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March Menu

- Chuck's Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes with Cream Gravy
- Homestyle Stewed Green Beans
- Spring Salad with Choice of Dressings
- Parker House Rolls with butter
- Aunt Edna's Chocolate Custard Ice Cream
- Tea, Coffee, Water

March 7 Meeting to Focus on Education

Cathy Snyder, a member of our Denton Branch, will be the speaker at our March 7 meeting. Cathy's topic will be: "The Question Isn't How Many Students Are Going to College; It's How Many Are Finishing."

Cathy's presentation is part of a series examining what's happening on our college campuses. Future programs will address stu-

dent counseling, financial aid, and STEM enrollment among women students.

Cathy has an MA in history from the University of Texas at Arlington and an MLIS from the University of North Texas. She has been a high school teacher, a librarian, and a business researcher. She currently handles administration and research for her



Cathy J. Snyder

husband's consulting firm, which specializes in manufacturing quality assurance in the pharmaceutical and vaccine industry.

President's Corner

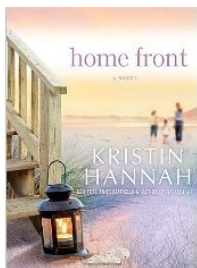
March is a month of change. The first day of Spring is Wednesday, March 21st. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11th. A special celebration is International Women's Day taking place on Thursday, March 8th. Beginning in the early 1900's it has grown and 1975 was

designated "International Women's Year" by the United Nations. March 8th is celebrated by many countries with various events to remind us that the future is girls. March is Women's History Month in the United States. Let us celebrate and encourage young women and girls

by continuing to be aware of AAUW's work with the United Nations.
http://www.aauw.org/about/international_corner/affiliations.cfm
<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/about.asp>

Stephany

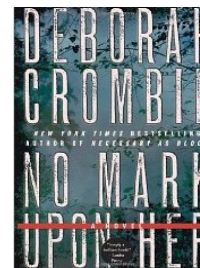
March Door Prizes



Don't miss your chance to win brand-new fiction by award-winning women authors! Door prizes for the March meeting will be

Home Front, by Kristin Hannah and *No Mark Upon Her*, by Deborah Crombie.

-Cathy Snyder



Ann Richards American Fellowship Fund



Ann Richards, painting by James Tannison, 1996. Photograph of Accession #11995 B, State Preservation Board, Austin, Texas

In October 2008, AAUW-Texas established a new Education Foundation fellowship fund in honor of former **Governor Ann Richards**.

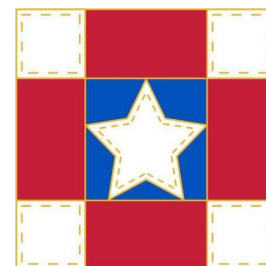
American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for

preparing completed research for publication.

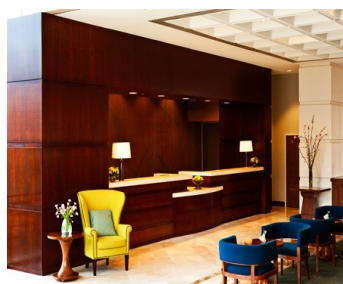
Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered.

The Ann Richards Fel-

lowship Fund number is 4324. A gift of \$100 will earn you a commemorative pin, pictured below, and recognition for your branch.



AAUW State Convention in Austin



Austin Sheraton Hotel

Late Breaking News: **The Early Bird Registration deadline** for our AAUW Texas State Convention has been extended to March 10.

Information on the convention and how to register can be found on

the AAUW Texas website <http://www.aauwtexas.org/>

The convention emphasis is the state of education in Texas, a topic which affects all of us. Be part of the conversation—and network with like-minded, pro-

fessional women—by attending the state convention April 13-15.

The convention will be held at the Austin Sheraton, 701 E. 11th Street, in Austin.

Minutes of February Meeting

AAUW Denton Branch Minutes
Fremaux's Metropolitan Catering
Wednesday, February 2, 2012
6:00 PM

- Introduction of speaker Lynda Murphy
- Presentation, "Antibiotic Resistance: Are Bacteria
Winning the War?," Dr. Sarah McIntire
- Report from Scholarship Committee Elizabeth Snapp
- Comments from recipients of 2011-12 Branch awards to undergraduate students:
Danielle Vincent, majoring in psychology at UNT
Sarah Folkening, majoring in music therapy at TWU
- Business Meeting:
- I. Call to Order Stephany Compton
 - II. Approval of minutes from December
 - III. AAUW Public Policy Patsy Roe

Reminder that the *Violence against Women Act* is before the US Senate.
Note that February 1 is National Women and Girls in Sports Day and that although Title IX helped college women in sports, it did nothing to provide equity for high school girls' sports.
 - IV. Treasurer's Report and Nut Sales report Renee Sims

In process of finalizing nut sales, but revenue is about \$1400.
 - V. Members signed thank you cards for presenters at this year's EYH, to be held on February 18, 2012.
 - VI. Book Drawing Cathy Snyder
 - VII. Adjournment Stephany Compton

Respectfully submitted,
Veva Vonler, Recording Secretary



Dr. Sarah McIntire spoke on Antibiotic Resistance at the February meeting.



