



The Branch Line

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March Menu

- Grilled salmon with roasted red peppers and roasted chicken
- Roasted potatoes and carrots
- Spring salad with choice of dressings
- Parker House rolls with butter
- Sherbet served in wine glass
- Coffee, Tea

EYH Conference a Success

More than 200 students and parents attended our annual Expanding Your Horizons career conference for middle school girls. The event was held February 20 on the TWU campus.

Major General Mary Saunders (Ret) of the Leadership Institute opened the conference with a rousing address.

Presenters included women engineers, mathematicians, chemists, a veterinarian, an audiologist, an entomologist, an archeologist, a game warden, and many more professional women involved in math and science careers. Girls learned how the Wii is used to gather statistics, and how to make their own animated movies. They learned how build-

ings get designed, and how organisms are used to study genetics.



At the closing convocation, Patsy Roe announced that Strickland and McMath Middle Schools tied with most girls registered. Each school will receive \$200 for their math and science departments.

Strickland and Navo Middle Schools won the drawing for the \$300 scholarships to send a math or science teacher to receive additional training.

Door prizes included 10 graphing calculators donated by Texas Instruments, 5 scientific calculators, and 16 4GB flash-drives.

MARCH MEETING

Ms. Eva Poole, our speaker at the March AAUW monthly meeting, is the Director of Denton Public Library. She is a civic activist, a model community volunteer, and a fearless advocate for public services to all residents of Denton.

President's Corner

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." Anne Bradstreet, *'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655 American*

poet (1612 - 1672)

March is Women's History Month, and to celebrate the 30th anniversary, the National Women's History Project 2010 Theme is *Writing Women Back into History*. Your contributions

through your daily actions are all part of our local history. Let your family, friends, and colleagues know what you are doing by sharing and writing your stories. <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php>

Member Spotlight: Pat Cheek



Pat Cheek celebrates Elvis's 75th birthday with Veva Vonler.

New member Patricia Ann Hagan Cheek has lived in Denton 52 years, having moved here from Houston as a teen. Pat graduated with a BA in English from NTSU, with minors in Spanish and History.

Pat's career in education included teaching at Denton Junior High, now Calhoun, and 21 years in the Northwest ISD, from which she retired in 2002. In addition, Pat was a substitute teacher for 14 years at Denton High, Congress, and Strickland middle schools. During her years as a teacher, Pat took mid-

dle-school students to Europe in the summer. These travels led her to declare Switzerland her favorite destination. She also traveled to the USSR in 1988 with her son. During the trip, some of the Russians hinted that a revolution was coming to Russia, a prediction which came true shortly after Pat's return to the U.S. Presently, Pat and her husband enjoy traveling to New Orleans and Santa Fe.

Since retiring, Pat continues to volunteer in Denton schools, as well

as with the Salvation Army and the Traffic Safety Commission.

Her hobbies include collecting tea pots, salt and pepper shakers, and dolls.

Pat has four grown children, all of whom live in Denton. She is also grandma to 13, and great-grandma twice over.

Pat values AAUW because, as she says, **"Women helping women is a magnificent goal."**

We are proud to have Pat Cheek as a member of our branch.

Interbranch Council Comes to Denton!

**"This fellowship is...a means to connect with females around the globe who are working toward a common goal of promoting female equality."
Priyanda Kapoor**

The next meeting of the North Texas Interbranch Council will be hosted by our branch on March 20 at UNT's Gateway Center, Room 131. The meeting begins with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Priyanda Kapoor, one of only three two-time recipients of an International Masters Fellowship from AAUW. Ms. Kapoor is a master of occupational therapy student in TWU's Dallas Center.

For site information, go to <http://www.unt.edu/gateway/index.htm> or <http://www.unt.edu/gateway/maps.htm>. To learn more about Ms. Kapoor, see



http://70.129.12.37/TWUNEWSPRESS_RELEASES/08aauw_fellow.htm

The 2010-2012 officer slate for Interbranch Council are Jan Domaracki, President; Sandra Spencer, VP Programs; Stephany Compton, Treasurer; and Marilyn Barnes, Secretary.

