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# The Branch Line

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## Menu

- Roast turkey
- Whole Cranberry Sauce
- Toffee Sweet Potato Casserole
- Cream of Brie and Mushroom Soup
- Soft split Rolls with butter
- Chocolate Mousse Pie
- Tea, Coffee, Water

## November 2 Meeting

Our original speaker for the November meeting has cancelled, and at the time of this newsletter publication, no information was available about our replacement speaker. However, we will have a wonderful meal (see menu below), stimulating conversation with

our fellow branch members, opportunities to win door prizes, and no doubt an entertaining program! So please plan to attend.



Also, don't forget the 130th Anniversary of AAUW luncheon Saturday, October 29, at 11:30 at Texas Land and Cattle, 3130 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas.

Social hour at Hannah's will be November 18 from 5-6 pm.

## President's Corner

In Virginia Crocherron Gildersleeve's *Many a Good Crusade: Memories*, she reflects on an autumn day. "Today I stood by the edge of a river over which bent an ancient tree whose leaves, touched by autumn, drifted down into the current. Most of the leaves were

soon caught under and sank and became part of the stream, but a few continued to ride the surface, moving on towards the sea. As we grow older, many of the experiences of life that once seemed important are like those leaves drawn under. But certain moments, certain experiences, float

along the surface of the mind, recurring in the eddies of its thought."

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alumni/Magazine/Summer2001/Gildersleeve.html>

*Stephany*

## R is for Research

This article is the first in a series about REAP, an acronym representing the value of AAUW membership.

AAUW is nationally recognized for its scholarly research on issues affecting women and girls.

In 2010, AAUW published *Why So Few?*, an analysis of eight research findings pointing to environmental and social barriers that continue to inhibit women's participation in STEM fields. Other research titles over the last decade include: *Behind the Pay Gap* (2007),

showing that one year out of college, women are already behind in pay; *Where the Girls Are* (2008), examining girls' educational achievement in the past 35 years; and *Mom's Retirement Security* (2006), revealing that 40% of adults know very little or nothing about their mother's financial situation.

The latest research study, to be released in November, is titled *Crossing the Line*, examining sexual harassment in the nation's schools, grades 7-12. Having access to cutting-



edge research on gender issues is certainly an important benefit of AAUW membership.

What are your research interests? Share them for inclusion in the newsletter by emailing [jpeavler2@hotmail.com](mailto:jpeavler2@hotmail.com). Find other branch members who share your interests!

## Expanding Your Horizons Sets Date

Expanding Your Horizons will be Saturday, February 18, 2012, at TWU.

The committee is working on the conference and is currently

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February 18

looking for volunteers to assist with the planning.

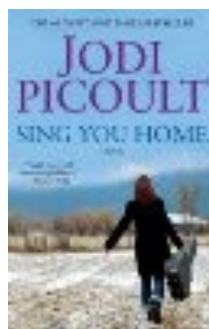
The next committee meeting is Wednesday, November 30, at 7:00 pm at

the home of Sarah McIntire.

Please contact Abbe Patton if you are interested in helping, [abbe.patton@gmail.com](mailto:abbe.patton@gmail.com) or 214-212-0548.

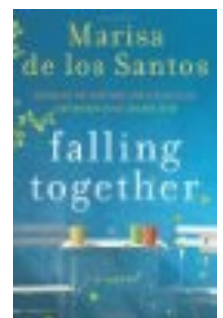
## Door Prizes for November Meeting

Be sure to make the November meeting where the door prizes will be two sizzling new works of fiction by women authors. Will you be lucky for



*Sing You Home*, by Jodi Picoult

or *Falling Together*, by Marisa de los Santos?



# Minutes from October Meeting

**AAUW Denton Branch  
Minutes - Fremaux's  
Metropolitan Catering  
Wednesday, October 5,  
2011, 6:00 PM**

Introduction of guest,  
Mildred Marsh by Lavon  
Fulwiler

Introduction of Speaker by  
Lynda Murphy

Presentation on her  
experiences at the **AAUW  
National Conference for  
College Women Students**,  
by Tiffany Johnson, TWU  
student.

**Business Meeting:**

- I. Call to Order:  
Stephany Compton
- II. Approval of minutes  
from September:  
Veva Vonler
- III. Treasurer's Report:

Renee Sims

**IV. AAUW Public Policy:  
Patsy Roe**

Members are encouraged to  
access the **AAUW** website  
and participate as a "Two-  
Minute Activist," a  
convenient way to contact  
members of congress to  
support pending legislation  
such as the Healthy Families  
Act, Bill # S.1152.

**V. Old Business and An-  
nouncements**

--Stephany Compton re-  
minded the group of  
the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of **AAUW**, which will  
be commemorated on  
October 29 with a  
luncheon and Readers  
Theater Production of  
"The Founding of  
**AAUW**." Go to  
<http://www.aauwtexas.org/>  
for details.

--Stephany also noted  
that the **AAUW Texas  
State Convention** will  
be held April 13-15,  
2012, in Austin.

--Lynda Murphy, on  
behalf of Ling Hwey  
Jeng, called attention  
to the brochures for  
**AAUW** membership  
recruitment that had  
been placed on each  
table.

--Sarah McIntire  
announced that the  
**EYH** committee will  
meet next  
Wednesday, October  
12, at her home at 7:00  
p.m.

- VI. Book Drawing:  
Cathy Snyder
- V. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Veva Vonler,  
Recording Secretary

## Nut Sales to Begin

Renee Sims will begin  
taking orders for nuts at  
the November meeting.

The nut selections and  
mixes will be similar to  
those of past years.

Plan now for your holiday  
baking and gift-giving.

Remember that our nut  
sales fund our scholar-  
ships to **UNT** and **TWU**  
undergraduate and  
graduate students.

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## **AAUW Celebrates Women’s Hall of Fame Inductees**

From *AAUW Dialog* <http://blog-aauw.org/2011/10/13/aauw-celebrates-women%E2%80%99s-hall-of-fame-inductees/>

Eleven outstanding women were inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in Seneca, New York, October 8, 2011. Four of those women have played a role in AAUW’s mission.

Helen Murray Free, a national member of AAUW, was honored for her contributions to medicine. With a degree in chemistry, Free’s research revolutionized diagnostic testing and



led to the development of dip-and-read test strips. Inductee Donna Shalala was Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Clinton. Shalala was an AAUW young scholar award recipient. “It was critical money and a critical award and a critical trajectory,” Shalala remembered. “I loved the fact that they inter-

Lily Ledbetter,

vened in my career, and it made a real difference. AAUW helped me network. I met amazing people as a result.” another inductee, has been a friend of AAUW and a key figure in the fair pay campaign, from the Supreme Court case to the legislation named in her honor. She continues to work toward passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Fellow inductee Barbara Mikulski, a Senator from Maryland, believes that AAUW plays an important role in shaping young women’s lives. “Young people need someone to believe in them,” she said. “Some people have family that will believe in them. Not everyone has that supportive adult that tells you, ‘You can do it, and I can help you.’ It makes a difference to do that in young people’s lives.