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**LIGATURE**



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

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Branch Meeting and Lunch  
**11:45 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 2009**  
 at the Lubbock Women's Club  
 (2020 Broadway)

**“TTU Press Publications  
by Outstanding Women Authors”**  
**Judith Keeling, Editor in Chief  
and other guests**  
**from Texas Tech University Press**

Judith Keeling, Editor in Chief of TTU Press, received her MA in English at TTU. She has worked for TTUP since January 1987. Although originally from Lawrence, Kansas, her husband says, “After thirty-five years here, Judith has earned the right to call herself a naturalized Texan!”

Mrs. Keeling and her guests will address “Outstanding Women Authors” published by the TTUP. She will also share information about the seventh annual Literary Lubbock, an enjoyable evening with Texas authors, which is scheduled for May 1, 2009, at Texas Tech’s Merket Alumni Center. According to Nadine Wink, “My husband and I attend Literary Lubbock each year and enjoy every minute of it!” Literary Lubbock is an opportunity to meet recent authors and hear from their works, and to purchase copies for gifts or for your own reading pleasure--as well as to savor culinary delights in an elegant setting.

**AAUW Applauds President Obama  
for Signing Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into Law**

*Wage Discrimination Measure Becomes  
First Bill Signed into Law by New President*

WASHINGTON, Thursday, January 29, 2009 – AAUW applauds President Barack Obama for signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which restores the long-standing interpretation of civil rights laws and EEOC policies that allow employees to challenge any discriminatory paycheck they receive.

**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.

Dear AAUW Friends,

We said a final good-bye a few weeks ago to our dear friend and branch namesake, Betty Anderson. A memorial service was held for Betty on January 3 at St. John's United Methodist Church, and I was asked to provide a witness to Betty's life, which I considered a great honor. I have asked Lucy to include my tribute to Betty in this issue of **The Ligature** for those who were unable to attend the service. We shall miss her so very much, but nothing would please Betty more than for our branch to continue to be a strong voice for women and girls in our personal lives and community.

Grateful for women like you,

*Stephanie Nash*

### Betty Anderson: A Voice Is All We Need

I am honored to serve as witness today to the life of our friend Betty Anderson. All of you who were blessed to know Betty would be qualified to speak a word of witness about her in this hour, but that will be a challenge we will continue to share in the days to come – to share with each other the essence of this child of God we knew as Betty Anderson.

Betty's voice in improving life for the underserved of her community, nation, and world is well documented. Her passion and expertise concerning issues of government, education, women's issues, peace, and justice demanded great respect in her many spheres of influence. At one point, she was a board member of thirty-five different organizations, many of them services which she had helped to found. She has been cited as one of the most influential voices in Lubbock's history for her tireless efforts to support and promote the social, health, and welfare concerns of women, children, the elderly, and the disabled. We are all witness to Betty's tireless efforts to help others, and each one of us has wondered how on earth she was physically able to accomplish as much as she did in her lifetime and with such grace.

My own association with Betty was through the American Association of University Women, an organization that advocates for the equity of women and girls through education and research. The AAUW held a special place in Betty's cherished commitments. In the early 1980s, membership in the Lubbock branch dwindled and deactivation of the group was a looming threat. However, due primarily to Betty's commitment to AAUW and her dedicated work as president, the branch--which now bears her name--was revitalized and has grown steadily since that time. This is just one example of Betty's qualities of voice – she was a leader who was personally committed to the causes she supported. She was not hesitant to be physically involved, whether that meant boxing food at the South Plains Food Bank, ministering to the needs of the women through Women's Protective Services, or becoming a peace maker and unifying force on governing boards for so many humanitarian causes.

