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AAUW: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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Dear AAUW Friends,

I hope your fall schedules have settled in and you have cleared your calendars to be at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 29, at noon at the Lubbock Women's Club. You will read more about our program in this edition of the Ligature. Be sure to place your reservation by calling Dee Thomas at 799-4458 or by e-mailing her at dee.thomas@ttu.edu no later than Monday, October 27, to guarantee your luncheon plate.

Our officers have planned an exciting year for us with AAUW, investing our time, energy, and resources to make lives better for women and girls through education and advocacy for equality. You play a part in that vision for the sake of women in our community, in Texas, and around the globe.

See you at our meeting on the 29th!

Grateful for women like you,

Stephanie Nash



WOMEN AND THE LAW

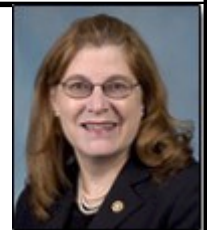
Speaker: Ann Graham, PhD

Professor of Law, Texas Tech University Law School

Lubbock Women's Club

(2020 Broadway, Lubbock TX)

October 29, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.



Ann Graham, a professor at the TTU Law School, will address today's issues regarding women and the law. What are current changes that might impact you? (Look for more information about Ann Graham on page 6.)

Be sure to contact Dee Thomas by Monday, October 27, to make your reservation for the luncheon meeting (phone #: 799-4458 or e-mail address dee.thomas@ttu.edu). Inform Dee if you need a vegetarian plate. (Remember: Lunch is \$15 and is to be paid at the Women's Club when you arrive.)

Bring a guest to learn about "Women and the Law" and AAUW!

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.



News from the Mother-Daughter Program

FIRST CAMPUS VISIT INTRODUCES T-STEM CAREERS

*Joy Vann, AAUW Mother-Daughter
Program Vice President
and Lane Powell, Co-Chair*

The buzz and laughter of 58 mothers and daughters energized a College of Engineering classroom as small groups worked to build towers out of newspaper, aluminum foil, string, straws, and duct tape. The Mother-Daughter (**M-D**) girls' and mothers' teams created a design that had to withstand high winds while supporting a tennis ball. The stability of each project was tested by placing it in front of a fan on low and high speed (with the tennis ball in place). Engineering students worked with the teams on the towers, then took small groups on a short campus tour after which they went to a dorm cafeteria for lunch provided by *T-STEM*. The 6th grade girls and their moms were introduced to the concept of what an engineer does and the variety of careers available to engineers.

Our local branch's cooperative program with LISD and TTU is aligned with AAUW's national goals of education and equity for girls. "The first college campus event of the Mother-Daughter Program on Saturday, October 4, was a huge success," said **M-D** co-chair Lane Powell. She felt that "everyone finished the morning with an exciting vision of college as a possibility in her future." Thanks to AAUW members Toni Riley, Lucy Barrington, Alice Rettig, Lane Powell, and Joy Vann who provided refreshments and/or volunteered that day, and to *T-STEM* for the pink Mother-Daughter design T-shirts and red *T-STEM* back packs, as well as the lunches.

"*T-STEM* is an acronym for *Texas – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math* and is a statewide program designed to encourage more students to enter the **STEM** careers," explained Dr. Dean Fontenot, Senior Director of Outreach and Literacy for the College of Engineering. The *T-STEM* Center provides a part-time director, Beccy Hambright, for the college component of the **M-D** program. Ms Hambright, who coordinates the outreach programs of *T-STEM*, communicates with TTU college liaisons and determines dates of all campus visits. She serves on the **M-D** Steering Committee and oversees program evaluation by another member of the *T-STEM* team, Dr. Doug Hamman.

"We are so appreciative of the willingness of *T-STEM* to offer these vital components to the successful future of this program," said Joy Vann, AAUW Mother-Daughter Vice President. "We are also grateful for the hard work and amazing talents of our Steering Committee. For example, Steering Committee member Joanne Wyatt (AAUW) spent many hours in conversation with Dr. Hamman, researching program goals and how they might be evaluated. We think that the evaluation is now well-defined and valid for our program. This will certainly help us as we seek grants and assistance from other community partners in the coming years."

L to R: Lucy Barrington, Toni Riley,
and Lane Powell volunteer to bring
snacks and setup refreshments at first
M-D campus visit for 2008-09.



