



AAUW Texas Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch
LIGATURE



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Plans are Shaping Up for an Exciting Year in AAUW!

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As you read the **LIGATURE**, you'll see how busy many of our members have been this summer.

Lane Powell (Membership Vice President), assisted by Ginny Felstehausen, has worked very hard on our branch membership. *Currently, our membership stands at 64!* There are 15 new members included in this count. Thanks, Lane and Ginny. Lane had a short orientation last week at her home and several of these new members volunteered to work in numerous positions. **YEA!**

Joy Vann and her committee for the *Mother-Daughter Program* are hard at work organizing and planning for this year. The four different colleges at Texas Tech, College of Human Science, Engineering, Education and Business have graciously agreed to host a Saturday during the year. The LISD sponsors from O.L. Slaton, Atkins, and Smiley Wilson Middle Schools have recruited a great group of new 6th graders and their Moms/Grandmoms. They will have an orientation at each school in September. I can hardly wait for you all to hear all their exciting plans. In order to raise income to assist this M/D program, we are hoping to sell Pecans this Fall. Watch for more info on this.

Nadine Wink, our Program Vice President, has four excellent programs planned for September 16, November 3, January 26, and March 31 at the Lubbock Women's Club. We will begin with Louise Cummins (our branch President Elect) on September 16 helping us discover more about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) courses for enrichment in the College of Outreach and Distant Education at Texas Tech University. This sounds exciting to be able to stretch our brains with new, interesting knowledge!

In addition, we will host a *Membership Brunch* in late April to solicit new members and enjoy socializing with our current members. Plans are also on the drawing board for a Financial Workshop next Spring.

We have several activity groups with plans for the year:

The *Cuisine Group*, again chaired by Diane Cole, will gather for some interesting types of food. If you'd like to host one of the get-to-gathers, please let Diane know. You do NOT do all the cooking!!! This group is for singles and couples. It's great fun and lots of good food! The Cuisine Group dinners are usually on a Saturday evening.

Our *Book Club* has selected several interesting books; Joy Vann will chair this group. The book discussion group is trying something new this year. It will meet on Saturday mornings at 10:00 at J&B Coffee Shop in Tech Terrace for all of its discussions. If you'd like to join these fun people, please contact Joy Vann.

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

The **American Association of University Women** advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self development for women and foster equity and positive societal change.

The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in the academic profession.

In principle and practice, **AAUW** values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

President's Letter continued (from Page 1)

If neither cooking or reading is “your thing,” what about a “*Let's-Go-Out-To-Dinner*” group? If this appeals to you, let me or Lucy Barrington know, and we'll head you in the right direction!!

Other things that have gone on or are brewing in the branch:

- 1) Lucy Barrington attended and represented us at the National AAUW Convention in St. Louis in July.
- 2) We have two new chairpersons for EF and LAF: Sandra River is heading up the Legal Advocacy Fund, and Adelaida Montemayor is chairing our Educational Foundation. There will be more information forthcoming from them about activities for this year.
- 3) Our branch sponsored seven girls for the “*Science—It's A Girls' Thing*” Camp at Texas Tech.

Several of us were invited to join them for lunch one day. What fun to see *so many* girls interested and participating in science activities.

I hope each of you will find an area of our branch to become involved in this year. Current needs are an Assistant Treasurer, members for a Fundraising committee for the Educational Foundation and/or the Legal Advocacy Fund, assistance with the Mother/Daughter program, establishing a Student Affiliate group at TTU, helping with the Branch Directory (to be distributed at the September meeting), or developing a Branch Webpage.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our September 16 meeting at 11:45 a.m. at the Lubbock Women's Club. Mark your calendars and send in your reservations!

Carroll M. Akard, President

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH: FUN FOR ALL!

Lane Powell, Membership VP

The end of the year brunch meeting at the home of Diane Cole was delicious, fun, and very well-attended. Thanks to all who brought food and/or guests. Well over half of the new members (see the article on pg. 6) joined at that meeting and many branch members renewed for the 2009-2010 year.

In addition to viewing the DVD production about Lubbock's Mother-Daughter Program (which was funded by a grant from the Junior League), a participating mother, Sanjuana Dudvic, shared her personal impressions of the program. Her enthusiasm was evident and inspired us all, as she told how it had strengthened her ties with her daughter and had given them both a clear vision for college.