For more information go to the North Texas Interbranch Council website: <http://www.aauwntibc.org>.

Committee Starts Planning in August

The EYH planning committee begins its work each year in August, meeting at the home of Dr. Sarah McIntire three times prior to the event and once afterward to evaluate it.

Committee members for the 2010 EYH Conference are Patsy Roe, Coordinator; Sarah McIntire, Volunteer Recruitment; Carolyn Kacena and Mary Saunders, Fundraising;

Stephany Compton and Denise Simmons, Speaker Recruitment; Dale Gaskill, Treasurer; Cathy Banks and Sarah McIntire, Site Coordinators; Renee Sims and Mark Coomes, Registration; Jimmie Harris, Publicity; Sandi Spencer, Door Prizes; Renee Sims, Materials and Brochure Development; Carolyn Kacena, Backsacks; Mary Saunders, Evaluation; Ruth Johnson and Laura Han-

son, Refreshments; Carolyn Kacena, Denton ISD student recruitment; Janet Peavler, Lewisville ISD student recruitment.

Please notify Patsy Roe (pdroe@verizon.net) if you would like to serve on this committee. We need you!

Texas Instruments donated 10 graphing calculators, valued at \$120 each, as door prizes for the EYH conference. Other prizes included scientific calculators and 4 GB flash drives.



Dates to Remember

March 3: Women's Symposium, SMU

March 4: International Women's Day celebration with CARE, presenting *Half the Sky Live* in movie theaters.

March 4: Cultural Connections Conference, TWU

March 6: Campaign College at UTA, 10-4

March 15: PEARL awards application due

March 15: Deadline for early-bird registration for state convention

March 20: Interbranch Council, hosted by Denton Branch at UNT's Gateway Center, Room

131

March 30: Women of Color Conference, UNT

April 20: Equal Pay Day, when women finally earn what men did in 2009.

April 23-25: AAUW state convention in Houston

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, June 3-5, 2010, at the University of Maryland. Early Bird registration is Feb. 15 -April 16.

Women Writers at TWU in March

Award-winning author **Joyce Gibson Roach** will discuss her new book, *The Little Town That Could*, Tuesday, March 2 at Texas Woman's University. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be at 11 a.m. in the Joyce Thompson Lecture Hall in TWU's Blagg-Huey Library. Seating is limited.

The book records Westlake's town history in both words and pictures, with more than 100

photographs and illustrations.

Joyce Gibson Roach speaks, writes, and teaches about Texas and the Southwest. She is a past president of the Texas Folklore Society, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association. She is a three-time winner of the Western Writers of America's Spur Award, given annually for distinguished writing about the American West.

http://www.twu.edu/twunews/press_releases/10-gibson-roach.asp

Jane Roberts Wood will be reading her latest short story, "Flannery's Last Peacock," Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 11am, in the Joyce Thompson Lecture Hall. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be in TWU's Blagg-Huey Library. Seating is limited.

Campaign College, UTA, March 6, 10-4. This AAUW program will give women students tools to run a successful campaign for campus leadership positions. Info at <http://www.uta.edu/multicultural/event%20flyers/singleCCflyer.pdf>

The Women's Museum

The Gender Agenda: Beyond Borders

On March 19, 2010, from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, internationally noted thinkers, including Gloria Steinem, will lead an afternoon of discussions at The Women's Museum in Dallas.

The discussion will focus on broadening the scope of the agenda for women's rights activists by inviting par-

ticipants to voice their opinion on subjects such as women and migration, women's rights abroad, and reviving the Equal Rights Amendment.

A seated dinner featuring Gloria Steinem as the guest speaker will follow the day-long discussion and Honoree ceremony celebrating noted Texas women.

Space is limited. Visit www.dallas2010.vetfems.org

to reserve your seat and begin dreaming of the future.

For more information about this program or the Women's Museum, go to www.thewomensmuseum.org

UNT events in March
<http://www.wmst.unt.edu/>