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February Meeting: Movement!

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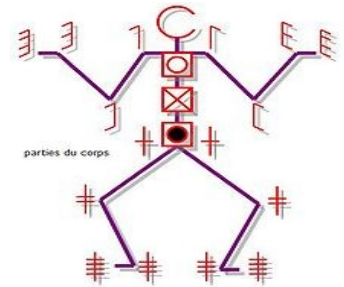
At our February 2 meeting, Linda Caldwell, Ph.D. and Certified Movement Analyst in Laban Movement Studies, will speak on the topic of "Texas Woman's University's Ground-breaking Doctoral Program in Dance: A Space for Professional Women to Move into the World of Academe."

Dr. Caldwell will outline the first low-residential doctoral program in the country and show how it has helped women professionals in the performing arts continue to attain higher degrees while also maintaining

families and professional duties.

Dr. Caldwell is a professor in the dance doctoral program at Texas Woman's University. In addition, she is a member of the editorial board for the Journal of Laban Movement Studies and works with the National Dance Education Organization Scholarship Committee.

Door prizes for the meeting will be *Queen Hereafter: A Novel of Margaret of Scotland*, by Susan Fraser King, and *Clara and Mr. Tiffany: A Novel*, by Susan



Vreeland.

At our February meeting, we will also be signing up volunteers to work at Expanding Your Horizons on February 19, 2011. We will not be stuffing EYH bags, however.

Be sure to join us for an informative evening.

<http://www.twu.edu/dance/l-caldwell.asp>

February Menu

- * Baked cod loin in lemon butter caper sauce
- * Rice pilaf
- * Sugar snap peas
- * Cream of asparagus soup with assorted crackers
- * Chocolate brownie trifle
- * Tea, coffee, water

President's Corner

This is a good month to get smart about your heart, find out about support services that are available, learn what you can do about prevention and early

detection, and visit the Heart Healthy Women web site for great information. <http://www.hearthealthywomen.org/>

Greek Proverb: The heart that loves is always young.

Stephany

Expanding Your Horizons

Expanding Your Horizons Career Conference for Middle-School Girls will be held Saturday, February 19, 2011, in the MCL building on the TWU campus. This is our Branch's 18th year to organize this event.

Dr. Judith Bean of TWU will open EYH 2011. Approximately 250 girls from Denton County are expected to attend. The girls will participate in hands-on programs designed to acquaint them with careers involving math, science,

engineering, and technology.

Fifteen professional women who are currently employed in these fields will lead the programs.

Branch volunteers are needed at this event to assemble backpacks with snacks, help with logistics, and assist speakers. Please sign up at the February meeting or let Sarah McIntire know that you plan to attend. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30 a.m. Come prepared to have a good time!



Expanding Your Horizons Career Conference for Girls last February

Interbranch Council News

The North Texas Interbranch Council of AAUW met January 15, 2011, at the Dallas Public Library.

Dr. Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, Communications Professor at the University of North Texas, was the speaker. Dr. Enck-Wanzer is involved in the **Resolana project**, which works with imprisoned women to prepare them for life after prison. Collaborating with a number of groups, Resolana helps these women develop job skills, learn how to apply for work, and "break the cycle of incarceration."

Currently, 900 women are incarcerated in the Dallas County Jail at a cost of \$56 a day per person, for a daily cost of \$50,000. Resolana provides programming for 75 of these women.

Next meeting to be held
Saturday, March 19th, at 10:30
a.m. in Greenville, at Mary of
Puddin' Hill. See [http://
www.puddinhill.com/Aboutus.asp](http://www.puddinhill.com/Aboutus.asp)

Classes are offered five days a week and focus on life skills, physical well-being, creativity and resources.

For information about Dr. Enck-Wanzer, go to

[http://www.comm.unt.edu/
enckwanzers.html](http://www.comm.unt.edu/enckwanzers.html).

Information about the Resolana project can be found at

[http://resolana.info/opportunities-
links.htm](http://resolana.info/opportunities-links.htm)

The **March 19th meeting** of Interbranch Council will be held in Greenville at Mary of Puddin' Hill. The meeting will begin at

10:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 for the meal and a beverage.

Directions are found at

[http://maps.google.com/maps/place?
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Please make plans to attend.

Interbranch Council is also planning a luncheon in October to celebrate the 130th anniversary of AAUW. The event will be held in Dallas and will include a reading of a play about AAUW in 1881. Watch for more details in the months ahead.

Denton Branch will host Interbranch Council in March, 2012. All Interbranch Council meetings are open to any member of AAUW.

Letter from State President Margaret Bentley

Happy New Year to all! Now that the yearend festivities have wound down, it's time to get back to AAUW business, including registering for the National AAUW convention in June in Washington, DC. I want to see Texas well represented. The best registration fee can be had by registering before January 21st at www.aauw.org/convention.

The AAUW-TX Board's last meeting was held in Kerrville, an absolutely delightful town with a terrific Branch. They are extremely active in many areas of the AAUW mission, including working with the university there. The Branch generously hosted dinner for the Board on Friday evening at the home of Past President Anita Crane. It was a wonderful time to chat with Branch members about various AAUW matters. Board members are looking forward to sharing new ideas with other Branches they gained from Kerrville. Branch Officers should be receiving periodic AAUW-TX eLink emails from Board Officers with this and other pertinent information.