Outgoing officers Stephanie Nash (President), Sue Couch (Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund Chairperson), and Sarah Duncan (Secretary) were honored with a certificate. Stephanie, as outgoing President, was also presented with an AAUW bracelet created by branch member Lucy Barrington.

Incoming/returning officers for the 2009-2010 year were introduced: Carroll Akard (President, 2009-2011), Louise Cummins (President-elect, 2009-2011); Lane Powell (Membership VP, 2008-2010); Nadine Wink (Program VP, 2008-2010); Joy Vann (Mother-Daughter VP, 2009-2011); Lucy Barrington (Communications, 2009-2011); Toni Riley (Secretary, 2008-2010); Myrtle McDonald (2010-2011); Sandy River (Legal Advocacy Fund Chairperson, 2009-2011); and Adelaida Montemayor (Educational Foundation Chairperson, 2009-2011).

“*We're off to a good start for the new year!*” said incoming president Akard.

Are you the “Mystery Member”?

She has been a member since at least 1997 and has a BS degree from Oregon State and a PhD in counseling psychology from TTU. She has lived in Germany, Washington DC, and Pullman, WA. Her hobbies are photography and reading.

If you are the mystery member, or you know who this is, please contact Lane (see info above).

“This person's directory information sheet got separated from her renewal information, and we have been unable to identify who this is. Please let us know if it is you!” said Lane.

AAUW BRANCH PROGRAMS FOR 2009-2010

Mark your calendars now to attend all of these inspiring programs. All except the April Membership Brunch will be luncheon meetings at The Lubbock Women's Club on Broadway. Reservations for the meal are required. Please call or email Lane Powell (797-0197 or lanepow@suddenlink.net) at least three days before the meeting to make a reservation. Lunches include salad, entrée, vegetable and dessert and choice of tea or coffee. Meals are \$15 and anyone making a reservation will be expected to pay for the meal, unless cancellation is made by Monday noon.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Louise Cummins, Coordinator of The Osher LifeLong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University, will be the featured speaker at the first luncheon meeting of the new year in the Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch of AAUW. Her topic is "Learning for a Lifetime."

Louise first joined AAUW in 1961 and reactivated her membership as a member of the Lubbock branch in 1991. She has been involved with the OLLI program since its inception in 2002. As part of the Department of Outreach and Distance Education, OLLI is a program for people 50+ years who want to continue learning in an informal, friendly environment. Cummins has been active in many programs and organizations in Lubbock for more than 35 years. She was the founding director of the Volunteer Center of Lubbock where she worked for 12 years. She was named a Texas Woman of Distinction by AAUW of Texas in 2008.

Branch members are urged to attend the luncheon and bring a prospect. Persons who join at the meeting will receive a 50% reduction in national dues for the year: a savings of \$24.50.

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Dr. Elizabeth "Bess" Haley, Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Development at Texas Tech, will speak on "*Opportunities for Women in Philanthropy*." She has been instrumental in securing donors for numerous multi-million dollar projects at Tech, including the Child Development and Research Center and the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery. Dean Emeritus of the TTU College of Human Ecology, Dr. Haley has the distinction of being the first and only woman (to date) to serve as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Tech University (TTU) and the TTU Health Sciences Center (1988-89). She first joined AAUW in 1969 in Ruston, Louisiana and has been a member of the Lubbock Branch since 2008. Haley was named one of the "100 Texas Women of Distinction" in 2008, in commemoration of the first 100 years of AAUW in Texas.

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The Honorable Judge Nancy Koenig, U.S. Magistrate Judge, will speak on *Women and the Law: What Every Woman Should Know*. A longtime Lubbock resident, Judge Koenig was recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice with a Special Commendation Award for "outstanding and significant service." Over the years she has been involved in many community service projects, including the Plains Playschool Board of Directors and the Excellence in Creative Teaching Awards Committee, Christ the King School.

She was nominated by the Lubbock branch in the Business and Professional Women category and was selected as one of the "100 Texas Women of Distinction" in 2008.

