
The Branch Line

American Association of University Women-Denton Branch

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Mark Your Calendars for the November Meeting

The next Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 6**, at **6:00 p.m.** at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant (821 N. Locust, Denton, TX). Dinner is \$17 per person and features the following entrée options:

- Melanzane (Eggplant) Parmigiana
- Pollo con Carciofi
- Manicotti
- Salmone al Granchio
- Spaghetti Bolognese

Please RSVP to Shirley Lacroix at 940-728-0084

or email shirleylacroix@mac.com.

The speaker for the evening will be



Barb Haflich

Barb Haflich, Coordinator of Social Services for the Denton Independent School District. The Denton ISD Social Work Office serves as a liaison between school, home and the community. Barb's presentation is entitled "Homeless in Denton."

Holiday Nut Sales

The annual AAUW-Denton holiday nut sale has begun. Please remember to bring or email your completed order forms to Ruth Johnson by November 6th. Orders will be placed on November 7 so that delivery can be made before Thanksgiving.



President's Corner

Last month I spoke about the approaching fall season. I can now say that it has arrived. The leaves on the trees are changing, there is a nip in the air, the squirrels are hiding food for the winter, and the neighborhoods are decorated for fall fun.

With the fall season comes the beginning of our annual fundraiser. As we have done in past years, we will once again hold a Nut Sale with proceeds to go to our Scholarship Fund. This is a great opportunity for all members and friends of AAUW Denton Branch to support a worthy cause. Fundraising is a tradition of AAUW Branches and our Nut Sale has supported and will continue to support young adults as they pursue their educational goals.

The focus of a recent article in the Star Telegram was the ending of an era for the AAUW Arlington Branch. The weekend of October 24 was the beginning of the end of a long tradition – the annual book fair! For 31 years, the Arlington Branch has organized this event as their fundraising adventure. The article describes the reasons for this difficult decision including the availability of younger members, the physical

demand of the work, and the need to find a new home for their event.

As I read this article, I couldn't help but think of our own branch and the difficult decisions we have made in the most recent past. Our board has struggled with some of the same issues as the Arlington Branch while discussing new fundraising opportunities. We are not alone!

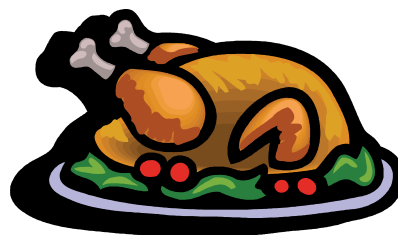
How can a fundraising effort be successful? Only with the help of all the members! This year I hope each member will set a personal challenge to increase participation in this worthy cause. For our new members, all you can go is up! This is a great project that does not require demanding hours, lifting heavy boxes (unless you sell lots of nuts!), and time away from home or work.

Let's accept the challenge and do our best to support our local branch. If you would like to read the entire article, "Book will close on AAUW fundraiser after 31 years," you can find a copy in the October 24, 2013 edition of the Star Telegram.

Shirley Lacroix, President

November in Women's History

- **November 1, 1848** - First medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, opens, in 1874 it merges with Boston University to become one of the world's first co-ed medical schools
- **November 8, 1910** - The state of Washington passes a constitutional amendment to guarantee woman suffrage
- **November 8, 1984** - Dr. Anna L. Fisher, a physician on the shuttle Discovery, becomes the first American mother and third American woman to fly into space
- **November 11, 1979** - Bethune Museum and Archives opens in Washington D.C. as a center for African-American women's history, honoring Mary McLeod Bethune
- **November 11, 1993** - The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. after being conceived by former army combat nurse Diane Carlson Evans and sculpted by Glenna Goodacre to honor the 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era
- **November 13, 1938** - Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini is beatified, the first American woman citizen to become a saint
- **November 14, 1889** - Journalist Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly, sails around the world in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds
- **November 14, 1903** - The U.S. Women's Trade Union League is established
- **November 14, 1946** - Emily Greene Balch, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- **November 28, 1881** - The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW)



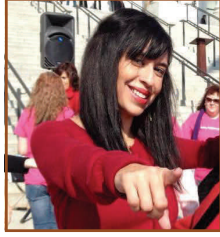
Save the Date

AAUW-Texas
46th Biennial State
Convention
April 25-27, 2014
Hurst Conference
Center
Hurst, Texas

*Hosted by the NE Tarrant
County Branch

Meet AAUW-Texas' State Organizer

AAUW-Texas is pleased to announce that Melodia Gutierrez has been hired to serve as the Area 4 (Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas) State Organizer.



Melodia, a Texas native, was raised by a family of community organizers. She has managed and consulted on several statewide and city-wide campaigns, as well as worked with state and county political parties.

In her role as State Organizer, she will be responsible for developing effective AAUW participation on local, state and federal public policy issues through field tactics; providing oversight to and engaging in all field activities; and building relationships with community leaders and elected officials.

Melodia has a BS in Political Science from the University of Utah and is currently working on an advanced degree at the University of Texas. Her hobbies are reading, dancing hip-hop, Zumba, and kickboxing.

Ann Richards Education Foundation Fund

In October 2008, AAUW accepted a request from AAUW-Texas to establish an Educational Opportunities Fellowship Fund in honor of former Governor Ann Richards. Within the first 9 months, AAUW-Texas members raised more than 10% of the total needed, but there is still a long way to go and a short time to complete the task.

Please consider designating your branch and/or individual AAUW Education Foundation donations to the Ann Richards Fund (#4324). AAUW-Texas hopes to reach the American Fellowship level of \$200,000, after which this fund will become part of a long—since 1888—and illustrious history of women supporting women to achieve their academic and professional goals.

You can make your contribution via the web at <http://www.aauwtexas.org/annrichardsfellowship.html>. Checks written to AAUW Funds may be forwarded to Ruth Johnson or directly to National AAUW. Please indicate that you wish for your contributions to be directed toward Fund #4324.

November 5 Elections

Statewide Constitutional Amendment Elections will be held on **Tuesday, November 5**. In Denton County, the ballot also includes bonds, special districts, and alcohol sales.

Information on voting locations and sample ballots can be found at <http://www.votedenton.com>. Voters must show a photo identification when voting in person. If the voter does not have proper ID, the voter will be permitted to vote provisionally and will have 6 days to present proper identification to the county voter registrar, or the voter's ballot will be rejected.

UNT Becomes an AAUW University Partner

The University of North Texas has become an official university partner with AAUW. Through its partnership, UNT will receive additional student leadership development programming; opportunities and support for lifelong learning for its faculty, staff, and students; and ongoing professional development for faculty and staff.

Dr. Yolanda Flores-Neimann, Senior Vice Provost, will serve as university contact.

Texas Woman's University is also an AAUW University Partner. Sarah McIntire and Lynda Murphy are the university contacts.



Dr. Yolanda Flores-Neimann