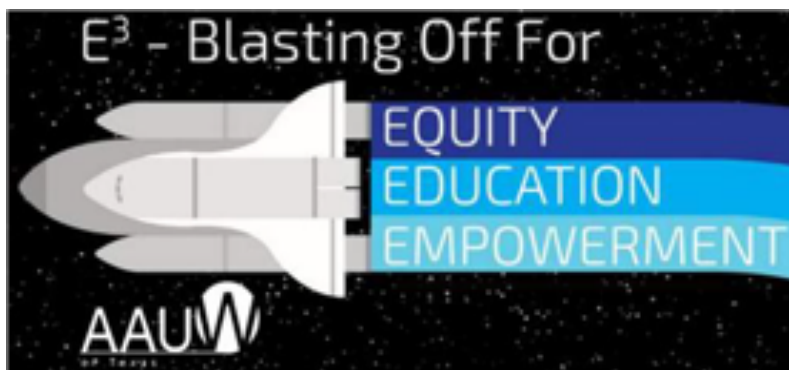




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AAUW Texas Post Convention 2018

AAUW Texas Friends,

It was such a treat for us to be together at the convention! Opening with the fun activity that helped us get acquainted, we certainly blasted off for education, equity, and empowerment in a big way Saturday morning. On behalf of the AAUW Texas board members who did the challenging work of planning an ambitious event, we greatly appreciate your attendance at the 48th biennial convening. We hope you found many chances to rekindle friendships and make new AAUW friends during the time we had together.

We thank the **Houston AAUW members** for our terrific welcome! Considering that a huge amount of that city had been covered in water just eight months prior to our arrival, they accomplished an amazing feat! We are deeply grateful to the members of the **Local Arrangements Committee from Fort Bend County, North Harris County and West Harris County Branches** for their dedication to AAUW and for accomplishing in style the demanding work of hosting our wonderful members from around Texas.

It was a special treat to have **AAUW Board Chair, Julia Brown**, and AAUW Grassroots Activist Manager, **Elizabeth Holden**, with us. We thank them for coming and certainly appreciate AAUW's support of our gathering!

We were particularly pleased to offer for the *very first time* a track for our **AAUW Younger Women's Task Force (YWTF)** members and members of AAUW College/University Chapters (C/U). We were happy they had space, time and programming in order to develop organizational and leadership skills specifically for these young women. In addition, the convention provided them the opportunity to hear some outstanding speakers and interact with the more experienced branch members during meals and breaks. Hopefully, that component will blossom. We hope to create future opportunities to foster dialogue between our YWTF/CU and traditional branches as well as to showcase the work of our YWTF and CU branches in future settings.

Thank you all for participating in the AAUW Texas convention this year!

Dixie Christian, AAUW Texas Program Vice President
Brenda Moss, Local Arrangements Committee Chair



AAUW TX Board 2018-20: Brenda Moss, Pam Wolfe, Barbara Cager, Gloria Long, Susan Roehrig, Ann Berasley, Jean Dodds, Malinda Gaul, Dixie Christian, Marina Rivers.

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VOTING RESULTS

With 14% of the AAUW Texas membership voting, all bylaws proposals passed.

Proposal #1 To implement the **one member, one vote**.

Proposal #2 To **clarify the membership** in AAUW including dual members and college/university representative members.

Proposal #3 To **clarify AAUW Texas's role** in the formation of new and disbandment of current affiliates is limited to those affiliates formed as branches.

Proposal #4 To **clarify the standing and special committee chair's membership** on the board of directors and the duties of each type of committee.

Proposal #5 To streamline the structure of the **communications team**.

President's Message

Our convention theme was **Blasting off for Equity, Education and Empowerment**. And, what better place to blast off than here in Houston.

At the 2016 Convention, we passed a bylaws change to replace our delegate system with a one member, one vote concept. With all of the technology at our fingertips, this sounds pretty easy. But, as always, the devil is in the details.

We found we needed to make more changes to the bylaws, policies, and

procedures. Some of those needed bylaws changes you have already voted on. We had to work through the cost of the new voting system, the interaction with staff at National, as well as how to work with members who cannot vote electronically. We think this process was successful, but we have learned some lessons to make improvements going forward.

