increased from previous year: ABILENE, AUSTIN, DALLAS, GEORGETOWN, McALLEN, NE TARRANT CO., RICHARDSON, SE HARRIES, TARRANT CO, WEST HARRIES CO WICHITA FALLS

**More than 1 billion people — one in six — live on less than \$1 a day, and 2.7 billion live on less than \$2 a day. Source: World Bank. Poverty Net**

ONE SHARED WORLD is an Academy Educational Development Campaign to raise awareness of global poverty and make it a vital part of the American dialog — especially among working women. Why women?

Whether we realize it or not, women in America are not so different from women in cities, towns and villages in every corner of the globe. We share similar struggles, joys and hopes. And we all want to build a better future for ourselves, our families and our communities.

AED, building on an investment by USAID, sustains One Shared World to show how supporting progress in one area pays off in others. Educating girls, for example, helps foster more resilient families, prevent diseases like HIV/AIDS, open up better jobs that pay higher wages — making communities, societies and our world healthier, safer and richer.

When we speak of global poverty, what do we mean?

“ In the developing world, more than 800 million people go to bed hungry each night. Source: [FAQ: Newsroom — the numbers: SOFI 2004 hunger Statistics](#)

“ About 200 million children under age five are underweight. Not getting enough to eat can stunt growth, slow thinking, sap energy and contribute to mental retardation.

One Shared World Focus: health, education and economic progress.

TAKE ACTION

**Every Ten Minutes a women or child is trafficked into the United States**

Two powerful groups AAUW and League of Women Voters lent their voice to issues that affects mainly girls and women and that gets so little attention.

Both organizations of Port Washington -cosponsored an informational meeting on the subject of human trafficking. This panelist pointed out that human trafficking is an enormously profitable business, netting billions of dollars each year to those who practice it. It is the third highest value crime and up until fairly recently there were not sufficient laws on the books specific to human trafficking, thus making it difficult to prosecute.

One of the panelists Dr Maggio, assistant professor of criminal Justice pointed out that the U>S. has done more to address the problem than any other country in the world. Dr Maggio commented that even in his field it is not considered a high priority. He refers to a professor from Ivy League college who scoffed at Maggio's interest which the professor called a “statically anomaly”. Dr Maggio showed a picture to participants of one of the child's victims saying” Tell this child: “You are an anomaly; you are not a priority.”

Dr Maggios expressed sentiments of panelist and participant when he said” There is nothing more horrible than the buying and selling of human beings.”

Author D.K. O'Brien

Online Edition Port Washington News-

## VOTE BY ACCALMATION



ANN BERASLEY- PRESIDENT- AUSTIN

At the Convention in Dallas, I had the opportunity to meet all the members you elected to the AAUW Texas Board of Directors. Some of these women I knew, but others I met for the first time. I was thrilled to find out what a great group of women I will be working with during the 2008-2010 biennium. I also had the opportunity to meet more branch officers and members, and find out what you want from AAUW Texas. If you have ideas and didn't have the chance to share them with me, please email me, Ann Berasley, at [ann.berasley@gmail.com](mailto:ann.berasley@gmail.com). To help me and the other state officers get information to you timely, please email your officer lists to me.



CELINA TORRES FENNEL  
PROGRAM- ABILENE

To encourage and help the Texas Branches in developing AUW

mission based programming with emphasis on education, diversity, and visibility. I will establish partnerships with other organizations with similar goals. I will spotlight different branch program activities throughout the biennium and share the program information as a resource for other branches



ANITA KNIGHT- EF VP- AUSTIN

To strive to communicate faithfully with the branch

Educational Foundation Chairs/VP's and promotes awareness of EF activities.



KATHY ANTHON LAF- NE TARRANT

I am delighted to be the new VP of the Legal Advocacy Fund for the State of TX.

Having grown up in Seneca Falls, NY I have been steeped in the tradition of Woman's Rights and Equity. I know that this will be a wonderful two years working with all of the branches and through the changes as LAF evolves to serve a larger population of plaintiffs. My thanks to all of you for this opportunity.

[kathy@anthons.com](mailto:kathy@anthons.com)



DUSKY WELLS  
SECRETARY- ABILENE

What a wonderful convention we've just had to complete the 2006-2008 Texas

biennium year. As your new state secretary I may be making requests for information concerning your branches.

Please don't dump me with your junk mailings! My email address for the AAUW State business will be:

[wellsabilen@clearwire.net](mailto:wellsabilen@clearwire.net)

I'm looking forward to working with our 2008-2010 State Board as we serve your branches. Together we'll continue our journey to equity.

MARGARET BENTLEY FINANCE -SW DALLAS

At this time, I am unable to give a financial report on the Dallas



State Convention held April 25-27, 2008. We are still processing outstanding income and expenses, and will

have a final report at a later date. My e-mail address for AAUW business will be: [desotom@tx.rr.com](mailto:desotom@tx.rr.com)

RETENTION WILL BE A MAJOR FOCUS OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP VP AND COMMITTEE THIS YEAR.