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Dr. Elizabeth Teagan, Managing Director of the Advising Center at TTU will speak on "*The Pegasus Program and Hope Chest: Making college possible for first generation students*." Teagan will explain how the Pegasus Program, the TTU Prelaw Program, and the prospective student advisors (or college recruiters) assist in academic support programs that address transition and retention issues for a diverse student body. In her advising management role, she has developed support programs for honors students as well as student athletes. Teagan will introduce two programs that are making college possible for first generation students. *Hope Chest* works with foster care youth in the Lubbock area who are transitioning out of state care. In addition to tuition, books and supplies to enter college, they need many basic household items for independent living without the benefit of a family to support them.

Saturday, April 24, 2010

The *Annual Membership Brunch* gives an overview of AAUW and our branch for prospective members. The outstanding work of branch officers and members in community service projects and fundraising for Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Funds will be recognized, and new officers for the coming year presented. The brunch location will be announced at a later date. All members are strongly encouraged to attend the 10 a.m. gathering and to bring a prospective new member.

JOIN THE CUISINE GROUP FOR EXCITING EATING

The Cuisine Group meets in member homes about every six weeks to eat and enjoy each others' company. The hostess (or hostesses) choose the dinner theme and recipes for other participants to make and bring. All AAUW members may attend alone or bring their spouses or significant others. If you like to cook or try something new, this is the group for you! (Contact Diane Cole for more information: <DiaCole1@aol.com> or by phone at 797-2457.)

The first Cuisine Group dinner will be September 26, Saturday evening at 6:30, at Carroll Akard's home. Those interested in becoming a part of this yummy group should sign up at the first luncheon meeting. Call or e-mail Carroll Akard (797-1608 or cakard@sbcglobal.net) to sign up to be a part of the first dinner and get a recipe for your dish.

AAUW BOOK FRIENDS

Joy Vann, Book Group Chairperson (joypenvann@suddenlink.net or by phone 795-5128)

The **Book Discussion group** is trying something new this year. It will meet on **Saturday** mornings at **10:00** at **J&B Coffee Shop** in Tech Terrace for all of its discussions. Please contact Joy if you plan to attend and participate.

September 26, 2009—THE TRICKING OF FREYA by Christine Sunley

Carolie Mullins, discussion leader

Sunley's debut novel incorporates Iceland's distinctive history and ancient mythology with her reverence for language and passion for genealogy.

November 14, 2009—FUGITIVE PIECES by Anne Michaels

Francie Lowe, discussion leader

Fugitive Pieces, poet Anne Michaels' debut novel, is a New York Times Notable Book of the Year and winner of the Lennan Literary Fiction Award and the Guardian Fiction Award. It is the story of a young boy orphaned by the Holocaust of WWII who learns the "extent of what was lost to him and of what it is possible to regain."

January 16, 2010—OLIVE KITTERIDGE by Elizabeth Strout

Louise Cummins, discussion leader

Olive Kitteridge is the 2009 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. The Pulitzer Prize citation reads: "Awarded to "Olive Kitteridge," by Elizabeth Strout (Random House), a collection of 13 short stories set in small-town Maine that packs a cumulative emotional wallop, bound together by polished prose and by Olive, the title character, blunt, flawed and fascinating."

February 20, 2010—March by Geraldine Brook

Janis Sessums, discussion leader

Winner of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize, March's historical novel focuses on the father in Little Women. Alcott deals with the way the war affected the women at home but not on how it affected Mr. March who was actually in the war. In the "Afterword," Brooks writes: "March is a work of fiction that draws its inspiration from one of the great American families of the nineteenth century, the Alcotts . . . For its scaffolding, I have borrowed from Louisa May Alcott's iconic Little Women, among the first novels to deal, albeit glancingly, with the Civil War. But it is to Alcott's father, the transcendentalist Philosopher, educator, and abolitionist, A. Bronson Alcott, that I am most indebted." Mr. Alcott recorded his life in sixty-one journals and in letters that fill thirty-seven manuscript volumes in the Harvard College Library. He was a close friend of Emerson and Thoreau and is often quoted by them in their writings.

