



# The Branch Line

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## *Global Feminism to be April's Topic*

At our April 6th meeting, our own Dr. Sandra Spencer, Director of Women's Studies at the University of North Texas, will speak about **"Global Feminism: From Texas to Tunisia."**



Dr. Spencer will discuss issues facing women worldwide and share with us what women in

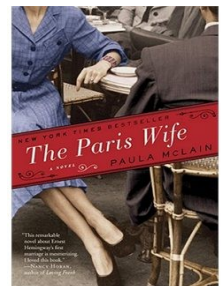
the West need to know and do about those issues.

Make plans now to attend this

timely assessment of women's status across the globe.

Books to be raffled at the April meeting are *The Paris Wife: A*

*Novel* by Paula McLain, and *The Weird Sisters: A Novel*, by Eleanor Brown.



You must be present to win!

## April Menu

- Chuck's Fried Chicken
- Browned potato medallions
- Home-style stewed green beans
- Garden salad with choice of dressing
- Biscuits, with butter, honey, and molasses
- Aunt Edna's chocolate custard ice cream
- Tea, coffee, water

## *President's Corner*

It is spring, the flowers are blooming, the trees have new leaves and it is time for new leadership in our Branch. You have invested your time and energies to act on the mission of AAUW and I appreciate your participation. We have

provided scholarships, programs for young women and supported the Legal Advocacy Fund, National scholarships and programs and enjoyed the company of women in the Denton Community who have a commit-

ment to educating women. I look forward to continuing to work together to break through barriers for women and girls. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
*Stephany*

## Fundraising for Scholarships



**Denton Community Theater's** benefit performance of *Proof* January 20 raised over \$600 for our scholarship fund. We are grateful to DCT for giving us this opportunity to raise money while enjoying their excellent performance of David Auburn's award-winning play. Our annual **Nut Sale**

added \$1,459.75 to the scholarship fund, thanks to the efforts of many branch members and friends, including Renee Sims, Carol Rowley, Kay Goodman, Stephany Compton, Pat Cheek, Veva Vonler, Sarah McIntire, Jennifer Blalock and Jimmie Harris. All nuts purchased for this fundraising event were sold.

Our **Expanding Your Horizons** career conference for girls on February 19 raised an additional \$2000 for the scholarship fund. Many thanks go to Abbe Patton, who chaired the EYH Committee, and all branch members who worked to make this event a success.

## Renew Your Membership in April, May

National dues: \$49

State dues: \$10

Local dues: \$11

Total: \$70

It's time to renew your membership in AAUW for the 2011-12 year.

National dues are still \$49, while state dues are \$10, and local are \$11.

In addition to the dues,

members may choose to donate \$25 to the Educational Foundation and \$5 to the Legal Advocacy Fund. Donations to our local scholarship funds are always appreciated.

Dues will be accepted during April and May at the branch meetings. Dues must be remitted to National before July 1, 2011, in order to maintain membership continuity.

## Interbranch Council News



Lesly Bosch Annen, Dallas Women's Foundation

The May 21 meeting of **Interbranch Council** will be held in the Thelma Rice Sproules Program Room of the Harrington Library, 1501 18<sup>th</sup> Street, in Plano.

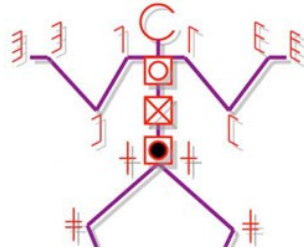
Lesly Annen, from the **Dallas Women's Foundation**, will speak on the Foundation's initiatives, not only in grant-making, but in their new endeavor to

address Sex Trafficking in the Dallas area.

All AAUW members are invited to attend. The meetings begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

## May's Speaker to be Dr. Linda Caldwell

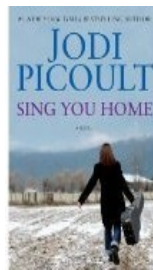
Scheduled to have been our speaker at our February meeting, which was cancelled due to icy weather, Dr. Linda Caldwell, Certified Movement Analyst in Laban Movement Studies, will speak at our May 4th meeting. Her topic will be "Texas Woman's University's Groundbreaking Doctoral Program in Dance: A Space 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.

Books to be raffled as door prizes in May are



*Sing You Home*, by Jody Picoult, and *Love You More*, by Lisa Gardner.

### May Menu

- Sliced roast beef tenderloin with beef stock Gorgonzola sauce
- Twice-baked stuffed potato
- Spring vegetable medley
- Spinach salad with poppy seed or other dressings
- Onions on the side
- Petit pan rolls with butter
- Fresh seasonal fruit frappe
- Tea, coffee, water

## AAUW Signs Amicus Brief

AAUW, along with 34 other organizations, has signed an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* The U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments March 29 to determine whether the case can move forward as a class action lawsuit. If the plaintiffs prevail, approximately 1.6 million women will be repre-

sented in the lawsuit against Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs—the largest class-action civil rights suit in the nation's history.

The plaintiffs allege gender discrimination in pay and promotion at Wal-Mart retail stores nationwide. The company has fought the class-action designation, but without

it, individual women cannot afford to sue. The lawsuit could potentially cost Wal-Mart billions.

AAUW is also providing financial support through its Legal Advocacy Fund to defray the expenses of six of the lead plaintiffs.

Watch for developments in this important case on behalf of women's rights.

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Breaking Through Barriers for Women and  
Girls Through Advocacy, Education,  
Philanthropy, and Research

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### *What You Need to Know*

#### One Member, One Vote

Delegates at the 2009 AAUW National Convention approved changes to the AAUW Bylaws that enabled all AAUW members (whether or not they attend the convention) to elect candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and vote on other items of business, such as bylaws amendments, resolutions, and the Public Policy Program.

You can read the **One Member, One Vote** [Current Topics Briefing](#) and [FAQ](#) to learn more about the new voting process. Electronic voting begins May 1, 2011,

and ends at 9 pm EST, June 17, 2011.

#### [Bylaws Amendments](#)

Review proposed amendments to the current bylaws.

#### [Public Policy Program](#)

Review proposed amendments to the 2011-13 Public Policy Program.

#### [Meet the Candidates](#)

Learn about candidates for election to Board President, Vice-President, and Directors-at-Large.



#### [AAUW National Convention](#)

Save the date! The 2011 National Convention will be held June 16-19 at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel.

[http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/1member1vote/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/1member1vote/index.cfm)