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 Northeast Tarrant County (TX) Branch

From the President's Pen By Ginny Phoenix

What Is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)?
 By <https://www.nccwsl.org/our-story/>

The AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is the premier conference for students to hone their leadership skills, make lifelong connections, and get ready to shape the world!

For more than 30 years, NCCWSL has provided a transformative experience for the next generation of leaders. Past attendees have gone on to lead nonprofits, innovate the corporate world, create disruptive technologies, and more — all while paying it forward for women and girls!

The year was 1983. There were almost no women in the executive ranks of the Fortune 100, and Sandra Day O'Connor had only just taken her seat as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. Closing the gender gap in leadership wasn't happening fast enough.

Donna Shavlik, then-director of the Office of Women in Higher Education at the American Council on Education, invited representatives from other organizations, including the American Association of University Women (AAUW), to organize a leadership meeting for college women. And NCCWSL was born!

From the beginning, the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony was the highlight of the conference. Honorees at that first ceremony included world-class reporter Helen Thomas, Olympic gold medalist Donna de Varona, and Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-KS). Over the years, NCCWSL has honored more than 100 fierce, trailblazing women, such as astronaut Mae Jemison, Olympic gold medalist Dominique Dawes, journalist Connie Chung, and reproductive rights advocate Sandra Fluke. See the full list of past Women of Distinction.

Originally hosted at American University, NCCWSL is now held at the University of Maryland, College Park. With its jam-packed and diverse agenda, NCCWSL aims to provide attendees with the skills and confidence they need to make change. At NCCWSL, attendees will:

- Develop and strengthen their leadership and professional aptitude through voice, skill set, and mind-set
- Know how, why, and when to take action
- Gain a better understanding of issues and policies affecting women and of AAUW's role in empowering women
- Own their personal identities and learn new ways to increase and support diverse voices

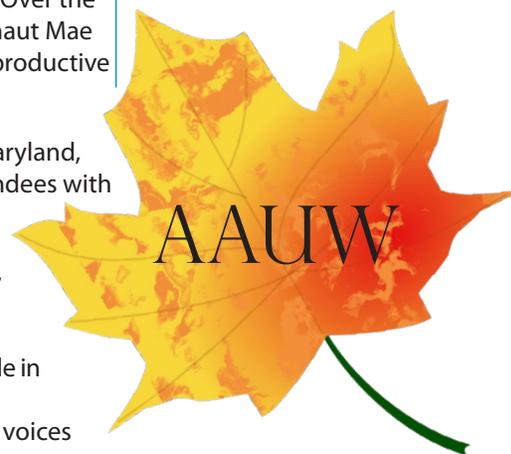
President's Pen : This past summer NETC helped sponsor, Jessica Frey, a University of NorthTexas student, attend NCCWSL. Come meet and hear Jessica at our branch meeting this month, Thursday, **November 9** at NRH Library at 6:30 pm. Let's keep looking for other college students who would like to attend NCCWSL.

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AAUW NETC Branch Membership Committee

By Cheri Butler & Paula Jernigan



On Saturday, October 14 following the regularly scheduled meeting of the Northeast Tarrant County branch, the membership committee hosted a new member luncheon at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. The purpose of the luncheon was to give new members an opportunity to share information about themselves and their interests, learn more about the many optional programs and activities of our local branch, and meet branch members on a more informal basis. The attached photos of the luncheon show that the conversation was lively, everyone was fully engaged, and a fun time was had by all.

Using the marketing materials designed by Martha Ragsdale,

the planned agenda was to very methodically cover introductions; a brief history of the branch; information about scholarships, Full STEAM Ahead, and special interest groups. If you know the attendees well, you might guess that we covered everything on the formal agenda in the process of making introductions. The photos show that the members there were Mary Ann Goetz, Cheri Butler, Martha Ragsdale, Carolyn Sims, Jan Johnson, Nicole Phillips Klingelhofer, Chasity Crawley, and Paula Jernigan.

What we discovered about each other is that most of us were invited to join AAUW by a friend—someone we work with, serve with on committees across the community, go to church with, and so forth. We also learned that some of us with young children enjoy meeting and working on projects where we have opportunities to interact with educated, brilliant, professional women who share many of our passions about making the world a better place

for women and girls. Those of us who are single enjoy the opportunity to go to meals and social events—even if we don't have a significant other in our lives. We have our friends there who will welcome and include us! Many of us enjoy being a part of a larger purpose such as public policy, joining hands with like-minded women all over the state and country, and making sure that women have a voice!

