

POSTSCRIPTS

American Association of University Women Plano Collin County Branch

A powerful Network of Educated Women:
An Invitation to Membership

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Branch Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010

7pm-9pm

Location: Blue Mesa

End of Year Dinner And Installation of Officers 2010-2011

**Location: Blue Mesa Grill
8200 Dallas Parkway, Granite Park Center
Plano 75024 214-387-4407
Southeast corner of North Dallas Tollway at Highway 121**

**Speaker: Dr. Helen Harkness, President, Career Design Associates
Topic: "The Science of Happiness"**

Helen Harkness, PH.D. , a national known career consultant and author, founded Career Designs Associates in 1978. She is a frequently quoted author of articles and books on career satisfaction, aging, and the accelerated pace of living in today's world.



Reservations very important.

Please send RSVP to jlytle@smu.edu by Friday **May 7, 2010**

Jacque Lytle, Program Vice President 972.732.1070

PRESIDENT'S PEN

I'm late writing this, but wanted to share some of the convention happenings. The Houston AAUW Convention was a wonderful experience. The opening speaker AAUW National president, Carolyn Garfein offered words of wisdom regarding AAUW. Carolyn outlined 6 areas of focus.

- **Focus...** new program focus points will be presented; we now have Programs in a Box that will aid branches in focused programming.
- **Fast...** use the two minute advocate on the AAUW.org website to let legislators know your thoughts on AAUW related bills.
- **Flexible...** The "new" AAUW is flexible, smaller boards are possible with the new bylaw changes. Branches are able to do what works for them.
- **Flat...** the one member one vote most important. Your voice will be heard regarding AAUW issues without attending the convention.
- **Friendly.** Plano Collin County has the right idea all alone. Branches should be friendly. Friends formed in AAUW last a long time.

And the final F...

- **FUN ...** Branches are encouraged to have a good time, enjoy the companionship of fellow AAUW friends and continue to do the good things branches have been doing for years.

The opening ceremonies recognized past presidents, and marked the passing of two past AAUW presidents. Helen Oujesky and Betty Anderson, I was on the board with Helen and was saddened by her passing.

AAUW Texas has 39 branches, but with the new bylaws, branches can remain active with fewer members. I am hoping that this will bring about the revitalization of some branches that have folded in the past.

The AAUW web-site has been revamped, and is user friendly. Go to AAUW.org and check it out to see what things are available for members. It is still in the process of being fully operable, so if you don't see what you need, it will be added soon. Technology is the big word for AAUW. We are on Facebook, and Twitter, there is an AAUW blog to inform and enlighten members.

The next keynote speaker was Linda Lorelle. She is a Houston past TV anchor who has produced award winning several documentaries on breast cancer, but her message concerned her scholarship foundation. The scholarships are awarded in the junior year; scholarships are not awarded to the top of the class, but to students who show potential. The next year is spent giving the students to tools for a successful college experience.

Classes on financial aid, and personal finance are offered, they are taught how to balance a check book, how to interview, they are taught how to think out of the neighborhood, how to complete applications. The students are coached in etiquette, which fork to use how to behave in new environments they had not been exposed to in their neighborhood. The students are mentored for an entire year, and even after their college days

are over, there is a job bank available for the graduates to use. This woman was amazing. She started out small and has made a huge difference in the lives of Houston young men and women.

Jeanne Goka was the most wonderful speaker. She is the first principal of the Ann Richards for young Women Leader in Austin, the second of the all girls' schools in Texas. The Ann Richards school is a public school, part of the Austin ISD. She has created a school offering an incredible learning environment for young women. The school will be adding one grade a year expanding to the 10th grade this year. Leadership is the guiding component of this school along with offering classes in science, technology, engineering and math. The girls are selected for admission by application and a lottery the school currently has 425 students.

Plano needs a girls leadership school, I think our branch needs to take this challenge and make this school happen.

The new officers for AAUW Texas 2010-2012 are

Margaret Bentley	President
Mary Edwards	Program Vice President
Jeannie Best	Membership Vice President
Lucy Barrington	EF/LAF Vice President
Rosemary Morrow	Secretary
Finance Officer	Susan Alami
Janet Domaracki	is our District Representative.



I came away with so many ideas for programs, met friends I hadn't seen for years and was energized beyond words.

Be sure to come to the dinner on May 12. Plano Collin County AAUW will have a wonderful dinner, install officers, and have a celebration and a Plano good time.

