

Mark Your Calendar for the March 4th Meeting

March Meeting Menu

Choice of entrees:

- ◇ Melanzane (Eggplant) Del Umbria
- ◇ Pollo con Carciofi
- ◇ Tilapia alla Florentine
- ◇ Lasagna
- ◇ Capellini Rustico

House Salad, Bread, Drink, & Dessert

Tax and gratuity are included.

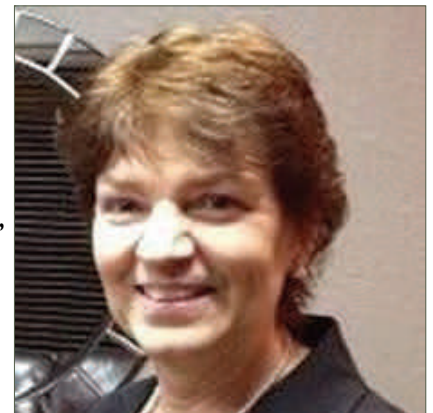
The next Denton Branch meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant (821 N. Locust, Denton, TX). Dinner is \$17 person. Please RSVP to Shirley Lacroix at 940-728-0084 or complete the online form at <http://denton-tx.aauw.net/meetings/>.

Our speaker will be Sharon Lowry, whose presentation is entitled *Legal Matters for Women*. Sharon has been in Denton since coming to the University of North Texas as an undergraduate in 1967. She graduated with a PhD in history in 1980 and worked in corporate communications at Texas

Instruments until starting her own freelance writing business in 1996. In 2002 she started teaching at North Central College in Corinth; and in 2005, she realized the dream of a lifetime by starting law school at Texas Wesleyan University (now Texas A&M) School of Law, from which she graduated in 2009.

Sharon's practice is mostly wills, probate, and powers of attorney. Through her practice, she tries to help people through decisions associated with making wills, health-care powers of attorney, and ad-

vance directives. In addition, she helps to demystify the probate process and make it as simple and painless as possible for people who are grieving the loss of a family member.



Sharon Lowry, J.D.

Spring Interbranch Meeting—March 7th

The spring meeting of the AAUW North Texas Metroplex Interbranch will take place on March 7th beginning at 10 a.m. at the Medical Center of Plano (4001 W. 15th Street Suite 315, Plano). AAUW Texas Field Rep-

resentative, Melodía Gutiérrez, will present a program on political issues important to women and AAUW. In addition, meeting participants will brainstorm ways to recognize Equal Pay Day (April 14th) in local

branch areas and hear of the state AAUW team's plans to visit Austin and lobby on Equal Pay Day.

Please complete the [online reservation form](#) to RSVP for the Interbranch meeting.

President's Corner

I write this President's Corner as I'm "recovering" from our week of Texas storms. As the snow and ice disappear, we look toward the coming of spring. A new season provides us with new opportunities to get involved.

You are reading this newsletter because you are a member of the AAUW Denton Branch. Have you considered being more involved with our branch or with AAUW of Texas and AAUW (National)?

Here are a few ideas:

- Attend the 2015 national convention in San Diego, CA to discover new ways to empower yourself and other women.
- Visit the AAUW website, click on GET INVOLVED, and discover twelve ways to get involved.
- Attend an AAUW of Texas event highlighted on their website.
- Wear red and participate in Equal Pay Day on April 14, 2015.
- Take action with ideas for this monthly opportunity from member, Patsy Roe.

- Speak to our Nominating Committee about running for a branch office.
- Attend our Denton Branch dinner meeting on March 4.

The list of possibilities is endless. Be sure to create your own list of opportunities as you think ahead toward spring.

AAUW-Denton needs YOU to
serve as an officer
for 2015-2016!
See Stephany Compton
for more details.

Expanding Your Horizons Recap

AAUW's annual Expanding Your Horizons event was held on Saturday, February 21, at Texas Woman's University. The 192 middle school participants selected from the following presentations to attend:

- ◇ **All Creatures Great and Small** (Dr. Stephanie Cook & Brie Callahan)
- ◇ **Alice: The 3D Adventure** (UNT Society of Women Engineers)
- ◇ **Getting Cheeky with DNA** (Dr. Laura Hanson, TWU)
- ◇ **Heart Smart** (Dr. Vicki Zeigler, TWU)
- ◇ **Picture Perfect Skin** (Lisa Ostrowski, Physicians Asst)
- ◇ **Problem Solvers** (Women Engineers of Peterbilt)
- ◇ **Roses are Red** (Outreach

Committee of the Post-Doctoral Assoc at UT Southwestern)

- ◇ **Science of Smiles** (Dr. Chris Beatty & TWU Dental Hygiene students)
- ◇ **Slime, Sludge & Silly Putty** (Outreach Committee of the Post-Doctoral Assoc at UT Southwestern)
- ◇ **Forensic Science** (Dr. Amy Petros, Chemistry)
- ◇ **Why Does Popcorn Pop** (Eve Lawson, Frito-Lay)
- ◇ **Wildlife Detective** (Wei Wei, Texas Parks & Wildlife)

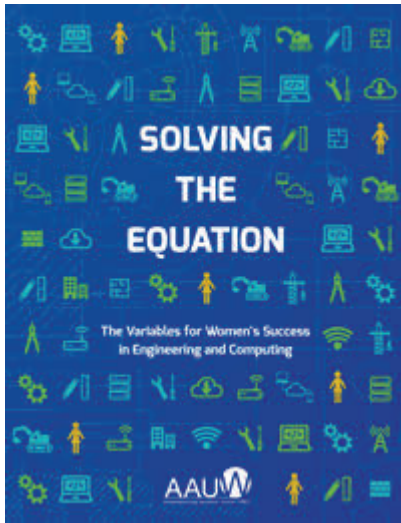
Congratulations to Coordinator Gail Rutledge and her planning committee—Renee Sims, Laura Hanson, Dale Gaskill, Cathy Banks, Mark Coomes, Patsy Roe, Carolyn Kacena, Jimmie Lyn Harris, Mary Saunders, Sa-

rah McIntire, Ann Wheeler, and Mary Hardcastle—for a successful event. Special thanks to all of the presenters, the AAUW helpers, and the graduate students of Sarah McIntire for assisting with the presentations, passing out evaluations, putting together the snack bags, and helping all the girls get to their workshops!



Expanding Your Horizons 2015





Watch the Live Stream of AAUW's Solving the Equation Launch

Date: March 26, 2015
 Time: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Pacific,
 2–3:30 p.m. Eastern
 Location: Online (You just need to register.)
 Cost: Free

AAUW's latest research report on women in STEM, *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*, will be released on March 26, 2015, with an event and panel discussion at Samsung's new research headquarters in Silicon Valley. Stanford researcher Londa Schiebinger will lead a panel of experts from industry and academia in a discussion of the report's findings and what they mean for anyone who cares about getting more women and girls into engineering and computing fields.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Voting for AAUW's National Election will be held on April 1 through June 19, 2015. All AAUW members are eligible to elect candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and to vote on other items of business, including the proposed Public Policy Program and amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. Information on the National Election is available at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>.

- April 1 Paper ballot request period begins
- April 15 Online voting begins
- May 8 Paper ballot request period ends
- May 19 Last date to join and be eligible to vote
- May 26 Paper ballots must be postmarked by this date
- June 18-19 Online voting available at National Convention
- June 19, 9 pm Online voting at Convention ends



2015 AAUW National Convention

June 18-21, 2015

Sheraton San Diego Hotel
 and Marina,
 San Diego California