

MENU

- Turkey Tetrizzini
- Whipped sweet potatoes
- Whole buttered green beans
- Cream of brie and mushroom soup
- Soft split rolls with butter
- Cranberry mousse
- Tea, Coffee

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The Branch Line

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

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Women in Politics

Justice Lee Gabriel of the 2nd Court of Appeals will talk about her experiences in politics over the past twenty years. Justice Gabriel graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law and became a felony prosecutor for the Denton County District Attorney's Office. In 1986 she was promoted to the position of First Assistant District Attorney. In 1989 Justice Gabriel was



appointed as the first District Judge of the 367th District Court in Denton County by Governor William P. Clements, a position she held for more than twenty years. In July of 2010, Governor Rick Perry appointed her to the position of Justice, Place 7, of the Second Court of Appeals of Texas, and she was sworn in on

August 1, 2010. Six times on the ballot, Justice Gabriel will offer her opinion about electing, versus appointing, judges. All attendees will have a chance to win one of our two **door prizes**: brand new fiction from women authors. For November we have **The Tenth Song**, by Naomi Ragen, and **Eighteen Acres**, by Nicolle Wallace.

Find information about your state board on the AAUW Texas website: www.aauwtexas.org

President's Corner

"You must learn day by day, year by year, to broaden your horizon. The more things you love, the more you are interested in, the more you enjoy, the more you

are indignant about, the more you have left when anything happens."
-- Ethel Barrymore

During this season of thanksgiving remember

to watch a colorful sunset, partake of fall fruits and vegetables, and share the gift of fellowship in AAUW.

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Scholarship Recipients

The Denton Branch awarded its 2010-2011 scholarships at its October 6 meeting. Recipients were:

- ◆ **Alyson Temple-Lozada**, who is completing a Masters in Family Studies at TWU, with expected graduation in December, 2010. Alyson will continue with additional graduate classes in the spring of 2011 as she works toward a Ph.D.
- ◆ **Giovanni N. Dortch**, who is completing her Doctoral in Sociology at UNT, with expected graduation in December, 2011.
- ◆ **Jessica Huynh**, a senior working on an undergraduate degree in Social Work at TWU, with expected graduation in May,



Left to Right: Jessica Huynh, Maria Mena Hernandez, Alyson Temple-Lozada, and Giovanni Dortch.

2011.

- ◆ **Maria Mena-Hernandez**, a senior in Vocal Performance at TWU. Her expected graduation is May, 2011. Members of the Scholarship Committee were Kay Goodman, Elizabeth Snapp, and

Susan Myatt.

Since no undergraduate applications were received from UNT, two undergraduate scholarships were awarded to TWU.

Vote November 2.

For voter guides, go to the League of Women Voters website: <http://www.lwvdenton.org/web/index.php>.

Calendar of Events

- **Interbranch Council: November 20, 2010**, at Handley Methodist Church, 2929 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, 76112. Registration and coffee starts at 9:30 am. The speaker will be **Carol Donovan** from **Peacemakers, Inc.**
- **Nut Sale at TWU Winter Wonderland, December 1, from 10 am to 4 pm.** Volunteers are needed. Sign up at the November meeting.
- **EYH February 19, 2011** at TWU.
- **National AAUW Convention, June 16-19, 2011**

Membership Campaigns



Former AAUW Texas VP for Membership **Priscilla Mowinkel** outlined membership campaigns and incentives at our October meeting. Among the programs she mentioned were:

- **130th Anniversary of AAUW Campaign**, to run November 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011. The campaign will offer incentives for membership, details to follow.
 - All **graduate students** at any College / University Partner, which includes UNT and TWU, can be a member of AAUW for \$18.81.
 - **E-student affiliation** is free to all undergraduate students at College / University Partners. E-student affiliates are eligible to receive electronic copies of AAUW's publications and research. They have access to all AAUW's student leadership resources and benefits.
- See Emory Brincks for details.