Over the past decade, the number of branches, the needs of the branches, the way we communicate, and our national organization has changed significantly. Ten years ago most of our communication was on paper or face to face. With one member, one vote, we have shifted our communication to almost exclusively electronically.

Like many of your branches, AAUW Texas has often had to be very careful to stay within our budget. At the start of the biennium, a long-time member of the Austin Branch passed away and provided a significant gift to AAUW Texas in her estate.

These two changes prompted us to reflect on how we supported branches a decade ago, in the recent past, what we were doing currently, and how we could best serve branches in the future. One outgrowth was the registration rebate offered to branches for attending convention. Look to the next AAUW Texas Board for further changes.

One question about the direction we head next relates to future conventions. With our new voting procedures, our business - electing officers and bylaws changes - no longer requires an in-person convention. Although this is a question for a future board to shape, your evaluation form asked for feedback on the type of convention you'd prefer. AAUW Texas and AAUW National conventions will be held in 2020, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of women getting the right to vote.

In 2000-2002, I was the Educational Foundation VP and had the honor of completing the Dr. Lynne Solomon American Fellowship honoring the Nacogdoches branch member and 1981-1983 AAUW Texas president. Completing a fellowship is a significant accomplishment. Given the place in my heart for these fellowships, I was thrilled when it became clear to the board that we could, with state matching branch contributions, **complete the Ann Richards American Fellowship this year.** And, as you know **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!**

With this milestone reached, I know our Texas members and branches will continue to support AAUW Funds; whether it is by giving to unrestricted funds, to the Legal Advocacy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, AAUW National Tech Trek or their other favorite fund.

I have had the pleasure of serving as your president the past two years. I want to thank the board and all the members for your support. I could not have hoped for a better state board. We accomplished many things during our board meetings and we did it with respect and an open mind. I must say that our board felt no restrictions to color within the lines.

I hope to see everyone in **2020 at our next convention**. The Austin and Georgetown Branches will host it in the Austin area.

Malinda, I now pass the gavel to you.

Pam Wolfe, 2016-2018 AAUW Texas President



MAP Awards

Membership

Advocacy

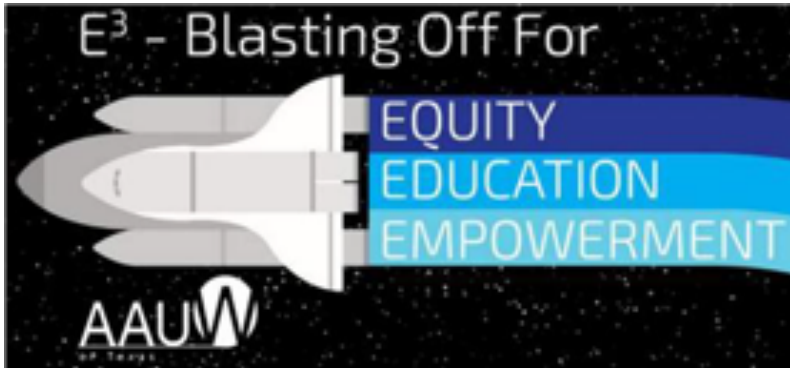
Philanthropy

BRANCHES RECEIVING THE MAP AWARDS:

Alvin
Austin
Concho Valley

Farmers Branch - Carrollton
Georgetown
Northeast Tarrant County
North Harris County
San Antonio, Inc.
Tarrant County





We Have Completed the Ann Richards American Fellowship at the 2018 AAUW Texas Convention With the Help of our AAUW Texas Branches and Members

THANK YOU SISTERS OF ANN RICHARDS

BRANCHES

Corpus Christi Farmers Branch-Carrollton Georgetown
Houston North Harris County Northeast Tarrant County
Richardson Tarrant County

INDIVIDUALS

Ann Berasley	Margaret Martin
Jean Bessent	Rosemary Morrow
Betty Chang	Susan Nilsen
Stephanie Compton	Ginny Phoenix
Carol Cushman	Sheri Quick
Patricia Donica	Susan Roehrig-Quick
Malinda Gaul	Mary Ellen Scribner
Betty Grubbs	Gayle Smith
Traci Jensen	Deirdre Trotter
Margo Johnson	Linda Welsh
Anita Knight	Pam Wolfe
Marsha Endahl Kramer	

