

AAUW – Denton Branch
Survey Results August 2007

Question	Love it	Like it	Take or Leave it	Hate it	No Opinion	Total	No response
Location of Branch Meetings (Fremaux's)	9.5	4.5	5	1	0	20	0
Time of Branch Meetings (6PM, Wed, evenings)	5	10	3	2	0	20	0
Branch Meeting Meal (Quality, selection)	11	5	3	0	1	20	0
Cost of Branch Meeting Meal	3	7	5	3	1	19	1
Programs Offered at Branch Meetings	4	7	6	2	1	20	0
Branch Funding Raising Project (Home Tour)	7	5	7	0	1	20	0
Branch Project (Expanding Your Horizons)	2	4	5	0	8	19	1
Branch Yearbook Publication	6	9	1	1	3	20	0
Branch Newsletter (format, frequency, etc)	6	6	5	0	3	20	0
Branch Website	4	1	1	0	11	17	3
A citywide book sale fundraiser	1	8	4	2	0	15	5
Increasing public awareness for pay equity	0	5	6	0	3	14	6
Branch field trips to mission related sites	0	5	5	1	1	12	8
A Women in Transition Conference	2	7	3	2	2	16	4
A Literacy program for young children	1	11	1	0	3	16	4
A Financial literacy program for adult women	2	7	4	0	3	16	4
A math & science program for girls of any age	3	9	2	0	1	15	5
A program for HS women about leadership, public service/electoral process	3	10	0	0	1	14	6
A scholars fund EF, LAF, local scholarships	1	7	2	1	2	13	7
A public showing and discussion films that address women's issues	2	6	4	1	1	14	6
Public awareness campaign about sexual harrassment in the hallways	0	7	5	0	1	13	7

Location of Branch Meetings (Fremaux's)

- Chuck always does a great job at his functions.
- As a grad student the dinners are too costly for my limited budget. Additionally this lengthens the meeting. What about meeting at one of the libraries and offering refreshments.
- I'm open to a less expensive option.
- I love Fremaux's but it is so far away from the south end of town. Wish it were closer to the south end of Denton.
- Depends on options.

Time of Branch Meetings (6PM, Wed, evenings)

- Traditionally church evening for families; therefore cannot attend meetings.
- Good, let's start at 6, not 6:15-20-30 etc.
- Would like it at 5 or 5:30 on Wednesdays but know a lot of people work until then. Would like for program or meeting to start at 6:30 instead of 7:00. I live in Lewisville and it seems late when I get home.

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- Would like to see us finish by 7:30 or 8:00.
- No time is universally acceptable.
- Some years ago when the branch tried meeting on other days and times of day, attendance and membership dropped noticeably.

Branch Meeting Meal (Quality, selection)

- (Cannot attend) but I know the high quality of Chuck's food and service.
- Usually (love it) - sometimes seems heavy / bland - others very tasty.

Cost of Branch Meeting Meal

- There may be less expensive (and lighter) meals around but Chuck's quality and willingness to cooperate cannot be beat.
- Too costly. This plus the regular membership fees have discouraged other grad students from membership.
- Do we have to eat every time?
- It is getting a little expensive.
- Reasonable for service.
- A bit pricey for me, but acceptable given the meal quality and setting.
- Too expensive for many members or potential members.
- Mr. Fremeaux carefully prepares our planned meals to provide us value received. I have checked with places that might serve us and have found their costs much higher.

Programs Offered at Branch Meetings

- They have been a little dull!
- Not really "hate" but more disappointed. Would like more variety with women issues. Charity, careers and age based programs are limiting to all members.
- Professional quality / issues seem to be missed frequently.
- (Dislike it - hate is too strong!) Programs last fall were not up to par. The programs previous years were much better. I attend the meetings for the programs. Too much "Girl Scout" focus.
- I especially enjoy programs on the arts and other intellectual topics.

Branch Funding Raising Project (Home Tour)

- Home tours as fund raisers are sometimes a lot of work for little return. Some do not want to open their homes in this day and time.
- I think it is getting stale. But there is nothing else that will raise this much money.
- Very difficult to get going. Would like to try something else.
- One time commitment per year is very important.
- I think that we should investigate some new fund raiser for scholarships that might be more lucrative.

Branch Project (Expanding Your Horizons)

- Have not been able to participate.
- Not sure we are even doing this. Loved it when it was at TWU.

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- Wish it would offer more than science and math jobs.
- Have not participated because of professional schedule.
- I don't know enough about this.
- I'm not real sure just what this is or what's expected of the branch.

Branch Yearbook Publication

- Charley did a great job.
- I use it frequently.
- I don't remember this.
- Possible distribution electronically for those wishing that?
- The yearbook is a very valuable helpful publication, absolutely necessary.

Branch Newsletter (format, frequency, etc)

- Quarterly.
- There is a newsletter? This is the first I've seen.
- Good work, know this is hard to keep up.
- Excellent format; more frequent publication perhaps.
- Some regular communication is helpful though it doesn't seem to have gotten the members involved with it.
- Fine in every respect.

Branch Website

- Have not looked at it.
- Sorry. Didn't know there was one.
- Good work, know this is hard to keep up.
- There is one?
- If we have this, I have not accessed.
- Well, it's not well publicized and it took about 10 minutes for me to find it and it's out of date. It seems a singularly underused too.
- I think this would be helpful. However as I do not have a computer I would not use it. It would be no substitute for the yearbook.

A citywide book sale fundraiser

- Would compete with Friends of the Library

Branch field trips to mission related sites

- Like it?

A Women in Transition Conference

- Again, what is it?

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A program for HS women about leadership, public service and the electoral process

- And middle school; TWU's Leadership Institute is a perfect partner.
- Take it or leave it?

A scholars fund EF, LAF, local scholarships

- Like it? I'm not so interested in national fund raising until Denton AAUW is stronger.
- Love the scholars fund - don't like the example activities.

A public showing and discussion of Iron Jawed Angels, an HBO film about the women's suffrage movement

- Not familiar with this.
- The Studio Grill does some fund raiser events of particular interests.

A public awareness campaign about sexual harassment in the hallways (at schools)

- This is not just a girls' issue. Would need to be checked with school systems.

What other benefits would you like to derive from your AAUW membership?

- I'm satisfied with the status quo.
- I enjoy the chapter very much.
- I would like to recommend that ALL members be required to volunteer time OR money toward the home tour, EYH, etc. I feel like I am double hit when I pay for tickets and volunteer when so few do so.
- I love good speakers that teach me something new. I think it isn't clear how newer members can join local interest groups ("cuisine" for instance). I don't know that our meetings provide opportunities for members to get to become friends or recognize each other on the street.
- Need more enriching programs for meetings.

If you are not currently a member of AAUW, why did you choose not to renew your membership?

- Cost of meal, requirement of meal, length of meeting.

Other Comments

- Cannot consider increasing time commitment.
- if you receive comments about the cost of our annual dues, perhaps the members should revisit our financial commitments to LAF and EF as part of the dues structure. Richardson Branch is \$65 a year. How do they do it? (Was on their web site)
- I think all of the items listed are excellent. Because I must spend about six or more hours a day caring for my incapacitated sister, I do not consistently have time to participate in any of the suggested activities. I wish to comment that when the board conducted book sales as fund raising, they were financially successful but back breaking. Thank you for preparing and circulating this survey.