

The Branch Line



Mark Your Calendars for the October 1st Meeting

The next AAUW- Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 1, at 6:00 p.m.** at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant (821 N. Locust, Denton, TX). Dinner is \$17 per person. Please RSVP to Shirley Lacroix at 940-728-0084 or complete the online form at <http://dentontx.aauw.net/meetings/>.

The speaker for the evening is Kelly Hart, Director of Public Relations, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas (PPGT) is the

eighth largest Planned Parenthood affiliate in the nation, providing reproductive health care and education services to approximately 100,000 people a year. PPGT's Public Affairs Department advocates for every person's right to comprehensive, confidential re-productive health care and works in cooperation with supporters to maintain and increase access to these services.

Kelly has a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas in Austin and a



graduate degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She has been with the agency for more than 10 years, starting as a Family Planning Assistant in the Garland Health Center.

The title of her presentation is *Planned Parenthood: An Overview of the Last Year*.

Menu for the October Meeting

- Polo con Carciofi
- Tilapia alla Fiorentina
- Bracirole (Pork Chop)
- Melanzane (Eggplant) Del Umbria
- Capellini Rustico

Tax and Gratuity are included.

AAUW Membership Dues

All membership dues for 2014-2015 must be submitted to the National AAUW by November for processing. After that, non-renewed members will be removed from the official branch roster.

Dues are \$70 (\$49 national, \$10 state, and \$11 local). If you wish, you can also donate to the AAUW Education Foundation (\$25 is recommended) and the Legal Advocacy Fund (\$5 is recommended) as well as to

the AAUW-Denton Scholarship Fund.

Please complete the attached membership form and send it to Lynda Murphy or Stephany Compton by mail or bring it to the



President's Corner

I can feel the chill in the air! Fall is here and with the change in the weather comes the opportunity for all of us to reflect on changes in our personal and professional lives.

Let's all take a moment to reflect on change and how we can impact the Denton Branch as change agents. What is one thing you can do to strengthen and support this branch? Bring a guest to a meeting. Talk to your friends and colleagues about AAUW. Think about how you can contribute to branch-

supported activities including cuisine group, the annual fundraiser, and Expanding Your Horizons to name a few. Sit with our new branch members and get to know them!

The Denton Branch members support the organization in different ways. This month I would like to recognize our Program Committee. That team includes Connie Martinez (Chair), Janice LaPointe-Crump, and Sandy Spencer. Collectively, they have spent numerous hours over the summer re-

viewing your suggestions, contacting potential presenters, and creating a program that appeals to the wide-range of member interests. Please take a moment to thank each of them for their work.

In lieu of a December meeting, our program committee is arranging the opportunity for the Denton Branch members to attend a performance of the Nutcracker. Please be sure to mark December 14 on your calendars and invite your friends to join us at the ballet.

Join the AAUW Cuisine Group

Enjoy a fun-filled evening focused on an interesting, entertaining theme, scrumptious dinner or luncheon, and great conversation.



Each group decides on a theme that guides their choice of menu, agenda and an interactive plan. In other words, it's a party for mature women!

Email Janice LaPointe-Crump to get more information and/or hear more about it at the October meeting. Janice@gbarj.net

Check out the latest [Issues of University Women Texas](#) sponsored by AAUW-Texas.



Interbranch Meeting on October 4

The Northeast Tarrant County Branch invites all members of the North Texas District of AAUW Texas to join them for the Interbranch meeting on **Saturday, October 4, 2014** at the Martin Methodist Church, 2621 Bedford Road, Bedford, TX at 9:30 a.m.

Vic Suhm, Executive Director of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, will speak on the amendment concerning the funding of transportation in

Texas that will be on the November ballot. This will ensure that we will all be informed on this topic when we go to the polls in November.



Congratulations to Mary Saunders



Retired U.S. Air Force Major General Mary Saunders, executive director of the Texas Woman's University Leadership Institute and member of AAUW-Denton, was inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Hall of Fame in a special ceremony Thursday, July 31 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The DLA Hall of Fame recognizes and honors former members of the DLA community who have made significant and enduring contributions to the agency. The DLA provides the military branches

and other federal agencies with logistics, acquisition and technical services.

Maj. Gen. Saunders was one of five new members inducted during the ceremony, which took place in the DLA's Andrew T. McNamara Headquarters Complex.

Maj. Gen. Saunders is a TWU Distinguished Alumna and a TWU Woman of Distinction. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 2012.

See *The Nutcracker* with AAUW—December 14

A production of *beauty, power, elegance and charm*

On **Sunday, December 14** at 2:00 p.m., enjoy an afternoon of old world fun and beautiful dancing to Tchaikovsky's inspiring ballet--*The Nutcracker*. Bring your family and friends. Ticket information is forthcoming. The performance will be held at Margo Jones Performance Hall at TWU (Oakland Avenue).

Now in its 27th year, Festival Ballet of North Texas' *The Nutcracker* has become a holiday tradition in Denton. The aim of the Festival Ballet is to provide a professional, quality performing experience in the grand Russian tradition.

Lilia Valieva and Valdar Valiev are the artistic directors of the Festival Ballet. Lilia and Valdar have more than twenty years of experience as professional ballet dancers. They graduated from the world-renowned Vaganova Ballet Academy, also known as Kirov Ballet School, in St. Petersburg, Russia.



**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 _____

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College/University _____ State _____

Degree Earned _____ Year Graduated _____



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