



# THE BRANCH CONNECTION

Dallas, Texas, Branch

April and May 2015

AAUW's Mission: advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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## Message from the President

It has certainly been a privilege for me to serve as President of AAUW Dallas for the past four years. I deeply appreciate all of our AAUW Dallas members, our board members, and members of AAUW Texas and AAUW National that make the American Association of University Women a great organization that breaks through barriers and promotes issues vital to women and girls and all individuals through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy.

At our February 7th AAUW Dallas general meeting, members and guests enjoyed an outstanding performance by Dr. Njoki McElroy of a monologue she created from the stories in some of Maya Angelou's memoirs. In addition, Pat Clendenin showed slides that Njoki's son Harry McElroy had created. Also we were pleased to have guests Linda Martin, Sara Mokuria, and Sharon Varney. Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley provided a delicious brunch.

On Saturday February 28th icy roads prevented my attendance at the International Women's Day celebration at the Bath House. Pat Clendenin attended and spoke to a number of women and Girl Scouts and acquainted them with opportunities offered by AAUW.

The 50th Annual SMU Women's Symposium held on March 4, 2015 was an exciting event with Lilly Ledbetter as the featured speaker. Lilly's picture is on the cover of the Spring/Summer 2009 *Outlook*, captioned "Becoming the Face of Pay Equity." The article "Lilly Ledbetter's Fight for the Future" on pp. 9-11 notes that "Thanks to the hard work of AAUW and our coalition partners, The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act became the first bill signed into law by President Obama." The Spring/Summer 2014 *Outlook* p. 29 notes "Executive Orders Give Women Protections." At the luncheon Lilly Ledbetter emphasized that Lisa Maatz, AAUW National Vice President of Government Relations, and AAUW members have given her invaluable support throughout the long process.

Before and after the luncheon I was honored to manage the AAUW Dallas resource table, accompanied by Ginny Phoenix, AAUW Texas Membership VP. We are pleased that Nelda Reid joined AAUW Dallas at our resource table. AAUW Texas President Jeannie Best and Melodia Gutierrez also had a resource table with Diana Kao and Maria-Luiza Popescu of the

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## April Branch Meeting

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Center for Community Cooperation  
2900 Live Oak Street  
Dallas, TX 75204

Speaker: Catalina Garcia, M.D.  
Experiences, career, Hispanic 100

**Please note: we are meeting later in the month due to the Easter holiday and meeting room availability.**

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## May Branch Meeting

**Scholarship Luncheon**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

10:00 a.m. – Noon

**La Calle Doce Restaurant**

1925 Skillman Street

Dallas, TX 75206

At the corner of  
Skillman and Oram streets

Meet the 2015

AAUW Dallas Scholarship Recipients  
and

Recognition of Incoming and Outgoing Branch Officers

To participate in this special annual event, please bring your \$15 payment to the April meeting or mail a \$15 check payable to AAUW Dallas to Pat Clendenin  
807 Peavy Road  
Dallas, TX 75218

Price of the luncheon includes a choice of seven entrees, beverage, tax, and gratuity.

### Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee nominates the following officers for terms to begin in July 2015:

President	TBD
Vice President Programs	Barbara Benson
Vice President Membership	Margaret Gilmore
Corresponding/Recording Secretary	Carla Young

Voting will occur at the April 18<sup>th</sup> branch meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome with the nominee's permission. Election shall be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for a given office. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee members: Barbara Benson, Pat Clendenin, Marcia Cooper, Marva Curry, Dr. Catalina Garcia, and Julia Young.

(Message from the President, Continued)

of the Younger Women's Task Force assisting. AAUW Dallas members Linda Evans, Diana Kao, Dr. Beth Newman, Maria-Luiza Popescu, Nelda Reid and I attended the luncheon. A large number of AAUW members from other Texas branches also attended the luncheon.

On March 7th Pat Clendenin, Marva Jo Curry, Janelle Hampton, Betty Kelly, and I attended the AAUW North Texas Interbranch Meeting at The Medical Center of Plano. Melodia Gutierrez, AAUW State Organizer, presented the program "Great Minds Across Political Lines" which included a timeline of women's accomplishments dating back to 1848, current state issues, proposed bills on health care, women's health care, education, climate change adaptation, economic security, women's economic security, equal pay, and a list of members of the house committee on business and industry. Please contact me or Pat Clendenin if you would like a copy of Melodia's presentation.

For our general meeting on April 18, please arrive early so that we can start the program about 10:20. After the recognition of visitors, we will hear from our speaker and new member Catalina Garcia, M.D. Afterward, we will vote on officers, and we will have a special event.

*Margaret B. Gilmore, Ph.D.*  
*President, AAUW Dallas 2011-2015*

## YOUNGER WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

powered by AAUW

YWTF, an affiliate entity of AAUW for younger women, is up and running! Over the past year, YWTF Dallas has hosted social gatherings, a gubernatorial debate watch party, partnered with NARAL Pro-Choice Texas at their "Our Bodies, Our Lives" event, and has formed an active board of directors.

YWTF Dallas is looking for bright, motivated women in their 20s and 30s to join them, so spread the word to your favorite younger women! We have a Facebook page, a Meetup.com group, and a new website, so visit <http://ywtf-dallas.aauw.net/> to stay up-to-date.

Farah Ellenbogen  
YWTF Dallas Director of Communications



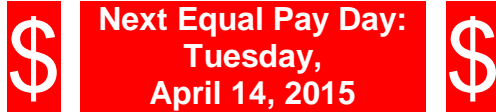
AAUW Dallas will not have branch meetings in June and July, although the board usually meets to plan for the upcoming year. After the May luncheon, the next branch meeting will be Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. (Timing of the September meeting will be late August due to the Labor Day holiday.) The next Branch Connection newsletter will be sent out mid-August. Have a great summer!

