

## Message from the President

Our May luncheon was a celebration—recognizing our scholarship winners and ourselves. This year, we awarded scholarships to five young women and renewed awards for twelve continuing students. Thanks to Pat and the scholarship committee members for their work with candidates and the luncheon program. We marveled at the accomplishments of the young women and enjoyed visiting with them and their family members. Kudos to our branch for receiving a REAP—Research, Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy—award from AAUW Texas, recognizing our programs in these areas. At the April state convention, we were also recognized as a top branch fundraiser.

Speaking of AAUW Texas, our district representatives will attend our October branch meeting and talk with us about the activities of the state organization. Please come, so you can hear about our organization's work across Texas. Please also come to the September meeting and hear from our member Nelda Reid about the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women held in New York earlier this year. AAUW selected Nelda—a great honor—to join its delegation to the Commission. At our September meeting, we will also talk about opportunities to participate in get-out-the-vote initiatives. Of course, the election is coming up in November, and AAUW promotes voter education and debate on the issues. Please visit [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) for AAUW Action Fund's analysis of the issues and candidates.

The summer is going by fast, and we're looking forward to reviving friendships and activities over the fall. If you have other program suggestions for the year, please let any of the board members know. We welcome ideas, plus we are always looking for future board members. Thanks to our continuing board members for all your work to carry on AAUW Dallas's rich history of empowering women.

**Carla Young**

AAUW Dallas Branch President 2015-2017

## Announcements



## November 8 Election Dates

**Tuesday, October 11th**

Last Day to Register to Vote

**Monday, October 24th**

First Day of Early Voting

**Friday, October 28th**

Last Day for Ballot by Mail Request

**Friday, November 4th**

Last Day of Early Voting

**Tuesday, November 8th**

Election Day

## Voter Registration

The Dallas League of Women Voters is looking for volunteers to help with Voter Registration events.

Please see their [Website](http://lwwdallas.org/registerandrights.html#drives)

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## Upcoming Meetings

### September Meeting

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Meadows Conference Center  
2900 Live Oak St, Dallas, TX 75204

**Cost:** Free

**Program:** Our speaker will be Nelda Reid. She'll tell us about the UN Commission on the Status of Women that she attended in March.

★ **If you have not done so yet, please pay your 2016 – 2017 dues at the next meeting!**



#### October Meeting

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 1, 2016, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location:** Meadows Conference Center  
2900 Live Oak St, Dallas, TX 75204

**Cost:** Free

**Program:** Barbara Cager and Gloria Long visit to tell us about the work of AAUW Texas.

★ **Please let Carla know if you'd like to sign up to bring refreshments. Thanks to Peggy and Julia for volunteering for October. We're open for other meeting dates**

#### 2016 – 2017 Preview

We're planning programs for 2016 – 17 branch meetings. Although these are tentative plans, we encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to join us for opportunities to share knowledge and ideas and to socialize with branch friends.

#### September 10, 2016

Nelda Reid, UN Conference participant

#### October 1, 2016

Gloria Long and Barbara Cager, Activities of AAUW Texas

#### November 5, 2016

Mariam El Ashmawy, AAUW fellowship recipient, biologist, improv comedienne

#### December 3, 2016

Holiday Luncheon, gathering books for Vickery Meadow, shoeboxes for The Bridge

#### January 7, 2017

Program on trafficking

#### February 4, 2017

Hosting Interbranch meeting with a panel on "Refugees: Impacts, Contributions, and Needs in Our Community"

#### March 4, 2017

Diversity program

#### April 1, 2017

Museum visit

#### May 6, 2017

Scholarship Luncheon

#### Member Highlight

AAUW Dallas sponsored Anna Yao to attend NCCWSL in June 2016. Anna enjoyed various breakout sessions, and saw Washington, DC monuments and museums for the first time! She commented that "This trip was absolutely



meaningful,  
I learned a  
lot about  
myself and  
others. I  
made new



friends that I miss already. I have a slightly different outlook on life. More than ever, I realize the importance of my goals."



**47<sup>th</sup> Biennial AAUW Texas State Convention a Great Success!**

If you didn't attend the **47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas Convention**, you missed your chance to Step into Action with AAUW. Here are just two of the

comments made about the event: "Enjoyed myself immensely, feel very inspired about AAUW mission" and "Well-organized and run, a lot of thought went into the weekend, excellent job."

