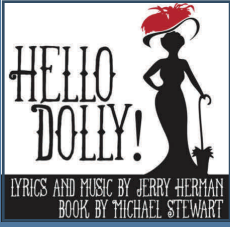


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HELLO DOLLY!
LYRICS AND MUSIC BY JERRY HERMAN
BOOK BY MICHAEL STEWART

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Campus Theatre in
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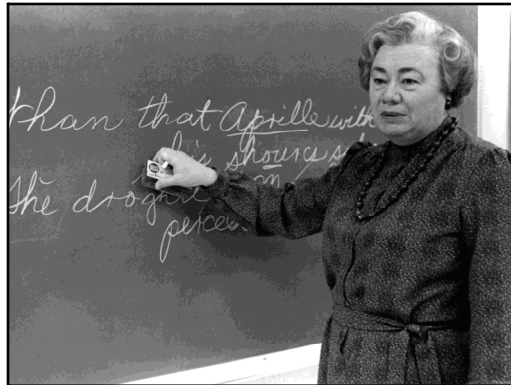
Upcoming Deadlines:

- ◆ April 25-27: AAUW-Texas 46th Biennial State Convention. For more information, please consult the website at <http://aauwtx.aauw.net/events-projectsevents/2014-state-convention/>.
- ◆ June 1: Deadline for paying 2014-2015 AAUW membership dues. Ruth Johnson will have new membership forms at the "Hello Dolly" performance or you can mail the form attached to this newsletter to her.

UNT Student Awarded AAUW Scholarship

Danielle Lane, a junior UNT psychology major from Lewisville, received a full scholarship from the American Association of University Women to attend the seventh Clinton Global Initiative University on March 21-23. The conference was held at Arizona State University, with former President Bill Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea Clinton, serving as hosts.

AAUW-Denton Celebrates 50-Year Member



Courtesy of The Woman's Collection
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

AAUW-Denton is pleased to recognize Dr. Lavon Fulwiler for her 50 years of membership and service to our organization.

Lavon has been a resident of Denton since 1936. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from North Texas State University and her Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Her research interests include middle English literature, medieval rhetoric, and literature of the English Romantic period.

In 1961, she came to TWU as a faculty mem-

ber in the English Department. Prior to that, she taught at the University of Texas at Arlington, Denton Junior High and Freer High School.

At TWU, Lavon served as Chair of the English Department from 1971-82 and as Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in the summer of 1973. In recognition for her service to TWU, she received the Medallion for Meritorius Service and was awarded the Cornaro Award in 1985. The Cornaro Award, which honors outstanding commitment to scholarship and the advancement of learning, is the highest honor paid to a senior faculty member at TWU.

Lavon has been a member of AAUW-National since 1951. She has served the Denton Branch in numerous capacities as an active member and an officer. AAUW-Denton is grateful for her leadership and dedication.



April Meeting to Be Held on Thursday, April 10

AAUW-Denton Branch will hold its April meeting by attending 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.

AAUW members will be permitted to sit together in a

section of the theater. A hat will be passed during Intermission for scholarship donations.

After the performance, the show's director and cast members will host a Q&A.

President's Corner

The week of March 24-27 was the first ever Member Appreciation Week for AAUW. Although the Denton Branch did not meet during that week, I would be remiss to not take a minute to thank EVERY member of the Denton Branch for your support and commitment to AAUW. Many thanks to our newest members, our longest active member, Lavon Fulweiler, and all of you in between!

On March 21, 2014, AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman and AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho posted the following letter to all members and supporters via the AAUW website. What they wrote applies to all of you in the Denton Branch and so I wanted to share their post in its entirety.



What would AAUW look like without you?

It's not a world we want to imagine. After all, for more than 130 years, AAUW members, supporters, and volunteers have changed history by actively improving the lives of women and girls.

It takes countless tasks to keep an organization like AAUW working in so many corners of the world. Yet you do them every day, and the results are powerful. On behalf of the entire AAUW staff at 16th and L in Washington, D.C., we thank you.

We are so grateful for all you're doing:

Empowering women to open educational doors and enter fields that don't always welcome them

Supporting groundbreaking research that debunks the myths that keep women from pursuing their education and career goals

Taking AAUW's research to the next level by bringing it into local communities to change minds and lives

Transforming students into leaders by funding and facilitating training, conferences, and opportunities for mentorship and networking

Fighting discrimination in higher education and the workplace and providing legal advocacy support to right the injustices we see every day

Advocating for equity and education on Capitol Hill and in the halls of local and state governments

Building and sustaining local AAUW communities for yourselves, your friends, your neighbors, and the women who will come after you

Heeding the call to lead AAUW at all levels — branch, state, national, and global

And living lives that inspire others and change history.