#### **Betty's voice was a physical investment not just in changing the moment but in changing the future.**

But the truest measure of the power of Betty's voice is not in the lists of awards she earned with such good hard work. The truest measure is the impact her life has had on each one of us here today and so many more. I too was impacted by Betty's witness to community service and faith stewardship. I did not have the opportunity to meet Betty as I grew up here in Lubbock, but I watched her through my youth and young adulthood with great admiration for her many roles of service to our community. I noted the grace of her selfless model of leadership. When given an

opportunity to join AAUW, I became aware of Betty's leadership in the organization, along with many others who had also been challenged by her influence, and that sealed my decision to become involved. It seemed Betty's voice was strongest when challenging others to join her in service. Her leadership spawned our leadership. Each of us who knew her was challenged to examine our own sacrifices to the causes that truly mattered and grow in our own measure of spiritual and community service.

How does a person accomplish as much as Betty accomplished? How was it physically possible to help so many people in such broad and expanding circles? Perhaps it was that Betty's work was invested as much in calling out each of our gifts as in doing what she could do alone.

One of Betty's friends, Mary Vines, has said, "How grateful I am for having had Betty in my life for many years, for all that she taught me, led me, and prodded me to do, and for her example to help me grow ever so much in my understanding of what it means to be a true child of God, open and sensitive to the world's needs, striving always to respond to God's call for peace through justice. Betty gave her all, and what she gave will always be a part of me."

God has imprinted on each of our lives the potential to engage in the mystery of contagious creativity, of unbridled love, of courageous compassion. Each one of us has the gift of a voice to be used as Betty used hers, to speak the word of hope the world needs to hear, to be an advocate for those who need a voice to speak for them, to cheer the work of others who have spoken a healing word that builds trust and understanding in a confused and hurting world. Perhaps the best way we can honor Betty today is to emulate her deep spiritual understanding of just what power a voice has to create change in people's lives, to make a difference in our world, to build the Kingdom of God. We will miss hearing Betty's voice in the days to come, but with God's help, our voices can fill the void she leaves behind and pass that sacred legacy on to those who follow.

T.S. Eliot has said, "Last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning."

May we all do our part in making a new beginning, in becoming next year's voice to speak a corrective word to injustice, to promote peace, to lift up the poor. **A voice is all we need.** And by using that voice, we make the end of Betty's life a new beginning.

--January 3, 2009, a witness statement given by Stephanie Nash

## AAUW MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM REPORT AS OF JANUARY 2009

*Joy Vann, AAUW, Director of Mother-Daughter Program and Lane Powell, Co-Chair*

The M-D Committee met on January 29, 2009, at O. L. Slaton Middle School. Refreshment plans for the Saturday program at The Rawls College of Business were finalized. The Texas Tech Athletic Department donated tickets to the M-D Program for the TTU Women's Basketball game on Monday, February 2. LISD bused the mothers and daughters to the event and TTU provided them with popcorn and a drink.

### Financial Report

Donations to M-D by AAUW members: \$860  
Junior League Grant underwrote 2008 banquet expenses: \$1000  
American State Bank account balance as of 12/31/08: \$2017.62

**Banquet, April 24, 2009, 6:30 p.m.**

**J. Gordon Room, Central Office, LISD**

Joy Vann wrote and sent a grant proposal for \$1,500 to a local civic group. As the number of schools served by the Mother-Daughter Program has grown from one middle school to three this academic year, Joy asked for \$500 more than requested in previous years. Even though the request was for one year, Joy asked that in addition to this year's grant request to cover the banquet expenses that the civic organization consider a multi-year commitment. A response is expected the middle of February.

### Recruitment

Last year, the M-D Committee realized the necessity to start recruitment earlier and the need to standardize the procedure and effort for each of the three middle school campuses. Joy Vann, in cooperation with Denise Mattson and the middle school principals, will send a letter to each middle school feeder school asking for recommendations of girls who meet the program's criteria. LISD is also asking each teacher in the feeder schools to have each girl student fill out a questionnaire about her interests in higher education and about her family's involvement in higher education. The committee needs more AAUW members to join us to share the work load, especially in cross referencing the teacher recommendations with each student's response on the questionnaires.

