

The Branch Line

AAUW Denton Branch

Bring a Guest to the October Meeting

Our October 6 meeting will emphasize membership in AAUW. Please plan to bring a guest who might be interested in joining our organization. The cost of dinner for one guest per member will be covered by the Branch. Be sure to include your guest's name when you RSVP.

In addition to a wonderful meal, all attendees will have a chance to win a **door prize**, a brand-new, hot-off-the-press book by a female author. This month the books being offered are *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass and *Ape*

House: A Novel, by Sara Gruen.

Our speaker will be Priscilla Mowinkel, former state Membership Vice-President and member of the National AAUW Membership Committee.

Priscilla will highlight successful membership recruitment activities with which she has been involved, including e-membership recruitment at the Women of Color Conference at



UNT, and the Cultural Connections Conference at TWU.

In addition, our scholarship recipients will be announced at the October meeting, and these young women will

be our special guests that evening. We will have a chance to meet them and to hear from each one.

Please plan to attend.

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MENU

- Chicken Marsala with mushrooms
- Buttered egg noodles with walnut pesto on the side
- Buttered broccoli flowerets
- Caesar salad with croutons on the side, choice of dressings
- Bread sticks
- Pineapple gelato
- Tea, coffee, water

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President's Corner

Welcome to new members and guests. AAUW continues to provide resources and paths to break through barriers for women and girls. The Denton

Branch is fortunate to have women who are committed to helping women and have done so for many years. AAUW membership is an opportunity to meet and work with

women in a variety of disciplines and occupations. We look forward to getting to know you. Please ask questions and explore the website:

www.aauw.org

Going Nuts for Fundraising

Again this year, Denton Branch will be selling nuts and trail mixes to fund our scholarships for UNT and TWU students.

Pre-sales to friends and family are the key to a successful sale. We do not want to purchase nuts that remain unsold.

Renee Sims has graciously consented to be in charge of the nut

sales again. You may order nuts at the branch meetings or by contacting Renee at renee@sims@yahoo.com.

In addition to the branch meetings, venues for the sales will include the TWU Winter Wonderland Craft Fair, December 1, and the Denton Holiday Lighting Festival on the Square, December 2.

Consider your holiday baking needs, as well as gifts for friends, and place your order soon

These sales fund the four scholarships our branch gives annually, two at UNT and two at TWU.

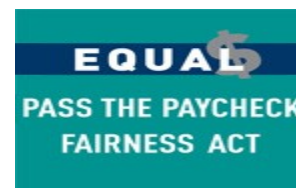
Update Your Member Profile with National

All members should go to www.aauw.org to update your information. On the home page, click on member center. Log in with your member number. Then click on the Member Services Database. If you have not regis-

tered, do so at this time. Otherwise, enter your password. Click on My Profile and update your information.

It is important that National have accurate information for

each member in order to implement One Member One Vote.



North Texas Interbranch Council News

Kristin Alder, Master's Student in Women's Studies at the University of North Texas, was the speaker at the September meeting of the North Texas Interbranch Council of AAUW.

Ms. Alder was one of twenty students nationwide who were chosen to participate in a UN Practicum on the Com-



mission on the Status of Women. The practicum and the Commission focused on Assessment of the Beijing Platform.

Ms. Alder talked about the goals that had been addressed, as well as those yet to be accomplished, and identified the stumbling blocks to the completion of the Millennium Develop-

ment Goals.

The next Interbranch Council meeting will be held Saturday, November 20, 2010, at Handley United Methodist Church, 2929 Forest Avenue, Ft. Worth. Carol Donovan will speak on Women's Peace Efforts in the Texas Area. All AAUW members may attend Interbranch Council meetings. Information on activities of area Branches can be found at the Interbranch Council website: www.aauwntibc.org.

A Message from State President Margaret Bentley

Welcome to my first article as AAUW-TEXAS President for publication in all Texas Branch newsletters. In this way, I plan to communicate directly to each of you in the way you've indicated is preferred. I also hope to meet personally with many of you over the next two years. This is one example of my vision for the State Board to work more closely with our branches. Additionally, our Board meetings will be held in locations not recently visited. Kerrville and Nacogdoches will be our locations in October and March, where we plan to visit with local Branch members.

A bit about me: I am a member the Southwest Dallas County Branch where I've served as VP Programs and President as well as our Interbranch rep. I've been State Finance Officer for the past four years and served on the National Finance committee. Thank you for electing me as State President for the next two years. My goal is to make a positive difference for you!

We held our first Board meeting in Austin hosted by the Austin Branch where we met with local members for a lively discussion. The idea for my writing for Branch newsletters was encouraged at that meeting. Austin is off to a great start this year, signing up 18 new members at their fall membership meeting. I attended the Tarrant County Branch membership meeting and met some of their prospective members who I am sure will make a great difference in AAUW's

mission, particularly in their community. Yesterday I visited with many friends at the North Texas Interbranch Council. It is a marvelous opportunity to share branch activity and challenges with neighboring branches. We were told at convention that there is strong interest to start an Interbranch Council in west Texas. North Texas and Houston Interbranch as well as the State Board highly encourage this and stand ready to help.

A popular question at our State convention was where the next State convention will be held. The Board formed a Task Force to seek out a partnership with a college/university to pair our spring 2012 convention with their seminar/ conference on women's issues. We thereby hope to offer a convention which will be more economical for members to attend plus an opportunity to participate in the school's event. If you are aware of such a program and want the convention in that area, please let me know and we'll work on it.

In order to again hold the line on a state dues increase, we will have just three in person Board meetings per year and no State newsletter. Therefore, board members will be sending periodic emails entitled The Link to branch counterparts. If you are on FaceBook, check out our new AAUW Texas page and click on the 'like' button at the top of the page. Please



comment on line to make this a place to interact with AAUW members across the state and country. Please visit our regular website at www.aauwtexas.org where you can find valuable information as well as links to Branch pages. I welcome your comments.

I am still looking for a Public Policy Chair, so if you are interested, let's talk. National does a wonderful job of keeping us current on national policy matters, but we need someone in Texas who can keep us aware of state and local issues and help branches take action locally. You can reach me about this or anything else by leaving me a message at 972-572-0449 and I'll get back to you, or email me at info@aauwtexas.org.

Got a question for me to answer in my column or a suggestion, or if you'd just like to brag about your branch, please let me know. I believe that State needs to help spotlight branch activities for the rest of the state branches. Thanks for reading this and I really do hope to hear from you soon and often.

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www.aauwdenton.org



Programs For Women To Be Held At TWU This Fall

Women in Commerce

A new initiative this program year is Women in Commerce. Spend the day connecting with area professional women, and hear a group of dynamic speakers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, October 29, in Hubbard Hall at Texas Woman's University.

Jointly sponsored by the TWU School of Management and Sally Beauty Supply, featured speakers include Sandra Yancy, CEO of eWomen Network; Kathleen Mason, CEO of Tuesday Morning, and Joy D. Kirsch, of Kirsch and Associates.

For more information, go to Women in Commerce at <http://business.denton-chamber.org/events/details/women-in-commerce-conference>

The Cultural Connection Leadership Conference will be held November 4-5, 2010, at Texas Woman's University. The theme will be "Strengthening the Leader Within." The Cultural Connections Leadership Conference brings together students, faculty, and staff from various cultural backgrounds in order to empower them to become

advocates for change in an increasingly diverse global society. For more information, go to <http://www.twu.edu/intercultural-services/conference.asp>

