

The Branch Line

AAUW-DENTON

Mark Your Calendar for the December Meeting

The next Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.** at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant (821 N. Locust, Denton, TX). Dinner is \$17 person. Please RSVP to Shirley Lacroix at 940-728-0084 or complete the online reservation form at the AAUW website [<http://denton-tx.aauw.net/meetings/>].

The speaker for the evening will be Donna Fielder. Donna, a graduate of the University of North Texas, was a newspaper reporter and columnist for 33 years before leaving daily journalism to concentrate on writing books in 2012. She has won numerous statewide and national awards for her features, crime reporting, and a weekly human column she wrote for 30 years. Her first true-crime book, *Ladykiller*, was published in April 2012 and became a national bestseller. She is currently writing another true-crime book due out in 2014 called *The Vanished Wife: The Search for Justice for a Texas Woman*. Donna's presentation is entitled *The Power of One*. Donna has offered to autograph any copies of *Ladykiller* brought to the AAUW meeting.



Donna Fielder

December 2013



Menu for December 4 Meeting

- ◆ Choice of 5 different entrees:
 - ◊ Ravioli Panna Rossa
 - ◊ Melanzane (Eggplant) Parmigiana
 - ◊ Pollo Cacciatore
 - ◊ Pollo con Carciofi
 - ◊ Tilapia alla Florentine
 - ◆ House Salad
 - ◆ Bread
 - ◆ Iced Tea
 - ◆ Dessert
- (Tax and gratuity are included.)



Holiday Nut Sales

Please remember to bring or email your completed order forms to Ruth Johnson by the December 4th meeting. Orders will be placed on December 5th so that delivery can be made before Christmas.

Denton Branch Activities

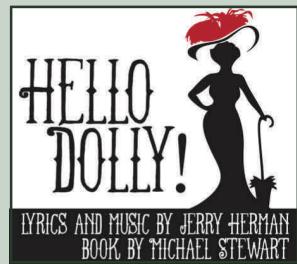
⇒ **Scholarship Applications Due April 1:** AAUW-Denton Branch will award five scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year for a total of \$4,500. One undergraduate and one graduate scholarship will be awarded to students from both TWU and UNT in the amount of \$1,000 each, and one scholarship will be awarded for the sophomore year to an undergraduate student at NCTC in the amount of \$500 (Corinth or Flower Mound campus). Applications are available on the [AAUW-Denton website](#).

⇒ **Expanding Your Horizons Set for February 22:** Chair Gail Rutledge reported that all speakers have been lined up, and her committee is working on notifying the schools. A major concern will be making sure that enough girls register for the event. Her committee welcomes ideas on encouraging participation. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Gail.

⇒ **Interbranch News:** The AAUW North Texas Interbranch meeting was held on November 16, 2013

in Addison, TX. Stephany Comp-ton represented the Denton branch. Nine branches attended, including Arlington, Dallas, Denton, Farmers Branch/Carrollton, Mesquite, Northeast Tarrant County, Richardson, and Tarrant County.

The program featured Melodia Guitierrez, the new AAUW State Organizer for Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. Melodia discussed her new responsibilities and introduced SALSA, a new advocacy communication channel. Through SALSA, AAUW-Texas will be able to send state and local action alerts and to target the Governor and state legislators as well as other policy makers and local advocacy campaigns. This new tool should increase AAUW-Texas' visibility and influence on the state and local levels.



April Branch Meeting at the Campus Theatre

Instead of its Wednesday April meeting, AAUW-Denton Branch is invited to a performance of *Hello Dolly!* at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at the Campus Theatre in Denton. *Hello Dolly!* is the story of sassy Dolly Levi, a widow who strives to bring romance to several couples and herself set in New York at the turn of the 20th century. The musical was first produced in 1964 and won 10 Tonys.

Tickets are \$10. AAUW members will be permitted to sit together in a section of the theater. After the performance, the show's director and cast members will host a Q&A.

Bring Gift Cards for the Homeless to the December Meeting

After the last meeting, members asked Barb Haflich, the guest speaker from Denton ISD, "what can we do to help the homeless in Denton?" Barb shared a couple of suggestions with the group. At the Executive Committee meeting of the AAUW Denton Branch on 11/19/13, the committee approved having a Card Shower to support the homeless students in Denton. Members have the option of bringing any denomination gift card to the December meeting. Suggestions for gift cards include:

- Walmart,
- Target
- Old Navy
- Sports Authority

President's Corner

Wow! I can't believe I'm writing my last article for the 2013 President's Corner. It seems like yesterday when the current Executive Committee began their new responsibilities. Now, we begin the holiday season and prepare for the start of a new year!

However, before we get too involved in the holiday season, I ask you all to take a moment to pause and reflect on our past meetings. Throughout this fall, Patsy Roe has inspired us with ways to Take Action! She encourages each of us to visit the AAUW National website to Take Action through the Two-Minute Activist. Now, I'm suggesting that each of you consider Taking Action to support the homeless in Denton.

At the Denton Branch meeting on November 6, the information presented by Barb Haflich, Coordinator of Special Services for DISD, generated awareness and concern about the problems faced by the homeless students in DISD. During the Q&A Session, an AAUW member asked, "How can WE help?" I'm sure many of you were surprised at what we learned during Barb's presentation. I know she inspired me to find a way to Take Action!

Members of the Denton Branch can Take Action and support the homeless in our own community. Because Barb emphasized the value of gift cards, the Executive Committee agreed that a voluntary "Card Shower" would be part of the December meeting for members who wish to participate. Gift cards in any denomination can be brought to that meeting. All of the cards will be delivered to Ms. Haflich following the meeting.

As we watch the beautiful leaves turn red and gold and feel the winter chill in the air, we know that the holiday season is near. I am thankful for each member of the AAUW Denton Branch and their many contributions. I want to take this moment to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a new year full of peace and happiness.

Shirley Lacroix, President

Welcome to Our New AAUW-Denton Members

Deena Bunyard
Dr. Gretchen Busl
Pamela Dawson
Mary Hardcastle
Camelia Maier

December in Women's History

- **December 1, 1955** - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US
- **December 5, 1935** - Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women
- **December 7, 1941** - Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor
- **December 10, 1869** - Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote
- **December 10, 1938** - Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth*
- **December 13, 1993** - Susan A. Maxman becomes first woman president of the American Institute of Architects in its 135 year history
- **December 14, 1961** - President's Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it

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