### AAUW Members Can Contribute

1. Plan, decorate, and/or serve at the banquet.
2. Donate small artificial flowers up to an inch in diameter so as to look good in small vases of about a pint in size. The flowers can be multi-colored as colors will be mixed. Also, pint size vases or canning jars are needed.
3. Serve on the M-D Program Committee. We desperately need more members.
4. Make a donation to underwrite the program expenses.
5. Contribute refreshments for the M-D Saturday at the College of Education Program, March 28. Contact Carroll Akard to help.
6. Cross reference teacher recommendation with student's responses on questionnaire.

A special thanks to all members who have donated money and time to the success of the M-D Program. A thank you note has been sent to each contributor, and the names of program contributors will appear in our 2009-2010 membership book.

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Lane Powell, AAUW MD Program Co-Chair, 797-0197; [lanepow@suddenlink.net](mailto:lanepow@suddenlink.net)

**Contact Joy to volunteer  
or contribute  
to the Mother-Daughter Program  
and/or its banquet.  
Your help is needed!**

### AAUW: Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

Betty Anderson understood about  
breaking through barriers for girls and women.  
Maybe that's why she was such a strong advocate  
of AAUW and its mission.

**Remember, "A Voice is all YOU Need!"**

## November at TTU

### AAUW Mother-Daughter Program (M-D)

Joy Vann, AAUW M-D VP; [joypenvann@suddenlink.net](mailto:joypenvann@suddenlink.net)

### Fun Learning about Nutrition, Fashion and Imagination

*Lane Powell, Co-Chair M-D Program*

The second campus visit for some 35 mother-daughter pairs was to the TTU College of Human Sciences (COHS), Saturday morning, November 15, 2008.

Sixth-grade girls and their mothers were greeted by ten COHS "Recruiters," students representing several of the majors in the college, who accompanied the sixth grade girls and moms through the jam-packed morning schedule. AAUW members Lucy Barrington, Lane Powell, Toni Riley, Janis Sessums and Jo Anne Wyatt setup and served refreshments and observed the session events, which included two sessions for the girls on "Nutrition: It's Your Body" and "Fashion Sense and Sensibility." Led by two fashion design majors, this session featured a power point program of fashion do's and don'ts, followed by a Fashion Jeopardy game.

"The girls didn't want to quit," said Mother-Daughter co-chair Lane Powell. "They loved playing games as a way of learning."

The mothers' sessions included one on "Getting Admitted to College: Start Now!" and a second session led by Lane Powell on "Helping Your Teen Avoid Risky Behavior." Lane recently retired from the COHS faculty in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and has done parenting education programs for many years.

The grand finale of the morning was the mother-daughter group challenge time when small groups of mothers and daughters were challenged with imaginative tasks that represented some of the majors in the college. Some groups were assigned to build a house out of straws (Interior Design); some were given products to develop a commercial for a consumer product (Marketing), and some were to make dresses out of toilet tissues (Fashion Design).

"The results were amazing," said Jo Anne Wyatt. "And they had such fun working together!"

Finally, the recruiters led their groups to the Student Center where they experienced the Food Court—always a favorite—before returning to their respective middle school campus. Thanks to the TTU COHS for another memorable campus visit for the Mother-Daughter Program!



### M-D Group Community Service Project at South Plains Food Bank

*from Jo Ann Wyatt*

I had the privilege of joining the Mother-Daughter group for their community service project at South Plains Food Bank on Saturday morning, December 6. It was a beautiful morning - a bit chilly but work soon took care of that.

It was such fun to watch the mothers and daughters laugh together while working very hard. The girls were enthusiastic and focused for the entire morning regardless of the job they were doing and their mothers served as great role models as they too gave their all to the tasks at hand. The sponsors and adults from the individual schools worked along side the students and mothers with the same intensity.

Work began at 9:00 a.m. and took place outside. The work included taping boxes together which were then sent down an assembly line to have food such as cereal, cookies, soy milk, pasta, rice, noodles, and peanut butter placed inside. When there were no more boxes to be packed, we all went inside for a well deserved break.

I was very proud of the way the students represented themselves, their mothers, their school, and AAUW.

**Book Discussion Group**

Contact person: Joy Vann at <[joypennvann@suddenlink.net](mailto:joypennvann@suddenlink.net)> or by phone 795-5128 to RSVP if you plan to attend.