The orientation luncheon was such a huge success, we're sure the membership committee will be hosting similar opportunities in the future. If you'd like to be a part of the membership committee, please contact Paula Jernigan or Cheri Butler. A meeting will be scheduled soon so we can continue to look for ways to grow our branch. Let us hear from you if you'd like to give your input! In the meantime, keep inviting your friends and co-workers to branch meetings and activities. All of us are members because **SOME-ONE INVITED US!**



Cheri Butler
Chasity Crawley
Mary Ann Goetz
Paula Jernigan
Jan Johnson
Nicole Phillips Klingelhofer
Martha Ragsdale
Carolyn Sims



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AAUW NETC Branch November Program By Gloria Long

The November branch meeting will be at the North Richland Hills Library on Thursday, **November 9**, at 6:30 p.m. Following refreshments, our program will be a presentation by 3 young women who attended the 2017 NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) in Washington DC last spring. One of the presenters, Jessica Fry, is the student who's registration was paid by NETC .

KEYS High School By Nelda Rogers

Since we have some new members, this month we would like to tell you a little bit about the history of our adopted high school. After you read about their history and what they do, we think you will be as proud to be their adopted parents as we are. The principal, Janet Joseph, writes:

"It's hard for me to point out just one fabulous person on this campus but I'd like to tell you about four of my teachers who just received the demonstration classroom award from the district. I'm very proud of them as this takes much work and dedication to students and their success. They are Connie Massey, Tim Donovan, Susie Lavender, Charles Trotter, and Dee McNosky. Charles Trotter is our teacher of the year. He works with our Algebra I students who have to take the state test. We scored very well last year and matched the two big high schools on our scores."

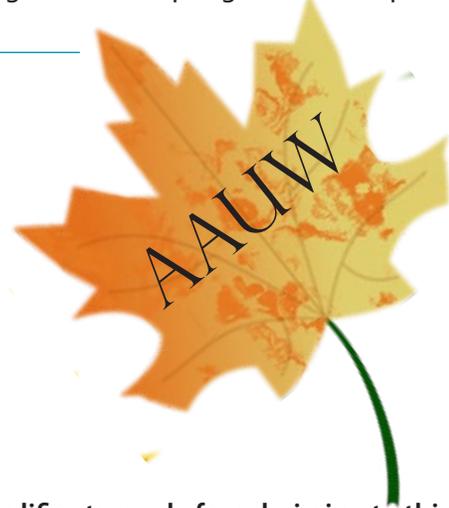
<http://schoolctr.hebisd.edu/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=43415>

KEYS High School is a unique instructional approach to providing effective education for students in HEB ISD (ages 16-21) who have been identified as having significant personal, academic, or economic needs and may not be able to remain on their home campus. KEYS High School offers the opportunity for dropouts and "at-risk" students (potential dropouts) to complete required coursework needed for high school graduation. Individualized instruction, and a quality, caring staff are the keynotes to this approach.

Is the curriculum the same as a traditional school?

Yes, KEYS High School offers the same curriculum as the regular school campus in the core academic areas and a limited selection of electives. In many ways, the accelerated instruction is harder for many students because they must have the discipline to work independently.

Hallmark features of KEYS include; self-accelerated paced course work, individualized curriculum, computer-assisted instruction, continual progress, and smaller classes.



Who qualifies to apply for admission to this school?

A student who has dropped out of school or is "at-risk" of dropping out, and single teen parents / pregnant teens must talk to their home campus counselor. The process begins with the home campus counselor. All parts of the application must be complete.

Note: It is important that all parties in the application process know that attending KEYS is a PRIVILEGE! It may be the last resort for a student to stay in school. If a KEYS student is not regularly attending class, is truant, or if the student is not ready for the individualized responsibility of this learning environment, the student will be asked to find another school to attend.

How many credits are needed to graduate from a traditional school versus KEYS?

L.D. Bell and Trinity High Schools require 26 credits as of the 2014-2015 school year. KEYS requires 22 credits as of the 2014-2015 school year. All KEYS students graduate under the minimum state graduation plan. KEYS has limited electives, nor athletics. We do not have advanced placement classes.

What are the fees for attending KEYS High School?

The \$35 fee includes; mailing fees, ID fee, transcript fees, a Data Folder (every student must have one to chart progress), and all fees for materials in excess of minimum requirements and becomes the property of student. **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE ENROLLMENT IS COMPLETE.** There is a \$10 class fee for for each Art course. Fee covers cost of art supplies.

AAUW NETC Branch Funds

By Debbie Gerwick & Penny Yarbrough



Many thanks for the hard work of our sorters, Kitty Ballard, Byron and Dixie Christian, Carol Fisher, Janet Key, Meg Sprengle, Randy and Penny Yarbrough and to our delivery folks, Marvin and Gloria Long!

What a great pansy sale! Thank you once again for helping us raise money for local scholarships, Ann Richards American Fellowship and AAUW Fund by selling so many pansies or making donations to the cause!

