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“Around the World” Silent Auction A Huge Success

Sandy River (LAF) and Adelaida Montemayor (EF)

St. Paul’s of the Plains Episcopal Church once again provided the venue for the branch’s “Around the World” silent auction. The proceeds benefit the national AAUW Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The March 7 event was planned by EF chair Adelaida Montemayor and LAF chair Sandy River, along with Sara Wilson and Kathrin Dodds, but its success is due to the generous donations of branch members and their friends. Special thanks go to Lucy Barrington for the lovely jewelry she made and donated and the tempting baskets that she put together. Her items stimulated plenty of conversation and bidding.

And what would the event have been without the food! Diane Cole organized the Cuisine Group’s efforts, and the ample food was both beautiful to look at and delicious to eat with Southwestern, Middle Eastern, and Asian themes to go along with American favorites. We also appreciated the folks who helped with set up of the auction items and food tables and with clean-up.

Sara served as MC, warning about the closing times for bidding at the various tables, and Lane Powell was a kind of cheerleader, whipping up enthusiasm as she circulated the room. Kathrin and Adelaida kept the books for the event and were happy to report that ticket sales plus the auction had brought in over \$3000 – and Adelaida reports that more money has come in since the event. (Final report will be given at the March 31 luncheon.)

The evening featured great food, a chance for conversation and camaraderie, and friendly competition over auction items. We thank everyone who attended and are sorry that you all weren’t able to attend.



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.



LUBBOCK BRANCH PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Carroll Akard (cakard@sbcglobal.net)

To the Members of the AAUW Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch,

Many exciting things are going on with the AAUW Lubbock Branch this spring. The **Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund "Around the World" Silent Auction** held on Sunday evening, March 7, was a glorious success. It was well attended, and the food was outstanding. Thanks to Adelaida Montemayor and Sandy River and their committee over \$3000 was earned. The final report will be given at our March 31 branch luncheon meeting at the Lubbock Woman's Club. I hope that many of you will attend and hear about our great success.

Our **Mother-Daughter** Committee continues to be hard at work. On Saturday, February 13, the girls and their moms had a campus visit to the TTU Rawls College of Business; on March 27, they will be hosted at the TTU College of Education. More details are available in Joy Vann's article in this issue. Plans are underway for a wonderful Recognition Banquet on Friday, April 23.

The **Book Group** continues to meet each month and would love for you to join them at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, March 20, to discuss **Black Rain** by Masuji Ibuse; Joy Vann is this month's discussion leader. The **Cuisine Group** enjoys exploring new dishes and great fellowship. Their next get-to-gather is Saturday evening, March 27, at Nadine Winks' home with the theme of Greek. Please RSVP Nadine if you plan to participate in this month's dinner.

Our final branch get-to-gather for this spring will be on Saturday, May 1 at 10 a.m. for the **Membership Brunch** which includes Outgoing Officer Recognition and new Officer Installation. Nadine Wink has graciously offered her home for this event, too. (More information will be forthcoming on the Membership Brunch.)

If you are willing to serve as an officer, on a committee, or working on any of our projects, please contact the **Nominating Committee** chairperson, Lane Powell. Thanks to so many of you for all your help, interest, and continued support this year!

Carroll M. Akard, President

THREE BRANCH MEMBERS TO ATTEND AAUW TX STATE CONVENTION AS DELEGATES

Carroll Akard, Lucy Barrington, and Joy Vann will attend the AAUW TX State Convention on April 23-25 in Houston. All three are serving as voting delegates for our branch. In addition, Joy and Lucy have been nominated for officer positions on the AAUW TX state board. Joy is nominated for the position of West District Representative; and Lucy, the position of AAUW Funds Chairperson.

During the convention, our delegates will be voting on major changes in the AAUW TX bylaws. These changes are necessary for the state bylaws to be in line with the changes made in the national AAUW bylaws last summer in St. Louis. (You can see these changes in the UWT Winter edition.)

In addition to running for a state board position, Lucy will present a workshop, "The Secrets of Fundraising," on Saturday afternoon of the convention.

Congratulations to Carroll, Lucy, and Joy! We wish them much success in Houston.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU !!!

