

The Branch Line

AAUW Denton Branch Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

April 4th Meeting to Focus on Role of Women April, 2012

Join us for our April meeting, where our **door prizes** will be smoking-hot new fiction by women authors. This month's titles are *Lone Wolf*, by Jodi Piccolt, and *Vanishers: A Novel*, by Heidi Julavits.

Our **speaker** will be Kristin Alder, a graduate student and teaching fellow in Women's Studies at the University of North Texas. She is currently finishing her thesis on the role of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF) in

the development and implementation of United Nations Security Resolution 1325 on Women, War and Security.

In 2010, Kristin was one of twenty women selected to attend a practicum in advocacy at the [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) sponsored by WILPF. Kristin returned to the CSW in 2011 as a delegate for WILPF and currently sits on two of WILPF's national committees.

Kristin's topic will be

"Domesticating the UN's Agenda on Women, Peace and Security: the Role of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom in the Development of the US National Action Plan on UN Security Resolution 1325."



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President's Corner

Spring is here and the iris are blooming. Iris has multiple meanings in flower lore. Of these, faith, hope, courage, and wisdom are my favorites. We are all invited to an Iris Garden north of McKinney by Martha

McDowell, a member of AAUW Greenville Branch. Martha's Garden will be open this year from April 14-28, 2012. The [article from last year](#) has a good overview of the hundreds of iris you may expect to see if

you visit.

Take some time this month to discover the many colors, varieties and scents that the Iris has to share.

Stephany

April Menu

- Cod Loin Filet with Lemon, Butter and White Wine Sauce
- Couscous cooked in Chicken Broth with Pine Nuts
- Sugar Snap Peas
- French Baguette Bread with butter
- Chef's Choice Sherbet in Wine Glass
- Tea, Coffee, Water

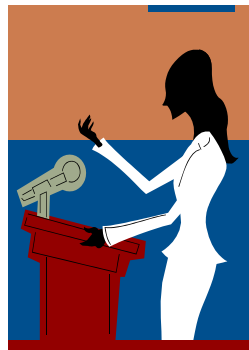
Change Coming to Denton Branch

Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights. ~Pauline R. Kezer

We will be changing this fall and we have an opportunity to explore new options for meetings and locations. Chuck Fremaux has notified me that

he will not continue his service at the current location after June 1, 2012.

We will need a committee of three to five members to explore new venues and options for the coming year.



Please contact me before the April meeting to let me know if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

Stephany

Interbranch Council News

Denton Branch hosted the March 17 meeting of Interbranch Council at the Denton Senior Center. Denton Branch President Stephany Compton, who is also the state Membership Vice-President, was the speaker. Stephany presented information for branch Membership Vice-Presidents in the North Texas re-

gion.

Interbranch Council President Jan Domaracki also led a discussion about the future of Interbranch Council. Among changes being considered is reducing the number of Interbranch meetings from 5 to 3 per year.

A host branch is still being

sought for the May 19 meeting. Interbranch currently meets on the 3rd Saturday in September, November, January, March, and May, 9:30-11:30.

Equal Pay Day
April 17, 2012

AAUW Texas State Convention

Don't Miss
AAUW Texas' 45th Biennial
State Convention in Austin,
April 13-15th
at the
Sheraton Austin Hotel at the
Capitol
Friday Evening 6:30 PM
Welcome to Austin-Cocktails
and Convos Landmark Ter-
race and Bar
Convo Topics will include
Equal Pay for Women

so
" Put on your Red Dress La-
dies....
Cause we're all going out to-
night
Put on your Red Dress La-
dies...
Let Everyone know 'this just
ain't right'
This 23 cent wage gap is-
sue....
Tell Congress,NOW..... 'It's
JUST Not Right! '"

All Roads Lead to....



AAUW Texas State
Convention
April 13-15, 2012

AAUW's Mission and Influence: A Reminder

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls across the globe.

AAUW has a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners. Our members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in

its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections.

Among the latter are coalitions to support human rights treaties, partnerships with international organizations such as CARE and the United Nations, and the promotion of major events such as International Women's Day.

Through American and International Fellowships, AAUW continues to promote educational advancement and leadership among women. One success story is

Melissa Harris-Perry, a professor of Political Science at Tulane University and host of her own weekend show on MSNBC. Ms. Harris-Perry, a 2001 recipient of an AAUW American Fellowship, [credits her Fellowship](#) with “providing money at just the right time....” [Read more.](#)



Minutes of March Meeting

American Association of University Women - Denton Branch Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls Wednesday, March 7, 2012 6:00p.m

Introduction of speaker: Lynda Murphy
Presenter: Cathy Snyder
Program: The Question Isn't How Many Students are Going to College; It's How Many are Finishing."
Business Meeting Call to Order : Stephany Compton
Minutes: Veva Vonler- as printed
Treasurer's Report: Renee Sims
New Business:

Branch Delegates: Patsy Roe

Branch members present voted to have Patsy Roe serve as the Branch Delegate and cast our six votes at the State Convention. Passed unanimously. Motion: S McIntire, Second: R Sims

AAUW Texas State Convention April 13-15, 2012; Austin TX Sheraton-Austin, 701 E. 11th Street

By-Laws Update Due Date is May 15, 2012; Mandated changes to wording from National

Book Drawing: Cathy Snyder

Interbranch Meeting: Saturday, March 17, 2012, Denton Senior Center, 509 N. Bell, Denton; Hosted by Denton Branch; Leadership Training—Membership



Cathy Snyder

Texas Ambassadors Celebrating International Children's Book Day

Students in LS5633: The Art of Storytelling will be celebrating International Children's Book Day:

<http://www.usbby.org/icbd.html>

Saturday, March 31st from 11:00 a.m. to noon

at the Blagg-Huey Library
Texas Woman's University Campus

Hear traditional stories from world cultures.
Browse global books from cultures around the world.

Receive an Outstanding International Books Bookmark!

Sponsored by the Texas Ambassadors of the United States Board on Books for Young People

(<http://usbby.org>) and LS5633: The Art of Storytelling
(internationalchildrensbookday2012.pbworks.com)

Dr. Judi Moreillon

<http://www.librarything.com/profile/JudiMoreillon>

Dates and Web Sites of Interest

AAUW Denton Branch Meetings – Wednesday, April 4, and May 2, 2012

AAUW Denton Branch Web Site: <http://www.aauwdenton.org>

AAUW Texas Web Site: <http://www.aauwtexas.org/>

Denton Live: <http://www.dentonlive.com/>

Dallas Fort Worth Art and Seek: <http://www.artandseek.org/>

TWU Calendar of Events:

http://www.twu.edu/cal_default.asp

UNT Calendar of Events:
<http://calendar.unt.edu>

Earth Day April 22, 2012
<http://www.earthday.org/2012>
<http://blog-aauw.org/tag/earth-day/>

Plan events for Equal Pay Day-April 17, 2012
<http://www.pay-equity.org/day.html>
http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/actionpages/PayEquityIdeasforAction.cfm

For comprehensive information about pay inequality, read AAUW's PDF publication titled *The Simple Truth About The Gender Pay Gap* at <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/upload/SimpleTruthAboutPayGap.pdf> <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/simpleTruth.cfm>

