

The Branch Line

American Association of University Women-Denton

President's Corner

It's almost summertime! We are well into spring with beautiful wild flowers and damaging storms. With summer comes the season when schedules change. Summer provides a time for you to do something special for yourself. Each of us has our own unique way of recharging - time with family and friends, a spa day, curling up with a good book in a cool place, travel destinations, a visit to a museum, etc.

During the summer, I hope each of you will take a moment to reflect on AAUW and your AAUW friends. Please take some time to visit our national website and reflect on the latest [ISSUES](#) identified on the website or discover ways you can [GET INVOLVED](#) by reviewing and acting on some of the suggestions. Also, think about making a coffee or lunch date with an AAUW friend to engage in discussion. When you're looking for a good book, visit the [RESOURCES](#) section of the AAUW website to identify a new feminist book to read.

Without rushing the summer, remember to mark your calendar for our first meeting of the fall - September, 3, 2014. I know that Connie and the Program Committee will choose an exciting speaker and there is always the good food at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant and the camaraderie of our AAUW friends.



Stay safe and have a delightful summer. To quote the lyrics written by Texas song writer, Sonny Curtis, "I will see you in September when summer is gone; Have a good time but remember; come back to [AAUW] when summer is gone."

May AAUW North Texas Interbranch Meeting

The North Texas Interbranch will host its next meeting on May 17 from 11:15 am to 1:00 pm at the Spring Creek Barbeque in Addison (14941 Midway Road). Gloria Long will be installed as the new President; and Melodia Gutierrez, our AAUW State Organizer, and Maria-Luiza Popescu, a member of AAUW's Student Advisory Council, will be in attendance to discuss their activities.

AAUW Membership Dues

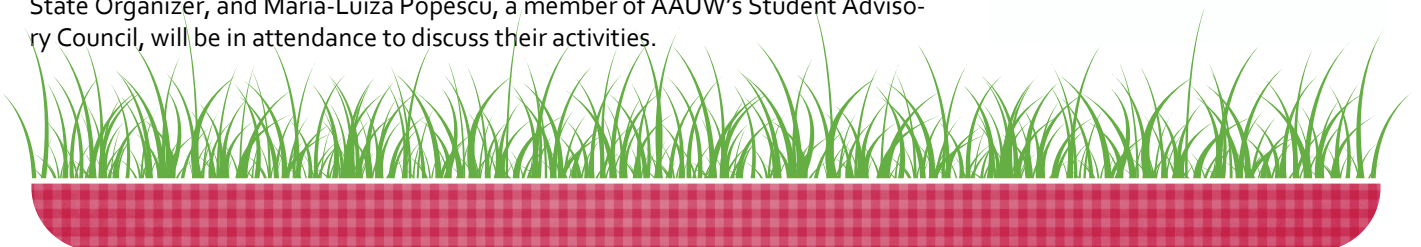
June 1 is the deadline for paying 2014-2015 AAUW membership dues. Please send the renewal form attached to this newsletter to Ruth Johnson.

Send in Your Program Suggestions

Connie Martinez and the Program Committee are looking for program suggestions for next year's AAUW meetings. If you have any ideas, please contact her as soon as possible.

Important Dates

- 6/5/2014 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders-College Park, MD
- 5/17/2014 AAUW North Texas Interbranch Meeting
- 9/3/2014 Next Denton Branch Meeting
- 6/2015 AAUW National Convention-San Diego



May in Women's History

- **May 1, 1950** – Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African-American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, named Library of Congress's Consultant in Poetry (later called Poet Laureate) in 1985
- **May 5, 1938** – Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen presents results of her medical research identifying the disease cystic fibrosis at a meeting of the American Pediatric Association
- **May 8, 1914** – President Woodrow Wilson signs a Proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day
- **May 10, 1872** – Victoria Woodhull is nominated as the first woman candidate for U.S. president for the Equal Rights Party
- **May 12, 1968** – A 12-block Mother's Day march of "welfare mothers" is held in Washington, D.C., led by Coretta Scott King accompanied by Ethel Kennedy
- **May 21, 1932** – Amelia Earhart Putnam becomes the first solo transatlantic flight by flying 2,026 miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours
- **May 21, 1973** – Lynn Genesko, a swimmer, receives the first athletic scholarship awarded to a woman (University of Miami)
- **May 29, 1977** – Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500
- **May 29, 1943** – "Rosie the Riveter" by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post

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

Report from the AAUW State Convention

The AAUW Texas Convention was held on April 25-27 at the Convention Center in Hurst. The Denton Branch was represented by Patsy Roe, Janet Peavler, and Gail Rutledge. Stephany Compton served as state Membership Vice President. A highlight of the convention was a presentation by Ann Beeson, Executive Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities. According to Ms. Beeson:

- 26 million people live in Texas—1 in 11 Americans.
- 1 in 5 Texans live in poverty
- Texas ranks 51st in voter turnout.
- Texas has been lagging in civic engagement since 1972.

Students from Tarrant County College joined AAUW attendees for a showing and discussion of the film *The Revisionaries*, which focuses on appointees to the Texas textbook selection committee for public education. Noted author Jan Reid spoke on this book *The Life and Times of Ann Richards* during the AAUW Funds Banquet.



Two Minute Activist—Paycheck Fairness Act

On April 9, despite the calls that AAUW members and supporters have been making to Congress for years, the Senate prevented the Paycheck Fairness Act from moving forward, falling six votes shy. Gender pay discrimination isn't a myth, and the wage gap isn't just a number. The gap is real dollars and cents that translate into less money for food, gas, housing, education, child care... the list goes on. All workers deserve the chance to succeed, and hard work deserves equal pay.

Tell your senators how you feel about their votes by completing the [Two Minute Activist Form](#). Continue the fight for equal pay with AAUW.

**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 _____



FAO: Ruth A. Johnson, Treasurer
AAUW-Denton Branch
PO Box 425649
Denton, TX 76204