AAUW to Launch Major STEM Study with Funding from NSF

Announced: October 16, 2008

AAUW Receives Substantial Grant; Work to Begin in January

WASHINGTON – AAUW has won a two-year, \$249,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to launch a major study of the causes and dynamics behind the low participation of women and girls in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. This is AAUW's fourth grant from NSF.

Set for a 2010 release, the study has the potential to garner public support for policies to even out the disparities in the higher-paying, male-dominated STEM fields, in which women are woefully underrepresented.

"Our report will sound the alarm," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "As a nation, we can't afford to take baby steps toward achieving parity, especially when we're facing a shortage of professionals in the STEM fields. How can we stay competitive in the global economy when half of our population isn't fully engaged in those areas?"

While progress has been made in many STEM fields, women remain far behind in critical areas, including computer science. High school girls represent only 17 percent of computer science Advanced Placement (AP) test takers.* College-educated women earn only 27 percent of bachelor's degrees in mathematics and computer science.* AAUW's new research report aims to help turn back this trend and ensure that girls and women are fully represented in these critical STEM fields.

The research on innate gender differences, the effects of stereotypes and bias, mentoring, and differences in performance on standardized tests are among the topics to be covered in the new report. Looking at the most important studies from the past 15 years, the AAUW report will connect common themes across the disciplines, explore the reasons behind the persistent gender inequity, and highlight key findings from the existing STEM research. Written with the general reader in mind, the report will include personal stories to illustrate the problem.

"The excellent work that has been done in this area too often does not reach the public because it is narrow in scope or too technical," said Catherine Hill, Ph.D., lead investigator on the report. "This project has attracted a stellar panel of experts from the scientific and research community because they recognize the need for a reader-friendly compilation of research."

AAUW research reports also are used to effect social change on Capitol Hill and across the nation.

"It is an honor for AAUW to receive these grants, which come with an accompanying responsibility that we take seriously," Hallman said.

*Tabulated by National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics; data from Department of Education/National Center for Education Statistics: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey.

AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Have you made **your** contribution to the AAUW Educational Foundation for 2008? Is there someone special you would like to honor with a donation in their name? How about a member of the branch you would like to give a gift as a thank you but don't know what to get? Honor that member with an EF donation in her name!

If you are like many, you don't have many things you want or need--especially more knick-knacks. Why not make an agreement with friends to donate to your favorite fund--the AAUW Educational Foundation!

If have not made your donation for 2008 and still plan to do so, bring your checkbook to the October 29 meeting and take care of it there! Since the branch will not meet again until February 2009, this will be a great opportunity to make your donation before December 31. *The AAUW Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch has been very supportive of the Educational Foundation in the past. Let's continue that tradition!*



Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award Turns 20!

Have you made at least a \$100 donation to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund? How many Eleanor Roosevelt Fund pins do you own?

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award is part of the Educational Foundation; all you need to do is designate your donation. Established in 1989, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, educational and research contributions, and legal and legislative work in equity for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

Do you know anyone who has received an Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award?

For 50 years, the AAUW Educational Foundation



has been "breaking through barriers" for women and girls.

In 1958, the Educational Foundation was officially established to administer AAUW's fellowship and grant programs, advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Thanks to the generous contributions of AAUW members across the nation, the Foundation remains one of the world's largest funding sources for graduate women. Adding to this distinguished legacy, the Foundation also became the source for AAUW's landmark research reports and more recently, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund program.

**Please join us in celebrating
the Educational Foundation's 50th anniversary,
as we mark this important milestone!**

Barbara Jordan Fellowship Completed at the AAUW Texas State Convention from AAUW Texas

The Barbara Jordan American Fellowship has been completed by AAUW Texas with the amount in the fellowship exceeding the \$100,000 required. This was accomplished through years of contributions to the fellowship. The final push to success came at the AAUW Texas State Convention in April. The members of the state raised more than \$4884 for the fellowship through donations and sales of raffle tickets for the two Southwest Airlines Tickets.

THANK YOU to all the members who contributed to this last effort to complete the fellowship. The Lubbock Branch raised the most money through the Educational Foundation Raffle with a total of \$1,015.

WAY TO GO LUBBOCK!

The AAUW-TX Barbara Jordan American Fellowship \$100,000 endowment proceeds will go toward post graduate scholarships in TX.