From the opening welcome by **San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor** to the closing remarks by San Antonio businesswomen **Leti Andrade** and former Texas Secretary of State **Hope Andrade** (whom I adore and was pleased to meet), the convention was quite a success! The program kept attendees interested and engaged. Workshops were mission-based and timely, addressing such varied topics as domestic human trafficking, diversity in higher education, immigration reform, and equal pay, as well as using social media, fundraising, and reinventing your branch. And more than twenty vendors displayed a variety of wares and contributed door prizes.

Keynote speakers were leaders in government, science and business. A panel of women elected to the Texas judiciary or the legislature, **Chief Justice Sandee Bryan**, **Marion** and **Texas House Representatives Sarah Davis** and **Ina Minajarez**, offered insights on their political careers and "Why So Few Women in Politics?". **Ginger Kerrick**, NASA's first female and first Hispanic flight director spoke of the difficulties and rewards of the path she took to her position in America's space agency. She is a great example of the benefits of a STEM education. The convention ended on a high note with an example of servant leadership and its bottom-up style of decision-making personified in **Leticia Andrade**, Executive Director of Human Resources for CST Brands.

**See you at the next state convention in 2018!**

#### *Volunteer Guide to Refugee Services*

Linda Evans (Chair, Committee on Refugees, UNAUSA Dallas Chapter) has continued work on refugee advocacy projects, and encourages fellow AAUW members to consider opportunities to help. The "Volunteer Guide to Refugee Service Agencies in Dallas/Fort Worth" is available at <http://bit.do/VolunteerGuide> and on the website, [www.dallasuna.org](http://www.dallasuna.org).

Also stay tuned for UNA Dallas and refugee community event updates in September and October.

### Welcome BPW Dallas Visitors

At the 100th anniversary of BPW Dallas Inc. (Business & Professional Women's Club), it was announced that the Dallas Inc. local organization would close. Dr. Mona Hersh Cochran and Linda Evans invited members to consider joining the AAUW Dallas Branch, and several requested further information. Margaret Gilmore followed up with an invitation letter. *Please give a warm welcome to those who may visit our meetings.*

### Contemporary Literature Group

The AAUW Dallas Contemporary Literature Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. For more information, including a full schedule and list of selections for 2016, contact Barbara Davis at 972.850.9918.

### For our Younger Members...



All AAUW members in their 20s and 30s are invited to complete the Younger Women's Task Force [e-survey](#). Your participation will help AAUW develop content that interests and affects our millennial members.

YWTF memberships are free with an AAUW membership. All Dallas events are announced on their website, Facebook page, Meetup.com group, and a new website, so visit <http://ywtf-dallas.aauw.net/> to stay up-to-date. Contact **Farah Ellenbogen-Najera**, Director of Communications & Marketing, at [ywtfDallas@gmail.com](mailto:ywtfDallas@gmail.com)

### New Members

**Arlene Orozco**, one of our scholarship recipients and recent graduate, has joined under Give a Grad a Gift. **Miriam Chapman**, an AAUW National member and sister of Melissa Chapman, has joined our branch and AAUW Texas.

### Visitors

We welcomed **Sophie Fomin**, a guest of **Rosie Stromberg**, to our April meeting. **Audrey Payne** attended the May luncheon with her mother **Nina Hendrix**.

We look forward to welcoming all of our members and guests at our September meeting.

## AAUW National News

### AAUW National Convention

The AAUW National convention will be in DC June 14 -17, 2017.

### Initiatives

#### AAUW.org Analysis

AAUW Action Fund has published an online Voter Issues Guide. The Guide provides concise information about key policy issues in the 2016 election. Please see National's website <https://www.aauwaction.org/votereducation/2016voterissueguide/>

#### Membership

Take 50–75 percent off national dues for new branch members

Recruit new branch members with the half-price national dues rate of \$24.50 between January 1 and March 15. Use the [Shape the Future campaign](#) and double the discount!

#### Celebrate winter graduates with a free membership

Celebrate the success of a graduate this season with [Give a Grad a Gift](#). Anyone who graduated within the last two years is eligible, so don't forget interns or student teachers you know. Give graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership in honor of their accomplishments.

## Editor's Note

I look forward to our meetings this year. As an undergraduate at the University of Missouri, one of my majors was International Studies and I was a member of UNA –USA. Coincidentally, at my first AAUW meeting, Bill and Norma Matthews of UNA-USA Dallas presented on the Millennium Development Goals. I was immediately hooked! Two years later, my life as a Dallas civil servant includes memberships in both AAUW and UNA-USA. I am so excited to learn what Nelda Reid experiences as a part of the UN Delegation on the Status of Women and Girls, and just as encouraged by the work women and girls in AAUW do everyday.

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