Betty McClure
Plano Collin County AAUW President

PUBLIC POLICY

Supreme Court Nominee Speculation

Following the announcement of Justice John Paul Stevens' retirement last week, the debate over his replacement is in full swing. Among the many names thrown around news shows, the president's short list is rumored to include Solicitor General Elena Kagan, Judge Merrick Garland, Judge Diane Wood, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Former Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow, and Judge Sidney Thomas.

AAUW will continue to monitor the judicial nomination process and advocate for nominees who are committed to the protection of fundamental civil rights and liberties for which our members have fought for over a century.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please make the following change of address to your yearbook.

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It's renewal time for our Plano/Collin County AAUW branch. Our dues for the 2010-2011 year will be \$80 again this year. This includes your association, state, and local dues.

We have 53 members and look forward to you renewing for next year. You may send your check for \$80 made out to AAUW Plano/Collin County. There will be a drawing for a free dinner (excluding beverages) at the May meeting for anyone who brings their renewal check to the meeting.

Susan Sweeney
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Holiday Tour of Homes Article for May

Holiday Tour of Homes



Please mark your calendars. The AAUW Holiday Home Tour will be held on the weekend of **November 20 and 21**. We have five great homes on the tour this year. There are three historical homes in East Plano and two very great modern homes in West Plano. We hope you will all plan on helping the tour that weekend by volunteering in some capacity. Right now we are collecting advertising for our Home Tour ticket book. It is a great way to showcase a business and also participate in a great cause: that of providing scholarships for local girls and women. If you would be interested in advertising or know someone who would, please give us a call. Small businesses and professionals are particularly supportive of our tour. Also if you know of anyone that might be interested in donating an item for our annual drawing please let Mary Lou Smith know. Her e-mail address is wills@ieee.org.

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Popular Literature

The May Popular Literature selection is a memoir of Mildred Kalish's childhood growing up on her grandparent's Iowa farm during the Great Depression.

All members are cordially invited to join us in discussing this popular book that the New York Times Book Review rates as one of the 10 best books of the year.

BOOK: *Little Heathens* by Mildred Kalish

TIME: Thursday, May 27th, 7:30 p.m.

HOSTESS/DISCUSSION LEADER: Jo Ellen Roach

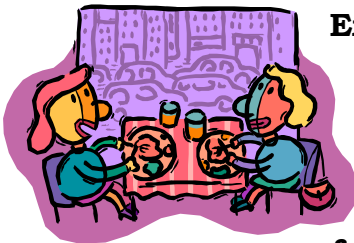
LOCATION: 5616 Hillsborough Dr., Plano

Chair: June Barneby mrbarnebey@tx.rr.com 972.618.6285



Out to Lunch Bunch

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 13, at *Ali Baba Mediterranean Grill* located at 2103 North Central Expressway, Richardson (972) 437-1222. The restaurant is just west of 75 and north of Campbell.



The restaurant has a \$10.82 (includes tax) lunch buffet which was described as fabulous by one of our Out-to-Lunch Bunch regulars! Their other offerings for lunch include both lamb and beef kabobs with sides of vegetables and rice, rotisserie chicken, dolmas (grape leaves around rice and meat), a Greek salad, and other items which I usually associate with Greek restaurants. To see the full menu, go to www.alibabacafe.com.

Please join us for a Mediterranean experience in dining this month. Email Mary Lou Smith at wills@ieee.org by Monday, May 10, if you are able to attend.

Calendar for the Month

March

Date	Activity	Time/Place
3	Board Meeting	7:00pm Haggard
10	Branch Meeting	7:00pm Blue Mesa Grill
13	Out to Lunch Bunch	11:30 Ali Baba Mediterranean Grill
27	Popular Literature	7:30 Jo Ellen Roach's home

Articles for Postscripts are due on the 25th of each month to editor, Arlene Englert at arleneenglert@verizon.net.

Links to AAUW

AAUW Plano/Collin County Web Site:

<http://www.aauwplanocollin.org/html/mission.html>

Interbranch Web Site: <http://www.aauwntibc.org>

AAUW National Web Site: <http://www.aauw.org/>

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of things that take our breath away.

"Experience is the name every one gives to their mistakes." Oscar Wilde

"If you wait to do everything until you're sure it's right, You probably never do much of anything."