*The Nut Sale netted
approximately
\$1400 for our
scholarship fund.*

EYH Conference a Success

On February 18th over 200 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls from 22 area schools came to Texas Woman's University for the **Expanding Your Horizons Science and Math Career Conference**. They were joined by 25 present-

ers. The girls experienced such activities as an EKG, making scented hand lotion, and investigating crime, just to name a few. A fun, educational time was had by all.

Among the participants, Denton ISD registered

150 students from their after-school ESL program. DeLay Middle School in Lewisville brought 46.

Many thanks to the EYH committee and volunteers for a successful conference.



The Mary Kay session at EYH



AAUW-TX was surprised and disappointed that the DISD made the decision to send all the fifth-grade boys to see *Red Tails*, leaving the girls behind.

2010-2012

For too many years in Texas and elsewhere in the nation, girls have been left behind in schools, playing fields and workplaces, resulting in the imbalance in pay equity (women still get only about \$.78 for every \$1.00 men earn). Women and men must be able to compete on equal footing in sports, academia, and the workplace. Our schools have an obligation, enforceable through Title IX, not only to treat girls and boys equally, but also to avoid the appearance of inequitable treatment.

For any school district to make so blatantly discriminatory a decision tells us that we still have a very long way to go in Texas in sensitizing school boards and administrators to this issue. We think it is very likely that no one at DISD meant to make a gender-biased decision; it was a thoughtless mistake that should give all of us an excellent “teachable moment”. It is only through discussion and then positive action that our girls will be confident that they can expect equal treatment. We expect that already; all Texas school districts have non-discriminatory policies in place. The question is, are these policies fully internalized? Do the administrators fully believe that these policies are important and should be considered in making campus decisions? And do they know that their bosses, the School Board members, are truly committed to these policies? All Texas school districts would do well to examine their policies and the implementation of these policies to ensure that such a mistake does not occur again.

Board of Directors, AAUW Texas

The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. For more information, go to www.AAUW-TX.org or to www.AAUW.org

March is Women's History Month

In 1987, Congress passed a resolution designating March as Women's History Month. International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8.

[The National Women's History Project](#) identifies the 2012 theme as "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment."

In discussing the theme, NWHP con-

cludes: "The equal opportunity to learn, taken for granted by most young women today, owes much to Title IX of the Education Codes of the Higher Education Act Amendments. This legislation, passed in 1972 and enacted in 1977, prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions. It has become the primary tool for

women's fuller participation in all aspects of education from scholarships, to facilities, to classes formerly closed to women. Indeed, it transformed the educational landscape of the United States within the span of a generation."

As women, we must all stay vigilant to safeguard these gains.



AAUW-Texas Funds VP Requests Fundraising Ideas

AAUW -Texas plans to put together a booklet of successful activities and events branches in Texas have used to raise money for scholarships and programs.

[At least](#) one activity for every Texas branch should be included in

the fundraising booklet. Ideas should be typed on the Word form, saved, and sent to Lucy Barrington, Funds VP, (lbarrington@arn.net) by Thursday, March 15. Include a branch contact person for each activity.

Lucy will compile the ideas into a booklet that will be available at the state convention in April.

The Word form for submission is available from [Janet Peavler](#) or [Stephany Compton](#).



Lucy Barrington

Denton to Host Interbranch Council

Denton Branch will host the next meeting of Interbranch Council on Saturday, March 17, in the Orange Room at the [Denton Senior Center](#), [509 N. Bell Street](#). The

meeting will begin with refreshments and socializing from 9:30-10, followed by the meeting from 10-11:30.

The agenda will feature

Leadership Training for Branch Membership Vice-Presidents.

All AAUW members are invited to attend.

Denton Branch volun-

teers are needed to provide fruit, muffins, or breakfast breads. Call or email [Stephany](#) to volunteer.

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AAUW National News

AAUW Stands Up for Women's Health

Thanks to the [immense pressure](#) exerted by [AAUW](#), certain senators, and millions of Americans, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation backed down from its decision to cut grants to Planned Parenthood. This is a victory in the fight to take politics out of [women's health](#). AAUW is now also a key player in the fight to ensure that all women have [access to contraception](#) without a co-pay, no matter where they work or learn. **Note: Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Tom Suehs**

signed a rule Feb. 23 defunding Planned Parenthood in Texas, and clinics that provide health care for low-income Texas women, including contraceptives and cancer screenings, will likely cease operation in March, according to the *Dallas Morning News* (February 24, 2012, pp. 1, 4A).

Victory for Legal Advocacy Fund Case
AAUW is celebrating another Title IX case victory. The LAF-supported case *Parker v. Franklin County Community School Corporation* centers on the scheduling of



girls' high school basketball games in non-prime time slots. The U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana dismissed the case, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit [overturned that dismissal](#) in January. The case is remanded for further consideration, and LAF will be right there with the plaintiffs.

AAUW Members Heading to the United Nations

This month, we will be joining women from around the world for the [56th U.N. Commission on the Status of Women](#), held February 27–March 9 in New York at U.N. headquarters. AAUW's U.N. representative, Carolyn Donovan, is looking forward to welcoming members from around the country, who will attend forums, workshops, panels, and a variety of events focused on the empowerment of rural women.