March 20, 2010—Black Rain by Masuji Ibuse

Joy Vann, discussion leader

An AAUW recommended book, the acclaimed Japanese author bases his novel on real-life diaries and interviews with victims of the bombing of Hiroshima during WWII. The life of Yasuko, the female protagonist, is changed forever.

April 17, 2010—The Wife by Meg Wolitzer

Lane Powell, discussion leader

One reviewer describes it as "a slim jewel of a novel, the sort of book you can read in one sitting but wish would last all summer. Set partly at Smith College in the 1950's, it chronicles the life of a talented writer (and Smith grad) whose dreams are subsumed by those of her famous novelist husband (he's also her former professor)." Wolitzer has humor and the ability to create tightly packed, pitch-perfect sentences. THE WIFE is a brilliant take on marriage, motherhood, and ambition, as well as a reminder of how far American women have come."

Mother-Daughter Program Meetings

The Mother-Daughter Program is a joint effort between our AAUW branch, the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD), and Texas Tech University (TTU College of Education, College of Human Sciences, Rawls College of Business, and the College of Engineering). The M-D Program organizes activities for the sixth grade girls and their mothers around four broad goals: Completion of high school and expectations to attend college, prepare for higher education, and increased parental commitment to higher education for the girls.

Contact person: Joy Vann at <joypenvann@suddenlink.net> or by phone at 795-5128. *Volunteers should plan to be at the TTU location by 8 a.m. to setup and prepare for the girls/their mothers to arrive by 9 a.m.*

October 3, 2009 (Saturday): TTU College of Engineering

November 7, 2009 (Saturday): TTU College of Human Sciences

February 6, 2010 (Saturday): TTU Rawls College of Business

March 27, 2010 (Saturday): TTU College of Education

April 23, 2010 (Friday): Graduation Ceremony and Banquet

These dates are tentative. The October and November dates may be changed due to conflicts at TTU.

More information will be shared at the September 16 meeting.

Science: It's a Girl Thing (SIGT)

Joy Vann, AAUW Mother-Daughter Chairperson

Most of the 2008-2009 graduates of the Mother-Daughter Program attended camp in July on the TTU campus. Girls stayed in dorms and participated in groups designed to give them experience in activities around their hopes and dreams for the future. Classes focused on such things as forensics, genetics, mathematics, physics, robotics, biology animal science, anatomy & physiology, and chemistry. Camp Director, Martha Hise, invited Marcy Bateman, Carroll Akard, Lane Powell, Joy and Penny Vann to the luncheon to represent AAUW on the last day of the camp. The Mother-Daughter girls came over to our table and discussed with them what they had done and learned for the week. It was evident that the girls enjoyed their week and learned much that will help them determine the direction for their future education.

A handout on the tables gave an overview of the camp activities as well as information about scholarships and donors. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Association of Women in Science combined their efforts and raised \$5,500 for Mother-Daughter Scholarships. The TTUHSC, Department of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology Division (Dr. Everardo Cobos) and Dr. John Griswold provided matching funds for all of the scholarships given. A list of individual donors is provided.*

Thanks to Lane Powell for spearheading the effort to raise funds and secure a partnership with Women in Science. Also, much gratitude goes to IDEAL staff, Director Martha Hise and Program Coordinator Michelle Hamman, for their support, advice and guidance.

2009 SIGT Matching Scholarship Donors and Mother-Daughter Scholarship Recipients

Donor	Mother-Daughter Recipient and Program School
Ms. Carroll Akard	Monica Martinez/Atkins Middle School
Dr. Todd Anderson (named honoree)*	Dahlila Hernandez/ Atkins
Ms. Martha Bateman	Kimberly Deatherage/Atkins
Dr. Jaelyn Canas	Eisha Wright/Atkins
Dr. Nancy Carty	Ebony Wright/ Atkins
Ms Martha Hise (named honoree)*	Monica Martinez/Atkins
Ms. Carolie Mullan	Kristina Acosta/Smylie Wilson Middle
Ms. Arlene Paschel	Natalie Lopez/Smylie Wilson
(in memory of her mother)	
Dr. Kendra Rumbaugh	Brookelyn Gearn/Smylie Wilson
Dr. Jean Strahlendorf	Tarra Madrigal/Smylie Wilson
Dr. Howard Strahlendorf	Alyssa Manzanales/Smylie Wilson
Dr. Simon Christopher Williams	Tatiana Beltran/ OL Slaton

*Thanks to the West Texas Association for Women in Science for these special scholarships.

