

The Branch Line

President's Corner



As the fall weather approaches, we look forward to many changes in our personal and professional lives. Although the Texas fall is short compared to other parts of the country and our leaves don't have the same brilliant colors that you can experience elsewhere, fall is still a time to prepare before we head into winter and the holiday season. This fall 2013 is a perfect season for the new leadership team of the AAUW Denton Branch to focus on learning their new roles and responsibilities while looking toward building our membership. As part of the transition period, I want to personally thank Stephany Compton and Jimmie Lyn Harris for their continued involvement. They are willing to assist and help the new officers as we build our capacity to lead.

If you weren't able to attend the first branch meeting at Giuseppe's in September, we were thrilled to have 29 members and guests in attendance. After a delicious dinner, Elizabeth Snapp, a longtime branch member, set the tone for this year's presentations. She challenged us to reflect on how the past impacts the future as she shared her work, "Texas Women: Changes in Texas Laws and What They Meant for Us." Following her presentation, our first membership meeting of 2013-2014 was called to order and all of the newly elected officers and committee members shared information about the focus of their role and plans for the year.

As we all reflect on AAUW and what it means, I ask each of you to think about one action item to support the Denton Branch. One suggestion—what can you do to increase and strengthen our membership? Why not bring a guest or guests to our October meeting? This is a great opportunity for them to get acquainted with our members. As a result of their attendance, maybe some will join. Are you ready for a membership challenge? Ruth Johnson brought three guests to our first meeting and one joined! The growth begins.

Mark Your Calendars for October Meeting

The next Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 2, 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, Tilapia alla Florentine, Capellini Rustico, or Pollo Marsala. Please RSVP to Shirley Lacroix at shirleylacroix@mac.com or call 940-728-0084.



The speaker for the evening is Adrienne Ortega from Enroll America. Enroll America is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to maximize the number of uninsured Americans who enroll in health coverage made available by the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Ortega is responsible for volunteer recruitment, management, and coordination; community outreach; event organization; and partnership building. She holds a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Women's Studies from UNT.

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

Welcome to our new AAUW member—Rose Marie Demars. Rose Marie is the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs for the TWU School of Management.

Travel with AAUW

Delegation and Effect Travel Programs

Travel with AAUW to experience our world first-hand by participating in an AAUW Delegation or an AAUW Effect travel program. These programs are designed to engage participants in a global conversation about women's equality.

For more information on the programs, please call 800.326.2289 or email connect@aauw.org.

AAUW Effect: India

One- and two-week opportunities available November 2–16, 2013

\$2,530 one week; \$3,118 two weeks

Call 800.326.2289 for information

Immerse yourself in the culture of India! You'll volunteer at a project in New Delhi in the morning and then see AAUW's philanthropy in action at lunch, as participants meet our international fellows and grantees and learn about their work. Afternoons are dedicated to cultural exploration and additional learning experiences. You'll take home a deeper understanding and appreciation of India and the role of women in every aspect of Indian life. Our newest travel program, the AAUW Effect: India is a collaboration with Cross Cultural Solutions.



Save the Date

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

The Best Stuff is in the Middle



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Travel Programs Cont.

AAUW Delegation 2014: Cuba — Women's Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities

January 4–12, 2014; \$3,995

Contact Taunya DeYoung, 800.252.4910 or
Taunya@betchartexpeditions.com

So close and yet so inaccessible, Cuba is the destination for our 2014 delegation. Join your AAUW friends as we visit Havana; Cienfuegos, a city in the heart of Cuba's agricultural area; and Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll also participate in high-level meetings with important women's groups in Cuba and learn about the role of gender in Cuban life. Because of U.S. Treasury Department restrictions, you must submit a resume and meet certain qualifications to travel with the delegation. The staff at Betchart Expeditions, the organization selected to handle delegation logistics, will be happy to walk you through those requirements.

October in Women's History

- **October 3, 1904** - Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida
- **October 4, 1976** - Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC)
- **October 4, 1993** - Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice
- **October 8, 1993** - Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature
- **October 10, 1983** - Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements
- **October 11, 1984** - Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to "walk" in space during Challenger flight
- **October 15, 1948** - Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy
- **October 16, 1916** - Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.'s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York
- **October 23, 1910** - Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight
- **October 24, 1956** - Reverend Margaret Towner is the first woman ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church
- **October 28, 1958** - Mary Roebling is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)

-National Women's History Project
<http://www.nwhp.org/news>



News from AAUW-National

New Pay Gap Rankings: Where Does Your State Stand?

AAUW has released the latest version of *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* with updated statistics. The guide provides facts and figures about the gender pay gap including state-by-state rankings, breakdowns by race and ethnicity, and suggestions for taking action. According to the report, the median annual earnings for men in Texas during 2012 was \$44,802 and women averaged \$35,453 (79% of male earnings). The online version of the full report is available at <http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>. Printed copies will be available at the end of October.

You Throw like a Girl: Share AAUW's Title IX Video

AAUW members worked with the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks to promote awareness of Title IX and the importance of sports in women's lives. The video is available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=vCm2E4LUHnY.

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 the AAUW Texas quarterly newsletter.

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