March 2010

8 Stephanie Nash
14 Dean Fontenet
15 Beccy Hambright
15 Elaine Weed
25 Janis Sessums
27 Marcy Bateman

April 2010

3 Jamie Hansard
12 Beth Glass
13 Evelyn Ann Davis
18 Esther Lichti
22 Gail Bentley
23 Joy Kleppa
24 Glenda Keyton

May 2010

8 Sellie Shine

**If you get an opportunity,
please send a card
to a member
on her birthday!**

**Everyone likes to be
remembered.**

SPRING MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH, RECOGNITION, AND INSTALLATION

Mark your calendars now to participate in the Spring Membership Brunch at 10:00 a.m. on May 1! In addition to the brunch, there will be recognition of branch members and the installation of the new officers (after election).

Nadine Wink has graciously offered her home for this year's brunch. Nadine's address is 2614 Purdue. (To get to Nadine's home, you should take University North past North Loop 289; go about 1.4 miles outside the loop; turn left on Purdue and follow it to the end of the street; Nadine's home is the last house on the right.)

Diane Cole and the Cuisine Group will provide the food for the brunch. Membership renewals will be accepted by Myrtle McDonald, so bring your checkbook. New member registration for membership will also be accepted by Myrtle McDonald, so have your guests bring their checkbook!

The activities of the morning will include the following: Of course, we enjoy the delicious food first. Prospective members/Guests will be introduced. The M-D Program, EF, and LAF will be presented and explained. Carroll Akard, our branch president, will recognize outgoing officers and install the newly elected officers. Members are encouraged to help acquaint our guests/prospects with AAUW and our branch.

What am I leaving out? Oh, yes! We should all have a wonderful time enjoying great food and delightful conversation as we meet interesting women! Sounds like a plan, doesn't it?

THE CUISINE GROUP

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Cuisine Group members who provided food for the "Around the World" Silent Auction on Sunday evening, March 7.

The Cuisine Group met in February at Diane Cole's home for a in member homes about every six weeks to eat and enjoy each others' company. The hostess (or hostesses) choose the dinner theme and recipes for other participants to make and bring. All AAUW members may attend alone or bring their spouses or significant others. If you like to cook or try something new, this is the group for you! (Contact Diane Cole for more information: <DiaCole1@aol.com> or by phone at 797-2457.)

Next Cuisine Group dinner: Saturday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Nadine Wink; theme: Greek; Nadine's address--2614 Purdue, Lubbock TX 79415. Call if you need directions (762-0160).

Please plan on helping with the last Cuisine Group activity: Saturday, May 1-- Spring Membership Brunch hosted by Cuisine Group at Nadine Wink's home; contact Diane Cole (DiaCole1@aol.com or by phone at 797-2457) if you are willing to bring a dish as she will be coordinating the Spring Membership Brunch.

AAUW BOOK FRIENDS

Joy Vann, Book Group Chairperson

(joypenvann@suddenlink.net by phone 795-5128)

The **Book Discussion group** meets on **Saturday** mornings at **10:00** at **J&B Coffee Shop** in Tech Terrace for all of its discussions. Please contact Joy Vann if you plan to attend and participate.

Next discussion: March 20, 2010—Black Rain by Masuji Ibuse; Joy Vann, discussion leader

An AAUW recommended book, the acclaimed Japanese author bases his novel on real-life diaries and interviews with victims of the bombing of Hiroshima during WWII. The life of Yasuko, the female protagonist, is changed forever. The book deals with such issues as the plight of women and the lasting effects of war.

Future Books for Book Group: April 17, 2010—**The Wife** by Meg Wolitzer; Lane Powell, discussion leader

NEXT M-D TTU COLLEGE VISIT:

March 27, 2010 (Saturday): TTU College of Education

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) preparing for higher education, and 4) increased parental commitment to higher education for the girls. Contact person: Joy Vann at <joypenvann@suddenlink.net> or by phone at 795-5128.

Future Activities for the M-D Program *April 23, 2010 (Friday):* Banquet and Graduation Ceremony

Mother-Daughter Events

Did you call Joy to volunteer your help with the M-D Banquet/Graduation Celebration?