Significant Accomplishment AAUW Mother-Daughter Program (M-D)

Joy Vann, AAUW M-D Vice President

joypenvann@suddenlink.net —3809 57th Street



Each team posed for a picture with their creation after it was tested and approved.



Interaction between the college students and the girls and mothers as they discuss changes to their design.



Several important things have been accomplished this year. The program has expanded to three middle school campuses. In addition, a partnership has been finalized between our branch, T-STEM which will coordinate the TTU college programs (Engineering, Human Sciences, Rawls College of Business, and Education) and house program documentation and coordinate evaluations, and the Lubbock Independent School District. Copies of our agreement will be on the tables at our branch meeting. Also, the video which highlights the wonderful components of the program is completed. Junior League donated money to produce the video in addition to underwriting the banquet celebration at the end of the last academic year.

Thanks to members who responded to my letter appealing for donations for the AAUW Lubbock Mother-Daughter Program. Thus far, eleven members have donated a total of \$790. Those of you who still wish to donate, write your check to AAUW Mother-Daughter Program, and mail it to Joy Vann or give it to her at our next branch meeting on October 29 at the Women's Club.

In addition to monetary donations, thirteen members have offered to bring refreshments to one of the TTU Saturday programs, and six members have volunteered to present after-school programs to sixth grade girls in one of the middle schools on such topics as financial planning for college and avoiding risky behavior. (If you have any questions about length, etc., contact Joy.)

If you would be willing to present a program, please send Joy a brief explanation. The middle school coordinators would welcome any program dealing with how to be successful in school and in life. Since M-D focuses on motivating girls to attend college and giving girls the knowledge needed to prepare for college, programs that have anything to do with these two areas would be useful.



Lane's punch recipe looked absolutely scrumptious-- and it tasted great, too!

What a pretty fall display!

Book Discussion Group

Contact person: Joy Vann at <joypennvann@suddenlink.net> or by phone 795-5128

Most of the afternoon meetings will be at Joy Vann's home at 4:30 p.m. and will last an hour to accommodate the busy schedules of our membership. The Saturday morning meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.; this time is selected so that members who wish to linger and visit after the book discussion will have that opportunity.

November 4, 2008: *Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.:* **Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books** by Azar Nafisi (story of "resilience in the face of tyranny and a celebration of the liberating power of literature"). Location at 3809 57th Street; facilitator—Louise Cummins. Publisher: Random House Inc., Pub. Date: 12/2003, ISBN-13: 9780812971064)

The Book Group will not meet in December 2008.

January 13, 2009 *Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.:* **New and Selected Poems, Volume 1** by Mary Oliver (observations culled from nature). Location at 3809 57th Street; facilitator—Joy Vann. (Publisher: Beacon Press, Pub. Date: 04/2004, ISBN-13: 9780807068779)

February 14, 2009 *Saturday, 10:00 a.m.:* **Fugitive Pieces** by Anne Michaels (the transformation of a youth from the abyss of the Holocaust to an artist). Meeting location at J&B Coffee, Tech Terrace, 2701 26th Street; facilitator—Francie Lowe (Publisher: Random House Inc., Pub. Date: May 1998, ISBN-13: 9780679776598)

March 7, 2009 *Saturday, 10:00 a.m.:* **The Bluest Eyes** by Toni Morrison (Morrison's first book; her characters illustrate a different aspect of black identity, helping the reader become more understanding of the culture;). Meeting location at J&B Coffee, Tech Terrace, 2701 26th Street; Janis Sessums—facilitator. (Publisher: Spark Publishing, Pub. Date: October 2003, ISBN-13: 9781586635015)

April 7, 2009 *Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.:* **Falling Leaves: The Memoir of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter** by Adeline Yen Mah. Location at 3310 79th Street; facilitator—Lane Powell. (Publisher: Bantam Books, Pub. Date: April 1999, ISBN-13: 9780767903578)

May 5, 2009 *Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.:* **The House of Mirth** by Edith Wharton. (problems of restraint and virtue). Location at 3809 57th Street. (Publisher: Barnes & Noble, Pub. Date: September 2004, ISBN-13: 9781593081539)

Cuisine Group

The Cuisine Group meets in homes about every six weeks. Each gathering will have a theme for the dishes and recipes shared. All AAUW members and their spouses or significant others are welcome to participate. 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.

