

THE BRANCH LINE

American Association of University Women-Denton

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Mark Your Calendars for the April Meeting



The next AAUW-Denton Branch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 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://denton-tx.aauw.net/meetings/>.

The meeting's presentation is entitled "Women in Business" and will feature one or both of the partners from Crickles and Co, a local restaurant in Denton, Texas. Crickles and Co. was founded in 2008 by Chef Cristal Bernard, who invited her friend, Chief Cassie Ballard, to be a partner. Chefs Cristal and Cassie met in culinary

school and became best friends. Both have worked in prestigious restaurants and share a similar philosophy toward food prepared from raw ingredients and baked from scratch—no preservatives allowed.

Their menu consists of items such as fluffy omelets, tossed salads, fresh-baked muffins, made-to-order sandwiches and impressive desserts. They offer locally roasted coffee from Carrollton and organic tea from Austin.

Chef Cristal attended and graduated with honors from the Art Institute of Dallas and has worked at the award-winning French Room in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas and at Chef Tom Colicchio's restaurant *Craft* in Victory Park. Chef Cassie also attended the Art Institute of Dallas and worked at the French Room. Prior to coming back to Texas, she worked as the Executive Pastry Chef at the Bel Air Hotel and oversaw the pastry program at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles, where she studied under award-winning Pastry Chef Jean Francois Suteau.

April Meeting Menu

Choice of entrée:

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

House Salad, Bread, Drink, & Dessert

Tax and gratuity are included.

2015-16 AAUW Dues

REMINDER: Please make plans to renew your membership to AAUW and the Denton Branch by **June 1**. Information will be available in the May newsletter and at the May meeting.

AAUW-Denton Needs YOU

It's time to elect officers for 2015-2016. Please see Stephany Compton if you are interested in serving.

President's Corner



Believe it or not, it's almost time to think about renewing your AAUW membership! We will have information at the May meeting so you can renew before you are in a summer frame of mind.

In the meantime, I have reviewed the 2015 membership report from Krys Wulff, AAUW Membership Committee Chair. This report is organized by branch and includes information about all of the Texas branches as of January 31, 2015. All of you as members of the Denton Branch should be proud! Only 33% of the Texas branches have reported an increase in membership in the last

year and the Denton Branch is one of them!

Here are a couple of observations from the report:

- ◇ Texas currently has 39 active AAUW Branches
- ◇ West Harris County has the largest branch with a total of 246 members
- ◇ Twenty six of the 39 branches reported a decline in membership this last year
- ◇ State totals show an overall average decline of 2.49%

Here are some facts about the Denton Branch:

- ◇ We have 42 members on record as of 02/01/15
- ◇ Between 03/16/14 – 02/01/15, we gained six new members (someone entirely new to AAUW or who rejoins after two or more years)
- ◇ Over the last three years, the Denton Branch reported a 5% increase in membership
- ◇ This last year, the Denton Branch reported an increase of 7.69%

Don't forget to pay your dues! Let's help the Denton Branch continue to grow!

Check out the AAUW-Denton Website at <http://denton-tx.aauw.net/>.



Equal Pay Day

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Wear *RED* on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!

Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day was created by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. The date symbolizes how far into 2015 women must work to earn what men earned in 2014.

In his proclamation on Equal Pay Day 2014, President Obama stated:

Women make up nearly half of our Nation's workforce and are primary breadwinners in 4 in 10 American households with children under age 18. Yet from boardrooms to classrooms to factory floors, their talent and hard work are not reflected on the payroll. Today, women still make only 77 cents to every man's dollar, and the pay gap is even wider for women of color. Over her

lifetime, the average American woman can expect to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars to the earnings gap, a significant blow to both women and their families. In an increasingly competitive global marketplace, we must use all of America's talent to its fullest potential – because when women succeed, America succeeds.

