

THE BRANCH LINE

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May Meeting Menu

Choice of entrée:

- ◇ Melanzane (Eggplant) Parmigiana
- ◇ Pollo con Carciofi
- ◇ Talapia alla Florentine
- ◇ Braciolo (Pork Chop)
- ◇ Capellini Rustico

House salad, bread, drink & dessert

Tax and gratuity are included.

Mark Your Calendars for May Meeting

The next meeting of AAUW-Denton Branch will be held on **Wednesday, May 6** 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/>.

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 teaching 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 advance directives.



Sharon Lowry, J.D.

President's Corner—Shirley Lacroix

As I write this my final "President's Corner" message, I wanted to reflect on the AAUW Denton Branch and our growth over the last two years. I officially began my tenure as your president on July 1, 2013. When I received "the call" about accepting this office, I was out of town for work and torn between the opportunity and other responsibilities. As Seth Godin says, "If it scares you, it might be a good thing to try." So, I embraced the challenge, and said, "yes."

Now, two years later, I am delighted with how much we

have grown thanks to the entire board and all of you. To be honest, I was concerned about the health of this branch when I began my tenure. Our membership was declining, we lost our meeting "home," and our members were not attending meetings. The core members were committed to the group but we needed to grow the Denton Branch in order for it to survive.

Two years later, our journey toward revitalizing our branch has begun. We have new ACTIVE members, we have a new "home" at

Giuseppe's Restaurant, members are attending meetings and bringing their friends, our programs have included topics of interest, our treasury is healthy, and we continue to offer scholarships.

All of this wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated leadership and members of the AAUW Denton Branch. I thank you for your support and look forward to working with our new leadership team. May the journey continue!



You are cordially invited to a Retirement Celebration honoring

Dr. Sarah A. McIntire
25 Years of Service to TWU

May 16, 2015
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Denton Woman's Club
610 Oakland, Denton

RSVP
naniscentist@gmail.com





Kimberly Johnson



Gretchen Busl



Ashley Bender



Laura Hansen



Ruth Johnson



Lynda Murphy



Patsy Roe

Meet the 2015-2016 Officers

In April, AAUW-Denton elected a new slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year. The officers will be inducted at the May meeting.

President—Kimberly Johnson. Kimberly, Coordinator of Special Collections for the TWU Blagg-Huey Library, supervises and maintains collections such as the archives of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) and the historic cookbook collection.

Vice-President Programs—Dr. Gretchen Busl. Gretchen serves as an Assistant Professor in the English, Speech, and Foreign Languages Department at TWU, where her research interests include the study of fiction

and ways to improve the graduate student writing process.

Vice-President Membership—Dr. Ashley Bender. Ashley, Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of English, Speech, and Foreign Languages at TWU, is interested in literature of the long eighteenth century, especially drama; Shakespeare in adaptation; sex and gender in the eighteenth century, textual studies; and service learning in the composition classroom.

Recording Secretary—Dr. Laura Hansen. Laura is an Assistant Professor in the TWU Department of Biology, where she teaches immu-

nology and virology. Her research area is virus-host interactions.

Treasurer—Dr. Ruth Johnson. Ruth is the Associate Dean of the Graduate School at TWU and teaches in the Department of Family Sciences.

Communications Officer—Dr. Lynda Murphy. Lynda is the Director of Teaching & Learning with Technology at TWU. Her units works with faculty to incorporate technology into their teaching practice.

Public Policy Officer—Patsy Roe. Patsy worked in the Lewisville ISD as a business teacher.

Renew Your Membership for 2015-2016

It's time to collect dues for the 2015-2016 year! AAUW branches work together in the community for the greater good of women and girls. Nearly 1000 branches exist across the US, including Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and Puerto Rico. Please consider renewing your membership in our local branch.

Membership dues are \$70 for the year:

- \$49 AAUW-National

- \$10 AAUW-Texas
- \$11 AAUW-Denton

Payments can be made in person, by mail, or ONLINE. If you choose to pay by mail or in person, please complete the membership form attached to this newsletter and forward it to Lynda Murphy at the May meeting or mail it to the address on the form.

If you choose to pay online, please go to the AAUW National website at [http://](http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/)

www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/ and click Re-

new Now for Returning Branch Members. Be sure that you a logged into the site.



Cupcakes for Scholarships

Chefs Cristal Barnard and Cassie Ballard from Crinkles and Co. in Denton were the featured speakers at the April meeting of AAUW-Denton. Janice LaPointe-Crump brought some of their wonderful cupcakes and raffled them to the membership with the proceeds going toward the AAUW-Denton scholarship fund. A total of \$65 was collected.