For a discussion of "Why Women Should Vote—Now More Than Ever!" go to AAUW's blog: <http://blog-aauw.org/2010/08/26/vote/>

Nut Sale for Scholarships

Our **scholarship fundraiser** this year is again the sale of nuts and trail mixes.

All products are in 11b packages and are priced as follows:

- Peanuts: 3.00**
- Cajun Mix: 5.00**

- Almonds: 6.00**
- Apricots: 6.00**
- Melrose Mix: 6.00**
- Pistachios: 7.00**
- Walnut Pieces: 7.00**
- Cashew-N-Stix: 7.00**
- Hawaiian Trail Mix: 7.00**
- Roasted Berry Mix: 7.00**
- Cashews: 8.00**

- Texas Deluxe Mix: 8.00**
- Pecan Halves: 9.00**

Please email your order to Renee Sims at reneefsims@yahoo.com or call 940.367.6345. You may also bring your order to the November meeting.

Expanding Your Horizons

The **EYH Committee** had their first planning meeting September 7th. This year's conference will be **held February 19, 2011** and will be chaired by **Abbe Patton**.

The next meeting will be November 10th at the home of Sarah McIntire.

The EYH committee still **needs a volunteer** to be responsible for refreshments.

If anyone is interested, please contact Abbe at

abbep@bbwcdf.com or call 214.212.0548.



Expanding Your Horizons session last February

November in Women's History

November Highlights in US Women's History

- **Nov 1, 1848** - First medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, opens; in 1874 it merges with Boston University to become one of the world's first coed medical schools
- **Nov 8, 1910** - The state of Washington passes a constitutional amendment to permit woman suffrage
- **Nov 8, 1984** - Dr. Anna L. Fisher, a physician, launches into space as the first American mother and third American woman to fly into space on the shuttle Discovery
- **Nov 11, 1979** - Bethune Museum and Archives opens in Washington D.C. as a center for African-American women's history, honoring Mary McLeod Bethune
- **Nov 11, 1993** - The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Conceived by former army combat nurse Diane Carlson Evans and sculpted by Glenna Goodacre, it honors the 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era
- **Nov 13, 1938** - Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini is beatified. She is the first American woman citizen to become a saint
- **Nov 14, 1889** - Journalist Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly, sails around the world in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds, beating the fictional record set by Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*
- **Nov 14, 1903** - The U.S. Women's Trade Union League is established
- **Nov 14, 1946** - Emily Greene Balch, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- **Nov 28, 1881** - The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Source: <http://www.nwhp.org/news/november.php>

Programs for Women at UNT This Fall

Sheryl WuDunn will be presenting a lecture at the UNT Lyceum on November 18 at 7:30 pm. Ms. WuDunn is co-author of *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, which won a Pulitzer Prize for Journalism. The lecture is free.

Fem Flicks: Seven documentary films focusing on women's issues will be showcased in **Fem Flicks**, a free film series presented by the University of North Texas Women's Studies program, UNT Women's Center and the UNT Media Library.

Films to be shown this fall and winter include

- ***Sin By Silence***, on Octo-

ber 27, which recounts the 1989 formation of Convicted Women Against Abuse, the first inmate-initiated-and-led group in the California prison system, and the group's initiative to help women inside prison break the silence about abuse.

- ***The Female Face of AIDS: Crisis in Malawi***, on **December 1**, which shines a light on the stigma and discrimination suffered by Malawian women living with HIV/AIDS and the issues that confront them, including economic dependency, physical and sexual abuse, commercial sex work and traditional male dominance.

- ***The Codes of Gender: Identity and Performance in Pop Culture***, on **January 26**, analyzes how pop culture communicates gender ideals through contemporary advertising, and explores expectations of masculinity and femininity.

- ***Beauty in China***, on **February 23**, examines young women in China who feel they must westernize their appearance through plastic surgery in order to accomplish a certain look. Every week approximately 16,000 Chinese undergo facial surgery, which often results in physical complications.