



A Perspective on Education In the Federal Bureau of Prisons

Thursday, April 16, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Huntwick Recreation Facility Clubhouse, 5300 Coral Gables Drive

Our April guest speaker is Darlene Veltri. She was to be a February speaker, but had to cancel because her mother passed away. She told Susan Gardner that she received many notes and cards from AAUW members during this difficult time and she appreciates all the support she received.

Darlene started as a special education instructor in a federal prison. From there she advanced to the level of principal, regional coordinator of education, and finally the person in charge of education, recreation, and vocational training for the entire federal prison system. She held this position for five years. Following this experience, she served as a warden in federal prisons in three locations.

Currently, Darlene is a consultant for a company that evaluates facilities holding immigration detainees.

Darlene is prepared for a lively discussion following her presentation. She understands that people have passionate opinions on her topic!

This event is free and open to the public, so invite family and friends.

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Many Thanks to Our New Officers for 2009 – 2011

At our March meeting, we confirmed the election of Virginia McGriggs as our Educational Foundation Vice-President and Judy Van Horn as our Treasurer. Please join us in thanking them for their dedication.

We're Forming a Program Planning Committee

No candidates were found for the office of Programs Vice-President; however, several members have started to develop a program planning committee. They are seeking other members to join them. Contact Mary Gubert at 281-376-1663 or MaryGubert-aauw@sbcglobal.net.

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Our Deepest Sympathy

To NHC member, Jean Fauntleroy, whose daughter, Patricia Cohen, passed away on February 24, 2009.

To NHC member, Kay Fenwick, whose husband, Bill Fenwick, passed away on March 15, 2009.

DID YOU KNOW? It's Time for Dues to be Paid — See page 5.

Upcoming Events



→ RSVP— See article for contact information ←

- **Apr 2, Thr** **Daytime Literature:** 9:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble in the Champion's Village Shopping Center. See page 7 for details.
- **Apr 7, Tue** **Computerniks:** 7:30 p.m. at the Texas Land and Cattle restaurant. **RSVP to Peggy Majors or Karen Stahl by Sunday, April 5.** See page 7 for details.
- **Apr 9, Thr** **Daytime Great Decisions:** 1:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Hine. See page 4.
- **Apr 9, Thr** **Board Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. at the Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Drive.
- **Apr 14, Tue** **Daytime Bridge:** 9:30 a.m. at the home of Shirley Ada. **RSVP by April 11.** See page 4.
- **Apr 16, Thr** **Branch Monthly Event:** 7:00 p.m. at Huntwick Recreation Facility Clubhouse. See page 1.
- **Apr 17, Fri** **Out & About:** 7:00 a.m. in parking lot of John Wesley United Methodist Church to carpool to KHOU Channel 11 and be in the live audience on *Great Day Houston*. See article on page 4.
- **Apr 17, Fri** **Original Gourmet:** 10:00 a.m. at Arbor Gate Garden Center in Tomball. **Reservations are required. Mail your \$5 check to Becky Massie by April 13.** See page 4 for details.
- **Apr 27, Mon** **Prime Time Literature:** 6:30 p.m. for dinner, 7:00 p.m. for discussion, at Café Express on FM 1960. See article on page 7 for details.
- **Apr 28, Tue** **Travelmania:** 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Egner. See article on page 4.
- **May 21, Thr** **Branch Monthly Event:** 7:00 p.m. at Huntwick Recreation Facility Clubhouse. *Green Medians or Gray Medians for FM 1960?* Our guest speaker will be Barbara Schlattman, co-founder and chair of Green Medians Committee.
- **June 26 - 28** **2009 AAUW National Convention** in St. Louis. For more information, go to www.aauw.org.

Equal Pay Day — Tuesday, April 28, 2009

“Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. The day, observed on a Tuesday in April, symbolizes how far into the year a woman must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned the previous year. Tuesday is the day on which women's wages catch up to men's wages from the previous week. **Red is worn on this day as a symbol of how far women and minorities are 'in the red' with their pay.**” *National Committee on Pay Equity website*

For information on proactive Equal Pay Day activities, go to the National Committee on Pay Equity website, www.pay-equity.org/day.html.