Dr. Everardo Cobos & Dr. John Griswold--A special thanks to the TTUHSC, Department of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology Division (Dr. Everardo Cobos) and Dr. John Griswold who generously provided the matching funds for all of the scholarships given.

BRANCH WELCOMES 15 NEW MEMBERS

Lane Powell, Membership VP

AAUW Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch is pleased to welcome 15 new members this year. "They represent a wide diversity of interests and ages and will definitely be an asset to our organization," said Lane Powell, Membership Vice President. She and membership co-chair Ginny Felstehausen are arranging get-acquainted gatherings for the new members to acquaint them with AAUW's mission and activities, as well as with each other.

Although the 2010-2011 Directory will give more contact information, here are a few interesting facts about our new members:

Amanda Allen is a second generation member, the daughter of long-time member Cathy Allen. She is currently a student at Lubbock Christian University, with majors in music education and pre-music therapy.

Gail Bentley is a doctoral student in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Texas Tech. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Tech in 1975, and a M.Ed. in 2003. She formerly lived in San Francisco, CA.

Wilma Edwards, a lifelong resident of Lubbock, graduated from Texas Christian University in 1962 with a BS in Education. She also holds a MSSW (1983) from UT—Arlington. She spent 25 years with the Child Protective Services before retiring. Wilma is now teaching part time at South Plains College and enjoying lots of new activities, including bridge and pet therapy with her dog "Coco."

Dorothy Elizabeth Glass is currently the Librarian at the South Plains College, Reese Center. Her BS is from TTU (1974) with degrees in Library Science from East Texas State and the University of North Texas. Beth's outside interests include leading the Carillon Creative Writing group, reading, bowling, tai chi and soduko puzzles. Her daughter, Allysa, and son-in-law, Henry Aguillon, are the parents of her only grandchild, Genevieve, born July 21, 2008.

Valerie Guerin holds an MA and PhD in Linguistics and a M.Ed. French as a foreign language. She worked at TTU in the Anthropology Department and Outreach College. Her studies and interests have led her to live in Hawaii, Minnesota, Scotland, Ontario, and France.

Jamie Hansard lives in Brownfield and works with West Texas Recruiting in the Admissions office at Texas Tech. She has Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Midwestern State University and is currently completing a doctorate at TTU.

Martha Hise, a former AAUW member, is now returning after several years of "rest." She has a BS (1978) from TTU and is the Director of the IDEAL Center at Tech. She created and directs the "Science: It's a Girl Thing" Program, a summer camp at TTU for girls in grades 5-12.

Abbie Kleppa is also a second generation member. Her mother is Joy Kleppa. Abbie has a BA from Grinnell College, a BSN from Rush University in Chicago, and a CNM from Baylor College of Medicine.

Cynthia Kristinek, with a BS from McMurry University and an ME from TTU, was a part of the LISD faculty for 30 years. She has also taught two years for Wayland and one year at Tech. She is a member of the Altrusa Dawners, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Denise Mattson, known in her email address as "the juice mom," is the mother of four boys: Tanner, Tucker, Tyler and Turner. She is also the Director of Federal Programs for LISD and has been an invaluable advocate for the branch's Mother-Daughter Program. She is also a former elementary and high school principal, as well as spending several years in the classroom. She has a BS in Secondary Education from Tech and an MA in Educational Administration from West Texas A&M.

Sandy Ryan is very new to Lubbock. She and her husband Michael moved here from New Jersey this summer so that he could join the Tech faculty. Sandy has a BA from Douglass College/Rutgers and an MA from Boston College. She does web consulting and has been an Administrative Manager with TPM Electronics.

Dona Scarborough has a BS degree from McMurry College-New University. She also has done graduate work in computers and computerized book-keeping. Now retired from teaching, Dona enjoys gardening, reading and Tai Chi.

Stephanie Sokolosky received her BS in Education at the University of Houston and an MPS in Art Therapy from Pratt Institute. She is currently completing a PhD at TTU in Special Education with a concentration in Autism, an area she has worked in since 1971. She is a licensed specialist in School Psychology and has also taught in public schools and been an assistant principal. Her hobbies are photography, drawing and painting, and travel; she has lived in a number of cities in Texas and across the country.