Last year, AAUW produced more than 250 Equal Pay Day activities in 42 states and Washington, D.C. This year, the organization plans to host even more events, including the Lobby Day at the Texas State Capitol in Austin sponsored by AAUW-Texas. For more information AAUW-Texas and Equal Pay Day, please contact Melodia Gutierrez at gutierrezm@aauw.org.

AAUW—Empowering Women Since 1881

AAUW was founded in 1881 as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Since that time, the organization has grown to more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States as well as 1,000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners. Listed below is the story of its founding taken from the [AAUW national website](#):

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Discouraged by the lack of opportunities available to them, the women discussed how they would join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated.

Although Marion is usually credited with initiating this first meeting, it really was her mother, Emily Talbot, who urged Marion to do so. A longtime advocate of girls' education, Emily was perpetually frustrated by the lack of educational opportunities for young women, including her own daughters. In 1877, Emily founded the Girls' Latin School in Boston after unsuccessfully trying to get girls admitted into the Boston Latin School. Marion's sister, Edith Talbot, was in the first graduating class from the Girls' Latin School.

Emily recognized that there was little that college-educated women could do with their newly earned degrees. Many in this first generation of alumnae struggled with a lack of opportunity that would be unfathomable to women today. Thankfully, Emily suggested the meeting and hoped that it would unite women of similar backgrounds and situations.

At the November 28 meeting, one graduate from each of the eight represented colleges was chosen for a committee to move toward the next step. So a few weeks later, on January 14, 1882, 65 women college graduates met and officially formed the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to "unite in



2015 AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION
one member, one vote

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. Information on the National Election is available at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>.

WANTED: YOU!

TO GO WEST FOR THE
AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION
IN SAN DIEGO
JUNE 18-21, 2015

For fabulous workshops, energizing speakers and plenaries,
and the chance to connect with friends old and new!

convention.aauw.org

2015
AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION



REGISTRATION FORM

2015 AAUW National Convention

June 18–21, 2015

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina,
San Diego, California

If you have questions or need assistance with this form, please call 800.326.2289 or e-mail connect@aauw.org.

Registration Type (please circle one):

Member Nonmember Student Guest

Attendee Information

If you are registering as a guest of an AAUW member, please write the host member's ID# below and complete the registration process as a guest. Your host member must also register for convention for you to be their guest.

Your (or your host's) member ID# _____

First name _____

Last name _____

*First name on badge _____

Date of birth ____/____/____

**Your full name will be printed on your badge, unless you provide an alternative.*

If you require special services, please specify your needs:

If you have special dietary requests and plan on attending convention meal functions, please specify your needs:

JOIN AAUW NOW!

Nonmember registrants may also use this form to join AAUW at a 50 percent discount and can immediately take advantage of the member rates for convention.

National membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. The cost for one full year of national membership with the 2015 convention discount is **\$24.50**.

Student affiliation is open to anyone who does not already hold an undergraduate degree and is enrolled in a two- or four-year regionally accredited educational institution. One full year of student affiliation with the 2015 convention discount costs **\$8.50**.

Contact Information

Address _____ Apt/unit # _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (_____) _____

Work phone (_____) _____

Mobile/cell phone (_____) _____

E-mail address _____
(needed for convention notification)

Emergency Contact Information

Name/relationship _____

Day phone (_____) _____

Evening phone (_____) _____

A. Choose one:

National Membership (\$24.50)

Degree _____
 Year earned _____
 Institution _____

Student Affiliation (\$8.50)

Degree _____
 Year anticipated _____
 Institution _____

No, thanks.

Membership subtotal: _____

CONVENTION AND SPECIAL EVENTS

B. Convention Registration Rates

	Best Value October 1, 2014– January 15, 2015	Early Bird January 16, 2015– March 31, 2015	Regular April 1, 2015– June 21, 2015	Daily
Member	\$449	\$475	\$525	\$225
Nonmember	\$525	\$549	\$575	\$275
Student	\$219	\$235	\$249	\$99
Guest*	\$275	\$289	\$299	\$199

Daily registrants only, please check which day you will attend:

Please note: Participation in Thursday night's dinner is only open to those who register for the full convention.

