

# The Branch Line

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## President's Corner

At the October AAUW Meeting, we were privileged to have Rev. Richard Brown from the Cumberland Children's Home speak to the group. At the end of his presentation, the members decided to contribute to a Gift Card Shower for the Children's Home. Kay Goodman offered to coordinate the collection of cards or cash donations.

Recently, Kay spoke to the head of the residential component to find out which gift cards would be the most beneficial for the residents. This person suggested to Kay that residents would most benefit from gift cards from Target, Best Buy, or Walmart.

As we approach the holiday season, this is a perfect time to focus on giving by purchasing gift cards for the Cumberland Children's Home via the AAUW Denton Branch Card Shower. Since we don't have a December meeting, you can send gift cards to Kay Goodman at 1042 Bobcat Rd, Sanger, TX 76266 or email her with questions at [kbgoodman7@gmail.com](mailto:kbgoodman7@gmail.com).

## Holiday Nut Sale for Scholarships

Don't forget to turn in your nut orders to Ruth Johnson by December 3. Orders 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. Additional forms are available on the AAUW-Denton website at <http://denton-tx.aauw.net/nutsale>.

### Contact Information:

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*Have a wonderful  
holiday season!*

*See you at the next  
AAUW-Denton dinner meeting  
on February 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## The Nutcracker with AAUW—December 14<sup>th</sup>

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

On Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m., AAUW-Denton will enjoy an afternoon of old world fun and beautiful dancing to Tchaikovsky's inspiring ballet--*The Nutcracker*. **All AAUW-Denton tickets have been sold.** Please contact Janice LaPointe-Crump for information on how to retrieve your tickets. If you did not purchase tickets with AAUW but still wish to go, please contact the Festival Ballet of North Texas directly to see if seats are available. 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.



### Upcoming Dates

- Dec 3 Nut Orders Due
- Dec 14 AAUW-Denton at the *Nutcracker*
- Feb 4 AAUW-Denton Meeting at Giuseppe's
- May 28 NCCWSL Conference
- Jun 18 AAUW National Convention-San Diego



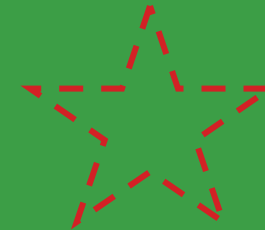
## AAUW Gives Thanks: 2014 Edition

--Lisa Maatz, AAUW Policy Advisor

When it comes to AAUW advocacy, we have so much to be thankful for — including you! With Thanksgiving around the corner, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the top six achievements and accomplishments for which our public policy team is thankful this year (see below).

This list is by no means exhaustive; search for #AAUW/thanks on Twitter to see more 2014 advancements for women and girls for which we are thankful, or view the full list at <http://www.aauw.org/article/aauw-gives-thanks-2014-edition>.

As always, we are thankful for all the members of AAUW Action Network and their enthusiastic advocacy to ensure that women and girls have a fair shot. AAUW could not have achieved any of these successes without you, our dedicated advocates — and we can achieve even more if we continue to grow our AAUW Action Network family. From all of us at AAUW, best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and a safe and joyful beginning to your holiday season.



### Top Six Accomplishments for AAUW Public Policy Team

1. President Barak Obama advances AAUW priorities through executive orders.
2. States and cities make progress on women's economic security.
3. White House, campuses, and advocates collaborate to end campus sexual violence.
4. AAUW members enthusiastically lead 2014 It's My Vote campaign.
5. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is as "notorious" as ever.
6. What a year for breaking through the Glass Ceiling.

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