There's no doubt in our minds that the women and girls of today and tomorrow will continue to build on the foundation you have provided. AAUW members of five, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or more years — we treasure you and hold you close. For your work, your passion, and your commitment to AAUW, there are no words but "thanks."

This post was written by AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman and AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho. The entire post with videos can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/2014/03/21/member-appreciation/>.

April in Women's History

- ◇ **April 2, 1931** - 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell, the second woman to play baseball in the all-male minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the N.Y. Yankees and strikes out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The next day, the Baseball Commissioner voided her contract, claiming baseball was too strenuous for women. The ban was not overturned until 1992
- ◇ **April 5, 1911** - 100,000 to 500,000 people march in New York City to attend the funeral of seven unidentified victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in late March
- ◇ **April 7, 1805** - Sacagawea begins helping the Lewis and Clark Expedition as an interpreter
- ◇ **April 7, 1987** - Opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., the first museum devoted to women artists
- ◇ **April 9, 1939** - Marian Anderson sings an Easter Sunday concert for more than 75,000 at Lincoln Memorial
- ◇ **April 13, 1933** - Ruth Bryan Owen is the first woman to represent the U.S. as a foreign minister when she is appointed as envoy to Denmark
- ◇ **April 19, 1977** - Fifteen women in the House of Representatives form the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues
- ◇ **April 22** - Earth Day, honor Rachel Carson today, a woman who changed America and greatly influenced the environmental movement (her revolutionary book, *Silent Spring*, is available at www.nwhp.org)
- ◇ **April 26, 1777** - American Revolution heroine Sybil Ludington, 16 years old, rides 40 miles on horseback in the middle of the night to warn the American militia that the British were invading
- ◇ **April 28, 1993** - First "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day, sponsored by the Ms. Foundation, in 2003 it became "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day

AAUW-Texas Convention News

The 46th Biennial AAUW State Convention will be held on April 25-27 at the Convention Center in Hurst, TX. AAUW-Denton will be represented by 3 delegates: Patsy Roe (chair of the delegation), Janet Peavler, and Gail Rutledge. In addition, Stephany Compton, who serves as state Membership Vice President, will facilitate a panel workshop entitled "A View from Our Future: Stories from NCCWSL."

The keynote for AAUW Funds Banquet will be Jan Reid, who will discuss his

book, *Let the People In: The Life and Time of Ann Richards*. Reid was born in Abilene and grew up in Wichita Falls. He is married to Dorothy Brown, who was a senior aid of Governor Richards and is now chief of staff in the Texas Legislature.

AAUW-Texas is still trying to secure \$200,000 for the Ann Richards AAUW American Fellowship. Please remember the fellowship as you donate to the AAUW Educational Fund.



The Best Stuff IS in the Middle
AAUW-Texas State Convention
Hurst, TX—April 25-27

Equal Pay Roadshow to the Convention

Prior to AAUW-Texas convention, members are encouraged to wear red and gather at 1:00 p.m. for the Equal Pay for Texas Women Roadshow on **Thursday, April 24, 2014**, on the south steps of the Capitol in Austin.

During this time, AAUW-Texas will deliver its Stand

Up for Texas Women and Families petition. Rep. Donna Howard (District 48) will brief the group on "How to Effectively Lobby Your State and National Legislators." Participants will then have an opportunity to practice their skills in legislative offices.

Melodía Gutiérrez, AAUW-

Texas Organizer, has arranged for media coverage, and various women's groups and Texas legislators have been invited to join AAUW members.

The day will end with cocktails and food at the Baby Acapulco Restaurant in Austin.

Recruit New Members and Discuss Social Justice Issues with the ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club

AAUW members share a love of reading, and this love, partnered with a desire to seek out books written from diverse perspectives, launched AAUW-National's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club in 1996.

Since then, AAUW members have enjoyed exploring new ideas and perspectives through monthly discussions, both in person and virtually. ¡Adelante! groups meet in book stores, libraries, and other public venues, and also meet online, gathering both members and nonmembers to discuss issues of social justice based on the month's book

selection. This is a great way to recruit new members interested in diverse issues.

Do you have a great book you would like to suggest for the 2014-15 [¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club](#)? Share your recommendation [online](#) by May 15, 2014. If your book is selected, you and AAUW-Denton will be recognized and sent a special gift.



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

DATE: _____

Dues \$70.00	\$ _____
(National=\$49, Student =\$18, State=\$10, Local =\$11)	
Donation Educational Foundation (\$25 Suggested)	\$ _____
Donation Legal Advocacy Fund (\$5 Suggested)	\$ _____
Donation Local Scholarship	\$ _____
 Total Enclosed	 \$ _____

Please make your check out to AAUW-Denton Branch. Bring your completed form and dues to an upcoming meeting or mail to the address below.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

College/University _____ State _____

Degree Earned _____ Year Graduated _____



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