November 21, 2008: Hostess, Nadine Wink; 2614 Purdue, Lubbock TX 79415. Theme: Seafood Buffet

Contact Nadine at <anadineewink@yahoo.com> or by phone at 762-0160.

December 12, 2008: Hostesses, Glenda Keyton and Carolyn Young.

Glenda: <gmk4867@sbcglobal.net> or 799-6748 OR Carolyn: <cay5971@sbcglobal.net> or 795-1588.

No Cuisine Group gathering in January 2009.

February, 2009: Hostess, Caroll Akard. *March, 2009:* Hostess, Joy Vann. *May, 2009:* Hostess, Louise Cummins.

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 <joypennvann@suddenlink.net> or by phone at 795-5128. *Volunteers should plan to be at the TTU location by 8:00 a.m. to setup and prepare for the girls and their mothers to arrive by 9:00 a.m.*

November 15, 2008 (Saturday),: TTU College of Human Sciences

February 7, 2009 (Saturday): TTU Rawls College of Business

March 28, 2009 (Saturday): TTU College of Education

PROFESSOR ANN GRAHAM**Speaking on "Women and the Law"**

The information below are excerpts from Professor Graham's biographical data on the TTU website.

To see the complete TTU biography on Professor Graham, you may go to the following website:

<http://www.law.ttu.edu/faculty/bios/graham/>.

Professor Graham's background in banking and commercial law includes both state and local government service as well as major private law firm experience. (She is admitted to practice law in Texas, Oklahoma, and the District of Columbia.) Legislative drafting and state and federal lobbying for financial institution issues have been a significant part of her legal practice. As a professor at TTU, her courses include Banking Law, Commercial Law, Corporate Governance, and Business Analysis.

Professor Graham's educational background includes the following degrees: B.A.—Texas Tech University (1972), J.D.—University of Virginia (1975), Diploma in Comparative Legal Studies—Cambridge University (1976), and MBA—University of Texas (1997).

She frequently presents papers and speaks to financial institution officers, directors, and lawyers throughout Texas and nationally. Examples of her papers and presentations include the following:

"Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) – New Regulations" - Solicited by Texas Bankers Association for presentation and publication in course materials for Annual Legal Seminar—Spring 2008; "NAFTA, 9/11, and the U.S. Subprime Mortgage Meltdown: A Deadly Combination from the Human Rights Perspective," presentation to Oxford Roundtable, Oxford University, August 2008; and TEXAS SAVINGS & COMMUNITY BANKERS ASSOCIATION/ INDEPENDENT BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS, Annual Legal Conference - Conference Chairman (March 30-31, 2006)—presentation & paper: "Predatory Lending & Subprime Lending: Can We Banish the Evil Stepsister without Strangling Cinderella?" .

Professor Graham is a trained mediator; among the many mediations she conducted for Settlement Week in the Travis County Courts and for the Travis County Dispute Resolution Center, she most values the bi-lingual (Spanish/English) mediations she conducted at Juvenile Court in Travis County.

With a substantial track record of community involvement, she is now a member of the Rotary Club of Lubbock and serves as Vice President.

Professor Graham's *Banking Law Blog* provides current analysis and commentary on the volatile U.S. financial institution industry.

WHAT IS HOPE CHEST?

information submitted by Toni Riley <Toni.Riley@ttu.edu>

Foster Care Youth in the Lubbock area are in need of NEW household items as they transition out of state care and live on their own without the benefit of family support. When Texas foster care youth graduate from high school or turn 18 years old, they are required by Law to provide for themselves. As foster care youth, they typically leave state support with their clothes, personal items, and limited state and federal funds—if they are eligible.

You are invited to partner with the PEGASUS Program at Texas Tech University to provide a "Hope Chest" for Foster Care Youth graduating from high School.

A **Hope Chest** contains basic household items for Foster Care Youth and will be provided to the youth during a June 2009 graduation luncheon.

HOW CAN YOU ASSIST?

—Purchase tickets to attend the **Hope Chest ThanksGIVING Luncheon**, November 7, 2008, at St. Elizabeth's Hanly Hall - \$15

—Assist in sponsoring a Youth

—Provide new household items

—Help raise awareness through friends and family

—Volunteer

—Monetary Donation

—Help sell tickets to November Luncheon \$15 per person

—Visit: www.fgc.ttu.edu/hopechest or call (806)742-2189

All proceeds benefit Hope Chest of Lubbock.