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.

*February POSTPONED*      **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 26<sup>th</sup> Street; facilitator—Francie Lowe (Publisher: Random House Inc., Pub. Date: May 1998, ISBN-13: 9780679776598) **Contact Joy Vann for the new date, if you would like to attend.**

*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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 79<sup>th</sup> 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 57<sup>th</sup> 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. Once you contact the hostess, she will give you a recipe to prepare and bring for the dinner.

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](mailto:DiaCole1@aol.com)> or by phone at 797-2457.

*Saturday, February 21, 2009:* Hostess, Caroll Akard. Theme: The Presidents. Contact Carroll at 797-1608 or by e-mail at <[cakard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cakard@sbcglobal.net)> in order to RSVP and get your recipe. Carroll's address is 4806 2nd Street (close to 4th and Slide). The Cuisine Group meets at 6:00 p.m.

*March, 2009:* Hostess, Joy Vann.

*May, 2009:* Hostess, Louise Cummins.

**From November Cuisine Group dinner . . .**

Lane Powell prepared this and says it makes a wonderful "ladies' luncheon" dish when baked in a scalloped shell or small ramekin and served with a fruit salad. *It's also low carb!*

**Crabmeat Imperial (serves 8-10)**

1 pt. fresh crabmeat or two 6 ½ oz. cans  
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs  
1 cup cream/or evap milk  
1 ½ cup mayo

1 Tbsp minced onions (green are best)

6 chopped hard boiled eggs

Small jar, chopped pimento

1 tsp chopped parsley

Salt, pepper, accent (optional)

1 cup buttered bread crumbs (topping)

Mix everything lightly to keep crabmeat intact. Sprinkle buttered bread crumbs on top and bake 30 mins in 350 degree oven in casserole or individual ramekins, until bubbly and brown on top.

**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:

1) Completion of high school, 2) expectations to attend college, 3) preparation for higher education, and 4) increased parental commitment to higher education for the girls.

Contact person: Joy Vann at <[joypennvann@suddenlink.net](mailto:joypennvann@suddenlink.net)> or by phone at 795-5128. *Volunteers should plan to be at the TTU location by 7:30 a.m. to setup and prepare for the girls and their mothers to arrive by 9:00 a.m.*

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

*March 28, 2009* (Saturday): TTU College of Education **UPDATED ITEM!!!**

## 2009 AAUW National Convention Registration Fees

<b>Early Bird</b> January 16, 2009 — March 22, 2009	<b>Type</b>	<b>2009 Full</b>	<b>2009 Daily</b>
	Member	\$399	\$210
	Nonmember	\$450	\$235
	Undergraduate Student	\$215	\$150
	Guest*	\$215	\$150
<b>Regular</b> March 23, 2009 — Convention	<b>Type</b>	<b>2009 Full</b>	<b>2009 Daily</b>
	Member	\$440	\$245
	Nonmember	\$490	\$265
	Undergraduate Student	\$215	\$175
	Guest*	\$215	\$175
<b>Special Events</b> <i>not included in registration</i>		<b>Add</b>	
Healthy Moves		\$25	
Banquet		\$125	

\*A guest may attend only plenary sessions and the welcome reception. Guests must be registered by a convention attendee and cannot be AAUW members.

### Mail/Fax Registration Deadline

Friday, May 29, 2009 - Downloadable form is available online and will be in the Spring AAUW **Outlook** magazine.

### Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your registration by Friday, May 15, 2009,  
AAUW will refund the registration fee *minus a \$100 cancellation fee.*

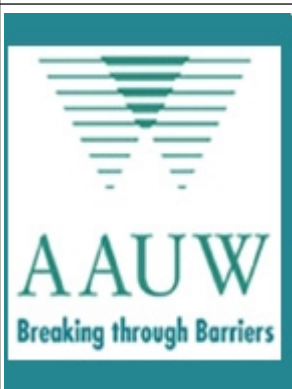
After May 15, 2009, no refund will be processed. In order to cancel please contact us via e-mail at  
[convention@aauw.org](mailto:convention@aauw.org) or by phone at 800/326-2289.

