



THE BRANCH LINE

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Dr. Suzanne Enck-Wanzer to Speak at December Meeting

Our December speaker, Dr. Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, will address our branch on "Living Their Stories: Interrogating Cycles of Victimization, Incarceration, and Healing."

Dr. Enck-Wanzer, Ph.D. in Communication & Culture from Indiana University, joined the University of North Texas Department of Communication Studies in 2009, where she teaches classes cross-listed with Women's Studies in Gender & Communication and Feminist Criticism.

Dr. Enck-Wanzer describes herself as a "long-time feminist activist [who] has worked for over 20 years in various capacities with

different domestic violence prevention and rape counseling centers throughout the Midwest. More recently, her service has led her into the Dallas County Jail where she works with Resolana, a local organization aimed at educating and empowering women to break the cycle of incarceration. Her research, teaching, and service all coalesce around her desire to combine academia with activism, being mindful of giving voice to those most marginalized in U.S. public culture."

Dr. Enck-Wanzer writes, "Since 1970 the number of imprisoned Americans has grown tenfold, with women constituting the fastest growing prison

population in the United States. While the sheer number of incarcerated women ought to give us reason to pause, our cultural reliance on jails and prisons to secure the 'public good' is further complicated by a glance at the women who are serving time. Rates of medical problems, mental illness, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and co-occurring substance addictions are far higher than those of men.

"Furthermore, a vast majority of incarcerated women report some history of intimate violence (domestic violence, childhood (continued on p. 6)

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December Menu

- *Roasted Cornish Hen with Pomegranate Sauce*
- *Wild Rice Pilaf*
- *Fordhook Lima Beans*
- *Spinach Salad with Choice of Dressings*
- *Assorted Hot Rolls with Butter*
- *Lemon Pudding Cake*
- *Tea, Coffee*

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President's Corner

Night comes earlier and the sparkling lights in the cool air, the leaves falling, and voices of birds in the early morning bring

images of the magical time of year when we gather together to share memories and food. Warm wishes for a healthy holiday filled

with special celebrations with family and friends.

Stephany



Going Nuts!

Order nuts and mixes for your holiday entertaining from Renee Sims at our December meeting or by emailing her at renee@sims@yahoo.com. Remember that proceeds from nut sales fund our annual scholarships.

Just Nuts/Apricots

Peanuts, \$4.00

Almonds, \$7.00/lb

Apricots, \$6.00/lb

Pistachios, Natural Roasted/Salted

in shell, \$9.00/lb

Walnut Pieces, \$9.00/lb

Cashews, \$10.00/lb

Pecan Halves, \$12.00/lb

Mixes

Cajun Mix (Hot - n - Spicy Peanuts, Pumpkin Seeds, Hot Cajun Corn Sticks, Cheddar Sesame Sticks, Peanut Oil and Salt), \$6.00/lb

Melrose Mix (Almonds, Cheddar Sticks, Rice Crackers, Cashews, Pecan Halves, Hot Cajun Corn Sticks, Peanut Oil and Salt), \$6.00/lb

Cashew - N - Stix (Whole Cashews, Sesame Sticks, Pecan Halves, Natural Whole Almonds, Peanut Oil and Salt), \$9.00/lb

Hawaiian Trail Mix (Natural Whole Almonds, Diced Pineapple, Diced Papaya, Diced Dates, Raisins, Walnut Halves and Pieces, Blanched Peanuts, Cashew Pieces), \$7.00/lb

Roasted Berry Mix (Cranberries, Golden Raisins, Cashew Pieces, Almonds, Peanut Oil and Salt), \$7.00/lb

Texas Deluxe Mix (Roasted/Salted, Whole Cashews, Natural Whole Almonds, Pecan Halves, Blanched Whole Almonds, Peanut Oil and Salt, 10.00/lb



In 2007, we sold 215 packages, for a profit of 341.25
In 2008, we sold 390 packages, for a profit of 701.00
In 2009, we sold 555 packages, for a profit of 1154.50
In 2010, we sold 790 packages, for a profit of 1459.75
Let's keep up the good work for 2011!



Door Prizes for December Meeting

Be sure to join us for our December meeting where the door prizes will be:

Winter's Gift,
by Jane
Monroe
Donovan



And

Christmas Day
In The
Morning, by
Pearl S. Buck



-Cathy Snyder

Correction for Margaret

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**AAUW Denton Branch Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 2011
Fremaux's Metropolitan Catering, 6:00 PM**

Recognition of guests Pat Spencer, Elizabeth McSween, and Patricia Mejia

Introduction of Speaker Lynda Murphy

Presentation on "Living Well," by Dr. Anna Love.

Business Meeting:

- I. Call to Order Stephany Compton
- II. Approval of minutes from October Veva Vonler—as printed
- III. Treasurer's Report Renee Sims
- IV. AAUW Public Policy



Speaker Dr. Anna Love

–Stephany reminded members of early voting dates and recommended the guide published by the League of Women Voters for an overview of the issues.

V. Old Business and Announcements

- Stephany reported on the October 29 luncheon and Readers Theater Production of "The Founding of AAUW," which commemorated the 130th Anniversary of AAUW.
- Renee Sims discussed details of the nut sale and handed out forms for recording orders.

- VI. Book Drawing Cathy Snyder
- VII. Adjournment Stephany Compton

Respectfully submitted,
Veva Vonler, Recording Secretary

Winter Wonderland Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

The 13th Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at the TWU Student Union, 2nd Floor, Thursday, Dec 1, 2011, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Our branch has two tables, and we are sharing a half table with the TWU Students in Free Enterprise. These students want "to make a

difference and to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise." Volunteers are welcome.