HOPE CHEST Donation Items Needed**Kitchen (\$200)**

Cooking Utensils	Sieve
Dishes	2-4 Cup Coffee Maker
Flatware	Coffee Cups / Mugs
Iron	Dish Rack
Mixer	Dish Towels
Mixing Bowls	Ice Trays
Canisters	Can Opener
Knife Set	Cutting Board
Glasses	Cookbook
Pots	Potholders
Pans	Toaster
United (grocery) Gift Card	Storage Containers

Miscellaneous (\$50)

Batteries	Light Bulbs
Cleaning Supplies	Emergency Candles
Flashlight	First Aid Kit
Land Line Phone	Fire Extinguisher
Movie Gift Card - <i>Optional</i>	Sewing Kit
Tools - (Multi-tool kit)	Laundry Quarters, 1 roll
Light Bulbs	Candles - Emergency

Bedroom (\$100)

Alarm Clock	<u>Bathroom</u> (\$75)
Blanket & Pillow	Shower Curtain & Hooks
Full Size Sheets	Soap Dish Set
Makeup or Hand Mirror	Towels
Bed Spread/Comforter	Razors
	Lotion

Living Room (\$50)

Coasters	Fan, Lamp
Throw Pillows - <i>Optional</i>	Throws - <i>Optional</i>

Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Economic Crisis Intensifies For Women

AAUW Website

Recent economic troubles are prompting many watchdogs for women's rights to voice growing concern over women's retirement security, *Women's E-news* reported. Data collected by Vanguard indicates that women have a smaller cushion in their plans, with men on average having invested \$40,000 more than women in retirement funds. WISER, a women's retirement advocacy group, also noted that smaller losses hit women harder as about 1.4 million more women than men live in poverty. The demise of retirement savings will likely also force older women to work longer and to return to the workforce if they have already entered retirement. This crisis on Wall Street should be a wake-up call for the next administration to protect Social Security to ensure that women have a secure future in retirement.

AAUW is committed to a Social Security system that provides lifelong protections for women and families that include guaranteed benefits with cost-of-living adjustments. Women are more dependent on Social Security than men are, because they earn less than men while in the workforce, are less likely to receive a pension, are usually in the workforce for shorter periods of time due to care giving responsibilities, and live longer on average than men. Read AAUW's position papers on [Women and Social Security](#) and [Social Security Privatization](#).

Support the NWHM

(From the TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST on the AAUW website)

Although women constitute a majority of the population, their lives, achievements, and contributions are often underrepresented in museums in the U.S. Recognition of the achievements made by American women will promote a better understanding of our history and culture for all. The [National Women's History Museum](#), is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history. The NWHM needs congressional action to allow them to purchase federal land for a permanent museum near the National Mall in Washington, D.C. In this year of women breaking through historical barriers, urge your representative to support legislation to make this dream a reality.

In 1999, the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's history museum in Washington, D.C. and cited the efforts of the NWHM toward that goal. While several previous attempts have been made to this end, a perma-

ment museum to celebrate women's role in history still does not exist in our nation's Capital. On July 17, 2008, Reps. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Deborah Pryce (R-OH) introduced **H.R. 6548** to allow the NWHM to purchase land across from the National Mall at fair market value for the purpose of building such a museum.

AAUW strongly supports H.R. 6548 and is a proud member of the [NWHM Coalition](#), a group of national women's professional and service organizations committed to supporting the NWHM mission. In a year when many women have made history, we recognize the importance of remembering how far we have come and honoring the women who have played an integral part in getting us here.

Capitol Hill Lobby Corps: The Front Lines of Public Policy



AAUW Website

Whether fighting for gender equity in education, championing moderate jurists for federal courts, or supporting measures to improve economic security, AAUW's Capitol Hill Lobby Corps is on the scene.

Once a week, volunteer members and college student interns give AAUW a voice and a face on Capitol Hill. Since its formation in 1972, the Lobby Corps has made tens of thousands of visits to congressional offices, making AAUW a familiar and respected name among members of Congress and their staffs. Because of this corps, working hand in hand with lobbying staff, AAUW has had a significant political impact on legislation concerning issues such as education, civil rights, reproductive rights, and economic security.