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For many of you who were unable to see the documentary, *A Powerful Noise*, you missed a great tribute to women. With March 10th being HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, it was very appropriate to see a young woman named Hanh from Vietnam who had unknowingly become HIV positive. Her dream never envisioned something like AIDS. She only dreamed of getting married and raising a happy family. She did start off fulfilling her dream with a lovely wedding, followed by the birth of a cherished daughter, but Hanh's life soon turned into a nightmare when her young daughter was diagnosed as being HIV positive. With so much use of unsanitary needles by the men in Vietnam, the father transmitted the HIV virus to Hanh and thus to their child. Both Hanh's husband and her young daughter died of AIDS and she became ostracized by her friends as well as the community. Only when she slowly dug out of her grief by finding other young women like herself did she realize that her life had merit by making others aware of the dangers of HIV/AIDS. She is now a strong advocate for HIV awareness.

Jacqueline, a young woman in Africa was fortunate enough to be allowed by her father to have an education. It was made obvious that being an educated woman was a rarity in her area. She now devotes her life to helping other young women learn to read. She is able to bring some educational opportunities to the young girls, by confronting the men in the area villages with the reality that the only way their daughters have a chance to rise above the poverty level is through education. Schools are crowded, hot, and sparse of supplies, but the girls realize that education is their only way out of a life of domestic servitude. In fact, it was stressed that without the ability to read, young mothers cannot read the medication they give to their children and often make serious mistakes. After working 10 to 12 hour days, the young women still attend school at night because they realize that reading and education improves not only their life but also the lives of their children.

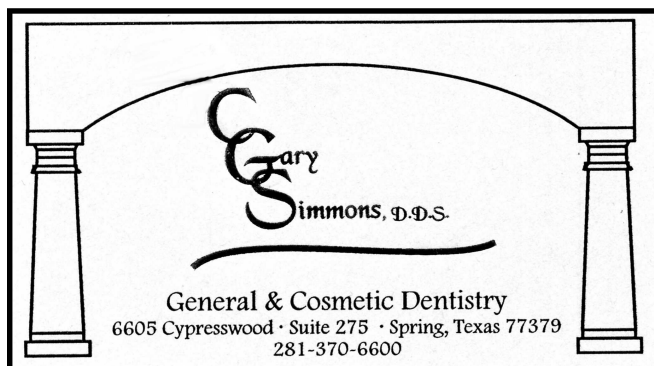
Nada is a young woman widowed by the war in Bosnia. With so many of the men killed in the war the task of survival is left mostly to the women. Through Nada's ingenuity she has encouraged others to join with her in creating a food COOP. Now this community of mostly women and children has become successful in growing food for local consumption as well as for profit. She also encourages the women to make crafts to sell as well. Through the efforts of Nada and others in the community, the standard of living in this town is improving.

Hearing the experiences of women in these poverty areas as viewed by members of the panel in the post-film town hall meeting was enlightening. They all agreed that **women are the greatest undeveloped resource in poverty areas**. As stated by Nicholas Kristof, a columnist for the New York Times, women are more capable of managing what money they might have for the use of their family. You can give a woman a small loan and she will use that money for the benefit of her family, but too often you find the man drowning his misery at the local pub.

Madeline Albright was most emphatic that the rape of women **must be viewed as a war crime**. So many areas are intimidated because the rape of women is still considered a justified reward of war.

How fortunate we are to live in this county with all of our rights and privileges. We must not become complacent in taking our freedom for granted.