Keren Weaver has a BFA (1979) from the University of North Texas. She has been the owner/operator of Keren Weaver Graphic Design for more than 20 years and has worked in the field for over 30 years. Her special interests are cooking, theatre, gardening, printing, reading and travel.

Sara Wilson has been an Education Specialist for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities since 1994. She has a BS in Occupational Education (2000) and a M.Ed. from WBU. She is also a Certified Prevention Specialist (Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals), and she works on community projects which focus on Prevention. Her hobby is writing—short stories, poetry, light verse.

"What a wealth of creative energy we have in this new 'class' of AAUW 2009!" said Lane. "We look forward to new ways they can use their talents to forward our goals and the mission of AAUW."

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010

Joy Vann, M-D Program Chairperson

The AAUW Mother-Daughter Program Committee met twice during June and again in July during the summer to review its program alignment with the program goals. Beccy Hambright, the TTU program facilitator, created a chart of TTU activities and purposes. Joy Vann created a similar chart for the LISD portion of the program. Each chart was discussed and revised at the July meeting. LISD Middle School coordinators, Oralia Ysasaga and Carolyn Ysasaga, brought recommendations for an official attendance policy. Joy Vann is writing an attendance document, creating an official attendance sheet, and designing individual folders for each of the girls in the Mother-Daughter Program. These folders will be kept by each of the middle school coordinators in her office. Periodically, each girl will be asked to update their folders on such things as information about her family, the courses she is taking each semester, grades, accomplishments, and extra-curricular activities. The individual folders are an effort to keep better records.

AAUW will again provide leadership for the program as well as supply support for the middle school coordinators in their endeavors. The program is blessed to have such wonderful leadership and cooperation from many different sources within Lubbock Independent School District and at TTU. At LISD, Denise Mattson is joined by Bonnie Quentin this year in coordinating the LISD portion of the program. Bonnie will schedule all the transportation for the program participants.

The Texas Tech University Saturday programs will be at the same four colleges that initially started the program. Expanding to an additional college was again discussed; the middle school coordinators felt that with the community service component of the program, it would be difficult to ask the mothers to attend another Saturday since many of them work on Saturdays. The Food Bank will again be the project in which all three middle schools participate together. In addition, the middle schools will each engage in at least one additional hands-on community project to fulfill the programs goal of "broadening their view of the world."

AAUW membership will again be asked to help with preparing and serving brunches for the TTU college visits and other events held at the three middle schools. A sheet for members to commit to helping will be at the September Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch meeting. Thanks to everyone who has helped with gifts of time and money. The M-D Program Committee could not have accomplished so much in three years without AAUW membership support.

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AAUW Mother-Daughter Program Dates

Saturday, October 3: (tentative date)

T-Stem (College of Engineering)

Saturday, November 7: (tentative date)

College of Human Sciences

December:

Food Bank (date TBA)

Saturday, February 6:

Rawls College of Business

Jan., Feb., or March:

TTU Women's Basketball game (date TBA)

Saturday, March 27:

College of Education

April 23:

Graduation Ceremony and Banquet

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION INFO

Learn more about what happened at the AAUW National Convention in St. Louis in June by going to the following website address:

<http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2009/index.cfm>

Look for more information from Lucy Barrington in the next **Ligature**.

SAVE THE DATE

AAUW Texas

State Convention

AAUW--Opening Opportunities!

April 23-25, 2010

Houston Marriott Westchase

2900 Briarpark Drive

Houston, TX 77042

AAUW Fellowships and Grants Program Information

(Information taken from the AAUW national website: www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm)

One of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, AAUW supports women breaking through educational and economic barriers as aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

AAUW fellowships and grants

Please go on-line to aauw.org to each program for application details and eligibility requirements.

