



AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. In principle and in 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, or disability.

DEADLINES & RELATED NOTICES

ShopAAUW's Special of the Month

In honor of AAUW's anniversary, the "special of the month" item through ShopAAUW is the 125th Anniversary Commemorative Calendar. It is filled with wonderful AAUW historical photos and makes a great inspirational and functional 2007 calendar. Regularly priced at \$14.95, the calendar is currently available for \$6.95. **This "special of the month" pricing expires on December 31, 2006.** So don't delay. Get yours today. Also order the calendar as a unique holiday or thank you gift for friends, family, funders, board members, etc. To order, visit <http://aauw.tranguard.com/>.

Women's Legislative Days: January 28 – 30, 2007

AAUW TX Leadership Conference: July 21 – 22, 2007

TOOLS & RESOURCES

Member Services Database Update

On Wednesday, November 29, the **Member Services** option was added in the Member Center of the AAUW web site. This new online database system will provide: secure access control for members and member leaders; individual profile maintenance; branch/state officer listings; branch member contact maintenance; branch/state officer list maintenance/maintenance rights; Branch Dues Report forms (BDRs); Additional Dues Report forms (ADRs); individual contribution forms; and Contribution Report Forms (CRFs).

November FundFacts Edition Now Online

Interested in learning new ideas on fund raising practices from other officers that you may be able to implement in your own state or branch? Have a desire to be one of AAUW's next generation of founding leaders? Want to make sure everyone knows about the new IRA legislation positively impacting fund raising? Read all about these and more in the November edition of AAUW's Development newsletter [FundFacts](#).

From the Membership Vice President, Priscilla Mowinkel

The Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is now in its second of three phases – November 29, 2006 through March 15, 2007. During each phase, a number of incentives and awards are offered:

- Names of recruiters will be listed on the AAUW Hall of Fame on the website;
- Certificates of recognition will be awarded to everyone who recruits a new member;
- The exclusive 125th logo "Award Winner Lapel Pin" will be given to those who recruit five or more new members;
- The individual who brings in the highest number of new members receives a \$100 gift certificate for amazon.com;
- The branch that brings in the highest number of new members will receive a \$50 gift certificate for amazon.com; and
- The state that brings in the highest number of new members receives an exclusive "AAUW: Keys to the Future" banner.

Grand prizes based on the cumulative number of members recruited by individuals, branches, and states for the campaign from June 1, 2006 through June 15, 2007 will be awarded at the 2007 AAUW Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

Every AAUW member is challenged to recruit at least one paid new member between June 1, 2006 and June 15, 2007. It's simple to get started: simply invite a prospective member to join AAUW. When the membership enrollment is sent in, be sure the recruiter's membership number is included with the application.

For more information and tips on recruiting, go online to www.aauw.org.

Educational Foundation Vice President, Mary DuBoise

If your branch is not working toward the completion of a specific fellowship, please consider designating your contributions to the Barbara Jordan fund.

The Barbara Charline Jordan American Fellowship was established by the 1998—1999 AAUW TX Board to memorialize and recognize her contributions to Texas and United States government. The Fellowship will begin awarding fellowships when it reaches its endowment level of \$100,000 and we lack about \$30,000 to reach that level.

All you have to do is write "Barbara Jordan Fund" in the memo line of your check.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Miriam Tormollan has resigned as the AAUW TX Administrator and the AAUW TX Board voted to not replace her. Therefore you can take the AAUW TX Administrator off the mailing list for your branch newsletter. Send dues information to AAUW TX Finance Officer, Margaret K. Bentley, 1420 Daventry Dr., DeSoto, TX 75115.

From the Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President, Marietta Hostak

With the beginning of a new year it may be time to think of new ways to raise funds for LAF. The Dallas Branch was successful by ordering LAF pins and awarding them on-the-spot to \$100 donors at their silent auction event. Another branch raffled a Lucinda AAUW anniversary pin during a regular meeting and quickly realized \$40 for LAF. Taking a cue from other non-event events, the West Harris County Branch sent invitations to a birthday party for AAUW and requested gifts to be sent in the form of a check to EF, LAF, or their local scholarship fund. A total of \$2680 was raised with a minimum of effort and expense.

Send your success stories to me at mhostak@sbcglobal.net and I share with others to make 2007 the best year yet for LAF in Texas!

From the Finance Officer, Margaret K. Bentley

How Does My Branch Get A Texas State Sales Tax Exemption?

