

The Branch Line



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Henderson to Speak at October 3rd Meeting



Gary Henderson, President and CEO of United Way of Denton County, will address our branch October 3, 2012, in Room 113 of the TWU Student Union. The meeting will begin at 6 pm; light

refreshments will be served.

Mr. Henderson joined the United Way of Denton County in June, 2011. His background includes serving as CEO of Communities in Schools of North Texas, during which time the non-profit grew by 500%. A 17-year career in the financial sector, including serving as Senior Manager at Price Waterhouse and Senior Vice-President at Bank of America, preceded his work with non-profit organizations.

Mr. Henderson “brings a bias for growth, a passion for helping people and a deep desire to leverage his skills and experiences to promote the common good through service in our community.” These goals echo our AAUW program focus for October: Public Policy and Advocacy.

Maps of the [TWU Student Union](#) and the [TWU campus](#) are available online.

the many facets of the association.

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President's Corner

October is here and the light is beginning to change. Acorns are forming and falling and the air has a hint of fall caught in the dry grass and dusty wind moving from south to north. Cool mornings are an

inspiration to get moving and prepare for the coming winter. We meet for a short time each month and reflect on what we can each do to keep the light shining on AAUW and

Major General Mary L. Saunders to Be Inducted into Texas Women's Hall of Fame



MAJOR GENERAL SAUNDERS EXEMPLIFIES "THE AIR FORCE'S CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY FIRST, SERVICE BEFORE SELF, AND EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO."

—REP. JAMES P. MORAN

AAUW Denton Branch member Major General Mary L. Saunders, USAF (Ret), will be inducted into the [Texas Women's Hall of Fame](#) at ceremonies in Hubbard Hall on the Texas Woman's University campus in Denton. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012, followed by a light brunch.

General Saunders will be honored for Military Service. Her career spanned 34 years in the United States Air Force and included service at the Pentagon as the highest ranking African-American woman in the Air Force.

A native of Nacogdoches, General Saunders earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Texas Woman's University and entered Officer's Training School at Lackland Air Force Base as a second lieutenant. She later added a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Rider College in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

As the first female general officer to serve as Director of Transportation for the USAF, General Saunders administered a \$3.5 billion

budget and oversaw the training of 32,000 military and civilian personnel. Later, she served as Vice Director for the Defense Logistics Agency in Fort Belvoir, VA, providing logistical and technical support to the military services and other government agencies.

Honored with more than a dozen military awards and decorations during her career, General Saunders exemplifies what Rep. James P. Moran, D-VA, called "the Air Force's core values: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do." In recognition of her contributions, the Air Force Logistics Officer Association presents three Distinguished Service Chapter awards in her name annually. An Excellence in Leadership Award scholarship is also presented annually in Saunders' name to a deserving federal civil service employee.

Currently, General Saunders serves as Executive Director of the Texas Woman's University Leadership Institute, whose mission is to prepare the next generation of leaders, a job for which

Saunders is uniquely qualified as role model and mentor. General Saunders is included among Texas Woman's University's Distinguished Alumni and has been named a TWU Woman of Distinction. She was also among thirty women selected in 2009 for membership in Leadership America, a nationwide organization of women leaders.

Serving as a Trustee for the Dallas Women's Foundation, as well as a member of the Advisory Council for Denton County Friends of the Family, General Saunders received the Governor's Yellow Rose of Texas Award in 2010 for service to her community.

Other inductees to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame on October 12 are Barbara Smith Conrad, Arts and Humanities; Professor Anne L. Corn, Higher Education; Nina Godiwalla, Business; and The Honorable Harriet O'Neill, Public Service.

National Convention to be Held in New Orleans

The **AAUW National Convention** will be held June 9-12, 2013, in New Orleans.

Best Value registration, December 4, 2012—February 3, 2013, will cost members \$425. Early Bird registration extends February 4-April 14 at a cost of \$450. From April 15 on, the cost will be \$500.

Standard rooms at the

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel are available for \$182 a night, plus tax. Rooms should be booked by May 17, 2013. More details will follow in the coming months.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the convention, where we will explore the topic, Leading Across the Generations.



Interbranch Council Sets Its 2012-13 Schedule

Interbranch Council will hold its first meeting of the year on Saturday, October 20, at **Brookhaven Community College**, Building X, Room 1004. Refreshments will be served starting at 9:15, followed by the meeting at 10. The agenda will include information from the October AAUW State

Board meeting. State President Jeannie Best will be the guest speaker.

Additional Interbranch meetings are planned for February and early June.

All AAUW members are invited to attend. Advanced reservations are not necessary.

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Expanding Your Horizons Date Set

The Denton Branch will host its annual Expanding Your Horizons Career Conference for Middle School Girls on February 16, 2013.

The EYH Planning Committee has begun to work on arrangements for the Conference. If you would

like to become part of the Planning Committee, see Abbe Patton or Sarah McIntire for information about meeting times and dates.

Volunteers will also be needed to assist during the Conference, so please put the date on your cal-

endar. More details will follow in the months ahead.



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TWU to Host Cultural Connections Leadership Conference



Texas Woman's University will host the Cultural Connections Leadership Conference November 1-3 in Hubbard Hall. On November 1, the conference will feature Hoan Do, a college success coach. The featured speaker November 2 will be Dr. Maura Cullen, diversity trainer, faculty member, and author. Tish Norman, personal

leadership and development and motivational speaker, will address the conference on November 3.

Registration includes conference meals, conference materials, educational workshops, Game of Life experience, networking and vendor fair, cultural showcase, and more.

Registration and

additional information are available online at www.twu.edu/intercultural_services/conference.asp, or you may call 940-898-3679 or email intercultural@twu.edu.