PRISCILLA MOWINKEL  
FARMERS BRANCH

Congratulations should be in order to the following branches that retained their members from last year to this year. Margaret Bentley, TX Financial Officer and I did some math work and came up with very few branches that did not lose over two members for the year and were still able to increase their membership. It is apparent that we are not enticing new members to stay with us. I recognize that there were branches that recruited new members in the tens and twenties; however, they also lost an exorbitant number of members and increased membership very little or not at all. I commend these branches for trying to make up the numbers but ask if it wouldn't have been easier to try to retain their members instead.

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### BRANCHES RETAILING MEMBERS FROM LAST YEAR

Arlington	up 5
Georgetown	up 2
Houston	up 2
Huntsville	up 2
Orange	up 9
Plano/Collin Co	up 1
Southwest Dallas	up 3
Vernon	up 1

## 2008-2010 STATE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

WEST	JEANNE BEST	Abilene, Amarillo, Brownfield, El Paso, Lubbock, Plainview
CENTRAL	ELIZABETH NEWELL	Austin, Bryan/College Station, Georgetown, Huntsville, Kerrville, Nacogdoches, Polk, San Antonio
NORTH	JANET PEAVLER	Denton, Greenville, Sherman/Taxoma, SW Texas, Vernon, Wichita Falls
NORTH	MARGIE POOLE	ARLINGTON, GRAND PRAIRIE, NE TARRANT, STEPHENVILLE, TARRANT CO
NORTH	ELAINE WELLS	Farmers Branch, Mesquite, Plano/Collin, Richardson, Tyler, Brookhaven Comm. (student affiliate)

## SPOTLIGHTING

### West Harris Recipient of 2008 Mayor's Volunteer Award

Who says AAUW can't get publicity/visibility in large metropolitan areas! Expanding Your Horizons (EYH), sponsored by the West Harris County Branch in Houston, is recipient of the 2008 Mayor's Volunteer Award.

Theirs is the largest EYH program in the US run totally by volunteers – NO PAID STAFF!

Annually approximately 600 middle-school girls attend the one-day conference where participants select workshops from among 60 choices presented by women professionals in math, science, and technology careers. The branch has sponsored Expanding Your Horizons for 16 consecutive years.

On the evening of May 6, Houston mayor Bill White will recognize West Harris County Branch's Expanding Your Horizons as recipient of the 2008 Mayor's Volunteer Award.

Margaret Ann Carlson  
West Harris Branch

### Abilene Branch hosted 'New Horizons for Girls: Exploring Math and Science'

With well over 100 area girls in grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in attendance, the event was a huge success. Participants were able to choose three sessions and the General Session. Session topics included: Computer Science, Medical Lab Technology, Biology, Horticulture, Meteorology, Archeology, and Geometry through the art of Origami. The General Session, 'Chemistry Circus,' was presented by the Abilene Christian University Chemistry Department.

Lisette Spraggins, Co-Vice President for Educational Programming (Abilene Branch) organized 'New Horizons for Girls'. Many Abilene community businesses, institutions and universities helped in sponsoring this event including: Abilene Regional Medical Center, Abilene Christian University, McMurry University, Hardin-Simmons University, Texas Tech University, Region 14 Education Service Center and the Big Country Area Health Education Center.

Jeanne Best West District  
State Representative

### Making a connection between university, community college, and high school students

This was the first time effort of the Mayor and First Lady of El Paso to connect the university, community college, and high school students. It was for women from all walks of life to network, learn and enjoy new opportunities. This was El Paso's "Let's Get Connected" two day conferences for women. Several of the speakers were: Dr Irasema Coronado-Assoc Dean Liberal Arts, University of Texas of El Paso; Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director Public Policy; Colonel Heidi V Brown, guest speaker and served in Iraq; Dr Maceo Dailey, African American Studies, Univ. of Texas at El Paso; Judge Regina Arditti; Alicia Rascon, CEO Latinas Magazine for Women and Girls.

For more information you can contact Rosemary Kourey-, newsletter editor El Paso Branch, [rkory@mac.com](mailto:rkory@mac.com)

## STATE TERRIFIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

ABILENE	NE TARRANT
AUSTIN	NORTH HARRIS
BRYAN COLLEGE STATION	PLANO COLLIN
FORT BEND	SAN ANTONIO
DALLAS	SW DALLAS
EL PASO	TARRANT
KERRVILLE	TYLER
MCALLEN	WEST HARRIS

Congratulations to the 16 branches– each one met one or more of the criteria for the Texas Star Award and was recognized at the AAUW Texas State Convention in Dallas. Also, they gave AAUW Texas a look into their branch activities and shared ideas that could work for any branch to promote the AAUW Mission. June Hill Branch Services

### CHANGES IN AAUW-

- o Entire organization will be 501c3 after June 2009- all donations will go directly to AAUW as tax deductible charitable contributions.
- o One Member One Vote empowering every member with an equal voice in the future and voting will be allowed by mail or electronic ballot.
- o New entity will be legally called AAUW and there will be one logo stylized W

