



THE BRANCH LINE

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December Meeting Has Two Parts

Our branch meeting on December 5 will have two components: A visit to the UNT Planetarium Sky Theater at 4:00 pm, followed by dinner at the Chestnut Tree at 6. Members may choose to participate in one or both of these activities, as their schedule permits.

The Sky Theater show lasts approximately one hour and includes an "Immersive, full-dome experience," followed by a guided tour of the night sky. The show selected for our meeting is called New Horizons, which will allow us to "explore the planets and moons of the solar system in a majestic journey through our celestial

neighborhood." A question / answer period will conclude the program.

The Sky Theater is located at 1704 W. Mulberry Street, in the Environmental Sciences Building on the University of North Texas campus. Parking is located on the west side of the building. Stephany or another branch member will be

in the parking lot with permits for members to put on their cars.

Dinner at the Chestnut Tree will be a social evening. Bring guests, as well as food for the North Texas Food Bank.



We have a new web address:

<http://denton-tx.aauw.net/>

Check it out!

Menu

- **Meat Loaf or Vegetarian Loaf**
- **Glazed Carrots**
- **Yeast Rolls**
- **Layer Pie**
- **Coffee, Tea, Water**

President's Corner

"There are two ways of spreading light. To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."~Edith Wharton.

Happy Holidays and Warm Wishes for a sea-

son of sparkling lights, reflections, and kind words for family and friends.

In the season of sharing, support, and encouragement we give thanks to

everyone who makes our daily lives sparkle.
Stephany

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Nuts for Scholarships

Message from Ruth Johnson, who so graciously volunteered to be in charge of this year's nut sale:

Nuts have been in high demand. I will be collecting December orders at our December meeting, hoping to have them for delivery on the 7th or 8th of December.

Be sure to ask your friends, neighbors and relatives if they

would like to purchase. The nuts and mixes make wonderful holiday gifts and they are very tasty!

I hope to get lots of orders on the 5th.

Ruth

Thank you, Ruth, for all your hard work!



Interbranch to Have Speaker from TFN

The next meeting of **Interbranch Council** is Saturday, February 2, 2013, hosted by the Mesquite Branch. The meeting will be held in the **Highland Park Cafeteria** in the Casa Linda shopping center, 1200 N. Buckner Boulevard, on the southeast corner of Buckner and Garland Road.

Hear Texas Freedom Network's assessment of how the elections will affect education in Texas! Attend the February meeting of Interbranch Council.

We are very excited to announce that our speaker will be from **Texas Freedom Network**. The speaker will address the outcome of the State Board of Education elections in November, as well as TFN's assessment of what is likely to happen to affect education in the next legislative session.

The reception starts at 9:30 am,

the meeting at 10 am, followed by lunch and socializing.

We would like to have a large turnout for this special speaker. All AAUW members are encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendars now, and make arrangements to carpool to this event.

Dr. Jeng Receives Distinguished Service Award

Denton AAUW member Ling Hwey Jeng, School of Library and Information Sciences at TWU, was named the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association



(APALA) winner of the Joint Conference for Librarians of Color (JCLC) Distinguished Service Award by her caucus peers. Dr. Jeng was honored at the JCLC Opening General Session held Sept. 20, 2012, in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 2011, Dr. Jeng was chosen as the recipient of the 2010 **Chinese**

American Library Association Distinguished Service Award for her "outstanding accomplishments and extraordinary success at national and international levels in her 33 years of services."

Congratulations, Ling Hwey, on these well-deserved honors.



Jimmie Lyn Harris Receives Elizabeth Snapp Award

Denton Branch member Jimmie Lyn Harris, Librarian at the TWU Denton campus, has been chosen as the recipient of the 2012 Elizabeth Snapp Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Nominees included librarians from the Houston, Dallas, and Denton campuses.

Woman’s University, announced the award November 19. Mr. Trammel noted that Jimmie Lyn’s “letters of support were genuine in their praise of her work and the enthusiasm and joy with which she pursues it.”



Phil Trammel, Director of Institutional Development at Texas

Congratulations, Jimmie Lyn!

AAUW’s Lisa Maatz Addresses Dallas Women’s Group

Lisa Maatz, AAUW’s Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, spoke October 16 at a joint meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women and AAUW. The event was held in Dallas at Temple Shalom. Branch members from around the metroplex, including



Patsy Roe, at the forum on women’s issues

Denton Branch Public Policy chair Patsy Roe, attended the presentation. Ms . Maatz discussed the “War on Women,” policies and governmental actions which restrict women’s rights, especially those involving family planning and reproductive decisions, and the educational and economic consequences of those

restrictions for women. Maatz identified these policies as part of a larger effort to limit women’s power. She urged women to pay close attention to candidates’ positions during election campaigns, but also to remain vigilant after the election to make sure that policies beneficial to women are enacted.



Georgia Kidwell, from NE Tarrant Branch, with Lisa Maatz

Expanding Your Horizons

Expanding Your Horizons is set for February 16, 2013, on the TWU campus. Volunteers are still needed to help the day of the event. Please contact Sarah McIntire to volunteer.



Dear Members and Friends,

The temperature outside may be cooler, but STEM is hotter than ever! With the election over, the administration is going to continue to focus on STEM education with an emphasis on innovation and new technology. Same goes for AAUW.

After being recognized by STEMConnector as one of 100 Women Leaders in STEM, I was honored to be invited to two receptions here in Washington, D.C. STEMconnector also listed AAUW as its [STEM Results profile of the day](#) on October 24, giving great visibility to all AAUW does to break through barriers for women and girls in STEM.

We are also thrilled to announce that AAUW has chosen five pilot sites to host Tech Trek math and science camps in 2013. Find out about the new sites below, and stay posted for more information about the camps in the coming months.

We hope you enjoy the winter holidays, and we look forward to another year of widening the pipeline for women and girls entering the STEM fields. What are you doing in your community? Let us know about your STEM activities so other branches can be inspired!

Sincerely,
Linda D. Hallman, CAE
AAUW Executive Director

AAUW Talks to the White House

The White House Office of Public Engagement and [Council on Women and Girls](#) held a joint conference call for AAUW members on August 16 to discuss topics relating to gender equality. Among the participants was Steve Robinson of the Domestic Policy Council, who spoke about federal efforts to increase women's participation in STEM.

AAUW Launches Five New Tech Trek Camps

Tech Trek inspires girls to see their potential in STEM with weeklong summer camps hosted on college and university campuses throughout the country. This year, AAUW added five new pilot sites:

- AAUW Bowling Green (OH) Branch – [Bowling Green State University](#)
- AAUW Weatherford (OK) Branch – [Southwestern Oklahoma State University](#)
- AAUW of Florida – [University of Central Florida](#)
- AAUW of Washington – [Pacific Lutheran University](#)
- Kristian Trampus (AAUW national member) – [University of Texas, Tyler](#)

Know an organization looking to fund proven winners when it comes to widening the STEM pipeline? E-mail stem@aauw.org with contact information.