NUT SALES FUND

OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS: TWO UNDER-GRADUATE AND TWO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS AT TWU AND UNT.

Nut Sale to Begin

Our Branch nut sale, which funds our scholarships for students at TWU and UNT, will begin November 1, with delivery of the nuts in late November and December.

Ruth Johnson has agreed

to be in charge of the sale. Ruth will have more information about prices and available nuts and mixes at our November meeting. Reach her at rjohnson12@twu.edu.

Our profits from the nut

sale have increased each year since it began. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$2000 toward our scholarship obligations.

Start planning for holiday baking and gifting!

Exhibit Highlights the Latino/a Student Experience at UNT

UNT's Willis Library is highlighting the Latino/a student experience at the University of North Texas with an exhibit in the Archives and Rare Books Reading Room on the 4th Floor. The exhibit is titled **Raíces (Roots): History of Raza at UNT** and will be open from September 5 through December 21, 2012. Admission is free

and open to the public. A symposium by the same title was held at UNT on September 21 in the Forum of the Willis Library in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

As the University's [web-site](#) notes, "[f]rom UNT's first Latino student enrolled in 1948 to the many current student organizations active today, this ex-

hibit seeks to celebrate the multiple and various contributions by our institution's Latino and Latina students in areas such as athletics, activism, and fine arts."

For more information about the exhibit, contact [Morgan Davis](#).



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TWU's Global Connections Calendar of Events

10/1-10/29

Exhibit: Global Connections Through Dress Old Main Building, Fourth Floor. Fashion and Textiles will be displaying global dress from five different countries throughout the month of October. Each Monday a new display case with a new country will be made available for viewing by the university community at no charge. Displays will include general information about the country, apparel production within the country, and traditional dress worn within the country. The specific dates for each country are as follows:

- Oct. 1: Japan
- Oct. 8: South Africa
- Oct. 15: China
- Oct. 22: South Korea
- Oct. 29: Vietnam

10/2

Event: Documentary film "Papers: Stories of Undocumented Youth" CFO 202, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. A guided discussion will take place after the film finishes. This event is sponsored by **Women's Studies, TWU Commuter Services and Housing.** Housing will be providing pizza for students at 6:00 pm. For more information on the film: http://www.papersthemovie.com/about_papers/index.html.

10/3

Event: Presidential Debate Watch Student Union 207,

7:00 pm. Pi Sigma Alpha invites you to cheer for your candidate! There will be pizza, drinks and door prizes. Along with watching the debate, a voter registration table will be available, along with a special edition of the *Lasso* filled with information on the candidates and issues.

10/4

Presentation: "Two Flutists Abroad" ACT 301, 1:30 - 2:20 pm. Join TWU Presser Scholar and senior music therapy major Stephanie Mikus and Dr. Pam Youngblood, flute professor and chair, as they present their musical experiences abroad in July and August of this year. As a volunteer team member for International China Concern, Stephanie designed music activities for abandoned children with special needs at the Welfare Institute in Sanmenxia in the Henen province of China. Dr. Youngblood presented concerts in Germany, Austria and Slovakia as a member of the Metropolitan Flute Orchestra, a professional group based in Boston. Through photos, music, and stories, they will share their discoveries about how truly universal the art of music is.

10/16

Presentation: "Defending Dignity: The Immigrant Rights Movement and Its Fight against Hate" CFO 204, 4:00 – 5:15 pm. Ms.

Cristina Tzintzún, Executive Director of Workers Defense Project and a lead organizer in some of Texas' largest immigrant rights marches, will talk about the challenges facing the current immigrant rights movement. She will examine the role of race in the current immigration debate and its impact on communities of color, while discussing stories of undocumented immigrants, who are organizing from Arizona to Florida, and the strategies they have employed to turn the tide against hate-based legislation. Co-sponsored by Women's Studies and TWU Commuter Services.

10/18

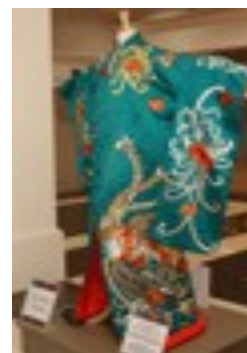
Performance: Music Ensemble Showcase: The French Connection 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Margo Jones Performance Hall. Come join us for our Music Ensemble Showcase which will feature French themed performances by TWU Wind Symphony, Flute Choir, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Tickets are \$5 general, ages 12 and under free.

Information at <http://www.twu.edu/global/events-calendar.asp>



GYMNAST DANELL LEYVA "DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN IMMIGRANTS, AND OVERHAULING OUR ANTIQUATED IMMIGRATION LAWS...."

-CRISTINA TZINTZUN



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Lilly Ledbetter: Grace and Grit



President Obama signs the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law, the first of his administration. Ms. Ledbetter is seated to the President's right.

The following is excerpted from AAUW's emailed newsletter, *Fund Facts*:

"Encourage the members in your branch and state to register for the AAUW Member Services Database (MSD). This will allow members to update

their contact information; check their membership statuses; view branch and state roster listings, primary and dual branch membership rosters, and their records of giving to AAUW; and make individual gifts to AAUW Funds with credit cards. They will even be able to update their own membership records. It is easy to register.

Donors who give \$130 or more to any AAUW Fund will receive a special, limited-edition copy of Lilly Ledbetter's new book while supplies last. *Grace*

and *Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Good-year and Beyond* tells the story of Ledbetter's dramatic fight for equal pay. This unique hardcover copy, designed and printed for AAUW, includes a special note from Ledbetter thanking you, her AAUW friends, as well as a copy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's bench decision in the *Ledbetter* case. Not available for purchase anywhere, this exclusive AAUW edition is sure to become a collector's item."