



The Branch Line

Mark Your Calendars for the November 5th Meeting

The November AAUW-Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 5**, 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/>.

Our speaker will be Rev. Richard Brown, President and CEO at Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. His presentation is entitled *Children and Families in Crisis*.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home (CPCH) provides a safe and wholesome environment for the develop-



Rev. Richard Brown

ment of children and brings healing and hope to children and their families.

CPCH is a licensed General Residential Operation through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services that protects children and teens ages 5-17 who, for various reasons, cannot live with their families.

Children and teens receive life skills training, counseling, case management, and medical and dental care, along with the basics -- a safe,

caring place to live, focus on and assistance with his or her individual goals, clothing, and nutritious meals.

CPCH's innovative Single Parent Family Program, which is open to both mothers and fathers, began in 1999 with the goal of keeping families together and fostering self-sufficiency. Families in the program receive housing on CPCH's campus, family and individual therapy, education, and job and life skills training. Families typically stay in the program for one year, and are offered a two-year aftercare program upon leaving campus.



November Meeting Menu

Choice of:

- Pollo con Carciofi
- Tilapia alla Florentine
- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Melanzane (Eggplant) Parmigiana
- Ravioli Panna Rossa

Tax and gratuity are included.



The Nutcracker

Performed by the Festival Ballet of North Texas

Sunday, December 14
2:00 p.m.

Margo Jones Performance Hall
at Texas Woman's University

President's Corner

Wow – this fall has flown by! Are you aware that November 5 is our last formal meeting in 2014? Our Program Committee organized an opportunity for members and guests to attend the Nutcracker in place of our December meeting. This was a popular from our membership. Unfortunately, since tickets were selling fast, the deadline for group tickets has ended. However, it isn't too late for you to purchase individual tickets and join us on December 14.

Some members have asked about how to get more involved with the branch. Here is your chance – we need volunteers who are interested in being on the nominating committee! The current term of office for all officers ends on June 30, 2015. It's

time to begin planning for our new leadership team.

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, please let me know by November 15 via email (shirleylacroix@mac.com), phone, or text (401-440-6667). You can read the bylaws to learn about the roles and responsibilities of the officers and the nominating committee on our [web-site](#). I've included the relevant sections below. Here is the basic timetable:

- December Board Meeting: Select Nominating Committee Members
- December – February: Nominating Committee Meetings
- March Meeting: Nomination of Officers

- April Meeting: Election of Officers
- May Meeting: Installation of Officers

Please consider this opportunity to support your local branch.

Denton Branch Bylaws Article VII: Officers

Section 5. Nominations. A nominating committee of 3 members selected by the board of directors, at least two months prior to the annual election, shall prepare a list of nominees to be presented at the branch meeting one month prior to the election, or in writing to each member at least two weeks before the election. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election, provided written consent has been obtained.

Section 6. Elections. Voting shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. When there is but one nominee for office, the vote may be taken by voice. Nominations shall be made in March, election shall be held in April, and the installation of officers shall be held in May.

Nuts Sales for Scholarships

It's time for the annual AAUW-Denton Branch Nut Sale, and Ruth Johnson is chairing the event. A Nut Order Form is attached to this newsletter. Additional copies are available on the [AAUW-Denton website](#).

All of the nuts are this year's crop, and roasting is in 100% peanut oil. There are four price increases this year—Almonds, Pistachios, Walnuts, and Apricots. All other prices stayed the same.

The nuts are available in both 11lb packages or in decorative

gift tins. Orders placed by the November 5 meeting will be available for pick-up by November 14th or earlier. Orders placed between November 6 to December 3 will be available for pick-up by December 6.

Members are responsible for collecting the money for all nut orders. Payment for the nuts is due two weeks after pick-up. If you are able to take orders but not deliver, please collect the money at the time you take the order and call Ruth regarding delivery.

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Report from Fall AAUW North Texas Interbranch Meeting

The Fall AAUW North Texas Interbranch meeting was held on Saturday, October 4th, in conjunction with the AAUW Northeast Tarrant County branch meeting at Martin Methodist Church in Bedford, Texas. The speaker for the joint meeting was Mr. Vic Suhm, Executive Director of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition. Mr. Suhm informed the group about a proposed Texas constitutional amendment, Proposition 1,

which voters will be asked to approve at the upcoming November 4th election. Proposition 1 will allow for more money to be directed to the maintenance and improvement of the Texas highway system but specifically excludes any money for tollways.