Training. Volunteers receive comprehensive training as well as briefings on key issues likely to be come before Congress.

Lobbying. Every Thursday morning Congress is in session — about 30 Thursdays a year — the Lobby Corps is briefed on that week's priority and then proceeds to selected congressional offices to educate policy-makers. Members make more than 1,200 visits each session, reporting back to AAUW staff helpful information for follow-up and grassroots activities.

AAUW members as well as college students who study in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area are welcome to join the Lobby Corps. No experience or expertise is necessary — only a commitment to promoting equity and education. To join or learn more, [e-mail AAUW](#) or call 202/785-7793. Some branches have similar programs at the state level; contact AAUW to find one.

Congressional Voting Records

Have you ever gone on-line to the AAUW website (AAUW.org) to read the AAUW Congressional Voting Record that is written every two years? It's so easy to do! Actually, you can receive a weekly update from AAUW to your own computer

To read more and check the voting record of your senators and representative for the 110th Congress, you can copy and enter the following website address:
<http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/upload/votingRecord110.pdf>

Support means they voted in a way that is in accordance with AAUW's public policy and beliefs.

Not Supported means they voted in the way that is not in accordance with AAUW's public policy and beliefs.

The following are the voting records for our current TX senators for indicating support or non-support of AAUW priorities:

SENATE VOTES

IN THE 110TH CONGRESS (2007-2008)

Senator Cornyn (R)

40% Support All Votes; 40% Support When Voting
(with AAUW's public policies and beliefs)

support: College Cost Reduction

support: STEM Education

support: Domestic Priorities

support: Higher Education Act

not supported: DREAM Act/College Access

not supported: Pay Equity

not supported: Minimum Wage Increase

not supported: Hate Crimes Prevention

not supported: Repeal Global Gag Rule

not supported: Budget Resolution

Senator Hutchison (R)

50% Support All Votes; 50% Support When Voting

support: College Cost Reduction

support: STEM Education

support: Domestic Priorities

support: Higher Education Act

support: DREAM Act/College Access

not supported: Pay Equity

not supported: Minimum Wage Increase

not supported: Hate Crimes Prevention

not supported: Repeal Global Gag Rule

not supported: Budget Resolution

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<http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/upload/votingRecord109.pdf>

SENATE VOTES

IN THE 109TH CONGRESS (2005-2006)

Senator Cornyn (R)

10% Support When Voting; 10% Support All Votes

not supported: Pell Grant Funding

support: Vocational Education

not supported: Student Aid/Job Training

not supported: Budget Reconciliation

not supported: Griffith Confirmation

not supported: Roberts Confirmation

not supported: Alito Confirmation

not supported: Marriage Amendment

not supported: Clinic Violence

not supported: Minimum Wage/Estate Tax

Senator Hutchison (R)

10% Support When Voting; 10% Support All Votes

not supported: Pell Grant Funding

support: Vocational Education

not supported: Student Aid/Job Training

not supported: Budget Reconciliation

not supported: Griffith Confirmation

not supported: Roberts Confirmation

not supported: Alito Confirmation

not supported: Marriage Amendment

not supported: Clinic Violence

not supported: Minimum Wage/Estate Tax

House Votes in the 110th Congress

The following are the voting records for our current TX representative for support of AAUW priorities:

Representative Neugebauer (R)

20% Support of All Votes; 20% Support When Voting

not supported: College Cost Reduction

not supported: STEM Education

supported: Domestic Priorities

supported: Higher Education Act

not supported: Pay Equity

not supported: Minimum Wage Increase

not supported: Paycheck Fairness

not supported: Paid Parental Leave

not supported: Hate Crimes Prevention

not supported: Family Planning

House Votes in the 109th Congress

The following are the voting records for our current TX representative for support of AAUW priorities:

Representative Neugebauer (R)

30% Support When Voting; 30% Support All Votes

supported: Pell Grant Disaster Relief

supported: Vocational Education

not supported: Higher Education Act

not supported: Budget Reconciliation

not supported: Religious Discrimination

not supported: Hate Crimes

supported: Voting Rights Act

not supported: Marriage Amendment

not supported: Servicewomen's Health

not supported: Minimum Wage/Estate Tax

Save the Date for AAUW's Post-Election Analysis Call

(From the AAUW TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST)

You have been preparing for months to ensure that women's voices and issues are heard on November 4. Now, plan on joining AAUW just days after the historic election for an analysis of the post-election environment and what it means for AAUW's public policy agenda.

