



The Branch Line

A Life in Letters: Constance Louise Beach

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At our April 7 meeting, branch member **Marilyn Dunham** will bring us the remarkable story of **Dr. Constance Beach**, whose life is documented in a treasure-trove of personal papers and correspondence housed in the Archives of The Woman's Collection at Blagg-Huey Library, Texas Woman's University. Dr. Beach lived from 1893 to 1985 and was a professor of

English at TWU.

Come hear about this extraordinary woman from one of our own branch members.

More information on Dr. Beach is available at <http://www.twu.edu/library/womans-collection.asp>

At our March meeting our speaker was Eva Poole, Director of Libraries for Denton. Ms. Poole told about her childhood experiences as a newcomer to Texas, experiences



Eva Poole, Director of Libraries, City of Denton, addresses branch in March.

which led her to pursue a career as a librarian. Her goal is to make libraries welcoming to all patrons.

April Menu

- Flat iron steak with beef reduction with Port wine and Gorgonzola cheese
- Creamy bleu cheese mashed potatoes
- Butter green peas
- Chilled sweet potato soup
- Cornbread squares with butter
- Strawberry shortcake
- Coffee, Tea

President's Corner

April comes from the Latin word *aperire* meaning "to open."

The Redbuds, Japonica, and Narcissus are heralding

spring with buds, flowers, and blossoms.

It is time to explore ways to grow our funds for scholarships. Bring your

ideas for nurturing new green to the April Meeting.

Stephany

Member Spotlight



Born in Waxahachie, Texas, Branch member Patsy Roe says she has lived in too many places to count. Her father was a Methodist minister and Army chaplain, and her husband was also a Methodist minister for 12 years, so Patsy moved frequently before settling in Lewisville in 1972.

With a BBA from UNT, and an MBA from Indiana University, Patsy taught 6 years at UT Ar-

lington and 27 years at Lewisville High School.

She has three children: Karen, staff attorney for the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; Russell, Managing Editor of Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine; and Roger, principal oboist with the Indianapolis Symphony.

Patsy’s hobbies include reading, playing bridge, and playing the piano. Her favorite place to travel, she says, “is usually

the last place I have visited—in this case Lake Tahoe.”

Patsy has been an AAUW member for approximately 25 years and values its “mission of equity for women and girls.” She also thinks “it is important to help finance women's education through fellowships and scholarships.”

Patsy Roe is a valuable asset to our organization.

AAUW Publishes Study

AAUW has published a new research report titled *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. The report presents eight “key research findings that point to environmental and social barriers—including stereotypes,

gender bias and the climate of science and engineering departments in colleges and universities—that continue to block women’s participation and progress” in STEM majors and careers.

The research includes

suggestions for opening these fields to girls and women. Current statistics on women in STEM are part of the study.

More information can be found at <http://aauw.org/research/whysofew.cfm>.

In 1992, Teen Talk Barbie told young girls that “math class is tough,” helping to reinforce negative stereotypes about girls’ math abilities.

Interbranch Council News

Due to inclement weather, the March meeting of Interbranch Council, which was to have been hosted by Denton Branch, was cancelled. Interbranch Council President Margie Poole

was concerned about the safety of attendees, many of whom travel significant distances to attend these meetings.

The next meeting of Interbranch Council will be held May 15. Richardson

Branch will host the potluck salad lunch and installation of Interbranch officers for the next biennium. Information at <http://www.aauwntbc.org>

Interbranch Officers for 2010-2012
President:
Jan Domaracki
VP Programs:
Sandra Spencer
Treasurer:
Stephany Compton
Secretary:
Marilyn Barnes

AAUW Represented at Cultural Connections Conference and Women of Color Conference

Members of the Denton Branch joined State and Interbranch officers to represent AAUW at the



Cultural Connections Conference on the TWU campus March 4th. Participants included Stephany Compton and Janet Peavler from the Denton Branch, Mary Dubois from Inter-

branch, and Priscilla Mowinkel, state Membership VP, and Maria Vierra-Williams, state International Affairs Liaison.

The focus of their efforts was to introduce AAUW to college women attending the conference. Since TWU



is a University Partner of AAUW, undergraduate students at the university are eligible for a free E-Student Affiliate membership. Twenty-seven women students signed up for the e-



Dance troupe performing at the Cultural Connections Conference

membership.

The process was repeated March 30, at the Women of Color Conference at UNT, which is also a University Partner of AAUW. At this conference, sixteen e-student affiliates joined AAUW.

Information on the E-Student Affiliate Membership is available at <http://aauw.org/About/join/recruitEstudent.cfm>

Video of the luncheon speaker and dancers at the Cultural Connections Conference is available at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/twu-cultural-connection-conference/v3>



Stephany Compton, Priscilla Mowinkel, and Janet Peavler promote AAUW to college women

Dates to Remember

April 20: Equal Pay Day

April 23-25: AAUW Texas state convention at the Westchase Marriott, 2900 Briarpark Dr., in

Houston.

May 15: Interbranch Council meeting and installation of officers.

June 3-5: NCCWSL conference at University

of Maryland for student leaders.

July 1, 2010: Membership dues for 2010-2011 due to National (Association).

CARE, an AAUW Partner, Plans Conference



Nicholas Kristof, New York Times reporter and author of "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for the World's Women" will be one of the keynote speakers at the CARE National Conference May 11-12.

The conference provides opportunities to net-

work, attend workshops on international development, gain advocacy training, and meet with members of Congress.

Early registration ends on April 2nd, and the Conference block of rooms at the Washington Plaza closes on April 9th. To register, go to

www.careconference.org

CARE is a partner organization of AAUW. **Suzanne Berman, Field Coordinator for CARE, will address the AAUW Texas Convention April 23-25, in Houston.**