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AAUW Texas President Pam Wolfe and AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches

President's Message

First, from the AAUW Texas Board of Directors, let me extend our thoughts, prayers, hugs, and love to our Houston and South Texas AAUW members, families, and friends. At the time of this writing, there is still much to be done to rebuild after Harvey. Please let any of us know if we can help you in anyway. We know some of you have lost everything. Our hearts also go out to the victims of Irma.

You will see as you read this issue of the University Woman Texas (UWT), our

state convention is scheduled for next **April 20 – 22, 2018, at the Embassy Suites Energy Corridor in Houston**. Our convention hotel was undamaged so we know this convention will go as planned and we encourage our members to attend. What better place to add our tax dollars than to the Houston economy! It is time that AAUW Texas members finish the **Ann Richards American Fellowship**. Please read **Traci Jensen's** article on how the state will be matching donations from individuals and branches. I hope all branches will strive to receive a **MAP Award**. Please see **Malinda Gaul's** article. And of course, **please read all about the April convention** in the various articles.

Hope to see you in April at the Houston AAUW Texas Convention,

Pam



MAP Awards

Membership

Advocacy

Philanthropy

As we travel through this AAUW year on our way to Houston for the AAUW Texas Convention, don't forget your MAP. AAUW Texas has an exciting new award which will be given at the Houston Convention. The **MAP Award** is about Membership, Advocacy, and Philanthropy.

The criteria is simple:

1. **Membership:** The branch can achieve an M for membership by either increasing membership by 5%, having a retention rate of 90%, or recruiting 3 new members.
2. **Advocacy:** The branch can achieve an A for advocacy by planning one mission-based program or event.
3. **Philanthropy:** The branch can achieve a P for Philanthropy by donating \$5 for each member to the Ann Richards American Fellowship.

All roads lead to the Houston AAUW Texas Convention where branches will be recognized for achieving MAP - membership, advocacy, and philanthropy goals. A good plan is like a road MAP: it shows the final destination and usually the best way to get there. So, do not forget to include MAP in your AAUW year.

See you in Houston!

Malinda Gaul, Branch Services



All Houston Area Branches Welcome YOU to the 48th Biennial Convention
APRIL 20 – 22, 2018

Mark the date on your calendar!

Watch for registration information in the January UWT.

COME EXPLORE THE THREE E'S Education – Equity – Empowerment

LOCATION: Embassy Suites (Energy Corridor), 11730 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77079

□ 2 queens \$115 + tax

□ 1 king \$109 + tax

□ Free breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking, shuttle service (5 mi)

□ All events within hotel (no travel)

Houston Embassy Suites in the Energy Corridor offers suites that include a pull-out couch in a separate sitting room as well as a bedroom, all for an amazing price.

2018 CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET Needs Your Input

The 2018 AAUW Texas Convention to be held in Houston will list the programs and speakers within the program booklet. In support of the convention theme – E3 Blasting Off For Equity, Education, Empowerment - we want your personal experiences. *What does Education mean to me? What does Equity mean to me?*

What does Empowerment mean to me? Example: Education meant the beginning of my independence. Rosie Sparks, Ferrolton Branch

Please, submit early, so all these important ideas can be included and then be on the lookout for YOUR testimonial in the printed booklet. Please email your testimonial to Brenda Moss, aauw.brenda@windstream.net and include the word 'testimonial' in the subject line. Limit your response to 25 words and include your name and branch affiliation.

BRANCH ADS

Word/graphic placements within the program booklet can showcase any number of items relevant to individual or branch efforts and activities. LET YOUR BRANCH SHINE!! Examples include STEM events, honoring a member or mentor, life tributes or memorials, awards, special recognitions, and so forth.

Ads are in black and white and range in size and cost:

- 1) business card, \$25
- 2) ¼ page, \$35
- 3) ½ page, \$75
- 4) full page, \$150

Color ads are strictly limited – cover stock, back pages.

Before year end, supplemental information on exact sizes, cost and certain limitations will be emailed to branch presidents for internal branch release.

E3 BLASTING OFF FOR EQUITY, EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT Mini-Grants for Convention Early Bird Registration

AAUW Texas is pleased to announce two ways of helping branch members attend the upcoming 48th Biennial Convention April 20, 21, 22, 2018 in Houston. **A Mini-Grant for an Early Bird registration of \$195 will be awarded to every branch that has at least one person registered and attending the convention.** After convention, \$195 will be reimbursed to any branch that qualifies.

