

The Branch Line

American Association of University Women-Denton Branch

President's Corner

Spring is almost here and after a week of 70 degree weather, I have a bit of spring fever! This makes me realize that our monthly branch meetings are almost over for this academic year.

In 2013-2014 we have seen many changes in the Denton Branch including a new board, new meeting venue, new members, etc. I do want to thank ALL of our Branch and Executive Committee members for their contributions throughout the year. I hope you accept this message as a call to action and are willing to help shape our branch for the immediate future and including long range plans.

Remember that a branch can only be as strong as its members! Please email or contact any of the Executive Committee members to offer suggestions for the 2014-2015 year. Plans are for you to receive a

survey via email. Your responses will provide ideas for the officers to consider as they review feedback from our membership, plan programs, and select activities for next year. Your voice counts!

This Newsletter includes details about our last dinner meeting for the year on Wednesday, March 5. Our special event on Thursday, April 10 is a great opportunity to invite a friend to the performance of "Hello, Dolly!" and then suggest they join us at our first fall gathering on September 3!



Mark Your Calendars for the March 5th Meeting

The next Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m.** at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant (821 N. Locust, Denton, TX). Dinner is \$17 person,

which includes tax and gratuity.

Please RSVP to Shirley Lacroix at 940-728-0084 or complete the online form at <http://denton.tx.aauw.net/meetings/>.

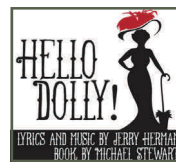
The speakers for the evening will be the two Anitas—Anita Hawley and Anita Washburn. Their presentation is entitled *Happy Healthy Heart thru Humor*.

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Menu for the March Meeting

- Penne Alla Piccata
- Melanzane (Eggplant) Parmigiana
- Braciolo (Pork Chop)
- Tilapia alla Florentine
- Pollo con Carciofi



For its 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.

Tickets are \$10. AAUW members and their guests will sit together in a section of the theater. Please remember to sign up by March 31 by completing the form included in this newsletter.

AAUW Interbranch News from Stephanie Compton

The **North Texas Interbranch** is composed of representation from 12 groups. Our area has 16 branches and 600 members from communities in-Arlington, Dallas, Denton, Farmers Branch/Carrollton, Greenville, Mesquite, North East Tarrant County, Plano, Richardson, Sherman/Texoma, Southwest Dallas County, Stephenville, Tarrant County, Tyler, Vernon, and Wichita Falls.

We have three meetings year, one in the fall and two in the spring. Our speaker at the February 15,

2014 meeting held at the Highland Park Cafeteria, Dallas was Dallas Councilman Philip Kingston, representing District 14, which includes Downtown Dallas, Uptown, historic East Dallas, Turtle Creek and Oak Lawn. He has been recognized as a Rising Star by Texas Monthly for four years and has a long standing commitment to legal services for the poor having received the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's Outstanding Clinic Attorney of the Year Award three times for his work at the West Dallas Clinic.

Speaking to equality and the LGBT community in Dallas and Fort

Worth, he addressed the differences in Federal, State and local law. He cited the Edie Windsor case in New York and the June 26, 2013 U. S. Supreme Court ruling on "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA). It was found unconstitutional for the purposes of determining federal benefits and protections. The [Municipal Equality Index](#) has information for cities in the United States.

The current issue of [AAUW Outlook](#): A Step Closer to Equality: Advancing LGBT rights is available online.

Report from AAUW Field Organizer TX, LA, OK—Melodia Gutierrez

Stand up for Texas Women and Families petitions will be presented to Governor Perry in Austin April 24, 2014 on the Road to the Convention.

A Bake Sale is planned at Austin Community College-Pay Equity Day Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Pay Equity

Day is selected each year to represent how far into the next year women have to work in addition to the year before to equal the wages paid to men the previous year.

<http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/11/AAUW-Pay-Equity-Resource-Kit-2013Nov-nsa.pdf>

Welcome to our newest member, **Dr. Ashley Bender (adjunct faculty at TWU)**

Upcoming AAUW-Denton Deadlines



- ⇒ **April 1:** Deadline for AAUW Scholarships for 2014/2015. Interested students should complete an application, available at <http://denton-tx.aauw.net/scholarships/>.
- ⇒ **April 25-27:** AAUW Texas 46th Biennial State Convention. For more information, consult the

- website at <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net/events-projects/events/2014-state-convention/>.
- ⇒ **June 1:** Deadline for paying 2014/2015 AAUW membership dues. Please complete the form in this newsletter and forward to Ruth Johnson.