### Contemporary Literature Group

April 8th, 7:30 pm – The Phantom of Fifth Avenue by Meryl Gordon.

May 13th, 7:30 pm – The Thirteenth Tale by Dianne Setterfield.

The AAUW Dallas Contemporary Literature Group meets monthly and welcomes members. The current schedule is in on Page 17 of the directory. Our annual book selection meeting—to select books for July 2015 through May 2016—will be on June 10th.



We “celebrate” this occasion every April on a day known as Equal Pay Day, which is the symbolic day when women’s earnings (78 cents to men’s dollar) finally catch up to men’s earnings from the previous year.

AAUW advocates for federal policies that will help all women and families achieve economic security, including legislation to close the gender pay gap. You can be a critical part of the behind-the-scenes work to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act by urging your members of Congress to support the bill.  
From [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

### **NCCWSL = National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**

AAUW and co-sponsor NASPA, the leading student affairs association, will host 1,000 college women leaders in 2015, the conference’s 30<sup>th</sup> year. NCCWSL will be held in May and will include two-and-a-half days of leadership building sessions, a career and graduate school fair, opportunities to explore Washington, D.C. sites, and thrilling speakers like 2014 headliner Chelsea Clinton.

NCCWSL attendees are---

- Diverse – More than 50% of attendees are women of color. Women travel from 48 states, the Pacific Rim, Caribbean, and the Middle East.
- Leaders – 72% reported feeling more confident in taking initiative to improve issues on campus or in their communities.
- Team Builders – 98% said they were confident about working with a team.
- Ambitious – Nearly 85% felt challenged to raise their expectations.

From [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

AAUW Dallas has sponsored a student to attend NCCWSL in the last two years. The scholarship committee is reviewing applications for scholarship renewals and will make a recommendation to the board regarding 2015 NCCWSL sponsorship. An announcement will be made to the branch in an upcoming meeting.

### **AAUW Research Report Coming March 26th**

AAUW’s research report *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women’s Success in Engineering and Technology* will be released March 26<sup>th</sup>. An online panel discussion will be held March 26th in conjunction with release of the report; see [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) to register to attend the live stream.

*Solving the Equation* will describe the current factors behind the persistent underrepresentation of women in the computing and engineering workforce and make evidence-based recommendations for change so that girls who want to invent the next Facebook or build the next Mars rover will feel empowered to do what inspires them. AAUW supporters for *Solving the Equation* include the National Science Foundation, AT&T, and the Moneen Lecce Giving Circle.

From [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

### **AAUW and Symantec Team Up to Teach Girls Cybersecurity**

AAUW received a \$100,000 grant from Symantec Corporation to develop a cybersecurity core class for middle school girls interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

The grant will expand the curriculum for the AAUW National Tech Trek Program, a highly successful, weeklong STEM summer camp program that will serve more than 1,600 girls at 21 sites around the nation in 2015. The cybersecurity course will be piloted at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Stanford University, and the University of California, Irvine.

“Women make up just 26 percent of the computing workforce, but AAUW is working hard to increase that number. We’re glad to have Symantec Corporation supporting our efforts to encourage girls to consider the full range of STEM studies and career options, including becoming cybersecurity experts,” said AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda D. Hallman, CAE.

From [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

March is Women’s History Month. Please see the following page for milestones of AAUW’s history and websites <http://aauw.org/> and <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/> for current activities of our organization.

Throughout our history, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political. Below are milestones of AAUW's important role in women's history.

**1881-1889**

Founders meet, Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA) is organized. Branch structure is established. First research report issued. First fellowship granted.

**1905 - 1913**

AAUW supports the first federal pay equity legislation. ACA begins study of equal pay, issues report on Civil Service jobs and pay.

**1920 – 1921**

Marie Curie receives contributions, some from ACA members, toward purchase of radium for her research. AAUW purchases HQ building in D.C. AAUW formed by merger of Southern Association of College Women and ACA.

**1938 – 1942**

Research report published, documenting widespread sex discrimination in academia. AAUW works to assist European war refugees to obtain U.S. positions. In World War II, AAUW advocates for equal pay and rank for women.

**1946 - 1949**

AAUW is granted permanent U.N. observer status. Bylaws revised to reaffirm that women college graduates of all races are eligible for membership.

**1950**

AAUW defends former associate, accused by McCarthy of Communism, and later urges members to continue important work.

**1968 - 1969**

AAUW embarks on new environmental program. In response to race riots, AAUW launches Unified Society program, promotes racial understanding and civil rights, and establishes Coretta Scott King Fund.

**1971**

AAUW members support legalization of abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment.

**1975**

Lobby Corps formed to monitor congressional hearings and lobby for bills that match AAUW's programs.

From [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

**1981**

The Legal Advocacy Fund established.

**1987**

AAUW admits men.

**1993**

The Family Medical Leave Act passes, helped by hard work of the AAUW Lobby Corps.

**1995**

AAUW launches Voter Education Campaign.

**2002**

AAUW hosts its first NCCWSL, more than 250 attend.

**2005**

AAUW expands membership to include graduates with an associate or equivalent degree.

**2008**

AAUW receives special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

**2009**

President Barack Obama signs the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. AAUW members and supporters worked tirelessly for its passage.

**2011**

The Legal Advocacy Fund expands its mission, accepting its first strategic lawsuit outside academia, *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*.

AAUW members have first-ever One Member, One Vote popular election rather than delegate system.

**2013**

AAUW welcomes its first international college/university partner member, the Australian National University.

**2014**

AAUW was invited by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Dept. of Labor to contribute to an update of the influential American Women report on the report's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.