

The Branch Line

Denton AAUW

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September Menu

- **Rotini with choice of Meat and Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Alfredo Sauce**
- **Caesar Salad**
- **Bread Sticks**
- **Spumoni**
- **Coffee, Tea, Water**

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It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard

Denton Branch of AAUW will meet at [The Chestnut Tree](#), 107 W. Hickory Street, on the Square in Denton, at 6 pm Wednesday, September 5. Meals will cost \$17 and will include a vegetarian option.

Our speaker is Sue Smith, President of the League of Women Voters of Denton. According to their website, LWV Denton seeks "to encourage the citizens of Denton to recognize the impact of elections on public policy issues they care about and to become informed participants in the affairs of our community." Since national elections



Sue Smith

are only two months away, and voter registration laws are being challenged in Texas and across the nation, Sue's presentation will be both informative and timely.

AAUW has initiated a non-partisan campaign called [It's My Vote: I Will Be](#)

[Heard](#) to educate women about "what's at stake in the 2012 elections, and where their candidates stand on issues that are critical to women and girls."

AAUW's website provides a variety of [tools](#) for members to get involved in issue advocacy and voter turnout in November. The Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Campaign is one such tool.

Come hear Sue Smith and get involved in insuring that women's voices are heard in this election.

President's Corner

Welcome to a new year in AAUW. Women in Denton have been meeting for 85 years in support of education, advocacy, philanthropy and research. "Since AAUW's founding more than 131 years ago, 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 part-

nerships, and international connections." Please join me as we learn, act and connect to continue breaking through barriers for women and girls. <http://www.aauw.org>

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Denton Branch Sets Meetings for 2012-13



Garry Henderson

Find your Branch

On the Web:

<http://www.aauwdenton.org>

On Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1379326955>

Google Group:

<http://groups.google.com/group/aauw-denton>



Dr. Jennifer Way

In addition to the September meeting, The Chestnut Tree restaurant will be the site for meetings in November, December, March, and May. We will continue to meet at 6 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

In **October**, the Branch will meet on the TWU Campus, in Room 113 of the Student Union. Beverages and light refreshments will be provided. Garry Henderson, President and CEO of **United Way of Denton County**, is the scheduled speaker, reflecting AAUW's emphasis on Public Policy and Advocacy.

At the Chestnut Tree in **November**, our featured speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Way, Associate Professor, Art Education and Art History, Affiliated Faculty Women's Studies, and founding member of

IARTA art/technology Research Cluster. Research and Publications are a primary focus of AAUW.

In **December**, an optional excursion to UNT's planetarium, Sky Theater, will begin at 4 pm, followed by a social evening at the Chestnut Tree. Bring a guest and food for the North Texas Food Bank. Our focus will be Scholarships and AAUW Funds.

The Branch does not meet in **January**.

February's meeting will be held in Stoddard Hall, Room 402, on the TWU campus. Again, light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Our program will focus on Expanding Your Horizons and AAUW's International efforts to improve the lives of women.

March will find us back at the Chestnut Tree

with a program exploring Women's History and Archives.

In a nod to AAUW's emphasis on education, in **April** members will enjoy the UNT Institute for the Advancement of the Arts, also known as Art on the Square, followed by ice cream at Beth Marie's Old Fashion Ice Cream.

May's meeting at the Chestnut Tree will include installation of officers, as well as an update on AAUW issues and programs by National Director Kathy Anthon. Kathy will also provide information about the National Convention to be held in the summer, 2013.

For more detailed information about the meetings, go to the AAUW Denton [website](#).

Elect Her—Campus Women Win

AAUW collaborates with Running Start to train college women to run for student government on their campuses. The program is called Elect Her, and [applications](#) are available through September 30 for training sessions in 2013.

The goal of the program is “to build the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing political

leadership gender gap.”

The training is a 4.5 hour workshop, which in 2012 was held at [30 campuses](#) around the country.

AAUW’s partner, Running Start, also trains high school girls in political leadership through their [Young Women’s Political Leadership Program](#). This training is held in Washington, DC, as well as in re-

gional locations.

Another collaborative partner is Women’s Campaign Forum whose [She Should Run™](#) program “provides an easy way to ask a woman to run for office—and then connects her with the support, training, and resources” needed to run successfully.



Resources and Events of Interest in September

Tuesday, September 4-29 [UNT on the Square: Cloth Talks—An Exhibition of Ghanaian Textiles](#)



These fabrics from Ghana “are a visual embodiment of

proverbs, events, and cultural values.”

Saturday, September 22 [Power of the Healthy Woman](#): The purpose of this event is to increase knowledge of

health risks among women and to raise awareness among women about disease prevention and health promotion.

[National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame](#), Kelly Jordan, Director; 1720 Gendy, Ft. Worth, 76107; 817-336-4475.

The current exhibit is called

Hard Twist: Western Ranch

Women—Photographs by Barbara Van Cleve.



[The National Women’s History Project: Celebrate Women and Democracy](#), commemorating Women’s Equality Day—

August 26, 1920—the day women in the United States won the right to vote. It is also a day to “call attention to women’s continuing efforts toward full equality.”

“If we want our girls to benefit from the courage and wisdom of the women before them, we have to share the stories.”

—Shireen Dodson

<http://www.nwhm.org/>