On **Thursday, November 6, at 6 p.m. Central time**, the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department staff will hold a members-only conference call to discuss the events of Election Day and disseminate what they mean for AAUW. The call will cover both legislative and grassroots components: a look ahead at AAUW's legislative agenda for the 111th Congress, and the role that you can play in moving the agenda forward.

Contact VoterEd@aauw.org for more information on how to RSVP to be a part of this informative phone call.

Birthdays

September 2008

- 3 Ginny Felstehausen (Happy Belated Birthday!)
- 7 Dee Thomas (Happy Belated Birthday!)
- 9 William Pennington Vann
- 22 Glenda Boverie (Happy Belated Birthday!)
- 29 Anna Nadine Wink (Happy Belated Birthday!)

October 2008

- 4 Sara H. Duncan (Happy Belated Birthday!)
- 19 Caroline Ysasaga (Happy Belated Birthday!)

November 2008

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

December 2008

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



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AAUW Texas
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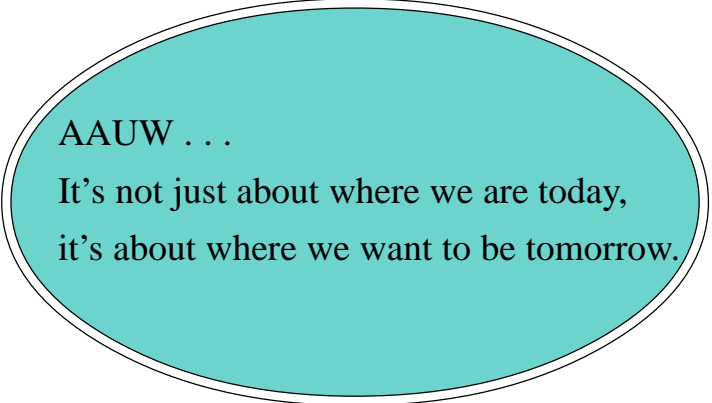
Are you in the AAUW **Action Network**?

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!



MEMBER NEWS . . .

Spreading the word about Mother-Daughter

Lane Powell was invited to Greenville, Texas (northeast of Dallas) recently to specifically speak on the Mother-Daughter Program and what it would take to start one. "It was great to have the DVD to show them and to talk about the energy and promise of the program," stated Lane when she returned.

HERE'S A GREAT DEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Bring a potential new member to our October 29 meeting; they will get half off their national dues when they join that day.

AAUW National is offering a 50% discount on national dues to new members who join at a meeting that has been announced in the local paper. Since our meeting is appearing in the AJ community briefs, this special opportunity applies. National dues, which usually cost \$49, will cost only \$24.50. When you add state (\$10) and Local (\$10), the total annual dues for the new members is \$44.50. So, bring a potential new member with you next week and get them to join! (And don't forget to call or e-mail Dee Thomas by Monday, October 27, to reserve a spot: dee.thomas@ttu.edu; 799-4458.)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

It is our pleasure to welcome eight new members to our branch. AND we've already put some of them to work!

Lucy Barrington. Retired Business and Computer Teacher. Taught at St. John's College Prep H.S. in St. Louis for 29 years; taught Adult Education and college courses for over 20 years. As a teacher, was very active in professional organizations at local, state, regional and national levels. Very active in AAUW and was honored with named gifts from AAUW Missouri: two from the St. Louis Branch and two from the Kirkwood-Webster Branch. Enjoys volunteering, jewelry creation, reading, taking photographs, working & helping to organize auctions and fundraisers. Enjoy using the computer, teaching someone a new skill, plus learning new things herself. Recently married (August 07), she became an instant grandmother of six, a great grandmother of five, and stepmother of two. Lucy will be the new Communications Chair (Replacing Tess Trost who chose to resign the position.)

Dr. Dean Fontenot. BS, MFA, McNeese State Univ, Lake Charles LA; PhD, Texas Tech.

Current position: Senior Director, TTU T-STEM Center; Senior Director, Center for Engineering Outreach; Adjunct Professor, College of Engineering. Previously taught English courses at McNeese State and TTU. Also works to coordinate the involvement of the College of Engineering in the Mother-Daughter Program.