Mother-Daughter Banquet/Graduation Celebration, Friday, April 23

Joy Vann has coordinated this event for the past four years. This year she will be at the AAUW Texas State Convention in Houston. She desperately **needs AAUW members to contribute some time to organize and to facilitate this event**. If enough AAUW members volunteer, then the task will be easier for everyone. Please call her, 795-5128, or e-mail her, joypennvann@suddenlink.net, to volunteer. After securing as many names as possible, she will then divide the responsibilities and contact those who said they could help. **Have you made that call to Joy?**

Mother-Daughter Program Upcoming Dates:

March 27—Texas Tech College of Education, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

April 23—Graduation Celebration Banquet, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

New M-D Steering Committee Members

Joy Vann, M-D Vice President

The M-D Steering Committee welcomes four new members: Emma Carrasco, Wilma Edwards, SaraLee Morris, and Stephanie Nash. New members always brings new, creative ideas about how to better achieve the program goals.

The community partnership between AAUW, TTU, and LISD also fosters reevaluation of the program and gives it many sets of eyes whose diverse backgrounds bring new ideas to the table. The AAUW membership continually offers assistance, especially in providing help for the TTU college visit brunches, and contributes ideas about programs that would be helpful for the girls and mothers in the M-D program.

The Summer Planning meeting of the M-D Steering Committee is scheduled for June 12 (Saturday) at 11:30 a.m., in the Home Plate Diner meeting room (located at SW corner of Slide and 82nd Street).

Pictures from the campus visit to TTU Rawls College of Business in February



MEMBERSHIP NEWS . . .

Lane Powell and Ginny Felstehausen, Co-Membership VPs

Welcome to three new members who have recently joined our branch:

Lindsay House 2425 25th Street Lubbock, TX 79401
Phones: 742-1490, ext 270 (work); 470-1345 (cell) E-mail: Lindsay.House@ttu.edu

Lindsay graduated from Texas Tech in 2009 with a B.S. in Political Science and is a "Give a Grad a Gift" recipient. She has worked in the Admissions office and has now been admitted to Graduate School. Lindsay is working with our Branch committee to form a Student Affiliate at Tech, and . . . she's planning an August wedding. Congratulations, Lindsay!

Michelle Hamman IDEAL – Box 41008 Lubbock, TX 79409-1008
Phones: 742-2420 (work); 928-4383 (cell) E-mail: Michelle.hamman@ttu.edu

Michelle is the newly appointed coordinator of the IDEAL programs at Texas Tech, having worked with Martha Hise for several years until Martha's recent retirement. Together, Martha and Michelle developed and implemented *Science: It's a Girls' Thing* summer experiences which have benefited many of the Mother-Daughter program graduates. Michelle has a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from St. Mary's University, San Antonio (1985). She is married to Dr. Doug Hamman, a Professor in the College of Education, and they have a daughter Kelsey who is a Senior at UT, Austin and two sons, Arden and Kelan, who attend Lubbock High.

Shelby Russell 3212 A 74th Street Lubbock, TX 79423
Phones: 794-3848 (work); 831-3888 (cell) E-mail: Russell.shelby@yahoo.com and Shelby@advisorsgroup.com

Shelby graduated from TTU in 1985 with a BS in Family Relations; She has an MA in Marriage and Family Therapy from Azusa Pacific University (1988) and an MBA from the University of LaVerne, CA in 2004. She is currently working as a Transition Specialist at The Advisor's Group: working with seniors and their families to address/resolve current crises and to do proactive planning for the future. Shelby has also worked as a therapist/social worker, has done public relations and fundraising training; staff training and hospice administration. She was also a member of Toastmasters of America for 8 years. Shelby enjoys writing, travel, scuba diving, working out, political action, reading, cooking, and playing with her dog, a rescued Shiba Inu named Sasha. She also volunteers with Youth For Understanding, a program that hosts international high school students.

Welcome, wonderful women!

Lubbock Betty Anderson Branch is the Top in Texas

When the numbers on membership were crunched recently by the AAUW Texas, Lubbock was one of the top two branches in the state. In the past three years, Lubbock has grown from 59 members (2006-7) to 71 members in 2009-10: a cumulative increase of 20.34 %. The only branch with a larger percent of increase over the same time period was Mesquite which grew from 10 to 14 members an increase of 40% over the same time period. In the past year, while many branches were showing negative percentages of growth, Lubbock's branch climbed 12.70 percent.

"We are pleased with the outstanding work our members are doing to 'spread the word' about the value of joining with like-minded women to actively promote higher education and equity for women, locally, nationally, and internationally," said Membership co-VP Lane Powell. Powell, along with co-VP Ginny Felstehausen, has worked to bring younger women into the branch and to involve new members in the activities of the branch, including the Cuisine Group and the Book Group.