We spent a great deal of the Board Meeting finalizing the budget and updating the State policies and procedures and job descriptions. All these are available on the AAUW-TX website at www.aauwtexas.org. The other major topic of discussion was planning for the 2011 Leadership Conference/Officer Training. Two years ago it was held in Dallas and Houston to enable more members to attend while holding down their expenses. I am exploring the possi-



bility of producing a video of the Officer Training to be available on the AAUW-TX website for individual or Branch viewing, reviewing and discussion. This would save individual as well as Board travel expenses. Questions could be submitted by email and answers published on the website. Plans for the Training will be finalized at the March Board Meeting.

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At that meeting, we will also be determining where and in what format the Biennial Texas Convention will be held in spring 2012. We are continuing to seek an educational institution planning to hold an AAUW mission related conference or seminar with which to partner. If any Branch is planning such an event, please let me know.

While chatting with several Branches over the last several

months about how they fulfill the AAUW mission, I have been surprised to be told that they don't do much at all. Questioned further, I hear of the wonderful work they are doing in their respective communities. In fact, they are carrying out the mission to a great extent, but were under the impression that they had to do things on a national basis to qualify as carrying out the mission. Obviously, local Branches can't do much on a national basis, but should rest assured that they are doing great work locally. If you think about it, National can't very well work at the local level any more than we can work at the national level. So, carrying out the mission in our own communities is living up to the AAUW mission.

I will close with a New Year's note from Jacque Lytle to her Branch: "Wishing all a very wonderful 2011 and AAUW Plano Collin County a great program year as well! Let's all do our part and a little more to make sure we are as good as we can be next year—membership, programming, fundraising for women's educational opportunities, and even more great pursuits of literary and other interests together!" A great sentiment for all our Branches. Great success to all in 2011.

In equity, Margaret Bentley

Visit AAUW Texas on FaceBook and be sure to click on 'like'. See you there.

Nut Sale Success

In our first ever nut sale in 2007, we added \$341.25 to the scholarship fund. In our second ever nut sale in 2008, we added \$701.00 to our scholarship fund. Last year, 2009, we were able to fully fund one scholarship for a total profit of \$1154.50. And this year, 2010, to date our profit is 1389.75!



And have I got a deal for you: I have 16 packages of walnut pieces, for the low, low price

of \$7 per package, and 4 packages of pecan halves, for the low, low price of \$9 per package.

That would bring an additional \$148 to the fund if they could be sold asap! This would make a grand total nut sale profit of \$1537.75.

A big thanks to our top nut sellers - Carol Rowley, Kay Goodman, Stephany Compton, Pat

Cheek, Veva Vonler, Sarah McIntire, Jennifer Blalock and Jimmie Lyn Harris.

Renee Sims

A big thanks also to Renee for heading up this sale!

Denton Community Theatre Benefits Our Scholarships

Denton Branch recently received a wonderful opportunity to raise money for our scholarship fund..

Denton Community Theatre donated all proceeds from their January 20th performance of *Proof* to our scholarship fund.

DCT spokeswoman Julie Brinker says that this program fulfills

several goals: It raises money for a worthy cause; gives the cast an audience to perform for instead of an empty house; and raises awareness about the thea-

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tre to potential patrons who may not know about it.

Past benefits have raised up to \$3000 for groups who have gotten the word out to their supporters.

We are hoping for similar success.

NCCWSL News

The National Conference for College Student Women Leaders will be held June 2-4, 2011 at the University of Maryland, College Park.



Ambassador Hunt

Distinction Award recipients, including Emmy-winner Connie Chung, former Ambassador to Austria Swanee Hunt, head football coach Natalie Randolph, and Zainab Salbi, founder of Women

for Women International.

Registration opens February 1. Workshop Proposals are accepted until February 11, 2011.



Connie Chung



Natalie Randolph

For information, go to www.nccwsl.org.

Attendees at the Conference will meet this year's Women of

Membership Matters from National

Membership recruitment is a yearlong event. Resolve to kick off 2011 with significant growth in your branch. Remember, by engaging new members, you are strengthening a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

- Encourage branch members to bring friends, colleagues, or relatives to a branch meeting or event where they may join for half of the national dues between January 1 and March

15. (Their membership will expire June 30, 2011.) Be sure to include the name of the recruiter on the applications so both she or he and the branch receive recognition through the [AAUW Keys to the Future: A Member-Get-a-Member Campaign](#).

- Suggest that your branch give the gift of membership to individuals who graduated in

December through the [Give a Grad a Gift program](#)—it's free!

- Invite graduate students to [join AAUW for \\$18.81](#) during AAUW's 130th anniversary year *Note: Half-year dues rates do not apply to this campaign.*



Early Bird Registration Opens for National Convention

Registration is now open for the AAUW National Convention to be held in the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D. C., June 16-19.

Early-Bird registration runs from January 22 to March 22, 2011. Those who register early

will save \$25 over regular registration. Information on all registration rates is found at <http://convention.aauw.org/Documents/RegistrationCosts2011>.

The convention theme will be "Breaking Through Barriers:

Advocating for Change." The convention will include a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. Watch for more information in the weeks and months ahead. Information available at www.aauw.org/convention.

Follow the 82nd Legislature

As the 82nd legislature begins its work, we, as advocates for women and girls, should follow closely the decisions being made in Austin. You can follow the legislature online at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>.



women now occupy numerous positions at all levels and branches of government, their numbers are still well below their proportion of the general population. After more than three decades of substantial progress, women still represent less than

twenty percent of Texas lawmakers and less than fourteen percent of members of Congress."

See a chart on women in the Texas House and Senate at http://www.laits.utexas.edu/txp_media/html/leg/features/0304_01/gender.html

A sobering quotation: "Although