

The Branch Line

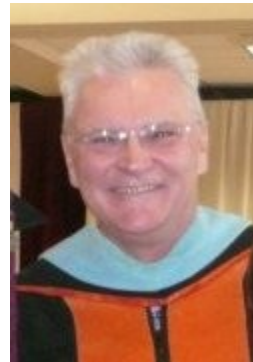
Among Women, Insh'Allah: Like Gold to Global Citizens

At our September 1 meeting, Hugh Burns, Professor of English and Rhetoric at Texas Woman's University, will read selections from his daily journals and reflect on his experiences among the global women in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia while he was a Fulbright Senior Specialist in 2002.

Dr. Burns will share memories of these women, their achievements and the limits imposed upon them by their culture. Who was the woman who first called him after 9/11 to see if he would be willing to visit Saudi Arabia? Who was the

woman who served as the cultural attaché who arranged for his diplomatic and embassy-sponsored lectures? Who was the woman who took him shopping in the bazaar so he would not be ripped off? Who was the woman he sat with on the bus ride from Bahrain, the one who adamantly refused to change her seat? Who were the women he could not speak to in the Ambassador's home in the diplomatic quarter?

For the answers to these and other questions, join us for Dr. Burns's enlightening presentation.



Dr. Burns's academic biography is available at <http://myweb.twu.edu/~hburns/academicbio.htm>

For his Fulbright story, see http://www.cies.org/specialists/stories/ss_hburns.htm

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President's Corner

Welcome, everyone, to a new year with the Denton Branch of AAUW.

We have interesting speakers scheduled, tasty menus se-

lected and will continue to have a theme of Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls.

I hope everyone had a wonderful

summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Stephany

Menu

- ◆ Cuban Roast Pork
- ◆ Confetti orzo
- ◆ Zucchini-Squash Medley
- ◆ Green Salad with choice of dressings
- ◆ Sliced crusty loaf with butter
- ◆ Cherries Jubilee
- ◆ Tea, Coffee, Water

Branch and Area News

With the **September** meeting we will be resuming our door prizes. At each meeting, two brand new books by female authors will be awarded as door prizes, with winners drawn from attendees.



Women's Equality Day August 26

the prizes will be an author-signed copy of Read To Me by our own Judi Moreillon, generously donated by the author, and The Last Time I Saw You by Elizabeth Berg. Don't miss a meeting because you might be the winner of a brand new book!

In **October**, members are encouraged to in-

vite a guest who might be interested in learning more about AAUW. The Branch will cover the cost of one guest per member. Be sure to include your guest when you make reservations to attend.

Our October speaker will be Priscilla Mowinkel, past Texas Membership VP. She will speak about membership recruitment activities.

For September

Representing AAUW in Denton

President Stephany Compton will represent AAUW and the Denton Branch at the following venues this fall:

- **Fiesta on the Square**, Friday, September 24, 6-10 pm, Courthouse on the

Square, Denton.

- **Cultural Connections Leadership Conference**, Texas

Woman's University, November 4-5, 2010. The theme will be "Strengthening the

Leader Within."

Please put these dates on your calendar.

Volunteers are needed for the AAUW table at the Cultural Connections Conference. See Stephany for details.

Interbranch Council to Meet September 18

Interbranch Council will meet September 18 at Brookhaven College in Farmers Branch, Building S, Room 220.

Kristin Alder, one of 20 students selected nationwide for the UN Commission on the Status of Women program last spring, will be the

speaker. The program examined what has happened to the Beijing Platform 15 years after it was implemented. Kristin is a graduate student in Women's Studies at UNT.

Any branch member may attend Interbranch Council meetings. Sign-in starts at 9:30, and the program begins

at 10 am.

Our branch representative at Interbranch Council is **Sandra Spencer**, who is also the Program Vice-President. Jan Domaracki is the President for the next biennium.

For more information, go to <http://www.aauwntibc.org/>.

News from National

One Member, One Vote

Each member can now have a personal voice in helping to direct the future of AAUW, along with the right to vote for candidates, proposed by-laws amendments and resolutions, and the proposed Public Policy Program.

With the new **One Member, One Vote** section on our website, members may now propose bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy

Program revisions and additions — and discuss these proposals online.

Also, once the candidates are announced, you will also be able to "meet" them online through biographies, video, and candidate links. In addition to frequent website and other online updates, key information will be available to all members in the Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer issues of *AAUW Outlook* as well.

To access the One Member, One Vote section from the AAUW home page, click on **Member Center** (in the top right corner), log in with your member ID, and then select One Member, One Vote from the list on the left.



AAUW National Convention



The AAUW National Convention will be held **June 16-19, 2011**, at the Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D. C. We will be celebrating 130 years of **Breaking Through Barriers** for women and girls.

Activities will include a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill, inspiring

speakers, and break-out sessions to map AAUW's future.

Make plans now to attend this gathering of professional women dedicated to bringing equal opportunity for women and girls. More details will follow in the months ahead.

Women's Equality Day

August 26 marks the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.

See the National Women's History Project website for an anniversary brochure.
<http://www.nwhp.org/>

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission website

is a great source for information about votes for women in Texas, including Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Jessie Daniel Ames, and the League of Women Voters:
<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/exhibits/suffrage/index.html>

Show your colors on Women's Equality Day by wearing yellow.

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In 1928, Minnie Fisher Cunningham became the first Texas woman to run for the US Senate. She lost but was instrumental in forming the LWV.

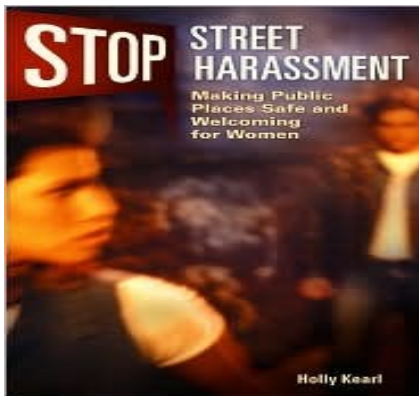
Texas was the 9th state to ratify the 19th Amendment

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<http://aauwdenton.org>

**Breaking Through Barriers
for Women and Girls**

News from National



AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Holly Kearn has authored a book entitled ***Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women.***

AAUW will join the author in celebrating the book's Washington, D.C. release on Sep-

tember 2 at George Washington University. The event, co-sponsored by AAUW, will feature a discussion with activists from Defend Yourself, Holla-Back DC! and Men Can Stop Rape.

The AAUW report [Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics](#) continues to inform the discussion concerning this important issue. Professors Lynn F. Jacobs and Jeremy S. Hyman called ***Why So Few?*** "quite interesting" and shared some of its findings in their latest *U.S. News & World Report* column titled, "10 Tips for Women Students in Science Fields."

Trinidadian Publication Profiles AAUW Grantee Who Is 'Making a Powerful Difference'(Saturday, Aug. 7) [Trinidad Express](#)

Shireen Lewis, a former AAUW grant recipient and past co-president of the AAUW Washington, D.C. branch, has made a difference in the lives of girls from underserved and underrepresented minority communities. Her program, [SisterMentors](#), which received funding from AAUW, helps women of color doctoral candidates who go on to complete their dissertations and graduate.