*Mary Gubert,
President*



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Since our usual date would be on Good Friday, our April event will be on *Friday, April 17*. This month we will celebrate spring at The Arbor Gate garden center, 15635 FM 2920 in Tomball, with a tour and presentation on herb gardening and using herbs in cooking. Our tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please try and have three questions to ask the expert on gardening or cooking with herbs. After the tour there will be time to shop at this wonderful center that has been featured in Southern Living magazine. In addition to the gardens, there are two gift shops and an extensive outdoor garden decor area to explore.

After the tour and shopping we will have lunch at The Whistle Stop, 107 Commerce Street, at 12:30 p.m.

Reservations for the tour and lunch must be made by sending your \$5 check to Becky Massie by April 13. Becky's mailing address is 8331 Silver Shadows Lane, Spring TX 77379-3929. If you have questions, contact Becky or Kathe Behrend.

Out & About

Co-chairs: Erma Ridge, 713-888-0005
Dianne Sharr, 281-397-0688, ngatefrst@aol.com

On Friday, *April 17*, we'll have a "great day" as part of the live audience on *Great Day Houston* at KHOU Channel 11 (1945 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019, 713-526-1111). We need to be there by 8:00 am. You must RSVP to Dianne Sharr by *Wednesday, April 15*, if you plan to attend, so that the correct number of reservations can be made (281-397-0688; ngatefrst@aol.com).

We will meet at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot of John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5330 Bermuda Dunes, and leave promptly at 7:15 a.m. for KHOU Channel 11.

Daytime Great Decisions 2009

Daytime Great Decisions will meet *Thursday, April 9*, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Hine, 9703 Champions Cove Dr. (Estates of Windrush), 281-376-3365. Celeste Sater will lead the discussion of *Energy and the Global Economy*.

If you are interested in this group, or have questions, contact Mary Quinn at michael.c.quinn@sbcglobal.net or 281-586-9465.

Travelmania

Sue Mason & Bobbie Lupa, Co-Chairs
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281-893-1601, BobbieL25@comcast.net

We're bound for Iceland and Greenland this month with Jane Egner. She'll tell us about these countries and show us a DVD. We'll meet at Jane's home, 54 Champions Bend Circle, on *Tuesday, April 28*, at 1:00 p.m. for coffee and 1:30 p.m. for the program. **Please note that we are meeting a week later than normal.** If you plan to attend, please call Jane at 281-444-1168 or email her at twoeggsjane2@msn.com.

Daytime Bridge

Barbara Hine & Shirley Ada, Daytime Bridge Co-Chairs
Barbara: 281-376-3365, BarbHi@sbcglobal.net

On *Tuesday, April 14*, we will meet in the home of Shirley Ada, 5923 Bermuda Dunes (Champions). The co-hostesses will be Joan Gould and Barbara Hine. Come enjoy socializing at 9:30 a.m. Play starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. Reservations are a must. Please call Shirley at 281-444-9298 or Barbara at 281-376-3365 by *Saturday, April 11*. Remember to bring a sandwich. Salad and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you at the tables!

In May, the bridge group will meet at a restaurant. Details will be in the May *Nutshell* newsletter.

AAUW North Harris County Branch Membership Form for 2009 – 2010

In response to members' concern about driving at night, we are considering having monthly programs at a variety of times.
Would you come to monthly branch events held on (check all that apply)

Thursday evenings Saturdays Weekdays Comment: _____

Would you like to receive the *Nutshell* newsletter via email U.S. mail

Please fill in updated information for the new directory, published in the early fall of 2009.

Make check for \$82 payable to NHC AAUW

\$82 Membership is allocated as follows:
\$49 Association + \$10 State + \$23 Local
(These dues will cover membership
through June 30, 2010)



Mail this form and check to:

AAUW North Harris County Branch
Peggy Majors, Membership Co-VP
16700 Kuykendahl, #2405
Houston, TX 77068

___ New ___ Renewal ___ Life Member ___ Dual Membership Branch _____

Former AAUW branch affiliation, if applicable: _____

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____ **Birth date (no year)** ____/____/____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Second Phone (____) _____ cell work

Email Address: _____ (also needed for other branch communication)

Additional Information for Directory

Neighborhood name _____ Spouse's First Name _____

Employer (Optional) _____

Education Same as in 2008-2009 Directory

College/University

Degree, Major, and Year Granted

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Interest/Study Groups you would like to join or see offered: _____

Programs you would enjoy attending: _____

Community Outreach Ideas: _____

Fundraising Ideas: _____

The reverse of this page is your membership renewal form for 2009 - 2010.