Make your reservations today for this historic convention!

### Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel

The 2009 AAUW National Convention: **Breaking through Barriers** will be held in the luxurious Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel in downtown St. Louis. *But, why choose the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis? Significance in Women's History.* This distinguished hotel has its own significance in women's history. Previously known as the *Hotel Statler*, the Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel was the setting for the historic convention of the National American Suffrage Association in March 1919. At that time in America's history, several states allowed women to vote only in presidential elections, while certain states did not allow women to vote at all. At this breakthrough convention, the League of Women Voters was created to secure the enfranchisement of women in all states.

Reservations are \$159 (plus tax) per room.



How better to say "**Breaking Through Barriers**"?

Lilly Ledbetter to speak at the AAUW National Convention!

**AAUW's new Value Promise . . .**

*"As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."*

AAUW is looking to make many changes this year! Be a part of these historic plans at the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel on June 26-28, 2009.

## AAUW EQUITY IN THE NEWS

### President Barack Obama Signs Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

WCBS-AM (Thursday, January 29)

<http://www.wcbs880.com/President-Barack-Obama-Signs-Equal-Pay-Act/3749270>

President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law Thursday, January 29. The Alabama grandmother, whose history-making lawsuit gave impetus to the cause, walked with the president into the East Room of the White House — to thunderous applause. Leaders of labor and women’s groups who fought hard for the law attended the bill-signing ceremony including AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman and Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. *To see the photo gallery and press release, visit:*

[http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/LLFPA.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/LLFPA.cfm)

### Women Workers Who Speak Out

*The New York Times* (Thursday, January 29)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/30/opinion/30fri2.html>

This week’s Supreme Court ruling in favor of employees who are retaliated against for complaining about being harassed should give more employees the courage to speak up when they see civil rights laws being broken in their workplaces. The January 26 decision in *Crawford v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County* represents a major victory. AAUW signed an amicus brief supporting Crawford.

*To learn more, visit:* <http://stageaauw.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/>

### President Inspires Girls to Become Next Generation of Leaders

*Asbury Park Press* (Tuesday, January 27)

<http://www.app.com/article/20090127/GETPUBLISHED/901270363/1060/SHORE>

According to a new study released by the Girl Scout Research Institute, the 2008 election has increased the desire of girls to engage in the political process. AAUW remains committed to developing women leaders and helping them break through the marble ceiling, through various programs including the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

*To learn more about NCCWSL, visit:* <http://www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2009/>

### For Pacific Grove Woman, Inauguration Stirs Memories of Struggle

*Monterey County Herald* (Friday, January 23)

[http://www.montereyherald.com/columnists/news/ci\\_11535523](http://www.montereyherald.com/columnists/news/ci_11535523)

Mamie Todd, who was a member of AAUW in New Jersey, shared her thoughts about the historic inauguration. As a light-skinned black woman who often was mistaken for Caucasian, she has a unique perspective. She also has an accomplished family. Her grandfather, Edmund David Bland, was a member of the Virginia legislature during Reconstruction. Her grandson was installed as president and chief executive officer of the NAACP.

*To read more about the inauguration:* <http://blog-aauw.org/2009/01/21/inaugural-adventures/>

### Women Need Financial Empowerment to Address Health Care Issues

RH Reality Check (Tuesday, January 20)

<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2009/01/20/president-obama-and-future-womens-health>

Marcia Yerman’s blog says AAUW media briefings have provided context on how women are impacted by what happens in Washington, “With the goal of expanding paid and medical leave, childcare resources, and retirement issues . . . it all comes down to money. That conversation was taken up in a press call sponsored by AAUW featuring women’s advocate, Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT),” Yerman writes. *To learn more about pay equity, visit:*

[http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm)

Read more about AAUW’s “Keep the Change” pay equity campaign at

[http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm).

To read Lilly Ledbetter’s letter in support of both bills, go to

[www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/upload/LillyLedbetterletter.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/upload/LillyLedbetterletter.pdf).