AAUW to Receive \$250,000 Grant for STEM Programming from Alcoa Foundation

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will receive a \$250,000 grant from Alcoa Foundation to address the global gender gap in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce. With this funding, AAUW will expand its successful STEM education programs for girls to new sites where Alcoa has operations: Székesfehérvár, Hungary, and Barberton, Ohio, in the United States. Over the next two years, this collaboration will give hundreds of

middle school girls the chance to participate in fun, experiential STEM programs that demonstrate the opportunities and benefits for women in these fields. "Alcoa Foundation's commitment to increasing girls' and women's participation in STEM fields at all job levels is an outstanding example of how thoughtful engagement can advance corporate interests and benefit local communities," said AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda D. Hallman.

The Best Stuff IS in the Middle— AAUW Texas Convention

The AAUW Texas 46th Biennial State Convention looks to be one of the best. The opening keynote speaker on Saturday will be Kathy Miller, President of the Texas Freedom Network. The Texas Freedom Network (TFN) advances a mainstream agenda of religious freedom and individual liberties to counter the religious right.

Later that day, 4 workshops will be held in the morning and 3 in the afternoon.

- *Women in Community Colleges—Access to Success*, featuring Andresse St. Rose, Senior Researcher at AAUW and a panel of local community college staff members.
- *Using Social Media to Grow Your Branches*, featuring Melodia Gutierrez, the AAUW state organizer for OK, LA, and TX.
- *Engaging and Enriching Student Members*, featuring Maria-Luiza Popescu, who is currently serving on the AAUW Student Advisory Council.
- *The Stories Under Your Bed* (archiving materials), featuring Jackie Littleton who is a member

of the national AAUW Archives Corps and Robin Insalaco, an archivist at Tyler Junior College.

- *Women's Healthcare Access: More than a Woman's Issue*, featuring a panel with Kelly Hart (Planned Parenthood), Joe Potter (TX Policy Evaluation Project, and Dr. Anne Epstein (physician in Lubbock)
- *A View of Our Future: Stories from NCCWSL*, featuring **Stephany Compton of Texas Woman's University** and a panel of attendees of NCCWSL.
- *Unraveling the Web*, featuring Lucy Barrington, Programs VP of AAUW Texas Board.

The AAUW Texas Funds Dinner features prominent author Jan Reid, who will discuss his book about Governor Ann Richards. The closing keynote on Sunday will be Ann Beeson, Executive Director of the Center for Public Policies Priorities. Her presentation is entitled *Beyond Good 'Ole Boys and Ma Ferguson: Engaging Texas Women Today*.

March in Women's History

- **March 1, 1978** – Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California
- **March 1, 1987** – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month
- **March 4, 1917** – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress
- **March 8** – International Women's Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women
- **March 11, 1993** – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General
- **March 12, 1912** – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting
- **March 13, 1986** – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska
- **March 17, 1910** – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls
- **March 20, 1852** – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century
- **March 21, 1986** – Debi Thomas is the first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship
- **March 23, 1917** – Virginia Woolf establishes the Hogarth Press with her husband, Leonard Woolf
- **March 31, 1888** – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in the U.S.
- **March 31, 1776** – Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..."

**American Association of University Women
Denton Branch
Notice of Annual Dues**

DATE: _____

Dues (National, State, Local)	\$70.00
Donation Educational Foundation (\$25 Suggested)	0.00
Donation Legal Advocacy Fund (\$5 Suggested)	0.00
Donation Local Scholarship	0.00
 Total Enclosed	 \$70.00

Please make your check out to AAUW-Denton Branch. Bring your completed form and dues to an upcoming meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

College/University _____ State _____

Degree Earned _____ Year Graduated _____



Proposed Minutes

American Association of University Women-Denton Branch

Giuseppe's Restaurant

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014

6:00 PM

Prior to dinner, President Shirley Lacroix welcomed everyone and members were asked to introduce their guests.

Elizabeth Washira (guest of new member Laura Valentino)

Ashley (guest of new member Gretchen Busl)

After dinner, Sandra Spencer introduced the speakers, David Ryeland and Sandra Gonzalez. David and Sandra's presentation was entitled "TWU Enactus: Empowering Women in Need in Denton and Beyond."