Dr. Ann Hughes, our September speaker, shared information about the project the School of Management has with women in

Belize. They are selling handmade items.

Other vendors include Scentsy, Mary Kay, Arbonne, Avon, Tupperware, Jewelry, Sheets to Go, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Miche Bags, Angels by Lu, Hedges from the Heart, Luce, and more. Information is available at <http://www.twu.edu/student-union/>.



Celebrating AAUW's 130th Birthday

North Texas Interbranch Council and the member Branches celebrated AAUW's 130th birthday on October 29, 2011, with a luncheon at Texas Land and Cattle in Dallas.



The program included a Readers' Theater production about Marion Talbot and the founding of AAUW, presented by members of North Texas AAUW branches.

Interbranch President Jan



Domaracki presented a special award—an AAUW clock—to Georgia Kidwell of the Northeast Tarrant County Branch for her many years of promoting AAUW Public Policy.

The anniversary committee, including Patty Jantho, Janice Schieffer and Georgia Kidwell, as well as the "actors" – Marcia

Cooper, Yvonne Norfleet, Hattie Simmons, Barbara Duehn, Helen Bate, Janice Schieffer and Patty Jantho—are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Interbranch President Jan



Domaracki, Denton Branch President Stephany Compton, and Richardson Branch President Janice Schieffer checked in luncheon participants.

Interbranch Council News

The North Texas Interbranch Council met on Saturday November 19, 2011, at The University of North Texas at Dallas, hosted by the Southwest Dallas County Branch. Branches present were Arlington, Dallas, Denton, Farmers Branch, Greenville, Richardson, Plano, Southwest Dallas County, and Tyler.

Robin Insalaco of the Tyler Branch presented a workshop on AAUW Financial "how to from the AAUW

web site," as well as information on the AAUW Funds.

<http://www.aauw.org/contribute/support.cfm>

Members may pay dues, update information and make contributions directly to the branch state and national association from the AAUW web site.



AAUW Texas is working to complete the Ann Richards Fund. To contribute, go

to <http://www.aauwtexas.org/annrichardsfellowship.html>

This was the second in a series of Leadership Training opportunities for branches. The next meeting will be January 21, 2012, hosted by the Arlington Branch at the Waterford at Pantego. The speaker will be AAUW Texas State President, Jeannie Best.

Please mark your calendar to attend.



AAUW is Thankful For...

- Our new research report, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, the most comprehensive, nationally representative report conducted on sexual harassment in middle and high schools in a decade.
- The Nobel Committee for announcing that three women, Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberian activist Leymah Gbowee and Yemeni opposition leader Tawakkul Karman, were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their courageous contributions to peace, democracy, and international women's rights.
- that women broke barriers around the world, with women elected to lead Australia, Brazil, and Thailand for the first time.
- The Internal Revenue Service ruling that breast pumps may be purchased with money from pretax flexible spending accounts or, for women without such accounts, a tax deduction for the pump.
- A successful Capitol Hill Lobby Day during AAUW's national convention. Over 600 AAUW members lobbied members of Congress in one day. Their efforts and those of the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and AAUW Action Network e-advocates (you!) resulted in 50 additional co-sponsors for the Campus SaVE Act (House 38; Senate 12) and 26 more cosponsors for the National Women's History Museum Act (House 25; Senate 1).
- Marcia Anderson, who was appointed as the Army's first African-American female two-star general.

From AAUW Action Network. For more reasons to be thankful, go to VoterEd@aauw.org

Tax Benefits for AAUW Members

Any **gifts to AAUW Funds** or its subsidiary 501(c)(3) programs (such as the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund or the Public Policy Fund) that are collected by the branch and sent to the national office are considered tax-deductible contributions. This includes instances where the branch deposits individual checks in their local account and sends a

single check for the lump sum of a fundraiser to AAUW. In these cases, it is critical that the branch utilizes proper accounting with a [Contribution Report Form](#) to show the individual donations that make up that lump sum so that AAUW can give proper tax credit to every contribution.

Special IRS Tax Benefits end De-

ember 31: Enjoy special tax incentives that are good only until the end of the year. Those ages 70 and a half and over can make tax-free gifts to AAUW directly from their IRAs. Help AAUW and eliminate your minimum required distribution for 2011. Gifts must be completed by December 31. For more information, contact Carol Rognrud at 202-728-7627.

Opportunities

Fellowships and Grants: Applications are currently being accepted for AAUW's fellowship and grant program. Deadlines and eligibility requirements are located at <http://www.aauw.org/>

[learn/fellows_directory/](#)

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) 2012 conference will

be held May 31-June 2 at the University of Maryland at College Park. More than 500 college women participated in 2011. Information at www.nccwsl.org.

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sexual abuse, sexual assault).

“The power to narrate one’s own history has been associated strongly with the emancipatory potential of communication. Specifically regarding intimate violence, the ability to discursively convey victimizing experiences is important to individual and collective recovery and broad-scale preventative efforts.”

Dr. Enck-Wanzer will speak at our December 7 meeting about her findings from the interviews she conducted over the summer with 36 “Incarcerated or formerly in-

carcerated women regarding their experiences of intimate violence and holistic programming provided by Resolana.”

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. at Fremaux’s Metropolitan Catering, 932 West University Drive, Denton.



Dr. Suzanne Enck-Wanzer