Each branch will determine the way that the Mini-Grant money is distributed to its attendees. Two suggestions are: award the grant money to a first-time convention attendee or divide the grant money among all the attendees from your branch.

In addition to the Mini-Grants, there will be a drawing for **one free registration**. The name of each branch to have at least two members make an Early Bird registration by February 15, 2018, will be entered into a drawing for a third person to register free for an Early Bird registration.

Lisa Falkenberg

The convention committee is excited about the news that **Lisa Falkenberg, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for the Houston Chronicle will be a Keynote Speaker for the convention**. You do NOT want to miss this dynamic speaker so set your convention-fund piggy bank in a prominent place and plan to be in Houston with like-minded women. The “**Early Bird at \$195**” **registration fee** is a real bargain! The convention committee is busy planning three days of break-out and plenary sessions suggested by YOU, awards for leaders around the state, several opportunities for branches to share plans and successes, fun receptions, and even shopping for unique items from select vendors.

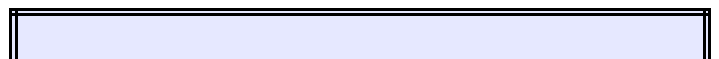
In addition, this year brings “One Member, One Vote” for the first time to the state election of board members and AAUW Texas issues. Furthermore, our college/university and YWTF (Younger Women's Task Force) Texas members are excited to participate in the AAUW 2018 state convention. **Shenee Simon**, YWTF-C/U convention representative, notes, “We are approximately 300 members strong across Texas hailing from 27 campuses and communities. We're planning to host two workshops, a book discussion and an early morning motivation session featuring AAUW fellows and dynamic leaders from across the state. We're beginning to form a circle of champions from our member schools who will assist with planning and promotion.” Clearly, Houston Embassy Suites Energy Corridor is the place to be April 20, 21, 22, 2018!



Let's close out the Ann Richards American Fellowship by the 2018 AAUW Texas Convention and put it to work!

Once we make the \$200,000 goal, the money can then be used to help cultivate the next generation of women scientists, engineers, and educators. But we cannot do that until we raise about \$50,000. **So between now and April 2018, for every \$1 donation, AAUW Texas will match it!** Also starting January 2018, we will be awarding a Sisters of Ann membership to individuals donating \$250 or more. These Sisters of Ann members will be recognized in the convention program (if donation is received before March 1.) and given a yellow rose pin to signify membership. Branches giving \$500 or more will become Sisters of Ann branches and given special recognition at the state convention. **Plan on becoming a member of the Sisters of Ann in 2018!**

Traci Jensen, AAUW Funds VP



CALL FOR PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Any AAUW Texas member or Texas branch may propose amendments to the AAUW Texas bylaws or resolutions. *Proposed amendments and resolutions should be submitted to the Bylaws Chair, Ann Berasley at ann.berasley@gmail.com by October 20, 2017.*

Bylaws Amendments The current bylaws are posted on our website at aauw-tx.aauw.net/forofficers.

Amendments must not conflict with AAUW bylaws and mission.

Proposed bylaws amendments must include:

- (1) a copy of the original section of the bylaws being amended,
- (2) a marked-up version showing the specific wording of the amendment,
- (3) a clean version showing the language as it would be revised,
- (4) a statement of rationale for the amendment, and
- (5) if applicable, the fiscal impact of the amendment.

Resolutions Proposed resolutions shall include or be accompanied by

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO STATE BOARD

What do you love about AAUW? Please consider sharing your AAUW knowledge and experience with Texas. It is time once again to submit nominations for the AAUW Texas Board of Directors. We will be voting on new board members before and during the AAUW TX Convention in April 2018. **Kay Zilliox** (kayzilliox@gmail.com) is our Nominating Committee Chair for this election. Helping her are **Priscilla Mowinkel (Co-Chair) and our current District Representatives (Brenda Moss, Marina Rivers, Gloria Long, Barbara Cager, Malinda Gaul, and Isabel Gutierrez).**

They will review the Candidate Information Forms and determine the best, most qualified candidate(s) for each position. Our elected officers are: *President, Program VP, Membership VP, AAUW Funds VP, Financial Officer and Secretary*. Each district will also elect their representatives (*South Texas 1, Central Texas 1, West Texas 1 and North Texas 2*). We need you. Please submit your application or talk to someone you know who would be perfect for a position on the state board.

a plan of action for implementation, supporting material, and a fiscal impact statement estimating costs of implementation for the state. All resolutions are adopted for one year or until the action resolved has been completed.