- **American Fellowships** support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered. **Application Deadline: 11/15/09**
- **Career Development Grants** support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Application Deadline: 12/15/09**
- **Community Action Grants** provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Application Deadline: 01/15/10**
- **International Fellowships** are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Application Deadline: 12/01/09**
- **Selected Professions Fellowships** are awarded to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who intend to pursue a full-time course of study (during the fellowship year) in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. **Application Deadline: 01/10/10**

To order a copy of the **AAUW fellowships brochure** that includes general descriptions for each fellowship program, **e-mail**, call 319/337-1716, Ext. 60, or **write** to the customer service center at:

AAUW Dept. 60 301 ACT Drive Iowa City, IA 52243-4030

Questions about applications must be directed to the Iowa City office. Please do not contact the AAUW office in Washington, D.C., or local branches for application information.

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Campus Action Project applications: Enable student leaders and campus faculty to design and implement effective programs that enhance campus offerings, promote leadership, & improve academic and career outcomes. **Application Deadline: 10/16/09**

Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse Pilot Program: AAUW's centralized, standardized, online undergraduate scholarship application posting and processing initiative that supports participating AAUW local scholarship programs across the U.S. **Application Deadline: 03/10/10**

Are you in the **AAUW Action Network**? If not, go to the following website and fill-in your information:
<<http://capwiz.com/aauw/mlm/signup>>

Are you on the **AAUW Two Minute Activist** e-mail list? If not, e-mail VoterEd@aauw.org to do so!

2009 MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH: FUN FOR ALL!

The end of the year brunch meeting (Saturday, May 2) at the home of Diane Cole was delicious, fun, and very well-attended. Thanks to all who brought food and/or guests. Well over half of the new members (see the article on pg. 6) joined at that meeting and many branch members renewed for the 2009-2010 year.

In addition to viewing the DVD production about Lubbock's Mother-Daughter Program (which was funded by a grant from the Junior League), a participating mother, Sanjuana Dudvic, shared her personal impressions of the program. Her enthusiasm was evident and inspired us all, as she told how it had strengthened her ties with her daughter and had given them both a clear vision for college.

Outgoing officers *Stephanie Nash* (President), *Sue Couch* (Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund Chairperson), and *Sarah Duncan* (Secretary) were honored with a certificate. Stephanie, as outgoing President, was also presented with an AAUW bracelet created by branch member Lucy Barrington.

Incoming/returning officers for the 2009-2010 year were introduced: *Carroll Akard* (President, 2009-2011), *Louise Cummins* (President-elect, 2009-2011); *Lane Powell* (Membership VP, 2008-2010); *Nadine Wink* (Program VP, 2008-2010); *Joy Vann* (Mother-Daughter VP, 2009-2011); *Lucy Barrington* (Communications, 2009-2011); *Toni Riley* (Secretary, 2008-2010); *Myrtle McDonald* (2010-2011); *Sandy River* (Legal Advocacy Fund Chairperson, 2009-2011); and *Adelaida Montemayor* (Educational Foundation Chairperson, 2009-2011).

"We're off to a good start for the new year!" said incoming president Akard.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (with photo)

As a young teacher in the LISD system, Lena Mae Sheffield's mentor/teacher told her, "You need to join AAUW." And she did: more than 25 years ago. Now, at age 85-plus, Lena may be our oldest member. Although she is not physically able to come to meetings anymore, she remains active in her church and also uses her phone to remind branch members of meetings and other important events.

"I do what I can because I believe in the mission of our organization," said Lena. She also became a Life Member when national offered that option; and her state and local dues each year are never late.

As a teacher and later a high school counselor, Lena retired some 20 years ago after 42 years of teaching. The walls of her small house are lined with certificates of appreciation and service. Her Masters' degree in Political Science also has a prominent place. "My family couldn't help me, so I would take one course at a time—every summer. And she had to drive to New Mexico to do it, as TTU did not have the counselor education program at that time."

Congratulations, **Lena Mae Sheffield**, on your faithfulness and belief in AAUW!

BirthdaysSeptember 2009

3 Ginny Felstehausen
7 Dee Thomas
9 William Pennington Vann
22 Glenda Boverie
29 Anna Nadine Wink

October 2009

4 Sara H. Duncan
19 Caroline Ysasaga

November 2009

6 Sarah Lee Morris
8 Sophia Wade
14 Marjean D. Purinton
15 Alice Rettig
18 Lena May Sheffield
30 Melinda Corwin

December 2009

6 Margaret Williams
15 Francie Lowe
15 Erin Gregg
16 Adelaida Montemayor
20 Mary Margaret Ramsey

MEMBER NEWS . . .