Before sealing the envelope with your check and this form,
please make sure you do the following:

- Fill in your name
- Respond to the two member questions at the top of the form
- Provide suggestions for the coming year, at the bottom of the form.
- Follow all instructions for completing your check and mailing
- Sign your check 😊

Check the current 2008 - 2009 member directory (hot pink cover),
and fill in changed or missing information on the membership form.

- Address
- Neighborhood
- Phone number
- Birth date (no year)

Mail your check and form ASAP

**Our Treasurer and Membership Co-VPs must complete computer and paper work
on 100+ members
for local, state and national by the end of May.**

DID YOU KNOW? It's Time for AAUW Membership Dues to be Paid

Now is the time to renew your dues. Dues for fiscal year 2009-2010 are \$82, which is the same as for this year ending. The membership renewal form is page 5 of this newsletter, with helpful suggestions above.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

“We are now at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday,
and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet.”

A Perfect Time for New Members ~ \$57.50 for 2009 - 2010 Membership

Now is a great time to invite your friends to join AAUW. New members pay a reduced rate of \$57.50 for membership through June 30, 2010. Invite them to join us at our April 16th event. Our guest speaker, Darlene Velti, will present *A Perspective on Education In the Federal Bureau of Prisons*. See page 1 for details.

Daytime Literature

Join us on *Thursday, April 2*, to meet Author Linda Jacobs at a book signing and Q&A at the Barnes and Noble located in the Champions Village Shopping Center, which is located at FM 1960 and Champions Forest Drive.

Linda was born a 'university brat', trained at the Master's level in Geology and was one of Exxon Corporation's first woman field geologists. Before her 2004 move to New Mexico, she lived in Houston and Dallas and worked for a number of oil



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and gas companies on the front line where new fields are found.

Linda also writes romance novels under the pseudonym Christine Carol. Her series on the Yellowstone fires has been nominated and have won several writing awards. We will be reading the first book in the series, *Summer of Fire*.

Our meeting will be open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors and everyone who loves good books. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation and the review will begin at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Donna Ohlson.

Computerniks

Peggy Majors, Computerniks Chair
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Celebration is the theme for Computerniks this month. We're meeting at the Texas Land and Cattle restaurant (Highway 249 @ FM 1960 W) on *Tuesday, April 7*, at 7:30 p.m.

Past and present members of this study group are invited to an 'Appreciation Dinner' for Catherine and Frank Robichaux, for their dedication to the group since it started six years ago. Through their teaching and expertise in the computer field they have helped many AAUW members improve their computer skills. This is the final meeting of Computerniks led by Catherine and Frank as they move on to other endeavors.

Please RSVP to Peggy Majors or Karen Stahl (281-379-7333, karndav@sbcglobal.net), the present and past Computerniks chairs, by *Sunday, April 5*, if you plan to join us.

Margaret Mead Quotes

"Old age is like flying through a storm. Once you're aboard, there's nothing you can do."

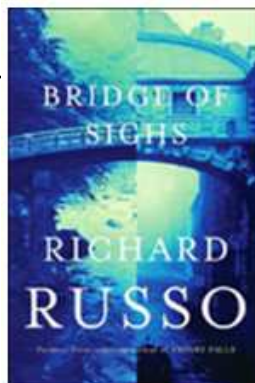
See page 8 and also go to www.womenshistory.about.com/cs/quotes/a/qu_margaretmead.htm.

Prime Time Literature

Join us on *Monday, April 27*, at Café Express on FM 1960, next to Barnes & Noble in Champions Village.

