



# Denton AAUW Newsletter



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## Editor's Note

Welcome to the first issue of the newsletter for the Denton Branch of the AAUW! As the editor, my goal for the newsletter is to provide information about individual members and branch activities to keep members informed without having to attend every meeting. The plan is to start out with two issues per year to be sent out in January and June or August.

Since this is the first issue, the structure and content of the newsletter is a work in progress. Eventually I envision the newsletter having regular columns or sections, such as committee reports, member achievements and milestones, summaries of speakers' presentations, etc. To do this, I will require your assistance. You are the reporters for this publication. Submissions can be sent to me via e-mail at Lnagaoka@unt.edu. I also welcome any suggestions or comments. Finally, we need a title for our publication. So put all your creative minds to work and submit suggestions by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be voted on at our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

~Lisa Nagaoka

## President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a peaceful holiday, and I wish you happiness and fortune for the New Year. Since September we have been diligently recruiting new members, campaigning for the Legal Advocacy Fund and Educational Foundation, and coordinating our Christmas Home Tour. I would like to thank all of the members who dedicated their time to see that our goals and events for the fall were successful. You did a terrific job!

The spring brings our branch new and exciting challenges. In February, our branch, in coordination with the Lewisville branch, will host another EYH conference. EYH is our platinum project for the year, and I would like to encourage all of our members to be a part of this wonderful program. Our by-laws committee has been hard at work, and they have prepared a draft for the executive committee to review. It is my hope that our branch will have an updated set of by-laws by mid spring. Currently, I am reviewing the application for the branch award and hard at work gathering the information necessary to achieve the highest standing.

I cannot thank you, the members, enough for your outstanding work. Indeed, I am proud to be associated with such a fantastic group of women.

~Shandi Davis

## Transitions Scholarships

The 2003 Transitions Conference held in February 2003 was successful in many ways. Local and corporate sponsors contributed generously, allowing our Branch to award scholarships for Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 to women re-entering college.

Gail Draper Lindeman, who is currently enrolled as a sophomore at Texas Woman's University was awarded the Denton Branch scholarship in the amount of \$250. Gail (Galynn) is resolute about achieving her dream of becoming a social worker and eventually working toward her Masters degree. Congratulations and best wishes to Galynn!

Raylene Hampton, who is a returning student at North Central Texas College, received the Denton County Women's Education Network (DCWEN) scholarship in the amount of \$250. She looks forward to working toward her degree in veterinary medicine. We wish Raylene much success! Both scholarship recipients were recent guests at our Branch meetings.

Funds for scholarships were also received by the TWU and UNT Women's Studies Departments in the Summer of 2003. In 2004, DCWEN will award a \$500 scholarship to either an undergraduate or a graduate student who enrolls full-time for the Spring semester, and the Denton Branch will award another scholarship to a TWU student in the amount of \$250. Scholarships will be awarded again in 2004-2005. Thanks again to the 2003 Transitions Committee and our donors who made it possible for us to help non-traditional students return to college.

## By-Laws Committee Report

The By-Laws Committee composed of Dr. *Louise Alton*, Chair; *Edene Riggs*, member; and *Elizabeth Snapp*, member, are working away on the Branch By-Laws in order to bring them into conformity with the State and National AAUW By-Laws. The Committee hopes to finish their work by Christmas and have a draft to the

Branch Executive Committee for review prior to completion and for preparing in final form for submission early in the new year to the membership.

### Scholarship Committee Report

It is time to begin informing potential candidates for the two undergraduate and two graduate AAUW scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year. You may pick up application forms at the December meeting or have interested students, faculty members or other individuals wishing to recommend a student send a request for a copy of the application form via e-mail to one of the Co-Chairs of the Committee: **Elizabeth Snapp** at [snappe@charter.net](mailto:snappe@charter.net) or **Margaret Hudnall** at [Hudnall@music.unt.edu](mailto:Hudnall@music.unt.edu). Other members of the Scholarship Committee are **Susan Myatt**, **Dr. Suzanne La Brecque**, and **Elizabeth Schwarz**. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2004.

### Book Review Group

The group met over the summer to discuss which books we would like to read. Our first selection was Katharine Graham's autobiography, *Personal History*. Katharine, along with her husband, Phil, was the owner and publisher of the Washington Post. Although the book was lengthy, it was fascinating to read this tale of an extraordinary life. The author recounts her life with style and rare courage. Those of us who read it enjoyed reliving much of the history of the 60's and 70's that was a daily part of her life.

For various reasons (schedule conflicts, illnesses, personal obligations) we have not met again but continue to read our own personal selections. **Carmen Underwood's** recommendations include Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code* and Ann-Marie MacDonald's *Fall On Your Knees*, page turners without equal! If you are interested in the book review group, please call Carmen at (972) 292-2393. Share your Christmas literary treasures with us!

### Opportunities With The Girl Scouts

As you already know, Girl Scouting lays the foundation for a solid future. Girls are offered a splendid opportunity to develop their leadership abilities, polish their problem-solving and critical thinking skills and learn how to function as team players. We have enjoyed hearing all your past and present Girl Scout stories and know that you have a passion for the world's preeminent organization dedicated to girls - all girls - regardless of racial, ethnic, socioeconomic or religious background. Come share your Girl Scout stories and learn more about what's going on with today's girls.

You're invited to...**BREAK OUT OF THE BOX!** Out of the cookie box, that is! Are you in the dark about Girl Scouting? Then, let us turn on the light to the great things girls are accomplishing every day. Join us for "Out of the Cookie Box", an introductory, no strings attached event. In less than an hour we'll show you why we are the pre-eminent organization for girls in North Texas and how

Girl Scouts has changed to keep up with today's girls. All sessions are held at the Girl Scouts Cross Timbers Council office (4000 W. University Drive, Denton), just west of I-35. Just call **Lauren Hoofnagle** at metro (940) 243-1314 x234 or email [outofthecookiebox@girlscoutscct.com](mailto:outofthecookiebox@girlscoutscct.com) to let her know which of the following sessions you'll be attending:

Wednesday February 11 7:30 am or noon  
Tuesday March 9 7:30 am or noon  
Wednesday April 7 7:30 am or noon

### Our National ly recognized teacher

Congratulations to **Carol Hyatt!** Carol is an economics teacher at Denton High School and was recently selected by the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) to participate in a special exchange program with the Cooperative Education Exchange Program (CEEP) in Russia. Carol is one of only 12 teachers selected in the nation! Her excellent teaching skills were discovered last year when she was conducting a presentation at the national conference in California. Carol will be leaving for Russia on December 4 and will be returning from Russia on December 16. We wish her a safe return.

### UNT's Hospitality Management Program Exhibits at International Trade Shows

**Dr. Lea R. Dopson**, Chair of Merchandising and Hospitality Management took 34 students to the International Hotel/Motel and Restaurant (IH/M&R) trade show in New York City in November 2003 and 9 students to the National Restaurant Association (NRA) trade show in Chicago in May 2003. These two shows are the largest in the hospitality industry with international attendees. People visiting the booth included prospective students and their parents, Hospitality Board of Governors members, industry representatives, hospitality education professionals, and alumni. With a new 8' X 10' display, the hospitality management program made a great showing at an international level.