Traci Jensen, AAUW Funds VP

AAUW Fund 2016 Top Ten Total Gifts

1. Austin
2. West Harris County
3. Tyler
4. San Antonio
5. Northeast Tarrant County
6. Tarrant County
7. North Harris County
8. Georgetown
9. Fort Bend County
10. Hill Country

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10. Farmers Branch Carrollton

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AAUW Texas Member of the Year Diana Guarniere

West Harris County Branch

West Harris County Branch had been chartered only one year when Diana joined AAUW in 1977. She became active immediately and served as WHC's third president (1978-1980). In succeeding years she was on the Program Committee serving as either the chair of an Area of Interest (Education, International, Cultural, Community) or as chair of an AAUW Topic (Advocacy Networking, Women's Work/Women's Worth, Empowering Women, Educational Equity). Through the years she also served the branch as chair of Public Policy, newsletter editor, publicity chair and parliamentarian/bylaws chair.

Diana was again elected WHC president for 2010-2012. During this term she developed a branch timeline that continues to serve as a useful tool for subsequent branch presidents. Currently she leads the travel interest group "Vicarious Voyagers." In recognition of her numerous contributions to the branch, several times Diana has been "Named Gift Honoree" for WHC funds donated to the AAUW Educational Foundation.

In addition to the branch, Diana has had extensive involvement in AAUW beyond the local level. For many years she was WHC representative to Greater Houston Area Interbranch Council and then served GHAIBC as program vice president and president. She has attended numerous AAUW Texas conventions beginning as early as the 1979 state convention in Amarillo. She has been a delegate to seven national AAUW conventions. Diana is a Life Member of AAUW.

For the last six years Diana has chaired the Expanding Your Horizons Presenters Committee, in which she has coordinated identifying and securing conference workshop presenters to expose attendees to a wide variety of STEM opportunities.

In 1980 she began teaching in Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD). She was among the first group selected to teach in SPIRAL, SBISD's elementary Gifted and Talented program that began in 1983. In 1997, after having won at the local and district levels, Diana was awarded "Teacher of the Year" by the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented at their conference in Austin.

Diana is a life-long learner involved with a large number of activities within the Houston community. You can see her around town at the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University; Museum of Fine Arts-Houston and MFAH Guild; Houston Museum of Natural Science; World Affairs Council of Greater Houston; Museum of Printing History; walking Memorial Park and riding METRO (transit system) to further explore the city.

New Member of the Year
Cheryl Fuller
San Antonio Branch

Did you feel that whirlwind in 2004? That was the arrival of Cheryl Fuller in San Antonio. In 2016 we felt it again when this force of nature joined AAUW-SA and enthusiastically threw herself into Branch activities.

Cheryl is Chair of Public Policy, and as such, she stays abreast of issues and initiatives affecting women and girls. She actively participates in planning the activities of the Branch and shares public policy issues of the day with our members using our monthly Newsletter. In addition, she has regularly trumpeted the use of the Two-Minute Activist site as a way for us to easily apprise our representatives in Congress of our legislative priorities.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, Cheryl was active in securing a slate of nominees for election in April. No easy task!

In order to meet our goals for College and University outreach, Cheryl's role on the Strategic Planning Committee was to identify points of contact at colleges and universities. She notes that Committee members propose to invite the representatives of these institutions to Branch meetings.

No stranger to the routines of goal-setting, planning, budgeting, and technological support, Cheryl brings a skill set which we have been eager to utilize. She has worked in the private sector in marketing and financial management. Her 30-year service with the Department of Defense included developing and operating a DoD-wide civilian Human Resources automated system and managing a multi-million-dollar budget. Still active in government

(with a small g), Cheryl sits on the Board of Directors of her Homeowners' Association.

Cheryl has been actively engaged in as many AAUW-SA interest groups as her schedule will allow, regularly participating in Book Discussion, Moviegoers, Culinary Adventures, and Wine, Women and Wisdom. She recently joined the cast of characters in a play detailing San Antonio's AAUW activity throughout the 20th Century, portraying a 1920's flapper with great elan and humor.

Cheryl states interest group gatherings . . . are the most special, most enjoyable, and many, many times so eye-opening, sessions with wonderful discussions that are such a bonus to being a part of the AAUW sisterhood

AAUW-SA feels that Cheryl has been our special bonus for the last year and a half, and we are happy to nominate her as New Member of the Year.



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