



The Branch Line

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN-DENTON

NUTS FOR SALE

The AAUW annual nut sale is almost over, but we have still have the following available for purchase:

1-Pecan \$11
1-Texas Party Mix \$6
1-Melrose Mix \$7

TINS

2-Melrose Mix \$18 each
(27 oz)
1-Cajun Mix \$15 (26 oz)

Please see Ruth Johnson at the next meeting if you are interested.

FEBRUARY MEETING MENU

Choice of entrees:

- ♥ Melanzane (Eggplant) Parmigiana
- ♥ Pollo con Carciofi
- ♥ Tilapia alla Fiorentina
- ♥ Braciola (Pork Chop)
- ♥ Spaghetti Bolognese

House Salad, Bread, Drink, & Dessert

Tax and gratuity are included.

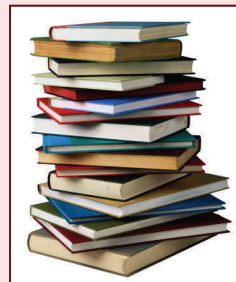
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FEBRUARY 4TH MEETING

The next AAUW-Denton Branch meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 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 Pat Gulley, whose presentation is entitled *Decades of Reading: influences on one's life*. In order to prepare for her presentation, Pat asks that each of us take a few minutes prior to the meeting to

think about particular books that have influenced our lives.



Pat has lived in Denton for over 50 years. She grew up in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, attended Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio and graduated from Tulsa University. After marrying an Oklahoman, she taught high school drama and debate in Tulsa and Okla-

homa City. After moving to Denton, Pat spent several years raising children. As her children matured, Pat returned to teaching with a particular interest in Adult Education. She began teaching for Job Corps in McKinney.

Today as a retiree, Pat enjoys time spent with her grandchildren, traveling, gardening, bridge and many hours of reading. She volunteers at her church, Denton Christian Preschool and Grandparents in Public Schools.

P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year, it is a great time to reflect on the past and set new goals for the future. I hope that as part of those new goals, your commitment to the AAUW Denton Branch is on that list. Some ideas

to get you started:

- Bring a friend to a Branch Meeting
- Make a donation to the Scholarship Committee
- Volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee

- Consider a leadership role for AAUW Denton Branch 2015-2017

Remember, thanks to Connie Martinez and the Program Committee, we have four more exciting programs for the year

plus many opportunities for good food and engaging conversations. See you at the next meeting on February 4!



Kay Goodman presents AAUW-Denton gift cards at the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home Christmas Party.

U P D A T E

Dr. Agatha Beins (Texas Woman's University; former AAUW-Denton member) presented a paper titled "Ephemeral Feminisms: Disrupting Dominant Narratives of Women's Liberation through Periodicals" at the annual meetings of the National Women's Studies Association, held Nov. 13-16 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

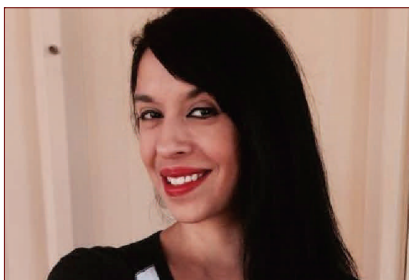
C H E C K O U T T H E L A T E S T I S S U E O F U N I V E R S I T Y W O M E N T E X A S

Have you heard the latest news from AAUW Texas? The AAUW Texas newsletter, [University Woman Texas](#), has gone digital and will be distributed using Mail

Chimp. Be sure that you're signed up! It's easy to do. Sign up via:

- Website [<http://aauw-tx.aauw.net>]
- Facebook page
- Twitter

**SPRING AAUW INTERBRANCH MEETING –
MARCH 7TH**



Melodía Gutiérrez

The spring meeting of the AAUW North Texas Interbranch will take place in Plano on

March 7th beginning at 10 a.m. The AAUW Texas Field Representative, Melodía Gutiérrez, will present a program on political issues important to AAUW and discuss what members can do about them. According to Melodía, you can lobby; you can post on social media; and you can get involved. All members of any branch are welcome.

Many thanks to the Plano/ Collin County branch for hosting this meeting. As a courtesy, please RSVP to Kay Zilliox (kayzilliox@gmail.com). The location for this meeting is the Medical Center of Plano, 4001 W. 15th St., Suite 315, Plano TX 76093.

We look forward to a large turnout for training by Melodía.

**CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO THE
NATIONAL AAUW FUND**

The AAUW Fund is the general pool of money that supplies all or part of the funding for every AAUW program except for fellowships and grants, which are entirely funded by interest from the endowment. Many of AAUW’s most popular programs, such as Elect Her, \$tart \$mart, and the Two-Minute Activist, are solely supported by the AAUW Fund. Several programs that are supported in part by specific dedicated funds, like the Legal Advocacy Fund and our research, also receive support from the AAUW Fund.

1. What is the AAUW Fund?

The AAUW Fund is the general fund of the organization. It allows AAUW to react to new challenges; develop, disseminate, and sustain programs; and pay for all

the programs members have come to love, such as \$tart \$mart, local and national advocacy efforts, Tech Trek, Elect Her, Tech Savvy, and many more. Thus, contributions to the AAUW Fund are critical to sustaining program growth and responding to increasing member demand for high-quality mission-based programs.

2. Why is there a new AAUW Fund diagram?

There is a common misunderstanding that AAUW’s endowment supports almost all AAUW programs. In fact, only fellowships and grants are fully funded by the endowment earnings—that is, by the interest on our restricted funds. Every other program receives full or partial funding from the AAUW Fund, which derives

primarily from unrestricted contributions, with a small amount coming from dues and sponsorships.

3. Do the other specific funds still exist?

Yes, AAUW has more than 1,000 specific funds, mostly for fellowships and grants, in addition to several much smaller specific funds that partially support individual programs. In every case, however, implementing these specific programs also requires funds from the AAUW Fund.

4. Don’t membership dues cover this type of program support?

In the past, membership dues covered program support, but this hasn’t been true for quite some time. Costs rise yearly, while dues have remained the

same. More of AAUW’s members are also not affiliated with branches, so the costs of member acquisition and retention have risen.

Most important, AAUW programs like Tech Trek, Tech Savvy, and \$tart \$mart have become increasingly popular with members across the county. But as new program development and local implementation have grown, the revenue from membership dues has not kept pace.

5. How do I donate to the AAUW Fund?

It’s simple — send a check to AAUW, [donate online](#), or call 800.326.2289 to donate by phone.

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**REGISTER NOW FOR THE AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION—
JUNE 18-21, 2015 | SAN DIEGO**

Early Birds Don't Just Get the Worm

2015 Registration Rates	Early Bird January 16– March 31, 2015	Regular April 1– June 21, 2015	Daily
Member	\$475	\$525	\$225
Non-Member	\$549	\$575	\$275
Student	\$235	\$249	\$99
Guest*	\$289	\$299	\$199

* Guests may attend only the convention plenary sessions and may purchase tickets for the special events. Guests cannot be AAUW members.

2015 AAUW CONVENTION BANQUET

Saturday, June 20, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$125

MEALS PROVIDED

Thursday, June 18: Welcome dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 19: Lunch, noon

TO REGISTER BY PHONE

Call AAUW Connect at 800.326.2289 or e-mail connect@aauw.org.

TO REGISTER BY MAIL

[Download the registration form](#). Send the completed form (and check, if applicable) to AAUW Convention, 1111 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

[Log in to your account](#) to make changes to your registration and add special events. You may also make changes by phone at 800.326.2289.

Any changes must be made by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 12, 2015.

