

Denton Branch AAUW

The Branch Line

Getting Physical in February

Menu

- Chicken Cordon Bleu with Swiss Cheese Sauce
- Rice Pilaf with wild rice
- Buttered Fordhood lima beans
- Spinach salad
- Hot rolls with butter
- Lemon pudding cake
- Coffee, Tea

Dr. Charlotte (Barney) Sanborn, Chair, Department of Kinesiology at Texas Woman's University, will address the Denton Branch at our February 3rd meeting. Her topic is *The Fit to be Tied Woman*.

Dr. Sanborn hopes to help women of all ages understand the

importance of physical activity. She will provide creative strategies to incorporate physical activity into our daily lives.

Dr. Sanborn has been involved in research on women's and children's health for over 30 years.

Following dinner

and Dr. Sanborn's address, branch members will prepare backpacks for the **Expanding Your Horizons Conference**, to be held Saturday, February 20, from 8-12, in the MCL Building on the TWU campus. More information about EYH at aauwdenton.org.

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President's Corner

Happy New Year. We will share an evening of health and well being at the February meeting. Come prepared to hear something new, volunteer some time,

and work together to assemble the Expanding Your Horizons Conference materials.

The New Year is a good time to focus

on preparing for the future and anticipate how we will move forward with positive AAUW spirit.

Member Spotlight



Cathy Snyder

Beginning with this issue, The Branch Line will feature one of our branch members each month..

For information about the AAUW State Convention, see the current issue of UWT or go to www.aauwtexas.org

Cathy Snyder was born and raised in Delaware, where she earned a B. S. in Elementary Education from the University of Delaware. After moving to Texas in 1977, she added a Master's degree in History from UT Arlington, followed by a Master's degree in Information Sciences from UNT.

Cathy's career path included a stint in the U. S. Army after college, followed by elementary and high school teaching, serving as Associate Librarian for the Dallas Public Li-

brary, and business researching for a large executive recruiter. Currently, Cathy is the Administrator of a business she owns with her husband, who is an expert on the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and vaccines. They have one daughter.

Cathy makes her home on 17 acres near Decatur, where she has dogs, horses, and a large, black pig who has her own cat. Four additional cats "wouldn't have anything to do with the pig if their lives depended on it," says

Cathy.

Cathy values AAUW because she is interested in advancing educational opportunities for women, and networking with women who share her interests. She investigated other local women's organizations but found programs on fashion and make-up unappealing.

We're happy Cathy Snyder chose AAUW and the Denton Branch. She has been a member since 2008.

Branch Prepares for EYH Conference

The **Expanding Your Horizons Career Conference** for middle-school girls will be held on Saturday, February 20, from 8-12, at the MCL Building on the TWU campus.

Approximately 350 middle-school girls across Denton County are expected to attend the conference, where they will learn about careers involving math, science, and technology from professional women engaged in those careers.

Major funding for the EYH conference was secured from the **Dallas Women's Foundation** by Major General (Ret.) Mary Saunders, Executive Director of the

Leadership Institute at TWU .

At our December meeting, Becky Sykes, Executive Director of the Dallas Women's Foundation, discussed the Foundation's mission: to promote women's philanthropy, thereby raising money to support community programs that help women and girls realize their full potential. The EYH conference reflects that vision.

All branch members are urged to help with the conference. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the February 3rd meeting.



Becky Sykes, Executive Director of the Dallas Women's Foundation, addresses the Denton Branch in December

Nut Sale Success

Our branch sold 605 pounds of nuts and trail mixes in the recent nut sale, according to Renee Sims, co-chair of the sale with Mark Coomes. We had no unsold inventory.

The branch realized a profit of over \$1000, which will help fund our UNT and

TWU scholarships.

We appreciate all members who participated in the sale. We are especially grateful to those who picked up and delivered nuts, manned the booths at various festivals, or performed other tasks essential to success. Renee

Sims, Mark Coomes, Kay Goodman, Shandi Davis, Pat Cheek, Lynda Murphy, Cathy Banks, and Stephany Compton deserve special thanks.

To make more profit next year, we will have to sell more nuts or raise our prices.



DeyQuan and Grace dressed up to help their mom, Renee Sims, sell nuts at the Robson Ranch craft fair.

Interbranch Council



The North Texas Interbranch Council met in Arlington on January 16. The program spotlighted the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Diane Vela, Ph. D, director of Exhibits and Education, was the speaker. Dr. Vela invited everyone to the upcoming exhibit, *Georgia O'Keeffe and*

the Faraway: Nature and Image, February 12 - September 6, 2010. See www.cowgirl.net

The next meeting of Interbranch Council is March 20 and will be hosted by our branch. Watch for details in the March *Branch Line*.

Important Dates

- February 20 EYH Conference at TWU
- March 4-5 Cultural Connections Conference, TWU
- March 15 Application for PEARL awards due
- March 15 Deadline for Early Bird registration for state convention
- March 20 Interbranch Council, hosted by Denton Branch
- March 30 Women of Color Conference, UNT
- April 23-25 AAUW Texas 44th Biennial State Convention in Houston



Invitations

League of Women Voters: Join Donna Trammell and Company in a musical tribute celebrating the 90th Birthday of the League of Women Voters.

The event will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Fremaux's Metropolitan Catering, 932 W. University Drive, Denton. Reservations are \$40 each for dinner

and entertainment.

For more information, contact Peg La Point at 891-4984.

Reservations are required by February 15, 2010. Make checks payable to: League of Women Voters. <http://www.lwvdenton.org>

The Tarrant County Branch of AAUW invites us to an evening of celebration of 100 years of women's progress, featur-

ing the history and future of AAUW.

The event will be held Thursday, February 18, at 6:00 pm at the YMCA, 512 W. 4th Street, Fort Worth, TX. The cost is \$30 per person.

Reservations are required by February 15. Make checks payable to: AAUW Tarrant County and mail to Jane Austin Bruckner, 44309 Sparrow Point Court, Ft. Worth, TX 76133, 817-292-9596.

AAUW Branches Encouraged to Take Part in *Half the Sky LIVE*

On March 4, 2010, CARE will present *Half the Sky LIVE* in movie theaters nationwide.

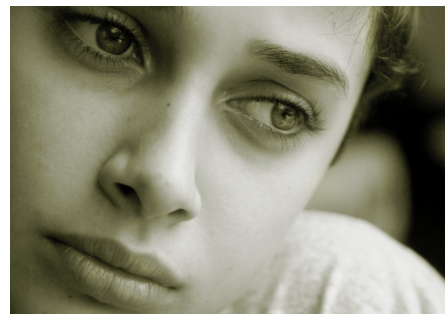
Inspired by the best-selling book, *Half the Sky LIVE* will celebrate International Women's Day with musical performances, celebrity commentary, and the world premiere of *Woineshet*, a powerful short film directed by Academy Award® Winner Marisa Tomei.

Half the Sky LIVE is the perfect way for AAUW branches

and members across the country to celebrate International Women's Day and stand in solidarity with women and girls all over the world.

Order *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* from Barnes and Noble to read the inspirational stories of the extraordinary women struggling under dire circumstances. *Half the Sky* is described as essential reading for every global citizen. An AAUW partner, CARE is a

leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. Website to order the book: www.bn.com/aauw



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