We will be discussing *Bridge of Sighs* by Pulitzer-Prize-winning novelist Richard Russo, longtime favorite of members.

"Coursing with humor and humanity, the sixth novel by the bard of Main Street U.S.A. gives full expression to the themes that have always been at the heart of his works: the all important bond between fathers and sons, the economic desperation of small-town businesses, and the lifelong feuds and friendships that are the hallmark of small-town life."



Bonnie Flynn, Prime Time Lit Chair
281-444-7791, BFly5@earthlink.net

Following a trio of best friends who grew up in upstate Thomaston, New York, over fifty years, the novel captures some of the essential mysteries of life.... a seamless interweaving of childhood memories, tragic incidents (the town river, once the life blood of local industry, has become a toxic stew)...and unforgettable dialogue....*Booklist*, Joanne Wilkinson)

Reminder to members. Save the Date!

We will meet on *Monday, March 30*, at the home of Rufi Natarajan to select books for next year. Details to follow.



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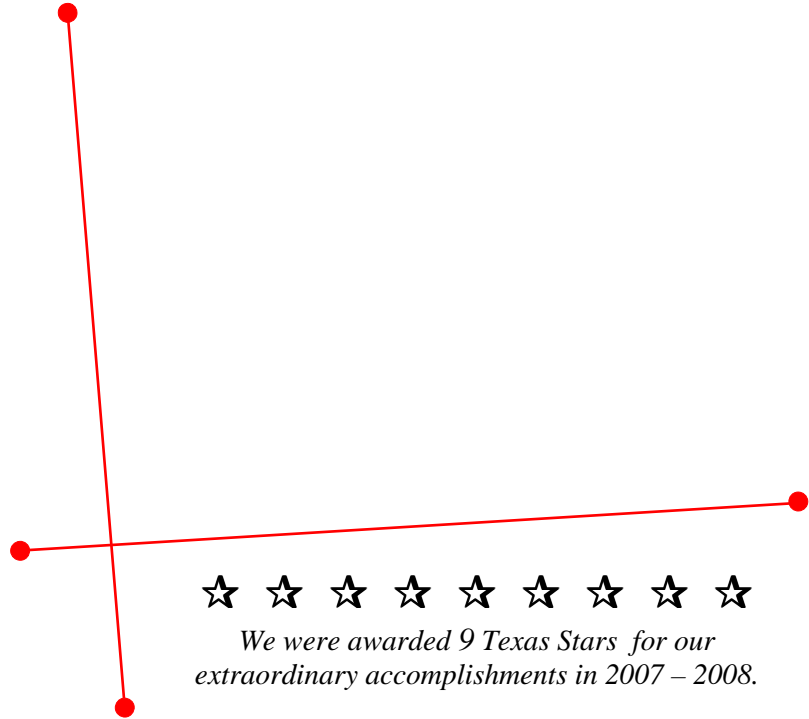
Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Diversity Statement

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.

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The North Harris County's home page address is: www.aauwTexas.org/NorthHarrisCounty/index.html



From: AAUW Public Policy & Government Relations Dept.
 To: AAUW Members
 Date: Friday, March 20, 2009
 RE: UNIQUELY AAUW

AAUW and The WAGE Project Join Forces

AAUW and The WAGE Project announced in a press release on Thursday the formation of a partnership to ensure that women graduating from college start their careers knowing how to negotiate for fair and equal pay. This partnership will offer Start Smart Campus Negotiation Workshops to 500 college campuses over the next three years. AAUW Executive Director, Linda D. Hallman, CAE said, "Start Smart Campus Negotiation Workshops combine the vast membership of AAUW with the innovation of WAGE workshops to advance pay equity for working women. With these workshops, we will be on the front lines, mentoring young women to become their own best advocates."

To read the entire press release, go to www.aauw.org/About/newsroom/pressreleases/startSmart_031919.cfm.