The joint meeting also celebrated the 45th anniversary of the AAUW Northeast Tarrant County branch with a special (and very delicious) cake and recog-

nition of branch Founding Member, Georgia Kidwell. The next AAUW North Texas Interbranch meeting will be on Saturday March 7, 2015 in conjunction with a Plano/Collin County Branch meeting and will feature a "How to Lobby Work-



Remember to Vote!

Early voting has will run through October 31, and the general election will take place on **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**. There is a lot on the ballot, including election of a new governor, a constitutional amendment, a \$98 million bond package, and so much more.

The League of Women Voters has contacted all the candidates running for office, from Governor to Land Commissioner to Supreme Court Justices and has developed a [Texas Voters Guide](#) and a [Denton Voters Guide](#). Please check them out before you go to the poll.

You will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before you will be permitted to cast a vote.

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of

Public Safety (DPS)

- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Your photo identification card

does not have to have your current address. The new photo ID requirement makes no determination on voter address matching criteria; therefore, there is no address matching requirement.

If you are not exempt and you do not have any of the valid photo IDs, you may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. In order for the provisional ballot to count, you must visit the voter registrar's office within six calendar days of the election to either present one of the above forms of ID or submit one of the temporary affidavits (addressed below) in the presence of the county voter registrar while attesting to the fact that you do not have any of the required photo IDs.



AAUW Bylaws Amendments

Every two years, AAUW members vote on proposed amendments to the AAUW National Bylaws. Now through **December 5, 2014**, you can comment on the amendments recommended by the AAUW Governance Committee and propose amendments that you'd like to see on the ballot in the AAUW national election next spring.

Here's how to comment on or propose an amendment:

1. Read the current [AAUW Bylaws](#) and review the proposed changes. A legally required change is marked Compliance Change. A change to correct an error is labeled Editorial Change. A change that requires a vote of the membership is marked Proposed Amendment.
2. Click on the dropdown menu, below, to select the section of the bylaws that you would like to comment on.
3. Click Go.
4. On the comment page, scroll through the proposals that have already been posted, if any, and then type your proposal in the comment box.
5. Click Submit.

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

The deadline to run for the AAUW Board of Directors is fast approaching. [Apply by November 1.](#)

[Register](#) for the 2015 AAUW National Convention by January 15 to get the best rate.

The AAUW Action Fund is a co-sponsor of Fair Shot Voter. Take the [pledge](#) to advocate for policies that help women and families.

Share your love of AAUW this season with the [new holiday cards](#) on ShopAAUW. Supplies are very limited!

Melodia's Musings

-From Your AAUW-Texas State Field Representative, Melodia Gutierrez

As many of you may know, I've been your "boots on the ground" for over a year now. As I embark on my second year of work alongside AAUW Texas leaders, my focus has shifted from policy and advocacy, to membership and development. While policy advocacy will continue to play a key role in our efforts for the next year, I am thrilled to work with Presidents and MVPs to grow our branches to strengthen AAUW's power in Texas.

Thus far, in my new role, AAUW Texas State Board Members and I have worked with branches in Corpus Christi, DFW Area, Lubbock and San Antonio. My approach to supporting branches is four-fold. First, I make arrangements for an AAUW Advocacy Table

at a local community event, or at an AAUW College/University partner. Next, I attend an ongoing branch function, in order to get to know and learn from our amazing AAUW leadership. Also, I host local networking/mix and mingle type events, like Cocktails and Convos, as an opportunity to invite national members to join a local branch, or non-members to take the first step in empowering women and girls by joining AAUW. Lastly, we host group trainings on advocacy, membership development, outreach, and social media. This approach, without fail, results in "build-up" activism. Not only do I learn best practices from around Texas to share with other branches, but we also further the presence and outreach of AAUW in our

communities. We are committed to organizing and interconnecting our 37 branches, so that we can further our impact in Texas.

An old African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together," and we are certainly diligent in our work to "go together" for the remainder of 2014 and into 2015 so that we drive results in Texas for the benefit of women and girls. By going together, AAUW Texas is poised to become the premiere women's organization in our state and a nationwide leader in all things AAUW.

Feel free to contact me for a visit or to brag about your branch.

**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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