It's now time to be thinking about our next, best fundraiser, The Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction on **December 2** at 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn east of the Hurst Conference Center in Hurst. Z's Café will once again be serving delicious quiches, breakfast pastries, fresh fruit and chicken salad! The cost to reserve your place is \$25. We will be collecting cash or checks at the November AAUW meeting. Checks can also be mailed to Debbie Gerwick, 901 Monterrey, Bedford, TX, 76022. Your spot at the brunch will need to be reserved by Friday, **November 24**. Be thinking about a unique item that you can donate for the silent auction. Don't forget to reserve your place for The Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction and consider inviting a friend to enjoy the fun!



In addition, we'll have the delicious new crop Texas pecans just in time for your holiday baking for sale at the **November 9** branch meeting. The ever-popular chocolate covered pecans will be available as well. They not only make delicious snacks, they are great stocking stuffers. The plain pecan halves will be in 1 # freezer-ready zip lock bags for \$12 and the chocolate covered will be in half pound heavy-duty zip lock bags for \$7.

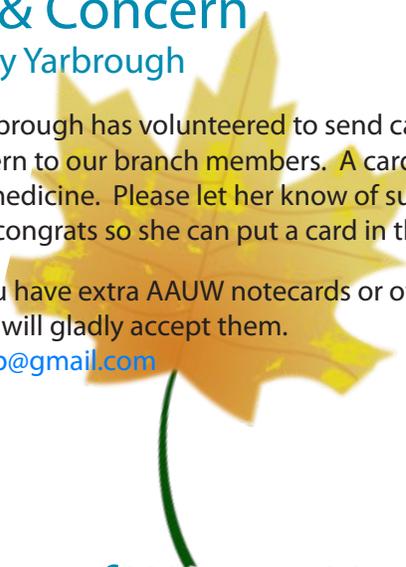
Care & Concern

By Penny Yarbrough

Penny Yarbrough has volunteered to send cards of care and concern to our branch members. A card can be the best medicine. Please let her know of surgeries, losses, or congrats so she can put a card in the mail.

Also, if you have extra AAUW notecards or other pretty cards, she will gladly accept them.

pennyarb@gmail.com



League of Women Voters

By Georgia Kidwell, Public Policy

On **November 7** there will be a general election. Seven Texas Constitution Amendments will be voted on. There are also local ballots in Bedford, Euless, Grapevine, Richland Hills and Haltom City. For information contact League of Women Voters of Tarrant County at <http://lwvtarrantcounty.org/>.

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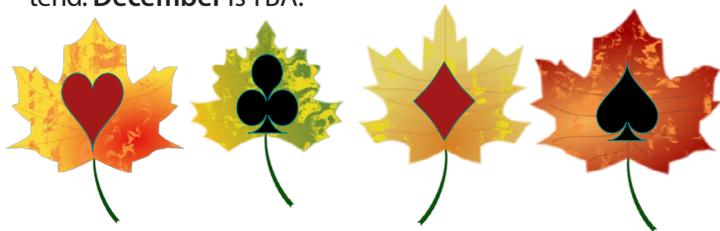
Bridge Group

By Mary Lou Bass and Gloria Long

There are two Bridge Groups: Daytime and Evening. Daytime Bridge usually meets on either the first or second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the home of a branch member. The Evening Group usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., also in a member's home. **Evening Bridge** contact is Mary Lou Bass. **Daytime Bridge** contact is Gloria Long.

Daytime Bridge will meet on Thursday, **November 9** at 1 p.m. in the home of Mary Ann Goetz. Please let Mary Ann know if you plan to attend. **December** is TBA.

Evening Bridge will meet on Thursday, **November 30** at 7 p.m. The host in **November** and **December** is TBA.



AAUW NETC Branch Cultural Group

By Jean Dodds Meg Sprenkle

Thursday, **November 16** for "Casanova: The Seduction of Europe" at the Kimbell with lunch to follow in the cafe.

Those wishing to carpool at 9:30 a.m., please call or text Meg Sprenkle at 817-682-0202; otherwise meet at the exhibition ticket counter at 10:15 a.m. Several of us are Kimbell members and can get a free ticket for a guest.

National Theater Live – *Yerma* – Wednesday, **November 15** @ 2 p.m. at the Modern Art Museum - \$20 adult and \$17 senior. We will have lunch at Café Modern at noon before the movie. Run time 1 hour 40 minutes with no intermission.

Metropolitan Opera at the Movies – *The Exterminating Angel* – Saturday, **November 18** at RAVE in Hurst at 11:55 a.m. – ~\$28. Meet at the theater at 11:40 am. Run time 2 hours 40 minutes.

Please contact Jean Dodds at jdodds0630@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us at these events.