Go to [www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/transition.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/transition.cfm) to see AAUW’s recommendations to the new administration and the new Congress on workplace opportunity, pay equity, education, work/life balance, and other key issues.

**MEMBER NEWS**

**HERE'S A GREAT DEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS**

*Bring a potential new member to our February 5 meeting; they will get half off their national dues when they join that day.*

AAUW National offers a 50% discount on national dues to new members who join at a meeting from mid-January thru February. 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, February 2, to reserve a spot: [dee.thomas@ttu.edu](mailto:dee.thomas@ttu.edu); 799-4458.)

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER**

*It is our pleasure to welcome a new member to our branch.*

**Linda Ann Thomas**, a newcomer to the Lubbock area, joined our branch at the November meeting. She is also a newcomer to AAUW, but she read about the meeting in the paper and decided that she liked the focus of the organization.

Linda has a masters' degree in social work from Cal State Bernardino and is also a notary. One of her special interests has been volunteering in the Ronald McDonald family room.

Please add Linda's contact information to your membership directory.

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 806-863-3551  
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**GIVE A GRAD A GIFT:  
 An AAUW membership . . . FOR FREE!!!**

*Lane Powell, Membership Co-VP*

Do you have a friend, niece or granddaughter who may be graduating from college this year?? AAUW has a program called "Give a Grad a Gift" which allows AAUW members to "sponsor" new graduates **at no charge to the member**. Just print off the forms from the national website, fill in your part and have the graduate fill in theirs. Send it in, and the graduate receives a free one-year membership from the association: a \$49 value. There's no limit to the number you can sponsor. So start giving!

AAUW also has several exciting programs for young women, including online branches and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. This two-and-a-half day conference helps students hone leadership skills for their work on campus and in their communities. More than 500 women attended in 2008.

That might be an additional gift—albeit not a free one—that you would want to give to that special young adult in your life. Check out both of these options at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

If you're not computer savvy, call our membership chair Lane Powell (797-0197), and she'll run off the forms for you and send the copies to you.

**MEMBER UPDATES . . .**

**Sophia Wilde** is limiting her activities. She is undergoing chemotherapy to combat the return of cancer.

**Evelyn Davis**, who broke her foot last fall, reports that she is doing fine and making good progress despite the complications she faces due to her arthritis.

**Joy Vann** asks that we pray for her during and after her back surgery which is scheduled for February 25. She was hoping that physical therapy would negate the necessity for surgery; however, a recent trip to Florida resulted in the return of more severe pain, so she thinks she will go ahead with the surgery.

If you have information that you would like shared with branch members, please send the information to Lucy Barrington by e-mail at [lbarrington@arn.net](mailto:lbarrington@arn.net) or call her at home at 806-792-7061. Lucy will communicate the information to the other branch members.

	<u>February 2009</u>		<u>March 2009</u>		<u>April 2009</u>	
<b>Birthdays</b>	Joy Vann	10	Stephanie Nash	8	Evelyn Davis	13
	Maggie Seymour	23	Dean Fontenot	14	Glenda Keyton	24
	Nadine L. Bartsch	28	Beccy Hambright	15		
			Janis Sessums	25		

## C A L E N D A R

## 2009

## February

- 5 Branch Meeting at the Lubbock's Women's Club at 11:45 a.m.  
 7 Mother-Daughter Program activity at TTU Rawls College of Business  
 ??? **POSTPONED:** Book Group at J&B Coffee at Tech Terrace, 10:00 a.m.  
 21 Cuisine Group at Carroll Akard's home at 6 p.m.; Dinner theme: The Presidents

## March

- 7 Book Group at J&B Coffee at Tech Terrace, 10:00 a.m.  
 28 Mother-Daughter Program activity at TTU College of Education

## April

- 24 Mother-Daughter Program Banquet at 6:30 p.m., J. Gordon Room, Central Office, LISD  
 Help/Volunteers are need for this banquet. *Contact Joy Vann.*

June 26 - 28 **2009 AAUW National Convention: Breaking through Barriers**  
 For more information, visit [www.aauw.org/convention](http://www.aauw.org/convention).

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