Shirley called the meeting to order at 8:02.

Laura Hanson presented the minutes of 12/4/2013. The minutes stand approved as distributed.

Treasurer Ruth Johnson presented the treasurer's report. The profit from the nut sales was at least \$1500, final numbers will be presented at the treasurer's report in Mar. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Kay Goodwin proposed that a "brags" flyer with comments from previous nut purchasers be included with the sales form next year.

Committee Reports:

Patsy Roe (Public Policy) reminded that AAUW is encouraging members to support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Sandra Spencer (Program Committee) announced that the March presentation will be "the two Anitas" on the benefits of laughter. She reminded members about the April meeting being the Thursday, Apr. 10 performance of "Hello Dolly" and after show Q& A with tickets for \$10, due to Janice LaPointe—Crump by Mar. 28. Gail Rutledge (Expanding Your Horizons) passed out a request for volunteers and requested donations of door prizes. Stephany Compton (bylaws committee) reported no news. Elizabeth Snapp (scholarship committee) announced that they have one applicant so far and requested that members announce the scholarship in appropriate classes.

New business: Kay Goodwin proposed that there at the Apr. 10 meeting the hat should be passed for scholarship donations.

Stephany Compton spoke about the AAUW Texas State Convention. The program is posted at AAUW TX.

Kimberly Johnson proposed a new special interest group of a book club. She passed out a flier and proposed to set up a survey monkey site to determine interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hanson

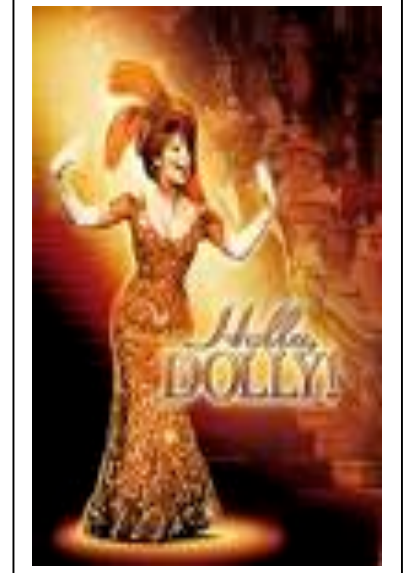
Secretary

Ticket Order for *HELLO DOLLY!*

When: Thursday, April 10, 2014
7:30pm

Where: Campus Theatre
W. Hickory St
Denton, TX 76201
950-382-1915

Why: This incomparable production including a Q & A afterward with the director, Julie Brinker, is our April meeting.



How much: \$10 per ticket. (All tickets are the same price)

Pay for your tickets at the March 6th meeting. Save this portion as a reminder. Clip off order form and Bring it to the March meeting with your check.

Email Janice about ordering tickets after the March meeting. gandj@gte.net

Deadline for orders is March 28.



YOUR NAME PHONE Number EMAIL TOTAL Number of Tickets

Guest's name _____

Guest's Name _____

Guest's Name _____

Guest's name _____

Guest's Name _____

Guest's Name _____

Guest's Name _____

CHECK AMT. \$ _____

Make checks payable to Janice LaPointe-Crump. Write Hello Dolly! in subject line. Please submit payment with your order. Thank you . . . No credit cards. Mail the form with your check to Janice by March 28th. 3959 Summit Ridge, Corinth, TX 76210

Tickets will be distributed at the theater on April 10th beginning at 7pm

AAUW Texas State Convention

April 25-27, 2014

Hosted by Northeast Tarrant County Branch

THE BEST STUFF IS IN THE MIDDLE
Saturday Keynote Speaker
Convention Speakers

Jan Reid
author of the book

Let the People In:
The Life and Times of Ann Richards



AAUW National
Malinda Gaul
Mark Hopkins
TX Freedom Network
Kathy Miller
Center for Public Policies Priorities
Ann Beeson

AAUW Texas <http://www.aauwtexas.org>



\$99 Per Night
Single/Double
Hot breakfast
included

Free Parking

Hyatt Place

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Hurst, Texas, USA, 76054
Official lodging for the convention
817-577-3003
<http://fortworthhurst.place.hyatt.com>

REGISTRATION: \$225
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$195
Expires by: March 1, 2014
Don't miss out!



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