AAUW NETC Branch Gourmet Group

By Mary Ann Goetz

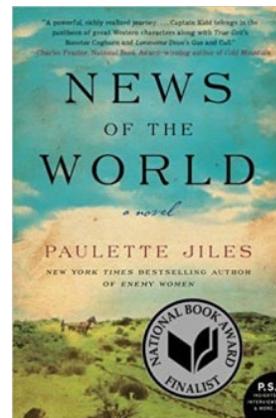
Messina Hoff Winery, Grapevine
November 12 Wine and Pie (Judy's Pies)
1 to 3 p.m. \$24.99 per person.

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Lit Group

By Diane Fisher and Janet Key

Our branch Lit Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. All branch members are welcome. (You do not have to have read the book to attend our meeting; however, having read the book may help you get more out of our discussions.) Please join us in the home Pat Lucas on **November 16** when Polly Post will lead the discussion of *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.



In an overview of this book, Amazon states: "In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction from the author of *Enemy Women* that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust."

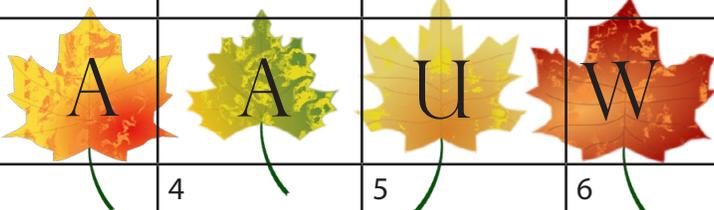
The Lit Group will not be meeting in December, but if you want to prepare for January we will read *The Sorrow of War: A Novel of North Vietnam* by Bao Ninh.

Last month this column included a survey prepared by Carol Fisher about the possibility of our branch adding a daytime literature group. Carol reports that there were 16 women who said they would attend a daytime lit group and four that might attend. Morning was the favorite time for meeting and 15 chose to meet in a home (rather than restaurant or other places). Survey responders chose the second week of the month and Thursday for a meeting time. It was suggested that perhaps the group follow the AAUW ¡Adelante! Book Club List or read other titles which are different than the nighttime lit group's choices. There were some branch members who expressed an interest in starting the group and hopefully the group can begin in January.

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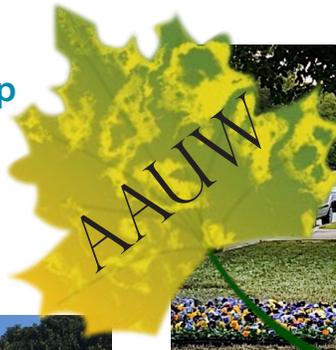
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 Please submit all newsletter input to kathleen_ballard@yahoo.com by the 23rd of each month.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 General Election	8	9 Daytime Bridge 1 p.m./M.A. Goetz Branch Meeting NRH Library 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12 Gourmet Messina Hoff Winery 1-3 p.m.	13	14 Skill Training Webinar www.aauw.org	15 Cultural Group National Theater Live @ Modern 2 p.m. <i>Yerma</i>	16 Cultural Group "Casanova" Lit Group 7 p.m. Host Pat Lucas	17	18 Cultural Group Met at the Movies RAVE 11:55 a.m.
19	20	21	22	23  THANKSGIVING	24 Reservation deadline for the Holiday Brunch	25
26	27	28	29	30 Evening Bridge 7 p.m. Host TBA		

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31	CHRISTMAS					



Gourmet Group
at Catfish & Co.

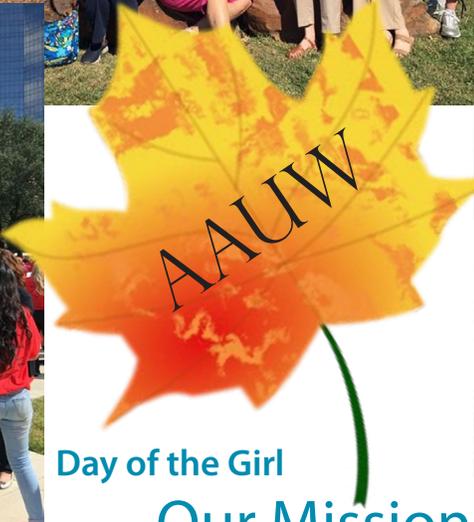


Pansy Sorting & Pickup

Cultural Group
Dallas Arboretum



Day of the Girl



Our Mission



Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

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AAUW Texas <http://aauw-tx.aauw.net>

AAUW Interbranch <http://northtexas-ibc.aauw.net/>

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AAUW Blog <http://blog-aauw.org> is a lively place to read about and discuss issues of the day.

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AAUW on Facebook Join AAUW on [Facebook](#). "Like" the AAUW national page or Texas page!



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