KAY MUST RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20, 2017.

Need inspiration? Read "[Why Serving on the AAUW Texas State Board Is a Great Idea](#)"

Find the [STATE BOARD NOMINATION FORM](#) and the [STATE BOARD JOB DESCRIPTIONS](#) at our [AAUW TX website](#).



Why Membership Matters

Our Vision is Simple

We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

Our Mission is Sound

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

What AAUW Stands For

Forty-eight years of membership have exposed me to strong and interesting women and even provided paths to discover latent strengths within me. To me, AAUW has never been just a club.

AAUW Helps You Take a Stand

I have written to Congress on pay inequity. I have signed petitions and donated money to end pay disparity. But I wanted to be more involved. I joined AAUW because of their tireless efforts advocating pay equity.

AAUW Empowers Me

AAUW member Kathleen Pearson was a victim of sexual abuse by her father as an eighth grade student. She joined AAUW in hopes of inspiring other women and girls to seek counseling to cope with similar life altering experiences.

These are the many reasons people join AAUW, but sometimes getting them to stay is not as easy. The MPP allows you to send out invoices to members electronically with a click. Personal interaction is always the best way when members don't respond to renewing on time. Have someone who knows the person contact them to see if there is a problem or they just forgot. Remember keeping our veteran members is as important as recruiting new members.

Ginny Phoenix, Membership VP

Member of the Year

At the AAUW Texas Convention in Houston (April 20-22, 2018), we will recognize a Member of the Year. To nominate an outstanding AAUW member, please submit a narrative (1000 words or less) describing the accomplishments of the member and why they should be named Member of the Year. **Submissions are due March 1, 2018**, to Malinda Gaul, mgaul@satx.rr.com.

New Member of the Year

At the AAUW Texas Convention in Houston (April 20-22, 2018), we will recognize a New Member of the Year. **To qualify for nomination, the person must have joined AAUW after July 1, 2015.** To nominate an outstanding AAUW new member, please submit a narrative (1000 words or less) describing the accomplishments of the new member and why they should be named New Member of the Year. **Submissions are due March 1, 2018**, to Malinda Gaul, mgaul@satx.rr.com.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2017 AAUW CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Pam Wolfe

Twenty-six AAUW Texas members attended the AAUW Convention this June. Between the

speakers, workshops and a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill, it was a busy convention. The opening night speaker was **Judy Woodruff**, the co-anchor and managing editor of the PBS NewsHour. She shared her experience and perspective of a journalist in this post-fact age. We also had a chance to meet the new AAUW CEO, **Kimberly Churches**. She is young and has the enthusiasm that I like to see in our CEO. I was impressed with Kim, who had been on her new job just two weeks before the convention. The 2017 AAUW Alumnae Recognition award went to **Tererai Trent, Ph.D.**, who was an International Fellow in 2001-2002. A native of Zimbabwe, she is a scholar, humanitarian and educator whose work has been based on the belief that education is the pathway out of poverty.

During our Lobby Day briefing, we learned that our focus when talking to Congress was 1) The need to continue to support enforcement of Title IX with funding for the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights; and 2) Proposed ways to address student debt (\$1.3 trillion) and its disproportional impact on women (2/3rds of the debt). We received AAUW's newest report, *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*. Perhaps the biggest thrill for your AAUW Texas President was to shake the hand of **Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor!** Justice Sotomayor gave a brief speech then started walking through the audience continuing to talk and answering questions as posed by Kimberly Churches.

As of July 1, 2017, our new AAUW President is Julia T. Brown, J. D.

THERE WILL BE NO AAUW CONVENTION IN 2019 (remember AAUW National Conventions are normally in odd-numbered years.) **THE NEXT AAUW CONVENTION WILL BE IN 2020 IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE USA.** Details about location and dates have not yet been confirmed.



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2016-2018 AAUW Texas Board



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From left: Gayna DuPont, Freda Bryson, Traci Jensen, Gloria Long, Ginny Phoenix, Pam Wolfe, Brenda Moss, Dixie Christian, Barbara Cager and Kinta Parker.

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