I have received many questions from Branches and Inter-Branched about whether they are entitled to use the AAUW exemption and how to go about qualifying to be exempt from paying State taxes on purchases for the Branch. The State of Texas keeps a list of those entities that have been granted a Texas sales tax exemption. When making a purchase, you show your Exemption Certificate and the seller verifies it with Austin.

For those of you who don't have one or don't know if you have one, here is the information you should know.

The American Association of University Women has a 501(c)(4) group exemption that qualifies the organization and its local Branches and Inter-Branched for exemption from Texas sales tax. This is true even if the local chapter is not individually listed on records in Austin.

Each year Association sends an inquiry to the individual Treasurers/Financial Officers asking if they want to be included under the group exemption. AAUW forwards the list to the IRS. It is vital that your treasurer replies affirmatively each year to AAUW's request if you want to be covered under the group exemption.

If you have responded affirmatively to AAUW, then your local Branch or Inter-Branch is recognized under this federal group exemption. Then, if for some reason you want to have the local branch individually shown on the records of the State of Texas, complete AP-204, "Application for Exemption- Federal and All Others"

(<http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/ap-204.pdf>) and send it to the State of Texas with a letter from Association that verifies your local chapter is recognized under its affiliation. You can mail a copy to Irene Cage at Exempt Organizations Section, PO Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711. The fax number is 512/475-0198. Should you wish to contact Irene Cage in Austin, her number is 1-800-531-5441, ext 32995.

I have recently gotten a list of all Branches and Inter-Branches that responded affirmatively to Association's last annual query. I forwarded that list to the State of Texas. Therefore, if you wish to be listed individually, you need only file form AP-204 with the State.

If you don't need to be listed individually, you can use an exemption certificate that shows the organization to be American Association of University Women. You can download the blank certificate form at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/01-339.pdf>.

If you have any questions about AAUW's annual query, you may contact Mia Piansay at 202-785-7644 in Washington.

Here's the list of those Branches AAUW has currently listed as they have them:

CHAPTER NAME	CARE OF
AAUW LAREDO BRANCH	% ANNIE GONZALEZ
ABILENE	% MONA L SMITH
ALPINE	% MRS JANET C QUIGG
ALVIN	% JUDY TOMLIN
AMARILLO	% IVETTE M PLATA
ARLINGTON	% BARBARA PRICE
AUSTIN	% MARY BRAUNALEEL-BROWN
BAYTOWN	% MRS WANDA S BROWN
BRAZOSPORT	% MARY H MEYERS
BROWNFIELD	% IRENE RIECK
BRYAN COLLEGE STATION	% JULIE MCCANDLESS
COPPERAS COVE	% JUSTINE ROBERSON
CORPUS CHRISTI	% ROSALIE BEARD
DENTON	% SHANDI DAWN DAVIS
DENTON	% MRS ELIZABETH M SNAPP
EL PASO	% SULTA BONNER
FARMERS BRANCH-CARROLLTON	% MARGE JAMES
FORT BEND COUNTY	% CYNTHIA SCOTT
FORT WORTH	% CHERYL L HENDRIX
GALVESTON	% SYLVIA M MOORE
GEORGETOWN	% JANE H. ROGERS
GRAND PRAIRIE	% MS LEAH WEST
GREATER HOUSTON INTERBRANCH	% SUSAN SUMMERS
GREATER LEWISVILLE	% JANET PEAVLER
HARLINGEN	% JATHRYN ANDRESEN
HOUSTON	% PATRICIA V DONNELLY
HUNTSVILLE	% JEAN BILES
HUNTSVILLE	% MS CECELIA MARQUART
KERRVILLE	% MS ANITA L CRANE
KINGSVILLE	% LAURA R LUCIO
LAKE HOUSTON	% MRS SHEILA M MERRITT
LUBBOCK	% JOY VANN
MCALLEN	% DIANNA CASTILLO
MONTGOMERY	% PHYLLIS A. HOSTETTER
NACOGDOCHES	% MRS BETTY BURR
ORANGE	% JULIET SMITH
PLAINVIEW	% MRS MARILYN JENNINGS
PLANO	% JUNE M BARNEBEY