One Member One Vote—AAUW National Elections

Exercising your right to vote on changes to the AAUW organization is an important part of membership. **Voting opens on April 15 and closes June 19.**

Voter PIN's were mailed to members in mid-March in the Spring/Summer 2015 *Outlook* magazine. Check the back cover. Or look for an email message from AAUW

Membership on April 16, with the subject line "Here's your AAUW ballot. Vote now."

Paper ballots must be post-marked by 11:59 p.m. on May 26, 2015 to be counted. Online voting will end at 9:00 p.m. on June 19, 2015.

Before you vote, check out the [AAUW National Elec-](#)

[tion Voter Guide](#). The Guide includes information on this year's proposed ballot, including information on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program, proposed amendments to the Bylaws and information on candidates for national office. AAUW will be electing a new President, Vice President, and 10 AAUW Directors.



A report on *Expanding Your Horizons* was featured in the Spring 2015 issue of the [AAUW University Woman Texas](#).

Set Sail for a San Diego *Eduvacation*: 2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego

The AAUW National Convention will be held in San Diego on June 18-21, 2015. It's a two-for-one deal, offering both education and vacation activities to give you an amazing experience. AAUW-National is calling it an "eduvacation."

Spaces for the convention won't last long. **The convention is almost sold out. Register now!** A copy of the registration form is attached to this newsletter or you can register online at <https://app.certain.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x6546081dc5>.



	Regular Registration April 1–June 21	Daily
Member	\$525	\$225
Nonmember	\$575	\$275
Student	\$249	\$99
Guest	\$299	\$199



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN-DENTON

AAUW-Empowering Women Since 1881 (Continued)

AAUW was founded in 1881 as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. The 1st of the two founding members—Marion Talbot—was featured in the April [Branch Line](#). Listed below is the story of the 2nd of AAUW's founding members, taken from the [AAUW national website](#):

Ellen Swallow Richards was nearly 40 years old when she and Talbot founded AAUW — they were born one generation apart. We know about the barriers that Talbot faced in pursuit of her education; imagine what they must have been for her older mentor and teacher. Still, at a time when women were largely barred from higher education, Richards earned a chemistry degree, worked on clean water treatment and pollution, and even founded the first home economics and school lunch programs.

Richards was born December 3, 1842, in Dunstable, Massachusetts, to parents who valued education for both girls and boys. Between tutoring and housecleaning jobs, she saved the \$300 she needed for tuition and enrolled at Vassar College in 1868, where she earned her bachelor's degree in just two years — becoming the first U.S. woman to be awarded a degree in chemistry.

Desiring to continue her studies, she applied to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The administration admitted her, but only as a “special student,” making it known that her admission would in no way serve as a precedent for other women to attend. According to the online Vassar Encyclopedia, “Her entrance to MIT was not easy; many institutions turned her down on the basis of her sex, and MIT declined all women applicants except for Richards, accepting her as a special student to ascertain women’s ability in the sciences.”

Richards completed the requirements for a master’s degree but MIT refused to grant it to her, so Vassar awarded it instead. She then completed all of the requirements for her doctorate but never received the degree.

Despite these obstacles, Richards stayed connected with MIT. In 1876, with the help of the Women’s Educational Association of Boston, she established the Woman’s Laboratory at MIT and worked as an assistant instructor (without pay). Through the Woman’s Laboratory, she fulfilled her dream of encouraging other women to study science and provided an entry point for their training. At the lab,

women were taught chemistry, biology, and mineralogy. Marion Talbot was one of Richards’ students.

From 1884 to 1911, Richards taught at the Massachusetts State Board of Health’s Lawrence Experiment Station, where she conducted studies on water quality. She researched causes of water pollution, and her work resulted in the establishment of the first modern sewage treatment plant.

Richards is also credited with creating the field of home economics, and she wrote many books and manuals on the topic. With her colleagues, she organized a series of conferences at Lake Placid, New York, which resulted in the formation of the American Home Economics Association in 1909 with Richards as its first president. She was also behind the nation’s first school lunch program, started in Boston in 1894.

Richards remained active with AAUW until her death in 1911. At the 25th anniversary meeting in 1907 she was still going strong, speaking on “Desirable Tendencies in Professional and Technical Education for Women.” In that speech she reflected on the progress that had been made in the previ-



ous 25 years, noting that “into the newer lines of investigation of pure and applied science, women were going in rapidly increasing numbers.” She continued, “To whom shall we look more confidently for leadership in constructive work, for social and national betterment, than to the professionally and technically trained women now coming onto the stage?”



**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 _____



FAO: Lynda Murphy & Stephany Compton
AAUW-Denton Branch
PO Box 425649
Denton, TX 76204



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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Student	\$219	\$235	\$249	\$99
Guest*	\$275	\$289	\$299	\$199

- 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.