*Lane Powell, Membership VP***It's never too late!**

Membership VP Lane Powell reminds everyone that it's not too late to renew your membership or to introduce a new person to AAUW. *"We are working to announce all of our programs in the newspaper and on the radio, and this has brought several interesting potential members to our meetings,"* Powell said. If a guest joins at the meeting, they only pay half of the national dues for that year.

Those who have not yet renewed may miss the cutoff for inclusion in the 2009-2010 yearbook, however, as it will go to press the first week in September in order to be ready for distribution at our first luncheon meeting on September 16.

Need to change or update your directory information?

Do it now by contacting Lane at lanepow@suddenlink.net or 797-0197.

Did you know?

The educational efforts of AAUW national are now viewed as tax exempt; so \$46 out of your membership dues (out of the \$49 that goes to national) may be claimed as a charitable gift. Be sure to keep your records!

LOSS OF A MEMBER

Sophia Wilde, long-time member of AAUW and supporter of women's causes, died August 1, 2009. Sophia was a member of the Cuisine Group; she faithfully attended branch meetings; and she participated in the Book Discussion Group. Dick, Sophia's husband, invites AAUW members to a memorial service for Sophia on Saturday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock (located at 2801 42nd Street).

The officers and the members of the branch extend our sincere sympathy to Sophia Wilde's family.

Congratulations to the AAUW National Officers**President:**

Carolyn Garfein (GA)

Vice-President:

Gail Nordmoe (CT)

Directors-at-Large

Kathleen Cha (CA)

Alicia Hetman (CA)

Connie Hildebrand (ND)

Patricia Ho (MA)

Jackie Littleton (TX)

Betsy McDowell (OR)

Linda Tozier (PA)

Appointed Officers

Kathy Anthon (TX)

Marcia Capriotti (GA)

Mildred Hoffler-Foushee (NC)

David Kirkwood (MN)

Krys Wulff (CA)

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUNDPurpose and Goal:

The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** was conceived and implemented to aggregate member contributions to invest in activities that prevent and combat sex discrimination and promote gender equity through support of litigation and educational programs. Beginning January 1, 2009, LAF case support was expanded to address discrimination cases that protect women in all workplaces, as well as those that arise in the academic context. Specifically, LAF will seek to support plaintiffs with significant cases that have the potential to set precedent and protect others against discrimination in the future.

Concept:

The establishment and implementation of LAF reflects AAUW's philosophical commitment to advancing gender equity as described in the *AAUW Value Promise*:

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Approach:

Over the years, LAF has provided members resources, tools, and tactics to address a wide range of gender equity challenges through a four-part strategy:

- Providing financial and moral support for legal cases involving gender equity through:
- Building an extensive online resource library of accurate background information, legal facts, statistics and credible outside resources on issues of sex discrimination.
- Creating LAF Campus Outreach Programs as AAUW branch-campus collaborations to prevent, identify and combat sex discrimination, advance gender equity, and empower women to advocate for and protect themselves.
- LAF staff work throughout the year to communicate the mission and current activity of the various aspects of the LAF enterprise.

CALENDAR

2009

September

- 16 **AAUW branch meeting**, 11:30 a.m., at the Lubbock Women’s Club (see information Pg 3)
- 26 **THE TRICKING OF FREYA** by Christine Sunley; 10:00 a.m., **J&B Coffee Shop** in Tech Terrace
- 26 **Cuisine Group Dinner** at Carroll Akard’s home; Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

October

- 3 **Mother-Daughter Program**, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: TTU College of Engineering/T-STEM Center

November

- 3 **AAUW branch meeting**, Dr. Elizabeth “Bess” Haley, 11:30 a.m., at the Lubbock Women’s Club
- 7 **M-D Program** at TTU College of Human Sciences
- 14 **Cuisine Group Dinner**, Saturday, 6:30 p.m., location to be announced
- 14 **FUGITIVE PIECES** by Anne Michaels; 10:00 a.m., **J&B Coffee Shop** in Tech Terrace

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