PLANO-COLLIN	% LAURIE BEARDSLEY
POLK COUNTY	% NANCY N DICKSON
RICHARDSON	% MARTA MOUNTJOY
RICHARDSON	% JANICE SCHIEFFER
RIO GRANDE CITY-ROMA	% VELMA C PEREZ
SAN ANTONIO	% LOYCE COLLENBACK
SHERMAN-TEXOMA	% VIRGINIA D HALL
SOUTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY	% RUTH P. ASKINE
SOUTHWEST DALLAS COUNTY	% RHONDO REAL
SPRING VALLEY	% MISS CAROL D COLEMAN
STEPHENVILLE	% DENICE MARTINEZ
TARRANT COUNTY	% BETT Y HOVE
TEMPLE BRANCH	% ANITA BAEZ
TEXAS STATE DIVISION	
VERNON	% JAN WIEDEMANN
WACO	% VAIDEHI MUTYALA
WEST HARRIS COUNTY	% NORMAN R. CARLSON
WICHITA FALLS	% LINDA D SMITH
WICHITA FALLS	% SUE VANTREASE

From the Public Policy Officer, Georgia Kidwell:

Are you concerned about public education, equity in the workplace, violence against women and/or reproductive rights? Want to make a difference on these issues here in Texas? Then please join women from over 50 organizations throughout Texas, including AAUW, for Women’s Legislative Days, January 28 – 30, 2007 at the Woodward Conference Center, 3401 S. Interstate 35, Austin, TX. The theme is “Uniting Women for Fairness and Equality,” which is completely in sync with AAUW’s mission statement.

The event begins Sunday evening with the opening reception; there are workshops all day Monday and the Texas Women’s Political Caucus Roast Monday evening (ticket price not included in registration fee); more workshops on Tuesday morning followed by lobbying legislatures Tuesday afternoon. You will learn about the issues, how you can help, and how to be effective in representing your views.

Registration is \$35 in advance or \$50 at the door. You can register on-line at www.txwld.org or use the registration form on the last page of this publication.

AAUW TX is co-sponsoring this event and we want to have a good attendance from our membership.

From the International Affairs Officer, Karen McKibben Morris:

There are a number of ways to enthuse your branch about our Association’s efforts on the international stage. Do they know we have a representative to the U.N.? Do they know about One Shared World? We have a number of programs and our members need to be informed and articulate about all of them. I’ll try to cover each of them in upcoming Link columns Here are two ideas for branch involvement, one that takes some effort and one easily manageable by any branch:

- 1) AAUW is partnering with the National Peace Foundation to offer branches an opportunity to host a group of professional Russian women visiting the United States. The visit lasts eight days, and funding is available to defray expenses. Hosts will provide daily work experiences, participation in community and cultural activities, and home stays. The Tyler AAUW branch has just completed co-hosting one of the visiting groups with their area League of Women Voters. Since 1999, the Open World Center for Leadership Development at the Library of Congress has brought more than 6,000 Russian leaders to the United States to see firsthand how American democracy works and how American citizens conduct their daily lives. More than 40 percent of the delegates have been women. **Twelve AAUW branches have already participated in this stimulating program.** If your branch is interested, contact Jeanne Smith at 202/783-7030 ext. 14 or jwsmith@nationalpeace.org. For more information about the program, visit Open World at www.aauw.org.

- 2) Encourage your branch book club to include at least one international read on their annual reading list. Some suggestions by branch book clubs are:

The Trickster and the Troll by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

The Pearl of the Antilles by Dr. Andrea O'Reilly Herrera

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi

The Red Azalea by Anchee Min

She Says by Venus Khoury-Ghata

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (hm) _____ (cell) _____

State Senate District: _____ State House District: _____

(Find this info on your voter registration card or at www.capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm)

Do you belong to a sponsoring organization or other community group?

(ex. AAUW, Common Cause, NOW, National Council of Jewish Women)

___ No ___ Yes Which one(s)? _____

I want to volunteer! Please... _____ email me _____ call me

Registration Fee

\$35 pre-registration, \$50 at the door

Students get in FREE with a \$15 fee for lunch

Sponsor A Sister

For another \$35, you can sponsor another woman to attend. Please help if you can!

TOTAL:

Method of Payment: _____ PayPal (to info@txwld.org) _____ Check/money order

Please make check or money order payable to "Women's Legislative Days" and mail to:

Barbara Effenberger
Treasurer, Women's Legislative Days
601 E. Weinert Street
Seguin, TX 78155-3833

You may also fax your registration form to 512/474-1317.