"Of course, one of our biggest selling points is the success and outreach of the local Mother-Daughter program," Lane continued. "It's such a visible asset to our community because it encourages and supports a vision of a college education in women and girls who never thought it was possible. Thanks to everyone, particularly Joy Vann and her steering committee, LISD, TTU, and the T-Stem Center, for their enthusiastic participation in the program. And of course, we can't forget all of our members who

have contributed time and food for the great refreshments at each college visit over the last four years."

Lane and Ginny also expressed appreciation to Lucy Barrington, communications officer, for the impressive *Ligature* newsletters and a brochure that highlights all of the benefits of being a branch member. "And we musn't forget the calling committee who have faithfully reminded members of upcoming events. It truly does 'take a village.'"

Don't Forget to Give-a-Grad a Gift

If you know someone who is receiving their associate's or bachelor's degree this May, why not give them a free membership to AAUW? Daughters, nieces, granddaughters, friends from church or other groups? The national office offers a free one-year national membership to any graduate who is nominated by an active member. That's a \$51 gift they are getting for free! So introduce the young graduates in your life to the benefits and values of AAUW. Fill out your part of the form located on pages __ and __ of this *Ligature* and pass it on! (And if your nominees are local, send Lane their contact information: lanepow@suddenlink.net or 3310 79th St., Lubbock, TX 79423)



MARCH 31 AAUW BRANCH PROGRAM

Jodi Gonzalez (L), Assistant Director of the TTU Advising Center, and Laura Bosh (R), TTU PEGASUS Program Coordinator, will present “*The PEGASUS Program and Hope Chest: Making College Possible for First Generation College (FGC) Students.*” Gonzalez and Bosh will explain how the PEGASUS Program, Hope Chest, and the prospective student advisors (or college recruiters) assist in academic support programs that address transition and retention issues for a diverse student



body. Gonzalez and Bosh will discuss two programs that are making college possible for FGC students.

What does the acronym PEGASUS mean? Pioneers in Education: Generations Achieving Scholarship & Unprecedented Success. PEGASUS is an academic advising and mentoring program that supports First Generation College (FGC) students through their first year to make a successful transition to college. The purpose of this program is to ensure that FGC students have access to the resources necessary for them to effectively navigate their undergraduate educations. Assistance is provided in three main areas of concern for FGC students: academic, social/community, and financial.

Hope Chest works with foster care youth in the Lubbock area who are transitioning out of state care. In addition to tuition, books and supplies to enter college, they need many basic household items for independent living without the benefit of a family to support them.

Please contact Lane Powell with your RSVP by Saturday, March 20, so she may get the count in to the Lubbock Women’s Club. Remember, registration at 11:30; lunch at 11:45; program at 12:00 (approximately).

More pictures from the “Around the World” Silent Auction fundraiser of March 7, 2010



CALENDAR

2010

March

- 20 **Black Rain** by Masuji Ibuse; 10:00 a.m., **J&B Coffee Shop** in Tech Terrace
- 27 **Cuisine Group Dinner**, Saturday, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Nadine Wink
- 27 **M-D Program** at TTU College of Education
- 31 **Branch Luncheon** at Lubbock Women’s Club; Program: TTU PEGASUS and Hope Chest, 11:30 a.m.

April

- 17 **The Wife** by Meg Wolitzer; 10:00 a.m., **J&B Coffee Shop** in Tech Terrace
- 23 **M-D Program Banquet and Graduation night**
- 23-25 **AAUW TX State Convention** in Houston, TX

May

- 1 **Spring Membership Brunch**, 10:00 a.m., hosted at Nadine Wink’s home

June

- 11-12 **Southwest Central Regional Convention** in Little Rock, AR
- 12 **M-D Steering Committee Meeting**, Home Plate Diner meeting room, 11:30 a.m. (Slide and 82nd)

Are you in the **AAUW Action Network**? If not, go to the following website and fill-in your information:

<<http://capwiz.com/aauw/mlm/signup>>

Are you on the **AAUW Two Minute Activist** e-mail list? If not, e-mail VoterEd@aauw.org to do so!

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**Mark your calendar for the
AAUW Lubbock Annual
Spring Membership Brunch**
with Member Recognition and Officers’ Installation

**Saturday, May 1, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

at the Home of Nadine Wink
(2614 Purdue, Lubbock, TX 79415)

**Bring a
Prospective Member
with you!**



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