

The Branch Line



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

May Menu

Cod loin filet with lemon white wine sauce and capers
Couscous cooked in chicken broth with nuts
Sugar snap peas
Chilled vegetable medley salad with choice of dressings
Assorted hot rolls with butter
Mixed berries in wine glass
Coffee, Tea

May Meeting Features Speaker, Door Prizes

Jo Williams will be our speaker at the May 5th branch meeting. Her presentation will include a brief summary of the process of curating the exhibition *Pioneers in Modernism, TWU Women Artists, 1920s - 1970s*, which was held January 22 - February 28, 2010, at the Center for the Visual Arts in Denton.

Ms. Williams will also provide historical information on each of the eight women who were featured in the

exhibition, describing how they became "pioneers in modernism." She will examine what influenced their work and how they influenced each other.

Beginning with the May meeting, we will award two door prizes each month. The prizes will be recently published books featuring women authors, given away by a random drawing of those in attendance.

For May the prizes will be an author-signed copy of *Sing Down The Rain* by our own Judi Moreillon, generously donated by the author, and *The Season of Second Chances*, a novel by Diane Meier.

Don't miss a meeting because you might be the winner of a brand new book!

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President's Corner

AAUW President, Carolyn H. Garfein, spoke at the AAUW Texas Convention, reminding us of the four F's based on the *Harvard Business Review* report from the Evergreen Project completed in 2003. The words **Focus, Fast, Flexible, Flat, Friendly, and Fun** were the key

elements of her presentation.

Find AAUW's **Focus** and **Fast** access to information on the newly designed web pages.

Branches have the **Flexibility** to organize to meet their local needs and are

a **Flat** organization, with structure allowing everyone to communicate with each other.

We had **Fun** with lots of **Friendly** AAUW members and plan on continuing the adventure in the coming year.

Stephany

Member Spotlight on Judi Moreillon

Judi Moreillon, a member of the Denton Branch since October, is a writer with two children's books to her credit and a contract for a third. She has also authored one professional book for school librarians and classroom teachers, with a contract for a second book.

Judi is currently an assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. In her twenty-year career in school librarianship, she served at every instructional level, most recently as a 7th-12th grade school librarian in a combined junior high/high li-

brary facility. In addition, she has been a classroom teacher, literacy coach, district-level librarian mentor, and classroom teacher and school librarian educator. She also worked for a New York-based children's book publisher.

Besides reading and writing, Judi enjoys swimming, hiking in the Sonoran Desert, photography, and using Web 2.0 tools. Visit her website at <http://storytrail.com>.

Judi and her husband maintain a second home near Tucson, Arizona. "My favorite place to 'travel,'" she says, "is among the stars.

In the summer months, we sleep on our gazebo roof under the magic of the desert night sky. There is no place more beautiful than our backyard at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains."

Judi believes "we must advocate for commensurate pay for women who are working in traditionally 'female' jobs, such as serving as teachers, nurses, and yes, librarians." She values AAUW for its pro-women advocacy in Washington, D.C.

Thank you, Judi, for bringing your talents to our branch.



"I am especially crazy for children's picture books with exceptional art and realistic young adult fiction."

Judi Moreillon

Denton Branch Wins PEARL Award at State Convention

Denton Branch was honored at the state convention in Houston, April 23-25, for its contributions to AAUW's mission. The Branch received the PEARL award, which recognizes our efforts to Protect, Educate, Advocate, Research, and Lead on behalf of women and girls.

The award was preceded by a

reception during which branches displayed posters representing their PEARL activities. Denton's poster, created by member **Jimmie Harris**, received many compliments from attendees.

Thank you, Jimmie Lyn, for giving your time and talents to make the beautiful poster.



President Stephany Compton displays Denton's PEARL poster at state convention

New Member Joins Branch

Denise Philpot joined Denton Branch in April. Her contact information is as follows: 3904 Immel Drive, Flower Mound TX 75022 Home: 817-490-1335 drphilpot@grandecom.net

AAUW Funds

The reorganization of AAUW has led to changes in various funds. Contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible and can be restricted to any specific fund or program by writing the fund or program name or number on your check or accompanying document.

Legal Advocacy Fund (#3999)

Formerly part of EF, this fund provides Legal Case support, LAF Case Support Travel Grants, and Campus Outreach projects.

Educational Opportunities Fund (#4336)

Formerly part of EF, this fund includes American Fellowships, International Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, Community Action Grants, and Career Development Grants.

Texas' Ann Richards American Fellowship is part of this fund.

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (#9170)

Formerly part of EF, this fund supports AAUW research about issues of importance to women and girls, and the publication of that research.

Public Policy Fund (#4337)

Formerly part of Association, this

fund includes Government Relations, Civic Engagement, and Field Organizing.

Leadership Programs Fund

(#4339) Formerly part of the Leadership and Training Institute, this fund includes the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Campus Action Projects, and Campaign College.

AAUW Funds (#9110)

Gifts that are not restricted to a specific fund support programs with the greatest needs.

Join the Legacy Circle

Would you like to make a commitment to an equitable future for women and girls? Do so by making a bequest to AAUW in your will.

No minimum is required to become part of this Legacy Circle. To enroll, com-

plete the form in the Legacy Circle packet and return it to the AAUW Development Office, ATTN: Planned Giving, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

You will receive a Legacy Circle pin as a symbol of

your generosity and commitment to the future of women and girls. The pin, a gold wreath adorned with crystals and trimmed with a gold ribbon that proclaims "A Legacy of Equity," is designed by Swarovski of North America.

**A Legacy of
Equity: A
commitment to an
equitable future
for women and
girls through
planned giving**

Ann Richards Fellowship



An American Fellowship to honor former Texas Governor Ann Richards was started by AAUW Texas in the 2008-2010 biennium. To date, the Fellowship has grown to \$34,810, following fund-

raising at the state convention. To be fully funded, the Fellowship must reach \$200,000. AAUW Texas has 15 years to reach this goal. To make sure your donation goes to this Fellowship,

put #4324 or write Ann Richards Fellowship in the memo line of your check.

In 2008, AAUW Texas completed the Barbara Jordan American Fellowship.

AAUW National News

The **National AAUW Convention** will be held June 16-19 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. Make plans now to attend!

An **Every-Member Survey** will be mailed in the Spring/Summer Outlook and also via email. Please participate in the survey.

Branch Starter Kits for new officers will be available online at www.aauw.org in May, with hard copies available in July.

Public Service Announcements for AAUW have begun to air. The spots begin with "In that moment I knew," followed by life stories of women who describe when they knew "equity is still an issue."

Visit the new **national website** at www.aauw.org. Branch and state organizations can sign up for Sitewise to get the same great look for their websites.

The **new term to use** for the national organization

of AAUW is "National," rather than "Association." Likewise, Members-at-Large are now referred to as National members.

The **AAUW mission statement** has been expanded to include "philanthropy." The mission statement now reads: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Newly Elected State Officers to Begin Terms in July



AAUW Texas officers for the 2010-2012 biennium are:

President: Margaret Bentley

VP Programs: Mary Edwards

VP Membership: Jeannie Best

AAUW Funds: Lucy Whitaker Barrington

Secretary / Historian: Rosemary Morrow

Finance: Susan Alami

Central District Representative: Elizabeth Newell

South District Representatives: Enny Schissler and Rosemarie Herrmann

North District Representatives: Jan Domaracki, Stephany Compton, and Martha Matthews

West District Representative: Joy Vann