Enjoys reading, architecture, creative writing and two pet cats: Penny and Leo.

Erin Gregg. BA, 2008, Texas Tech Univ, in News and Editorial Journalism. Also completing BA in Spanish (expected grad date: 2010). Hometown of San Angelo. Enjoys knitting, roller skating, 80s music, classical literature and astronomy. Husband Elgin is a graduate student in Music Education; they have a dog named Izzy. Erin is interested in volunteering with the Mother Daughter program and wants to form a discussion group regarding starting a campus affiliate of AAUW at TTU.

Dr. Elizabeth "Bess" Haley. BS, 1966, Family & Consumer Sciences Education, Louisiana Tech University; MS, 1968, Clothing & Textiles, Florida State University; Ph.D., 1972, Human Development & Family Studies, Florida State University. Current position: Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean Emeritus, Institutional Advancement Texas Tech University System, 2003 to present; other positions at TTU include serving as interim President of the University and Health Sciences Center, 1988-89; and Dean of the College of Human Sciences for nine years. Bess first joined AAUW in Ruston, LA, in 1969. Have lived in Ruston, Tallahassee, FL and Nachitoches, LA. Is married to Dr. Glenn Jones, a retired radiologist. Have 3 married children, 8 grandchildren and a great granddaughter on the way. Also have Holly, a Multi-Poo, who shares their lives. Dr. Haley is one of the branch recipients of the AAUW Texas Women of Distinction Award.

Beccy Hambright. BGS, General Studies, TTU, 1999; MS, TTU, 2004; ABD, PhD in Curriculum and Instruction (anticipated graduation: August 2009). Currently TTU T-STEM Project Manager. which is housed in the College of Engineering, and Beccy will be Coordinator of the Mother-Daughter Program TTU college events. She is a former Communications Specialist and Trainer, Head Start and Early Head Start. Interim Director, TTU Early Head Start. Have lived in Ralls and San Angelo. Interested in anything her kids do; also likes reading and watching old movies.

Toni Riley. BBA, General Business, TTU, 2004. Current position: Admissions Coordinator at TTU. Have lived in Seoul, South Korea (taught English as a second language) and Mexico City, Mexico. Enjoy traveling, cooking, reading. Married to wonderful husband, Matt. Toni will be the new Recording Secretary. (Because Sara has recently begun teaching part time at South Plains College, she chose to resign the position.)

Margaret Williams. BBA, Texas Tech, 1940; M. Ed, Texas Tech, 1970. Was a counselor in Brownfield Consolidated Independent Schools. Has lived in Brownfield, Borger and New Haven, Conn. Hobbies are reading biography and history. Have one son, one daughter, two grandchildren. My husband of 67 years died July 9, 07. Was a member of AAUW from 1955- 1960. Margaret has attended many meetings with her friend Margaret Buhn and officially joined this year.

Caroline Ysasaga. BS, MS, Texas Tech University. OL Slaton Librarian; Mother-daughter Program campus coordinator. Enjoy traveling, gardening, cooking, decorating, reading. Two adult children: David and Lori. Caroline has served for two years as OL Slaton Campus Coordinator for the Lubbock Mother-Daughter Program.

Welcome to all of our outstanding new members!!!

CALENDAR

2008

October

29 **AAUW branch meeting**, 11:30 a.m., at the Lubbock Women's Club (see information Pg 1)

November

4 **Book Group**, Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., 3809 57th Street; facilitator—Louise Cummins

Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi

6 **AAUW's Post-Election Analysis Call**, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Must RSVP to participate; see more information on Pg 9.

15 **Mother-Daughter Program**, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: TTU College of Human Sciences

21 **Cuisine Group**, Friday, 6:00 p.m., hostess, Nadine Wink; 2614 Purdue, Lubbock TX 79415.
Theme: Seafood Buffet!

December

12 **Cuisine Group**, Friday, 6:00 p.m., hostesses, Glenda Keyton and Carolyn Young.

2009

June 26 - 28 **2009 AAUW National Convention: *Breaking through Barriers***

For more information, visit <www.aauw.org/convention>.

July 24 -26 **2009 AAUW Texas Leadership Conference** in Abilene, TX, at the MCM Elegante

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