Friday Saturday Sunday Registration subtotal \$ _____

C. Make a donation to support AAUW programs! All donations are tax deductible.

Please choose a contribution amount: \$250 \$150 \$100 \$50 None Donation subtotal \$ _____

D. 2015 AAUW National Convention Banquet, Saturday, June 20, 2015, 7:30–10 p.m.

\$125 per person X _____ # of tickets = Banquet subtotal \$ _____

E. Healthy Moves, June 19–21, 2015, 6–7 a.m.

One-time fee of \$25 for all three days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) Healthy Moves subtotal \$ _____

PAYMENT

(Please add the subtotals for items A–E and enter the final amount here.)

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Certified check or money order (make payable to AAUW and include with this form)

Credit card    

Card # _____ Exp. date _____/_____/_____

CVV # (3 digits on back of card) _____

Name as it appears on card (print) _____ Signature _____

Billing address _____

Mail completed form to AAUW Convention, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

To submit the completed form by fax, use our secure fax number, 202.466.0892.

*Guest registrants may only attend the plenary sessions and purchase tickets for the special events. Guests must be registered by a convention attendee and cannot be AAUW members. To receive any discounted fee, you must indicate your member ID number on the registration form. Be sure that your dues are current. If they are not, your registration will be processed at the regular nonmember rate. If you have questions regarding AAUW membership, call 800.326.2289. Registration fees are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

Staff photographers will be taking pictures and video of convention events and attendees to use to promote future events and programs. If you do not wish to be photographed or videotaped, please let the photographer know. For more information on AAUW's photo policy, e-mail editor@aauw.org.

Occasionally, our convention's registration list is made available to carefully screened companies/organizations. I do not want my name made available.



2015 AAUW National Convention

June 18–21, 2015

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina,
San Diego, California

2015 CONVENTION: IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

This information is yours to keep. You do not need to mail it in with your registration form.

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- To receive a best-value registration discount, register by **January 15, 2015**.
- To receive an early-bird registration discount, register by **March 31, 2015**.
- Last day to cancel your convention registration and receive a refund, minus a \$100 cancellation fee: **May 13, 2015**
- Last day to register by mail: **June 12, 2015**
- Last day to make changes to your registration or special events tickets: **June 12, 2015**
- Register at convention: **June 18–21, 2015**

*Guests can only attend plenary events and will be asked to provide their host's AAUW member ID in order to complete the registration process.

All changes to registration and special events attendance must be made by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 12, 2015. If you cancel your registration and/or special events tickets by 5 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, AAUW will refund your payment, minus a \$100 registration cancellation fee. All refunds will be processed within 6–8 weeks. No refunds will be given for requests that arrive after 5 p.m. EDT on May 13, 2015.

AAUW 2015 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, 12 p.m.

Stay at the Sheraton for an exclusive AAUW discount!

- Book your room at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina by May 26, 2015, to get AAUW's exclusive discounted rates.
- Book your reservation online or call 619.291.2900 (toll free: 800.325.3535). Use group ID 27151 and ask for the AAUW 2015 discount. Note: All rates are subject to 12.565 percent tax and subject to availability.

Book your travel with United Airlines to receive up to a 10 percent discount!

Visit www.united.com and enter access code ZTAH233282. To book by telephone, call 800.426.1122 and refer to the code. An additional \$25 booking fee will apply to phone bookings. Discount is valid for travel to San Diego International Airport (SAN).

Complete your trip with tours and activities!

Don't forget to book with TravelSmart Partners for exciting tours and activities in San Diego before, during, and after the 2015 AAUW National Convention! Visit www.travelsmartpartners.com/aauw and for more information and to sign up for tours. You can also contact TravelSmart owner Ann at ann@travelsmartpartners.com or 502.249.0290.

If you have questions about AAUW membership or convention registration, please e-mail connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289. Registration fees are not tax deductible.